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KENTUCKY MINERS STARVING TO DEATH IN HARLAN JAIL

Release Mooney!

TOM MOONEY, in a California prison for 15 years, has become a symbol of capitalist "justice" in America. The demand for the release of Mooney is at the same time a demand to release the Imperial Valley prisoners, the Centralia victims, the Scottsboro Negro boys, the Kentucky miners, the miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

Following the recent personal appeal of Tom Mooney, the International Labor Defense has intensified its campaign for Mooney's release and for all class-war prisoners. It is organizing demonstrations and conferences of workers everywhere on the broadest possible basis of mass struggle. In the past weeks it has already mobilized tens of thousands of workers in demonstrations.

But evidently not all those empowered by the Mooney Molders Defense to act for it, agree with or understand Mooney's appeal to "militant and revolutionary" workers to a united front for struggle to "bring to an end this barbarous dog-eat-dog, profit-mad, capitalist system." An example of such lack of understanding is shown by the activities of Mr. Byrd Kelso, "field representative of Tom Mooney Molders Defense Committee," who came to New York a few weeks ago. He had instructions to work in consultation with Bob Minor, who has from the beginning of the Mooney case been a chief fighter. But Mr. Kelso did not see fit to do this. Instead he entered into a secret agreement with the socialist party to hand over to them the authority of the name, "Tom Mooney Molders Defense." He formed a committee, headed by the Rev. Norman Thomas, A. J. Muste, Sidney Hillman, Fania M. Cohen and Forrest Bailey. This is the outfit that this Byrd Kelso thinks should lead a mass struggle against capitalist "justice!"

The spittoon-cleaners for Thomas and Muste, the Lovestone-Gitlow group, learning that their masters were meeting to consider the Mooney case, presented themselves for their usual services. But this "united front" was to be too "respectable" to allow these scavengers to be present. They will doubtless be called in later to do the dirtiest fighting against the Communist Party, a task which they carry on quite ably each week in their sheet. In the meantime, Thomas and Muste kicked Mr. Gitlow out, knowing that he will crawl back tomorrow.

It is too bad that the name of Mooney should be connected with such obscene burlesque on the united front. It is understood that Mooney, behind prison bars, cannot be held responsible for such activities even though carried on in his name.

Workers will not be misled by this hokum. They can only laugh at the suggestion of a filliman leading a mass struggle against capitalism. These gentlemen wish to place themselves at the head in order to behead the movement. They are one and all tied with a thousand ties to the A. F. of L. officialdom which bears the main responsibility for Mooney's plight. They are tied with a thousand ties of the ruling class. They are afraid, more than all else, of a fighting mass movement of the working class. They have done, are doing, and will do everything in their power to prevent the growth of a mass movement.

The workers must come forward independently of these traitorous fakery for a real mass fight to release Mooney and all class-war prisoners. The call issued by the International Labor Defense last week gives a good starting point. All militant workers, especially Communists, will throw all their strength without hesitation or delay, behind the conference of the International Labor Defense.

Furious Boss Terror Raging Against Negro, White Workers

I. L. D. Calls for Mass Protests and Amnesty Demonstrations to Demand Freedom of Class War Prisoners

NEW YORK.—A statement released to the press by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights records 30 known lynchings for the first eight months of the year. The statement, which gives the names of victims, the dates and places of the lynchings, exposes the wide extent and intensity of the murderous boss class suppression of the Negro masses of which the Scottsboro case has become a world-wide symbol.

This brutal lynch terror is only one form of boss suppression aimed at stifling the protests and crushing the growing struggles of the Negro masses against their frightful economic and national oppression. The hideous crime of the Alabama bosses in condemning eight of the 9 innocent Scottsboro boys to the electric chair

on a brazen framed-up charge of "rape" is a lurid example of the increasing use of the boss courts in clothing the lynch terror in the garb of legality.

The attacks on the Negro masses are increasing in fury and extent with the deepening of the economic crisis of capitalism. The offensive against the Negro masses is a part of the furious onslaught of the capitalist against the entire working class—an onslaught featured especially by the furious persecution against the Negro and foreign born workers. The boss offensive is directed at crushing the struggles of the working class against unemployment, wage cuts, starvation and evictions with a view to forcing the working class to bear the full burdens of the economic crisis in starvation, suicides and general mass misery.

Throughout the country struggles of the workers, Negro and white, are being attacked by the bosses and their local and national governments. The most brutal suppression of the struggles of the striking miners of Kentucky is occurring at this minute. Negro and white miners are held in jail in Harlan, Ky., on a framed-up charge of murder. One of the white mine strikers is facing a charge of murder for defending a Negro fellow worker against the thugs of the mine operators.

In Chicago, several Negro and white workers are still facing trumped-up charges arising out of the heroic defense of the white and Negro unemployed workers against the police massacre on August 3, when three Negro unemployed workers were killed and scores of white and Negro workers wounded by the police, cossacks acting under the orders of Negro and white landlords.

In Camp Hill, Ala., several Negro croppers are still in danger of being railroaded to long prison sentences by the courts of the Tallapoosa landowners who murderously attacked a meeting of the Share Croppers Union in an attempt to smash the organization of the enslaved croppers. One Negro cropper, Ralph Gray, was murdered by the landowners and several scores thrown into prison. Mass pressure, exerted under the leadership of

5th UPHOLSTERY SHOP STRIKE WON

Chorast Shop Boss Talks Settlement

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Another upholstery shop, the Hirsch and Frank Upholstery Co. acceded to the demands of its striking workers and granted union conditions in a settlement with the Furniture workers Industrial Union.

The Morris Chorast shop, one of the biggest in the industry, is now negotiating for a settlement with union and shop committee representatives.

Organizing Committee. The General Strike Committee of the upholsterers have organized the various committees for a militant strike in the remaining shops. A relief, finance, defense and other committees were set up and will start working at once.

A meeting of the Furniture Workers Industrial Union was well attended yesterday and steps taken to consolidate the growing strength of the organization.

The General Strike Committee has addressed an appeal to all furniture workers and sympathizers to aid the strikers and to turn out daily at 6:30 a.m. at headquarters, Ten Eyck and Leiper Sts. for organization work.

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13,000 CLEVELAND JOBLESS FIGHT FOR JOBS; SCORES DROP OF HUNGER, WOUNDS

Unemployed Council Calls for Demonstration; Plans Hunger March October 15

County Had Offered Few Part-Time Jobs Digging Ditches For Bare Keep; Many Wait All Night

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 10.—Over 13,000 unemployed workers massed at the county storeyards here when they learned that a few jobs digging ditches were offered for just enough to keep a man alive. So great became the mass of jobless who started to form their lines the night before that a rush started and dozens of workers were hurt while scores of others fainted from hunger.

The Unemployed Council of Cleveland is preparing to hold demonstrations at both the East and West Side county storeyards.

The 13,000 unemployed workers were on a hunt for part-time jobs. The Unemployed Council will demand jobs for all the men at full union wages.

At the same time preparations are being made for a County Hunger March to start on October 15 on Cleveland, the seat of Cuyahoga County. The demand of the hunger march will be \$150 immediate cash.

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RALLY FOR FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Demonstrate Before Board of Education

Hundreds of working class parents and children throughout the city are being mobilized behind the demand of the Young Pioneers and the Communist Party for free food and clothing to school children of the unemployed. Indoor mass meetings will be held in all sections to mobilize for demonstrations before the Board of Education and the Boro Halls in Bronx and Brooklyn.

A meeting in the downtown section will take place on Wednesday, September 16, at 643 Eighth Ave. In the Bronx, the meeting will take place the same day, at Ambassador Hall, Third Ave. near Claremont Pkway.

At these meetings, delegations of workers and children of the unemployed will be elected to present the "free food" demand. Plans will also be made for parades and demonstrations at the Boro Hall in the Bronx on September 18.

The opening on September 22 of the city's public schools will bring sharply to the fore the terrible conditions among the children in working class neighborhoods. Thousands of children go to school without breakfast. In these sections, as many as ten children in a school have been known to faint in one day. All workers should attend the indoor meetings in preparation for the parades and demonstrations. Demand free food, and clothing in school for the children of the unemployed!

Chile Gov't Fears New Rising; Threatens Death for Reds

NEW YORK.—Fearing the hungry masses of workers and peasants, the Chilean government has been driven to threaten immediate death for all Communists who are caught attempting to organize the workers for better conditions.

At the same time, army and navy court martials are being planned for the leaders of the naval mutiny. Some of the capitalist news services report that several of the leaders "have committed suicide."

With the economic crisis in Chile growing worse all the time, the existing government is forced to turn to the Soviet Union for a trade agreement. A United Press cable from Santiago states: "The ministers of industry and foreign relations discussed a project for a commercial agreement with Soviet Russia, which would be designed to improve the Chilean economic situation. The foreign office cabled the minister in Paris asking him to undertake preliminary conversations with the Soviet commercial agent there."

"The Chilean government would seek a permanent barter of Chilean

CALLS FOR FIGHT TO SAVE YOKINEN

L.S.N.R. Committee Visits Ellis Island

NEW YORK.—A committee from the City Council of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights yesterday visited Comrade August Yokinen who is held for deportation on Ellis Is. The committee consisted of Mary Adams, Flora Douns and Harold Williams, district organizer of the L. S. N. R.

The City Committee at the same time elected its visiting committee issued a statement denouncing the attempt of the boss government to deport Yokinen. The statement pointed out that Yokinen has lived in this country for many years and that the government did not consider him an "undesirable citizen" until he repudiated the race hatred poison of the boss class and pledged himself to take a leading part in the relentless struggle for Negro rights, lead by the Communist Party.

The City Committee of the L.S.N.R. calls upon all workers' organizations to increase their protests against the government's efforts to send Yokinen to fascist Finland to probable death or imprisonment. Send wires of protest to Secretary of Labor Doak!

U.S. Steel Heads Meet in Wall St. for Drive to Slash Wages

New York Post Says 250,000 Workers Will Get Wages Slashed Soon Because Profits Must Be Kept Up for Bosses

NEW YORK.—Heads of the operating subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corporation will meet here next week to prepare the wage cut drive against 250,000 steel workers. The wage cut was started by cutting the pay of office workers, speeding up steel workers, firing thousands, and now the open pay slash will be soon announced.

The financial editor of the New York Evening Post declares: "Since a wage-cut has been widely predicted in the steel industry, the general assumption was that such a conference probably would be to discuss wages as well as other general operating economies."

He also reported that when the officers of the United States Steel Corporation were questioned they refused to say anything. Heretofore, President James Farrell of the United States Steel Corporation repeatedly denied there would be wage-cuts. Pointing out that the action against the office workers was just a preliminary step to a general wage-cut, the Post writer says: "At the time the impression was that this action was the forerunner of a general reduction which eventually would reach the wage-earner."

He goes on to state that profits are running down and the bosses look to a wage slash to make up the profits, thus giving the parasites more money at the expense of the living standard of the steel workers. He writes:

"With the industry operating around 31 per cent of capacity, it is obvious that the steel producers are having a difficult time making both ends meet, and Wall Street would not be surprised if third-quarter results show that the Steel Corporation earnings failed to cover fully the dividend on its preferred stock."

To "cover fully the dividend" the executives who meet next week will slice the slim pay of the steel workers, and at the same time speed them up. This is admitted by the same Post writer, who declares:

"In their efforts to bring down expenses to offset loss of business, it was predicted directors eventually would have to cut wages, despite reluctance to do so for fear it would have an adverse effect upon sentiment and lead to widespread reductions in other industries."

Several small strikes have already broken out in the steel industry, showing that the workers are restive and preparing for action. Many of them, through the capitalist press, and through the lying propaganda of Green and other misleaders of the American Federation of Labor, have been led to believe there will be no wage-cuts. This propaganda is an effort to keep them from striking.

The Metal Workers' Industrial League, affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League, is carrying on organization to prepare for strike against wage-cuts. Every worker must take part in this organization drive, as the time is short and wage-cuts are coming soon. Shop committees must be organized everywhere. Organize and strike against wage-cuts!

Millionaire Lawyer Strawn in Demand That Wages Be Slashed

Speaks for Gov't and Lies About Rich Who Own All

NEW YORK.—Silas H. Strawn, millionaire Chicago lawyer and close friend and adviser of President Hoover, in a nation-wide radio broadcast on Wednesday night put forward the policy of the leading bosses and their government against the workers. Strawn's speech was given wide publicity by the capitalist papers as they regard it as the announcement of Hoover's policy toward wage-cuts and unemployment.

Strawn's speech dealt mainly with two points. He proposed first that all efforts at establishment of unemployment insurance in the United States be quashed by the government. He declared the rich would not feed the jobless out of their swollen wealth, and went so far as to deny the billionnaires and million-

TOILERS RESPOND TO NY COMMUNIST ELECTION DRIVE

But Campaign Should Be Speeded Up to Obtain Signatures

NEW YORK.—The signature drive to enable the Communist Party to run candidates in territories where the Socialist Party polled a heavy vote last year is meeting with exceptionally good response among workers, who had had their eyes opened by the greatest treacheries of the Socialist Party.

The fact that Norman Thomas, the Socialist clergyman, is now appearing before the public hearings on the Queens bus racket, held before the deputy comptroller, F. G. Priel, does not fool the workers. Norman Thomas and Company, the whole white socialist leadership have sold out the workers repeatedly in all struggles in New York in every strike and in the struggle for immediate relief for the million jobless workers and their families in New York. The fact that Norman Thomas is now posing as a champion for the bus workers "right to unionize" and for the "6 day week and 8 hour day", means only an election campaign tactic, not a real fight for workers' demands. The socialist party does not fight for the workers.

The task for all class conscious workers is to speed up the signature drive! Smash the socialist party influence in all sections of the city and to get the workers this year to Vote Communist, to elect Communist fighters for the assembly and aldermanic posts who will expose the hypocrisy of the triple alliance of the socialists and fight for the interests of the working class. Workers in shops should organize Vote Communist Committees and then work in their neighborhoods to organize Vote Communist Clubs. All workers' organizations should act immediately to elect their delegates on the basis of five delegates for every fifteen workers to attend the Mass Ratification Congress on Friday, September 18, at Central Opera House. Make the ratification congress a monster meeting in support of the Communist Party.

Mayor Murphy Has Gay Time in N. Y. While Jobless Starve

NEW YORK.—Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit is in New York City having a "hell of a good time" as the Broadway columnists term it, while his Welfare Bureau in Detroit

BOSSSES DELAY KY. TRIALS TO STOP MASS PROTEST; MUST RUSH AID TO MINERS

International Labor Defense for Funds and Nationwide Protest; Fight for Harlan Miners Is Task of the Entire Working Class

Also Demand Wide Movement to Win Freedom for Mooney and Other Class War Prisoners

Practically every miner in Harlan jail on murder charges, confederating, banding and Criminal Syndicalist charges is in danger of death by starvation, it was discovered today by the International Labor Defense organizing a world protest of the working masses against the coal operators' terror.

Sheriff John Henry Blair has declared, "Let them rot and starve in jail." The prison authorities were quick to respond to the sheriff's orders. Most of the imprisoned miners have

been in jail since last April on a starvation diet and manage to keep alive, when they are fed on beans and cabbage, which is practically the only food given them since they were thrown into jail. The wives of some of the prisoners manage to bring a little food once a week if they can beg apples or vegetables from the poor local farmers. Mrs. Jessie Wakefield, the I. L. D. representative imprisoned on criminal syndicalist charges, is near collapse, as the prison starvation diet is breaking down her health. Most of the miners must sleep on the bare concrete floor.

The miners have been rounded up since May 5th, the day on which they defended themselves at Evarts, Kentucky, when four auto loads of gunmen sped by, letting loose volleys of bullets on the miners' picket line. Thirty-four of the most militant strikers were charged with murder, arising from this and following attacks. More than a hundred others have been charged with criminal syndicalism, banding and confederating. Judge "Baby Face" Jones speeding him up and part-time work!

"While we know the torture that Fellow Worker James had to go through, suicide is not the way workers will better our conditions!"

"Fellow Workers! Not by suicide but by organizing ourselves will we force our bosses to pay us a decent living wage! The bosses must answer for the blood of fellow worker James!"

All out on Larkin Plaza Thursday, September 11, 12 p.m. Demand shorter hours with no reduction in pay! Smash this damnable part-time system that drives workers to suicide! Demand safe conditions in the shop! Demand that the widow of fellow worker James Gilmore shall be provided by the bosses of the Otis Co. with means to live!

B'KLN MASS MEET TO FIGHT EVICTION FRIDAY SEPT. 11th

Mother of 6 Penniless, To Be Evicted

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Ida Fostoff, 138 Manhattan Ave., mother of six children, penniless, without a piece of bread in the house, has been summoned to appear in court Friday, September 11, at 2 p.m., where the judge will decide that she is to be evicted at the instruction of the Flescher Realty Co.

The husband of Fostoff left the house about a month ago and never came back. He being unemployed for about six months could no longer stand to see his children starve and took the way of least resistance. This poor woman unable to find any work in her line (dressmaking) has been getting 10 cents worth of bread every two days from a Jewish charity society.

For the whole summer she could not obtain work. She is three months in arrears in her rent. The landlord has decided that she must be thrown out of the house.

The Williamsburg Tenants League representative will represent her in court, however, and steps are being taken to mobilize the tenants to fight to keep her in the house. The Williamsburg Unemployed branch has issued leaflets for a mass meeting of the unemployed and employed workers for a fight to prevent the eviction of this poor working class family. All unemployed and employed workers are called upon to come to this meeting to help fight against eviction of the unemployed workers' families by the landlords and their courts.

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COP INVADES TENANTS MEET

Tries Prevent Unity of Negro and White

NEW YORK.—In line with the boss policy of trying to prevent the unity of Negro and white workers, a Brooklyn cop Tuesday evening trailed two white girl workers when they entered a colored tenement house to attend a meeting of tenants.

The meeting was organized by a committee of the John Brown group of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights in its fight against the eviction of an unemployed colored worker, John Borden, of 433 Warren St., South Brooklyn. A sympathetic worker tenant had offered the use of her apartment for the meeting.

Forcing himself into the apartment of the worker, the bosses' watch-dog wanted to know what it was all about and why white workers should be fraternizing with Negro workers. He insisted on examining the papers and pocketbooks of the two white girl workers, although showing little interest in a white male worker who was also present. One of the white girls, a member of the Y. C. L., had a batch of YCL leaflets on her and these caused grave concern to the police spy. However, unable to intimidate the workers the cop finally removed his offensive presence, and the meeting proceeded.

About 20 tenants in the block attended the meeting and a tenants' league was organized to fight the growing evictions in the South Brooklyn section, and especially to resist the attempt of the bosses to throw John Borden and his children on the streets.

The workers showed themselves very enthusiastic in the work of building the tenants' league and organizing the fight against evictions. Several of them had been helping to feed the children of Borden, whose wife is critically ill in the hospital. They expressed themselves as ready to carry on a militant struggle against evictions and to put back the furniture where evictions occur.

What's On—
FRIDAY
Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, Branch No. 1.
The regular membership meeting of the W. E. L. at 192 E. 10th St. All members are urged to attend.

Workers Ex-Servicemen's League
Branch 1
Will hold its regular membership meeting at 79 E. 10th St., at 8 p. m.

Red Sparks A. C.
Will hold an Anti-Religious lecture at Grand St., at 8 p. m.

Boro Park Workers Club
Will have a lecture on Religion and the Working Class at 1373 43rd Street, Sept. 11, at 8 p. m.

Harlem Progressive Youth Club
An anti-religious lecture will be given at 1492 Madison Ave. All workers invited.

Mapleton Workers Club
Will hold an important membership meeting at 1854 66th St., Brooklyn.

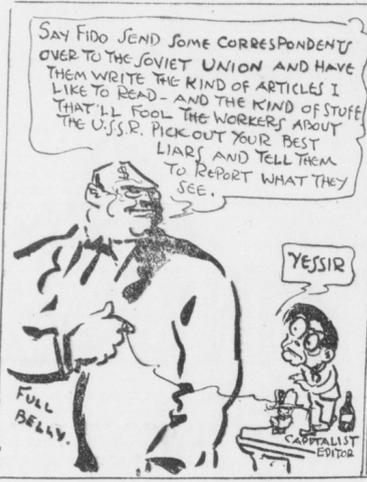
Workers Laboratory Theatre
Will hold its first membership meeting of the season at 799 Broadway in Room 220 tonight. All workers interested in acting, writing or directing are urged to attend.

Downtown Unemployed Council
Will hold an open air meeting at 7th St. and Ave. A at 7:30 p. m.

International Labor Defense
Steve Kavovis Branch
Will have its regular meeting tonight at 267 E. 10th Street, 8 p. m.

W.I.R. Affairs
Will be held at 2700 Bronx Park East for the benefit of the striking miners. There will be dancing, also music and a Russian movie. All workers are invited.

THE ADVENTURES OF BILL WORKER



N. Y. Suitcase Theatre Promises Season of Workingclass Plays

NEW YORK.—Promising a season of many working class plays which will be performed for workers' organizations in New York and vicinity, the N. Y. Suitcase Theatre began its work yesterday by reading three one-act plays written by its directors before a large turnout of proletarian acting talent. The plays are "Scottsboro Limited," by Langston Hughes, a Negro writer; "Pursuit in Mine 15," by Whittaker Chambers, portraying the class struggle in the coal fields, and "Morgan-feller's Three-Ring Circus," a farcical burlesque on the role played by the three capitalist parties in the elections written by Paul Peters.

A. B. Magil, secretary of the Workers Cultural Federation, addressed the meeting, pointing out the importance of the workers theatre as a weapon in the class struggle. Casting of the plays followed.

Although many promising actors have been obtained as a result of this meeting, the N. Y. Suitcase Theatre still needs many more actors in order to produce its plays, and calls upon all workers and workers' organizations, especially Negro, to come to its next meeting Friday, Sept. 17th, at 63 W. 15th St., to take parts still open.

Perth Amboy Picnic for Miners Relief September 13th

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Sept. 10.—Perth Amboy workers have organized a picnic and dance for the benefit of the striking miners.

The affair will be held on September 13 in Ukrainian Hall, 752 State St., under the auspices of the Workers International Relief.

A branch of the W.I.R. was formed in Newark, N. J., the other day after delegates to the National Conference of the W.I.R. submitted their report. A large audience of workers received the report of the conference with great enthusiasm.

Workers Correspondence is the backbone of the revolutionary press. Build your press by writing for it about your day-to-day struggle.

NOTICE
A public speaking class will be conducted by the Friends of the Soviet Union every Monday beginning September 14th, 8 p. m. at the Workers School. The entire course of 6 lessons is covered by a fee of 50 cents.

WORKERS SCHOOL
wants volunteers to bring foldable posters to office at 35 E. 12th St., 3rd floor.

NEW JERSEY HOBOKEN
Election Campaign Committee will hold an open air meeting on Saturday night, September 12th at 5th and Wabash Sts. All Hoboken workers are urged to attend.

Perth Amboy
All sympathetic workers are requested to report as volunteers at 205 Elm St., at 10 a. m., Sept. 13, for Red Sunday house-to-house canvass in groups of two for subscriptions to the Liberator, official organ of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights.

Paterson
A mass meeting and entertainment will be held at Turn Hall, Ellison Square, under the auspices of the Paterson O. W. C. W. Fred Bieden-kapp and Ryan Walker will speak. Excellent program. All invited.

Perth Amboy
The local Penn-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee is holding a dance and picnic in the Okeanan Hall, 752 State St., Perth Amboy, on Sunday, Sept. 13. A general good time is assured to all. Everybody invited.

CHILDREN OF JOBLESS DEMAND FREE FOOD IN PROTEST SATURDAY

PATERSON, N. J., Sept. 9.—Monday when school opens here in Paterson, approximately 10,000 school children will face the prospect of studying on empty stomachs. But the city has made no provisions for feeding the children. Another school year brings prospects of more children fainting in the schools from hunger, more poorly-dressed children unable to come to school in cold weather.

Because of these conditions the Young Textile Pioneers of the National Textile Workers' Union have called for a demonstration before the Board of Education on Saturday morning, September 12. A committee of 25 parents and children will present thousands of signatures on petitions demanding at least one free meal for every school child of unemployed or striking workers every school day.

A rally is to be held by the Women's Council of Paterson on September 11 at the Turn Hall, Ellison and Cross Sts., at 8 o'clock. There will be a program given by the children, and the entire affair will be used for support of the demonstration.

A parade of Young Textile Pioneers and workers' children generally to advertise the demonstration will be held Friday afternoon. Preparations are being completed, and all indications are that hundreds of workers and their children will demonstrate in support of the demand being made. All workers' organizations are urged to support the fight for food for our children.

Although several thousands of dollars are at the disposal of the Poor Board, it gives only \$3 weekly in grocery orders to families, with as many as 12 children dependent upon the parents. The \$3 is not given regularly, and when Mr. Mahoney, the director, gives it out, he acts as though it is coming out of his own pocket.

Because his twenty-two year old daughter, Mary, went on strike and was arrested on the picket line, Mr. Bardakji, a Syrian silk worker with 7 children, is called a "trouble maker and foreigner," and is refused the mealy \$3 which his wife has called weekly "relief" for poor workers. Bardakji's 7 children are all American born, and he has been a citizen for 16 out of the 22 years he is in America.

In preparation for the demand for free food and clothing for the children of the unemployed, in Paterson, in the last few days hundreds of cases have already come to our attention where families are starving, where children have not had milk for months long, where father and mother have been jobless for months past, and have not been able to get any relief from the "charity" institutions here.

Case No. 1.—Family of 7, 5 children, 3 school children. Father unemployed for 4 months, mother a silk worker on strike. No income whatsoever. The only relief in food received from the Workers International Relief and United Front General Strike Committee.

Case No. 2.—Family of 5, 3 children, father unemployed for 4 months, evicted from their home 6 weeks ago. Gas and light cut off for the past month. Mother sick because of aggravation. Children starving.

Case No. 3.—Family of 11, 9 children, 3 school children. Live on what they can pick up from garbage cans and fruit markets. Black coffee and bread main dish. Children have not tasted milk for months.

Case No. 4.—Widow, 2 children, one school age, one younger. No food in the house for days.

These are not isolated cases. Thousands of similar stories can be found in our "Silk City." The cry for food and clothing for the unemployed is not uncommon. With the approach of winter, things will be even worse unless the employed and unemployed workers, men and women, will fight for immediate relief and unemployment insurance, unless men and women will join the Unemployed Councils and fight against evictions, against the shutting off of gas and light, fight for the right to live.

The Women's Dept. of the National Textile Workers' Union and United Front General Strike Committee calls upon the thousands of employed and unemployed women, and wives of workers to stand together, to fight against starvation, to demonstrate in masses on Saturday in front of the School Board of Education, to demand that at least \$250,000 be set aside by the Board of Education for one cooked meal a day for the strikers' children and children of unemployed. Demand that kitchens be set up in all public schools; that these kitchens be run by a committee of parents.

Working women, unemployed women, wives of workers, organize and fight against starvation.

CONFERENCE FOR 'UNITY' EXPOSED BY LEFT WING

Six Bathrobe Shops Settle with NTWIU on Union Demands

The so-called Unity Conference organized by the Kaufman-Stetsky cliques, was forced to the wall yesterday by an attack by the left wing opposition which exposed the manoeuvres of the company union agents and demanded the resignation of these agents of the bosses as the first prerequisite for uniting the furriers.

The mass movement of the furriers, who are fighting under the leadership of the Industrial Union, has forced the cliques who have hitherto characterized the Industrial Union as a Communist machine, to recognize the existence of the Industrial Union and to invite it to the conference. The fur workers know that this is but another manoeuvre whose main intent is to strengthen the bankrupt company union so that they can continue in their betrayal of the fur workers.

The conference elected a sub-committee, consisting of 2 representatives of the various groups, to work out definite details. While these manoeuvres of the company union are going on, the Industrial Union is proceeding with its shop strikes for union conditions.

A series of building meetings have been arranged, the first of which took place on Wednesday night at 135 West 30th Street. The meeting was well attended and a building committee and a building chairman were elected. The workers pledged to carry on a drive in the building to organize 10 additional shops of the building and to bring in 50 new members into the Union. It was decided to challenge other buildings to a socialist competition for building the Industrial Union. A meeting of Building 15 Seventh Avenue has been arranged for Monday night.

Tuesday night, there will be a meeting of the shop chairmen and delegates of the dog shop. The Industrial Union calls on the fur workers to intensify the work of the Union and make a clean sweep in every building where fur workers are employed.

Start Needle Trades LSU Soccer Team
On Friday, September 18, there will be an organizational meeting of the Needle Trades Sports Club at 131 W. 28th St., at 8 p. m.

Waterloo Bridge" At Cameo Saturday
"Waterloo Bridge," the picture from Robert E. Sherwood's drama of the same name, which attracted attention during its run at the Mayfair will be transferred to the Cameo Theater, where it will run indefinitely. The girl in the picture, Myra, is played by Mae Clarke. Kent Douglas plays the chief male role.

FOR SALE—Six Gray African Parrots. Inq. Geo. Olson, 140 Broad St.

DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES MEETING SATURDAY 2:30 P. M.

A very important District Functionaries meeting will be held at the Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East 4th St., New York, on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2:30 p. m., sharp. All section committee members, union buros, Y. C. L. unit buros, secretaries of union fractions and the mass organizations must attend.

This meeting will be addressed by Comrade Weinstein of the Central Committee on the task of the District in the light of the 13th Plenum of the Central Committee and the District Committee. On the basis of the reports and the discussion the work for the sections and the units will be outlined and the Party will proceed to work with a sharp orientation towards the shops and heavy industries, trade union work, unemployed work, work on the Negro field.

Admittance to the meeting will be only upon presentation of Party cards and registration blanks.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY OF U. S. A. DIST. 2.

10 Pickets Arrested.
Ten pickets, including June Croll the organizer of the Millinery Department, were arrested this morning on the picket line in front of the two striking shops, J. H. Engel and H. A. Rosen. The workers were released without bail and are coming up for trial Monday.

The strike breaking activities of the bosses, together with Spector of Local 24, have only increased the militancy of the strikers who are determined to carry on the fight for union conditions until the strike has been led to victory.

Millinery workers are called upon to support these workers on the picket line.

8 Bathrobe Shops Settle With Industrial Union
The following bathrobe shops settled with the Industrial Union yesterday and today: Enrico Golato, 222 Green St.; Perri Angiolillo, 16-36th St.; Brooklyn; G. Pardi, 63 East 6th St.; Domenico Petti, 552 West Broadway; Weiss, 2026 West 36th St.; and Brendisi, 44 West 28th Street.

The settlement of these shops on the basis of improved conditions is having an encouraging effect on the other bathrobe workers who are daily joining the ranks of the strikers. One, a very large shop in the industry, was declared on strike today.

A meeting of the remaining strikers was held this morning and they greeted with enthusiasm the report of the strike committee about the settlement of the shops.

The Industrial Union issued a leaflet to those workers who have not yet joined the ranks of the strikers, pointing out the gains and asking the workers to report immediately their shops to the union and

to come down on strike.

Needle Trade Union Taking Over "Camp Nitgedaiet" For one week. The whole beautiful "Camp Nitgedaiet" with its modern improvements will be taken over by the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, for a period of one week. There are only five more days left. The Union will have "Camp Nitgedaiet" from Monday, September 14, until Monday, September 21.

There will be special reduced rates for the week-end of three days, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 19, 20 and 21 for eight dollars. This is a yearly contribution of the Camp to help build the Industrial Union.

The proceeds from the Camp affair will help the Union to finance all its activities. Registrations are now open in the office of the Union, 131 West 28th Street. The Union together with the Camp management prepared a real proletarian program of entertainment and enjoyment. It will be a workers' holiday for the Needle Trades Workers.

It is expected that the Needle Trades Workers who belong to the branches of the International Workers Order, to the Workers' Clubs, International Labor Defense Branches, and the Women's Councils, will make special efforts to mobilize as many workers as possible to come to the Camp for the Union week, at the reduced rate.

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700 STEEL WORKERS FACE NEW WAGE-CUT IN BLAWNOX PLANT

Wages Slashed Two Months Ago 10 to 15 Per Cent; Further Cut Threatened

Many Steel Workers Say They Will Vote for Communist Candidates

(By a Worker Correspondent)
ARNOLD, Pa.—There are 700 men working at the present time in the Blawnox Steel Mill. We are working only from three to four days a week, but sometimes when the company gets a big order many of us are forced to slave from nine up to fifteen hours a day.

The conditions under which we have to slave are unbearable. New machines have been introduced in many departments and the workers are forced to work like machines.

Two months ago we received a wage cut from 10 to 15 per cent; now the company is planning to give us another wage-cut, but I am sure the workers will not stand for this any longer.

The company used all kinds of methods to terrorize the workers. Most of the workers are living in the company stables. They are forced to pay from \$16 to \$35 rent, besides they must pay for the gas, water and electric. Many of the workers can not only pay rent for their homes, but they do not earn enough money to pay for food for their children. About fifteen families have been thrown out of their houses because they can't pay rent, although they are working.

Ready to Organize.
The workers are ready to be organized and fight against the unbearable conditions that prevail in the steel mills. The other day one of my fellow-workers handed me an election program of the Communist Party, which states that all the Pittsburgh industries can be turned

Soviet Steel Workers Write to Workers in the American Mills

Maklevka, U.S.S.R.
Dear Comrades:
We metal workers are sending you our hearty greetings.
You know well that the capitalists of the old Russia had pressed and mocked us. We, by our own forces and technical knowledge, have gained and shall gain results which the bourgeoisie did never dream of. We have constructed and are still constructing hundreds of new factories and mills. Thanks to collective, tightly-bound proletarian organization, we have been able to develop the socialist construction work. We proletarians of the U. S. S. R. have proved to the bourgeoisie of the whole world by facts that we can live by collectively constructing more and more new, gigantic plants.
Comrades, it is well known to you that the bourgeoisie of the capitalist countries are making preparations for a new slaughter, in order to take away from the proletarians of the U. S. S. R. the attainments of the Red October.

Boss Holds Back Wages; Young Communists Force Him to Pay

New York, N. Y.
Dear Comrade:
A comrade of ours, May Sherman, was working in a restaurant named the Happy Lunch, run by a man named Pimpoo. This man owns a meat market and a restaurant. He employs six workers and exploits them to the fullest extent. This comrade was hired one month ago with the understanding that she work 8 hours a day and 6 days a week. After she worked about a week they told her that she would have to work 12 hours a day and 7 days a week. She worked this way for a time, until the boss made advances to her, to which she objected, saying that his money meant nothing to her, for she is a Communist and above the poison of the boss class. For this she was fired.
After working under these miserable conditions for a period of three weeks she felt so rundown that she had to stay in bed one day to recuperate. She was receiving \$10 a week and when the boss fired her

Woman Faints from Hunger and Labor Pains in Public Park

(By a Worker Correspondent)
STOCKTON, Cal.—A young couple who had come from Frisco to try and get work and had met with the usual luck that workers meet in these days when the big packing companies are letting 50 per cent of the crop rot, tried to pass the night in the park last evening. Around midnight the woman fainted from hunger and when revived was seized with the pains of childbirth. Her shrieks of pain awoke the other workers who were exercising their rights as American citizens by allowing themselves the luxury of sleeping in the park and slowly starving to death.
A woman from one of the neighboring houses came out and had the woman brought into the house, where she gave birth to a baby. Directly opposite the park where this child of the working class was born stands a citadel of that noble army of the Lord, the Salvation Army, the same people who gave a family with a year old baby a mess of uncooked beans and rotten spuds to live a week on.
The next morning the police loaded

Beidel Tours South, Central Indiana to Speak on the USSR

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Lydia Beidel, secretary of the Friends of the Soviet Union of Chicago will speak on "What I saw in Soviet Russia" in southern and central Indiana. The following is her schedule of meetings:
Anderson, Circuit Ct. room, Sunday, September 13 at 2:30 p. m.
Indianapolis, Workers Center, 932½ So. Meridian St., Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 8 p. m.
Terre Haute, Kopf Hall, 121 S. 8th St., Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 8 p. m.
Clinton, Picco Mecca Hall, Thursday, Sept. 17 at 8 p. m.
Meetings at Casey, Ill. on Friday, Sept. 18 and Evansville on Saturday, Sept. 19.
These meetings will be used to mobilize support and delegates from the middle west for the delegation to the Soviet Union.

FEAR COLLAPSE IN EUROPE

Correspondent Warns of Immediate Danger

"Europe regards the hour of reckoning as postponed for six or eight months," was the warning given to the capitalist class of the United States Saturday by Leland Stowe, head of the Paris Bureau of the New York Herald Tribune in a radio speech from Geneva. The Hoover moratorium, the conferences, the credits have at the most, admits this capitalist correspondent, postponed the collapse of capitalism for a brief period. "It is still possible," he said, "within a year for Communism to be on the Rhine."

The capitalist system in Europe is in a critical state and only by the support of American capitalism can it be saved, warns Stowe. "I cannot help believing that it is up to the American people (capitalists) to save capitalism in Europe if it is to be saved," were his words. This is a warning that in the attempt to crush the revolutionary upsurge of the masses in Europe the United States must play a leading role. The attack will not only be against working masses of these countries but primarily against the Soviet Union.

He is forced to admit in his speech that the Soviet Union is one of the two most stable governments in Europe today. The other stable power which he picks is, however, France, which is itself in the throes of the crisis covering the capitalist world. It is the Soviet Union which is the only stable power in the world. This stability of the Soviet Union and the crisis in the capitalist world is the difference between socialist construction and capitalist chaos. In the Soviet Union the workers provide their own economic security; in the capitalist countries the workers have only the insecurity of hunger, wage cuts, unemployment. The workers of the world must rally to defend their fatherland against the attacks of the

Communist Party Holds Election Picnic in Slovan, Pa.

SLOVAN, Pa.—The Communist Party of District Five of the Avella Section is preparing a Section Election Picnic this coming Sunday, September 13, at Bailey's Farm, Slovan, Pa.
The Communist Party participates this year in county and local elections in this district, therefore, this picnic is the beginning of further and intensified campaign through our section for party candidates.

MacDonald Wants Wage and Dole Slashes Rushed; Teachers March

NEW YORK.—Details of how the National Government, composed of the leading British exploiters and led by socialists, will slash the standard of living of the workers, employed and unemployed, will be read in the House of Commons by the socialist, Snowden. MacDonald, acting with Churchill, leader of the conservative party, will drive through measures providing for a virtual dictatorship and will clamp down on discussion.
Arthur Henderson, leader of the "opposition," made a hurried trip to Bristol, where the Trade Union Congress is discussing how to avoid a sharper class struggle, and how best to save capitalism without too openly slashing wages and unemployment insurance. Henderson, in his speech, offered a way out through a 10 per cent tariff. Henderson declared he was for free trade, but that in the present emergency he would favor a 10 per cent tariff to avoid a cut in unemployment insurance.
The tactics of MacDonald and the trade union misleaders, who are more and more favoring a tariff, is very evident. By this means they hope to increase the cost of living by 10 per cent, which for the unemployed would amount to the same thing as a 10 per cent cut in payments, and for the unemployed would be a 10 per cent wage-cut. At the same time, Henderson and his cronies reason, since the cut is indirect it would help to lessen the sharp class battles which Henderson fears will arise out of the direct attack that MacDonald is making for the bankers.

The tariff proposal by Henderson has even surprised American journal-

MILLIONAIRE LAWYER STRAWN IN DEMAND THAT WAGES BE SLASHED

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capitalists (12 per cent of the population) own at least 31 per cent of the wealth, while 87 per cent of the population, the workers, small business men and farmers own 10 per cent.
What is more a greater and greater portion of the wealth is falling into the hands of the 1 per cent, especially during the crisis with the bankruptcy of thousands of small business men and the extension of the big banks and corporations. At the same time, the workers are being impoverished.

Strawn talks about "growth of savings deposits," forgetting to add that hundreds of thousands of small depositors are being wiped out while the rich bankers increase their profits. In the Bank of United States alone over 450,000 small depositors' savings were wiped out through the crisis and by grafting politicians.
Strawn is trying to defend his wealth and the wealth of the other rich exploiters which the Communist Party demands be levied on for unemployment insurance. In this he has the help of the American Federation of Labor leadership.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, a government body, in its "Report on National Wealth and Income," published in 1926, the richest 1 per cent of the population in the United States owns at least 59 per cent of the wealth; the small

FURIOUS BOSS TERROR RAGING AGAINST NEGRO, WHITE WORKERS

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)
The International Labor Defense and the Share Croppers Union forced the release of most of the croppers. Several are still being held on various charges, however.
In California, Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings are still held in prison after 15 years in spite of the thorough exposure of the frame-up against them, engineered by the California bosses and courts and the traitorous misleaders of the A. F. of L. The Imperial Valley strike leaders are still in jail.

In Greenville, S. C., the National Textile Workers Union is being attacked by the bosses for its activities in organizing white and Negro workers against wage cuts, starvation, and the efforts of the bosses to divide the working-class with the vicious boss poison of race hatred. Clara Holden, local organizer of the union, was kidnapped a few days ago by mill bosses and the KKK agents, taken a few miles out of town and brutally whipped.
In the same city, a few days ago, a young Negro worker was handed the brutal sentence of 25 years imprisonment on the framed-up charge of setting fire to a barn on the property of a white boss farmer.

In the fight against this terror and for the release of Tom Mooney, Billings, the Scottsboro boys, the Harlan miners and all other class war prisoners, the International Labor Defense has designated the ten days of September 13 to 24 for nation-wide demonstrations. These demonstrations will be followed by United Front Mooney-Harlan Defense Com-

mittees. Defend the Soviet Union! ferences, drawing in Scottsboro, which will be held not later than October 10. In turn the conferences will be followed by a nation-wide day of protest and demand for amnesty on October 24.

All workers are urged to take up the question of these demonstrations. All working-class and sympathetic organizations are urged to rally to the fight against the growing boss terror and for the immediate, unconditional release of Tom Mooney, the Harlan mine strikers, the Scottsboro boys and all other class war prisoners.

The International Labor Defense points out the significance of this fact—"that in the South white workers have come to the defense of Negro workers in their common struggle for living conditions."
The Operators Association that imported the gunmen and that controls Judge "Baby-Face" Jones, whose wife owns extensive coal interests in Kentucky, consists of the following companies: Insull, Paisley (Mellon) mines, Commonwealth Edison, United States Steel, Peabody Coal Corporation and other smaller concerns. The miners say that U. S. Ambassador to

Communist Party of Britain Leads Resistance

Mrs. Morris Gilbert, correspondent of the N. Y. Evening Post in London, writes:
"A large element of the labor party is turning to this most unsocialistic recourse (the tariff), and thus lines up beside the conservatives."
The Communist Party of Great Britain is gaining wider support in its leadership of the fight against British capitalism and its socialist defenders both in and out of the labor party. The latest issue of the British Daily Worker reaching here declares:
"From all over Britain reports of determined opposition to the 'national' government are flowing into the Daily Worker. The Communist Party and Minority Movement (in the trade unions) are to the fore in building up the workers' united front around the fighting slogans of:
"Not one penny off the dole! Not one worker off benefit! Not a penny off the wages of the workers!
"Not one penny off the teachers' salaries! Not a penny more tax on the people's food! Down with the bankers' government!"
Then a long list of mass meetings held throughout the country endorsing these slogans are printed.
The New York Times reports that many of the unemployed who demonstrated before parliament building on Tuesday were given stiff jail sentences. The report states:
"A crowd of unemployed was dispersed by the police today in front of the Bow St. police court, where

Salvation Army Tries Forced Labor Scheme

STOCKTON, Cal.—The holy grafters of the Salvation Army make a pretense of feeding unemployed in this town. They collect considerable in money, food and clothes in order to feed the "lord's beloved poor." Of course, they follow the practise of selling the best clothes and giving as little as possible because most of the money must go to Jesus who notwithstanding the fact that he has been dead for 2,000 years is always in need of money.
They feed between 150 and 200 some sweepings from the bean warehouses and something that passes for coffee. I was going to say there was no meat in the beans, but I would have been mistaken. There is plenty of meat. This meat is composed of worms which are in the beans. The Unemployed Council has thoroughly exposed their wormy diet with which they are slowly poisoning the unemployed.

One of the big officers went to the park in order to conscript workers to prepare this suntuous repast which they regale the unemployed with. He approached a worker and tried to force him to go to the kitchen and work (for nothing, of course, the Lord only pays wages to a select few). The worker refused. This officer of the gospel then showed a police badge and told him he would have him arrested. The worker told him what disposition to make of the badge as far as he was concerned. This disciple of peace then called the wagon and had the worker pinched. He was not held, however, because the police knew we would have filled the courtroom with workers had the ILD would have defended him. And they talk about "forced labor in the Soviet Union."

WORKERS—YOUNG AND OLD!
Many new songs were heard on the picket lines of the coal and textile strikers. Many more were heard at the meetings and demonstrations. What new songs have you to offer for the new song book that is being prepared now? Send your songs in immediately to Workers' Library Publishers, Box 148, Station D, New York City.

BOSSSES DELAY TRIALS TO STOP MASS PROTEST; MUST RUSH AID TO MINERS

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Germany Sackett, is one of the leading coal operators in Kentucky.
The miners have counted an army of 240 gunmen, led by an Al Capone lieutenant, imported from Chicago. Their orders have been to "shoot and shoot to kill"—whether by ambush or direct attacks on the miners' settlements.
The gunmen travel in fleets of ten cars, armed with Lewis machine guns that can sweep to all points of the horizon. These gangsters, fighting in Chicago fashion, are dressed in vests of steel that extend from their necks to their thighs. Miners say all the gunmen can be immediately recognized because they wear the best of clothes, swagger about with expensive cigars in their mouths, "and are smooth-looking as if they just come from a beauty parlor." The sheriff and the gangsters work in complete unity, mingle, eat together, both taking their orders from the Operators' Association. The police always protect the gangsters regardless of what murder they have recently committed against the miners.
These gunmen are the direct agents of the coal operators in starving the wives and children of the food kitchens established by the miners' relief. These gunmen dynamited the Ford car of the ILD representative, Jessie Wakefield, who was carrying food and clothes to strikers' families.

Mrs. Vincent Bilotta, one of the most active workers in the relief kitchen in Evarts, who sacrificed her own meals so that some little child did not suffer the pangs of hunger, has been stricken with the starvation disease, flux. She is the wife of Vincent Bilotta, who is in Harlan County jail on four charges, Criminal Syndicalism, Possession of Prohibited Literature, Obstructing Justice, and Breach of Peace. She has no money for a doctor, medicine, or food. Her little son is starving, and so are the hundreds of other prisoners' children.
Starvation is claiming Mrs. Bilotta as one of its victims. Starvation is also widespread among the prisoners in jail. According to the statement of Sheriff John Henry Blair, he wants the militant miners to rot in jail. Starve and rot, because what the prisoners get to eat is barely enough to keep them alive.
Immediate mass demonstrations throughout the country, for the release of the Harlan miners, and against the coal operators' terror, have been called by the International Labor Defense. The fight for the Harlan miners, imprisoned by the Kentucky millionaire mine owners, is also the fight for Tom Mooney buried alive by the California millionaires. Mass united front conferences for Mooney and Harlan as well as all class war prisoners, will be held throughout the country the week of October 11-13.

The International Labor Defense is calling upon all workers and their organizations to immediately rush funds for the defense of the struggling miners and for aid to the prisoners' families and the prisoners themselves. Speed funds to the Harlan Aid Fund, care of International Labor Defense, Room 430, 80 E. 11th St., New York City.

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CHICAGO DAILY CLUB BEGINNING WORK OF BUILDING UP INNER LIFE ACTION FOR NEW CLUBS NEEDED

Comrade P. P. writes in to inform us of the exact nature of his club and its activities, and for criticism and suggestions for the betterment of their future program.
First of all the club has a peculiar aspect. The majority of the club consists of physically handicapped boys and girls of senior in high school and junior college age. The difficulty of these comrades to get around prevents distribution of the Daily Worker to the degree which they desire. This disability necessarily confines their actions along certain lines, and consequently their scope is not as large as it might be. Their activities, however, are effective in their way. They have two meetings a week. The first, known as "The class meeting," is devoted to a systematic study at the present of Marx's Capital and Communist Manifesto under the supervision of a comrade educated in this, besides discussion of the Daily Worker.
As far as advancement is concerned, they are making headway. Some of the members join with the idea in mind: "I'll show them how foolish 'red' ideas are" or "When I become an author I'll be able to write about this Communism, probably showing where it's wrong." Now we can safely say that these indifferent and opposition elements have entirely disappeared. The first meeting of the club a month ago was attended by nine; now they have as many as twenty and many more on the way. They are about to get a mimeograph to print leaflets.
We do have a few suggestions to make. Activate other workers who can get out and sell the Daily Worker's correspondence can be de-

veloped all around you. Now and then social affairs can be held and workers invited. New clubs should be started, particularly in working-class districts.
One very important aspect, that they are neglecting, is to discuss ways of raising money for the Daily, such as holding informal dances or gatherings and concentrate the sale of tickets, etc., among the workers. Hold open-air meetings, where every-day problems are brought up, such as the unemployment situation, Negro oppression in Chicago and in the North, and the right of the Negro masses for self-determination in the Black Belt, deportations of foreign-born workers, etc. All these questions can be raised in relation to the Daily.
The Pioneers Get On the Job.
Comrade J. B. writes that he and his friend want to sell Dailies. They are Pioneers. They want five Dailies a day until they establish a route. Then they expect to send for more. Leave it to the Pioneers.
S. B. writes that at last he has better news from their too slowly growing Daily Worker Club. They got two new members and two new subs. They are planning a dance about the 13th and are printing and planning to sell tickets. They hope for success and the club being rich and strong after that. We hope it goes over big. The affair can be advertised by means of mimeographed leaflets, which are very inexpensive. See that they reach as many working-class sections as possible. Make personal contacts with workers and invite them down. Boost the sales of the Daily and try to draw new workers into your club.

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payment for all unemployed to provide winter relief; no forced labor; unemployment insurance, in no case of less than \$15 per week, and \$3 for each dependent.
The Cleveland Press, reporting the rush of the unemployed says that many bore cuts, bruises and scratches, and many others had their grimy clothing torn. Then they go on to tell the details as follows:
"Disorder occurred at both the East and West Side county storeyards today as thousands of unemployed men lined up to register their applications for county ditch jobs.
"Desperate for work, the men tried to push ahead of each other in the registration lines and fighting broke out at frequent intervals.
"Squads of police and deputy sheriffs were rushed to both the registering offices to keep the crowds in order. Windows were broken in the mezes, several men were slightly cut and others fainted from hunger and exhaustion after standing in line for hours.
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By BURCK

SOME DANGERS AND IMMEDIATE STEPS

By V. KEMENOVICH.

(Dist. Sec., Western Penna. Dist. of the N.M.U.) THE Western Pennsylvania District Board of the National Miners' Union, at its meeting September 6th, reviewed the situation in the district. The following main points were brought forward:

1.—That conditions in every mine are worsened daily. Everywhere indirect wage-cuts are taking place. Mass lay-offs are used by all the coal companies to beat the miners into submission. Mines are shutting down; credit in the company stores is cut off; one dollar a day scrip system has been established. Dirty coal penalties are more sharp and numerous. Outside (miners who do not live in company houses) are forced to either move into the company houses, pay high rents, or be discharged. Idle day work, by which the miners are forced to labor additionally without any pay, is increasing. New forms of speed-up on the conveyors and loading machines is introduced. New "grading" of men on the conveyors and wage cuts by this method is used. More coal is stolen from miners in every mine.

Some concrete examples: The Vesta Coal Co. laid off all outside men and is laying off the single men. Mines are working 6 hours a day, 2 days a week. Miners are laid off for dirty coal from 3 days to 90 years.

The Hillman Coal laid off 240 men at the Edna No. 2 mine. Three men were killed by a large fall of rock in Barking Mine, leaving three widows and 11 orphans.

The Pittsburgh Coal Co., largest in the district, is laying off men by the thousands. In Montour No. 10, out of the 1,400 men working two weeks ago, only 600 are left in the mine. This company opened two large mines when the strike was at its peak, promising the miners steady work at good wages. Now through "grading" of men on conveyors a wage cut of from 3 to 7 cents a ton is being introduced.

The Pittsburgh Terminal, which signed a U. M. W. A. agreement in order to break the solid strike front, shut down its Mine No. 9 (P. & W.). However, the real purpose behind this is a wage-cut, as the company sent its stool pigeons to the men promising them steady work at 38 cents a ton and \$3.80 a day over the present scale of 45 cents a ton and \$4.50 a day.

There are daily rumors of wage cuts in the mines of H. C. Frick Coal and Coke, and the National Mining, both subsidiaries of the U. S. Steel and both paying a high scale of \$6 a day. In all mines there are the rumors of wage cuts, spread by the company in order to prepare the miners for them.

2.—Reports of all the Board members (25 were present) brought forward the fact that the overwhelming majority of the miners who returned to work are with the National Miners' Union. A meeting called by simply passing the word, brought over 100 men from the mine. In this mine they have a U. M. W. A. agreement. In another mine the miners have been coming to the N. M. U. soup kitchen in such a large number that although the bosses made a house-to-house canvass threatening to discharge any visiting our Colony. Nevertheless they did not dare to carry it out, as it would have meant an immediate strike. In mines where we lost contact after the return of the men to work, we are reviving these locals with an ease never before experienced in the organizational work of our union. In one mine 150 men joined our union despite the fact that they have the U. M. W. A. In all the mines the men who returned to work are distributing our leaflets inside the mines. The Vesta Coal, after one of these distributions inside the mine, made a house-to-house canvass, threatening to discharge the miners, also demanding from all "loyal" miners to report any one distributing "red" literature. They have added Coal and Iron deputies, and in one instance, this not being sufficient, "borrowed" some thugs from H. C. Frick to keep the miners from coming to our meeting.

Many of the companies have established deputies right in the mines. Any miner leaving his working place is watched, and unless he has a good reason for leaving the place he is driven back. Practically in all mines men are searched daily. All this shows best the possibilities of organizing these men, bringing them back into the N. M. U. and preparing them for broader and bigger struggles. Also, all this searching and threatening shows the men the strength of the N. M. U. and makes them more determined to support its program.

3.—This favorable situation, however, has not been utilized sufficiently. In too many instances our local leadership, not understanding fully the differences between a revolutionary and a reactionary union, follow the A. F. of L.-U. M. W. A. theory that these miners are scabs. They are forgetting that this strike is not the 1922 or 1927 strike. They forget that these miners did not return willingly, but were driven back by hunger, terror, lack of relief and strong N. M. U. local leadership previous to the strike. There is a sort of common saying: "Let them get their bellies full of starvation; then they will come out on strike themselves." Due to this 30 men who wanted to join the N. M. U. in a mine were told that they could not join un-

less they come out on strike. In another mine a still larger number was refused membership. In all the mines there is a laxity in recruiting new members from among the working miners.

The position of the district leadership on this question is: ONLY KNOWN COAL COMPANY STOOLED PIGEONS AND THE LOCAL FAKERS OF THE U. M. W. A. AND PROFESSIONAL SCABS CANNOT BECOME MEMBERS OF THE N. M. U.—ALL OTHER MINERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL MINERS' UNION!

The members of the District Board know that we are not in a position to force any lasting concessions from the coal companies unless we bring into our ranks all the miners employed in the mines. The 10,000 miners still out on strike in the Ohio, Panhandle Section of West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania field will not be able to carry on struggle for the most elementary demands unless they gain the support of the miners back at work. Without bringing these miners who are working into the struggle for the general demand of 55 cents a ton and \$5.55 a day we shall not be in a position to renew the struggle for these demands.

The question of the National Strike cannot be discussed without considering these important fields as leaders and supporters of a national strike movement. In other words, the whole program of action adopted at the National Conference held July 15th and 16th depends upon the reorganization of these fields where our union was born three years ago.

The whole strike leadership agreed that one of the main weaknesses of the strike was organizational. We did not have trained union forces in the locals, and no locals in many of the mines. In this situation the stool pigeons of the bosses and the U. M. W. A. fakers came forward into leading position in the local strike and relief committees only to use these positions to knife the strike in the back by all kinds of lies and by spreading the rumors of the bosses. These organizational weaknesses cannot and must not be repeated. To avoid them in the future we must organize now.

The policy of the Central Rank and File Strike Committee is to reorganize the whole front on the basis of the local demands. In this policy of reorganization the main task is the strengthening of the locals of the National Miners Union and the united front Mine Committees, which are mainly responsible to develop struggles for these demands and the spreading of these local struggles into sectional, district and national strikes.

In line with these policies the District Board made the following main decisions: (A) Provisional conferences in the 8 former sections, and definite establishment of 4 sub-districts. The re-organization of the sectional and local strike committees, placing main responsibility upon the union for carrying out the strike and organizational activities. (B) Holding of mass sub-district conventions on Sept. 27th to establish definite union leadership composed of strikers and those who are working, with a full-time sub-district secretary in charge of the work. (C) Mass mobilization of all forces for a mass recruiting drive that will bring into the union the miners who returned to work. (D) Immediate setting-up of United Front Mine Committees in key mines in the sub-districts.

The methods to be used in mobilizing all the miners for mass recruiting shall be as follows: 1.—At the sectional conferences setting up of organizational committees for each mine composed of the best comrades. These committees must visit every local and group in their sub-district, hold special meetings and mobilize the whole membership of the local, Women's Auxiliary and the Miners' Children's Clubs for activities.

2.—The membership in turn shall be divided into groups of 3 or 5 and the groups shall be assigned certain streets in town or blocks in the company patch. They must visit every miner, ask him to join our union. Those who are ready to join must be told where the local meets and when; their membership cards must be filled with exempt and dues stamps up to date. In visiting the miners we must register their working places (the West, East, Main, Flat, etc. Butt and Room) so that on the basis of the registration we can immediately begin to organize mine committees in line with the organizational program of our union.

Unless this program of organization is carried out and the miners brought into our ranks, the struggle renewed and intensified, we will isolate our union from the masses, make it a union of unemployed and blacklisted miners that will not be in position to help them or to give leadership to the miners working under the starvation wages forced upon them by the bosses and the U. M. W. A.

Miners, employed and strikers! Miners' wives and children! Activate your local union, women's auxiliary and the children's clubs. Assign work to every member. Make them a part of the organizational force that will bring into the National Miners Union the miners who returned to work. Build the union! Carry on the struggle for the local demands! Prepare for the national struggle!

THE MARCH ON LONDON



More "Labor" Day Demagoguery

IN a dozen different strains capitalist politicians and A. F. of L. leaders devoted their Labor Day speeches to a warning of the militancy of the working masses in the coming months and attempted in many ways to divert this militant surge of the masses by hypocritical lies and programs.

John L. Lewis, president of the scab United Mine Workers of America, who was one of the leaders in the attempt to drive the soft coal mine workers into the slavery of the mine bosses, gave the warning in the following words: "Those in high places who rest serene in the thought that cycles must have their filling, will soon have to go into action or else face action which might bring radical changes in our recognized system of commercial enterprise."

Senator Borah stated hypocritically that "as we approach winter, the task of taking care of these (jobless) men and women is uppermost in our minds." What is uppermost in the minds of Borah and the rest of the capitalist class is not the hunger and the misery of the millions of jobless, but how to prevent the organization of these jobless to demand unemployment relief. Borah, therefore, warns the capitalists that they must in some way or other dish out some charity slop to prevent this mass protest of the workers. He pointed to the rising militancy of the masses and stated that if the rich "do not feed the unemployed voluntarily they will nevertheless do it." Borah suggested an increase in the income tax and praised the donation for charity slops of \$1,000,000 by Senator Couzens.

Governor William H. Murray of Oklahoma, a more blatant demagogue than the rest, told the capitalists that the workers "no longer accept the doctrine that man is not responsible for these conditions." After stating that the working masses are beginning to realize that the misery and hunger in the present crisis are, like the crisis itself, due to the capitalist system, Murray, "Alfalfa Bill," warns that if there is not a change in the government in 1932 there will be a revolution in the United States. In this way he is preparing the capitalist demagoguery for the elections next year. Murray tells the capitalists of the militancy of the masses in the following words:

"When I have talked about the horrors of another winter to come, of the revolution which surely stares the land of our fathers in the face if conditions do not improve, they call me an alarmist. But I'm not. The political flames that burn the bowels of the poor eventually will burn the mansions of the rich."

Bill Green, president of the American Federation of Labor and member of the Gifford committee, while continuing the attack on any unemployment insurance for the millions of job-

less also pointed out sharply the danger of the smashing of the entire capitalist system by the masses of the working class.

"Unless those now in control of industry address themselves seriously to the task of solving the problem of unemployment along the lines suggested by labor, the entire present economic system of private ownership of industry will fall," Green warned his masters.

All of the demagogues who warned the capitalist class of the militancy of the masses also attempted to do whatever was in their power to deceive these masses for the exploiters. The A. F. of L. leaders advocated the five-day week system of Hoover as a means to stave off the crisis. The five-day week and the six-hour day, which was also put forth by the A. F. of L. leaders, is nothing less than part of the wholesale wage cutting campaign of the capitalists. They want the workers to bear the entire burden of the crisis. They want more workers to work for lower wages, thus lowering their standard of living while saving the capitalists from spending one cent for the relief of the unemployed.

Sullivan, president of the New York State Federation of Labor brought in another of the demagogic planks of the A. F. of L., the abolition of the Volstead act. The A. F. of L. leaders are attempting to divert the discontent of the masses into a futile campaign against the prohibition amendment. They know that if they can mislead the masses into fighting prohibition they will not fight for immediate relief and unemployment insurance.

In the speech of Senator Wagner of New York it was openly admitted that the entire policy of the Hoover administration has been to prevent the jobless from getting any kind of relief. In his speech Wagner stated that

"Under the guise of opposition to the dole the propaganda has reached far and wide that the Federal Government is exempt from service in this national emergency; that, for the Federal Government, it suffices if 'coordinates' the work of others; that its function is simply to stimulate local charitable effort."

The attack of Wagner is not on behalf of the millions of jobless, but is part of the Democratic election campaign against Hoover. Under the Democratic governor of Wagner's own state, Roosevelt, the jobless are not getting anything but the most miserable slop from the state. Under the Roosevelt bill, recently proposed, the jobless could at the most get \$12.50 to keep them from starving thru the entire winter—before deducting what the grafters will get. Wagner's program is a public works expenditure for the benefit of the contractors of \$2,000,000,000. Wagner knows very well that there is not the least possibility of Congress passing such an appropriation and so he uses this demagogic program for the purpose of fooling the working masses and in order to make political capital out of the misery and hunger of the workers.

Doak, Secretary of Labor, in his Labor Day speech, admitted that the deportation of the foreign born during the past year has been particularly directed against the militant foreign born workers. "Deportations during the past year," said Doak, "have included an increased number of extreme radical aliens who are affiliated with organizations, the purpose of which is to overthrow the government of the United States by force and violence." The Labor Department has been carrying thru the deportation of the foreign born in order to break the militancy of the foreign born workers and to divide the native born from the foreign born workers.

The Labor Day speeches of the A. F. of L. leaders and the capitalist politicians have one and all had the purpose of trying to mislead the growing militancy of the masses, employed and unemployed. They are trying to crush the masses into accepting the capitalist program of wage cuts, speed up, and refusal to give relief. Against this attack the workers must organize into the Unemployed Councils for the fight against hunger and for unemployment insurance. Employed and unemployed must unite against the capitalist hunger program. Organize and strike against wage cuts.

Release Tom Mooney and All Class War Prisoners

By J. LOUIS ENGBAHL

CAREFULLY planned participation by the International Labor Defense (American Section of the International Red Aid) in the triumphant 14th Anniversary (November 7) of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia again emphasizes the militant class struggle character of the defense organization of the working class.

War danger, unemployment, hunger are spawned throughout the boss class world as the ugly offspring of the profit social system now on the threshold of the third winter of ever deepening depression and growing starvation.

War Threats Increase

Increasing war threats against the Soviet Union, intervention of imperialist armies against the Chinese Revolution, an intensified fascist ferocity daily increasing and taking an ever greater toll of prisoners murdered and tortured, with executions daily occurrences, all raise new and greater tasks for the International Labor Defense. This was clearly pointed out in the resolution on the war danger and the menace of illegality of the recent I.R.A. executive committee meeting, when methods of work and struggle in the present period were thoroughly discussed.

These war threats are not only reflected in the efforts of Mellon and Stimson to carry through Wall Street's first aid to capitalist Germany against rising labor, to American finance capital's role in connection with British imperialism's new coalition government against the working class, but also in the rising wave of persecutions against America's tolling masses, especially the use of wartime criminal syndicalism laws in strike struggles, more recently in Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania as well as in the arrest of Sacco-Vanzetti Day speakers, as in Massachusetts. Imprisonment of National Textile Workers' Union strike leaders and holding them for deportation because the government declares the program of the Trade Union Unity League to be seditious, is closely related to the launching of Wall Street's latest war machine, the world's greatest dirigible, the "Akron." These events go hand in hand.

200,000 Class War Prisoners.

Upwards of 200,000 class war prisoners in the steel cages of world capitalism's bastilles, mass arrests taking place daily, in the United States, lynching of Negro workers and poor farmers—this tells the story in small part of the boss class attempts to drown in blood the discontent of the masses. If capitalism could achieve its great desire, however, the smashing of the first Proletarian Power, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, then it would sweep the globe with a savage terror planned to annihilate all revolutionary labor throughout the entire world.

It is not only for the International Labor Defense to proclaim its sympathy for the Soviet Union and the militant working class movement the world over, but instead to undertake all necessary measures for militantly defending all revolutionary labor against the black reaction of boss class rule.

Join In All Struggles.

In the campaign for the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Soviet Union, in the struggle against the war danger, in defense of the unemployed, our defense organization links up every phase of resistance to ruling class repression, nationally and internationally. These struggles cannot be separated. It was on this basis that the I.L.D. participated in August First, International Anti-War Day, that it joined in International Youth Day, that the defense of those persecuted for anti-militarist propaganda is organized including aid to soldiers and sailors victimized for their revolutionary work. We make a special effort to win the youth that imperialism seeks to enmesh in its wholesale slaughter.

It is inevitable that in this struggle the International Labor Defense should be attacked. Its work is already declared seditious in Kentucky and its organizer imprisoned. Its activities in Georgia are outlawed as leading to insurrection and its organizer threatened with the electric chair; another organizer in California has just been released after many months of imprisonment. The reply grows in greater activity in the factories, rooting the organization deeply in the work shops, greater mass activities, building of a mass organization schooled in struggles for defense under all conditions.

Build Living Link.

A living link between the workers and farmers of the Soviet Union and the United States in this Fourteenth Anniversary period is the struggle for the release of Tom Mooney and all the class war prisoners, freedom for the imprisoned Harlan miners, the Scottsboro boys, the Camp Hill share croppers and the hundreds of workers facing multitudes of charges, mostly based on militant strike and unemployment activities.

It was the Russian working class in Leningrad, demonstrating before the American embassy, that forced President Wilson to demand of California's governor that he commute the death sentence imposed on Mooney. But Mooney, although his life was saved in 1917, is still in prison, buried alive, his life slowly but surely ebbing.

From Shop to Shop.

The International Labor Defense plans this year to develop closer than ever the living link between the workers and farmers of the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. Workers in American factories, on American farms, will send their anniversary greetings, through the I.L.D. and its Russian brother organization, the MOPR, to workers in similar factories and workshops in the Soviet Union, and to the workers on the giant farms that are the basis for the building of socialism in agriculture.

These will not only be comradely greetings. They will be pledges for greater struggle—for the membership of the International Labor Defense to lead more energetically the campaigns in defense of all workers and farmers persecuted by their ruthless class enemies throughout the capitalist world.

FIGHT STEADILY FOR RELIEF!

Organize Unemployed Councils to Fight for Unemployment Relief. Organize the Employed Workers Into Fighting Unions. Mobilize the Employed and Unemployed for Common Struggles Under the Leadership of the Trade Union Unity League

Rotten Conditions of Seamen and Longshoremen in Baltimore

ALONG the docks conditions are deplorable. There is a clique here of thugs and stools whose duty it is to report all those who complain to the International Longshoremen's Association delegate who then sees that those men do not go to work. The clique works pretty steady. The rest of the men are lucky if they work one day a week. When they do work they get the hardest and dirtiest jobs.

The accident cases are numerous, due to rotten gear and speed up. The gangs have been cut considerably and in some cases one man runs both winches, thus endangering the lives of every one around him, for it is next to impossible to keep your eye on the men around you and at the same time operate two winches. These short gangs are forced to do the same amount of work in less time than when they used full gangs.

The L.L.A. has job control here. They go to the expense of operating two halls, one for Negro workers and one for white. They place a Negro gang in one hold or dock section and a white gang in another, then tell each of the gangs that the other one is doing more work, and that if they don't step out of it they will hire all Negro

or vice versa.

Some time ago when the Marine Workers Industrial Union first started to hold meetings along the docks, we were met with severe opposition. But now it is quite a contrast. For when we hold our meetings now they are orderly and meet with good comment. The workers seem to get more interested every time we go down there, as the attendance increases continually. Of course they haven't started coming to our hall as yet. But we are certain we will win these workers over to the only union that is fighting for them, the Marine Workers Industrial Union.

Fellow workers, join this militant union and crush the shipowners' and I.L.A. officials' methods of speedup and discrimination.

As for the seamen their conditions are on the level with swine. They live in filthy quarters infested with vermin and lice. It is a surprise to them if they don't find their food swarming with cockroaches or weevil. Ships go out of here half manned, as the shipowners have cut the crews to almost half the original, thereby making the short-handed crew do the work which keeps them on all hours. They are forced to work while on

watch, both in the engine room and on deck. This is also due to shorthandedness of the crew. If you refuse these extra duties you are subject to four days log which means you pay four days for one. There is no compensation for these extra duties.

The beds are usually made of straw. They are commonly called lousepits by most seamen. There is a grave danger attached to these lousepits. The dust that the dry straw accumulates floats around the rooms getting into your lungs thereby causing consumption. It also gives men the itch.

We are supposed to get a change of linen every two weeks. Some times we go without a change for a month. The quarters for the most part are stuffy, small, and unsanitary. Eight or ten men are stuffed into a place that isn't sufficient for two to move around in.

The wages vary. Some ships pay as low as \$50 a month for A.B.'s. There are rumors out that the ship owners are planning to cut the wages on all ships in the near future.

The shipowners realize the seamen are beginning to sit up and take notice though. For they are making it more and more difficult for our organizers to get aboard the ships, placing watchmen at every entrance to the docks and on all the ships. This will not deter us though, for we intend to build up the Marine Workers Industrial Union regardless of all the obstacles the ship owners place in our paths.