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Hail a Victory! Learn a Lesson!

THE Workers' Delegation, sent to the Soviet Union in October by the Friends of the Soviet Union, is soon to return to America and is preparing to report to the American working class on what they have seen and learned from a trip of thousands of miles that covered every big industrial region and went right into not only the factories but also into the workers' homes.

The American capitalist crisis pushes the American workers deeper and deeper into mass starvation and misery, and the literal hunger of the million masses for simple information about the victory of socialist construction in the Soviet is thus far altogether inadequately met.

Indeed, we might say that this genuine demand of the masses is shamefully neglected, as though the heart of every worker does not thrill with inspiration to follow the example of the Russian workers, once their victory in the overthrow of capitalism and the construction of a socialist society is made plain.

The American capitalists and their apologists are increasing their efforts to hide the advance of socialism in the Soviet Union from American workers, to deceive them with all manner of outrageous lies or distorted "facts." For well the American capitalists know that the inspiration of successful working class rule in the Soviet Union to the American working class, now seeking a way out of misery, starvation and repression is the one kind and the only kind of "dumping" that threatens their rule.

From the American Workers' Delegation, elected by American workers to view and report back upon what the Soviet workers are doing, there is surely to be obtained the most valuable guidance for American workers in their own struggle.

Daily issues of the capitalist press dish out oceans of ink in lying about the Soviet Union. The Five Year Plan is "a failure"; or "factories are built, but can't be run"; or any other variation of falsehood cooked up by capitalist journalists or the fascist misleaders at the head of the American Federation of Labor and the miscalled "socialist" party.

Yet the cold truth refutes all these lies. The German Economic Research Institute, a statistical organization of highest authority, has admitted that, with the reports in for the early part of this year, the share of the Soviet Union in world production was 11.4 per cent, as compared with 5.5 per cent in 1928, when it was the fifth in position among industrial nations.

By the end of June, this year, the Soviet Union passed both England and France, taking THIRD PLACE, after United States and Germany. By the end of August the volume of production in the Soviet Union had so grown, and that of Germany so declined, that the production of the Soviet Union passed Germany and stood in the SECOND PLACE IN THE WORLD, being next to the United States!

This is absolutely irrefutable proof that socialist production is catching up with capitalist production, that it is advancing by leaps and bounds while capitalist production declines, that the Five Year Plan is victorious, that capitalist crisis now eating into the vitals of production in every capitalist land, has no effect in the land where the working class rule.

These world-shaking facts must not only be reported to American workers, but interpreted to them in their relation to the lives and conditions of the workers of the Soviet Union.

They must bring home to the mind of every worker that the reasons for capitalist lies about the Soviet Union are, firstly, to prepare the mind of the American masses for imperialist war upon the Soviet Union; and secondly to prevent the American working class from learning the lesson taught by Soviet success and taking the revolutionary way out of the crisis of misery and starvation which capitalism inflicts upon them.

The Friends of the Soviet Union is arranging for members of the Workers' Delegation to make personal reports for two months to American workers. It is particularly necessary that these delegates bring their message to rank and file workers in A. F. of L. locals, and to reach as deeply as possible the workers in mining, metal and marine transport.

It is, therefore, the duty of all revolutionary workers in the above organizations and industries, to get in touch with the Friends of the Soviet Union (address: 799 Broadway, New York City) and arrange for delegates to report to trade unions and bodies of workers in heavy industry.

Workers, make the delegates you sent to the land of the Soviets an inspiring weapon in your own struggles for Unemployment Insurance, against wage cuts, against national oppression of the Negroes, against fascism and for the establishment of a Workers' and Farmers' Government in the United States!

NEW YORK THROWS CHALLENGE TO CHICAGO IN DAILY WORKER DRIVE FOR 5,000 12-MONTH SUBS.

To the District Committee, to the Rank and File Membership of the Communist Party in District 8, Chicago; to the Revolutionary and T. U. U. L. Groups and Shops; to the Mass Organizations in District 8.

Greetings:

The District Committee of District 2, New York, of the Communist Party, in the name of the revolutionary workers in this District, greet you and hail your splendid work during the present Daily Worker Drive for 5,000 yearly subscriptions and in building Friends of the Daily Worker Groups. You are doing important, revolutionary work in building the Daily Worker into a mass paper leading the American workers' fight against the boss class and its government, in bringing the Daily Worker among the oppressed Negro masses whose brave fight you are leading against discrimination, jim-crowism, evictions and for unemployment relief and insurance.

Determined to do our share in this work, we, the revolutionary workers in District 2, challenge you in the spirit of revolutionary competition to catch up with you of District 8 in the work. We match our quota of 675 yearly subs. (not counting our 8300 daily bundle circulation) against your quota of 775 yearly subs determined to reach our quota first and to pass this number. Our present five Friends of the Daily Worker groups as against your nine will grow into at least 15 groups actively engaged in building the Daily Worker. This is our task, imposed upon us by the consciousness of our duty to the American workers, and this we challenge you to fulfill.

On to make the Daily Worker the mass revolutionary organ of the American working class.

I. AMTER, District Organizer, Dist. 2.

Workers, everywhere, make this YOUR challenge. Enter the socialist competition in the Daily Worker subscription drive. Units, sections, mass organizations, enter the race with each other for leadership in getting subs. Form Friends of the Daily Worker groups, organize neighborhood squads, canvas the workers in their homes, in the factories, make YOUR district the leader in this revolutionary work and help to join every worker in the United States to the revolutionary struggle against the bosses' wage cut and starvation attacks.

JAPAN LAUNCHES SAVAGE DRIVE TO CRUSH FIGHT OF MASSES IN MANCHURIA

Attacks Launched from Five Points; New Drive On Chinchow A Threat Against Chinese Revolution

The Japanese yesterday morning launched a sweeping campaign of ruthless suppression and bloody terror against the heroic workers and peasants of Manchuria and their partisan troops. Under the pretense of "suppressing banditry," the imperialist bandits began extensive troop movements and attacks on the masses throughout Manchuria.

STATE "RELIEF" HEAD TO LAYOFF 1000 STOREGIRLS

Christmas Present In Form of Speedup and Cut In Wages

In a leaflet issued by the Department Store Section of the Office Workers' Union, the planned lay-off of 1,000 workers at R. C. Macy's is exposed as being the policy of Jesse Straus, one of the big bosses of the store and head of the state Unemployment Relief Committee.

Telling the meaning of this mass discharge the Office Workers' Union says:

"This means more and more work will be put upon the shoulders of those retained. Macy's objective in its wage cutting policy is four sales clerks for the price of two!

"In addition to this special gift the following will decorate our Xmas tree: Overtime without pay, lunch hour reduced to three-quarters of an hour, higher quotas which mean less commission, increased stock work after working hours."

The union calls on the store employees not to take his discharge passively and those remaining to organize and fight for the following demands: time and a half for overtime, elimination of speed-up by taking on more full time employees, fight against wholesale dismissals, a minimum wage of \$21 a week.

Anti-Religious Night at Workers Center on Friday, December 25

NEW YORK.—An Anti-Religious Night will be held on Friday evening December 25, at the Workers Center, 35 E. 12th St., to expose the religious fakery of the Christmas holidays. The affair is being arranged by the Workers Cultural Federation and the Anti-Religious League.

Start Relief Drive To Help Win Kentucky Mine Strike

NEW YORK.—As 17,000 Kentucky miners prepare for strike under the leadership of the National Miners' Union which last Sunday at its convention voted to call all the miners out on January 1st for a struggle against starvation, the National Office of the Workers International Relief swung into action for a nation-wide drive to collect strike relief to help the miners win their fight.

The working-class and its official relief organization, the W. I. R., are faced with a task unparalleled in the history of American strike struggles.

In two weeks time 18,000 miners will strike in a body. The strike will not rely upon spreading from mine to mine as in the previous mine strikes in Kentucky, West Virginia, Eastern Pennsylvania and Ohio. The terror is too great. The strike will be a sudden, swift blow of the miners against the starvation and terror of the feudal coal barons. This intensifies greatly the problem of relief.

The miners can collect little or no relief in and around the mine fields. Eastern Kentucky has been eaten here of food.

In the dead of winter, penniless and with barren cupboards, the heroic Kentucky miners will launch the counter-attack of the working-class against the hunger-terror campaign of the bosses. Upon their success depends a great victory of the working-class.

The Workers International Relief has issued a call to all workers to help the miners win this victory.

This attempt to crush the anti-imperialist struggles of the Manchurian masses is admitted to be a prelude to the proposed seizure of Chinchow by the Japanese. Large numbers of military airplanes are being used to bomb the partisan forces of workers and peasants resisting the Japanese seizure of Manchuria. This is part of the imperialists' attempt to partition China and to crush the revolutionary movement of the Chinese masses.

A Tokyo dispatch reports the attacks, launched from Mukden and four other centers of Japanese concentration in Manchuria. A Japanese army is moving southward toward Chinchow. Japan has issued an ultimatum to Nanking to withdraw all Chinese troops from the Chinchow area. This ultimatum is probably at

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PICKET AT SHIRT FACTORY STRIKE

Issue Call All Workers to Come Out

PATERSON, N. J.—Though the police threatened to stop mass picketing yesterday morning at the Manhattan Shirt Co. here, an effective picket line was formed. The strikers carried placards and slogans. Some unemployed workers who were looking for jobs were turned away by the pickets.

A strike call issued today calls upon all workers, cutters, operators, shipping clerks and packers to refuse to work for starvation wages. The strikers are fighting for the following demands: Withdrawal of the wage-cut, a pension of \$12 a week for all workers over 55 years of age unable to work, fight against wage-cuts, speed-up and discharges.

Every shop, mine and factory a fertile field for Daily Worker subscriptions.

Spread Demand for Unemployment Insurance Nationally February 4th!



Scene in the Washington Auditorium showing Bud Reynolds speaking about the demands of the National Hunger March for unemployment insurance and cash winter relief. On the platform are shown A. W. Mills, Herbert Benjamin, and William Z. Foster.

Kidnapped Ky. Miner Found; Mass Meetings Make Ready for Strike

Mac Sumner Ill; Was Dumped Over State Line; Operators Fail to Terrorize Men and to Defeat Strike Call

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 21.—The 17,000 Kentucky miners who are expected to come out on strike January 1st against starvation were pledged full support in their struggles by the Conference of the American Lithuanian Workers Literary Society meeting in Waterbury, Conn., yesterday.

The organization declared it would use all its forces to raise relief for the Kentucky miners in their strike. It will participate in the activities of the International Workers Relief which is now conducting a nation-wide campaign for strike relief—funds, food and clothing. Where there is no organization of the W. I. R., the Lithuanian Workers Literary Society will organize such conferences.

A motion to support the National Unemployment Insurance Day, February 4th, was passed unanimously. Resolutions for struggle against boss terror, for the release of political prisoners, and for the support of the Communist Party in the 1932 elections were passed.

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To Protest Scottsboro Frame-Up, Jan. 8, 9, 10

On Jan. 8, 9 and 10 workers throughout the country will thunder their indignant protests against the attempts of the Alabama bosses and the white and Negro reformists to carry through the legal lynching of the nine innocent Scottsboro boys.

Eight of these boys were sentenced to the electric chair in the original farcical trial at Scottsboro last April. The mass fight of Negro and white workers, mobilized by the Communist Party, the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor Defense held back the bloody hands of the fascist bosses and forced a stay of execution. Millions of workers demonstrated in the United States and throughout the world against this hideous crime against the Negro masses and the working class.

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E. Berkman Taken to Hospital from Immigration Station

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 21.—Edith Berkman was removed today to the Carney Hospital in South Boston

from the East Boston Immigration Station suffering from sore throat and a fever, probably due to close confinement for three months without bail.

Berkman's sickness must spur workers to demand the immediate admittance of bail for the National Textile Workers Union organizer, demand the release of Murdock now ordered deported by the Circuit Court, Bedros, Donegian, Ivan Kravevich, Sam Paul and eight others held for deportation in this district.

Nine working-class fighters were already executed under these extraordinary laws—five in the city of Baranovitch, White Russia, and two

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St. Paul Workers Protest Against Forced Labor

Unemployed Council at Bakersfield, California Forces City Manager to Promise Housing for Hunger Marchers

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 21.—A thousand jobless workers demonstrated in front of the city hall on December 19 to demand immediate cash relief and against the system of forced labor of the local charity institutions.

Although the meeting was called in a short time the workers responded well and after the demonstration they marched to the Unemployed Council headquarters. Forty workers joined the Council.

A committee of five workers was elected to present the demands of the St. Paul 30,000 unemployed. This delegation went to see the Mayor and the Council when they asked for the Council. It was said that they were "not in session" and when the delegation asked for the Mayor from the stenographer said he "had a meeting going on." Just at this time the Mayor's secretary came out and when the delegation asked to see the Mayor from him he replied that "the Mayor was out of town!"

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Dec. 21.—At a meeting of unemployed workers of Bakersfield consisting of Negro, Mexican and American workers a council was organized with A. Lachlusa elected as organizer. A. Lachlusa is an unemployed painter, a member of the A. F. of L. and face losing his small home because the Bank of America refuses to renew any mortgages.

At this meeting of the Bakersfield unemployed a committee of five were elected to go to the City Manager to demand food and a place to sleep for the State Hunger Marchers who are coming through here on Jan. 3, and will stay overnight. The manager at first tried to pass the buck but was finally forced by the committee who represented the unemployed of Bakersfield to grant the demand to house the marchers. The manager promised to house all the marchers after he realized that the unemployed were organized. The field organizer for the State Hunger March, M. Baylin who has been here for three days, was the spokesman for the committee.

A mass reception and meeting is being organized in Bakersfield the night of the third of January to greet the marchers.

5 MEN ENTER JAIL; TAKE OUT, LYNCH NEGRO WORKER

Boss Press Agency Tries to Cover Up Crime

The organized lynch terror of the bosses, operating more and more in this period through small gangs of leading citizens without any pretense of "popular" support, took another Negro victim Sunday night.

A gang of five men entered the Montgomery County Jail near Conroe, Texas, and removed Isaiah Edwards, a young Negro worker who already had been railroaded to the electric chair by the boss courts because he had dared to defend himself when brutally attacked by a policeman. In the struggle the policeman was killed.

The little gang of five lynchers met with no resistance whatever from Sheriff Ben Hicks and the prison guards.

Capitalist news agencies are trying to cover up the crime committed by this little gang of boss lynchers. The Associated Press at first admitting that the Negro worker had been taken out of the jail by the lynch gang of five, later attempted to make it appear that he was killed while trying to evade pursuit after having "escaped" from the jail. The first story sent out by this lying capitalist agency stated:

"Five men posing as officers entered the Montgomery County Jail last night and removed Isaiah Edwards, a 19-year old Negro under death sentence for the murder of

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District 2 Challenges Chicago! Spread Socialist Competition for Subscriptions

Celebrate 8 Years of Daily Worker's Fight on Capitalism

Daily Worker Leads Struggle Against Government Terror Against Foreign Born Workers!

More than 16,000 foreign born workers deported in 1931! Over 18,000 foreign born workers deported in the first nine months of 1931 alone! Increasing persecution in the form of more deportation, registration, fingerprinting and intimidation on the order of the day!

Against this campaign, and the propaganda for it carried in the capitalist press, stands the only all-English national revolutionary daily paper in the United States, the Daily Worker. For eight years it has exposed the lies of the boss papers. Through eight stormy years it has stood like a rock of Gibraltar for the foreign born workers against every attempt at persecution and terror.

On January 3, at the Bronx Coliseum, the eighth anniversary of the Daily Worker will be celebrated with a revolutionary program of pageantry, music and dramatics. Every worker in New York, particularly the foreign born workers must jam the floor of the Bronx Coliseum on January 3. Rally behind the paper of the fighting working class! Turn out for the Daily Worker Anniversary! Bring your friends and shop mates with you!

The program includes among other features a pageant, "The Trial of the Yellow Press", and presentations by the International Chorus and Red Dancers. Admission at the door is 35 cents and 25 cents with the coupons that are being distributed now.

Office Workers Union Charge Big Bosses Drive Girls Into Streets

Low Wages and Mass Layoffs Effect Thousands of Office Girls. Says Union in Letter

NEW YORK—In an open letter to the Committee of Fourteen, the Office Workers' Union, over the signature of E. Rosen, secretary, answered the appeal for funds for jobless working girls that appeared in the New York Times of December 21, 1932, exposing leading capitalists on charity organizations as being in the forefront in discharging girls and cutting their wages. The letter follows in full:

"This morning's Times printed on its front page an appeal addressed to the citizens of New York City for the support of the campaign against vice conditions.

"As the spokesman for thousands of Office Workers in the City of New York, the majority of whom are young girls who are seriously affected by the unemployment and wage cuts of the present depression, we wish to publicly answer your appeal.

"We note that among your committee of 14, are representatives of organizations who are directly responsible for the conditions which you attempt to expose. Mr. Straus, of the firm of R. H. Macy & Co., can inform you that the wages paid to the girls of that department store are just enough to keep them off the streets. Mr. Small, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the state of New York, Mr. Wat-

son, president of the Merchants Association of New York City, can give you first-hand information as to the miserable earnings of office workers in our city. The conditions about which you complain are a direct result of the fact that without regard as to whether a girl can subsist on the wage paid her, the depression is used as an excuse for continuous wage cuts, even though the particular organization may be making profits, as is the case with R. H. Macy & Company.

"Your appeal is signed by Mr. Small and Mr. Watson and sandwiched in between are Cardinal Hayes, Rabbi Krass, Reverend Fosdick and Bishop Manning. These reverend gentlemen have a daily opportunity to expose the organizations in our city by name who are not paying a living wage to the girls in New York.

"We particularly call the attention of these gentlemen to the fact that an announcement from the pulpit that National Bellas Hess pays its girls \$5 to \$6 a week would have more of an effect on checking vice conditions than a general appeal to the public.

"If your committee is really anxious to liquidate the present vice conditions, it must openly insist that the girls of our city be paid a living wage."

PERTH AMBOY CITY GOV'T VOTES HALF OF BUDGET TO BONDHOLDERS

PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—Almost one-half of the budget of this city, which amounted to \$1,484,537 for 1932, was scheduled to go to stock and bondholders as interest payments while the unemployed were left to starve. The budget came up for passage yesterday.

There are more unemployed, yet appropriations for the so-called poor for 1932 is \$17,980 as compared to \$18,000 in 1931, a decrease of \$20.

There are more workers sick and in need of medical care, and yet appropriations for the City Hospital is \$7,500 for 1932, as compared to \$15,000 in 1931, a cut of 50 per cent.

More children are undernourished and suffering from malnutrition this year than last year, due to the effects of the worsening crisis, and yet in the 1931 budget \$750 was appropriated for the Kiddie Keep Well Camp, while in 1932 budget not one cent is appropriated for the "Kiddies' Camp. This camp is where undernourished children from all cities in Middlesex County are supposed to be taken during the summer—during school vacation.

Perth Amboy is a city of 48,000 population. It is the "Industrial Metropolis" of Middlesex County. In the city are located large copper works, cable, lead, Guggenheim's American Smelting & Refining Co., as well as roofing, chemical, bakelite, cigar, shirt, hat, handkerchief, pottery and other plants and factories. More than 5,000 are unemployed. Many more work part time. Practically all shops got wage cuts and reductions of 10 per cent and one per cent or more of their wages to "help the unemployed." Conditions in the city are frightful. Many are in dire need and only a handful get a mere pittance.

The Unemployed Council here, among other things, is demanding the turning over of the \$632,064 intended for interest to the bankers and bondholders be turned over to the unemployed for relief.

The answer of the City Commissioners to the above demands, together with a report of the Perth Amboy delegates to the Hunger March to Washington will be given at a mass meeting to be held Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, at the headquarters of the Unemployed Council, 101 Fayette St., at 7:30 p. m. At this meeting plans will also be laid for building a strong Unemployed Council and preparing for the Feb. 4th demonstrations and for sending a strong Perth Amboy delegation to the hearing on the Middlesex County Budget to be held in New Brunswick, Dec. 29th.

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What's On—

TUESDAY
Drug Clerks, Attention!
 A special meeting will be held by the Medical Workers' Industrial League at 108 E. 14th St., Room 202, at 3 p. m.

Night Workers' Forum
 Will be held on Dec. 22 at 2 p. m. at 108 E. 14th St., third floor. Delegate of the National Hunger March on Washington to speak.

Needle Trades Athletic Club
 Will have a general meeting at the union headquarters, 131 W. 24th St., at 6:30 p. m. Needle workers welcome.

Brownsville Alteration Printers
 Will have a meeting at 1813 Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn, at 8 p. m.

Unemployed Office Workers
 Will have a meeting this afternoon 3 p. m. at 80 E. 11th St. in Room 305.

Moohoba Parkway I.L.D.
 Will hold its regular rehearsal at the Chernivsky Club, 122 Second Ave. (between 7th and 8th Sts.), Dec. 23, at 8 p. m. New players welcome.

Hunger March Report
 Will be given at the Rockaway Mansion, 655 Rockaway Ave., Dec. 24, at 8 p. m.

WEDNESDAY
Hotel and Restaurant Workers
 Will hear the report of the hotel worker delegate to the National Hunger March at Bryant Hall, 42nd St. and Sixth Ave. Admission free.

Mooney Mass Meet
 Will be held at Hunt's Point Palace, Bronx, at 8 p. m., under the auspices of the Otto Korvin Branch, I. L. D. Carl Hasker to speak.

W.E.B. DuBois Band
 Will hold its regular rehearsal at the Chernivsky Club, 122 Second Ave. (between 7th and 8th Sts.), Dec. 23, at 8 p. m. New players welcome.

Needle Union to Celebrate Third Year January 1
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defense of the interests of the workers.

"The Industrial Union is the only union in this country which has carried through a real united front of the workers, has won considerable improvements in the conditions of thousands of fur workers, is organizing and preparing the dressmakers for a strike under rank and file leadership and is leading the struggle of the workers everywhere for union conditions.

"The three years of existence of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union is a testimonial to the fighting spirit of the needle trades workers. It shows that through unity and militant struggle the workers can fight and win better conditions. The third anniversary of the Industrial Union will sound the signal for mobilization to lead the coming struggles of the needle trades workers to victory."

Turn daily sales into carrier routes, carrier routes into subscriptions.

RED SPARK TEAM PICKED TO WIN SOCCER TOURNAY

Soccer League Games Next Sunday for the "Young Worker"

After winning seven consecutive games the Red Spark "A" team was held to a 2-2 tie by the Tico A. C. in a Metropolitan Workers' Soccer League match on Sunday. The downtown eleven are strong favorites to cop the championship, but with Spartacus A. C. pressing hard on their heels, and Tico and Neckwear A. C. not far behind, the Red Sparks will have to hustle to accomplish the feat.

The Maltese Rangers continue to lead the "B" Division by a small margin. Close behind them are the Sons of Malta and the Red Spark A. C.

The Pirates, trouncing Brownsville 3-0, are still atop the "C" Division.

A feature of next Sunday's schedule will be the benefit game for the Young Worker, arranged by the Metropolitan Workers' Soccer League, to take place at Dyckman Oval. The proceeds will go to the Young Worker to help insure its regular appearance as a fighting organ for the bettering of the working conditions of young workers in the shops, mines, mills and factories.

Admission to the field is only 25 cents and the first game starts at 11 a. m. The results of last Sunday's games:

- Metropolitan Workers' League**
- DIVISION A**
 Italian Americans, 1; Olympic, 0; Neckwear, 3; Falcon, 1; Red Spark, 2; Tico, 2; Spartacus, 6; Juvenile, 0.
- DIVISION B**
 Armenians, 4; Neckwear, 0; Ital-Americans, 1; Sons of Malta, 0; Harlem Prog., 2; Red Sparks, 1; Jack Gordon, 3; Mt. Vernon, 0; Maltese Rangers, 2; Alb. Adilena, 2; Spartacus, 1; Estonian Workers, 1.
- DIVISION C**
 Needle Trades, 2; Hero, 0; Crotona A. C., 1; Downtown Workers, 0; Red Spark A. C., 5; Adriatics, 0; Williamsburg Workers, 1; Prospect, 0; Dauntless, 2; East N.Y., 2; Pirates, 3; Brownsville, 0; E. Side Workers, 1; Harlem Prog., 0.

Cancer Deaths Among Workers Rises 5.2 P. C.

The direct effect of the crisis upon the health of the workers is seen in the announcement of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. that the cancer death rate among workers rose by 5.2 per cent during the first nine months of the year. The sharp effect on workers' health is brought out by the fact that among the general population, which includes both rich and poor, the increase was only 3 per cent.

The Metropolitan Life insurance Co. adds that the analysis they made show that the "digestive tract" was most affected. In other words, starvation and bad food, is the cause in the rise of this dread disease.

This rise in cancer only tells a fragment of the story, as medical

Socialist Justice Jails Workers for Fighting Evictions

(By a Worker Correspondent)

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—One of our socialists here, William A. Fols by name, the justice of the peace, is working hard nowadays, setting the furniture of unemployed workers who cannot pay their rent out in the street. When he has the furniture put out the comrades from the Unemployed Council put it back in the house again. Socialist Fols then puts the tenant in jail for no cause at all.

Said socialist Fols: "I will evict the reds from putting an evicted tenant back in the house if I have to put all the reds in jail."

I am afraid they will have to build more and bigger jails in this town, for the Unemployed Council is growing and the comrades will not stand for workers to be thrown out of their homes.

Marchers Report in Long Branch

100 Hear Delegates Tell of Solidarity

LONG BRANCH, N. J.—About 100 workers, the majority of them Negroes listened to the report given by the local delegates to the National Hunger March. One marcher vividly described the solidarity between the white and Negro workers on the march. On hearing how the chief of police of Baltimore was forced to draw back his Jim Crow rules and apologize to the marchers, those present applauded enthusiastically.

The conditions of the unemployed in this city was discussed at the meeting. There are over 2,000 without jobs. The city government does nothing and the only relief is the old state, rotten food given by a charity outfit to a few workers. Even in this miserable handout the Negro workers are discriminated against.

There is a job registration line where some jobs are given for a day or two. If a worker has previously received some charity sloop he is forced to work a day or two for nothing. At the meeting 19 workers joined the local branch of the Unemployed Council.

Shoe Workers Union Arranges Dance for Thurs. December 24

NEW YORK—A dance to raise funds to carry forward organizational work has been arranged by the Shoe and Leather Workers' Industrial Union for Thursday, December 24th at the Empire Hall, 6 Ten Eycke St., Brooklyn, corner of Lorimer St. All workers are urged to come.

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experts state that the effects of undernourishment begins to be seen clearly years later affecting whole generations of the working-class.

1,000 Workers Back Strike of Portland Postal Messengers

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—One of the biggest and most militant demonstrations was held here Thursday to back up the strike of the Postal Telegraph messenger who are fighting against a 25 per cent wage cut. Wages are down to \$1 to \$1.25 a day.

Over a thousand workers assembled with the striking messengers at the Civic Emergency Committee which was furnishing scabs to break the strike. When the workers protested this action, the bosses at the Civic Emergency Committee, which operates under Gifford's national committee, complained that they had to operate, according to the city ordinance which required them to furnish workers whether there was a strike or not. It is significant that the Postal Telegraph Co. is controlled by the International Telephone and Telegraph Co., a subsidiary of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., which is headed by Walter Gifford.

From the Civic Emergency Committee the workers marched to the main office of the Postal Telegraph Co. There the crowd grew to about 3,000. Several of the strikers spoke and told of the conditions, not only the wage cut but charges for uniforms, and all responsibility for accidents on the messengers themselves.

The present cut is the sixth cut in a year and a half. According to information this cut is part of a nationwide cut. This strike in Portland should be the signal for like action all over the country. Out of this strike will develop a union of messengers affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League which should include all others in the companies.

The demonstration ended at the police station at Second and Oak Sts., where the arrest of two workers for distributing leaflets was protested.

Protest Murder of Chinese Students Tonight at 8 P. M.

As a demonstration of their solidarity with the 80,000 revolutionary Chinese students who stormed the city of Nanking last week in a protest against the Kuomintang government of China, the New York Students League of college students is holding a mass meeting this Tuesday evening at 8 p. m., in the North Study Hall of the School of Commerce, New York University, Washington Sq.

This meeting will protest the brutal shooting down of Chinese students and workers by the new hangerman of the Chinese masses, the Eugene Chen government.

The speakers will be Chang Su Fang, revolutionary Chinese student; Joshua Kunitz, author and lecturer; Mac Gordon, New York Student League.

JAMAICA JOBLESS HEAR REPORT ON HUNGER MARCH

Sixty Join Council to Continue Fight for Jobless Relief

NEW YORK—Over 200 workers, half of whom were Negroes, jammed into the large court room in the old Town Hall at Jamaica, to hear the report of the National Hunger Marchers on Thursday, Dec. 17.

The report reached a high point when the speakers touched on the numerical strength, burning enthusiasm and the leading role the Negroes in the march took in the struggle for unemployment insurance.

The mass of workers present, which also included many women who came with their children, let it be known they stood for the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill and winter relief. A spirited resolution, backing this bill and immediate winter relief, was unanimously adopted.

No less than 60 joined the Unemployed Branch in Jamaica, which already has a membership of 5, and, although in its infancy, has already forced a certain measure of relief to a number of starving families. The meeting concluded with the election of a mass delegation to present on the following day a number of local demands to the president of the Borough Council in Queens and to Mr. Hoffman, head of the fake emergency relief committee in Central Queens. Workers spontaneously rose from the audience and offered to be spokesmen for these demands. Many others will accompany the delegation.

starving workers. Alone, the mothers had been sent back and forth from the police station to the Community Settlement for weeks, without any results. All of them owed rent, many had no gas or electric. One woman told of having six children at home sleeping on the floor, the beds having been sold. Husbands and children in the hospital with no money to pay the doctor bills.

The social worker in charge of the charity joint was taken back at the large delegation and pleaded that the Unemployed Council should only bring the names of those who need help and everything would be taken care of. But the crowd was there and later in the day the charity was forced to pay rent, gas and electricity, \$52 doctor bill and promise \$9 a week in food for one family and to the rest give \$5 in food immediately and promise to keep up the payments as long as necessary. Also, every worker registered through the Unemployed Council will not be evicted.

Sixty workers joined the Unemployed Council on the day the delegation visited the charity.

"KILLING TO LIVE" BRINGS US SOMETHING NEW IN SOVIET FILMS

Now here is something new. If some of us began to think that the Soviet films were beginning to sort of run to a type, with the later ones only improvements over the earlier, history-making productions, we get our answer here in the Amkin release, "Killing to Live," running at the Cameo.

Soviet ingenuity is not dead or even sleeping. There for the first time, and there only, they put actual workers and the general population into the pictures. Now the Shock Brigade of Suzyukino has started out to illustrate the Marxian precept: "Philosophers have only explained the world, what is needed now is to change the world." And their present effort has a cast of plants, wild animals, birds, fish, bugs—and finally men—as makers of the world.

All the first part of the film is devoted to knocking out the back-to-nature freak's sentimentalities. Sure, you could go back to nature, after seeing this picture, but you would do it with a knowledge of the ruling spirit in nature, which is: "Kill or be killed; eat the other fellow or he will eat you." The frog eats the butterfly, the snake eats the frog and the mongoose eats the snake—the picture of this shock brigade shows it all. It shows the competition of grasses and plants for sun and growing space and the fierce battles of male animals for possession of the female.

The pictures are excellent, on the whole, and you wonder how they got them. These are not caged animals. The alligators swim in a swamp and catch a wild duck. The hawk swoops down out of the sky and claws a rabbit, then you see her feeding her voracious young in a lofty nest. Once in a while there is a little distortion—perhaps telescopic lenses were used for some of the pictures. Sometimes they are absolutely clear. You can see the glare in the eyes of a bobcat after a chipmunk, as real as the scowl on the brow of a Tammany cop slugging a woman.

The helplessness of natural wild life before fire, draught and flood is shown.

Then is shown Man, the re-maker of the world. Where Man has regained what he lost when he ceased to be a wild animal; when Man is no

longer exploited by other men, giant socialized undertakings are possible—you see part of the Dniepropetrov dam. You also see how workers take over and guide the blind forces of evolution, producing in a few years changes it would take nature a million to make. You see wheat that yields 25 times as much grain as the original wheat did; chickens that lay 12 times as many eggs as the parent stock, and those eggs twice as large. You see marine sheep with enormous coats of wool as compared with the wild sheep. Well, nature would probably never make these particular changes at all. The lesson of the film is that socialized man can tap enormous forces, of which Humanity has so far only begun to scratch the surface.—V. S.

Paterson Trade Union Unity League Opens Drive in Metal Bldg.

NEWARK, N. J.—With a new union center soon to open at 75 Springfield Ave. the Trade Union Unity League in this territory is beginning an organization drive for the building of the industrial unions, affiliated to the T. U. U. L.

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Mother of 7 Hungry Children Jailed for Selling Liquor to Buy Food

(By a Worker Correspondent)
MONESSEN, Pa.—There are about 5,000 unemployed workers in Monessen. Those who are working—and they are very few—are working part time, which is only one or two days a week. Others, who don't get any pay whatsoever, still keep their time cards in the mill. These workers must get money from somewhere and bring it to the mill office to pay for their insurance.

The "relief" plan here is somewhat similar to the plans in other cities. The police and the members of the American Legion sell papers for a couple of hours, and the money derived from the sales is called the "relief fund."

Legion Raids Town

First the police and the American Legion get so drunk that they barely can stand on their feet. They go out then and stop automobiles and force the drivers to buy papers without giving them back any change. Others go around to the poor workers' homes bulldozing them and robbing the workers of what little they have.

Another they robbed the people of \$200, out of which they paid for the papers. They also gave a good share of this money to the American Legion. The few pennies that were left went to "relieve" the 5,000 hungry unemployed.

Mother of 7 Jailed.
A woman here, mother of seven hungry children, was arrested here recently for selling liquor to get food for her children. She was jailed and fined \$12.25. She told the police that she could not pay the fine and said if she could get relief she would not have been denied to violate the law.

The city denied her any relief and threw her into a cell while the children were home starving.

The oldest daughter came to the police station to protest the mother's arrest and the police locked her up too and tried to make her a prostitute.

5 MEN ENTER JAIL, TAKE OUT, LYNCH NEGRO WORKER

Boss Press Agency Tries to Cover Up Crime

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Constable Thomas Bayette of Magnolia. The raiding party worked a combination lock on the cell door.

A later dispatch peddled the vicious lie that Edwards was shot down as a "fugitive" from "justice." This dispatch states:

"Isiah Edwards, 19, fugitive from the Montgomery County Jail, was found slain near here today. The coroner reported he had been fatally wounded by Deputy Sheriff Nell Roten, 31, of Chambers County, when he sought to evade arrest in a stolen motor car. With the discovery of his body, search by a posse was called off."

In this way, the bosses try to cover up their brutal murder of this Negro worker. But their lies will not deceive the working class. Edwards was most likely killed by the deputy sheriff acting as a member of the boss lynch gang of five. This explains how the gang got the combination to the door of the cell in which he was confined.

The lynch murder of this young worker sends the total of known and admitted lynchings to 107 for the present year. This does not include the numerous unreported lynchings, nor the legal lynchings through the boss courts.

Negro and white workers! Smash the lynchings! Organize self-defense corps of white and Negro workers! Demand the right of Negro workers to bear arms for self-defense! Stop the disarming of the Negro masses! Answer the lynchings with mass defense of the Negro workers and with a mass fight for the right of the Negro majorities in the Black Belt to determine and control their own form of government!

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Boss Press Admits Sell-out Plans of Rail Union Heads

NEW YORK.—Further confirmation of the fact that the railroad union officials asked the railroad bosses to issue a notice of a 15 per cent wage cut, in order to help these union fakers try to put over a 10 per cent "voluntary" wage cut is contained in a telegram published in the Philadelphia Inquirer dated New York Dec. 18.

The Daily Worker several days ago published the fact that Daniel Willard, in his talks with President Hoover on how to put over the wage cut on the railroads, stated that the union officials asked him to have an announcement published declaring a 15 per cent wage cut.

The Philadelphia Inquirer dispatch states:

"By giving notice of an intention to lower wages an additional 5 per cent than would be the case under a friendly adjustment, the carriers (railroad bosses) hope to persuade labor of the greater prudence in the latter course."

"They wanted us to do this. They expected it," stated Mr. Willard when asked if the labor representative would not be surprised at the posting of the 15 per cent notice.

"Thus we see again exposed the whole scheme of the union officials of the 21 railroad unions—deliberately asking that a 15 per cent wage cut notice be posted so that they can maneuver to force a 10 per cent cut on the men."

DULUTH BOSSES "WARN" JOBLESS WHO TOOK FOOD

450 Men Stormed Store When Breadline Shut

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 21.—A response of threats and warnings has been issued by the capitalist forces here following the refusal of 450 unemployed to starve when the "Bethel" breadline was closed to them.

The workers stormed a large grocery store and took food to appease their hunger.

In its leading editorial entitled "Careful!" the Duluth Herald, owned by the notorious demagogue Paul Block, declared:

"There is great need of care, both on the part of Communists who are likely to bring down a storm on their own heads, and on the part of the unemployed, who now have public sympathy but could easily and quickly forfeit it by such silly tactics as those exhibited yesterday."

"For one thing sure, regardless of all else, is that such tactics cannot and will not be tolerated in Duluth for one moment."

The Duluth News carries a scare head stating: "Red Raiders Stab City Employee, Plunder Shop." The capitalist press is trying to fasten the stabbing of the keeper of the municipal breadline, which took place some time after the grocery store was raided, on Communists. This is the beginning of preparations for a frame-up. Stewart was stabbed either by a provocateur or an outraged unemployed worker driven to desperation by starvation.

Syrian Troops Called to Stop Elections

DAMASCUS, Syria.—After having ordered the police to open fire on Syrian nationalists who were calling for free elections, the French High Commissioner ordered the closing of polls to halt bloodshed. The elections have been postponed indefinitely.

Besides calling out troops and fire brigades the officials found it necessary to cut off all communications from this city in order to isolate the trouble and carry out their bloodbath without interference.

The French are using this urgent need of markets of the German capitalists in order to draw Germany into their sphere and against England which has started out on a tariff policy which will hit Germany severely. Besides the organization of cartels in the steel, potash, chemical and other leading industries, France is trying to put across a plan to have "Franco-German cooperation abroad."

This conference is the first of a series which if successful, will draw Germany into the anti-Soviet bloc of France along with Poland, Rumania and the other vassal states of Europe.

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Alabama Supreme Court. Only the united struggle of Negro and white workers, organized behind the legal defense in the courts, can stop this frightful crime.

The International Labor Defense is defending the boys, and has prepared a mass of new evidence and affidavits completely exposing the lynch terror nature of this frame-up. The boys are charged with raping two white girls. They were convicted on the unsupported and contradictory testimony of these girls, both of whom at first refused to help the state in its vicious frame-up of the boys. The girls are mill workers, forced into prostitution by the starvation wages paid to Alabama textile workers by the capitalists. They were threatened with prosecution for prostitution unless they aided the state in its lying frame-up against the boys.

As the hearing on the appeals approaches, the reformists are frenziedly engaged in an attempt to smother the mass fight to free the boys.

Japan Launches Savage Drive to Crush Fight of Masses in Manchuria

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the request of the Nanking Government. Its purposes is to give the Nanking government an excuse that it was forced to withdraw its troops before the threat of force.

Workers, Students Plan New Invasion of Nanking
The Japanese estimate the strength of the partisan forces fighting them at 80,000. While most of the partisan bands started with only a few hundred men, several of these bands have now grown to several thousand as a result of the rising resistance of the Manchurian masses, inspired by the anti-imperialist upsurge of the masses in China proper and the growing strength of the Central Chinese Soviet Government and the Chinese Red Army.

Plans of students and workers in Chinese cities for another invasion of Nanking have frightened the united front government of the Canton and Nanking traitors. The Kuomintang convention, scheduled to open yesterday, has been postponed on Wednesday. T. V. Soong, Finance Minister, has resigned.

The Japanese government yesterday answered the renewed protests by the United States against its southward drive with the intimation that the protest would be considered "unfriendly" if its aim was to maintain Nanking in control of Chinchow.

This veiled threat against the American imperialism shows that the imperialists have sharpened the imperialist rivalries have sharpened tremendously.

Japanese Speculation Make Millions on Fall of Yen
The Japanese economic and financial crisis was further aggravated by heavy losses due to buying of dollars by speculators. Japanese newspapers accuse former Finance Minister Inouye of underestimating the extent of dollar speculation when he put the total at \$167,000,000. It is claimed that the amount is now \$225,000,000.

As a result the Yokohama Specie Bank, which controls the dealings in exchange, stands to lose another \$12,000,000 through the purchase of dollar with yen to cover these transactions. The loss will be larger if the yen continues its downward trend.

The Yokohama institution is covered in the transaction by a guarantee given by the Bank of Japan, and the government will have to meet the loss. This it will do with increased inflation and taxation which will further intensify the sufferings of the toiling masses at the very time that the speculators are cleaning up huge fortunes.

Declaring that Kuomintang had degenerated into a counter-revolutionary instrument of "horrible oppression" against the Chinese masses, Madame Sun Yat-sen, widow of the founder of the Kuomintang party, scathingly attacks both the Canton and Nanking wings of the Kuomintang. In an interview to the imperialist press she denounces the leaders of both wings as tools of the imperialists and the people's worst enemies. Madame Sun says:

"It is now undeniable that the Kuomintang has lost its position as the country's revolutionary party. The party's destroyers, far from being external enemies, are its own leaders. When Sun Yat-sen died in 1925 our party lost its guide."

"Fortunately, however, the Cantonese leaders at that time were able to carry on the founder's policies sufficiently to carry out the northern punitive expedition, bringing the Yangtze Valley under the party's rule. But since the Nanking-Hankow party split in 1927, due to Chiang Kai-shek's personal dictatorship and rivalry between the militarists, the party and the people have become increasingly separated."

Kuomintang Leaders Preyed on Masses
"Corruption and chicanery have reached a high degree. Those in the central government have occupied key positions and fattened their pockets, while those in the local governments have preyed upon the defenseless people. They have made their friends happy but the people miserable. Opportunists have found positions with the remnant of the

murderer terror against the Chinese masses, or busy spreading illusions about the revolutionary "possibilities" of Eugene Chen, Wang Ching-wei and others of the Canton gang, Madame Sun has been forced to admit what the Chinese Communist Party has all along pointed out—the complete degeneration of the Kuomintang Party into an instrument of murder and terror against the only revolutionary movement in China, the movement led by the Communist Party and backed by the eighty million workers and peasants in the Soviet districts and by millions throughout China.

The Kuomintang itself is the party of the capitalists and feudal landowners. It is an instrument of the imperialists in their war on the Central Chinese Soviet Government and the Chinese masses. The Kuomintang cannot be changed by a change in leadership. Only the Communist Party is leading and will lead the masses in the struggle against imperialism, in the struggle for a free and united China.

The steady decline of the Labor and Socialist parties in countries where they have held office, has held true also in the Australian elections. The Labor Party led by Scullin will now have 16 in place of the former 35 seats, and the left wing of the party led by Lang raised its number of seats from 5 to 7. As in England, the Labor Party forced a bloc of the bourgeois parties, led by a former Labor minister.

The increase in Lang's vote is due to his posing as more radical than the premier of Australia. But already it is reported that Lang, who is premier of New South Wales will join forces with the rest of the Labor Party.

The fruits of the Australian Labor government were 20 per cent wage cuts in the government services which includes the railway workers, 20 per cent wage cut in the woolen industry and a 20 per cent cut in social insurance. The left-winger Lang is responsible for vicious anti-Communist bills.

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Protest Against the Bloody Execution of Militant Workers in Fascist Poland

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in the city of Tomaszew in Poland proper. They were hanged as "spies" which in militaristic fascist Poland means the struggle to overthrow the oppressive, obnoxious rule of the big landowners, capitalists and bankers.

More workers and poor peasants in all prisons are awaiting their death at the hands of the Pilsudsky hangmen. The others are doomed to a slow but systematic death in their filthy cells—denied air and food.

This same Pilsudsky government that is butchering the revolutionary vanguard of the working-class and poor peasantry has assisted the rich students and the underworld elements to pogroms on the Jewish population in order to sidetrack the powerfully growing revolutionary struggles in the cities and villages. The pogroms on the Jewish masses in a dozen of the cities were organized precisely for the same motives as the bloody attacks on the revolutionary workers and peasants—to stave off the approaching mass revolt against the unbearable conditions into which the capitalist system had put the greater part of the population. The fascist Poland has been the first country to suffer from the general economic crisis of capitalism. The industries are operating a negligible part of their normal capacity. The factories are hardly working at all. Unemployment is growing daily, accompanied by a mass-poverty and hunger. Even those who are still working do not earn enough to maintain themselves and their families.

The severe crisis and the tariff wall erected by most countries has served to cut off the Polish agricultural and industrial products from their former markets. Millions of peasants are poverty-stricken. The huge military machine, maintained by the fascist governments and the corrupt practices of the ruling clique are draining the meager resources left in the country. Only through loans by Paris and Wall Street was Pilsudsky able to keep his regime from total collapse.

The only way out, that the Polish imperialists can see for themselves is a war against the Soviet Union. To lay their hands upon Soviet Ukraine and Soviet White Russia and to create a Poland "from sea to sea" is the sinister aim of the Polish landowners and capitalist militarists. In this imperialistic war policy they have the full support of world imperialism, particularly France and the USA.

Yellow Workers! The Polish workers and peasants together with the toilers of the National minorities are waging a most heroic and determined struggle for their liberation. The Pilsudsky government is constantly "pacifying" western Ukraine and Western White Russia with punitive expeditions, razing whole villages and shooting thousands upon thousands of peasants. At the same time Pilsudsky is entering into peace agreement with the bourgeoisie of the National minorities in order to rob and exploit the masses.

The fighting workers and peasants of Poland, Ukrainian, White Russia, etc. are calling to us here, to come to their aid. It is our working-class duty to answer their call. The capitalist press is carefully hiding all the reports of the revolutionary struggle in Poland. They do not print the news of the horrible tortures and shooting of workers and peasants in the prisons and outside of them. They support the fascist hangmen.

Yellow Workers! Raise your voice into a mighty protest. Demonstrate in front of the Polish consulates. Help to stop the murder of workers and peasants. Let every workers' organization respond to the appeal and join in the protest movement. Mobilize the broad masses for powerful protest demonstrations. The heroic fighters in Poland must hear our voice and feel our action.

Down with fascist murderers in Poland.
For the Defense of the Soviet Union!
For self determination of the Minorities in Poland.
Down with militarist oppressors!
Long live the revolutionary struggle of workers and peasants!
Long live a Soviet Poland!
Polish, Ukrainian, Jewish, Lithuanian Bureos of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of U. S. A.

Kidnapped Kentucky Miner Found; Mass Meetings Make Ready for Strike

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against his life if he should ever turn up again. Sumner was active preparing for the December 13 convention of the National Miners Union, which set January 1 as the date for the strike.

He was ill at his home in Creeches when he was awakened and lights flashed into his eyes making it impossible to see his assailants and was ordered into one of two cars filled with thugs who threatened to shoot and lynch him. Finally after threats that he quit the National Miners Union and stay away from Creeches he was thrown off the car at the border line of Virginia.

In a pouring rain he walked towards Tennessee. Finally in an exhausted condition he reached the home of friends in LaFollette suffering from influenza.

Hold Mass Meetings.
Three successful mass meetings have been held in Glendon, Colman and Pruden, Tenn. Joe Weber, National Miners Union organizer, was the principal speaker. Local board members, Bill Meeks, Jimmy Garland

also spoke. G. G. Green, a Negro, made a speech at Pruden and was greeted with a great deal of enthusiasm. Several coal operators, company police and deputies were present in an attempt to intimidate the men, but the miners asked the speakers to come back again. A local is being established there.

At Coleman, "Massey" Colman, operator, paced back and forth on the railroad tracks watching miners who came to the meeting held in the school house at Glendon. The meeting was held a few feet away from the mine tipples. At Kay Jay, the company's attempts to have the miners sign an agreement that they will not strike January 1 at the call of the National Miners Union proved unsuccessful except for a few petty bosses. The miners are standing solid. At Colmans, evictions continue. The miners are refusing to give up their homes.

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Cut Out This Coupon and Use It!

Green Tells Jobless to Starve at Least Another Whole Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Following its policy of telling the workers to bear the increasing attacks and not to complain while they starve, the American Federation of Labor issued its most monthly statement about the economic crisis declaring that "recovery will be slow."

At the same time the A. F. of L. is forced to swing around from its old type of optimism and say that "recovery from this depression will be a long process." The unemployed, says, William Green, now amount to 7,000,000—a lie which is agreeable to Hoover whose whole policy has been to cover up the fact that there are 12,000,000 unemployed.

"We must look ahead to at least a year of unemployment almost at present levels," says this statement.

POLITICAL INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

FOR a new member the first few weeks is the most important formative period. The first impressions that the new members get about our Party may be decisive whether he will remain or drop out of the Party. It is, therefore, most essential to help the new members to learn about the role, activities and structure of our Party.

The participation of the Party in the class struggle, his life conditions as a worker, have brought the new member into the Party. Now that he is in the Party, he must be made conscious of the leading role of the Party, get an elementary political explanation of the class struggle, and get practical concrete guidance how as a member of the Party he is to learn to play an active and leading role amongst the workers. Such an approach will help in retaining them and involve them gradually into the activities of the Party.

Political Role of Unit.

The most important point of politically initiating the new members is the Unit. It is there where he gets the first impressions of the Party, where he for the first time sees the Party in its daily activities, and where he will be involved in the life and work of the Party. The raising of the political life of the unit, an improved organizational functioning of the unit, is decisive for the retention of new members.

At the same time we must give the new members an elementary political training which would make them feel more at home in the Party, give them a better understanding of the role and activities of the Party. This will make it easier for them and make them more eager to become active in the Party.

Six Weeks' Course for New Members.

The following six weeks' training course is proposed: First week, discussion with the new members, "Why they join the Party and how to improve the recruiting of new members"; second week, the present economic and political situation in the country; third week, the role of the Party in the class struggle; fourth and fifth week, the mass campaigns of the Party and mass organizations; sixth week, the organizational structure of the Party.

Methods of Teaching.

What should be the method for this course? A most simple presentation of the general basic problem in each course. The lecture and discussion method to be combined. Reading of certain pamphlets, some sections in some pamphlets can be assigned. The Agitprop Department is also contemplating the publication of a simple propaganda pamphlet for new members.

This pamphlet will take up the same topics as mentioned in the six weeks' training course.

Organization of the Course.

How should the six weeks' training course be organized? It should not consist of more than 30 members. Every six weeks a new group to be organized. At the same time when the new member attends the course, he should be advised not to attend any other classes. The unit should during this period give the new member only a few tasks. The District Committees to decide on the organizational form—whether it should be organized on a unit, city or section scale. It all depends on the local conditions. Wherever possible on comrades should be assigned to be in charge of the entire course. At the same time, in view of the nature of the topics and the difficulties of obtaining instructors, various comrades may be assigned for the different topics.

New Members' Course and Fundamentals?

There is, of course, a difference between the new members' six weeks' training course and the classes in fundamentals.

The classes in fundamentals is for the purpose of giving an elementary propagandistic theoretical training for the Party membership. A training which is to give a broad understanding of the laws of the class struggle, role and strategy of the Party. The six weeks' new members' training course, on the other hand, is only for the purpose of giving a most general understanding of the role and activities of the Party. It is for the purpose of politically initiating the new members for the purpose of helping the new members to BEGIN to THINK and FUNCTION politically in the Party.

The six weeks' training course is not a substitute for the classes in fundamentals. As outlined above it is to serve an entirely different purpose.

Course is Voluntary.

This course must be absolutely VOLUNTARY. Under no circumstances should it be made a condition for joining the Party or becoming active. It should be started at first in a few sections. On the basis of the experiences of some of the sections, then to be gradually extended.

Just as in pointing out the need of involving the new members in activities, we must guard ourselves against the danger of overburdening the new members with too many tasks, so in discussing the need of the political initiation and training of new members we must guard ourselves against scholastic tendencies. With the proper balance on this point the new six weeks training course can become an important weapon in the training of the new members.

The Revolutionary Unions in the Pittsburgh District

By CARL PRICE.
(Conclusion)

IV. Mass Work and Struggle for Demands.

The National Miners Union and the Metal Workers Industrial League must intensify to a great extent the mass work being carried on:

a. More direct and more active participation in the unemployment work.

b. More mass meetings and leaflets. The Brownsville Section Committee reported that in the month of October, and in the first week of November, not a single mass meeting was held in the name of the National Miners Union in the whole section, and not a single leaflet was issued in the name of the National Miners Union in the whole section. In the Johnstown section, a leading member of the section committee of the Party proposed not only no intensification of mass work, but on the contrary, proposed that the National Miners Union in the big Bethlehem Mines should not try to organize any group meetings whatever, or any meetings of the local unions, but shall work during a long period of several months on the basis merely of collecting applications into the union. He stated that this would better the finances of the union and would also give better results because the workers are afraid to go to group or local union meetings, on account of the terror. This giving up to the terror, this policy of advocating a discontinuance of mass work, or even of the necessary group or local union meetings, is a program for the complete liquidation of the National Miners Union. We must everywhere organize the miners into mine groups of the union, hold local union meetings and fight for the legality of the unions, through its mass work. In the very section of Brownsville, where the NMU has for six weeks not held a single mass meeting, or issued a single leaflet in a meeting in Masontown, called by the Unemployed Council, 650 people showed up. Three hundred and fifty came to the hall and hundred to the City Hall where a demonstration was scheduled.

At the same time that we intensify the mass work, we must use greater efforts to protect the miners and steel workers and make them feel that the union is safeguarding their jobs as much as possible.

The work of the union is conducted too much on the basis of agitation and propaganda, not enough on the basis of struggle. In the Terminal Mines, after the slow start, the NMU was able to prevent the putting over of a 15 per cent wage cut by the UMWA and the Terminal Mines. This had the effect of bringing many more miners from the Terminal Mines into the NMU.

We must follow out more the policy of working on the basis of formulating a struggle for the local demands of the miners in each mine, especially in the mines on which we are concentrating. We must make the miners feel that we are a real union and not a propaganda organization—a union which leads the struggle and develops a fight in the interests of the needs and demands of the workers. We must do this by giving more concrete instructions to the local forces, as to how to go about formulating demands—how to go about organizing on the basis of formulation and the working up and fighting for these demands.

The mass work must be carried on on a basis of bigger movements and campaigns in the interests of a united struggle of all the workers. This includes formulation of the special demands of the most oppressed.

a. Fighting for the demands of the Negro miners and steel workers, and struggle against the white chauvinism within our unions.

b. Fighting for the special demands of the young miners and the young steel workers.

c. Demands of the women steel workers—unemployed workers, etc.

It is necessary to make use of the campaigns of the working class, to further the united struggle of the employed and unemployed miners and steel workers. It is especially important to mobilize the miners and steel workers in the defense campaign—for the leaders of the NMU, Myerscough, Getto, Giambattista, Young, Leo Thompson, and scores of other active and leading figures in the NMU. The union must put up a stronger fight for these leaders of the working class, and on the basis of the defense campaign enlist broad masses of employed and unemployed miners and steel workers to support the union. The same is true of the unemployed campaign, the relief work, etc.—better coordination is necessary. It is necessary to carry on more educational work among the miners and steel workers. A bigger agitational campaign against social fascism, of the UMWA, a campaign of the unions against the war danger, a campaign against the demagoguery of Pinchot, against the fake programs of Hoover, and his Unemployment Committee, a campaign directly conducted by the unions, in defense of the Soviet Union, and explanation by the union leaders of the role of the Communist Party, inside of the unions—direct struggle by the unions against the policy of the socialist party in the mine and steel towns, a struggle against white chauvinism, etc.

At the same time, the unions, the NMU, the Metal League, must be directly mobilized for these campaigns, through their entire apparatus.

V. Organization

Many plans and resolutions have been worked out, giving the activity necessary for the NMU and the Metal League. More systematic work, more planned work, better concentration, more drawing in of local forces is necessary. There still exists, to a great extent, a separation of the "mass work" from the organization work. It is necessary, at once, in the beginning of every campaign, to begin immediately the work of securing organizational results and giving the local forces concrete directives for the day to day and step by step work of how to secure these results.

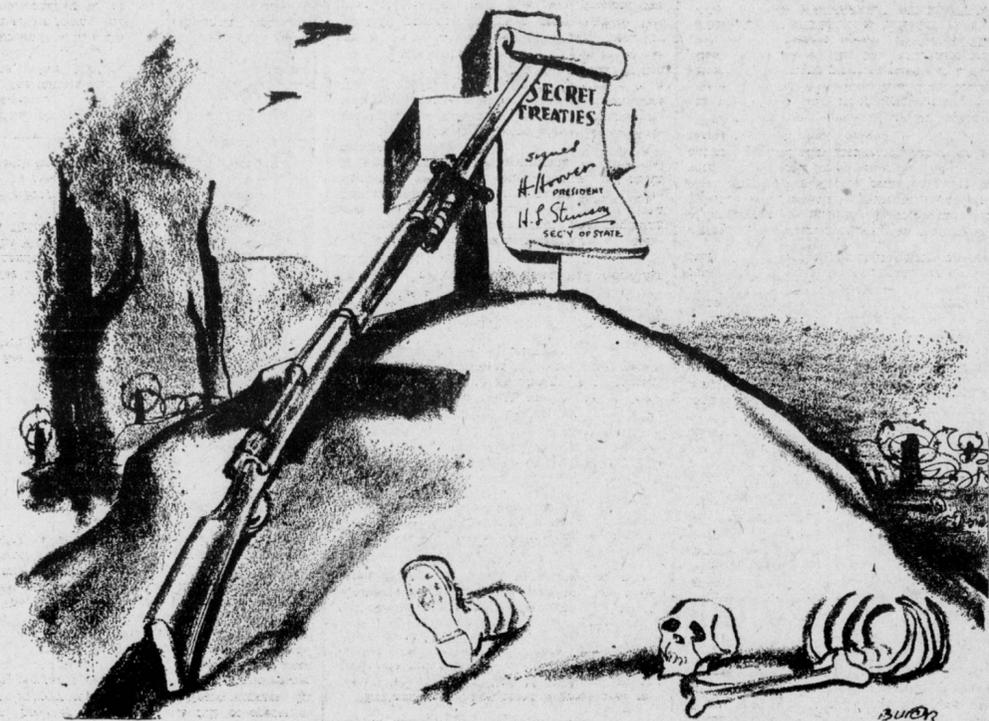
VI. Perspectives

The perspective in the mining and steel industries must be for every Communist a perspective for the development of immediate struggles—local struggles based on local demands in the individual mine and steel mill, and the local grievances of the unemployed, and bigger struggles which will undoubtedly develop from them in the near future, if we strengthen our organization sufficiently. Six months ago when there were only a few hundred members of the National Miners Union in the Tri-State area, when there was pessimism in the ranks of the Party and the union, when only one or two small local struggle were to be seen, the State Hunger March to Harrisburg took place. One hundred twenty delegates from the steel mills and coal mines of Western Pennsylvania, East Ohio, and Northern West Virginia took part in this march from the Pittsburgh District. This Hunger March and the organization work that was carried on in the course of the Hunger March had a great influence on the subsequent course of the miners' struggle, and was one of the most important steps leading to the strike of the 40,000 miners, which was not foreseen on such a large scale by our Party.

I predict that the National Hunger March will have a similar effect in preparing the struggles of the workers in the steel mills and coal mines in this District. Starvation has increased. Workers, their wives and children are dying of starvation in increasing numbers. There can be only one perspective of our Party and unions in this District. The workers cannot accept the perspective of the bosses for the solution of the

WHY SECRET TREATIES ARE SECRET

By BURCK.



Women Workers! Support the Liberator Drive!

By ANNA DAMON.

THE Negro workers are among the best fighters in the ranks of the Communist Party, the Trade Union Unity League, the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the Councils of the Unemployed.

We need only review the recent struggles in the South, in Chicago, Cleveland, to see that the masses of Negro workers are moving and moving fast to consolidate their fight against their common enemy the capitalist class with the white workers.

The recent strikes in Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky, under the leadership of the National Miners' Union, brought the Negro miners into direct leadership of the union and the strike. The Negro women were, in many sections, the leaders of the strike and became officers of the women's auxiliaries in the miners' union. The class program of the Communist Party and the revolutionary union has proven to the Negro masses that the Communist Party is their Party that fights in their interests as the most oppressed and persecuted workers under the capitalist government of the United States of America.

The Daily Worker, Southern Worker, Labor Unity, Working Woman and other Party papers reflect the struggles of the Negro masses and proceeds to organize them along the lines of revolutionary struggle. However, these papers, with the many general problems of the working class, could not in the limited space they have at their disposal, treat adequately the problems of the Negro masses.

The need of the weekly organ of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the Liberator, becoming a mass paper in the present struggles of the Negro masses must be recognized by all the workers. The Liberator drive for 10,000 new readers, which has been prolonged until Jan. 15, must be accomplished. It is not too great a task to set; however, it requires the full co-operation and support of the white and Negro workers. In the campaign of the Daily Worker and other Party papers the support of the working-class women have shown that they recognize the importance of the revolutionary press as a weapon against the bosses and their lying propaganda.

The present campaign of the Liberator should meet with the same response. Women Party members, members of trade unions, fraternal women's organizations! Do your share to consolidate the struggles of the 10,000 Negro workers with white workers in the United States of America. Get your organization to order a bundle of Liberator every week, get your organizations to make a donation. Become active participants of the Liberator building group in your city.

DISTRICT, SECTION AND UNIT

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- Pacifism, by Alex. Bittelman..... 5
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- War Preparations Against the Soviet Union, by Marcel Cachin..... 20
- Revolutionary Struggle Against War vs.

crisis, through the literal starvation of the workers.

The miners and steel workers will fight under the leadership of our Party and the revolutionary unions. In spite of the wholesale jailings of our leaders, in spite of the increase of the terror, in all its forms, in spite of the many difficulties, shortcomings of our work—the movement—the Party and the unions are growing in influence and organizational strength. As a result of the National Hunger March, it is necessary to quickly consolidate and build our organizations and immediately throw the workers into struggles for their local demands.

Under the leadership of the revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party, the workers of this District, undoubtedly will carry on large mass struggles for the working class solution of the crisis.

The United States Is Drawn Into the World Financial Crisis

By MAX WEISS.

"On the eve of the crisis, the bourgeoisie with the self-sufficiency that springs from intoxicating prosperity, declares money to be a vain imagination. Commodities alone are money. But now the cry is everywhere: money alone is a commodity! As the hart pants after fresh water, so pants his soul after money, the only wealth. In a crisis the antithesis between commodities and their value form, money, becomes heightened into an absolute contradiction. Hence in such events, the form under which money appears is of no importance." (Capital, Vol. 1, page 155.)

A VERITABLE fear and trembling has seized the capitalist world as one by one the elemental forces of the crisis begin to batter away at the whole edifice of capitalist finance. There is not a credit structure of importance in the capitalist world that is not either on the brink of a cataclysmic plunge or on the rapid road to such a plunge. The latest country to be drawn into the maelstrom of capitalist financial debacle is the United States.

Already a premonition of impending disaster has filled American financiers with a profound pessimism. Expressions of misgiving as to the ultimate outcome of the inflationary movement now under way find their way increasingly into the organs of finance capital. With the delivery of Hoover's presidential address in which was outlined the creation of an emergency Reconstruction Finance Corporation, this pessimistic mood occasioned such frank expressions of doubt as that contained in the Journal of Commerce of Dec. 10. This Wall St. paper carried very prominently the statement that:

"Business men have heard a great deal recently about possibilities of inflation, which will give immediate stimulus to business but which will cause additional trouble and readjustment later on.

"The newly proposed Reconstruction Finance Corporation sponsored by President Hoover is designed to accomplish a measure of inflation.

"A moderate amount of inflation to check a deflationary movement is believed by many to be sound policy in a time like this. . . ."

Although it is very clear from this statement that Hoover's emergency measure is an inflationary one, that the capitalists desire "a moderate amount of inflation," and that they are seriously worried about paying the piper after inflation has had its dance, the Journal of Commerce hides one very significant fact; namely, that the tendency toward inflation is not merely a "possibility" but an actuality!

For the capitalists it is no longer a matter merely of adopting a policy of inflation but of being drawn irresistibly in the wake of an inflationary movement that had its beginnings many months ago.

At that time, against a background of international capitalist finance that was tumbling about its ears like a house of cards, American finance found occasion for expressions of jubilation at its apparently secure position. All about it were unmistakable symptoms of financial disaster.

Culminating a long period of similar developments, the week ending Dec. 2 found the British pound in its most precarious position since the period following the war. Alongside of a decline of \$4,918 pounds in gold holdings, British notes in circulation rose to a point where they exceeded the circulation of the past week by 4,057,000 pounds. From a reserve ratio last year of 45.51 per cent, the ratio dropped two weeks ago to 33.82 per cent and last week to 24.44 per cent. The British pound sterling for two successive days last week (Dec. 7th and 4th) hovered at a point 33 per cent below its par value. Every indication possible is being given of the depreciation of the British currency and of the beginning of a gigantic wave of inflation. The position of Germany is no better. The Reichsbank statement for Nov. 30 shows a contraction in the holdings of gold and bullion equal to 3,623,000 marks. The Reichsbank's gold

now stands at 1,004,928,000 marks against a holding of 2,179,992,000 marks during the same week last year. In significant contrast to this is the gain in the value of notes in circulation of 363,412,000 marks. Expressive of this tendency is the lowering of the proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation from 58.8 per cent last year, to 27.5 per cent last week, to 25.3 per cent the week of the issuance of the Reichsbank's statement. If we take into account also the depreciation in value of many foreign currencies, particularly the pound, then this ratio will be seen to be even lower, since part of the reserve ratio is calculated on the basis of the holding of foreign currency. That the German mark is not greatly behind the British pound can easily be seen. In fact only the desperate efforts of international capitalism have saved it thus far. That this is recognized even by the bourgeoisie is made clear by the "Financial Chronicle" of Dec. 5, which writes:

"The mark remains at gold parity (?), however, primarily because the balance of foreign payments, insofar as it is created by currency ordinance, is artificial."

United States Drawn In.

In the early stages of the crisis, American financiers thought themselves exempt from the inexorable operation of the factors that were making for international capitalist financial ruin. So lightly did they discount the possibility of their being drawn into the international whirlpool that opinions were openly expressed in favor of a policy of "moderate and controlled inflation." The cock-of-the-walk arrogance of American capitalism inveigled it into actually believing that it could flirt with a policy of inflation and not be swept off its feet! The state of mind of American finance in those palmy days of blissful ignorance is very well epitomized in the report of the Guarantee Trust Co. for Nov. 30. This organ of finance capitalism ruefully states that:

"In the early stages of the depression, repeated efforts were made to draw up a program designed to maintain the existing level of prices and wages. Subsequent events have proved that that program, while it might have been effective under certain conditions, was based on a broad misconception of the far-reaching character of the changes that were then getting under way." ("The Guarantee Survey.")

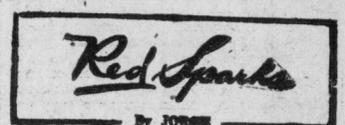
While it is beyond doubt that American capitalism attempted to stave off the ruinous downward plunge of commodity prices by a "mild, controlled inflation," the statement that any attempt was made to maintain the then existing level of wages is a downright lie. In fact there has been an open and brutally callous wage cutting drive on a national scale. This wage cutting drive was a conscious attempt to shift the losses in profit entailed by a drop in commodity prices upon the shoulders of the working class. Wage cuts, as will be pointed out later, are an inevitable concomitant of the inflationary movement.

Now, more than ever, talk of the necessity of inflation as a remedial measure is indulged in by leading bourgeois economists. As late as Nov. 16 Babson's Report came into the open with a direct call for inflation as the only way out of the blind alley into which American capitalism has run. Says Babson:

"With a large volume of credit locked up in real estate and other long term investments, a turn in business has been blocked. However, the many plans to relieve this situation and break up the jam with new credit will move business ahead. SUCH ACTION FORECASTS INFLATION WHICH IS NOW CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY MANY AUTHORITIES TO CHECK FURTHER STAGNATION OF INDUSTRY AND TO BOLSTER THE WHOLE FINANCIAL SITUATION."

The utter absurdity of the capitalist dream of "controlling" any of capitalism's anarchic forces is very evident. The inflationary movement once under way pours through the tiny crevice opened for it by the unsuspecting bourgeoisie and bursts like a torrent through the floodgates of capitalist finance.

(To be continued)



Somebody Is Lying

On August 1, this year, Ralph M. Esley, of the National Civic Federation, issued a long and heartrending appeal that all good citizens come to the aid of the "helpless" Department of Justice which, according to his plea, was "without authority" to "keep track" of the Reds. A part of his touching plea ran like this:

"In 1934, a group . . . protested that the Federal Government had no right to interfere with the subversive forces within the states. . . . They threatened to enjoin the Department of Justice if it repeated its Bridgeman, Michigan, assault upon the Communists. An examination of the matter proved, unfortunately, that the Red groups were right; and the Bureau of Investigation had to discharge all its under-cover men who had been keeping the Government informed upon every move made or contemplated by the radical elements. From that day to this, the Department's machinery has been 'padlocked' and, as stated, the Government knows nothing about what is going on in these underground movements."

Now we find in the Boston "Transcript" of Nov. 30, an editorial directed against the National Hunger March. The "Transcript," which has cut wages ten per cent for all its workers except those belonging to the A. F. of L. printers' craft unions—in which case the A. F. of L. has done the job itself by docking \$3 a week from every worker for the "benefit" of the unemployed brothers—cheerfully lies about the Hunger Marchers by declaring they are not hungry, can't possibly be hungry because "they ride in motor trucks"—which seems a strange substitution of transportation for physical sustenance.

What agonizes the "Transcript" in reality is the fact that motor transport insured the Hunger Marchers actually getting to Washington, and not dying by the wayside as did Coxey's Army in 1893-94, of which only 83 marchers got to Washington out of the thousands that started.

The "Transcript" rages at the Hunger Marchers, but says it is "gratified" by the "revelations" of the Secret Service, and then it goes on to what we wanted to bring out as against Ed Scarem Esley:

"We would remind the American Commentators and their Soviet masters that there never has been a time since the Bridgeman raid, when the United States Government has not kept itself fully informed of all their plots."

Now, we respectfully submit that either Esley or the Boston "Transcript" is a liar about this particular subject. Of course, they are both liars against the working class. But on this there is an obvious clash of fact. We don't care much which is the liar, though we are inclined to believe it is Esley. We only call attention to the bungling job capitalist liars make of it.

Maybe This Is Helpful

Because many comrades are sort of hazy on what fascism is, we think it a good idea to give a thumb-nail sketch, which we take the liberty of "translating" into plainer English than the original (otherwise good) found in the five-cent pamphlet, "The World Crisis and the International Class Struggle."

The big thing about fascism is that it is an open attack on the working class, using all kinds of force and violence. It is war on the workers. When the capitalist dictatorship that we call "democracy" changes, slowly or rapidly, to an open dictatorship, with no "democratic" pretense about it, we call that the "fascistization" of the capitalist government.

Fascism is now a new form of government, different a lot from a "democratic" republic. The fake "socialists" say it is, and trick workers into fighting FOR a so-called "democracy" under the notion that it is "the lesser of two evils." Yet the workers get robbed and clubbed plenty under a so-called "democracy."

A regular capitalist "democracy" and fascism are only two forms of the same thing, a capitalist dictatorship. Fascism grows out of "democratic" republics, and one can't say exactly where "democracy" leaves off and fascism begins.

Fascism develops as capitalism becomes weak. But it is a violent effort to hang on by attacking every effort the workers make to fight for their interests. We must beware of making mistakes on this point.

One set of opportunists, who are always around or in the working-class movement, try to get the workers not to fight capitalism, not to strike or anything, under the false idea that the growth of fascism shows a growth in the strength of capitalism.

This set of opportunists are known as "right" opportunists—and any kind of opportunists always spoil the main and final aim of the workers under some theory that sounds good for the time being. These "rights" say that fascism is just ordinary capitalist attacks, only a little more of them, and so they figure out that capitalism is getting stronger merely because it hits you twice where it only hit you once before. So they say "Don't strike now, capitalism is too strong," or "The workers must give in because they haven't a chance against this violence." Which is horse-rdash.

But a still slicker kind of opportunists, the ones called the "Lefts" because they usually sound awful revolutionary and declare that overthrowing capitalism is easy as falling off a log, so to speak, have another fool notion about fascism. They say that the growth of fascism shows that capitalism is weak. They stop right there, and don't go and tell the full truth, which is: That, while it is true that fascism is a product of the growing weakness of capitalism, yet it is also true that fascism is the form of an attack by capitalism on the workers.

You see, capitalism becomes weak and the capitalists begin to realize they cannot hold down the workers much longer with "democratic" hokum about "adequate relief" for the jobs and "every boy can become president some day" and "this is a free country." So, in desperation at the rise of radicalism among the workers, they begin to use fascism against the workers. Naturally the workers can't starve to death quietly, and if they soften down their fight that only makes the capitalists' attack harder than ever.

No, the only way out is for the workers to get more hostile than ever, organize better and with more masses behind the movement. In fact, if they do this good and plenty, fascism can be whipped. It all depends on how stiff a fight the workers put up.