

Worker Denies Self Food to Save 'Daily'; What Are You Doing?

"I went without lunch for three days in order to save us this dollars for the Daily," writes M. H. of Philadelphia.

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Tag Day funds are coming in so slowly that the Tag Days must either have been a grand flop or the money is lying around somewhere—while the Daily fights for life. Only \$1,777.55 has been received so far from the Tag Days, of which \$1,578.81 came from the New York District.

Most of the districts outside of New York are doing little. Of the total of about \$30,000 that has been contributed thus far, the New York district has raised over half. Only two weeks till July 19 when the drive concludes.

These must be weeks of action! The great class battles that are being waged now (mine strike, Scottsboro, fight against deportation and imperialist war) speak better than words can of the burning need of the Daily. We've done so much to save the Daily, we can't slacken

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STRIKING MINERS MARCH ON ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O., JULY 6

Pinchot's Promises

A Lesson in Capitalist Government

PENNSYLVANIA workers may be starved by unemployment and robbed of bread by wage cuts and speeded up to life-wrecking pace—but the government remains quiet. Only when they strike against wage cuts and starvation, does the government whose head is Pinchot, suddenly come to life.

Not only in the mine strike! In the textile strike at Allentown, Pinchot is also butting in, after the strikers have been successfully mass picketing, much to the disgust of the traitorous U.T.W. and against its instruction.

Pinchot has called a "conference" with the U.T.W. and the mill owners, exactly as he tried to do with the miners, and in the meantime he "suggests" that the strikers should go back to work while he arranges "arbitration"—namely a sell out.

Pinchot, the supposed "liberal," promised before election to "abolish" the Coal and Iron Police, whose brutality has won them the name of "Cossacks."

Pinchot was elected. But it needed a lot of pressure on him in the present strike until he acted—not to "abolish" the Cossacks, but merely to change them from Coal and Iron police into deputy sheriffs. The law creating the Coal and Iron police still remains on the books, and all that Pinchot did was to revoke their State commissions, whereupon the same police simply became deputy sheriffs, just as the Daily Worker last week prophesied.

Pennsylvania has a nice new law, also, supposedly "against" injunctions. But it only "limits" injunctions, it doesn't prohibit them; in fact it really gives them legal sanction (as if even if it did prohibit injunctions every miner in Pennsylvania knows that the judges are owned by the coal operators and would jail worker for picketing any how). And the fact remains—a fact any miner can see—that laws enacted by the capitalist government supposedly to "help" the workers, have no effect, because, under injunctions, miners are being jailed for picketing in the strike.

But the most outrageous hypocrisy is that about the "fairness" of the State Troopers, for whom Governor Pinchot is directly responsible. Much has been said by "liberals," who have illusions themselves about the role of the capitalist government, about its "neutrality" and so on, to create the same illusions among the workers, especially about Pinchot, one of these "liberals" own kind.

In the Nation, a New York "liberal" organ, dated July 8, an article by Frank Butler, describing the cold-blooded murder of strike pickets by deputies, ends up with some kind words for the State troopers. These State Troopers are pictured as being some kind of frost-bitten angels who are "impartial" and only enforce the "law."

But it is admitted that the State Troopers arrested the miners whom the deputies failed to kill at Wildwood. And Thursday, at the Pittsburgh Terminal Company's mines, these State Trooper representatives of Governor Pinchot, broke up the picket lines, forcing the picketing miners off the highway where they have a perfectly legal right to be, and brutally drove them into the houses with threats of violence.

The miners will understand from all this, that not only do the operators own the sheriffs, but also own Governor Pinchot and his State troopers. They will understand, these striking miners, that any capitalist government, even a "liberal" one, will defend capitalist interests against the workers. And they will understand, also, that it is necessary for the toilers of the nation, if they would ever be free, to ultimately overthrow capitalist rule and establish a Workers' and Farmers' Government.

Not Peace--But War!

HOOPER proposed his "war debt moratorium" with a great beating of drums about "peace"; peace, blessed peace, would result. So the papers of the capitalist class howled on every page.

An end of the secret diplomacy has not yet been reached, but already the workers can see two major war threats and intensified antagonisms coming out of Hoover's "move for peace."

The anger of French imperialism cannot be concealed at the attempt by American imperialism to take away reparations in behalf of Wall Street private investors in Germany and rob France of her present leadership in the war front against the Soviet Union.

The N. Y. Times of July 1 prints a London dispatch quoting an "official of the British Government" as terming France a "shylock" and bitterly condemning France for its rejection of the "Hoover Plan," but criticizing America for not "putting on the screws" earlier. France is "defying the whole world," says this British Government spokesman.

At France's refusal, the American imperialist government is showing deepest resentment, scarcely hidden under a lot of palaver about "courtesy" and "cordiality," while the capitalist press is attacking France with extraordinary screams, worse if possible than the French press uses against America.

Thus, workers should understand that the very moves to solve the antagonisms between the rival imperialisms, only intensify these antagonisms and bring nearer the ultimate war between them.

But workers should also remember the reason why Hoover is trying to bring "peace" among the imperialist powers. Congressman Beck, former Solicitor General of the U. S., after a talk with Hoover, openly has announced that peace among the imperialists would not "solve the crisis" unless these imperialists unite in hostility, an embargo against Soviet goods and necessarily, we must conclude, armed warfare against the Soviet Union.

And workers should be warned that regardless of the refusal of France to accept the "Hoover plan" on debts, that "plan" is already proposed to be carried out "without France." Thus it must be clearly understood that the further development of the "Hoover Plan," the second part of it, open mention of which is avoided in the capitalist press, the part which is aimed at the Soviet Union, will be carried on whether France is willing to yield anti-Soviet leadership to America or not.

And this is more important to France than the German reparations because more loot is expected out of seizure of Soviet territory than two Germans put together. And France will go along, whether in the lead or not, because all imperialists agree as against Bolshevism, and all, when pressed further by their own collapse, will seek to solve all problems by war on the "common enemy"—the Soviets.

Thus we see that every "peace" move of imperialism only brings war nearer and makes it more inevitable. Thus we see that the chief dispute between imperialists is not who should lead in making peace, but in making war. In making war on the Soviet Union which all hate equally. This should be made clear to every worker who may be deceived by the "peace" demagogues, and every worker should be rallied to the anti-war demonstrations on August First.

Striking Miners in Hunger March On Pittsburgh



Strike Relief Comes Too Slow! Striking Miners Must Eat Now

Miners Need Tents As Evictions Continue to Mount; Need Relief for Victory

NEW YORK.—The appeal for relief for the 40,000 striking miners is being responded to—but not quickly enough. Conferences are being called, but they must act quickly as the need of the miners increases every day. There are more evictions. Tents are needed. Food in many places has run out. The miners face starvation or being forced by hunger and the gunmen back to the mines. Food will save this situation.

Showing up the increased evictions, the Workers International Relief in a statement issued at Pittsburgh says: "Our answer must be to provide tent camps to house the miners and their families and to keep these workers active in the struggle. Food is also vitally necessary. Respond today—the need is here now—help the miners win their struggle against starvation and mass misery."

AVELLA, Pa., July 3.—John Leaks and his wife, accompanied by another striking miner of Avella, walked 22 miles on the blistering roads in this worst heat Pittsburgh has known this year, to raise relief for the hungry strikers' families in Avella. They were particularly eager to get medicine for one child whose body was covered with black sores—a disease similar to pellagra in that improper food is the cause. They brought back what food they could carry and money in their collection boxes to buy a little more food. But the medicine they could not get.

The mother of the sick child and seven other young ones, all gathered around the little pile of furniture that had been thrown out of the company-owned shack, said that her children had not seen bread in five weeks. Dandelions soaked in water and heavily salted is the only dish on which thousands of strikers' families are living. Throughout the country workers are organizing into branches of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Striking Miners Relief Committee and raising funds to send to the central office, room 517, 611 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh. But thus far these funds have not been enough to care for more than a small per centage of the 40,000 hungry families whose wage-earners are now striking for a living wage. More funds are needed, immediately and Alfred Wagenknecht, relief secretary is sending an urgent appeal throughout the country for help.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen which will take place on Tuesday, July 7th, at 2 p. m., at City Hall, a delegation elected by the Unemployed Council will be present to make demands upon the city for immediate relief. This delegation is made up of men, women and children, Negro and white, representative of the battles that are being carried on in the working class sections of the city against starvation, evictions, high rents, shutting off of gas and electric, high cost of bread, gyping employment agencies, and against discrimination in the giving of jobs and relief against Negroes and foreign born workers.

Thousands of workers in the Bronx, Harlem, Mid and Lower Manhattan, Williamsburg, Brownsville, and Boro Hall Sections will assemble under the leadership of the respective branches of the Unemployed Council and go as a body to City Hall and demonstrate their support of the demands that their delegation is making on the inside of the Board of Aldermen. Sam Nesin, secretary of the Unemployed Council of Greater N. Y., has addressed a letter to Joseph V. McKee, the president of the Board of Aldermen, informing him of the coming of the delegation and demanding that the delegation be given the opportunity to present the demands of the million unemployed workers of New York City. This demonstration must receive the solid support of every working class organization and all workers employed as well as the unemployed.

While Mellon, who controls the money interests of most of the mine area now on strike, is in Paris paying the way for war on the Soviet Union, thousands of striking miners and steel workers marched on Pittsburgh, June 30, and demanded relief for their starving families. The answer of the Pinchot machine was the same that Hoover has often given to unemployed workers when they demanded relief. The miners' demands were refused.

I. L. D. Attorneys Prepare Plans for Defense of Roy Wright Whose Trial Nears

Inter-Racial Commission Fakers Join Betrayal of Scottsboro Boys by NAACP Leaders—Wants Negro Masses to Have Faith in Boss Lynchers' Courts

CHATTANOOGA, July 3.—General George W. Chamlee, leading Chattanooga attorney and chief of counsel for the International Labor Defense which, with the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, is defending the nine Scottsboro boys, is pushing ahead the preparations for the defense of 14-year-old Roy Wright, whose trial is expected to come up this month.

Roy was the only one of the nine boys not railroaded to the electric chair in the original "trial" in Scottsboro, Alabama. In his case, the State Prosecutor asked for life imprisonment "on account of his youth." How hypocritical was this gesture is shown by the fact that of the eight boys condemned to burn, one is of the same age as Roy, and another still younger, only 13 years old. The case resulted in a mistrial when 11 of the jurors, under pres-

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National Conference July 15th to Unify Miners' Forces for Struggle

Necessity Emphasized By Action of Hoover

The great importance of this conference is indicated by the fact that practically in every district in the coal industry the workers are conducting strike or other movements not only against the coal operators, but also against the U. M. W. misleadership. This indicates a situation of discontent and revolt amongst the miners throughout the entire coal industry, and also shows the need for giving the movement a definite prog-

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200 TERMINAL MINERS WALK OUT; MORE QUIT IN OHIO; DEMAND RELIEF

Permits Granted for Hunger Parade; Hold Meets

Arrest 4 in Dillonville 1,000 Pickets At Elm Grove Turn Back Scabs

WHEELING, W. Va., July 3.—Three mines of the Peabody Co. in Rocking Valley, with approximately 400 men struck yesterday. The Small Shick Mine near eBilair struck yesterday, and the Hinchman Mine on the West Virginia side is expected to strike Monday.

Fifteen arrests took place at Adena and Dillonville this morning. Six were arrested on the picket line and nine were arrested in homes after a battle with special deputies.

In the Gaylord mine 50 men working since the strike quit yesterday when assessed 50 cents a day to pay armed guards. The new Lafayette Mine where 300 struck and which is now manned by a special force of 100 Ku Klux Klan elements, well armed, and sworn in as deputies, have caved in the main works and have made coal production impossible. At Dillon Mine No. 2 one fan house burned last night, catching fire from overheated bearing machines in charge of a strike-breaker. The capitalist press blames the strikers.

A number of West Virginia mines, where armed guards and a few imported scabs were stationed, were reported under rifle fire from the hillsides yesterday.

Twenty mass meetings were held over the week end in preparation for the Hunger March to St. Clairsville, Belmont County. The Eastern Ohio Section of the Communist Party issued a leaflet supporting the hunger march and calling on all workers to join it and prepare for the anti-war demonstration on August 1st.

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, July 3.—Preparations for the July 6 hunger march of unemployed and striking miners on St. Clairsville, county seat of Belmont County, was speeded up today (July 2) by the meeting of the Ohio-West Virginia district strike committee's executive committee. Mass meetings were held today in Piney Fork, Adena and Dillonville, in the Eastern Ohio coal strike area. Tomorrow (Friday) mass meetings are being held in Yorkville, Benwood, Burton, Bridgeport and Lansing. Saturday there will be mass meetings at Providence, Lafferty, Ohio, and Colliers, West Virginia. Sunday there will be meetings at Dillon vale and Fairpoint. All these meetings, held despite the terror in Eastern Ohio, are the mass preparations for the hunger march July 6.

A permit has been granted for the hunger march and mass meeting in St. Clairsville. Speakers at the various preparatory meetings and at St. Clairsville on July 6 will be: Bill Dunne, Frank Borich, Tony Mincerich, Tom Johnson, Paul Bohus, et al. Bob Siebert, Frank Sepich, Julius Pokart, Rollings and many other local workers.

Four were arrested today on the picket line at Dillonvale, and all are held on charges of inciting to riot.

A picket line of 1,000 at Elm Grove, West Virginia last night turned back imported scabs in spite of state police and special deputies. The District Strike Committee Executive Committee is today sending rank and file organizing delegations into the Rocking Valley Field in Ohio, and into both the northern and

southern West Virginia fields to spread the strike movement and prepare for election of delegations to meet with the Central Rank and File Strike Committee of the Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia strikers in a national miners' conference to work out plans for solidarity with the strike, and struggle on demands of the miners in all the coal fields. This conference will be held in Pittsburgh, July 15 and 16.

The determination of the miners not to do business in Bellaire until the city government changes its opposition to the strike has forced the granting of a permit by the city council for a tag day for strikers relief. The tag day is tomorrow.

MINE CONDITIONS WORSE THAN EVER

Protest the Pittsburgh Press Lies On Meet

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 3.—Two hundred men who were working at the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Co. mine at Coverdale quit today and came for their cards in the National Miners Union, declaring that the mine conditions and the pay, since the fake agreement with the defunct United Mine Workers, are worse than ever before. The mine tipples afterwards broke and the whole mine shut down.

Great dissatisfaction is being expressed among those who had been driven by terror and evictions, and the lies of the United Mine Workers of America, into the Pittsburgh Coal Company mines.

The mines of the Pittsburgh Coal Company is where the UMWA, the coal bosses and Governor Pinchot are putting their greatest energy in an attempt to force the men back to scab.

Mass meetings were held on Sunday throughout the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Company towns. The Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Company mine No. 4 is firing Negroes who returned to work but is keeping the whites. Forty eight are in jail at Terminal Mine No. 3. One hundred who went back to Terminal Mine No. 3 are on strike again.

The UMWA meeting of 200 in Cannonsburg was reduced to 10 when one of the men called out: "All for the National Miners Union leave the room!"

The Pittsburgh capitalist press are boosting a proposed conference called on instructions of Hoover by Secretary of Commerce Lamont. Hoover's instructions to Lamont and Secretary of Labor Doak to call a conference of mine operators, scabs, and the United Mine Workers, were issued to answer to a letter written by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, pleading with Hoover to break the strike of the 40,000 miners against starvation. The Pittsburgh papers do not print the statement of the National Miners Union exposing the scab conference of Lewis-Hoover-Lamont-Doak but declares "that the miners welcome the federal conference."

A strong committee of the National Miners Union and the Central Rank and File Strike Committee visited the papers today and warned them that if the statement of the National Miners Union was not printed they would consider the papers as strike breaking agencies and act accordingly.

A women's conference is being held this afternoon to plan wider activities of the women in the coal fields.

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Hillman, Police Plan Betray Strike in Clothing Trades

Hillman Collaborates With "Fair" Bosses Who Cut Wages, Reorganize Shops

NEW YORK.—Enlisting the aid of Mayor Walker and the police department, the Hillman bureaucracy of the A. C. W. has taken another step in betraying the clothing workers. The market committee of the Clothing Manufacturers' Exchange declared in a statement in the Daily News Record, trade organ, that they demand a reduction in the wages of the cutters, individual standard of production and piece work for the entire boys' and children's clothing trade. The bosses also demand a limitation of one week's responsibility for contractor pay roll defaults. The manufacturers' statement indicated that the A. C. W. misleaders made concessions to the bosses of Chicago as well as other markets, with respect to the cutters wages and working conditions.

Secret Pay Cut Plan.
The Hillman administration, renewing the last agreement in Chicago and Rochester, hailed it as an achievement for the workers because conditions were supposed to remain as they are. However, it is now becoming clear that leaders have secretly agreed to reduce the wages of the workers in these markets, and from the statement made by Hillman in the same issue of the Daily News Record, under the headline, "Stoppage would not hit 'fair' shops," he assured the manufacturers that any differences between the union and the N. Y. Clothing Manufacturers Exchange would be settled without recourse to strike. Hillman also praised Mayor Walker for intervening in the present situation.

This exposes the whole scheme of enlisting the aid of police department to carry through the program of the bosses, of forcing wage cuts, piece work, and speed-up on the men's clothing workers. Walker and Police Commissioner Mulrooney were drawn into the situation in order to mobilize the police force to suppress any attempts on the part of the men's clothing workers against this shameful betrayal of the interests of the clothing workers.

Hillman's "fair" shops, which include, according to him, all the inside shops, are just as fair to the workers as the police cossacks who are brutally smashing every attempt of the workers to fight for better conditions.

"Fair" Shops Vicious.
In each one of the so-called fair shops, there has taken place numerous wage cuts and reorganizations, throwing out hundreds of workers. In C. D. Jaffe's shop, the president of the Clothing Manufacturers' Exchange, which according to Hillman is fair to the workers, there is now being forced upon the workers wage cuts and reorganization.

Some 6 months ago, 100 workers were thrown out of this shop. Wages have been reduced in this shop to

starvation level. Tailors are forced to work for \$2 and \$3 a day, under a neck-breaking speed-up.
W. P. Goldman's Shop, secretary-treasurer of the Clothing Mfrs. Exchange, another one of the "fair" shops of Mr. Hillman, has just now carried through a reorganization throwing 50 workers out, mostly family men, increased speed-up, and a wage cut from 10 per cent to as high as 30 per cent. The workers in this shop are, for the last 3 weeks, getting pay only on account, not knowing exactly how much their wages will be cut. Reductions have been forced on the workers of Howard Clothing Company, Douglas-Mack Co. and a number of other big insider manufacturers, who Hillman claims to be fair.

Fight Betrayal.
The Hillman machine, and the bosses, have, under cover of a supposed fight against racketeering in the industry, enlisted the Industrial Squad and the Police Department, in reality, solely directed against the rebellious tailors. The clothing workers are ever more rallying around the Amalgamated rank and file Committee, who is carrying on a tireless struggle against wage cuts, speed-up, against the bosses, Hillman and his allies, Walker and Mulrooney. The Amalgamated Rank and File Committee calls on the men's clothing workers to make it impossible for the alliance of boss, agent and policeman, to carry through the shameful betrayal now planned by them.

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Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League
Branch 2 will hold an open-air meeting at 125th St. and Fifth Ave. at 8 p.m. All worker ex-servicemen are urged to come as well as young and adult workers not in the last war.
Dance for the Benefit of the Striking Miners
Given by the "Navy Mir" Workers Club will be held at 8:30 p. m. in the auditorium of the Bronx Cooperative, 2700 Bronx Park East. Admission 25c.
The Downtown Unemployed Council
Will hold an open air meeting at Stanton and Sherief Streets, and another at 14 Street and University Pl. at 5 p. m.
SUNDAY
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Strike Spreads In More Fur Shops

NEW YORK, July 3.—Last night a committee of mine strikers came to the membership meeting of Local 1, International Ladies Garment Workers Union. The bureaucrats attempted to bar the committee from the hall, but when the workers learned that the committee of miners was outside, they demanded the admission of the committee. The miners were enthusiastically received and the meeting voted to donate the sum of \$100.00 to mine relief and pledged to help the miners in their struggle for better conditions.

More Fur Shops Strike
A number of additional fur shops, some of them important association shops, were declared on strike today. Agreements are being negotiated with some of the employers on the basis of July increases, and general improvement of conditions.

Mobilization is now going on for the extension of the organization drive the coming Monday. All active needle trades workers are called upon to report to the office of the union, Monday 7 o'clock, for duty in the organization department.

A meeting of the special committee of workers employed on dogskins will meet Tuesday night to develop the organization drive in that branch. The committee will meet on Tuesday right after work at the office of the union.

The various trade departments of the N. T. W. I. U. will meet Monday to discuss the various problems of the trades and outline plans of activity.

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YCL CONVENTION OPENS JULY 10th

Browder, Minerich to Greet Delegates

NEW YORK, July 3.—The historical 6th National Convention of the Young Communist League will open on Friday, July 10th, with a mass rally to welcome the delegates who will come from every section of the country.
Earl Browder, of the Communist Party and Tony Minerich, youth leader in the Ohio area of the present

Miners Strike are the principal speakers at the rally.
The Workers Laboratory Studio is working full blast arranging an interesting program of entertainment. They will also present a play exposing the frame-up of nine Negro boys in Scottsboro, Alabama.
The young pioneers are doing their bit for the program by arranging a children's feature.
A graduation of members of the Young Pioneers into the Young Communist League will take place.
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Workers Urged to Support the Great Strike By Sending Funds for Food

Millstone, Ky.

Dear Comrades of the U. S. A.:

I would like to know why you sleep while your brothers in the great coal fields struggle for a wage increase that will permit them to raise their little half naked and starved, beloved families? Have you not seen enough to know that there is only one class of people being underfed and ground underfoot—and that by a handful of fat bellied pot-gutted capitalists who have a long train of scape-goat preachers and politicians out in the field preaching and making laws to keep you divided—lest you arise and exert your power. You can do it, only your backwardness keeps them in power. Arise and show them that they cannot put millions of dollars into great church edifices and let the millions of workers and their children cry for bread.

Show them that no twenty-year plan, or no plan put out by them will suffice. Show them that it's time for a plan of your own. You have the ablest leaders in the world—the Communist Party, and the Trade Union Unity League and its affiliates are able to lead you into power and the right to become men. And better still the right to keep and maintain your family on an equal footing with anybody.

If you wish to dodge that slavery that is sure to be yours, you better get busy and get behind this class struggle. What has the capitalists paid you for allegiance to his crooked plans? Starvation, unemployment and degradation. It is by keeping you divided on race and religious lines, that they keep the power over you. Remember your class—stay with your class. Get some of your own by joining the Communist Party or their revolutionary Industrial Unions today. Let's go back up the big strike, rush funds to their aid now!

Your comrade,
F. C. SLONE.

Worker Tells of Ala. Slave Camps

New Orleans, La.

I just returned from a start I made to the Unemployed Conference held in Washington on February 10. I was thrown into jail for three months. I want to tell you about the rotten conditions that prevail in the Alabama prisons.

There are about 25,000 prisoners in that state. If they are not totally disabled they must perform hard labor from daylight to dark, which is fourteen hours a day. Then they are fed the rotten garbage that a hog wouldn't eat. If one goes to the doctor, he is given enough medicine to make him sicker than he was; they are not allowed to "lay up" unless they have a temperature of at least 104 degrees. I have seen men working when they were so sick that they staggered like drunken men. If they failed to do their work, the warden has what he calls a persuader; it is a strap that weighs nine pounds. All of the prisoners have a mortal terror of the strap; they administer 21 "licks" at one time, and the victim usually goes to the hospital after he has been beaten.

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Out to Win



VET CALLS ON ALL WORKERS TO SMASH BOSS WAR PLOTS

By An Ex-serviceman.

NEW YORK.—The capitalist class is preparing for war, it does not deny but boasts of it. Everything is in readiness except the declaration. It does not even try to cover with some "moral" slogan as "to make the world safe for something or other."

but he recalls the thunders of the cannon, the buzzing of the rifle and machine gun bullets, the zero hour of going over the top, with fixed bayonets to cut some one's heart and to face the same fate. It is up to us ex-servicemen to spread and to relate the experience, that war is hell in the fullest sense of the word. The capitalists know that we will not shoulder arms for their cause, they use the press, church and school to influence the younger generation, that there is beauty in dying for one's country. We have to use all means of anti-war propaganda if we want to save our children from the horrors and dreadfulness of war.

Bethlehem Steel Drives Men to Scrap Heap in 4 Months by Terrific Speed

Steel Workers March With Miners



Start of the great Miners' Hunger March, Pittsburgh, Pa., June 20. Thousands of steel workers enthusiastically joined the line of march endorsing the striking miners' demands for relief and calling upon the steel workers to fight starvation and speed-up in the steel industry by organizing under the leadership of the Metal Workers' Industrial League.

(By a Worker Correspondent) SPARROWS POINT, Md.—Words cannot describe the miserable slavery that exists in the Bethlehem Steel plants here. Just look here in this one department which is ideal compared to the blast furnace or open hearth.

In the 110 inch and 60 inch plate mill, there are 12 slab reheating furnaces of which ten are running constantly. In the process of heating this steel a certain percentage melts off in the bottom of the furnace which is taken out once in every 8 hours. This cinder is called "slag" and is heated up to a boiling point so that it can flow out of a tap hole in the back of the furnace.

37 Cents an Hour Negro workers called cinder tappers collect this cinder in small steel buggies. If the mill works 10 hours a day the wages are 37 cents an hour, for an 8-hour day the wages are "generously" increased to 42 cents an hour. As the boss says, "in keeping with the standard of living." The wages for a full 6-day week are \$20.16, which can be increased if you are a "favorite," but the increase does not happen because you're a favorite, but because you get the favor of working on Sunday doing odd and end jobs that can't be finished during the working week.

"Hot As Hell" These workers don't last long on this job. A 4-months man is exceptional. It's hot as hell. Boiling steel gushes out of the top hole into the buggy on wheels weighing in all about 800 pounds. As soon as it fills, another buggy must be in its place immediately. The buggies are old and unfit. The floor plates are bumped and out of place. The buggy doesn't move, muscles can't strain any more. The steel rushes out of the hole and begins to splash all over. It can't be stopped.

Remember, working class readers, it is not the splash of luke warm water: that is like balm to the skin. It is hot steel of a temperature of 2500 degrees fahrenheit and when it splashes on the body it takes the flesh off easier than a bullet. The struggle for bread forces him to disregard the danger. His life means nothing.

All day long, every minute the work goes on. Something like 70 to 80 buggies are filled a day. Each one has to be taken and unloaded in a gondola car. The work's very heavy. The furnace room has to be cleaned. Furnace doors have to be changed which is an extra job formerly done by the millwright gang.

If a furnace door breaks through, a new door has to be placed on immediately, disregarding the smoke filled heat in the furnace. A door is placed on the cradle. One Negro worker has to get on top of the furnace with a hook to swing the link into the furnace hook. Another Negro worker has to stand on a hot steel extension of the charging crane and ride up to the open place on the furnace. Often the flames and heat prevents quick operations and if you stand off and observe, you can see the whole operation is hell.

Steel Bosses Fire Old Workers; Jail 3 Militant Miners

By A Steel Worker.

HOMESTEAD, Pa.—The old workers in the Carnegie Steel Company at Homestead, Pa., are getting a nice reward for slavery in the factories. These old workers are being fired from the mills and the company has arranged with the Salvation Army to feed them on a few crumbs and some miserable slop.

In Duquesne the same thing is happening. Three miners were arrested in Duquesne for collecting food for the starving miners. They were arrested and sentenced immediately so they could not get out on bail. Those who were arrested were from the Atlas Mine of Atlasburg, Pa.

Three boys, who were passing leaflets for the hunger march, were chased like criminals by motorcycle cops and patrol wagons. Terror is spreading in Duquesne. But the militancy of the workers is also increasing.

All around Blawnox workers are

BLAWKNOX STEEL WORKERS STAND READY TO FIGHT

Wage-Cuts, Lay-Offs Arouse Workers to Follow Miners

Dear Editor: Blawnox, Pa.

The Blawnox Steel Company, which used to have 1,600 men working in their plant, now has only 1,200 working two and three days a



Steel workers are taking place daily. Workers who have worked for the company for over ten years are being fired and young workers are being put in their place—and the bosses say that business is picking up. The men at work must work piece work and on pay-day they get paid for day work. They work overtime and don't get paid for it.

Stool Pigeons. The factory is flooded with stool pigeons. A group of workers were holding a meeting discussing about the Metal Workers' Industrial League Conference held Saturday, June 27, in Pittsburgh, Pa. One stool pigeon, Eddy Ramdolf, told the boss of this meeting. Next day everyone who was at this meeting was called to the office and given a warning to keep away from the Reds. The boss made us all work Saturday and Sunday so that we could not go to the Conference. Many got to the Conference anyhow.

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—A Steel Worker.

Four Days a Week for Mont. R. R. Workers; 300 Smelters Are Fired

(By a Worker Correspondent)

LIVINGSTON, Mont.—Conditions in Montana are very bad for the working people. The railroad workers are hit hard, those that are working are only putting in four days a week.

In Miles City all the shopmen in the Milwaukee Shops were laid off for sixty days.

The smelters at Great Falls have shut down, laying off 150 men. The smelter in East Helena has posted a notice that they will close down for ninety days the first of July. 150 men were laid off by the gas line here in Livingston. The sheep men have big stacks of wool and can't sell an ounce of it.

I. L. D. VICTOR IN "VAG" CASE

Force Release of Three Militants

(By a Worker Correspondent)

SAN PEDRO, Cal.—Arrested in San Pedro (sea port of Los Angeles) and charged with vagrancy for selling Communist literature, William Burns, a marine worker was acquitted last week. He was defended by the International Labor Defense.

Two other workers, Alex Ivance and A. Sherman, were arrested in Los Angeles recently for collecting money for the International Labor Defense without a license. A new ordinance was violated, the snoopers of the holy (go-to-hell) Mayor Porter claim.

The prosecutor tried his best to convict; but the right of the I.L.D. to collect funds for the workers was upheld by Municipal Judge Frank Smith, who feared the pressure of the masses of workers rallied behind the I.L.D.

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JOBLESS FATHER STEALS CLOTHES; JAILED 25 YEARS

Police Heads Indicted for Bribery Go Free on "Word of Honor"

Dear Editor: Detroit, Mich.

The other day I read an article in a capitalist paper that a couple stole clothing for their children. These people got a jail sentence of 15 to 25 years. The couple had no other means of providing for their children as the father lost his job and they were refused help from notorious Murphy's Unemployment Committee. Law is supposed to be just. If this is justice, then I am a lunatic.

Again if a Communist goes before the automobile shop and distributes leaflets, he gets arrested and his bail will be fixed by the capitalist judge not less than \$500. Now this man does nothing wrong but he merely tries to organize his fellow men so they could earn decent living. Is this a crime? On the other hand when Detroit police heads, McPherson and Waldvogel, were recently in-

dicted by grand jury for graft, bribery and perjury, they were let go free "on their word of honor" from the court until their trial. Grafters, bribers and perjurers are set free on their word of honor, can you imagine? If these men have honor, then I am an angel. And many people wonder why I am Communist.

M. F.

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Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation.

Signed by: R. J. McElroy
Date: June 24, 1931

Men Flogged With Rubber Hose at Kansas City Municipal Farm

Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Daily Worker: Below is an account of conditions in Leeds Prison Farm, the Kansas City, Mo., Municipal Farm, where I just recently completed serving a 235 fine for selling the Daily Worker here. I was sentenced without trial in the court of Judge Holland, democrat, after having been arrested by two republican policemen.

The conditions at the farm are the worst imaginable. Most of the men are there on the usual "vagrancy" charge for being unemployed, when it is well known and even acknowledged by the court that it is practically impossible to obtain work of any kind. After arriving at the farm, most of them are placed upon the rock pile under a real slave-driver. Forced to Work. They are fed three times a day

Brutal Guards Force Jobless to Slave On Rock Pile

when they work—a thin stew for breakfast, with bread and black coffee; beans (mostly soup) with bread and water for dinner; and soup with bread and imitation black coffee and fruit for supper. If a prisoner refuses to work, he is forced to work anyway, and given only one meal a day (breakfast) while at the other meals he must sit by and watch the rest eat; is put in the dungeon at night; and is subject to a terrible beating at the hands of the superintendent (a frail individual of about 300 pounds weight). If a prisoner attempts to escape, he is first knocked down by the super-

intendent (who delights in this type of brutality), and then stripped to the waist, chained, and beaten across the bare back with a rubber hose by this fine exponent of democracy; after this, he is shackled while at work; placed on the "dry line" (one meal a day); and at night is placed in solitary. And any prisoner who tries to make things a little easier for the sufferer, receives the same treatment. Conditions are a little better while a political prisoner is at the farm, as Mr. O'Rourke, the superintendent, knows that when a political prisoner leaves, he will report conditions. And this is in free America, so I don't suppose that Mr. Fish will say anything about this—he is too busy thinking up lies about the Soviet Union. Comradely yours, Chas. Coder.

CHILDREN OF MINERS PLEAD TO SEND FOOD TO HELP WIN STRIKE

Worker Describes Class Pride of Little Fighters from Coal Fields

Their Presence In Detroit Awakens New Class Consciousness

Detroit, Mich.

Dear Comrades: No one can really feel real joy until his door and his arms are opened to the children of a working-class fighter. Although there is ten in our family, we gladly asked to have two miners' children stay with us when they came here to appeal

for relief for the heroic fighters in the coal fields. We waited until 4 a.m. when the W.I.R. truck arrived. We have taken Peter Angelo and Teddy McClasky from Coverdale, Pa.

Class Pride. What surprises us and the neighbors is the class pride and class consciousness of these two little children. I am already looking with great sorrow toward the day when their parents will ask for their return. The hatred against the murderous scoundrels is evident on their faces. When anyone asks them how they like it here, a wish that a thousand miners' children could be here with them is hopefully expressed.

SOVIET RAILMEN SCORE ALABAMA LYNCH VERDICT

1500 Workers Protest Tell of Successes of 5-Year Plan

Sverdlovsk, U.S.S.R.

Dear Comrades:

Bolshevik greetings to the American railroadmen from 1,500 men organized into the Mopr (International Labor Defense) of the Perm Railroad. We have learned that American capitalists and their lackeys have launched a campaign of terror against the American working-class, having sentenced to death the innocent Negro boys on a trumped up charge. We protest with all energy against such an infamy and give you our proletarian word to support our class brothers morally as well as materially.

Sverdlovsk, where we live, is the center of the Ural industrial district. A provincial town before the October revolution, Sverdlovsk has grown to a large city with houses 5 or 6 stories high, built exclusively for workers and their families.

The number of workers employed on the Perm Railroad in Sverdlovsk amounts to 1,800 members of trade unions. At the beginning of 1930 our Mopr organization had 400 members, at the beginning of 1931, 1,200, and, towards the end of May, 1,500. Please let us know as soon as possible about your life in capitalist America—your worries, wages, working and housing conditions. Ask us any questions that interest you. With Communist greetings.

—The Mopr, Perm Railroad, (Ural Workers' Letter Exchange Dept., Sverdlovsk).

Pete, the elder of the two, pleads with us to send food to the fighting miners. The children in the neighborhood are listening on the corner until late at night to these two little comrades relating unbelievable stories.

What strikes one most is the confidence of victory in their eyes. I'll admit that have never seen two finer children. The Communists are doing a heroic work, worthy of the supreme sacrifice on the part of all of us not yet in the fighting ranks of the vanguard of the working class.

Tell the miners' children through the Daily Worker that their presence has awakened a new consciousness in our breasts. Tell them that we love them as much as their fighting parents and pledge never to stop for breath until victory is won.

—A Working-Class Parent.

dicted by grand jury for graft, bribery and perjury, they were let go free "on their word of honor" from the court until their trial. Grafters, bribers and perjurers are set free on their word of honor, can you imagine? If these men have honor, then I am an angel. And many people wonder why I am Communist.

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DETROIT JOBLESS RESIST EVICTION

Negro, White Workers in Struggle with Cops

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

DETROIT—Last Wednesday, unemployed workers, white and Negro, battled with police for three hours when the constables attempted to evict a Negro family from the house at 3632 Rivard Avenue. The police reserve were called to help the constable in carrying out their dirty work in spite of the fact that Mayor Murphy constantly preaches that there will be no eviction in Detroit.

"The unruly crowd," as the capitalist press calls them of 3000 persons surrounded the house and militantly struggled with the police bulls for about three hours before the police reserve forced the workers to retreat. Nine workers were arrested, three Negro and six white. About a dozen workers were injured by the clubbing of Murphy's police.

This Mayor Murphy's police is not only notorious for breaking up workers meetings in Detroit but also taking bribes from bootleggers and racketeers. Not long ago, Mr. Watkins, police Commissioner ordered the police to take census of the saloons and blind pigs in Detroit and took police one month to list them all. There is no secret in Detroit that every bootlegger and saloon keeper pays license fee from \$500 and up thru some fake attorney who then splits this fee with police heads. If you have \$500 to spend for a license fee, you will have no trouble to get license to operate a saloon in Detroit. Well, such are the rules of HIS MAJESTY FRANK MURPHY.

WORKER SCORES HOKUM OF POPE

Cites Bloody Record of Church

(By a Worker Correspondent) NEW YORK, N. Y.—According to the New York American, June 28, the Pope promulgated a "constitution" to bring about uniformity and "improvement" in Catholic universities which grant ecclesiastical degrees.

History tells us that the Catholic usurpers were always ready to grant ecclesiastical titles, such as—bishops, people in oil, torturing innocent workers to death and taking life, blood or money for the sake of "the father, son and holy ghost."

The article further mentions that "heavier entrance requirements for theological degrees." This can be best fitted to exploit, mislead, bluff and enslave the working class will be granted the honor and right to do so by the pope, the father, son and holy ghost.

The pope, says the article, was aided in reaching his conclusion by many American catholic "educators." It is being said that even in Kalamazoo these same "educators" prayed all day and overtime that god would strike dead "godless Russia." It looks like the father, son and holy ghost company is having a little dumping party all of its own. Anyhow the pope is being dumped too!

Read the Labor Defender on the miner's strike

BOSS POLITICIANS ELECTED ON FAKE JOB PLAN FIRE THOUSANDS

San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Editor:

Mayor Chambers and his administration bunch are elected again and the workers have been faked into believing prosperity is here. For a few weeks before elections they gave work to some of the unemployed cutting weeds but two days after elections, FAKER Chambers made the statement that until the next payroll is made up he will not have information in his office to show how many men have been laid off but

there has been already over 1,000 laid off and before the end of the week many more are to be without a job again. The A. F. of L. here endorsed the administration ticket and Chambers who are sending the city firemen out to finish the weed cutting work and burning of weeds that was giving a small pittance to several thousand jobless recently. The city budget and the tax has already been raised and prosperity continues for the fakers while the workers starve.

Forced Labor for Miners in Next War

By Harrison George
Miners, you ought to know something about war. Many of you now on strike were "selected for service" in the last war. You fought for "democracy." Now you see what you got! Others of you mined coal during the war to "keep the home fires burning"—and the profiteers piled up hundreds of millions of dollars. They have the dollars yet. But what have you?

Some of you, of course, were too young to go to war or to mine coal during the past war—the "war to end war," as the capitalists called it. But you are not to be missed, you younger miners. The capitalists are fixing up a new war, bigger and bloodier than the last one.

And they are going to see that it should be more profitable than the last one, too, for them. You miners should get next to this, when we tell you what is being done by the capitalist government to arrange that way.

Over a year ago it was planned. Of course, if the capitalists openly said that they were going to send you off to get gassed to death and shot full of holes, while they cleaned up bigger profits than ever, there would be a loud howl go up. So they lie about it, and Congress decided to cover the game up by setting up a Commission which supposed to "equalize the burdens of war" and to "consider amending the Constitution of the United States to provide that private property may be taken by Congress for public use during war and to remove the profits of war."

That's what they were supposed to consider. But the Commission, when it got into meeting, just "forgot" about it entirely. What it fixed up under the guidance of secretary of War Hurley, was a "Plan for Industrial Mobilization."

And please, miners, take note that this "Plan" provides for "control of the price of labor" as well as "control of labor migration"—which means that you will not be allowed to "migrate" or move about from one town or coal pit to another. The government will make you stay on the job where it wants you, whether you like it or not. And it will "control the price" of your labor—that is, it will set your wages, and you must work for that! Get that? It is forced labor! Yet these hypocrites pretend to be against "forced labor" in the Soviet Union—where miners are "forced" to accept a wage raise of 12 percent this year, no unemployment, the six-hour day and five day week, new houses and more education.

So, this United States Commission has it all arranged for you to work at forced labor under a wage scale set by the capitalist government in the next war. But it also has it fixed so the capitalists, coal barons and all, will get a big profit in the next war. Here are some of the capitalists who laid down the policy of the Commission:

Daniel Willard, President of the B. & O. Railroad, said he is "opposed to taking profits out of war since business is entitled to a reasonable profit in war or peace or any other time."

Howard E. Coffin, an official of the Navy, who helped the grafters in the last war as chairman of the Aircraft Board, said to the members of the Commission: "I assume that none of us are contemplating taking the profits out of war."

What do you think of that, after the resolution of Congress had plainly said that the Commission should try to "remove the profits of war"? Such hypocrites! Ralph T. O'Neil, national commander of the strike-breaking American Legion, which hollers about "drafting" dollars as well as men—when it came his time to speak, he was for a seven percent profit for the "drafted" dollars, and nothing but death for the drafted men.

The whole scheme is part of the preparations by the capitalist govern-

We're With the N. M. U.

By HAF
From but add hovel
The pick and shovel
Now fight the miners' fight
Against labor-traitor
Mine-operator—
Our ranks are closing tight.

CHORUS:
Smash the U. M. W.!
It's the last time they'll trouble you.
You know, I know, our enemy—
We're with the N. M. U.
With them we'll follow through.
Fight on with might on right on to
victory!

We're with the N. M. U. We're with the N. M. U.!

The labor-faker
Joins the strike-breaker
And fights against his class.
They join with Pinchot.
They'll have no clinch-o.
Our lines won't let them pass.

O Pennsylvania,
O West Virginia,
And men of Ohio,
Don't let them bluff you.
You've had enough, you
Know well who is your foe.

The working masses
Know who their class is.
They're with us till the end.
They're in the fess now.
They'll stick with us now,
On them we will depend.

ments to get ready for war, 10,000 industrial plants, including coal mines are ready to produce for war and 14,000 capitalists have been given commissions as Reserve Officers. The war gets nearer every day!

Miners, you who know what the capitalist class is and how their government is against you when you strike against starvation, should know also that all over the world on Aug. First, the militant workers are going to demonstrate in protest at the capitalist war makers, and their plots for war, and their plan to invade and make war on the Soviet Union, the workers' only fatherland!

Come out on August 1st, miners, with the other workers of this country to demonstrate your protest against the next war now preparing!

Labor and Coal — A REVIEW —

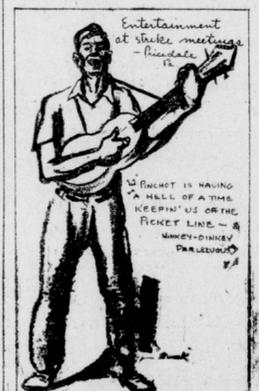
By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
Workers who want to know what is behind the present revolt of 40,000 miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia should read *Labor and Coal* by Anna Rochester. It is one of the labor and industry series prepared by the Labor Research Association and issued by the International Publishers, 381-4th Avenue, New York and sells at \$1 a copy.

What does this book do? It tells us first "what is the matter with coal" as mined in the capitalist United States. It traces brilliantly the war boom, the depression in the industry that began long before the general economic crisis, and carries the story of the mining collapse right down to the beginning of the current year.

Then it reveals as no other book has ever revealed the deceptive methods of the companies to hide their profits, and proceeds to examine in detail the various channels through which the capitalist class extracts toll from a "sick" industry even when it is apparently "earning" no "net profits." Along with this it shows the steady growth of mergers and the tightening control of Morgan, Mellon and the other big bankers on the mines. It brings out as particularly significant the control over coal by other industrial companies such as U. S. Steel Corporation. Coal miners who want to know just what combination of financial buzzards they are working for or striking against can readily find the answer in these splendid chapters on the economic and financial aspects of the industry. The worker employed by Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Co., for example, can find on page 66 what other mining companies are tied in with the operators who profit from his exploitation.

Then we come to the coal digger himself. All the necessary facts are here in brief readable yet adequate form along with data on wages, hours, piece rates, speed up, new machinery, unemployment, accidents, deaths, occupational diseases. Those who cannot go to Pittsburgh to see with their own eyes how miners live can with the aid of this book form a very clear picture of mining and the conditions that foreran the present revolt.

The great strike now in progress is not just another coal strike. It has specific features which I shall discuss in another place. But it can only be seen in its full historical



perspective by those who know the story told in the final chapters of this book. It runs from about 1849 to 1931 and covers every great strike as well as the scores of minor struggles that have given the coal diggers their fine traditions of militancy. There were many betrayals along the way, and many tools of the mine owners who sold out the interests of the workers at every opportunity. "The Reign of Lewis" is the title of one of these chapters which tells of the traitor John L. Lewis who assisted by Pat Fagan and his kind played deliberately into the hands of the Rockefellers, Schwabs, Peabodys, U. S. Steel Corporation and others. The crooked dealings of the Farringtons, Nesbits, Fishwicks, Murrays and Kennedys as well as the vacillations of the Howatts and Brophys are also exposed in detail.

Liberals, Socialists, Musteltes, as well as the big labor fakers have tried to discredit this book and have made vicious attacks on the author. This was to be expected, for Comrade Rochester's facts are so straight and so effectively presented they cannot be "answered" except by scold-

Scenes of Pittsburgh Hunger-March of Miners, Steel Workers



Pouring in from all points in the Pittsburgh mine area, thousands of striking miners and sympathetic steel workers, who are facing conditions equally as bad as those of the miners, placed demands for immediate relief for their families, no evictions, immediate release of all imprisoned strikers, free milk and food for their children. Upper picture shows the section of young workers carrying placards with the various demands of the striking miners.

Lower picture, Frank Holterick and his five children, Henry, 14, Margaret, 11, Joe, 8, Mary, 5, and Albert 3, who came all the way from Ellenville by foot and trolley, a distance of 14 miles. Thousands of other miners have the same tale to tell. Despite the hardships that the miners had to undergo, the Pittsburgh authorities, following out the Pinchot-U.M.W.A. strikebreaking policy, refused the slightest aid to the hunger marchers. Answer by rushing relief.



Above, Tom Campbell and his three-year-old daughter marching across Sixth Street Bridge. Campbell came the whole distance from Liberty, where some of the first mines struck, and he walked a distance of twelve miles. He then took his stand in the Hunger March.

Tri-State Mine Strike

Number of men out, 40,000.
Led by National Miners' Union, affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League.
Number of strikers killed, three.
Number of strikers wounded, seriously injured, 53, with more than 2,000 miners clubbed and gassed.
Number of miners arrested for picketing, 553.
Amount of bail demanded from arrested miners, \$1,000,000, with International Labor Defense raising \$500,000 towards that end.
Miners' relief, Penn.-Ohio Miners Relief Committee, 611 Penn. Ave., Pittsburgh, and at room 614, 799 Broadway, New York City.

Working Conditions in the Mine Fields

Physical Danger, Poverty and Mass Unemployment Have Been Coal Miners' Lot

By Jack Hardy
The coal miner who is lucky enough to have a day's work, never knows, when he leaves his shack in the morning, whether he will return that night or not. For as speed-up and mechanization continue apace, the death and accident toll mount simultaneously. Under the steady drive for increased production, coal-mining has come to be more hazardous than work in the steel mills, on the railroads, structural iron work and many of the other jobs commonly looked upon as the most hazardous occupations in the country. During the ten year period ending December 31, 1929, there were 22,500 fatal and 1,500,000 non-fatal accidents to coal miners on the job.

Large mine disasters such as great floods and spectacular mine fires, which make front page news, frequently are called to general attention. What the newspapers never print, however, are the almost daily stories of miners crushed by two, three, and four by falling coal or rock; bodies mangled underground, by mine trains; scores killed by gas or coal dust explosions. Of all miners, at least one out of every six is injured during the course of a year. Among those having full-time work the rate is at least one out of every four.

These accidents can be largely if not entirely checked. But safety cost money. Power lines, motor haulage and safety devices would eliminate the largest part of the fatalities. But besides being expensive to install, safety measures interfere with speed-up. Under capitalism the interests of large profits are better served by paying meager compensation to the injured worker than by taking the precautions necessary to forestall the killing or maiming of the workers on the job.

ing and epithets. She has torn the mask from all the right wing pretenses of "progressive" leadership. Her book is thus a powerful weapon in the hands of the National Miners Union and the fighting workers. Finally, the book carries a vital description of how the Russian miners live and organize and help to build socialism in the Soviet Union.

"Labor and Coal" can be secured from the National Miners Union in Pittsburgh, from the Workers Book Shop or from International Publishers, 381-4th Avenue, New York.

In return for facing such risks, the miner is rare, indeed, who earns enough to keep his family far above the poverty line. There are increased and even in the anthracite fields, who can get \$7 for a day's work. In many states, as Alabama and Tennessee, the average of many has pushed below \$3 a day. Surface workers average even less.

Meanwhile, as Anna Rochester clearly shows in *Labor and Coal*, the wage cutting campaigns of the bosses are continuing with increased fury—are just beginning, as a matter of fact. The Mellon controlled Pittsburgh Coal Company, one of the companies against whom the present strike is being waged by our left-



improved cutting machines, multiple drills, and scores of other mechanical devices, coupled with terrific speed-up, are depriving greater and greater numbers of their only means of earning a livelihood. Some \$200,000,000 has already been invested in new mechanical equipment, \$44,000,022 of this being in 1930 alone. Between 1913 and 1929, the average miners output has increased 34 percent as a result.

Such factors as these, coupled with the closing down of the less productive mines, have naturally resulted in mass unemployment among miners. In the single year 1927, 72,000 men were eliminated from the industry. Fully a third of the bituminous miners in the States of Pennsylvania and Illinois and over half those in Ohio and Indiana have been permanently thrown out of jobs. Southern states produced 44,500,000 tons of coal in 1929 than in 1923 with 25,500 fewer miners. In the Western fields over 20,000 fewer had jobs during the same period.

In all, there are now around 225,000 fewer miners in the industry than there were seven or eight years ago. In addition, thousands of additional skilled craftsmen have been replaced by unskilled labor, as machinery installations have rendered old skills obsolete.

Moreover, those remaining on the job are plagued by the continual uncertainty of short time. Mines are being worked with greater and greater irregularity. Whole fields are now operating fewer than 200 days a year.

Struggle Ahead
Against such a background of physical danger, poverty and mass unemployment, the A. F. of L. United Mine Workers has openly exposed itself as the ally of the mine owners. It accedes to wage cuts with merely verbal protests—never mass struggle; it accepts speed-up and rationalization on the operators' terms; it frankly concedes that thousands of miners must be eliminated from the industry; it embarks on an open policy of strike-breaking—as in the present strike.

Day By Day in the Great Mine Strike

By ANNA ROCHESTER.
Toll of dead and wounded up to June 30:

Three killed, over 50 wounded, over 500 arrested, Countless clubbings and gassings.

May 27—One thousand miners, under the leadership of the NMU at the Atlasburg, Macdonald and Cedar Grove mines of the Carnegie Coal Co., Washington, Pa., struck against a wage cut announced for June 1. Eight hundred miners of the Vesta No. 8 mine near Scotts Run, W. Va., struck and invited the NMU to organize.

May 28—Strikes spreading rapidly through Washington County. United Mine Workers of America officials entered into agreement with Continental Coal Co. officials near Morgantown, W. Va., accepting wage scale lower than union standard.

June 1—Three thousand four hundred miners at eight mines struck, bringing total to 5,500 already out on strike in 14 mines. Strike spread to Allegheny and other sections. Over 2,000 joined the National Miners Union.

June 3—General Strike Committee met at Pittsburgh with 275 striking miner delegates. Several women among pickets arrested.

June 5—Total number of strikers already 9,000. Solidarity of Negro and white workers strong. Negroes refusing to scab, when informed of strike. Companies posted notices of evictions of strikers from their homes.

June 6—Striker injured near Washington, Pa. State troopers and county deputies used tear gas against pickets.

June 8—Pittsburgh Post and Gazette announced Sheriff Cain of Allegheny County promised 10,000 deputy sheriffs "to show a proper demonstration of authority at the outset."

June 9—Conciliator from the U. S. Conciliation Service visited the office of the National Miners Union and stated: "My check-up of the strike field shows that 95 per cent of the miners are for the NMU."

June 10—Three strikers shot by deputies at Knoch mine, near Kensington. Two small children injured by tear gas.

June 11—Over 2,000 pickets surrounded Warden mine of Pittsburgh Coal Co., Westmoreland County, Gov. Pinchot announced he would conduct a secret investigation of conditions in the coal fields. Leo Thompson and 12 others arrested at protest demonstration, Belmont, Ohio. Tear gas and blackjacks used against Ohio miners.

June 12—Fifteen hundred workers of the Vesta No. 4 mine of Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp., near California, Pa., joined the strike.

June 13—Strike spread in West Virginia panhandle, when 1,200 miners joined strikers. Many evictions of strikers from their homes.

June 14—Miners' meeting at St. Clairsville, Ohio, broken up by deputies and legionnaires. Wm. Z. Foster spoke to great meeting of miners in a field.

June 15—Four more strikers wounded by gunmen in and around immediate Pittsburgh district. Strikers of Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Co., mines 2, 3, 4, 8, repudiated Pinchot conference with company officials and United Mine Workers officials.

June 16—Butler Consolidated Coal Co., Wildwood, Pa., secured from Judge H. H. Rowand, sweeping injunction against National Miners Union. Pres. McQuade of Ben Franklin Coal Co., invited strike breakers to form local of UMWA in Moundsville, W. Va. Many arrests throughout strike area. Guns and tear gas used against pickets. Strike spread to three more Ohio mines.

June 17—Over 15,000 strikers and unemployed miners marched to Washington, Pa., to demand relief and withdrawal of coal and iron police from mining districts. Criminal

syndicalism charges filed against Leo Thompson and 12 other NMU organizers and strikers in St. Clairsville, O.

June 18—Gov. Pinchot's conference with Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Co. officials and UMWA officials at Harrisburg opened with company's agreement to recognize UMWA in return for a wage reduction. National Miners Union delegation of 35 rank and file miners were refused admission to conference. Strike spread to five more mines.

June 19—Strikers form relief committees. Fifty women on Creighton picket line attacked by deputy sheriffs; three workers arrested. Sheriff at St. Clairsville, O., given \$35,000 by county commissioners to hire deputies.

June 21—Demonstration at Castle Channon against P. T. Fagan, UMW district official.

June 22—Wildwood massacre. Peter Zigarc killed and 12 other strikers wounded by deputies firing on miners near Wildwood mine. Butler Consolidated Coal Co. 50 strikers arrested. One deputy slightly hurt by a stone. Strike spread into Armstrong County, Pa., and to Wheeling, W. Va.

June 23—Strike sympathizer, Nick Filipovich, killed and six strikers wounded by deputies at Arnold City, Pa. Wounded included pres. sec. and two active members of National Min-

ers Union. Six deputies and six coal and iron police arrested in connection with massacre.

June 24—Agreement of Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Co. officials rejected by over 2,000 miners of the company, who picketed in mass demonstration. Pinchot ordered concentration of the state troops in Pittsburgh district. Many arrests in Ohio, including women workers.

June 26—Theodore Dreiser, novelist, investigating strike, issued a statement, halting the NMU and denouncing the UMWA. Arrests and evictions continue. Joseph Vargo, 16-year-old boy miner, shot and possibly fatally injured by scab near Vesta mine No. 4, Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. Tom Myerscough, NMU leader, held under \$10,000 bail, after arrest at Wildwood mine.

June 29—Striker shot and wounded and another severely clubbed at Bradley mine No. 1, Smithfield, O. Arrests, including woman worker, at Ellsworth, Pa., where coal and iron police attacked and gassed pickets. At Mollenauer, mines 2 and 3, troopers attacked picket lines.

June 30—Great hunger march of 20,000 strikers and unemployed miners demonstrate in Pittsburgh against starvation.

Ann Rochester, author of "Labor and Coal" in the July Labor Defender.

Greetings to the Fighting Miners

The material for this page has been provided by the John Reed Club of New York.

The John Reed Club is an organization of writers and artists dedicated to the ideals of that deathless revolutionist and writer whose ashes lie under the Kremlin Wall in Moscow. This page is an expression of our solidarity with the 40,000 miners and their families in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia who are fighting against starvation and for the right to live.

The John Reed Club takes sides in this struggle as it does in all the struggles of the working class. It takes sides with the heroic miners and against the united front of coal operators, state government and the strikebreaking officials of the coal operators' union, the United Mine Workers of America.

Flundered and betrayed for years, living under conditions that mean disease, suffering and slow starvation for tens of thousands, the revolting miners are today marching in the vanguard of history, fighting the battle of the entire American working class. Every worker, every honest intellectual must support their struggle. Every worker, every honest intellectual must condemn the unparalleled terror that has been

launched against the strikers by the "liberal" governor, Pinchot, and his allies of the U. M. W. A.

The John Reed Club declares its unqualified support of:

The National Miners' Union which is leading and organizing the strike. The Workers International Relief, which is organizing relief to strengthen the strike.

The International Labor Defense which is leading the fight against the terror and providing legal defense for arrested strikers.

We call on all workers, all writers, artists, scientists, educators, etc., to give their utmost moral and financial support to these three organizations.

The John Reed Club greets the committee of writers, headed by Theodore Dreiser, which has had the courage to break with the hypocritical "neutrality" of the majority of the American intellectuals and has gone into the mine fields, is learning at first-hand the horrible conditions of the miners' lives and publishing them to the world.

To the fighting miners we send warmest revolutionary greetings and our pledge to do our utmost to help their struggle. All forces to the aid of the coal strike! The striking miners must win!

John Reed Club of New York.

UNEMPLOYED BRANCH FORCES RELIEF TO NEEDY FAMILIES

BALTIMORE, Md., June 30.—Weekly rations of food was handed out by the Family Welfare Association, to every family in Dover St., as a result of a demonstration held in front of the Association by the Dover St. Branch of the Baltimore Unemployed Council. This demonstration resulted in the arrest of Carl Bradley, secretary of the Trade Union Unity League and four Negro workers. Bradley headed the delegation of unemployed workers and demanded immediate food and clothing for the neediest cases. The generous old ladies in the Association became scared and called upon the police reserves who proceeded to arrest the workers addressing the crowd in front of the Association.

Militant Struggle Gets Relief. The food handouts came as a direct result of this demonstration. However the cops sent around by the Welfare tried to make the workers believe otherwise. "Don't have anything to do with the Reds. They are bound to get you into trouble."

I. L. D. ATTORNEYS PREPARE PLANS FOR DEFENSE OF ROY WRIGHT WHOSE TRIAL NEARS

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) sure of the mob of 10,000 which filled the court room and the streets of Scottsboro during the "trials" stood out for the death sentence; only one juror supported the prosecutor in his fake gesture of mercy.

Demand Removal From Death. In the meantime, the fighting to have the eight condemned boys removed from the death cells in Kilby Prison, Montgomery, Alabama, where they have been subjected to the most ghastly torture in a desperate effort to break their morale and force them to line up with N.A.A.C.P. leaders and their Klan ally and attorney, Stephen Roddy. The electric chair has been moved in a position in full view of their cells. The boys have been forced to witness the electrocution of a Negro worker, and have been told by the Warden that it would be "your turn next."

The I. L. D. bases its demand for the removal of the boys from the death cell on the fact that its attorneys have appealed to the Supreme Court of Alabama against the decision of Judge Hawkins who denied the motions for new trials. Inter-Racial Commission Joins Betrayal.

The desperate attempts of the southern boss lynchers and their

Drive Out UMW Scab Herder, Then Hold Own Meet

Find No Scabs Hauled By 7 Baker Bros.

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa., July 3.—United Mine Workers of America organizers on Wednesday (July 1) tried to hold a mass meeting here, long reputed to be their headquarters into the Allegheny valley section. There were 45 present at the meeting, ten of them Fagan's men and the others strikers who came to spoil Fagan's plans.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 3.—"Seven Baker Brothers" once reported as hauling scabs in their wagons into Kinloch mine, have been investigated by the strike committee, and found to be innocent. They did not haul any scabs.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 3.—A scandal here today over granting of licenses as private detectives to "a convicted panderer and a justice of the peace convicted of a shakedown job," has shown up the notorious Squire Popp, the henchman of the Pittsburgh Terminal at Castle Shannon. Squire Popp has sentenced many miner pickets arrested on the Pittsburgh Terminal picket line since the strike began. He gives them a face of a trial, in a room too small for an audience, and jams them through with the limit in fines and jail term.

Many of those convicted wondered why "Squire" always had a woman seated beside him. Now it develops, the "Squire" is no squire, although he tries the case. The woman is his wife, and she is the squire. Popp himself can not sit as squire, because in October, 1928, he was convicted of conspiracy to steal \$1,200 bonds posted in his court by a defendant. On January 15, 1929, Popp was sentenced to a jail term of nine months to two years for this. Later he was paroled, and now he jails miners for striking against starvation. He does it through the thin fiction of having the actions of himself officially recorded as his wife's actions, and sentences. Now Judge George V. Moore, of quarter sessions, has made him a private detective along with a fellow out on parole for selling girls to a house of prostitution.

More Cities Join Nation-Wide Movement for Striking Miners' Relief; Need Food and Tents

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., July 3.—A miners relief conference, composed of delegates from various working class organizations, a Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia Miners Relief Committee was elected. The delegates gathered pledged that they will mobilize the membership for the collection of relief for the striking miners.

A delegate from the Miners Relief Committee of Luzerne, Pa., reported that almost a truck full of food and clothing has been collected and that arrangements are being made to make shipment of same very soon.

An Italian organization, represented by three delegates, donated \$15. Resolutions, condemning the strike breaking tactics of the UMWA in the soft coal strike, demanding the immediate withdrawal of all armed forces, and going on record to support the militant strike of the soft coal miners, were passed.

Send all donations and communications in this city to the Pennsylvania, Ohio Miners Relief Committee, room 47-31 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 3.—The strike of the coal miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia against starvation is in full swing. The miners in order to succeed in this strike, must have all the money, food and clothes we can send them. They need this help at once!

The Provisional Committee for the Relief of Striking Miners is therefore, calling a City Miners Relief Conference composed of delegates of working class organizations which will be held this Monday evening July 6, 8 p. m. at Boslover Hall, 701 Pine St.

Let every working man and woman see to it that his or her organization be present at this conference. If your organization does not meet before July 6th, let your organization be represented by your officers. The provisional committee's headquarters are at 929 Arch St.

Workers International Order Contributes \$2,000 Pledges \$4,000 More Pittsburgh, Pa., July 3.—National Secretary Salzman of the International Workers Order handed a check for \$2,000 to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Striking Miners Relief Committee, today, at its headquarters, 611 Penn. Ave. This, according to a telegram received immediately preceding receipt of the check, is first payment of a \$6,000 donation which the national executive committee pledged at

TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST NAACP TRAITORS SUN.

Pittsburgh Workers to March on Convention Hall

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 3.—The League of Struggle for Negro Rights will lead a demonstration of Negro and white workers at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People hall, where now the NAACP is carrying on another of its traitorous betrayals of the Negro people. The demonstration will be Sunday.

The LSNR has addressed a statement to the delegates to the NAACP convention which points out that the NAACP leaders have invited to speak there most notorious enemies of the Negro workers. They have invited Mayor Kline of Pittsburgh, whose graft scandals are notorious, and in whose regime thousands of Negro and white unemployed workers have been evicted from their homes, whole others were brutally assaulted by his police for demonstrating against abuses.

The NAACP has also invited Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who went to Porto Rico to suppress the workers there. The NAACP has had as a prominent part of its official proceedings, Editor Vann of the Pittsburgh Courier. This paper called the Scottsboro defendants "rapists," and has always attacked the International Labor Defense and the L. S. N. R. for its militant defense of the 8 Negro boys sentenced to death on framed charges in Scottsboro, Ala.

"The important problem of the Negro masses in this country is to struggle against lynching, Jim Crowism, discrimination and segregation, etc.," says the statement of the LSNR and asks: "Does the NAACP lead such struggles?"

It recites the history of the NAACP in the Scottsboro case as proof that it does not. The NAACP began by allowing every one to think the boys were guilty; then hired a lawyer to interfere with the defense offered by the ILD then tried to dampen down the mass protest against the murder planned against these boys, by telling the working class to "be calm" and "justice will be done."

"The only justice the working Negro receives from the ruling class is lynching, Jim Crowism, starvation and death," says the LSNR statement.

a special meeting June 30. The telegram in full follows: "We decided to issue call to all branches of the International Workers Order to collect a minimum of \$6,000 for miners relief. Also to col-



lect food, clothing and establish relief committees in every branch of the Order. We delegate Salzman, National Secretary to bring our greetings to strike committee and our pledge of continuous support to the heroic struggle of the miners. Saltzman is bringing \$2,000 as first payment. Signed, William Weiner, President, International Workers Order."

Secretary Salzman was enthusiastically thanked by the Strike Committee.

Police Evict After Midnight NEWFIELD, Pa., July 3.—After midnight Tuesday, a posse of deputies swooped down on the patch here and evicted a dozen families from their homes and drove most of them from town before their comrades could be aroused to help them.

These twelve were the most active local leaders. The following morning, striking miners awoke to find sleepy-eyed children sitting on the furniture out in the rain, watching

it while their parents went scouting for a place to live. Much of the furniture was thrown out of the windows and broken beyond use.

The Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners Relief Committee reveals that about 250

have arrived at Detroit, Saturday, and are being taken care of. The miners and their children are bringing the message of the strike to the workers of Detroit. Last night (Monday night), five miners and the miners' children were enthusiastically greeted by several thousand workers at the city hall steps. A collection of \$32.69 was made for the striking miners and many workers joined the Workers International Relief and pledged to together carry on the campaign for the support of the striking miners to success. A week's vacation is being given to each of the miners' children who are now at the W.I.R. Children's Camp.

Norfolk and Portsmouth to Aid Miners

NORFOLK, Va., July 3.—A relief committee to aid the striking miners of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia was formed at a conference called on the initiative of several local labor organizations from Norfolk and Portsmouth last night.

It was decided to issue an appeal for food and clothing for the miners, and especially a milk fund for the children. It was also decided to call a broader conference for July 21st, inviting all sympathetic organizations to join in this campaign for strike relief. E. F. Seader, of the I. W. O., was elected temporary chairman and J. Leedes, of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, as secretary.

About fifty members of these organizations are already busy collecting clothing, food and money, and by collections thus far made the response is excellent. Our goal is a carload. We hereby challenge Philadelphia and Baltimore to do likewise.

Organize Relief in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 3.—Last Wednesday 40 organizations met in conference and organized a Chicago Committee for Penn-Ohio-West Va. miners' strike relief.

A food committee was named to collect food and organize food stations. Over 100 organizations will be covered to collect relief.

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"Send Us Relief and We Will Fight Better". Miners' Message to Working Class

Charleroi, Pa.

Dear Editor: Even those that are not working or striking at the mines at Charleroi have pity for the striking miners and are with them solid. There are several mines on strike here and the miners are starving. We are determined to win and we say to all the workers and our friends: Send us relief and we will fight better. Of the 800 on strike here, every one of us goes on the picket line hungry.

Children Militant Majority on the picket line are children. They wake the miners every morning with what they call a kitchen band. The strike section is flooded with state police and believe me, they have some time keeping the children off the picket line. They say: "Our fathers are starving and fighting and we must do the same thing."

Fight Heroically At mine No. 3 of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Co., 300 miners are fighting heroically against all forces of the bosses. The bosses are using all the means of modern warfare against us. One miner said that he feels a blow yet from 1927 strike and is ready to take another blow—yes, many of them, in order to win this one. The miners say that this is not merely a strike; it is a war.

A miner from mine number 3 made \$400 one year and out of that he had to pay \$300 for rent. One hundred dollars went for doctor bills on other things that the coal company takes. We must win this strike. If we lose it we can not dream how bad conditions will be in the mines. Send us food. That will help us win. —A Striking Miner

PREPARE CUT OF RAILROAD WAGES

July 3.—The reason for the sham battle that the Wall Street papers have been merrily on for increase of railroad rates has been revealed by one of the capitalists news services. The "battle" that the various capitalist papers and writers are putting up is only preparatory to the general wage cutting campaign they are planning for the railroad workers. The Investors Research Bureau, of Syracuse, N. Y., in the June first issue of its monthly bulletin states that the railroads are now forced to choose between rate increases and wage reductions as the means of maintaining their profits. It will, however, be practically impossible to increase rates because the shippers will oppose it. The alternative, and most logical

WAGE CUT DRIVE OF BOSSES GROWS SHARPER DAILY

Doak Lies to Hide the Increasing Misery

Secretary of Labor Doak has entered the Hoover reparations moratorium campaign by stating that as a result of this debt "holiday" the wage-cutting campaign will be stopped. "What information we have inclines me to the belief that the wage-cutting campaign among certain employers has been checked in the past ten days." Doak probably has as little "information" as the government usually has when it is a question of deceiving the working class.

The lie is thrown back into Doak's mouth by the news from Youngstown on the very same day that the sheet and tin mill workers will be paid the lowest wages in many years during July. Wages in July will be 4 1/2 per cent lower than in May or June. This wage-cut has been forced on the workers by the combined force of the bosses and the labor fakers, the leaders of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers. The Amalgamated has followed a systematic policy of wage-cutting for the bosses and meets regularly with them for that purpose.

Simultaneously with Doak's statement his own department comes out with figures proving him to be a complete liar. The Department of Labor reports that in the month ending May 15 "twice as many industrial workers suffered wage-cuts as in the period ending April 15." In the period, April 15 to May 15, in 293 factories, 46,377 workers got wage-cuts averaging 10.4 per cent. Thousands more workers not included in the figures of the department, also had their wages slashed in this period. The department proves Doak to be a liar doubly by stating that the above figures refer to only direct wage-cuts—they do not include wage-cuts resulting from putting workers on the Hoover stagger system of one or two days a week, called by the department "alterations in operation schedules."

The bosses are using the wage-cutting campaign as one means to save their profits. The other method is

adjustment for the railroad bosses is, a wage reduction readjustment. In this they will be supported 100 percent by the fakers, in leadership of the railroad Brotherhoods. Up to the present the fakers of the railroad unions have not come out into the open in the wage cutting campaign since the bosses had not yet prepared to start the struggle. Now, when the bosses have opened the campaign by starting the sham battle for increased

rates, the labor fakers in the leadership of the rail unions will find that it is necessary to slash wages in order to maintain dividend payments to the holders of the railroad stocks. Railroad workers should prepare to fight these wage slashes by getting in touch with the Trade Union Unity League, at 2 West 15th Street, New York, the revolutionary trade union center which is leading the struggle against wage cuts and speed-up.

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ONLY \$5 FROM DISTRICTS 3 AND 8 TUESDAY; TURN IN TAG DAY FUNDS

Workers who do not want their names published because of possible persecution should indicate this in sending in their contributions. Collectors should ask those who contribute whether they want their names printed.

Tag Day funds are not being sent in. While the Daily Worker is fighting for its life, collectors or distributors of both are holding up the Tag Day receipts. By 5 p.m. Wednesday only \$78.10 had been sent in from the Tag Days, of which only \$124.03 came from District 2 (New York).

The total receipts from all sources on Tuesday was \$711.25, of which the New York District contributed nearly half, \$346.21. The next best district was Detroit, which made one of its best showings in a long time.

Correction A contribution of \$3 sent by Unit 101, Section 6 of New Castle, Pa., several weeks ago, was erroneously listed under District 3 (Pittsburgh); it should be credited to District 6 (Cleveland).

DISTRICT 1 (A. Cohen, 1.00; Boston, Mass., 1.00; Mothers League, \$10.00; Penbody Unit, 4.00; Brockton Unit, 8.00; Total, \$22.00)

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DISTRICT 8 (Socialist Party, Mem. Milwaukee, 1.00; Total, \$1.00)

DISTRICT 9 (Tag Day Headquarters, Kans. City, Mo., 12.50; Total, \$12.50)

DISTRICT 10 (Winlock, Wash.: L. Rivers, \$1.00; O. Pannone, 1.00; U. Harmon, 1.00; Mrs. J. Annonen, 1.00; Wash., .50; T. Lamson, .50; L. Poman, .50; O. Saari, .50; Toledo, Wash.: Matt Huhta, .25; E. M. Huhta, .25; A. Hurvynen, .25; Total, \$5.00)

DISTRICT 11 (Syracuse, N.Y.: J. Nelson, 1.00; M. Anderson, .50; G. Brown, .50; C. Antter, .50; P. DeLo, .50; F. J. Sjek, .50; H. C. Lee, .50; O. Nelson, .50; Total, \$6.25)

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DISTRICT 14 (E.W. Singer, Clinton, Va., 1.00; Total, \$1.00)

DISTRICT 15 (Burke, Idaho, 2.25; Total all dists., \$711.25; Prev. received, 26,457.34; Total to date, \$27,168.61)

LABOR DEFENDER BIG DEFENSE MEET STRIKE ISSUE IN PITTSBURGH

Foster Tells of War in Coal Fields

The Labor Defender for July, just off the press, a special number devoted to the miners' strike in the coal fields, printed the largest number of copies since the inception of the magazine, six years ago. The Labor Defender, official organ of the I. L. D., has been growing in the past three months with greater speed than in its entire history.

The leading article in the magazine is by William Z. Foster, titled, "War in the Coal Fields," in which the secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, describes the strike of the 40,000 coal miners. Foster says, "This is one of the great, heroic strikes in the country. The miners now on strike fight for the first time under their own leadership. It is a good fight and terror will not crush it."

Workers Back Fight to Save 9 Boys

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 3.—Hundreds of Negro and white workers attended an open air demonstration called by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the International Labor Defense and the Unemployed Councils of Pittsburgh in the Hill Section, at Kirkpatrick and Wiley Avenues.

The meeting called for the defense of the Scottsboro victims exposed the betrayals of the struggles of the Negro People by the N.A.A.C.P. leaders at whose convention nearby, representatives of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, together with Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Porto Rican oppressor and the gentleman who boasted of scrapping the Haitian constitution and writing one of his own, and the strike breaker G. Pinchot had been invited to speak.

EVICTED MINERS NEED TENTS

Deputy sheriffs, gunmen, thugs are knocking upon the doors of the company-owned shacks in which the miners live, point their guns and club the miners and even their wives. At all hours of the night and day these thugs say: "Go to work or you'll be evicted tomorrow."

The miners on strike against starvation in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia issue this call for tents. Many have already been evicted. Many hundreds have received eviction notices.

All workers and sympathizers, all camps and cooperatives that have tents in storage, or know where to get tents, should gather them AT ONCE and ship them to Pittsburgh TODAY. If at all possible, pay express or fast freight charges in advance.

HELP GET TENTS AT ONCE! HELP WIN THIS STRIKE! PENNSYLVANIA, OHIO, WEST VIRGINIA STRIKING MINERS RELIEF COMMITTEE 611 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. Contributions to purchase tents can also be sent to the above address.

Miners' Wives and Daughters Help to Spread and Win the Strike

By MYRA PAGE.

MY man hasn't drawn a penny from Vesta 6 mine for the two years he's been working here. The company's taken every cent for rent and the little groceries I'd give us. He's worked steady too, every day there was work. Risking his life—for nothing! We got three little children, but the company store wouldn't allow us but one dollar a week credit for groceries. How can you feed five on that?

"Day after day all I could put in my man's bucket was a dry piece of bread." (Many miners have lacked even that. All they carried was water in their buckets.)

"And all I had for the babies was dry bread. That's why we're striking—to stop this starvation and win our union!"

Every morning sees this miner's wife on the picket line, often with her three children along, the oldest nine years of age. She is active in relief work and was among the first to join the Women's Auxiliary of the National Miners' Union, Vesta 6 local.

The company has given this family an eviction notice; it has sent its thugs at night to beat this miner up and threaten him with worse, unless he and his wife quit the union. But they are only the more determined. They say, as the other miners and their wives and children say, "It's better to die fighting than starve to death."

The unbearable conditions which this family suffered, as well as the fight they are now putting up along with their fellow workers, is typical of the situation throughout the coal fields of southwestern Pennsylvania.

The wives and daughters of coal diggers are among the most militant in the picket lines, calling to those still going to work, "Don't you know you're taking the food out of our children's mouths by working?" "Our dads are striking, what about you?" More than one man who has persisted in scabbing has received a good licking at their hands. The women are quick to talk and fight back when Pinchot's state troopers and company police at-

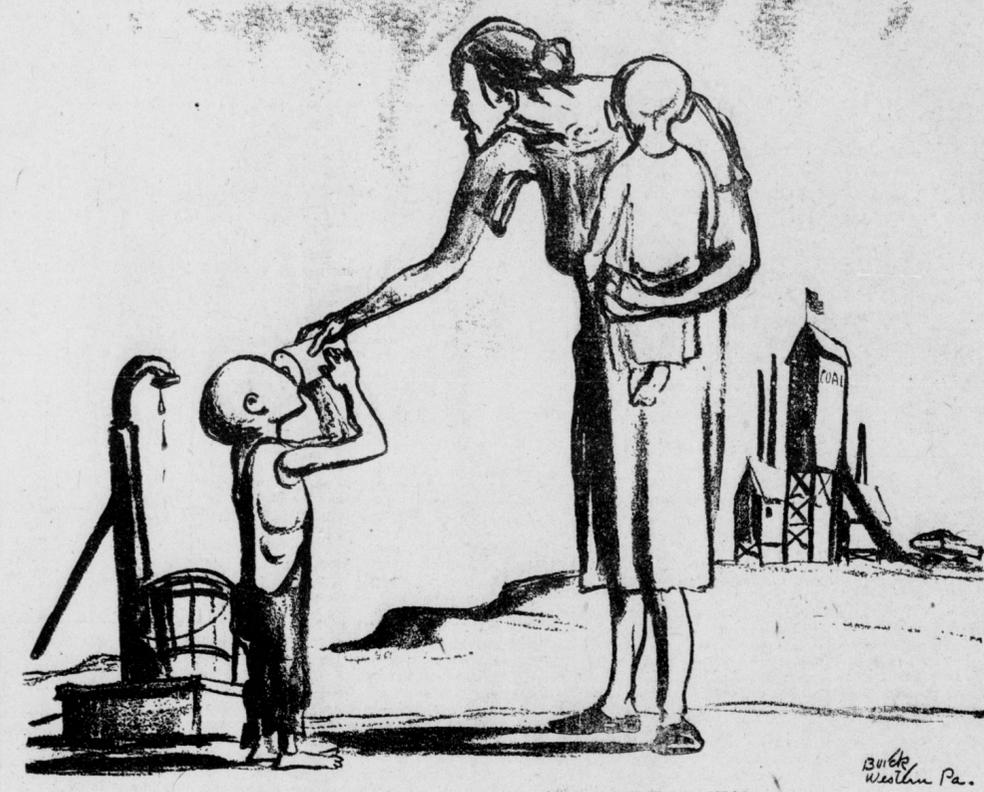
tack the picket-lines. "Yellow dogs," they call them. One girl marcher carried a sign she had made, "I'd not marry a Yellow Dog." Dozens of women and girls have been arrested, clubbed and been knocked out by tear gas attacks. But they always come back.

Because of their great militancy and success in keeping men out of the mines, the yellow dogs have issued orders in some places that no women shall be allowed to picket. "We're not going off this picket line," the women answer. "We've a right to the highways. We know what your game is—so you can club our men better. Well, we're starving and striking, the same as the men."

At Van Voorhis and Clyde No. 1 mines, where the troopers ordered women off the picket lines, they organized themselves and came back so strong that the edict against their picketing has been broken down. In the recent hunger march of 15,000 striking and unemployed miners on Washington County Seat there were at least 5,000 women and girls who took part. Many of them had picketed and marched many hours that day. One woman told me, in a matter-of-fact way, that she had gone to bed at nine o'clock, gotten up at twelve to do the family washing and ironing, and since three had been on the march. "We pulled out Vesta 4 this morning," she said with satisfaction. Before the end of the march many were carrying their shoes in their hands—partly to save the last bit of leather, partly to ease their swollen and blistered feet.

At the same time the women and girls are busy in every phase of strike activity they are also organizing, along with their men. Wherever a local union of the National Miners' Union is organized, a Woman's Auxiliary to that local is also being organized. In some places this has not yet been done, but the organized women are working to see that every local has its auxiliary. In the Avella, Bentleyville, Cloverdale, Brownsville, Allegheny and Cannonsburg sections alone there are now more than 25 women's auxiliaries, and section and district conferences are being arranged.

"DRINK SON, THE RELIEF WILL SOON BE HERE."



BURKE WEATHERS, Pa.

By BURCK

Red Sparks

By JORGE

Why Herbie Don't Like Soviets

"Dear Jorge:—In going over a book entitled 'The Great Mistake,' written by John Knox and published by the National Foundation Press of Washington, D. C., I came across an article on page 68, referring to Hoover's membership in the Board of Directors of the Russo-Asiatic Corporation of 1912.

The article further states that when the Bolsheviks seized power and revoked all concessions granted to foreigners by the Czar, Hoover became frantic over the safety of his investments there, and persuaded President Wilson (Hoover was then a democrat we are told—Jorge) to send part of the American Expeditionary Force to Archangel and Murmansk.—J. C."

Well, that's not surprising. And though it may account for some of the implacable cussedness of Hoover toward the Soviet Union, yet he, as the spokesman for American imperialism, would be just as counter-revolutionary as he is, even if he had no personal grouch.

Post and Gatty Came Back

But while they were flying across the Soviet Union, doing a man's size job on their trip round the world, there wasn't any trouble. In fact they praise the Soviakhim (the Soviet aviation and chemical society), the Soviet authorities and everything Soviet, for the help they gave and the hospitable reception extended every time these world record flyers touched Soviet soil.

The trouble came when they came back. And was caused absolutely because capitalism needs police to bulldoze and brutalize the masses and police can't keep their hands off a crowd.

Give a crowd a chance to act just plain natural, and it can do no more than crowd up close to the heroes of the day and get friendly. But no, a cop's business is to make you stop doing what you want to do, and to force you to do what you don't want to do. So when the N. Y. cops went out to "preserve order" when Post and Gatty landed, all hell broke loose.

A perfectly respectable capitalist named Conneron, of some aviation company called the Air Services, Incorporated, busy with cameras and films at the press both where he had a right to be told to "move on" and when he insisted on his rights, was beaten so severely as to be sent to the Nassau hospital, and was arrested there by cops who followed him up after beating him. He is a man of shrimp size, 5 feet 3, and the cop what had him pinched for "assault" is 6 feet 3 inches!

That isn't all. John Ferris, a reporter for a capitalist paper got knocked unconscious by a cop's club and went to the hospital, too. He'll be lucky if he isn't pinched for "resisting an officer."

Then another cop "bumped into" a cameraman with a flashlight flare, and the flames set fire to a pool of oil beneath the plane. So what happened? Field attendants tried to put the fire out by throwing sand on it, but they had to battle the cops to do it!

In a crowd of only 10,000 people, nobody can explain the massacre that took place except by saying that the police were there "preserving order." Twenty people were injured, two seriously, where none would have been if the police had been sent after Czar Nicolas the Second, as the old Russian police were by the revolution.

There are no police in the Soviet Union, despite all the yarns of such liars as Eva Garrett Grady. The famous and expert "Gaypavoo" tends to counter-revolutionaries and does it well, but it never even thinks of "preserving order" in crowds. The crowds preserve their own order, the natural order of workers.

And if here and there some citizens obstruct this natural discipline of the mass, a militiaman (or woman!) reproves him and tells him that he is disgracing workers' discipline. And the crowd helps him along with roars of approval which nearly invariably cause the culprit to subside.

The Soviet militia are a part of the mass and never make themselves "superior" and "bossy," and don't lurk about armed to the teeth trying to overawe the people.

Police, trained to terrorize the masses in defense of capitalist rule, are menace. But only a revolution will abolish them.

The Scottsboro Case and Nat'l Ass'n for Advancement of Colored People

NINE innocent Negro boys, one of them is 14 years old, two of them 14 and the others 10, are facing death at the hands of the white ruling class of Alabama.

These innocent boys are framed up on the false charges of "rape," supposed to have been committed against two white prostitutes who were travelling, dressed in men's clothes and disguised as men, in a freight car with seven white men hoboes. Testimony of doctors shows there was no evidence of violence on the women, and the women themselves refused to say that the boys had "raped" them until after being jailed and threatened.

The mock "trial" took place in a courthouse surrounded by a crowd of 10,000 men, many of them armed, entertained by a brass band which greeted the death verdicts with bursts of music. Even the lawyer who was palmed off as "defense" attorney, a drunkard and a member of the Ku Klux Klan, acted as their attorney only to cooperate in the frame-up and "court-house lynching." The day selected for the trial was April 6, "horse swapping" day. The four mock trials and eight death verdicts were rushed through in 72 hours, and the Ku Klux Klan lawyer, Steven R. Roddy, did not ask for postponement, to give a chance to prepare a defense, because as he promised, he wanted to cooperate with the prosecutors to keep the crowd of 10,000 white mountaineers in the town for the local merchants. This Ku Klux Klan lawyer, "planted" on the boys without their consent, advised them to plead guilty although he has since admitted (in the Atlanta World, April 22) that he knows the boys are innocent. In each of the four trials, when called upon to make his speech to the jury, this Ku Klux Klan lawyer publicly refused in the courtroom to ask the jury for a verdict of not guilty.

The eight convicted boys were condemned to die in the electric chair on July 10.

The framing up and the intended legal murder of these nine Negro boys is the regular "justice" for Negroes at the hands of the white ruling class.

Nobody would have thought of accusing these boys if they were not Negroes. The seven white men and boys who were consorting for hours with these white prostitutes in the same freight car have not been accused. But the innocent Negro boys are condemned to death without even a chance to defend themselves, without attorneys of their choice, without even the parents of the 13 and 14-year-old children being notified that their sons were being tried for their lives.

There is nothing unusual about the conviction of innocent Negroes in the United States.

The only thing "unusual" about the Scottsboro case is that this time the masses of Negro people and of the white and colored working class refuse to sit idly by while their innocent sons are to be slaughtered by the parasitic criminal ruling class of Alabama.

Because of a telegram sent from Chattanooga by the organizer of the Communist Party to the Daily Worker in New York, the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor Defense learned of this hideous frame-up and started a mass campaign to save the nine innocent Negro boys.

Only this mass movement has given them the slightest chance for life and liberty. The only chance of life and freedom that these innocent Negro boys now have is in the organized mass movement of millions of Negroes and of the white working class to save them.

This murderous outrage is only a part of the age-old persecution of the Negro people. It is part of the regular practice of the white ruling class against Negroes. It is the "justice" regularly given by "white supremacy" to the Negro subject-people. It is the same "justice" the British imperialists give to the Indian people, the same "justice" the imperialists give to the Chinese and to the African colonial peoples, the same "justice" given by American imperialism to Nicaragua, Haiti, the Philippines—the same

ruling class justice that is found wherever a parasitic class rules over an oppressed people or class. It is a rule of the peonage, slavery, persecution and violence which is a regular practice of the white ruling class against the Negro masses. This cold-blooded legal murder of the innocent sons of the Negro people, like all of the other lynchings, Jim Crow persecution and terrorism, disfranchisement against Negroes in this country intended to keep the masses of Negro share croppers and tenants, and the masses of Negro wage-workers in a condition of helpless fear, so as to enable the wealthy landlords and capitalists to exploit them as cheap labor.

The crime against the innocent Negro boys cannot be separated from the system of slavery of which it is a part.

The fight to save these boys cannot be won except as an open fight against their convictions as a frame-up, as a part of this system of oppression.

The Scottsboro boys cannot be saved without mobilizing a movement of millions, without stirring up the masses of black men and women and of those advanced white workers who are ready to fight together with the Negro masses against this beastly legal crime.

Because of the nature of this case the lives of these innocent boys cannot be saved by lawyers alone. They cannot be saved by depending upon the "justice" of an Alabama court. The court has already spoken, and has condemned them to death although they were known by the judge and all concerned to be not guilty of any crime but the "crime" of being Negro boys. Those who reduce this to a mere "legal" case and try to make the masses trust to a so-called "fair trial" in an Alabama court, are surrendering the lives of these boys and are betraying the whole cause of the Negro people to the system of slavery and lynching under which we are living.

Only the organized mass movement of millions can save them.

The fight to save these nine innocent boys requires a united front of all of those who can be brought into the fight on the one issue of saving their lives and liberties.

The officers of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People claim that the N. A. A. C. P. is "one of the organizations" that is "defending" the nine Scottsboro boys.

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