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To Strike at Negro Masses They Strike at the Communist Party

Telegram from the South report: 1.—A sudden increase of terrorist violence against the Negro share-croppers and workers (really against the whole working class, black and white) in the Birmingham section of Alabama. 2.—Warrants are issued for all Negro and white leaders of the Communist Party at Birmingham in an effort to suppress the Party.

This new wave of terror comes on top of the assassinations of Negro share-croppers at Camp Hill, Alabama, and while the nine innocent Negro boys, framed up and sentenced to death at Scottsboro on false charges of "raping" two white prostitutes, are in the death cell. In the new wave of terror one more Negro has been assassinated by officers, at least one wounded and many arrested.

The newest excuse for stimulating the bloody campaign against the Negro masses is an alleged robbery accompanied by the shooting of three white women ("society girls") in Shades Valley, near Birmingham. Only those who know the outrageous methods of oppression in the South will appreciate fully the false character of this excuse for a wholesale terrorization of Negroes. According to the statement of a white woman concerned in the affair, the robber's face was black, but she noticed that his speech was peculiar—like that of an "educated" person—which, according to southern parlance, means nothing more than that the robber spoke like a white person and not like a Negro; and the robber's hair was straight—not like that usual for a Negro. Therefore, according to the statement of the white woman herself, there is less reason to think that the crime was committed by a Negro than to think it was committed by a white man. There are many instances of recent months in which systematic efforts were made to lay the blame upon Negroes for crimes committed by white men.

But the authorities have much more important business than catching criminals—the business of strengthening of the war now being waged against the share croppers who are organizing to prevent swindling by white landlords, and against the white and black working class in the industrial region of Birmingham. The collapse of the cotton market, the stagnation and economic ruin of Alabama agriculture and the depression in industry, the effort of the white ruling class and public authorities to pass on the burden of the crisis to the shoulders of the toiling masses and especially to those of the Negroes, had already brought about the bloody man hunt against the members of the sharecroppers' union. It has also brought about the utilization of every excuse for a man hunt against Negroes in general. There is no stretch of the imagination in saying that if the authorities knew the identity of the criminal in this "robbery" case, they would conceal the identity of any white criminal and would even help in his escape, in order to utilize a fictitious "Negro" crime to mobilize wider sections of the population in support of the ruling class war upon the exploited masses.

A notable fact is that certain preachers and other cowardly Negro "leaders" of Birmingham have rushed forward, in the midst of this wholesale terror against Negroes, to "offer their services" to the Negro-baiting police, supposedly to "catch the (individual) criminal," but really to curry favor with the white masters by giving moral support to the reckless shooting of Negroes which has already begun. These preachers and "leaders" are a group working with the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, and their action is the one advised by the renegade "Negro leaders" Walter White, William Pickens and the Reverend J. R. Bowen, of the NAACP. Walter White, and particularly William Pickens, publicly called upon the white ruling class to suppress all efforts of the Negro masses to organize, especially those efforts which were inspired by the struggle to save the nine innocent boys of Scottsboro, while the Reverend Bowen of Chattanooga, speaking on behalf of the NAACP, definitely caused police raids and arrests upon many Negroes for their interest in the Scottsboro case. So the "moral support" of the present lynching drive in Alabama by renegade Negroes is in line with a consistent policy.

But the working masses understand that we cannot accept these flimsy lies about "Negro robbers," used as an excuse for further massacres of Negroes.

And why the raids upon the Communist Party—on the excuse of a "robbery case"?

Ever since the Gastonia strike in North Carolina in 1929, when the Communist Party successfully began the organization of southern white and Negro workers together in the same unions, all of the hate of the southern white ruling class against its Negro slaves was poured out with redoubled fury against the Communist Party. Southern newspapers and public officials openly began referring to the Communist Party as the "Nigger Party"—the Party that teaches the Negro not to stay in his place, and, worst of all, organizes and leads Negro and white workers together in struggle, breaking the isolation of the Negro.

Therefore, instinctively and by reason, the first step of the southern white landlords and capitalists when they wish to terrorize the Negro masses—is to strike with furious violence at the Communist Party.

But the Party of the revolutionary Negro and white workers is accustomed to such blows. The Communist Party will survive any efforts of the southern ruling class and its police to suppress it. The permanent and decisive point of all of this news from the South is that the Negro and white masses have really begun to stir into organization and action. The theory and the hope of Pickens and other renegade Negro tools who wish to prosper in the profession of suppressing the Negro masses for the benefit of the ruling class (which is also the theory of Hoover as well as that of the police agent Lovestone) that the mass of Negro population in the South is a reserve of capitalist reaction—this theory and hope is already destroyed by these first beginnings of real struggle.

The business of the southern workers, tenant farmers and share croppers is to proceed with redoubled energy, with care, and by utilizing every experience to learn better methods of work, in organizing and carrying on their struggle against starvation and slavery. The revolutionary trade unions can, must and will be built in the South as in the North on the basis of the unity of the black and white workers. The block committees of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights (which have proved in experience to be a most excellent means of organizing) must be spread through the South. The struggle to save the lives and liberty of the nine innocent Scottsboro boys and the share-croppers arrested at Camp Hill, must be continued faster and better than before; we must win this struggle to free these victims and thereby win a telling victory for the whole struggle against capitalist and Jim Crow slavery.

And the Negro masses and the white working class must see and understand just why their enemies, in order to strike at them, find it necessary first to strike at the Communist Party! Most necessary of all, they will see, is the struggle to build and to protect the revolutionary Party of leadership of the white and black workers—the Communist Party of the U. S. A.

WORLD LABOR TO HIT BOSS TERROR, 22ND

Protest Legal Lynching of the Strikers, Scottsboro Boys

NEW YORK.—World labor will join its protest on Sacco-Vanzetti Day, Aug. 22, against the new Sacco-Vanzetti case in the United States, the threatened death sentences against 30 coal mine strikers now being held in the Harlan County Jail, at Harlan, Kentucky.

The International Labor Defense announced yesterday that information regarding the savage persecutions of workers in the Kentucky coal fields had been sent to the Berlin Bureau of the International Red Aid, and declared that the fight for the lives of the Kentucky coal miners will be brought into the foreground with the Scottsboro, Camp Hill and other outstanding persecutions on the International Sacco-Vanzetti Day of protest.

"It was the International Red Aid that organized the world-wide struggle to stop the burning alive of Sacco and Vanzetti, and later mobilized the international protest in the Gastonia case," the I. L. D. statement declared. "The international mobilization this year on Sacco-Vanzetti Day will consist of mass meetings and demonstrations, including protest demonstrations everywhere before American embassies and consulates; resolutions and telegrams of protest to be sent on this day to American consulates abroad and to the American government at Washington; as well as the broad distribution of literature of all kinds, leaflets, pamphlets, magazines and newspapers through the working-class sections."

One of the principal squares in Moscow is known as Sacco-Vanzetti Square. This is also true of some of the working-class suburbs of Paris and other cities. There will be an increasing number of International Labor Defense branches in the United States, and the International Red Aid organizations in other lands, as well as other working-class groups taking the name of Sacco-Vanzetti.

Through the publications of the International Red Aid and the Red International of Labor Unions, especially the Miners' Section of the latter, workers throughout the world have been well informed of the heroic struggles of the American coal miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky.

The courts of the mine owners convene at Harlan, Kentucky, on Next Monday, Aug. 17, to begin the judicial lynching of the mine strikers. This lynching program has been laid down by the great mine owners in the Kentucky field, the United States Steel Corporation, the Commonwealth Edison or Insull interests in Chicago, the Peabody Coal interests of Illinois and the Rockefeller interests. The Harlan, Kentucky, court plans to reach the murder cases by Aug. 25. Thus the days leading up to the trials parallel the days of mobilization for Sacco-Vanzetti Day.

In connection with the protest campaign the International Labor Defense is carrying on a drive for funds to give the imprisoned miners adequate defense. Make collections everywhere. Send all funds to the National Office, International Labor Defense, Room 430, 80 East 11th St., New York City.

U. S. Treasury Head, Mellon, Gives Pay Cut To Thousands

NEW YORK.—Andrew Mellon secretary of the United States treasury and one of the leading figures in the Hoover government, has ordered wage-cuts for thousands of workers in the Mellon-controlled Koppers Co. and subsidiaries. Mellon, in line with the Hoover policy of wage-slashing, has ordered wage-cuts from 10 to 20 per cent.

The government itself is furthering wage-cuts, as shown by the slashes in pay for 1,400 workers at the Hoover dam in Las Vegas, Nev. Capitalist newspaper reporters who interviewed officials of the Koppers for no other reason than walking home with white workers.

The white and Negro workers, especially young workers are being mobilized for this demonstration, in which the working class will show the bosses that they will not stand for discrimination and terror such as is now being directed against that most exploited section of the working class, the Negro workers.

Another Negro Murdered by Birmingham Police; Two Wounded; Many Beaten Up

Lowell Wakefield and Harry Jackson Arrested—Warrants Issued for Arrest of All White and Negro Communist Leaders

BIRMINGHAM, Aug. 13.—Harry Jackson was arrested here and is being held on a fake charge of jumping bail. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of all Communist leaders.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., August 13.—The murderous boss terror against the Negro workers of this city continues with increasing fury. Two more Negro workers were shot down yesterday in the Woodlawn section and many others beaten up by police and other thugs. The body of a murdered Negro woman was also found today. The wholesale police raids and arrests of Negro workers continue as the police, using the pretext of hunting for a Negro hold-up man, push their vicious efforts to crush the rising militancy of the Negro workers.

In this effort to crush the spirit of the Negro masses, the police are directing their major attention at the Communist Party and all Negro workers suspected of membership in, or sympathy with the Party and its struggle for Negro rights. In the hundreds of raids on Negro homes, the police have searched for Communist literature, thus bellying their claims of hunting for a Negro suspect who is supposed to have killed a society woman and wounded two others in a hold-up. From all available evidence the hold-up and murder was carried out by some white man disguised as a Negro. But the Birmingham bosses and their police have avidly seized on it as an excuse to terrorize the Negro workers and deprive them of militant leadership. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of all white and Negro leaders of the Communist Party.

In an attempt to deprive the arrested workers of the aid of the International Labor Defense, police yesterday arrested Lowell Wakefield, organizer of the Southern District of the I.L.D. Wakefield had come here to arrange defense for the arrested workers.

The I.L.D. like the Communist Party, is feared and hated by the boss lynchers of Alabama on account of its activities in defending Negro and white workers framed up by the bosses. It is the I.L.D. which, with the support of the Communist Party, the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and other organizations, smashed the attempts of the Alabama bosses to lynch the 9 innocent Scottsboro Negro boys to the electric chair on July 10.

The attempt of Tallapoosa landowners to frame up 55 Negro croppers was similarly defeated. The lying charges against most of the croppers have been dismissed as a result of the militant fight put up by the I.L.D., supported by other organizations and by millions of workers throughout the world.

Workers! Negro and white! Rally to the defense of the Birmingham Negro workers! Organize protest meetings throughout the country! Wire your protests to Chief of Police McDuff of Birmingham, Ala.! Demand the rights of white and Negro workers to meet together! Support the struggle for unconditional equal rights of self-determination for the Demand confiscation of the land for Negro majorities in the "Black Belt" the workers, Negro and white, who till the land! Down with the landowners' robbery! Demand Hands Off the workers organizations! Hold meetings at once and register your protests!

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OPEN AIR MEETS, HARLEM TONIGHT

Fight Race Hatred and Evictions

NEW YORK.—Since July 4, Negro tenants living around 117th St. and Pleasant Avenue have been subjected to a vicious terror campaign aimed at driving them out of the neighborhood. This campaign was instigated by the landlords who in their desire to force up rents in the neighborhood, have been evicting the white workers in order to exact double the rent from Negro tenants. Using this rent discrimination against the Negro workers as a threat against the whites, they have tried to raise the rents of white workers, telling them that if they did not pay the raise, they would be evicted and the apartments rented to Negro workers.

Petty bourgeois and shop keeper elements among the whites have used this fact to incite the white workers against the Negroes and have misled these workers from the correct tactic of organizing with the Negro workers to fight the rent increases of the landlords. The Communist Party has denounced these misleaders of the white workers and has called for a united front of the white and Negro tenants against their common enemy, the landlords.

A Tenants League has been organized in the neighborhood and a Solidarity Meeting will be held this evening at 117th Street and First Ave.

Insult Thugs Blow Up Ky. Relief Kitchen; Rush Funds!

BALTIMORE, Md.—Tag days, under the auspices of the local Pennsylvania-Ohio Striking Miners' Relief Committee, will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14 and 15.

The committee has sent out a call for volunteers to help make the tag days successful.

HARLAN, Ky., Aug. 10.—The relief kitchen in Harlan, Kentucky, was blown up this morning at 2 o'clock. Deputized gunmen imported from Chicago, home of Insull, who owns a good slice of the coal fields here, had openly threatened that they would destroy all three relief kitchens opened in Harlan County by the Penn.-Ohio-West Virginia-Kentucky Striking Miners Relief Committee, local miners report. Strikers are patrolling the grounds around the kitchens, guarding them night and day now. Food was cooked and served on the relief station grounds today. The local relief secretary reported to the central headquarters in Pittsburgh that relief will be distributed every day in spite of the terror, and urged that more food be sent there.

Evarts is in the very heart of the flux epidemic. In this little city, an average of two die every day in the week from this starvation disease. An intensive search is being made by thugs who rove the Kentucky hills in a flock of automobiles with heavy machine guns mounted from rumble seats, for Caroline Drew, organizer of the Women's Auxiliaries of the National Miners Union, who helped to establish the kitchens. Seven houses were raided in the search, and a complete description of Drew was given by these gunmen all through the section.

Meanwhile, Women's Auxiliaries and National Miners Union locals are meeting regularly in different places each week. Drew is passed from

THREATEN TO JAIL 1,000 STRIKING MINERS' KIDS WHO WILL COLLECT AID

3,000 Silk Strikers in Parade Resist Attack of Paterson Cops

UTW-ASW Strikers Oppose Sell Out Policy of Fakers, Demand Workers' Settlements

PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 13.—Determined to show the whole of Paterson that the overwhelming majority of the silk and dye workers support the National Textile Workers Union and the United Front General Strike Committee, 3,000 workers marched militantly in their parade Thursday afternoon. The determination of these thousands of workers, together with more thousands along the line of march, which demonstrated that they will stand for no fake settlement on the part of the U.T.W.-Associated leaders and will fight to the end for their demands under the N.T.W.U. was so powerful that bosses mobilized the police of the city and ordered them to make a brutal assault on defenseless workers assembled to hear their speakers.

In spite of this vicious attempt to break up the meeting, the workers stood their ground crowding around the platform nursing bruised arms and heads, shouting defiance at the cordon of blue coats keeping others out who wanted to hear.

March Three Hours For three hours these 3,000 workers, their wives and children marched in the hot sun through the mill district and workers' living quarters of the city led by their organizers and strike leaders, J. Rubin and Fred Biedenknapp.

The members of the union band in their white uniforms and red ties followed playing revolutionary songs. After them came a sea of banners with slogans expressing the strikers' determination to fight for their demands, to fight the bosses, the police, the fake settlements of the U.T.W. leaders, to fight for unity with the rank and file workers of the fake unions, in a tremendous effort to close the ranks of all honest and militant workers to carry on the strike until every demand is won and the workers are back on genuine settlement.

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Persecution Spreads In Ohio, W. Virginia Mine Fields

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 13.—A thousand hungry, striking miners' children are coming into Pittsburgh Saturday from camps where the miners have been living on three meals a week for a city-wide tag day.

The City Welfare Department today refused the Citizens' Committee a permit, saying an O.K. from the Chamber of Commerce must be had first. The committee told the Welfare head, Mrs. Rauh, that the children's tag day will be held regardless. The children are coming to ask Pittsburgh workers to help with relief while fighting the battle against starvation in the coal fields. Mrs. Rauh replied it would mean the arrest of all the children, but the children, who realize this possibility, decided to come anyway, whether the coal-operator controlled Chamber of Commerce likes it or not. The Pennsylvania-Ohio Relief Committee is determined to do everything possible to feed the hungry miners' families struggling against starvation.

WHEELING, West Va., August 13.—Persecution is increasing in this and the Ohio fields. Fifty-two miners were arrested in an attack on the picket line of the Valley Camp Coal Co. mines around Triadelphia Wednesday. This strike is nominally led by the United Mine Workers, which has put up signs announcing that. But the UMW officials stand against the militant picketing of the rank and file miners, and are industriously trying to sell out the whole strike.

Wednesday about 1,500 picketed in full force, stopping seats wholesale. The police and deputy raids followed.

At Clarksburg, West Va., Gilbert Deem and Otis Huff have been arrested charged with beating up a scab named David Blair, at Francis Mine No. 2 of the Montfair Gas Coal Co.

Nine striking miners have been held to the grand jury charged with fighting back when Deputy Clyde Collins of the Cook mine of the Hutchinson Coal Co. attacked them Sunday.

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STOP 2 EVICTIONS IN DAY IN HARLEM

NEW YORK.—The Harlem Unemployed Council held a successful open air meeting yesterday at 134th St. and Lenox Ave.

While the meeting was going on, Mrs. Emma Doctor, an unemployed woman with three small children, was being evicted. The Council mobilized the workers to proceed from the meeting to the scene of the eviction at 110 West 134th St. There the furniture of the evicted worker was put back to the cheering of the workers. A meeting was held in front of the building, where hundreds of the workers pledged themselves to fight against evictions. A block committee was formed there and then.

From this meeting the Unemployed Council was called on to prevent another eviction. At 304 West 129th St., Mrs. Mary Griffin had been evicted with her three small children. Under the leadership of the Council, workers returned her furniture to the flat, and held an anti-eviction meeting in front of the house.

The headquarters of the Harlem Unemployed Council are at 19 W. 139th Street.

DEMONSTRATE IN ELIZABETH SAT.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Aug. 12.—This Saturday, August 15, at 1:30 p.m., the workers of Elizabeth will demonstrate in front of the city swimming pool at Front and Livingston Sts., against the Jim Crow tactics of the city authorities. Despite the fact that Negro workers are supposed to have the same right to the use of the pool as the whites, and are allowed to buy their tickets, the policeman stationed at the entrance tries to keep them out by threats. He tells them that if they do not want to get hurt to keep away. If they insist on their rights and go in the

pool, a gang of white hoodlums encouraged and aided by the city police beat up these Negro workers most viciously.

But these happenings at the swimming pool are only a part of the discrimination and systematic terror carried on against the Negroes in this city. Only a few days ago three colored youths were arrested by a uniformed thug named Geiger for no other reason than walking home with white workers.

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All Out Sunday to the Daily Worker Picnic--Pleasant Bay Park--Rain or Shine (See below for Directions)

Chicago Masses Crowd Court In Protest at Frame-Up of Workers on "Riot" Charge

Trial Is Postponed Till August 25; Workers Arrested In Courtroom for Distributing Leaflets

CHICAGO, August 13.—Over 800 Negro and white workers crowded the courtroom yesterday in protest against the trial of the white and Negro workers arrested after the police massacre of unemployed workers on the South Side on August 3. Hundreds milled in the streets outside, unable to get in.

Several workers were arrested for distributing leaflets denouncing the trial as an attempt to whitewash the police massacre which resulted in the murder of four Negro workers and the wounding of scores of Negro and white workers. The leaflet exposed the city administration and the landlords and local N. A. A. C. P. leaders as directly responsible for the shooting down and murder of unemployed workers.

In an effort to terrorize the unemployed workers into submitting without protest to being evicted, Judge Thomas A. Green ordered the arrest of James Thurman, his wife and two children. A warrant had previously been issued for the arrest of Thurman. It was the eviction of this family that the workers were demonstrating against when police fired into the crowd of men, women and children.

The bosses and their courts now seek to victimize this family as a warning to other unemployed workers who are unable to pay their rent and are evicted. This is in line with the promise made to a meeting of the landlords on Aug. 6 by Acting Chief Justice Frank M. Padden of the Municipal Court, who then told his bosses:

"We must discriminate between the needs of the poor and the rights of the property owners. The latter must be safeguarded and the poor will have to be cared for"

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What's On—

FRIDAY—
Hastings Unemployed Council will have two open air meetings, one at 4th St. and Ave. B from 6-8 p.m., and another at 7th St. and Ave. B. The Unemployed Council holds indoor meetings every day at 134 E. 73rd St. All unemployed workers should attend.

Workers Ex-Service League, Br. 1 will hold a regular branch meeting at 79 E. 19th St., this August 14, 8 p.m. All ex-servicemen are asked to attend.

Open Forum in the Bronx will be given at the Bronx Hungarian Workers Club, 75 Westchester Ave., on "Convict Labor in the United States," by Comrade W. Wilson. All workers invited.

Metal Workers Industrial League The regular membership meeting will be held at the new center, 5 E. 11th St., Aug. 14, 8 p.m. One of our leading Trade Unionists expected to address the meeting.

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Mapleton Workers' Club meets tonight at 1684 66 St., Brooklyn. Very important. All members must attend.

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Harlem Progressive Youth Club calls on all its members to attend a very important business meeting at 1492 Madison Ave., 8:30 sharp.

Steve Katozis Branch, I. L. D. will hold an indoor meeting at 257 E. 10 St., this August 14.

Downtown Unemployed Council will hold two open-air meetings, one at 4 St. and Ave. B from 6-8 p.m., and one at 7 St. and Ave. B, from 8:15 on.

SATURDAY—
Downtown Unemployed Council Open-air meeting at 14 St. and University Pl.

Workers Ex-Service League, Br. 1 will hold an open-air meeting in Columbus Circle, Aug. 15, 8 p.m. The main point of the speeches will be the role of the Ex-Servicemen's League in the Next War.

I.L.D. Gene Deis, Br. Open air meeting to be held Aug. 16, at Burke and Crueger Aves., 8 p.m. All workers invited.

The Tractor Auto Workers School Is Holding a **BANQUET** AUGUST 16th AT 3 P. M.

For the first group of graduating mechanics leaving for the U.S.S.R. All members, friends and sympathizers are invited. There will be an interesting program and prominent speakers will address the audience. At WORKERS CENTER 35 E. 12th Street

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SHOE WORKERS WIN STRIKE

Boss Will Deal With Dep't Committees

Under the leadership of the Shoe and Leather Workers Industrial Union the workers in the last department of the Rico Shoe Company won the strike which was declared last Tuesday.

This shop employs between three hundred and four hundred workers. The whole last department, consisting of sixty workers, made a stoppage in this shop on Tuesday morning. The immediate cause that precipitated this stoppage was the vicious methods the superintendent used in abusing them, such as discrimination, favoritism, complaints about the work and as a result the workers found it impossible to make more than eight or nine pairs of shoes a day. Previously they used to make about 12 to 15 pairs a day.

After staying out for two days the boss finally agreed to recognize the department committee with whom he is to deal on all questions and also grievances arising in their department. No discrimination, no discharge, recognition of the workers right to join the union. A committee was elected and every worker of the department joined the union. A shop meeting will be called very soon of all departments by the union in order to unite the ranks and of the whole shop to win these concessions for all workers.

In the Glenmore and Gantele shops the strikes go on in full force. Yesterday five strikers were arrested at the Gantele shop. The boss in trying to frame up these workers on a charge of felonious assault, will stop at nothing. The names of the arrested strikers are: Scalabrini, Rusolino, Giarrasia, Messina, Sacovino. They are all out on \$1,000 bail each, and back on the picket line.

TUUC GIVES AID TO C.P. IN ELECT'N

The members of the Trade Union Unity Council at its regular monthly meeting adopted a resolution endorsing the Communist Party Election Campaign and pledged to bring the platform of the Party before all leagues and unions and to obtain the cooperation of the membership for the immediate task of collecting 35,000 signatures to enable the Communist Party to place its candidates on the ballot.

J. Louis Engdahl, Communist Candidate for Congress in the 7th District, Brooklyn, exposed the role of the labor fakers, particularly in the A. F. of L. who are against granting any measure of unemployment relief for the jobless on the grounds that this is a "dole," while they show no concern about the fact that more than ten million unemployed workers throughout the country and one million in New York are actually on the verge of starvation.

The following organizational proposals for supporting the Communist Party in the election campaign, presented by Comrade Engdahl, were adopted:

1. Mobilization of the entire membership to help collect signatures. A definite day to be set for this drive.
 2. T.U.U.C. center to be used as election campaign headquarters.
 3. The Trade Union Unity League to issue leaflets on the importance of supporting the Communist Party struggle in the election campaign.
 4. The Communist Party speakers to visit all leagues and unions and particularly A. F. of L. unions to win support for the Communist platform in the election campaign.
 5. T.U.U.C. membership to support the Communist Party Election Tag Day, September 19 and 20.
 6. The T.U.U.C. to have all sections represented at the Ratification Meeting of the Communist Party, Friday, September 18, tickets to be sent to all leagues.
 7. The T.U.U.C. will issue a statement in support of the Communist Party to win the workers to vote Communist in this election campaign.
- All working class organizations are urged to take similar action and to immediately communicate with the District Campaign Manager, at Communist Party headquarters, 35 East 12 Street on the action taken.

WOOD HEEL WORKERS STRIKE

Struggle Menaced By Traitorous Leaders

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Workers from the New York Wood Heel, 25 Quincy St.; Progressive Wood Heel, State and Smith Sts.; Williamsburg Wood Heel and Manhattan Wood Heel of Sanford and Myrtle Ave., are out on strike for better conditions.

The conditions of the Wood Heel workers all over Brooklyn and New York are daily becoming unbearable. In the New York Wood Heel factory, the workers were getting \$10 and \$12 for 47 hours per week. The piece workers made only \$25 to \$30 a week. If any of the workers had made a little more than the above they were afraid to hand in their tickets because the bosses would have immediately cut the prices. All of the workers from the factories during the slack period are making only a few pennies a day. The week-workers are laid-off.

The election of a Republican and Democratic committee shows very clearly that Smith and Bankroft are out to play with the corrupted Tammany Hall politicians whose policy has always been that of breaking strikes. The election of the Committee of Ex-Servicemen is also directed to betray them into the American Legion, the fascist strike-breaking organization. This must be immediately exposed by the strikers at the strike hall.

The talk of Smith to smile of the cop beats up the workers on the picket line is to allow the cops to break the strike. The strikers must demand and mobilize mass picket lines in front of every struck wood heel shop, and beat back any attacks of the police and bosses thugs.

The slogan of the strikers must be a fight to the end for victory. Twenty per cent increase in wages for all wood heel workers. A minimum wage scale for young workers to be decided by the young workers themselves and not by Bankroft. The immediate spreading of the strike in all wood heel shops. No settlements to be made by Bankroft. All settlements to be made by the workers. Recognition of the shop committee.

The Bankroft-Smith gang intends to fatten on the workers by tricking them into a sell out. The workers must know that the only organization that can lead them into victory is the Trade Union Unity League and its union, the Shoe and Leather Workers Industrial Union. The strikers should demand that the representatives of the Shoe and Leather Workers Industrial Union be allowed to speak and present their program for the wood heel workers. Get in touch with the Shoe and Leather Workers Industrial Union at once at 5 E. 19th St.

3,000 Silk Strikers in Parade Resist Attack of Paterson Cops

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Pioneers and Strikers' Children March

Over 100 Pioneers and children of strikers composed one section and the kids were among the peppiest singers and shouters in the line. The youth had splendid organization, cheering and carrying placards with their special youth demands. In the women's section, one woman pushed a baby carriage with a three month's old infant with two more pulling at her skirts. At the end of the parade after three hours of marching, she was still at her post. The main body of workers in the parade was led by Jim Reid, President of the National Textile Workers Union and Robert W. Dunn, Director of the Labor Research Association of New York.

All along the line of march the thousands of workers watching the parade applauded and cheered the workers of Paterson in other industries, support the fighting textile workers' union and are solidly with the strikers in their fight against the fake settlements which the officials of the U. T. W.-Associated are forcing upon the workers in that union.

Every shop that has gone to work on a fake settlement was booed by the marching workers. Every shop in which the looms could be heard was greeted by a chorus of "Out on Strike!"

Police Attack Parade
Thespicians on the stand were all ready to begin. Suddenly everything was turmoil and confusion. Workers were being slugged left and right by police clubs. Women ran shrieking down the street in every direction, with police chasing them madly with clubs and guns. Children were overthrown and tramped upon. The cops grabbed women around the necks from behind and strangled them until they were blue in the face.

One cop threw a chain around a worker's neck and drew it tight until the worker almost choked. Comrade B. Salzbarg was brutally beaten up when she began resisting the attacks of the police. A blow from a fist felled her to the ground and her daughter, going to her aid, was thrown into the waiting patrol wagon. The mother was thrown in after her and also four more workers. They are now held without bail until the morning, in the stinking filthy police jail.

It was unquestionably a planned attack with the police and three patrol wagons appearing just as soon as the last squad of marchers was nearing the lot. The assault was at the rear end of the march and the workers were taken absolutely unawares. In spite of this vicious attack, the workers held their ground in groups and remained to listen to the speakers who addressed not only

the thousands inside the lot, but more workers outside the police cordon surrounding the lot.

This meeting which was being addressed by Jim Reid, I. Amter and Robert W. Dunn, was still in progress as we went to press.

Workers Resist Fake Settlements
The militancy and determination to halt the fake settlements of the U. T. W.-Associated on the part of the strikers following the N. T. W. U. is making itself felt to the settlement committee of the fake union. Prompt action in throwing picket lines about the shops in which the workers were forced back on fake settlement called a halt temporarily to such settlements. Two such picketed shops are out again in response to our picket line.

Not one shop has been announced as settled by the fake union today. From the G. G. G. shop where the night shift was left entirely out of the so-called settlement, the discriminated workers were told by the U. T. W. settlement committee that unless they join the U. T. W. they would not even be considered as entitled to work, and if they did join they might be able to divide the work with the day weavers. The workers refused, saying that they had the right to choose which union they wanted and threatened to picket the mill if the fake settlement persisted.

"Settled Shops" Come Out
The fake settlement committee evidently got scared for they are holding the question over a day for consideration.

At the Perfect Silk Co., the found winders and quillers in the shop were taken back at \$4.50 per week below the prices demanded by our union. No shop committee exists in the shop. The boss simply got a slip from the U. T. W. that the shop was O. K. and the workers were ordered back. Our picket line this morning took the workers out again and the picket line will be there every morning, until a genuine settlement is reached.

It is obvious that this is having a tremendous effect on both the officials and on the rank and file, the former getting snared and the latter making their demands for unity with us more insistent. This pressure on their part is so great that the officials felt themselves compelled to picket one of their own settled mills yesterday, the York Silk Co., on the charge of it being a fake settlement.

A striking proof of scabbing and fake settling on the part of the UTW-Associated is the case of the Peggy Silk Co., which is a so-called union shop of the former Associated. In this general strike this shop did not even come out on strike and now the fake union has announced it as a settled shop.

Bert McMahon for Sell Out
The coming of McMahon of the UTW to speak to the strikers is the

signal for the beginning of a sell-out. Now Bert Miller, famed for his recent blatant sell-out of the White Plains construction workers, has come into the Paterson situation which means, of course, that the A. F. of L. Associated union is completing plans for this sell-out. They know the right man for the job—Bert Miller.

67 Strikers on Trial.
The defense situation is getting more serious every day. On Friday morning the 67 picketers who have been arrested in the course of this week at the Streg Dye Shop came up in the Criminal Court for trial, charged with disorderly conduct. A more serious charge has been lodged against Jack Verner, who was arrested during the first week of the strike at the Weideman Dye Shop on a charge of assaulting the police. As a result of the beating he got nearly three weeks ago, Verner still has swollen hands, swollen ears and a large hole in the back of his head. He was attacked from the rear while arguing with girls going into the mills, mercilessly beaten both on the street and in the police station and finally released on bail. This case also comes up Friday morning.

Collect Relief.
Collections and food relief are continuing energetically. Friday there is a store to store collection in Paterson, on Saturday a tag day in Passaic and on Sunday a house to house collection in Paterson.

The store is feeding on an average of 50 families a day, most of them with seven to eleven children. In families with mothers in the hospital and the landlord threatening eviction, starving children are being fed with whatever food the relief committee can manage to get hold of.

New Jersey organizations held a conference in Newark Wednesday night to prepare affairs throughout the state for relief. The strikers appeal to the workers' organizations throughout the country to do likewise. The Lithuanian Women's Council is holding a picnic on Sunday, August 23, for the benefit of the strikers. A general conference is being planned on August 25 of all organizations for the purpose of making a concerted drive for relief.

Workers throughout the country are asked to send money and food to the relief headquarters at 39 Ellison St., Paterson, N. J.

American Legion Meet Subject of Discussion at WESL Regular Meet

The coming American Legion convention to be held in Detroit, September 8 to 22 and the role of the Legion as a strike-breaking organization of the employers will be the main topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League Friday, August 14, at 8 p.m. at their headquarters, 79 East 10th St.

The meeting opens at 8 p.m. and all ex-servicemen are invited to attend and join in the discussion which will also cover the work of the organization.

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Six Companies Mobilize Private Army Of Gunmen To Terrorize Workers

Workers Slaughtered Wholesale and Buried Without Inquest Or Investigation

(By a Worker Correspondent)

LAS VEGAS, Nevada.—Six Companies, Inc. (the biggest and most murderous company here) is busy organizing its private army of gunmen under the leadership of Claude Williams, famous strikebreaker and Cossack chief. In 1929 Williams organized a police force at Eureka, N. C., a textile town of 5,000 and effectively suppressed the workers and broke the strike. He also organized the police force at the Western Electric plants at Baltimore, Md., and earned his reputation there by his murderous clubbing of the workers (1930).

I will now quote from an editorial by A. E. Cahlan appearing in the Las Vegas Review Journal:

"Six Companies are experiencing all the joys that go with rapid expansion and rush construction on their project down on the Colorado river, and men are paying with lives and limbs at a rather startling rate. Of course there are bound to be many lives sacrificed in this war against the force of nature as tied up in the turbulent stream and its adjacent area, for there has never been any great piece of construction work that did not take this horrible toll. It is part of the tragic side that diminishes a bit the romance that the majority see in such a project and has to be expected.

"The rather sickening regularity with which these accidents have been occurring, however, has set hundreds to asking questions as to why? The answer is probably, that in the rapid expansion of the company from a handful of men two months ago to fifteen hundred employees today, it has been necessary to take the word of several for their proficiency along various lines. They are found to be amateurs only when the big blowup comes, and perhaps they pay for their lack of experience with their own lives. Again, this Boulder canyon project is the greatest bit of construction work ever undertaken in history, where there is so

little space in which to work, and that will probably account for several major accidents during the construction period. Undoubtedly the Six Companies are taking every possible precaution, and the government engineers are seeing to it that they do—but accidents are bound to happen. The large number to date, however, will probably result in redoubling the safety measures in an effort to check it entirely, if this be possible.

"The most recent accident brought to light an interesting angle of the creation of the government reservation in the river district. This action removed the Nevada laws from any sort of application to that section, which means there is no designated coroner to inquire into deaths from other than natural causes, and no responsibility therefor. Just what will be done in this regard remains to be seen—but the way matters stand there just isn't any. Whether there is any authority to go ahead with the burial of the accident victims without some sort of an inquest, is not quite clear.

"The above part mentioning the 'government reservation' where the state laws do not apply, means very little as the Nevada state labor laws are as lax as its divorce laws. Meanwhile the slaughter of workers will go on (profits before lives). Only action of the workers will change all this. —An Unemployed Worker.

Must Organize to Fight Hunger in Kansas

Kansas City, Mo. — A week is the order of the day at all large packing houses. And the packing house worker is told that the five day week is for his benefit and was put into effect so as not to lay off any of the workers.

Lose Homes Housing conditions in the packing house district are growing more acute. Many of the houses in the district have broken windows and are falling into a state of bad repair; many of the unemployed have moved in with their relatives who are a little more fortunate than they—if only temporarily so.

The city authorities inform those in need of medical attention that the fund set aside for that purpose is exhausted and that will be necessary to wait until after the taxes are paid this winter. Not until then will the city be able to relief of even the most meager degree.

Workers of all industries must quit looking to petty local and state politicians; they must cease listening to patriotic politicians who only speak in their own interests; they must stop believing the patriarchs who teach: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth"—and turn their eyes not on the state capitol, not the city on the Potomac; but turn to the militant working class organizations—the Trade Union Unity League, the Unemployed Councils, and follow the workers' vanguard: the Communist Party.

Legion Holds Orgy While Workers Ask Food

(By a Worker Correspondent) TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Our August 1st demonstration was a success in spite of the fact that the city duds and our county prosecutor and the lying press tried to stop our meeting. Lackey Witlock, the prosecutor, stated that there would be no "Red Talk" or parades or we would go to jail.

Eighteen hundred workers gathered at the court house by 2:30 to hear our speakers who only knew how to talk Red. The meeting went on scheduled time at 4 p. m., 300 parading through the down town section.

Legion Holds Orgy The American Legion and the other fascists held their meetings a few miles away, but what a contrast to ours. It cost \$1 to get into their meeting where hundreds of bottles of booze were consumed. There were many drunken fights and plenty of nude women who were putting on a show, their bodies bruised and pinched by the degenerate drunks, while deputy sheriffs and state police stood by and smiled.

This was their way of celebrating the 17th anniversary of the world war. Contrast this with our anti-war demonstration. While we were asking for bread the Legion gang destroyed enough food at their drunken orgy to feed 200 families.

They are also evicting workers from their homes for being unable to pay rent. We are organizing to put the furniture back in the homes when the bosses order it thrown out. We say no rent will be paid until we get no work.

Organize to Fight Hunger in Fargo (By a Worker Correspondent.) I am doing all I can to organize the workers to fight against starvation.

Here in Fargo there are 9,000 men out of work. Many have not even homes to live in or money to buy food. A man who has been out of work for a long time and had nothing for his family to eat went to the Salvation Army and they would do nothing for him. He then went to the police and they told him "Nothing doing." The boss even abolished the breadline that they established here, where they gave away a few scraps to a few of the unemployed.

Wm. Green and Matthew Woll Favor Stagger Plan to Make the Workers Pay for the Crisis

5-Day Week Plan Is Boon to Bosses, Helping Them Refuse Unemployment Insurance and Spreading Hunger to All Workers

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 13.—A means whereby the bosses in this country can further cut wages, as well as place the entire burden of unemployment on the backs of the working class, was worked out in a resolution passed by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor at its meeting here. Every step of this meeting has been to aid the bosses strengthen their attack against the harassed working class and to safeguard the profits of the exploiters at the expense of the toilers.

The present resolution on "unemployment" logically follows the other action which directly favors wage slashing. The resolution sponsored by Green and Woll admits that "unemployment increased to an astonishing degree," and states further that re-

ports coming from all sides are "filled with incidents of human distress and human suffering."

This information is passed on to the bosses, with the warning that they must act against the rising resentment of the workers, that they must do something to fool the workers or face "the development of an irresistible demand for unemployment relief legislation." Since the A. F. of L. officialdom, along with the bosses, do not want any "unemployment relief legislation" they offer a plan that does two good deeds

Calif. Lowers Rates to Back Wage Cuts For Fruit Workers

(By a Worker Correspondent) BRENTWOOD, Calif.—Despite the pious, hypocritical pronouncements of Hoover and his lackeys, the wage-cutting campaign in California is receiving the full co-operation of the governmental agencies. Just recently the State Division of Industrial Welfare published a "revised" schedule of wages to be paid in the fruit-packing industry. Revised downward, of course, so not to curtail the profits of the California Packing Corporation, Balfour Guthrie, etc.

Under the revised rates, "experienced" women and minors are forced to work for 27½ cents an hour and "inexperienced" for 25 cents. Packers of deciduous fruits may be exploited one year, "according to the law," in the "inexperienced" rate. No rates were set for women working in orchards or drying yards, nor for males over 18.

SALZBERG MILL STRIKERS HOLD PICKET LINES

Ovation for Greegan Just Released From Putnam Prison PUTNAM, Conn., Aug. 12. (By mail.) — Over five hundred silk strikers and sympathizers picketed the M. Salzberg mill here on Tuesday despite the vicious attacks by the state and local police. The picket line paraded in regular formation two by two, in front of the mill. This was the answer of the workers to the attempt of the mill to reopen with fifteen scabs on Monday. The picket line was reformed and maintained three times before it was dispersed.

Tear bombs were thrown regularly into the crowds and into the ranks of the pickets. The strikers used handkerchiefs to overcome the effects of the tear gas. The police threw a tear gas candle in front of the blacksmith shop of a certain Laeroix. When Elide Laeroix, the son of the blacksmith, rushed out with a pail of water to throw over the candle he was pounced upon by State Trooper Henry V. Mayor. This cossack tool of the mill owners then mercilessly clubbed the young worker. Young Laeroix received serious scalp wounds and when he was helpless, he was arrested and charged with "assault and with attempt to kill."

Threaten to Jail 1,000 Striking Miners' Kids Who Will Collect Aid

(Continued From Page One) COVERDALE, Pa., August 13.—A baseball game between the National Miners Union youth organizations took place at Hackett, with Fred Siders, section organizer as umpire. Despite the fact that many runs were scored on account of there being only six gloves to go around, the game was a good one. A collection was taken up for relief.

HARLAN, Ky., August 13.—As the period of the trial of the Black Mountain cases, approaches, the attempt to kill by legal means and in the electric chair all the miners who dared to lead a strike against the Black Mountain Coal Co.—some old no discrimination, and the recognition of the workers' mill committees.

During negotiations in the past week Salzberg had already offered to settle the strikes on the basis of the workers' demands. Bloom prevailed upon him not to settle and to try to smash the strike by force through the capitalist government. The use of force has not broken the strikers' ranks. The evasion which the strikers' committee demanding their rights received from Mayor Charles A. Richards and the sending in of the police by the state government is opening the eyes of the strikers.

Sentence Royal Silk Strikers PAWTUCKET, R. I., Aug. 12.—Sentences of three months in jail were handed out by Judge Ralph C. Estes, in Attleboro, on Tuesday, to three strikers of the Royal Silk Mill. They are Samuel Esjou, Ben Hennis, and John Anter. They were framed up on a charge of attacking a scab by the name of Otto Hess. All three appealed and a bail of \$500 each was imposed upon them.

The strike of the forty workers in the Taylor Silk Mill here was still going strong on Wednesday. The conference with the boss came to naught when he refused to grant the workers their demands. He tried to divide the workers by proposing to give the night shift workers the jobs of the day shift. The workers turned this down and stood by their demands for an increase in wages on crepe work, the 50 hour, instead of the 55 hour week, with no discrimination.

Organize in Woonsocket WOONSOCKET, R. I., Aug. 12.—Both the day and night shifts of the Woonsocket Fall Mill here laid plans to solidly organize the weavers and other departments, as preparations for a strike that will defeat the two loom system, discrimination and the other grievances. Both Martin Russock, N. T. W. U. organizer, and Joe

to buy goods at the company store they found they could not live. Many men died on the job of undernourishment and heat, as well as lack of water. The strikers are demanding withdrawal of the wage-cut and supplies of decent drinking water.

The construction camp here is a miserable place, dirty, unsanitary, giving the appearance of acute want. Now the men who suffered for months until they got a job are faced with the entire government trying to put over a wage-cut. The local authorities at Las Vegas, Nev., declared that when the strikers' funds ran out they would be faced with starvation and that the city authorities will be unable to feed the men and their families. This is what Hoover is waiting for so that he can lash the men back to work at the cut wages with the whip of starvation.

Gov't Orders Hoover Dam Strikers to Starve in Desert

Insist on Enforcing Wage Cut of \$1 a Day, With Troops if Necessary; 1,400 Men and Families Face Horrible Death

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Aug. 13.—The Hoover government has ordered 1,400 striking workers at the Hoover dam off of government land and into the desert to starve. The men are striking against a wage-cut of \$1 a day. The Hoover government insisted that they take this wage-cut or starve to death.

The land at the Hoover dam site in Boulder City is government property, and as the government is behind the wage-cut, it is ready to enforce it with troops and starvation.

The men and their families, most of whom suffered hunger and privation before they got the job, now face the stifling heat of the desert at the orders of the capitalist government. This is the same government which issues lying statements to the workers about "maintaining living standards," while it actually uses its troops to enforce starvation.

Work Closed Down. All work at the dam is closed down. The Hoover government is now preparing to import scabs to carry on the work and enforce the wage-cut. Most of the men who are striking had been out of work for a long time before they got the job at \$5 a day. Then the Hoover government ordered wages cut to \$4 a day. Since all the men are forced

to work at the cut wages with the whip of starvation.

The American Federation of Labor officials, meeting in Atlantic City, have not said one word against the Hoover policy of wage-cutting at the Hoover dam.

Police Forced to Free Kling, Jailed Aug. 1st

Communists Demand Right to Streets

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Aug. 11.—Following a protest meeting of New Britain workers, R. S. Kling, Communist candidate for mayor of New Haven, was freed in New Britain court Saturday morning, where he was charged with breach of the peace following his attempt to speak before 2,000 workers at the Aug. 1 demonstration.

The New Britain police, acting under the orders of the large companies which control the city, Stanley-Corbin and Landers broke up the demonstration.

The Communist Party and the International Labor Defense immediately took up the fight for the right of the workers to use the streets of New Britain for meetings. Telegrams of protest were sent to Governor Cross. An indoor mass meeting was arranged at the Ukrainian Hall in New Britain. The police made an unsuccessful attempt to have the right to use the hall revoked. Despite a sweltering heat, 200 workers gathered in one of the most enthusiastic working-class meetings ever held in the city.

In opening the meeting, A. Tomkin, secretary of the I. L. D., announced that the fight of the Communist Party for free speech and the right to assemble would be fully supported by the I. L. D. R. S. Kling, who was arrested at the Aug. 1 demonstration, was loudly cheered as he took the floor. He continued the anti-war speech that the police interrupted on Aug. 1, told of his experiences in the rank and file labor delegation. He told the workers that in the Soviet Union the best building in town was made the trade union hall and that the workers in New Britain should start picking out their future meeting place.

Salzman Exposes City Gov't. The workers cheered the announcement by Max Salzman, district organizer of the Party, that the Party would enter a slate of candidates for the municipal election in April, 1932. He exposed the rottenness and corruption of the city government, which refused to give help to the unemployed except to a few for partisan political considerations. Over 12,000 are unemployed in this city of 68,000. The mayor gives the workers speeches against Communism instead of food.

The actions of Chief of Police Hart in breaking up working-class demonstrations were condemned by the speaker amid cheers from the workers. He announced that the Party would not only continue the fight for free speech, but would aid the workers in the city to fight against unemployment and starvation in the city and to build unions to strike against wage-cuts. He announced that the municipal election platform of the Party would be drawn up by the Party, with the aid of the workers in the city, and not in secret behind closed doors like the strike-

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suffering" widening the "irresistible demand for unemployment relief legislation."

On the same, the New York State Department of Labor announced unemployment was growing. They reported that for July payrolls and employment both dropped 2 per cent. "The extent of the fall in industrial activity over the past two years appears from the fact that this July recorded 14 per cent fewer factory workers than a year ago and 26 per cent fewer than July two years ago," the statement read. Payrolls totaled 20 per cent less than July, 1930, and 35 per cent less than July, 1929.

Forces were cut in the metal and machinery industries; decreases of from 6 to 13 per cent were noted in the silverware manufacture and jewelry line.

Negro, White Workers Join Ranks in South in Anti-War Meeting

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 13.—For the first time in the history of our Party an anti-war demonstration was held in Wichita Falls, Texas, on August 1. Several hundred participated in the demonstration and a hundred took part in the marching. In the Jim Crow South where the Negro workers are kept segregated we succeeded for the first time in having a mixed crowd, whites and Negroes. The Scottsboro issue was very conspicuously displayed and banners such as "Free the Scottsboro Boys," "Down with Discrimination Against Negroes," etc., were carried. The chief of police unsuccessfully tried to stop the parade, for the spirit and resistance of the workers was too great. Hundreds of workers, practically the whole town followed on the sidewalks trying to get a glimpse of the signs. The Party prestige has been raised tremendously and the demonstration is the talk of the whole town.

The leader of the demonstration, Comrade Gilentine, was called to the Grand Jury and tried. Since no charge could be put against him, he was let loose. This was a tremendous achievement for the Party and the Unemployed Council.

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The Communist Party and the International Labor Defense immediately took up the fight for the right of the workers to use the streets of New Britain for meetings. Telegrams of protest were sent to Governor Cross. An indoor mass meeting was arranged at the Ukrainian Hall in New Britain. The police made an unsuccessful attempt to have the right to use the hall revoked. Despite a sweltering heat, 200 workers gathered in one of the most enthusiastic working-class meetings ever held in the city.

In opening the meeting, A. Tomkin, secretary of the I. L. D., announced that the fight of the Communist Party for free speech and the right to assemble would be fully supported by the I. L. D. R. S. Kling, who was arrested at the Aug. 1 demonstration, was loudly cheered as he took the floor. He continued the anti-war speech that the police interrupted on Aug. 1, told of his experiences in the rank and file labor delegation. He told the workers that in the Soviet Union the best building in town was made the trade union hall and that the workers in New Britain should start picking out their future meeting place.

Salzman Exposes City Gov't. The workers cheered the announcement by Max Salzman, district organizer of the Party, that the Party would enter a slate of candidates for the municipal election in April, 1932. He exposed the rottenness and corruption of the city government, which refused to give help to the unemployed except to a few for partisan political considerations. Over 12,000 are unemployed in this city of 68,000. The mayor gives the workers speeches against Communism instead of food.

The actions of Chief of Police Hart in breaking up working-class demonstrations were condemned by the speaker amid cheers from the workers. He announced that the Party would not only continue the fight for free speech, but would aid the workers in the city to fight against unemployment and starvation in the city and to build unions to strike against wage-cuts. He announced that the municipal election platform of the Party would be drawn up by the Party, with the aid of the workers in the city, and not in secret behind closed doors like the strike-

One way to help the Soviet Union is to spread among the workers "Soviet Forced Labor," by Max Salzman, 10 cents per copy.

CHICAGO MASSES CROWD COURT IN PROTEST AT FRAME-UP OF WORKERS ON "RIOT" CHARGE

(Continued) through some other relief channel than the halting of evictions where no rent is paid.

Mayor Cermak, who, directly after the police massacre, issued a statement, in an effort to placate the anger of the masses, in which he promised no more evictions, today exposed his hypocrisy, declaring:

"There is a large element of deadbeats who simply make a practice of living as long as possible at one address without paying rent. They are able to pay if they want to."

This is what Mayor Cermak's promised "relief" amounts to—the slander of the starving unemployed as deadbeats! The declaration that they can "pay if they want to."

This is quite in line with the promise made by Mayor Cermak's representative to the August 6 meeting of landlords. Cermak was out of

N. Y. Daily Worker Picnic This Sunday at Pleasant Bay Park!

San Francisco Club in Trouble

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Worker Exposes Harlan Co. Judge

"Alfalfa Bill" Holds 2 Organizers

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 13.—Governor "Alfalfa Bill" Murray, of Oklahoma, champion disher out of capitalist demagoguery, who has received nationwide publicity because of his cheap antics, that of closing down the oil fields in Oklahoma, recently tried to exploit the unemployment issue.

He called a conference on this question in Oklahoma City. In an hour and a half speech he elaborated a reactionary Utopia of back to feudal conditions, back to the era of handicrafts production. Murray's speech was an outstanding example of the utter bankruptcy of capitalism. They are absolutely bewildered and mystified by the economic paralysis that is more and more gripping the system.

Comrade Bob Pierce, Communist organizer of the state of Oklahoma, got up and exposed Murray's purpose in calling this conference. He pointed out that only the program of the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League can help the working class. Murray was sitting right back of Pierce while the latter was speaking and even his flowing mustache could not hide the expression of hate and fear on his face. Many of those present at the conference crowded around Pierce and asked him questions after the adjournment of the meeting.

After Wakefield and Johnson were behind the bars the court freed Calbe Powers, a local miner also charged with criminal syndicalism, after the defense made a motion to discharge on the grounds that the warrant of arrest and the affidavit were void.

Bill Duncan, charged with criminal syndicalism for distributing Daily Workers, was released on his own bond to await action of the grand jury. The court and sheriff feel that now that they have Wakefield and Johnson in jail the organization of the workers is completely smashed. But the fact is that the reign of terror has spurred the workers on to renewed activity and they are solid for the National Miners Union.

Judge Forced Release Kling

The following day, when Kling appeared in court, a large number of workers were present, but only a few were permitted to attend the trial. Despite every effort of legal trickery by the prosecution, the mass protest of the workers compelled the judge to release him.

The fight pua up by the Party won the confidence and respect of many more workers in New Britain. Now the fight goes on for the freeing of Foster, Jackson and Powers, the leaders of the March 13 delegation.

town on that date, but had delegated Assistant Corporation Counsel Joseph P. Grossman to represent him. At that meeting Grossman gave the landlords assurance that Mayor Cermak was not opposed to evictions.

Negro and white workers! On with the fight against evictions and starvation! Build the Unemployed Council! Build and defend the Communist Party! Build a fighting alliance of Negro and white workers! Defend the Negro masses! Demand equal rights for the Negro people, including the right of self-determination for the Negro majorities in the South! Mobilize your forces to resist the boss program of starvation and evictions! Out on the streets on Aug. 22 in militant protest against boss terrorism, against the murder and frame-up of workers, for the release of the Scottsboro and Camp Hill victims, for the release of Tom Mooney and all class war prisoners!

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How the Capitalist Press Calls for War Against the U.S.S.R.

By M. L.

THE capitalist countries are preparing for war against the Soviet Union. The economic crisis is driving them at an accelerated pace towards an imperialist war. The whole of capitalist-imperialism is torn in conflicts. First, there exists the antagonisms among the imperialist countries, England-U.S.A., France-Germany, France-Italy, etc.; then there is the antagonism between the capitalist countries and the Soviet Union, which is more fundamental and sharper and finally, there is the approaching revolutionary crisis in Germany. Never before have the capitalist nations been in such a whirlpool of crisis, conflict and antagonism as they are today.

The coming "disarmament" conference at Geneva in 1932 is a plan to line up the imperialist countries for war against the Soviet Union. This conference like all the previous ones is essentially a scheme for diplomatic jockeying, for alliances, for seeking allies in preparation for war. Take the London naval conference as an example. What happened at this much heralded conference concluded last year? Here is what the Journal of Commerce wrote on April 12th, 1930, in an editorial entitled "Last Rites at London":

"Thus the conference closes with mutual suspicions heightened and but thinly concealed by the generalities to be embodied in the document that all five powers are expected to sign. . . . The causes of the failure lie in the absence of international confidence combined with a will to peace!!! As a result the conference has been throughout a struggle for strategic advantage animated by the same spirit that has in the past led to international rivalries and wars."

In other words it was a struggle for military advantages. Frank H. Simonds writing in the New York Evening Post in an article entitled "Parley in Peace's Name Gives Heritage of War," last year, said:

"The London Conference is going to result in the adjustment of the fleets of the five great sea-powers in accordance with the necessities of the next war, as experts in all countries see the technical nature of that conflict. By 1936, when the Treaty of London will expire, all the fleets will be reorganized and reconstructed on this basis."

He concludes that "if the 'unthinkable' war should come in 1936 the naval officers of all countries would have to be grateful for what was done at St. James' Palace in the peace, parity and reduction."

Will Not Disarm

The capitalists are not going to disarm. In order to dupe the masses and to hide their feverish preparations for war, the imperialist powers have already invented new legends to justify their failure to disarm. And the capitalist press is spelling these legends in no uncertain terms.

The capitalist press is talking about war and war against the Soviet Union.

"There is something more than talk to the possibility of another world war in the immediate future growing out of the threatened utter financial and economic collapse of Germany, which, if not averted, must inevitably lead to overthrow of orderly government and resultant political chaos. The danger lies in Communism sweeping Europe, with Soviet Russia marching its Red armies across frontiers to make actualization of the Bolshevik dream of 'world revolution.' Civilization would then have to defend its very existence with united force — there would be no other way." (Business Chronicle, Seattle, Wash., July 20.)

Call for War Now on U.S.S.R.

"You cannot go around Europe today and believe that the World War is over. Poland is one great parable; Warsaw looks like a scene set in a military music comedy. In Hungary and Yugoslavia not only are soldiers everywhere but municipal police bear bayonets. . . . Something must be done. . . . The best minds of America must marshal themselves into action. The best minds of England must be commanded to likewise enlist. Likewise in France, in Germany and in Italy. We must deal with Russia — the greatest menace of them all. A menace not because of Communism but because of militarism. The largest and most efficient fighting force in the world today has been built by the Russian people who went to Sovietism to repudiate the frightfulness of militarism." (Tulsa, Okla. Tribune, July 19.)

The capitalists want to make it appear that they are on the defensive; that the Soviet Union is the aggressor and menace. "They say that the Soviet Union is a menace to 'our homes, our civilization, and government.'" These slogans will give the war a "holy purpose." Just as they said in 1914 that the war was a war to "crush militarism," "a war to defend small nationalities," "a war to make the world safe for democracy," "a war to end war," etc. Such inventions of the imperialist countries will give a war the character of a religious crusade. The war mongers smoke-screen the war preparations by singling out the Soviet Union as the sole menace to peace and prosperity.

How They Prepare

The capitalist press is preparing the minds of the masses for war against the Soviet Union. Below we will give excerpts from editorials in the American capitalist press. In reading these, we will understand better the phrases which liberals, pacifists and socialists spout about public opinion preventing war. They serve no purpose save to chloroform the worker and lull him to sleep. What is public opinion? It is controlled, molded and managed by the capitalist state. Its press, schools, church, movies, radio and other avenues of propaganda poison the minds of the people. This public opinion is capitalist propaganda emanating from all its sources.

Perival P. Baxter writing in the Portland Sunday Telegram, June 28, says:

"The protest and threats of the Soviet should matter not for every nation has the inherent right of self-defense, both in military and economic war."

"If matters continue on as they are now drifting, the Soviets are likely to sweep their economic way westward as well as eastward and no one can predict the outcome."

"It is well to remember that if America really wants to overcome Bolshevism it must take positive action to fight that menace."

"A Virtual State of War"

The New Bedford, Mass. Times, July 20, sheet of the textile barons, demands the return of American engineers working in the Soviet Union. It says, "Any American who was serving one of the central powers during the World War would certainly have been awarded nothing less than immediate loss of citizenship. But between Russia and the U. S. a virtual state of war (their emphasis) is constantly existing today."

The Progress Charlottesville, Va., July 14th.

reprints an article, a part of which reads as follows: "Don't let anybody fool you into thinking a war is not brewing against the Soviet Union. It will begin as an embargo, with a view of creating insurrection in Russia, and then going in to establish peace."

The Star, Meridian, Miss., July 8, prints an editorial headed "War!" "The Russian trade war on the world is bringing war in kind. . . . Russia has set out to paralyze the world-wide economic scheme of things."

"Only a fool denies potential danger in the Russian economic war."

Gerard for War

Gerard in a recent radio address remarked that "Russia is waging a war on the rest of the world." "Sooner or later we are going to have to face this Russian situation and we must face it squarely." (New York American, July 30.)

The New Haven, Conn. Register, July 30, picks up Gerard's words and regards them as a "call to arms." His words ring "as did the cry of Paul Revere in his historic ride" and they "should have far-reaching effect." The editorial concludes, "the time is surely here when this country must take an advanced stand against Russia."

Paul Revere Gerard will gloat over this.

From General Holbrook

Free Press, Detroit, Mich., July 28, referring to General Holbrook's prophecy that Germany will be "our ally" in the coming war with Russia, says, "a growing belief that in case Russian complications arise, Germany must be depended upon to act as an outer bulwark against Red inroads, has likewise been providing a practical if not particularly elevated reason for commencing to think in terms of friendliness where Berlin is concerned. The good will of Germany may easily prove valuable to this nation and the rest of civilization in time to come; and it is the way of the world to be inclined to line up with those who can return help for help."

Commenting on Holbrook's speech, The Tennessean, Nashville, Tenn., July 30, says, "Such public statements as the one General Holbrook made at Camp Dix will not prolong the day when such a war will break if it is not in the brewing as many besides General Holbrook think."

Morristown, N. J. Jerseyman, July 29, in an editorial entitled, "Russia Preparing for War," says that Holbrook's speech confirms its view "that the great plants now being constructed in Russia with such frantic haste . . . are not industrial plants at all, but plants for the manufacture of munitions of war." It concludes thus, "talking disarmament while a nation of nearly 200 millions of people is preparing for a war designed to overthrow the governments of the world may be fine idealism, but it does not seem to be a very practical program for the United States to follow. This government is the greatest capitalistic government in the world and as such it will sooner or later come under attack from Russia."

How to Restore "Normal Conditions"

The Portland Press Herald, Maine, July 18, in an editorial "Russia Causes All the Trouble," discussing the danger from Russian Communism says that "here is a problem for the consideration of the world leaders. America must play its part in the undertaking. What President Hoover has done has afforded a breathing place. . . . Another step must be taken before a firm foundation can be established. It is not disarmament which the world needs so much as the restoration of normal conditions, and this cannot be brought about so long as a great nation like Russia is devoting all its resources to creating trouble for the rest of the world."

It is evident from these editorials that the press is attempting to play up Russia as the chief protagonist of a Goliath which is menacing all the David capitalist countries. They picture Russia as the aggressor and that the other nations will have to unite to stave off her attack. This is the excuse the capitalist diplomats will offer for increasing armaments. And they are saying it now.

Here is a dispatch which appeared in the Baltimore Sun August 7 from Washington. "The chief thing the State Department is interested in . . . is Russia's stand on disarmament. . . . The State Department has taken note of the repeated statements of France that there can be no disarmament as long as the Russian Army remains as a threat to the French Allies—Poland, Rumania and Czechoslovakia."

Concerning the French attitude in Europe the Dallas, Texas, Times, July 14, writes as follows: "The French are undoubtedly determined to gain indisputable supremacy in Europe. . . . But Soviet Russia is an obstacle to French supremacy that may force France to call upon the United States and the British Empire for assistance. The French are operating on the theory that both this country and Britain regard Soviet Russia as a menace."

"It is not unlikely that some French statesmen feel that a struggle with Russia is inevitable and that it should be started before the Communists are ready for it and while assistance of England and the United States could be reasonably expected."

On the occasion of the celebration of Bastille Day in France, the Paris Nouvelles wrote: "Our army today is the best, it is not only the guarantee of peace in Europe. What man of common sense at an hour when Germany may perhaps founder in chaos does not realize that it would be criminal for France to carry disarmament any further?" N. Y. Times, July 15.

New Bedford, Mass. Times, July 15, stated: "Eventually, as the Nazi leader sharply outlines, Europe must face the problem of making itself a unit in defence against Communism invading from Russia."

"The sooner that truth is grasped and means taken to cope with it the better."

"For the eventual defence of the better things in our western civilization against communist world-conquest aimed from Russia, the Hitler doctrine must be wisely appreciated and applied; namely western civilization must regard itself as a unit in necessity. . . ." (Support and asking for Fascism.)

Newark, N. J. Ledger, July 14, wrote:

"If the Reds should dominate Germany, we hesitate to predict what the future may have in store for our present social and governmental structures. We must join with Great Britain and France in saving Germany from becoming a victim to Godless Sovietism."

Why are the capitalist countries preparing so feverishly for war against the USSR? The existence of the USSR and the successful upbuilding of socialism, which finds its expression under the Five Year Plan, magnifies the crisis and

HOOVER PREPARES FOR WINTER

CLUBS AND GATS TO BE USED ONLY ON UNEMPLOYED AND STRIKING WORKERS!



The "Communist" for August

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bankruptcy of capitalist economy. The USSR accentuates the inherent contradictions in capitalist society, and shows clearly that the only solution to the middle of capitalism, that is, crisis, anarchy, war, etc., lies in the overthrow of the bourgeoisie, and the establishment of a Soviet government. The tremendous achievements of the Soviet Union stands as an inspiration to the workers the world over. The capitalist world fears the consequences of the success of the Five Year Plan. Their indignant remarks of the impossibility and fantasy of the Plan have disappeared and turned into their opposite.

Now they yell about the menace of the Five Year Plan, of Soviet dumping, forced labor, about the challenge of Soviet Russia. These hypocritical ravings of the capitalists have the purpose of preparing an anti-Soviet bloc. Behind these lying phrases a new war is being forged against the USSR. The capitalist world is afraid of the success of the Five Year Plan. They fear the doom of their civilization. A spectre is haunting them, socialist construction in the Soviet Union. In order to crush this, they are projecting their forces towards destroying the plan by attacking the foreign trade of the Soviet Union, as well as the USSR itself.

How Unemployed Council Block Committees are Organized

By A. GERLACE (Detroit, Mich.)

SINCE the March, 1930, demonstration of the Unemployed in Detroit, where over 100,000 workers participated, we have tried to build Unemployed Councils in 3 or 4 different neighborhood sections.

Until 4 months ago, we did not succeed in getting a real council under way. Leaflet form calls were issued for meetings and distributed; some workers would come, listen to our speakers (and there were plenty and long drawn-out ones) sign applications, join the councils, attend 2 or 3 meetings and drop out. This fluctuation of members has continued for months. There was no real life in the Unemployed Councils.

With the election of Mayor Murphy, the flop houses were established. Groups were organized on the inside, good demonstrations were held, and at one time, we succeeded in having our demands for management of the flop house granted. The flop house was managed for a few days by a committee of workers living inside, but for the lack of continuous attention by the comrades in charge (when the demands were granted, we thought that this was all that was needed) the city welfare commission thru its agents, succeeded in getting the workers organized against their own management committee and voted that the management be turned back to the administration. This was the end of our organized group in the flop house.

On the fight against evictions, we have been able to mobilize thousands of workers, especially in the Negro workers' neighborhoods, as they were the hardest hit. The reasons for our successes were that here we had something concrete to fight for, but still the membership in the Unemployed Council was dropping out rapidly.

After continuous attempts to organize councils by leaflet calls, some comrades got disgusted and started a new form of work among the unemployed. Blanks were made by the TUUL office (Unemployed Section) for investigation of the starving families of workers. This was one step forward, because it gave us a clear picture of the sufferings the workers are actually confronted with.

In a given block in the "black belt" a worker was visited and permission gotten to hold a meeting in his home. After the workers in the block were visited, unemployment discussed with them, and they were invited to the meeting. At the meeting, individual cases were discussed, a number of families picked out, a committee elected and with the names of the families, the welfare department was visited. At the welfare department, demands were made for food, rent, coal and all other necessities. In most cases, demands made by the committee were granted. This was the laying of the basis of the organization of block committees. The block committees were springing up like mushrooms. At the present time we have 17 block committees, 17 of these are functioning well with an average membership of from 15 to 80 members in one neighborhood. The total number of block committees at present in Detroit is 45, with a membership of over 2,500, although not all members of the block committee are in the Unemployed Council proper, but work under the guidance of same.

Each block committee has a captain, who is in contact with the membership and at the same time with the comrade in charge of the Unemployed Council. Through this system, we are able to organize from 3 to 7 thousand workers in 2 or 3 hours. The block committees are the most effective weapon in the fight against evictions. If an eviction takes place in a certain neighborhood (especially Negro neighborhood) where 31 block committees are organized a worker would call up the TUUL office or the Unemployed Council headquarters, and report the place of the eviction, from where contacts would be made with the captains of the block committees who would mobilize their members and other workers from the neighborhood, and go out to the place of the eviction ready to put the furniture back into the house, even to the

extent of fighting it out with the police. Two incidents are especially important to mention.

An eviction took place 3 weeks ago, on a certain street. The block committees were mobilized and 2,000 workers in the time of 2 hours came to put the furniture back into the house. The police came. One cop on a motorcycle tried to ride through the crowd of workers on the sidewalk. The result was, the cop had a fractured skull, leg broken and was taken to the hospital; 30 workers were arrested and a fight and some were railroaded to 10 days in jail, others receiving suspended sentence.

Another eviction took place 3 days later. The block committees mobilized in 3 hours time over 3,000 workers at 7 p. m., and by 11 p. m. over 7,000 workers were at the scene. A squad of policemen, the black hand squad, were lined up on the porch of the house, from where the worker was evicted with drawn guns, keeping the crowd of workers from putting the furniture back into the house. Boos, cat-calls, etc., could be heard during the time of the presence of the police. 18 workers were arrested at this eviction. The crowd of 3,000 stood around until 3 a. m.

All this was a positive contributing factor to the mobilization of our Scottsboro and also August 1st demonstrations.

These block committees of the Unemployed Councils are very effective in our fight against the liberal Murphy administration, both on the relief and eviction cases, because the workers can see and feel the leadership of our Party. Many good working class fighters from these block committees are joining the Party. This is the good side of our work among the unemployed. Now we will bring out the bad side.

All of this work, of the organization of block committees was carried on by 7 or 8 comrades. In Detroit, we have now 5 unemployed council branches functioning well with a membership of about 3,000 workers, then we have 4 or 5 Unemployed Councils just beginning to function with a small membership. In not a single council did we have a Party fraction functioning (until a week ago) and in the block committees, not only do we have no fractions functioning but in many of the block committees we don't have a single member, or if we have one or two, they are very new and inexperienced workers, as far as the Communist movement is concerned. Many an old Party member is willing to pay 10 cents dues a week in order not to be considered "unemployed" and to get away from attending meetings of the Unemployed Councils or the Block Committees. While the comrades who are new in the Party, and joined through Unemployed Council activities, are doing unemployed work only (only naturally so) but have no experience in the work of how to carry on Communist activities in the Unemployed Council.

This is one danger—the danger of the Unemployed Council getting a real mass basis—slipping away and getting under control of our enemies.

Another danger is, that the Unemployed Councils in the "black belt" become jim-crow organizations. In the 31 block committees we have only 3 or 4 white workers working actively. The Unemployed Council at the Workers Home has about 1,000 members—only 3 or 4 white members. All others are Negroes, men and women. Because of our tremendous influence and organization among the Negro workers, the Negro bourgeoisie is carrying on a strong propaganda in the Negro newspapers against our Party and the Unemployed Council. They are sending Negro stool pigeons into the meetings of the Unemployed Councils who are attacking the Communist Party as an organization of "white men" who want to "use the Negro" for their own political purposes. This is not effective yet, but will be, if our leading Party committees do not take sharp measures to have the white comrades become active in the next week or two. These stool-pigeons are not only being sent to the meetings of the Unemployed Council proper, but also into the block committees, where they get away with many things, because of the absence of Party

AFL Fakers of San Jose Dealt a Blow

(This article was written before the militant strike of the San Jose cannery workers broke out.—Ed.)

By A. N.

THE Agricultural and Cannery Workers Industrial Union, under the leadership of the TUUL, have been organizing the workers in these industries for the last two months, in preparation for a struggle against the miserable wages and speed-up imposed upon these workers by the cannery bosses and big landowners (rich farmers). The cannery bosses have fired some of the militant workers for their activity in the plants. In one cannery one of the organizers was chased off the place with gas pipes after he had covered the plant with our bulletin. But in spite of the terror the cannery workers are rallying to the revolutionary union.

The cannery bosses, becoming frantic at seeing the workers organize (in spite of them) have turned as usual, to their old friends, the officials of the A. F. of L. for support. Tuesday, July 21, the kept press (to our astonishment) ran an article advertising a mass meeting of agricultural and cannery workers, to be held under the auspices of the Santa Clara County Building Trades Council, and the District Labor Council. With phraseology about poverty, low wages, etc., the article stated that no radicalism would be tolerated, that the new organization will be formed entirely in conformance with the rules of government, and will seek better conditions in a diplomatic manner, and wound up by saying—An extensive publicity program for the move is being planned through newspapers, handbills and radio.

After studying the contents of the article, we were satisfied that the boss and A. F. of L. officials had been sitting around the round-table. We decided immediately to get out a leaflet for distribution at the door of their meeting, exposing this move as an attempt by the bosses to smash our revolutionary union with the aid of the A. F. of L. fakers.

At the meeting we distributed 300 leaflets, reaching every worker. We had also prepared ourselves for the meeting. We let the fakers unload all their deceitful bunk to the workers, when Comrade Noral asked for the floor. But the fakers tried to adjourn the meeting until the following Sunday, as this was only a preliminary meeting. The workers demanded the floor for Noral and the fakers were compelled to give way. Taking the floor Noral let loose, exposing the treachery of the A. F. of L. officials as agents of the bosses, who had called this meeting for no other purpose than to fool, divide and sell out the workers. Noral pointed out that these workers have always worked for starvation wages, and under the most miserable conditions, and that it was no accident that for fourteen years these fakers had made no attempt whatever to organize the workers, that just now, when a real fighting union rallies the workers to struggle, these fakers all of a sudden find out that the workers are living in poverty.

Noral also ridiculed their statements that no radicalism would be tolerated. He exposed their conformance to the government and their demagogogy.

Several times during Noral's talk the fakers tried to stop him, but the workers yelled, "You gave him the floor, now let him speak." The workers' protest against the fakers was so strong that one of them told Noral that he didn't mind him speaking, but didn't like what he was saying.

At this juncture, Noral turned to the workers and said: "They will let me speak if I say what they want me to say, and the only way we can finish this meeting is by every worker leaving these fakers here to speak to themselves, and go over to the revolutionary union hall and sign up in a real fighting union."

The workers poured out of the hall and marched over to the TUUL hall, leaving only about fifteen workers with the fakers. The fakers decided to hold another meeting the following Sunday for organizational purposes, and guaranteed that no radicals would penetrate it. But on Sunday night we had the cannery workers themselves go to the meeting, at which in all there were only about 80 workers, this including about 40 of our own.

In the meantime the chairman of the other meeting (who was to be the organizer pro tem) had come to us and repented. He was only a fruit worker being used by these fakers. He made a declaration before the workers themselves that he was with us. We sent him to the Sunday meeting to make the same statement, which he did, and was followed by several workers, who expressed their opinion as opposed to two unions, as this was what the bosses wanted, and suddenly it was put to a vote (through a motion made by a worker) that we all go and join the TUUL union. This vote was 100 per cent carried, and the workers again left the fake A. F. of L. officials hall and signed up with the revolutionary union. Leaving the A. F. of L. to stand the expense of advertising and hall rent.

This has popularized our union beyond anything that had been done before, and has drawn closer to us more hundreds of workers.

After the first meeting the kept press said that the wobbles had disturbed the (fakers) meeting and that only a few left the hall, while out of the 300 we took 280. But after the second meeting in the Labor Temple the press said the new union had amalgamated with us. By the time this story reaches the Daily Worker, we will be involved in a strike of cannery workers numbering 6,000 here in San Jose. The struggle will be under the banner of the Agricultural and Cannery Workers Industrial League, affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League.

members. There is a real actual danger of the block committees and some branches of the Unemployed Council becoming tools in the hands of our enemies.

The main reason for the non-functioning of our fractions lies in the fact that our leading committees of the district have underestimated the radicalization of the workers, both white and Negro, did not pay enough attention to the Section Committees and Unit Bureaus. Only now, when there is an actual danger of losing control of the Unemployed Councils and the Block Committees, did we wake up and start a real drive for the organization of the fractions in the Unemployed Councils and Block Committees.

A strict check-up on every individual member of every nucleus is being carried on at the next unit meeting. Drastic steps are being taken to have every unemployed Party member (regardless of his dues payment!) attend fraction meetings and the meetings of the block committees and the Unemployed Council branches, not necessarily giving all his or her time to this work, but to devote part time, be present at regular meetings in an organized manner, as there are hundreds of non-Party members in the Unemployed Council working actively every day, to see that the Party line is carried out