

Danger! Lagging Behind in Drive Is Crushing the 'Daily'!

The failure to raise \$1,000 a day is threatening to crush the Daily Worker! Pressing bills for printing, paper, stereotyping and other material must be met this week—but how? The campaign to raise the \$35,000 by July 1 that is absolutely necessary to save the Daily Worker and safeguard it for some time in the future has been on for exactly a week, with what results? Despite our appeals, despite our warnings, only \$2,166 contributed thus far. Instead of \$1,000 a day—the minimum needed—we have

received less than \$500 a day.

The appearance of the Daily Worker yesterday and today has been made possible only by the response to long distance telephone calls sent to Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Philadelphia and Boston. But what will happen today? Will there be a Daily tomorrow? Will there be a Daily during these coming critical weeks when the workers of this country need it so badly in their struggles?

Comrades, have you ever tried to picture the

situation if the Daily Worker should be forced to suspend? For over seven years the Daily Worker has been on the firing line of the class struggle. For over seven years it has been the voice of the American working class—the only English-language workers' daily in the country. It has fought every battle of the workers—can you imagine the great struggles in the mining, textile, needle trades industries without the Daily? Can you imagine the fight to free the nine Scottsboro boys without the

Daily? Can you imagine the fight for the Paterson five, for Tom Mooney, for the Imperial Valley and Centralia boys without the Daily? Can you imagine the struggle for social insurance, against starvation, against imperialism and for the defense of the Soviet Union without the Daily?

Can you imagine any struggle of the working class without the Daily Worker leading it, organizing it, fighting all the time, hated and feared by the Fishes, the Wolls, the Hillquits,

the Schlesingers, the John L. Lewises and every enemy of the working class?

Yet today, at this moment, the seeming impossible—the elimination of the Daily Worker from our struggles—stands at our door. Not only at the door of the Daily, but as we told you yesterday, threatens many other Communist papers which will be forced to suspend if the Daily goes under.

Action is needed! So far the response to our appeals, though it has improved in the last

few days, is far from enough. The debts that today threaten to crush the Daily must be met, and only you can meet them. Only you, fellow-workers, of all nationalities, of all trades, black and white and yellow, can save the Daily Worker! You, your shopmates and friends must give more than you can, you must see to it that your organizations contribute at once! Our Daily must be saved! Speed every cent you can raise to the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13th St., New York City!

The Daily Worker is your paper. It fights for you. Do your bit to save it. Collect funds from friends and shopmates and rush to 35 E. 12th St., N. Y. C.

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HUGE SCOTTSBORO CONFERENCES IN CHARLOTTE, CHICAGO

Michigan Workers and Farmers Greet Jobless State Hunger March On Lansing

The Masses Can Free Tom Mooney and Other Political Prisoners

TOM MOONEY'S letter published on this page today must be answered by every class conscious worker, not with words but with action.

The action must be the action of masses, and it must be organized with the Bolshevik genius and determination which today are the only means by which concessions can be wrung from the unwilling hands of the ruling capitalist class. To say this is to say that it must be organized by the Communist Party. It was organized Bolshevik pressure in the midst of the great Russian revolution and the world war—organized by the Party of Lenin in the city which is now called Leningrad—that saved Tom Mooney from the gallows in 1917. With such determination, such firmness, and such appeal to the masses of the working class, Tom Mooney can be saved from his present living death in San Quentin prison.

Tom Mooney is but one man, but in the person of that one proletarian class fighter is symbolized the whole legion of proletarian class war prisoners who are now being tortured and slowly killed in prisons of capitalism throughout the world. And when we say that Tom Mooney can be freed by the pressure of working class masses, we mean that not only his liberty but the liberty and lives of thousands of others can and must be successfully fought for by the working class.

We will take exception to one word in Tom Mooney's letter—the word "apathetic," and that word, perhaps, is not his deliberate choice. The masses of wage workers are not apathetic, today, but are fast moving toward a tremendous upheaval. The greatest world economic crisis of all history has broken upon all capitalist countries with profoundly disturbing effect. The economic crisis is not being overcome, but is growing deeper with each month and more destructive to capitalist stabilization. Even the most stubborn capitalist economists now admit that the economic depression will continue for many months. Fifty million workers in capitalist countries are unemployed, and countless other millions are unemployed in colonial countries. The capitalist system has no way of attempting to overcome the crisis that does not include (besides imperialism and intervention against the Soviet Union) a sharp internal war of starvation, wage cuts and intensified slavery waged against the working class.

The unemployed movement, with its increasing organization and its hunger marches, together with the now rising tide of strike struggles against wage cuts and speed-up, are an expression in this country of the growing revolutionary upsurge throughout the world. Those who do not know this are even more blind than the capitalist politicians, who see it. If a hunger march in Greenwich, Connecticut, storms the city hall with a demand for food, and yet carries a banner saying, "We are not reds"—this only means that they are on the way to being reds. The powerful effect upon the whole world of the success of the building of the new socialist society by a nation of 160,000,000 people in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics is corroding and breaking down the slavish attitude of the hungry masses of capitalist countries toward their own once-feared and once superstitiously worshipped capitalist slavery.

The enslavement of Central Europe under the terms of the Versailles Treaty and the Young Plan prepares the ground for a mass movement of European workers against the Wall Street imperialism which is now torturing the bodies of thousands of working class political prisoners in its dungeons, American imperialism which imprisons the admittedly innocent Mooney and Billings, which condemns the Imperial Valley strike leaders to 42 years of living death for organizing unions, the American imperialism which condemns to the electric chair nine innocent Negro boys of ages from 13 to 20 as a blood sacrifice to its Jim Crow capitalist domination.

It is for the Communist Party to organize and lead this action in this country, and without the slightest doubt it will be taken up by the Communist Parties of other countries where the masses of workers are experiencing almost as directly as we American workers the brutal, blood-sucking corruption of American imperialism.

The time is favorable for such a mass drive. The working masses are ready for such a campaign, and becoming readier every day. Not to overcome apathy, but to organize and increase their militancy is the task of the workers' revolutionary Party.

Tom Mooney's exposure of the betrayal of the working class by the Judas bureaucracy of the American Federation of Labor is being translated into many languages and is already being circulated in large quantities in Soviet Russia and in Germany. It must be used here in the land of its origin to spur the struggle on against the fascist agents of the capitalist class and against the capitalist rule itself. Revolutionary workers, with true proletarian instinct, do not think of such a campaign as unassociated with organization. Organization must be one of the distinctive features that raises this campaign of today far above those campaigns of the past which have been wide in propaganda, but so weak in organized action as to fall always in their objective. Together with the fight to save Mooney, Billings, the eight strike leaders of Imperial Valley, Schmidt, and MacNamara, the Centralia prisoners, the Scottsboro Negro boys, and the many hundreds of others, and as an indivisible part of it and the first condition for its success—must be the energetic building of the revolutionary trade unions for which the working class is already more than ripe, and the courageous and persistent pushing forward of the revolutionary minorities in the old unions which are under fascist A. F. of L. leadership. The building of the International Labor Defense, which is the most direct and one of the main instruments for the struggle for the workers' class war prisoners, must be pushed ahead at full speed.

Concessions from the capitalist ruling class are never won by tearful pleas, nor by the babbling of those who would "reform" capitalism; reforms and concessions from the capitalist class and government are obtained only by revolutionary class struggle led by the enemies of capitalism, not by its reformers.

Workers! Fight and organize to free Tom Mooney and all of our class war prisoners!

5,000 OUT IN SEND-OFF IN KALAMAZOO

Masses Turn Out to Cheer, Welcome the Hunger Marchers

BULLETIN.

OWOSSO, Mich., May 26.—The Detroit section of the Michigan Hunger March was forced back by the entire police force of Flint, the General Motor town. Gas and cement trucks blocked the road and the police were fully mobilized with guns and black jacks against the marchers. The marchers arrived at Owosso, Michigan, demanded and received food from the city administration. The marchers will reach Lansing at 7 p. m. tonight.

PONTIAC, Mich.—Over 5,000 auto workers, including many unemployed, demonstrated at City Hall in a send-off for the State Hunger March on Lansing. The workers showed their militant support of the demands for immediate relief of the unemployed at the demonstration.

DETROIT, Mich., May 25.—The mass response of the workers and poor farmers of Western Michigan to the hunger march now on the way to Lansing to demand relief for the unemployed has been such as to arouse great enthusiasm among the marchers.

At Wayland five hundred workers turned out to greet the vanguard of the Michigan unemployed marching on the state legislature. Seven hundred townsmen lined the streets of Plainwell and showed their sympathy with the marchers.

At Kalamazoo a crowd estimated at 4,000 was at hand to greet the marchers and give them a send-off. Battle Creek, home of the infamous speed-up Kellogg Corn Flakes Factory, witnessed a mass turnout of 5,000 workers.

Food, money and gasoline were freely donated by the workers in all these towns. The city governments in each instance refused to lodge, feed or assist the hunger marchers.

Greet Nat. School Students Tonight

Graduation Mass Meet and Concert

NEW YORK.—Tonight, the largest student body trained by the Workers School for the battles of the working class, will be graduated at Manhattan Lyceum, 68 East 4th Street, at 8 p. m. with an impressive program and mass meeting.

Wm. Z. Foster is to be the main speaker for the Central Committee of the Communist Party. The meeting will be opened by A. Markoff, director of the Workers School, who will act as chairman. Students of the National Training School will greet the audience, and Alexander Trachtenberg will address the students.

A splendid concert has been arranged by the Music Committee of the Cooperative Music School. Dancing is to follow the program. Admission is 50 cents and tickets are obtainable in advance or at the door. For advance sale, call at the Workers School, 50 East 13 Street.



Tom Mooney
Molders' Defense Committee

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SAN QUENTIN PRISON
California

May 12, 1931



AFTER 15 YEARS IN PRISON

Robert Minor
Editor, The Daily Worker
New York City

Dear Comrade:

Fully realizing that the only hope of obtaining my freedom is thru united action by the worker masses, in this and other countries of the world, I am calling upon that militant minority to give now their very best efforts in my behalf.

The Comrades of the Workers' Party well know that the major task is to awaken the apathetic masses of the wageworkers and arouse in them the spirit that will lead to action. So I am confidently relying upon these comrades to stand by me and give service to the very limit of their powers, throughout the period of the impending hearing in Sacramento. I hope they will bring that proceeding to the attention of every worker with whom they can come in contact - and will tell them all about it. I know they will make every possible effort to gain wide distribution of the pamphlet - "Labor Leaders betray Tom Mooney" - and see that every copy of it is kept in constant circulation among the people who will read it, and will then take an active part in all efforts for a United Front of labor's forces in this fight.

The endless-chain process is, of course, the best for this purpose: advocating always that each reader shall pass on to another the pamphlet which he himself has read, and the promise be exacted that each recipient will do likewise, after reading and taking note of the pamphlet's contents. And of course it goes without saying, that the more pamphlets there are in circulation, the greater will be the united power of that endless chain of pamphlet-readers; the more will be their good understanding of this case, with all its implications - and the more effective will be the work of each reader.

We are at the crossroads, in this case, and it is now or never that my freedom must be won. The comrades of the Workers party can - and will - help much in the winning thereof.

TOM MOONEY
John Mooney

THIS COMMITTEE IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT FUNDS FOR THE DEFENSE OF TOM MOONEY.

Ill. Hunger Marchers To Go To Capital To Put Demands

CHICAGO, Ill.—Placing their demands for immediate cash relief for the hundreds of thousands of unemployed and their families in Illinois, the Illinois state hunger march will march into the state legislature at Springfield on Monday, June 15th. The day previous will be occupied with the formulation of the demands at a state wide unemployment conference at Odd Fellows Hall, Springfield.

Five routes have been chosen over which the hunger marchers and delegates will converge on Springfield from all directions. The Trade Union Unity League and the United Unemployed Councils of Illinois, sponsors of the marches and the conference, have dispatched letters to the mayors of all the cities through which the marchers will pass demanding accommodations and food for them.

Chicago, Rockford, Moline, East St. Louis and the southern Illinois coal fields are the five points from which the demonstrators will depart, increasing their numbers along the way.

The state call issued for the conference gives 800,000 as the number of Illinois jobless, it points to 60 per cent unemployment in the coal fields and destitution among poor farmers dispossessed of their lands by bank foreclosures. The purpose of the conference, the call says, is to "present to the state legislature a bill for workers' social insurance, relief for the workers and farmers and the re-

HARLEM PROTEST MEET THURSDAY

Fight the Scottsboro Legal Lynching

NEW ORK.—Mrs. Ada Wright, mother of two of the Scottsboro victims, will be the principal speaker at a mass protest this Thursday evening at St. Luke's Hall, 125 West 130th Street. The meeting is called by the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union and will also be addressed by Louis Hyman, president; June Croft, organizer, and Charles Alexander, of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights.

The meeting is one of hundreds being held throughout the country by working-class organizations to rouse the masses to militant protest and struggle against the hideous frame-up and planned legal lynching of nine innocent Negro children being railroaded to the electric chair on a fake charge of rape.

In mobilization for the meeting several street meetings will be held tonight, at 7:30, at the following corners: 100 Street and 2nd Avenue; 113 and 5th; 140 and Lenox; 134 and 7th Avenue.

All workers are urged to come out and demonstrate their indignation at this outrageous frame-up. Especially must the white workers turn out en masse to show their solidarity with the Negro workers.

FIGHT TO SAVE 9 BOYS SPREADS OVER COUNTRY; MASSES RALLY TO DEFENSE

285 DELEGATES AT CHICAGO CONF.

Block Committees Rally Masses

CHICAGO, May 26.—Two hundred and eighty-five delegates, representing 182 Negro and white organizations with collective membership of over 50,000, attended the local United Front Scottsboro Defense Conference here on Sunday. The Forum Hall, at 323 E. 43rd St., was packed to capacity with delegates and hundreds of visitors. The conference was unanimously voted the biggest in Chicago in years.

Among the organizations represented were 18 Negro churches, 16 Negro clubs and lodges and 17 unions.

Tremendous enthusiasm greeted the reports of Ed Williams, local secretary of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, and William Braxton, district secretary of the International Labor Defense, on the work done so far in the courts and in mobilizing the masses in the fight to save the lives of the nine Negro boys being railroaded to the electric chair by the Alabama landlords and capitalists on a fake charge of raping two white girls.

Chief Telegram from Scottsboro Parent.

This was followed by a still greater outburst of enthusiasm at the reading of a telegram from Claude Patterson of Chattanooga, father of Andy and Roy, two of the framed-up lads, greeting the conference and praising the work of the I. L. D. in the fight to smash the legal lynching.

About 20 speakers, mostly Negroes, took the floor. The sentiment of the Negro workers was expressed by one in the following statement:

"This is the first time we knew of this wonderful fight that is being carried on to save these innocent boys and against lynching. We will do our best to help."

Scores N. A. A. C. P. Leaders. The treacherous co-operation of the leadership of the N. A. A. C. P. with the Southern boss lynchings in their attack on the fight to save the boys was sharply repudiated by several speakers representing strong Negro organizations.

There was stormy applause when Emil Gardos, speaking for the Communist Party, called for a fighting alliance of colored and white workers in the fight to smash the legal lynching and against the Negro reformist misleaders who hamstringing the defense.

Mr. Tilford, a Negro newspaper man, told the conference that the leaders of the Negro reformist press and organizations had betrayed the boys!

"The Negro race owes thanks to Communists, Rally behind them despite all."

Exposes Oscar DePriest. Miss Patricia Sharpe of the Union Tabernacle Church sharply exposed the traitor, Oscar DePriest, and called "all common people to unite against the enemy rich class."

Comrade Rulis, editor of the Vilnis, stressed the necessity of unity of the foreign born and Negro workers in the fight against special persecution. Comrade Matheson of the Trade

Charlotte Workers Smash Race Bars; Join Fight

Cheer Mrs. Williams White Worker Exposes "Rape" Lies of Bosses

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 26.—A fighting alliance of southern white and Negro workers to save the lives of the nine Scottsboro Negro boys being railroaded to the electric chair on a fake charge of rape, was established here Sunday with the presence of Negro and white delegates from 19 organizations at the local United Front Scottsboro Defense Conference. Among the organizations represented were 3 churches, 3 mill locals, 3 Unemployed Councils, and the Communist Party. The conference was called jointly by the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights.

The chief speaker and Honorary chairman was Mrs. Williams, Mother of 14-year-old Eugene Williams, one of the framed-up youths. Mrs. Williams highly praised the I. L. D. for rushing to the defense of the boys against the legal lynching planned by the Alabama bosses when other organizations were praising the State of Alabama for giving the boys an orderly "trial." She said:

"I want to praise the International Labor Defense and want to say I am with them until I am dead and gone. Our boys were being whipped and beaten until the I. L. D. came in. I never heard of them before they came and looked up us parents. They've done every-

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CUBAN STRIKERS AND SCABS IN ARMED CLASHES

Police Arrest Jobless In Havana

Reports from Havana, Cuba, state that a pitched battle took place Monday between armed strikers and scabs at Caribbean on the docks of the Munson Steamship Line. The Munson Steamship Line, an American concern, cut wages of the Cuban dock workers and hired scabs, under the protection of the dictator, President Machado.

On Monday the strikers gathered at the docks early in the day and opened fire on the scabs. The scabs scurried for cover and returned the shots. Police proved helpless. Machado sent his soldiers to the rescue of the scabs and many strikers were arrested.

A number of Spanish unemployed workers demonstrated in front of the Spanish consulate Monday. Another report tells of a group of unemployed Spanish workers being evicted from the Centro Asturiano clubrooms where they were sleeping. They had no other place to sleep. When the unemployed demonstrated in front of the Spanish consulate Machado sent two truckloads of troops to beat up the jobless.

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AMTER EXPOSES ANTI-LABOR DEEDS OF YOUNG SOCIALISTS

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NEW YORK—The Young Communist League called a united front on May 16 for the purpose of mobilizing all young workers' organizations for the struggle against unemployment, wage cuts, lynching of Negroes, imperialist war and for defense of the Soviet Union. One hundred and thirty delegates responded to the call indicating that the working class youth is preparing to fight against capitalism and its system of robbery and hunger for the working class.

Among the delegates were twenty-five young socialists and socialist organizations led by one Jack Altman. Upon the opening of the conference, Altman rose and read a declaration and then called upon the delegates to leave the conference. Brave Altman and his twenty-four other stalwarts rose and left the convention, provoking a fight on the way out, for which he and the others received a well merited drubbing, that they will not soon forget.

These people have the nerve to speak of united fronts between the Communists and fascists. This is a brazen lie, for the Communists are the only open enemies of the fascists, and the struggle for power will be between the open fascists, and their allies and panderers, the social fascist socialist leaders. Who are the "trusted working class leaders" that the Communists slander? Hillquit, Thomas, Muste, O'Neil, Hillman, Schlesinger, Brown? Betrayers they are, all of them, upholders of the capitalist system, sellers-out of strikes.

The young socialist leaders say they are opposed to Jim Crowism—but Heywood Brown said it is not advisable to fight for the enforcement of the 14th and 15th amendments. The socialist candidate for lieutenant governor in the last election in Texas refused to have anything to do with Negroes. Norman Thomas refused to address Negroes in the South in the last presidential elections.

The socialist party has lined up with the capitalist controlled National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who betrayed the nine Scottsboro boys, and is sending them to the electric chair. The boys and their parents repudiate the NAACP, as enemies of the Negro people, but the socialists line up with these enemies and fight the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor De-

fense, who are conducting the defense of these boys in the court, and are mobilizing masses of white and Negro workers to effect their release. These young socialist leaders together with their adult socialist mentors are truly the friends of the Negroes!

The young socialist leaders say they are against wage cuts: then they must answer the sell-outs in Rochester by Hillman, in Kensington by Muste, in Marion, N. C. by Hoffman. Words—words, but their actions betray them.

The worst scandal of the position of these young socialist leaders is their enmity to the Soviet Union. Who, we ask, helped to pay the expenses for the preparation for armed intervention in the Soviet Union organized by the Second (socialist) International and the imperialist powers, if not the American socialist party? Who has conducted a more vicious campaign against the Soviet Union than the Jewish Daily Forward?

These young socialist leaders will not be able to conceal their identity as budding social fascist leaders. With the support of the renegades from the Communist party and the Young Communist League—the Lovestonites and Trotskyites, whose cause they eloquently plead in their declaration—they use radical language, because the working class wishes to fight against the miserable conditions under the capitalist system, against the coming imperialist war and for defense of the Soviet Union. But their actions show where these young socialist leaders stand in trying to keep the sincere rank and file of the young socialist organizations from lining up with the revolutionary youth. But just as in Germany, so too in the United States, the working youth recognizes that not only in word, but in deed—in revolutionary policy and leadership in the struggle—the Communist Party and Young Communist League alone represent and fight for their interests—against the capitalist class and government and their tools, the socialist party leaders and the other enemies of the workers in the ranks of the working class. They will not be kept from the ranks and from support of the Communist Party and YCL—not even the young socialist leaders will be able to restrain them, once they recognize the counter-revolutionary character of the socialist party and YPSL.

N. J. WORKERS IN PROTEST THIS SAT.

Fight the Scottsboro Frame-Up

NEWARK, N. J., May 26.—The workers of Newark will demonstrate their indignation against the hideous Scottsboro frame-up of 9 Negro children in a monster protest demonstration and parade this Saturday.

The parade will start at 4 p. m. in 12th Avenue and W. Market St. Meetings to mobilize the workers for the parade are being held all this week.

The parade will serve to usher in the local United Front Scottsboro Defense Conference which will be held here on Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at 90 Ferry Street, and for which many organizations, including Negro churches, have already elected delegates. Both the demonstration and the conference are at the call of the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights.

Similar demonstrations and conferences will be held in Elizabeth and New Brunswick this Saturday and Sunday. Jersey City will hold a conference on June 4.

(While the work of visiting organizations, holding street meetings, etc., has been energetically pushed by the New Jersey comrades, the vital work of building block and neighborhood committees appears to have been neglected here as in some other sections. This serious short-coming must at once be overcome. The Block and Neighborhood Committees will serve to gain an entry into the workers organizations. These committees must be built!—Ed. Daily Worker.)

Use your Red Shock Troop List every day on your job. The worker next to you will help save the Daily Worker.

What's On—

WEDNESDAY—
Friends of the Soviet Union. Branches of Prospect Park, Flatbush and workers in these neighborhoods are urged to come to an open meeting at 11 Ball Room, 132 Crown St. Adm. free.

Steve Kotovits Branch, I.L.D. will hold an open air meeting at 19th St. and Second Ave.

Clankmakers C. I. of the Bronx will have a lecture at 8:30 at 1460 Boston Bld. on the Paris Commune Adm. free.

Office Workers Union. Mike Gold, well known proletarian writer who has recently returned from the Soviet Union will speak on the Cultural Movement in the USSR at our educational meeting which will take place at Labor Temple, 14th St. and Second Ave. at 7 p.m. Executive Committee Workers Education League. Meets at 8 p. m. at 79 East Tenth St.

"Precedent" Moves to the Bijou Theatre

"Precedent" by I. J. Golden, the play based upon the Mooney-Billings case moved uptown last night to the Bijou Theatre from the Provincetown where it played for six weeks. The uptown playhouse has a larger seating capacity and will be able to take care of the many who could not crowd in at the Provincetown. "Iolanthe," the Gilbertian satire on the English parliament, will be the fifth feature of the comic opera season at Erlanger's Theatre, opening Monday, June 29, for two weeks. "Iolanthe" will follow the opera "Patience" which opens two weeks earlier. "Pinafore" is this week's Gilbert and Sullivan operetta.

"Three's a Crowd" enters the last two weeks of its engagement here. The revue in which Clifton Webb, Fred Allen and Libby Holman are starred, will conclude its run on Saturday night, June 6.

Fred Ardath has an entirely new act at the Hippodrome this week with a company of six, including Earl Hall, Claud Allen, McCarthy Sisters and the O'Connor Twins.

Wednesday to Friday the picture on the Franklin screen will reflect, "Kiss Me Again," film adaptation of Victor Herbert's "Mile. Modiste." Walter Pidgeon, Bernice Claire and Edward Everett Horton fill the important roles. On the stage: Violet Carlson; Freeman and Mortons; the Le Rays and others.

U. S. MILK CONSUMPTION LAGS
"The United States lags far behind many other countries in the per capita consumption of milk," so reports a survey on the dairy products industry issued by Charles D. Barney and Company.

Out of work and starving, Jack Viola, 36, 438 Sigel St., stole a bottle of milk from a Gold Coast home. For this he was fined \$3 and sentenced to 30 days in the Bridewell by Judge Edelman.

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HARLEM FRAMEUP CASE POSTPONED

Four Workers Jailed By Police Spy

NEW YORK—The trial of the four Negro workers arrested on a framed up charge made by the Garvey reformist and police spy, Grant, was again postponed yesterday by the judge who hesitates to carry through this vicious frame-up in the face of the rising protest of the masses.

The four workers are David Warfield, Sam Brown, Arthur Williams and Louis Campbell. All four are unemployed and were arrested at the headquarters of the Harlem Unemployed Council at 353 Lenox Ave. They were charged by the police spy, Grant, of stealing his pocket-book and being revolutionary workers.

The judge yesterday acceded to the demand of the International Labor Defense that bail in the case of Warfield and Brown who are still in jail be reduced. He reduced it from \$2,500 to \$1,000 each. Bail had been originally set at the exorbitant sum of \$10,000 each. The district J. L. D. office expects to get the comrades out today.

Postpone Turner Frame-Up Trial

Picket Is Arrested By ILGWU Clique

NEW YORK—The case of Dave Turner, one of the most active strikers at Needleman and Brenner, and arrested and framed on assault charges, was postponed to June 5.

The bosses have adopted these tactics because of the militant picketing and the protest of the members in local 22 of the company union.

Picketing will continue before the Needleman and Brenner shop Wednesday at 7 a.m. and as many workers as can aid the strikers should turn out.

A number of open air meetings was held Tuesday in the dress market and will continue to be held every day.

Call Emergency Meet for Thursday
NEW YORK.—An emergency conference of all working class organizations will be held this Thursday, May 28, at 8 p.m., at 118 Bristol Street to discuss setting up a workers center. The old headquarters burned down and the work cannot be slackened.

All working class organizations are urged to elect delegates, those already elected must attend.

The conference is called under the auspices of Section 8 of the Communist Party—the Brownsville section.

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U.T.W., BOSSES IN ATTEMPT TO STAB PA. SILK STRIKE

Strikers Militant As Bosses Set Citizens Committee Going

(Special to the Daily Worker)
ALLENTOWN, Pa., May 26.—The strike of the broad silk workers is still going strong, with few scabs in the mills and with mass picketing as a marked feature of the struggle.

The United Textile Workers Union misleaders, the manufacturers and the local secretary of the central labor body, Mozer, are frantic because of the militant spirit of the strikers. Mozer, in his paper, urges all silk manufacturers to bring about an early settlement for the purpose "of keeping the Communists out."

The Chamber of Commerce has appointed a Citizens Committee of Nine with the President of the C.C. Young as chairman and a rabbi, minister and the president of the community chest and others, for the purpose of breaking the strikers resistance.

COPS BEAT UP LATIN WORKERS

Break Into Spanish Workers Club

NEW YORK—Police at 1 a. m. yesterday morning broke into the Spanish Workers Club, 1666 Madison Avenue, and severely beat up two workers who were sleeping there. One of the workers, Joe Rivera, managed to escape, but the other, whose name is unknown, was murdered, brutally beaten and disappeared. All day yesterday the New York District of the International Labor Defense was trying to locate him at police precincts and city hospitals, but has thus far been unable to learn any news of him.

The attack by the police was a wanton piece of Tammany savagery. Since the American Legion has headquarters in the same building, it is thought that some of the fascist Legionnaires may have had a hand in it. Carl Hacker, secretary of the New York District of the I. L. D., has sent a strong letter to the police department denouncing this brutal attack and demanding a halt to the terrorist activities of the police.

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Foster to Speak at Metal Workers Meet

NEW YORK.—The New York local of the Metal Workers Industrial League is calling a mass meeting of machinists, auto mechanics, tool and die makers, polishers, molders, metal splainers and workers from all other trades in the metal industry.

The mass meeting will mark the opening of an organization drive, initiated by the Metal Workers Industrial League, with a view of mobilizing the metal workers to struggle against wage cuts and unemployment.

The mass meeting will take place Friday, June 5, at 8 p.m. at Stuyvesant Casino, 142 Second Avenue, corner 9th Street. In addition to comrade Foster, other prominent leaders will speak. Admission free.

TO MAKE DEMAND ON COMM. TAYLOR

Flop House Jobless to March June 2

NEW YORK.—On Tuesday, June 2, the unemployed workers in the Municipal Flop House, under the leadership of the Madison Square branch of the Unemployed Council will march to Commissioner of Public Welfare Taylor's office at Lafayette and Leonard Sts. to present the following demands:

1. Three nourishing meals a day.
2. Sleeping accommodations for all applicants every night in the month with no discrimination against Negro, foreign born or out of town workers.
3. Complete sanitary equipment with a laundry and dryer.
4. That all work done by unemployed workers to be paid for. No forced labor.
5. Proper clothing to be provided for the unemployed.
6. All workers be permitted inside the building and not forced to stay out in the rain or for exhibition.
7. That the South Ferry Lodging House be reopened.

To Parade Downtown.
A permit for a parade has already been applied for by Richard Sullivan, secretary of the Madison Square Branch of the Unemployed Council. It will be led by an elected delegation of ten. The marchers will carry placards bearing their demands and the demand for unemployment insurance.

At a demonstration held at the "Munic" on May 19th where 800 participated, the committee that presented these demands were informed by Supt. Mannix that Alfred McCann, who is now dead, approved the food served there and also that forced labor in the institution was in accord with the state law.

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NEW JERSEY ELECTION CONVENTION OPENS ON JUNE 13TH

While preparations are going ahead full blast for the opening of the Communist Party Convention, Saturday night, June 13 with a mass welcome to the delegates, the reactionary republican and democratic parties met yesterday in Trenton within a few doors of each other, each one charging the other with being all "wet" on the prohibition issue.

The reactionary parties adjourned their so-called conventions immediately after the candidates made their addresses. Senator Dwight W. Morrow, who presided temporarily over the republican convention declared "the outstanding question of the campaign is whether the government of New Jersey is to be open or to be invisible." This was an attack upon former Governor A. Harry Moore, who is again the democratic candidate for office, the handpicked candidate of Frank Hays—the Tammany boss of New Jersey. In other words, this meant that Boss Hays would rule New Jersey, would be the "invisible" government of grafters, gangsters, bootleggers as they are and have been, in or out of office, republicans and democrats alike.

The Communist Party Election Campaign Committee of New Jersey called attention to the fact that these black reactionaries paid no attention to the burning problem of the starving unemployed, to the wage slashing which continues worse than ever in the big plants of New Jersey, to the fact that 5 militant textile workers have been framed for murder, or to the persecution of foreign and native born workers, Negro and white, nor to the lynch threat which hangs over the heads of nine innocent young Negro workers in Scottsboro, Alabama.

In contrast to the pot-bellied bosses and capitalist class gangster politicians who assembled for the democratic and republican conventions, the Communist Party Convention which opens Sunday, June 14, at Laurel Garden, 457 Springfield Ave., Newark will be composed of workers from the basic industries of New Jersey.

Perth Amboy will send 25 delegates to the convention. Raritan Copper Works, employing 800 workers will be represented, also the National Lead Company. Both plants have had wage cuts of more than 10 per cent recently. Underpaid women workers of the cigar industry will be there and workers from many

other trades that are ready for struggle under the banner of the Communist Party.

In preparation for the convention and for the opening welcome to the delegates which takes place Saturday evening, June 13, at the same hall, the Campaign Committee will hold street meetings at the following points this week:

1. Near the Singer Sewing Machine Plant this Thursday at 12 noon in Elizabeth.
2. Friday evening, in Jersey City, at Newark and Jersey Sts.

The opening welcome for the delegates on June 13 includes the following program: the Workers Laboratory Theatre of New York, the Freiheit Gesangs Verein, and the Slovak Workers Sports Club, of Newark.

John J. Ballam, candidate for Governor on the Communist ticket and Wm. Patterson of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights are among the speakers. Admission will be 35c.

The Daily Worker will carry full accounts of the Election Campaign in New Jersey and of the issues before the working class which the Communist Party intends to bring into the limelight. Unemployment is the outstanding, burning question around which the struggle will concentrate to win the workers from the influence of the reactionary parties.

Will Form LSNR Branch in Brooklyn

Wednesday, May 27

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—A meeting for the formation of the Williamsburgh Branch of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, will be held Wednesday, May 27, 1931, at 8 p.m. at the Workers' Center, 61 Graham Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

A program of action for the mobilization of the Negro and white workers of Williamsburgh in the defense of the nine Scottsboro Negro Boys will be discussed.

The Brooklyn office of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights appeals to all workers Negro and white to participate at this meeting and help build a powerful branch of the L.S.N.R. for the struggle for the liberation of the Negro masses.

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SAGINAW ELECTS 12 DELEGATES FOR BIG MICH. HUNGER MARCH

Hold Enthusiastic Meetings; 85 Join the Local Branch of the Unemployed Council

Workers Calls Upon the Poor Farmers to Join Struggle Against Starvation Conditions

Saginaw, Mich.

Dear Comrade: We just held two fine meetings of the Unemployed Councils at the Italian Hall at Hess and Their Streets. The first meeting was held on May 14th and the second on May 21st. Altogether we got 82 applications for membership into the council.

These meetings were very enthusiastic. Many of those present asked why we did not come before and tell them that we were organizing the native citizens. They said that they had never heard about the unemployed council before and were wild to organize.

Elect 12 Delegates

In the last meeting we elected 12 delegates to the Lansing hunger march. All the workers are interested in this march because conditions are terrible here with all the unemployment.

The people here in Saginaw are really starving. The welfare will not give clothes, shoes, milk or rice to the starving people. The only "relief" given out is to a few families:

\$8 a month to families of 5, and \$10 to families of 8, nothing more. This is just slow starvation. We workers in Saginaw have filled the ware-houses to the brim, we have worked like beavers to do it, now all that the bosses will give a starving family of 8 is \$10 a month. Children are being brought up in life without any milk, while the farmers around Saginaw get only a cent and a half a quart for milk. Workers and Farmers Must Organize. The farmers must organize with the city workers and fight the creameries which are enslaving the farmers and robbing the workers. We must organize and give battle against these rotten conditions. Let's be free to do what ever we want with the surplus of milk and butter.

M. A. S.

Jersey Club Uses John Reed's Name; Jimcrow Negroes

Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Comrades: I would thank you for a small space in your columns to say a few words.

After receiving a letter from the John Reed Youth Club, inviting me to their meeting on Friday, May 8, in Jersey City, I went there and was told by the secretary that I could not come in because the house was not fine. He said that he did not think it was such a fine house and was sorry, but I would not be allowed to attend the meeting. Hoping this will be printed.

A Negro Comrade.

Editorial Note.—Beside this letter, the Daily Worker has been informed by comrades that the John Reed Club of Jersey City has also refused to sell tickets for their affairs to Negroes. We wish to make it clear that this organization is not affiliated with the John Reed Club of New York, an organization of revolutionary writers and artists, which has set as one of its

chief tasks the struggle against white chauvinism and race discrimination. The John Reed Club has refused to give this so-called John Reed Club charter.

It is being dominated, we are informed, by a clique of petty bourgeois, lily white, pseudo bohemian intellectuals whose chief function, while flitting around the fringes of the revolutionary movement like so many Peter Pans, is to sip tea, attend swell parties in high-class apartments and talk a vulgar hogwash which they label radicalism, while they Jim-Crow Negroes.

This organization has no right to use the name of John Reed, who was Bolshevik and a Communist and a fighter against all kinds of Jim-Crowism. There are, no doubt, some real revolutionary workers in this organization. If there are they must at once expose and denounce the degenerate elements who are responsible for the Jim-Crowing of Negroes and purge their ranks of them, thus giving the club the right to bear the name of the fighter, John Reed.

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Baltimore, Md.

Editor Daily Worker: I am a widow and I have three children. I also have a grand-mother sick in bed and I have to support her since she is 65 years old and is unable to work. Just to show you that the situation is growing worse every day, I forced myself to

take a job as a cook, where I must work for 12 hours a day at the rate of \$7.50 weekly.

Now, fellow-workers, how can I support my family on this amount per week. If I don't accept this job the charities would refuse to help me anyway, since they would say that

Districts! Set Machinery in Immediate Motion in Drive for \$35,000 for "Daily"

Tables last week showed a total circulation of 31,288 and a net circulation of 31,075 after special orders of 213 were deducted. This week's figures show a total circulation of 31,289 which with special orders deducted amounting to 169, leaves a solid circulation of 31,120 or a net increase over last week's figures of 45. The figure in the tables shows increase of 1 over last week. This is due to there being 44 fewer temporary orders this week than last.

Chicago in Front Again With Increases. After three successive losses District 8, Chicago, emerges with the outstanding gain of 111 for the week. This showing is covered by a temporary order of 83 from Ziegler, Ill., an increase of 35 from Chicago and a new order from Indiana Harbor of 25; also including a decrease of 50 from Hammond, Ind.

District 3, Philadelphia, is next with increase of 101 due almost entirely to a gain of 100 from Wilkesbarre and a slight increase of 10 from Philadelphia, notwithstanding a decrease of 25 from Chester. District 13, California, follows with a gain of 33 due to temporary increases of 8 from Roswell, N. M., and other smaller gains. An additional order of 50 from Spokane (in spite of an unexpected decrease from

Tacoma) plus a special order of 17 from Portland is responsible for a gain of 24 in District 12, Seattle.

District 1, Boston, has the biggest loss of the week—124. This is caused by cancellation of special order of 150 for Pawtucket for duration of textile strike (settled Wednesday), relieved by gains of 18 and 15 from Providence and Worcester respectively. District 6, Cleveland, after showing increase of 89 last week, comes forward this time with a setback of 91 due to a cut of 50 from Barberton, 70 from Akron, 50 from Cleveland; an increase of 75 from Cincinnati is the only bright spot in District 6 this week. District 16, South is next with a loss of 50 from Charlotte. Cuts of 15 from Duluth and 10 each from Superior and Minneapolis make

Summary By Cities

Table with columns: City, Sub May 16, Grand May 16, Sub May 23, Grand May 23, Total May 23, Increase. Lists cities like Boston, Newark, Elizabeth, N. Y. City, etc.

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OHIO YOUTH DAY IN YOUNGSTOWN

Solidarity of Negro and White Youth

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—The National Youth Day Committee thru the local secretary Paul Ray issued the following statement:

"The National Youth Day Demonstration and all events will be a great demonstration of solidarity of white and Negro workers and for the release of the Scottsboro boys. Already over 250 young Negro workers are expected to come from all over the state of Ohio among the delegations for National Youth Day. From Detroit the Young Liberators are coming and bringing along their band of 10 which will play at the dance to be held Saturday evening May 30 at the Central Auditorium. From Cleveland the Crescent A. C. is coming, a colored youth club of 50. From Akron a large group of Negro youth is coming, most of them members of the B.Y.P.U. and the Epworth League.

To Hold Big Meet After the demonstration and parade on Saturday, a great Athletic Meet will be held at Idor Park Stadium on Sunday, open to all amateurs. Negro athletes are especially invited to participate on basis of full equality. The meet in itself will be a demonstration against the Jim-crow policy of the Amateur Athletic Union which is run by the bosses.

The headquarters of the Committee are at 334 E. Federal Street and entries can be sent there. All young people who would like to get in touch with the Committee can do so by calling at any time.

Workers are asked to put up young people coming from all over the state for the night of the 30, since it is out of question to get hotel rooms. Most of those coming are out of work or have far too little funds for that.

LAWRENCE TAG DAY IN BOSTON

BOSTON, May 25.—A conference of labor and fraternal organizations was held at Ambassador Palace in defense of the Lawrence strikers and their leaders, who face 10 years jail and deportation.

The conference decided to hold a house to house collection of Greater Boston on Sunday, June 7, 1931, at 10 a. m. to 12 noon. All workers' organizations are asked to participate. The following are the stations: 93 Staniford St., Boston; International Hall, Roxbury; Morton Hall, Mattapan; 376 Broadway, So. Boston; Russian Hall, 88 Hawthorn St., Chelsea; 141 Shirley Ave., Revere.

I don't want to work. Women Workers Organize! I call upon all the workers of Baltimore, Md. to get together and fight, especially the women workers, to help change these rotten conditions. Join the Trade Union Unity League, 9 S. Greene St., Baltimore, Maryland.—Domestic Slave.

Pay Cuts Sweep On As Doak Praises U.S. Steel Co. Head

DENVER, Colo., May 26.—The Great Western Sugar Co., which dominates the beet industry in this state, is putting through terrific wage slashes. By forcing whole families to work on the contract system it is able to avoid the Colorado compulsory school law, the children are nominally "employed by their parents who need their support."

The Great Western has paid in dividends more than \$93,000,000 since 1905 and has bought assets worth \$86,000,000, making thus a profit of \$181,000,000 on capital of \$13,000,000. DENVER, Colo., May 26.—Coal dealers in Colorado cities are printing advertisements: "Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. Prices Slashed to Lowest Level in 20 Years." A number of coal operators have filed notice with the state industrial commission that they intend to cut miners' wages by \$2.52 a day.

WORCESTER, Mass., May 26.—The Grosvenor Shoe Co. reduced wages of hand cutters 43 per cent last week. They struck, but the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation is stepping in to persuade them to go back to work.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, May 26.—Despite the statement of Secretary of Labor Doak that wage-cuts are not a general occurrence, wages have been slashed right and left. The latest wage-cut was put over at the Iowa building, at Fifth and Pierce Sts. The workers were hired at 40 cents an hour, but a few days later they were lined up and a wage-cut announced from 40 cents an hour to 22 cents an hour.

Incidentally only eight men are working, because if ten more are employed compensation must be carried on them. Tarrytown, N. Y. Wage Slash TARRYTOWN, N. Y.—Lord & Burnham Co., manufacturers of boilers and greenhouses at Irvington-on-Hudson, announced a 10 per cent wage cut for all workers beginning June 1. Several hundred are employed by this company.

A New Name for Wage Cuts CLEVELAND, Ohio.—On Monday Col. Sotheanes Behn, chairman of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. announced that a system of "incentive bonus," would be put into effect on June 1. This is an out-and-out wage cut under the disguise of another name. The plan, which amounts to a slash in pay of from 10 to 25 per cent, will affect 95,000 workers in the I. T. T. Corporation.

'Liberal' Senator Does His Part To Push War Preparation

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Senator Brookhart, who claims he is a "liberal," yesterday announced he would introduce a bill "drafting" capital in the next war, but at a good profit to the capitalists. Brookhart wants the next war conducted efficiently and is doing his share to prepare the masses for it by putting over a fake bill to make it appear that "capital" will bear the same burdens as "labor" in the next war.

NEW YORK.—Not satisfied with one air war show, the 600 planes which recently maneuvered over New York City have returned from Boston to extend the war preparations. In Boston thousands were hurt in the crush of people who gathered to see the air war show. Assistant Secretary of war, Davidson, who declared that the charge

that \$3,000,000 was being expended for the air war maneuvers was untrue has himself been proved a liar by an editorial in the New York Times of May 25 that admits this sum is being spent—but that it is worth it because it puts the United States on a war footing.

Farm Workers Get It In The Neck Likewise

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Farm wages are the lowest since 1916, says a report in the May issue of the Monthly Labor Review of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. For the whole country, the average farm wage in April last year was 162 per cent of the average for the five-year period, 1910-14. On April 1 of this year it was only 1217 per cent of the pre-war average. In January this year it was 129 per cent.

For April, this year, the average rate paid per month, with board, by divisions of the country, was: North Atlantic States, \$35.86; North Central, \$31.28; South Atlantic, \$17.60; South Central, \$17.88; Far Western, \$43.07.

Per day, without board, the average rate this April was: North Atlantic, \$2.86; North Central, \$2.19; South Atlantic, \$1.23; South Central, \$1.16; Far Western, \$2.73.

Per day, with board, the averages ran: North Atlantic, \$2.11; North Central, \$1.61; South Atlantic, 90 cents; South Central, 89 cents; Far Western, \$1.96.

HAIL 1ST NATIONAL YOUTH DAY On to Passaic, N. J. MAY 30TH

PARADE BOXING RALLY DANCES at ULMER PARK 25th & Crosby Aves., Brooklyn, N.Y. B. M. T. West End Line to 25th Ave. TICKETS IN ADVANCE 25 CENTS At the gate 35c. DANCING AT NIGHT

285 DELEGATES AT CHICAGO CONF.

Block Committees Rally Masses

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) Union Unity League explains the purpose of the Illinois hunger marches to the state capitol on June 15 and won the endorsement of the conference.

Endorse I. L. D. Defense. The Resolution Committee of 12, which included two ministers and President Morganpark of the Citizens Association, presented a unanimous report with a sharp resolution, endorsing the International Labor Defense and repudiating Walter White of the N. A. A. C. P. top leadership and his Klan lawyer, Stephen R. Roddy. The objection of one minister to the sharp wording of the resolution was overwhelmingly rejected by the Negro rank and file members of the Resolution Committee.

Send Protest to Alabama Governor The conference sent a protest telegram to Governor B. M. Miller of Alabama and a telegram of solidarity to Claude Patterson, father of Roy and Andy.

One hundred and forty-four dollars was taken up in collections and donations, with pledges for much more. A committee of 25 was elected to meet this week to plan a drive to raise \$1,000 for the defense within one month. Another conference has been called for June 21. The work of building block and neighborhood committees, already showing great progress, will be pushed with energy.

Mass Demonstration June 27. The delegates present pledged their organizations to support the mass meeting at Forum Hall on June 5, at which Richard B. Moore, national Negro director of the I. L. D., now on tour, will speak.

They also endorsed the plan for a huge mass demonstration and parade on June 27 at Washington Park. The sub-committees on speakers, finance and publicity will open headquarters on the South Side immediately in order to push the work.

Charlotte Workers Smash Race Bars; Join the Fight

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) thing they could. I've seen some of the good they have done. If it hadn't been for the I.L.D. we mothers wouldn't have been able to see our boys, I guess, until judgement day. I hope we win this fight. If we don't win this, they'll do something else against the workers.

One of the white delegates exploded the boss fiction of "protecting white womanhood." He told the conference: "The capitalists when talking about the Scottsboro case claim they are protecting white womanhood. These same people killed Ella May Wiggins and lynch women. It's not women they are protecting but capitalism! We must fight for these framed-up boys. Mrs. Williams is our sister because she is a worker!"

A colored woman delegate stated, "I've got boys myself and don't know when they'll be railroaded to the electric chair. We must work to free these boys."

An 11-year-old Pioneer, a little colored girl, pledged the children of the working class to the fight to save the condemned youths, themselves children, 3 only 14 years old, the oldest just 20. The conference elected five delegates to the All-Southern Conference this coming Sunday in Chattanooga, Tenn. A resolution of protest was unanimously adopted and sent to Governor B. M. Miller of Alabama and Judge Hawkins at Scottsboro.

Save the "Daily Worker"! Rush Your Nickels, Dimes and Dollars

Contributions on Monday to the Save-the-Daily Worker campaign showed an increase, with a total of \$772.46. But this is still a great deal below the \$1,000 a day that is needed. Get busy, comrades! Don't wait till your coupon books are full, but send in every cent you have TODAY!

In the list of contributions printed in yesterday's paper an error was made in crediting \$165 to the Bronx Co-operative House. The money should have been credited to workers employed in the co-operative house. The new contributions follow:

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Lists contributions from various districts and individuals like Evelyn Markin, David Medoff, etc.

Opening of the 1st Convention of INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER

FRI, MAY 29 8:30 P. M.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN 50th Street and 8th Avenue

PROGRAM: Children Chorus of I. W. O. Schools Freiheit Gesangs-Verein—J. Schaefer conducting Mass Pageant—in 3 parts—by Artef

SPEAKERS: MAX BEDACHT, J. SULTAN, WM. Z. FOSTER, C. MARMOR, R. SALTZMAN, A. SCHILLER

The Daily Worker Must Be Saved --- Raise the \$35,000 Fund!

By I. AMTER.

AGAIN the Daily Worker faces suspension. Again the Daily Worker must appeal to the workers all over the country to come to its support. Again the enemies of the Daily Worker, the Communist Party and the revolutionary workers smile in derision, for they hope that the Daily Worker will be lost to the revolutionary movement. Hamilton Fish, Matthew Woll, William Green, Norman Thomas and the capitalist class and its lackeys rejoice when the revolutionary workers, Negro and white, and the poor farmers, face the danger of losing their most effective mouthpiece.

The economic crisis is becoming worse. The heads of twenty-four leading banks of the world including the United States, meeting at Basle, Switzerland on May 20, declared that "they wish there was some definite mechanism that could be set up to meet the present crisis but their hands are tied." The big bankers of the world can find no way out of the crisis. In London, the representatives of all the leading nations of the world meet on the wheat problem, and can find only one solution for the agricultural crisis: cut down the acreage, limit the production and the exportation of wheat, so that the price of bread will rise. The railway companies of this country want to "help" the crisis, by boosting freight rates, which will increase the cost of living.

On the other hand, wages are being slashed. Matthew Woll and his brother traitor and fascist, William Green, who attempted to sell out the workers in November, 1929, when they promised Hoover that there would be no strikes cuts, while the manufacturers promised there would be no wage reductions, now admit that they have already taken place in 75 per cent of all industrial establishments!

Unemployed Starve.

The unemployed continue to starve. The U. S. and state governments categorically refuse to grant unemployment insurance. Some of the proposals are for "industrial insurance," left to the discretion of the employer, and with restrictions that will exclude the present unemployed and many still employed. Charity and the other forms of relief have been cut off, flophouses and breadlines have been closed, evictions take place by the thousands every day. The cost of living and rents do not decline. Children continue to starve. The Negro workers and poor farmers who are always discriminated against, are discriminated against even in the race against hunger.

No Crisis in Soviet Union.

At the meeting of the League of Nations, Litvinoff, representative of the Soviet Union, de-

clared that the only country in the world that is not suffering from the economic crisis, but on the contrary is rising rapidly and has long left behind it the pre-war level of production, is the Soviet Union. This is not welcome news to the imperialist countries, which are struggling for power, some of them for existence, facing the economic crisis in their own countries. The struggle for power is sharpening the antagonisms between the United States and Great Britain, Italy and France. But the antagonisms between Communism and capitalism are still sharper. All the nations represented at the League of Nations, when Litvinoff proposed a peace policy as against the capitalist war policy, had to recognize the unique position of the Soviet Union, which as a country of the workers and peasants alone can offer peace.

Peace will not be accepted—for capitalism is bent upon war to get out of the crisis—even though the capitalists know that the next world war will result in turning all Europe into Soviets.

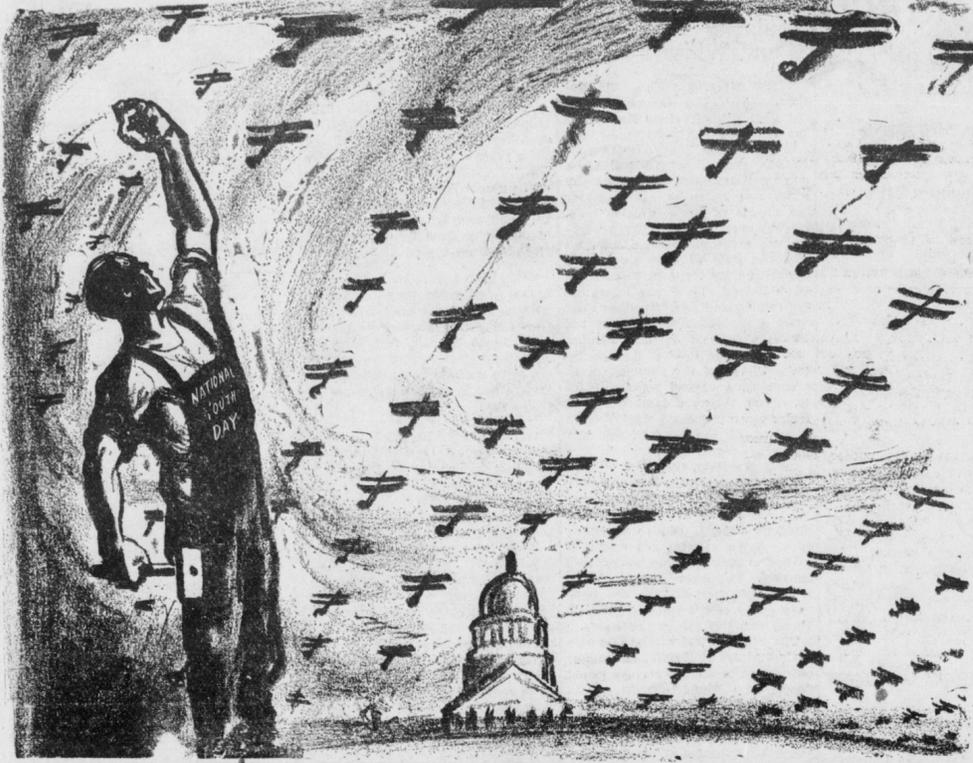
In this crisis, with the imperialists preparing for war, the capitalists want to destroy the revolutionary movement. The attacks of the U. S. government through the Fish Committee clearly show the way: Smash the Communist press; smash the Communist Party and revolutionary unions; terrorize the Negro and foreign-born workers (Michigan foreign-born registration); smash the revolutionary movement.

Daily Must Be Saved.

The answer of the workers is: You will not smash the Communist press; you will not smash the Communist Party and revolutionary unions; we will fight against your terror methods against the Negro and foreign-born workers! You cannot smash the revolutionary movement! Our first act of solidarity and class unity will be to save the Daily Worker, our revolutionary mouthpiece. The danger signal of the Daily Worker will spur us on—the \$35,000 fund will be raised. In the shops and mines, we will form committees to raise funds to save the Daily Worker! In the unions, clubs and mass organizations we will form committees to raise funds. We will mobilize the workers, employed and unemployed, and they will go among the workers and collect the dimes, quarters and dollars from willing hands to save the Daily Worker.

Hoover, Fish, Woll, Green, Norman Thomas, Hillquit and all the capitalist enemies of the working class have smiled too soon: The Daily Worker will be saved to continue the fight for organization and struggle against the economic crisis, against the danger of war against the Soviet Union, for the overthrow of capitalism!

YOU WON'T GET US!



National Youth Day --- Next Step to the Spartakiad

By I. AMTER.

ON every field of endeavor, the workers face two enemies—the capitalists and their tools, the socialists and A. F. of L. bureaucrats. In the struggle that the workers are carrying on against the efforts of the crisis—unemployment, wage-cuts, speed-up, persecution of the foreign-born, lynching of the Negroes, the workers find their enemies speaking different languages, but fighting together against the interests of the working class. Thus the capitalists openly and brutally attempt to suppress the militant working class organizations. The liberals, reformists and socialists attempt to speak the language of the workers, being forced to this position by the growing demands of the workers in struggle. But the aim is the same: to make the workers accept the capitalist system with its misery, starvation and suffering for the workers and poor farmers.

The socialists have another function in the struggle: to keep the workers away from the struggle. They have the same policy as the bureaucrats of the American Federation of Labor, even though at times they speak a different language. In all the strike struggles, their policy is to keep the workers from putting up a real struggle, from taking the leadership into their own hands. Another function—and a very important one—is to keep the workers from uniting in their struggles, to expel the militants and keep the rest under the heel of the reactionary leadership, who are the tools of the capitalists.

In every field, the role of the socialists is the same. In the sports field, cultural and other fields, the social democrats are splitting the organizations and keeping the militant rank and file from uniting in struggle for the interests of the workers in the organizations.

On the one hand are the revolutionary workers, who in the sports field are organized into the Red Sports International. In this International are the revolutionary workers of many countries. They are carrying on a militant struggle for the interests of the workers, which means the fight against hunger, against imperialism and for the defense of the Soviet Union. The bosses are opposed to this international—and through their tool, the Lucerne International, are trying to crush the spirit of revolt that is rising in the ranks of this international. The workers of this international see their interests betrayed; they see this international taking a vicious stand against the Soviet Union. When they raise their voice, they are expelled, as, for instance, tens of thousands of workers, who have been expelled in Germany, France, Finland, etc. No member of the Lucerne International is allowed to participate in the Spartakiad (revolutionary international meet). They are not allowed to compete with the Red athletes from the Soviet Union. This is a tyranny established to keep the workers from uniting their forces.

The Red Sports International, on the occasion of its tenth anniversary, is holding a Spartakiad in Berlin from July 4 to 12. Athletes from many countries will participate in the Spartakiad, but it is possible that the Soviet athletes will

000 participants are expected from all countries of Europe, United States, South America and Canada.

As against the Spartakiad, the Lucerne International is arranging an international meet at Vienna at the same time. And one year not granted visas. Nevertheless, about 100, later will occur the bosses' Olympics, the expression of the bosses' plans for the working class—further suppression and training for war against the Soviet Union (provided war has not already been declared against the Soviet Union, owing to the brilliant success of the Five-Year Plan which the bosses fear so much).

The Labor Sports Union, section of the Red International, is organizing the revolutionary athletes into the revolutionary sport organizations, as opposed to the American Athletic Union, and other patriotic sports organizations. It aims to offset the bosses' shop and neighborhood clubs, which serve to fool the workers. The Labor Sports Union is preparing for the Spartakiad. Beginning with May 30 in Passaic, N. J., and ending in New York City on May 31, National Youth Day will be the occasion of the selection of the delegation to represent the revolutionary athletes of the United States at the Spartakiad.

Elimination events will be features and a large delegation will be selected, which will sail for Berlin on about June 20, with a send-off affair and meet on June 13, 14. The young revolutionary athletes number in their ranks some splendid stars, but this is not the feature of the Red Sports International, which is based on collective achievements, and not individual stars.

National Youth Day will be more than an athletic meet. It will be a day of demonstration against the miserable conditions that the workers, and especially the young workers, have to suffer in this land of "prosperity." It will be a day of protest against all the evils that the workers have to endure. It will be a day of demonstration against the rapidly growing imperialism and for determined defense of the Soviet Union.

When the U. S. delegation arrives in Berlin it will meet not only the Red athletes from the other countries, but representatives of the Communist Parties of France, Czechoslovakia and Germany, of the Red Trade Unions, who have been energetically working for and preparing the Spartakiad, and will attend it as fraternal delegates.

The struggle of the workers goes forward on all fields. The field of sport is not exempt. The workers who are being enticed into the bosses' sport organizations, and are offered all the advantages that the bosses with their big capital can offer, must remember that this is not done for nothing. The workers pay for it—and the bosses use it in order to hold the workers fast to the system under which they are exploiting to the bone.

All workers on National Youth Day! All revolutionary athletes participate in National Youth Day. Make National Youth Day the beginning of our campaign against bosses' and socialist-traitor sports!

American Legion and V. F. W.

By C. TIPTON.

Article I.

THE revolutionary labor movement, and the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League, in particular, continually expose the role of the Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the same as the class struggle requires the exposure of the American Federation of Labor. The A. L. and its spiritual annex, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in fact have an influence upon the development and course of the class struggle in the U. S. A. hardly less than the American Federation of Labor.

The Legion serves the interests of the bosses with an archaic interpretation of patriotism. This patriotism implies that it is treachery to fight against the capitalist system, to raise a rebellious voice against oppression and exploitation of the masses.

According to the psychology of these racketeering patriots, the world began its real existence in 1776; the perfection of law, wis-

dom and all social relations of Americans (about the only humans) are prescribed for all generations to come up to the "end of the world," in the Declaration of Independence, the American Constitution and the Bible.

The forefathers said nothing one hundred and fifty years ago about a capitalist system, its complications, unemployment, starvation, etc., and therefore it is taboo, un-American, unlawful to elaborate on such problems, let alone fight for a dictatorship of the proletariat.

Moses, Christ and the Bible have never known or mentioned a capitalist system, problems of a proletariat, Soviets, etc., and therefore it is a desecration of Jewish, Christian and all other gods, the Almighty, all knowing, beyond whose knowledge there is nothing left to think of or conceive; all was created and revealed by the forefathers and religion.

If we want to know more, we may find out after our death, when we get to heaven or hell. The living are never to know more, except what

By BURCK

PARTY LIFE

Conducted by the Org. Dept. Central Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A.

The South End and Roxbury Branch of the Unemployed Council Got Food For Starving Families that the Public Welfare Department Refused to Feed.

TWO weeks ago a committee from this Unemployed Branch went to the Public Welfare Department and spoke to Miss Shay demanding that immediate relief be given to some starving families.

Miss Shay speaking for the Welfare Department answered that she "don't care if they are starving."

Mayor Curley knows about this and refuses to do anything. In Thursday's papers he says, "Boston has the best relief system in the country." Mayor Curley's system is to starve the families of the unemployed workers, quietly.

The South End and Roxbury Branch of the Unemployed Council got busy and sent out committees of unemployed workers in the neighborhood and got food for the following starving families that Mayor Curley's welfare department refused to feed.

1. The family of Mrs. Moore, 63 Northfield St., with two children, had been unemployed for months and no food in the house.

2. Mrs. Costello, who is sick and can't find work, is being thrown out of her home by the greedy landlord, and is in desperate need.

3. Mrs. Bryant of 64 Northfield St., is a widow with two boys, had been unemployed for many months, was forced to move by the landlord, and needs money for food and rent badly.

4. Pat MacBride of 57 Northfield St., is 65 years old, has a little room in the cellar, which he gets for cleaning up the house. He gets no wages and is compelled to get his food from the streets or wherever he can find it.

At the same time while we are collecting food for families like these we must fight for cash unemployment relief for the 100,000 jobless in Metropolitan Boston.

This Unemployed Branch is planning to send another large committee of unemployed workers to the City Council and to Governor Ely to demand regular relief for these and all other starving families in the South End and Roxbury.

Follow-unemployed! Join the Unemployed Branch! Don't starve quietly!

Join us in the fight for relief. The City Government has plenty of money for graft and investigations. We can get relief if we will fight for it.

Come to the meeting of the branch! Every Tuesday and Friday, 1:30 p. m., 113 Dudley Street, Roxbury.

was revealed by Moses, Christ, the forefathers, at the orders of an all knowing God. There is no mind, no wisdom beyond Christ and the American constitution.

"The Legion's slogan—"For God and Country!"—express that psychology. This slogan is the starting point, a pivot, around which center the activities of the Legion and the V.F.W. in their savage attacks upon any and all efforts of the proletariat for emancipation. Under these slogans of archaic patriotism and religion, these veteran organizations act as the chief enemy of the working class, as the most loyal watchdogs for the continuation of ruthless, cruel capitalist oppression.

Their role in the class struggle, their appeal to the ignorance of the masses, to the brutal egotistic sense of race superiority and vanity of the Americans, lends strength and backbone to American capitalism and imperialism. The A. L. combats the class struggle of the starving, awakening American proletariat under the slogan of "God and country," rousing more dark and backward prejudices than do the bosses themselves or the American Federation of Labor. These veteran organizations are the greatest enemies of the American unemployed and employed masses of the working class.

The ruling class of America know well how to use this power. The A. L. and V. F. W. are organized on a national, fascist basis of cooperation of exploiter and exploited, boss and worker. With them there is no problem of any interest of the working class. The worker just exists as an object of exploitation, for the convenience and welfare of the bosses.

In order to keep this powerful tool of the



Be-Kind-to-Heroes Week!

At Albany, the other night, Harold Nielson, a veteran, was trying to speak on the street: "I'm a disabled World War veteran and my family has been five generations in this country. The Constitution guarantees us the right of free speech and peaceful assembly."

The meeting was broken up by the cops. "Get a permit!" they said.

Another World War veteran, Stanley Sinkowitz, was found somewhere reading a book entitled "Christianism and Communism." He was unemployed. So Judge Regan told him:

"So you are an honorably discharged soldier of the United States. Well, you ought to be ashamed of yourself for reading such literature on Communism. Fifteen days in jail!"

Just try to get these two veterans all excited about the "Soviet tyranny"! ! !

Learn something from this, you boys who will be asked to—may! forced to—fight the next war! And turn out for National Youth Day, May 30.

Mr. Morrow Will Save God

Anyhow, such is the only hope for the Almighty, according to the opinion of John Barrett. You may not know John Barrett, but he is an important guy. Doubly important, we may say; since like Dr. Jekyll, Jekyel, Jyekel, Jykel (Oh, heck, how do you spell it?) and Mr. Hyde, John Barrett is two persons all by himself.

He is prominent as director of the Pan-American Union, the organization of the Monroe Doctrine, in which all the Latin American republics are supposed to be organized as "equals," but with a Yankee imperialist "directing" them.

On the other hand, Mr. Barrett is on the payroll of the U. S. State Department—doubtless learning how the Latin Americans shall be "directed." But on the occasion of which we speak, Mr. Barrett was talking as director of the Pan-American Union. He might upset diplomats if he spoke as an employee of the U. S. State Department.

"We have to make this distinction and take space doing it, because Mr. Barrett brought in a certain trio; that is, Hoover, Mr. Dwight Morrow, and God. Mr. Barrett favors the renomination of Hoover, he told the Newark Kiwanis Club in a speech there May 21.

But if Hoover is not to be a candidate, then only Mr. Morrow, who tamed the Mexican capitalist class to eat out of Yankee imperialist hands, can fill the bill. And it's a big job which Barrett lays out for Dwight Morrow. He says:

"The future of our civilization, of our form of government, yes, of our God, depends upon the solidarity of the Western Hemisphere. If the program and plan of Russia are successful, it may mean the end of our system of government, of our civilization and of our God."

Well, that's a large order, to save God, whose very existence now seems to rest on the frail shoulders of Dwight Morrow, partner of J. Pierpont Morgan.

It seems that the speech of Litvinoff at Geneva, and the growing resentment in capitalist Europe against American dumping, has caused this revealing speech of Mr. Barrett, who, being a second-rater among diplomats, blurted out what his superiors are thinking. And they are thinking that they are in a hell of a fix. More they are panicky.

Thanksgiving Day

Mayor Walker is being photographed thanking Police Commissioner Mulrooney, and Mulrooney is thanking District Attorney McLaughlin, and McLaughlin is thanking his lucky stars—all over a so-called "confession."

The police had to have a "fall guy" in the Vivian Gordon murder. So they "persuaded" or "questioned" one fellow until he "confessed." But kindly note that he "confessed" that another fellow did the killing!

The "confession" was obtained "after a night of questioning," of which the World-Telegram gives the following comment:

"It was no secret at Police Headquarters that the long examination of Schlitten yesterday had not been peaceful."

In other words, he was beaten up. But as a reward for coming through with a "confession" he will not even be indicted, but only used as a witness, while the guy accused, who apparently is a crook that can be dispensed with, will get the axe.

Thanksgiving day always was a gala occasion for everybody but the turkey. But we wonder if Tammany expects sensible people to believe all this blarney.

bosses at its best, appeals are made to the ex-servicemen's vanity, they are acclaimed by the cunning scheming boss as heroes, nice obedient, heroes, who fought for democracy, for "their" country and are now even defending the greatest "American institution"—the capitalist system, that keeps this country snugly and safely as private property of the ruling class.

As aforesaid, nothing can or should be done about the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few and misery for the majority, since the Bible and the American constitution have not said anything about it. The forefathers knew all with the help of God. Charity solves all problems of the poor, according to these foundations of unsurpassable wisdom.

The primary mission of the Legion and V. F. W. is the fight, openly and secretly, as simple savage and hypocrite, of the filthy battle of American capital against labor. But to disguise these brutal ends of savage attacks on a tormented working class, a smoke screen is built around the racketeering leaders of the A. L. and the V. F. W.

They pretend to be concerned a whole lot about the disabled veterans, and in line with the Bible teachings, there is a great field for hypocritical charity on the part of the exploiting bosses and the corrupt politicians of the A. L. Patriotic wisdom is not supposed to bother about able bodied veterans. They are taken care of by the capitalist system of economic slavery. But the unemployed veterans have succeeded partly in forcing a demand for a bonus upon the legion, not quite in line with its pay-triotic plans.

Graft and Gangsters

By HARRY GANNES

III

The previous articles in this series dealt with the rise of gangsterism and graft early in American history. J. P. Morgan, the elder, hired 450 gunmen in the Erie railroad fight

in 1869. Gangsters became a part of the officialdom of the A. F. of L. bureaucracy. In Chicago the cops committed wholesale murder for Al Capone, though the facts were hidden by the capitalist newspapers.

Growth of Racketeers

DURING the World War over 400 organizations were formed to fix prices in various retail and wholesale trades, particularly in the food industries, such as vegetables, milk, butter, eggs, etc. The capitalists who were interested in forcing their prices up made wholesale use of gangsters in the process. Independent dealers and sellers were bombed or murdered. Others were terrorized into becoming part of the price-fixing organization. Once in, of course, they became rabid in their desire to wipe out all other competitors through the use of gunmen.

A new name was developed for this type of business, "racketeering." Soon after the rise of the American Federation of Labor, the misleaders developed the use of gangsters and gangster methods against the rank and file. At first this method of terrorizing the workers and keeping the A. F. of L. unions within the bounds so desired by capitalism to protect the "American institutions" which Samuel Gompers loved so well, was developed on a small scale.

It came into full flower after the war with post-war building boom, and now is an integral part of the entire A. F. of L. officialdom. It is part of the equipment of the socialist leaders in the trade unions where they hold forth, such as in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the furriers and the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, in reality a company union manned by socialists and gangsters.

Skinny Madden

William Z. Foster in his book, "Misleaders of Labor, traces the growth of gangsterism in the American Federation of Labor Unions. He tells of the rise of "Skinny" (Martin) Madden, the earliest of the gangsters and racketeers to enter the trade union field. Skinny Madden laid the basis for organized graft in the Chicago building trades, collecting graft from union members and building contractors alike. Madden was followed by Simon O'Donnell who taught contractors how to add 20 per cent to their total bill for graft to the union gangsters who controlled the building trades unions.

In the Boss Political Machines

All these leeches in the trade union movement spread out to broader fields. The capitalist politicians found them valuable allies, and alliances were made with both the republican and the democratic machines.

This type of gangster-union leader in the A. F. of L. reached its highest expression in the person of "Big Tim" Murphy. During 1917-18, Murphy turned his hand to politics. He was a democratic representative in the Illinois State Legislature. Previously in 1912 he had gained his gangster experience for the Hearst newspaper in Chicago, in the war between the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Examiner, a Hearst paper, for control of the morning newspaper field. The Chicago Tribune, to keep out its rival which had just entered the morning field, hired an army of gunmen to kill news wagon drivers or newboys who dared to sell the opposing paper. Hearst retaliated by employing his own army of gunmen. It was in this battle that "Big Tim" Murphy learned the game. Gangsters flocked in and were imported.

Both capitalist newspapers were the school for many of the present day leading gunmen in Chicago.

"Big Tim" Murphy Arrives

Tim Murphy, like Rothstein of New York, among other things, turned his hand to big robberies. He engineered the hold-up of the Dearborn Street mail station, netting him \$338,000. He controlled five or six unions, several of which he created solely to squeeze contributions from the workers and graft from the employers. Murphy himself told how his type of leader in the post war period ran the unions: "They don't use boxing gloves in the labor movement," he boasted, "they use Smith and Wessons." Murder was Murphy's side-line. After his release from an accidental jail term he was greeted with open arms by the Chicago capitalist politicians at City Hall. The Chicago Tribune described this reception as follows:

"When Murphy was released from jail in the Ehrlich case he was received with open arms at the City Hall, where he went to call, followed by a troop of admirers." Among those admirers were judges, assistant state's attorneys and aldermen. He fed them at sumptuous banquets and paid them handsomely. Some time before his death he boasted of his money making prowess. "I'm still pretty much of a kid, but I made a million, and spent a million, and I figure I'll make another million before they plant me."

He Didn't Make It.

A Capone bullet stopped him at the half-million mark. The gangster business was being consolidated with big banking and capitalist support.

Gangsterism among the misleaders in the trade unions in Chicago is not an exception. Chicago in this instance, as in the general description of the connection between the underworld and the upperworld, is just a striking illustration. Foster's book gives plentiful details of other cities. "Possibly conditions are somewhat worse in Chicago," Foster writes, "but not much. The Chicago building trades business agents may be a little quicker on the trigger, or, because of the greater strength of their unions, somewhat more ruthless in their grafting. But their confiners in the building trades in other cities also let no grass grow under their feet."

While the Fitzpatrick-Nockles faction in the Chicago Federation of Labor won office in 1905 in a struggle against the gangster "Skinny" Madden, it had developed so far on the path charted by Madden himself that by 1930 it engineered the killing of Hertzell Weizenberg, a member of the revolutionary trade union group in the painters union. Weizenberg was beaten to death by pro-Fitzpatrick-Nockles men because he distributed leaflets of the Trade Union Unity League calling on the painters to drive out the gangsters aligned with the bosses, struggle against wage cuts and for better union conditions. The Chicago Federation News, controlled by Fitzpatrick and Nockles gleefully applauded Weizenberg's murder.

(To Be Continued)