

# COMMUNIST PARTY-DAILY WORKER IN LEAD AGAINST FUR BOSSES

Thousands of fur workers go out on strike today! The first day of the strike finds the COMMUNIST PARTY and its official organ, the DAILY WORKER, in the front line trenches of the struggle. Throughout this strike, as has been the case in every struggle of the workers, the COMMUNIST PARTY and DAILY WORKER have been the first to go on the firing line and will be the last to leave.

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The increasing struggles up till now, especially the heroic

strike of the Gastonia workers and their defense in the present murder frame-up charges has taken away the small margin on which both revolutionary institutions are working. The DAILY WORKER and COMMUNIST PARTY are working hand to hand more so than ever in the history of the American revolutionary movement.

WE ARE ENTERING THE FUR STRUGGLE UNDER TREMENDOUS HANDICAPS. We pledge that every last effort of your Party and newspaper will go in the defense of the proletariat and against the bosses.

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# FURRIERS STRIKE TODAY!

## Gastonia Mill Bosses Try Rush Strikers' Electrocutation Before Workers Can Rally

### PROSECUTION WANTS MURDER TRIALS IN JULY; DROPS CASES OF ALL BUT 22 TO HASTEN THE FRAME UP; 14 MURDER AND 8 ASSAULT CASES

Held to Grand Jury Although Evidence Is Entirely Lacking Against Them; Defense Witnesses Withstand "Best Lawyers"

International Labor Defense Arranges Speaking Tours to Mobilize All Labor; Raise Funds Needed Immediately to Save Lives

### MILL WORKERS FILL COURT ROOM

Defendants Quizzed on Belief in God

CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 18.—The first step in the Manville-Jenkes conspiracy to railroad Fred Beal and 21 other National Textile Workers' Union organizers and strike leaders to the electric chair and the penitentiary was taken when 14 defendants were held without bail on double charges of murder and assault with intent to kill growing out of the battle in the Workers International Relief tent colony in Gastonia on the night of June 7. The habeas corpus hearing is over. The rest of the 41 cases are dropped.

The workers held on double charges without bail are Fred Beal, Louis McLaughlin, Amy Schechter, William McGinnis, Vera Bush, George Carter, Sophie Melvin, K. O. Byers, Joseph Harrison, I. C. Heffner, Robert Allen, Russell Knight, N. F. Gibbons, and K. Y. Hendricks.

### Held For "Assault."

Those held on charges of "assault with intent to kill," with bail set at \$750, are Ernest Martin, Walter Lloyd, Clarence Miller, Clarence Townsend, D. E. McDonald, Robert Litoff, C. M. Lell and J. R. Pittman. The prisoners were bound over to the grand jury in spite of the fact that not a single witness or affidavit identifies them as having fired the shots which killed Chief of Police Aderholt and wounded three other officers. They were held in spite of the fact that Adam Hord, acting chief of police, testified under cross-examination that the police had invaded the property of the N. T. W. without a warrant and that one of the wounded men, Roach, was not a police officer. Roach had been "asked to come along."

It is now known that Policeman Colbert, one of those shot in the raid on the strikers, was found drunk and disorderly by the Charlotte police three or four hours before the shooting, and sent back to Gastonia. One hour before the shooting he collected a crowd of local fascist small business men mostly and mill office hangers on, and boasted to them that he was going down to "clean up the place" of strikers.

### Saw Police Shoot First.

Gladys Wallace, for the defense, testified that she had seen the first shot fired from the police car, and that she believed it was fired by Roach. She told of the breaking up of the picket line previous to the raid on the headquarters by the police, and how Roach and Colbert had knocked Mrs. McGinnis down and kicked her glasses off. They had

### More Gastonia Children Tour For the I. L. D.

"The evicted strikers in Gastonia are still standing fast, they aim to stick by their union, the National Textile Workers Union, and they are glad to be getting the help of the workers to defend their relatives and fellow strikers and union leaders in jail," said Elizabeth McGinnis, aged 16, one of three young Gastonia strikers now in New York, waiting to start Saturday on a nationwide tour to raise defense funds under the auspices of the International Labor Defense.

With Elizabeth were Binney Green, aged 14, and Edgar Passmore, aged 17. All are active strike leaders and the two girls have been speakers at strike meetings in Gastonia. Binney was a member of the strikers' delegation to Washington. All three

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beaten and choked other women, she said.

### Worried About God.

Edith Saunders, one of the released prisoners, testified that she saw none of the shooting, and that she and Vera Bush and Amy Schechter and others were in the inside office of the union hall when the battle occurred.

Attorney Hoey, for the prosecution cross-examined her and spent much of his time in inquiries relative to the belief of the witness in god. The rest of his examination was an endeavor to establish the identity of the workers who used firearms. A significant side line on the methods of the prosecution was disclosed when Gladys Wallace told of being taken from the Gastonia jail to the office of Major Dolley, retained by Manville-Jenkes to assist the prosecution, and there examined.

The trial will probably be held late in July.

The prosecution is headed by Major Bulwinkle, attorney for the Manville-Jenkes Co. The chief spokesman today for those who want to kill the strikers, however, is Attorney Hoey.

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### QUARRYMAN HURT.

BALTIMORE, Md., (By Mail).—Working at the Gwynn Falls Quarry, Douglas Marshall received a fractured skull, when a box of stone fell on his head. He may die.

### TAXI STRIKE.

SCRANTON, Pa., (By Mail).—Taxi drivers in Scranton have gone on strike for better conditions.

### "HERESY TRIAL," STATES DEFENSE

"Hearing in Spirit of Lynch Law,"—Poyntz

CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 18.—The International Labor Defense, which is conducting nation-wide organization campaigns to defend the Gastonia textile mill strikers, issued today through its executive secretary, Juliet Stuart Poyntz, who is in Charlotte to direct defense work, the following statement:

The habeas corpus hearing today was conducted in the medieval spirit of entrenched autocracy, and in the spirit of lynch law. Though in habeas corpus proceedings, the prosecution is supposed to show cause why the workers should not be released, the judge threw the burden of proof on the defendants, and made them show cause why they should be released.

### Heresy Trial.

The attitude was that of a heresy trial, a trial for political and economic and religious heresy, an attitude prevalent in the dark South. The prosecution's questions show that "belief in god" is one of the main points on which the workers are being tried.

The trial is the attempt of the textile mill owners' bureaucracy in the South to murder and burn away by electrocution every obstacle to their continued brutal exploitation at long hours and \$9 or \$10 a week wages of the Negro and white labor here. They are determined to "Keep the Negro in his place," and "Keep the poor white in his place," no matter how many rebels they kill, legally or illegally. Workers, Negroes and Communists are without the pale of their law.

The International Labor Defense is determined to smash this frame-up. It relies on the workers of the world to help it.

### MORE N. Y. IRON BOSSES GIVE IN

Seventeen Yield to the Union's Demands

The solidarity of the 4,000 striking iron and bronze workers of Greater New York has forced 17 bosses to yield to the demands of the workers, the Architectural Iron and Bronze Workers Union, which is leading the strike, announced yesterday.

The surrender of the remaining shops seems certain to occur shortly, the union announced. The shops which have yielded are members of the Bronx and Manhattan Iron (Continued on Page Five)

His Majesty's Man, Ramsay MacDonald



Here is the head of His Majesty's Labor Party, Ramsay MacDonald, whose "Labor" cabinet is composed of staunch supporters of the British Empire which enslaves millions of colonial workers and peasants. MacDonald is here shown alighting before Buckingham Palace, to be received by the British king.

### Tammany Fires 300 City Engineers Who Asked Raise

General Strike Is Urged as Union's Reply to Commissioner Delaney's Action

True to the consistent anti-labor, union-hating policy of Tammany Hall, Commissioner Delaney yesterday fired outright 300 engineers.

The men were employed in the board of transportation, of which Delaney is the chief. Their firing followed repeated demands that they get the same wage scale as the engineers of like grade in other city departments, an increase in their average pay from \$2,160 to \$3,120 yearly.

Marcel E. Sherer, organizer of the Union of Technical Men last night declared that a general strike of the engineers will be the answer to Delaney's action. "It's a labor union lockout," Sherer charged. "Delaney

is retaliating against unionist activities."

The union, following its demonstration before the City Hall the other day when Mayor Walker refused to see them, has been circulating a petition demanding the removal of Delaney.

Resentment against the dismissal of the men is at fever heat, and sentiment in the union is strong for an immediate general strike. Workers point out that Delaney's action is in accord with the usual labor-hating policy of Tammany Hall, which helped crush the strike of the traction workers and sends out its police against workers in every struggle with their employers.

### RED PICNIC TO BE HELD SUNDAY

Games, Election Rally at Pleasant Bay

The New York District of the Communist Party of U. S. A. announces that plans are well under way for its huge mass Red Picnic to be held Sunday, June 23, at Pleasant Bay Park, which by now is traditional in the past turned out by the thousands and who are this year expected to turn out in still greater numbers for this event.

The announcement further states that the picnic this year will serve as a rallying center for the beginning of the Party's municipal election campaign to bring before the masses of New York the issues in the coming election and mobilize the existing movement for the Party among the workers who look upon (Continued on Page Five)

### PASS NEW LAWS TO ROB TENANTS

Harlem Situation Calls for Big Rent Strike

Prodded on by the municipal zigolo, Mayor Walker, who, seeing his political "prestige" slipping rapidly, thought it best to throw another sop to the working class tenants of New York, the board of aldermen yesterday passed the latest in a series of ordinances designed to "relieve the housing situation" for the bosses.

The new bill gives the capitalist courts jurisdiction over rentals, which is merely passing the black-jack from the left hand of the landlord class to the right, and provides that a tenant may "ask" the bench to determine whether he is being robbed. As for the money that has been taken from tenants since the Emergency Rent Law ex- (Continued on Page Five)

### STRUGGLE BEGINS TO WIPE OUT SWEAT SHOPS; DESTROY COMPANY UNION; WIN 5-DAY, 40-HOUR WEEK IN INDUSTRY

Strike Is Called for 8 o'clock Today in All Shops Without Exception; Meetings Arranged in Many Halls

Demand Militant Union Based on the Class Struggle; Ready to Meet and Defeat All Strikebreaking Forces

Cloakmakers Meet Tomorrow in Manhattan Lyceum to Lay Plans for Converting Fake "Stoppage" Into Real Struggle

The fur strike is on! Today, at 8 o'clock in the morning begins the General Strike in the entire fur trade!

Thousands of fur workers will respond to the general strike call which was made after weeks of intensive mobilization, not only among the furriers and the thousands of other needle trades workers, but among large masses of militant workers throughout the city.

The furriers are ready! They are ready to meet and destroy the "Joint Council" scab company union of the fur manufacturers. They are ready to meet the uniformed thugs of the Tammany police department and the underworld guerillas who lie in wait to attack them in their heroic struggle to abolish the sweatshops in the industry.

The strike call has just been issued by the Joint Board of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union, which announces the halls which have been arranged for thruout the city. Meetings will be arranged in each of these halls at 1:30 o'clock.

### Halls Ready.

At eight o'clock this morning thousands of furriers will walk from the shops and march to the strike halls in the following order:

1. All workers from shops located in Brooklyn, East Broadway, East Side and West Side up to and including 22nd Street, also workers of all Greek shops, and all unemployed workers—march to Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East 4th Street.
2. All workers from shops located on 23rd St., 24th St., 25th St., 26th St. and 27th St., East and West; also all fur fitters—march to Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place.
3. All workers from shops located on 28th St., 29th St. and 30th St., East and West, and all workers from shops and retail shops located East and West above 30th St., Broadway, Harlem and Bronx, march to Webster Hall, 11th St. and 3rd Ave.

The strike is called in all the fur shops without exception. All workers of the ASSOCIATED shops, of the TRIMMING ASSOCIATION shops, UNION shops, CONTRACTING shops, SECTION CONTRACTING shops, GREEK shops, RETAIL shops, OPEN shops, and FUR POINTING shops—all are called on strike.

The strike call is addressed to all fur workers, without exception; cutters, squarers, operators, nailers, examiners, finishers, pointers, head and tailmakers—all workers who are employed in the fur shops—shipping clerks, floor boys, wetters, stretchers, office workers—all are called to join the ranks of the strikers.

### Led By Industrial Union.

This strike will be the first of the furriers' struggles under the leadership of the Needle Workers Industrial Union, and the meaning (Continued on Page Five)

### Wisconsin Legislature to Vote on State Booze Dry Spies Kill Another

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 18.—An opinion from J. G. Hardgroven, former president of the Milwaukee Bar Association, that any state in the union may manufacture and retail liquor has resulted in a new drive in Wisconsin against prohibition.

As a result of that statement, two Wisconsin legislators were preparing today a joint resolution to be placed before the state assembly providing for entrance of Wisconsin into the liquor business.

### TRY TO DEPORT FOOD STRIKER

French Worker Was Jailed as Picket

The persecution of arrested cafeteria strikers is assuming new forms. Deportation is the latest threat against militant pickets, introduced in the case of Frank Boujard, a French food striker, who was arrested for picketing and sentenced to 30 days in the workhouse.

Not content with this sentence, an inspector from Ellis Island was sent to the Welfare Island workhouse to see Boujard. After much questioning and intimidation, Boujard was taken to Ellis Island where he is now being held for deportation to France, where the government wants him for militant activities.

The New York District of the International Labor Defense, through its attorney, Isaac Shorr, is fighting the efforts to deport Boujard.

### MINERS BADLY HURT

HAZELTON, Pa., June 18.—Closing his eyes just as a pocket of mine gas exploded, John Kissel saved his eyesight, although the flames burned him about the face. Richard Rossi, working with him in the Lattimer mines, was burned about the hands and legs. (Continued on Page Five)

### ARMIES OF FENG MOVE ON PEKING

War Lords Backed by Imperialist Powers

SHANGHAI, June 18.—Governor Yen Hsi-shan, of Shansi, has at last abandoned his formal allegiance to the Nanking government and has made a bargain with Feng Yushiang whereby Yen is to maintain an attitude of "neutrality" in the new militarist war between Feng and Chiang Kai-shek, head of the Nanking government.

Yen's "neutrality" means that the armies of Feng will be permitted to pass through Shansi province, which has hitherto blocked their approach to Peking. It was because of this obstacle in his path that Feng has been "loafing" and has made no direct thrust at any important point.

Simultaneous with the announcement of the new agreement between Feng and the governor of Shansi comes the news that the armies of Feng are now moving southward through Honan province, intent on (Continued on Page Two)

### CAPMAKERS TO MEET TONIGHT

Section of T. U. E. L. Issues Appeal

A meeting of the capmakers will be held tonight, immediately after work, in Stuyvesant Casino, 140 Second Ave., to consider the new agreement with the manufacturers. On the eve of the meeting the Capmakers' Section of the Trade Union Educational League issued a statement to the rank and file capmakers, warning them of new plans to increase the speed-up in the shops, which will increase unemployment. (Continued on Page Five)

# Arrest 8 T. U. E. L. Speakers at Organization Meet at Eaton Axle Plant, Cleveland

## MILL BOSS SPIES MAKE WEAK CASE WITH AFFIDAVITS

### Gastonia Frameup Fails to Show Any Evidence

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torney Clyde Hoocy, brother-in-law of the governor of the state.  
One of the main defense witnesses was Amy Shechter, director of the Workers International Relief store in Gastonia, who is charged with murder. She underwent an hour's cross-examination by Hoocy, without being shaken.

Two Workers International Relief representatives held in Gastonia jail, Caroline Drew and Bertha Crawford, have been released. The affidavits submitted by the prosecution to the defense today mention Drew's name only once, and as the person who introduced a Negro speaker as "Brother." For this she was charged with secret assault with intent to kill.

### Meeting in Gastonia.

GASTONIA, N. C., June 18.—A successful meeting was held here last night, addressed by Bill Dunne, Paul Crouch and others, at which defense and strike plans were outlined.

Fifteen affidavits submitted by order of the court by the prosecution to the defense, constitute the mill owners' case against the strikers and organizers for the hearing in Charlotte today. The outstanding feature of these documents is the attempt to fasten a charge of murder on Beal by statements purporting to quote from his speeches and other utterances before the battery occurred. The attempt to make charges against other organizers and strikers follows the same line.

### Typical Affidavit.

One affidavit, sworn to by C. L. Himp, is typical and says: "I live at 225 Read Vance St., Gastonia. I went down to headquarters on the night of the shooting. I heard a woman make a speech, but don't know her name, but would know her if I saw her again, and she said, 'Just the time was not long now until they would form a picket line and was going to that mill and drag them out, that if it took fighting inside it they would fight, and if blood had to be shed it would be shed.'"

### Shows Himself Spy.

The phrase "went back to the mill office" shows that this deponent is one of the Loran mill's "local" employees, that is, a hired spy. He "goes back to the mill office" to report, he does not go to the mill.  
An affidavit, sworn to by Eunice Mason says:  
"I live next door to strike headquarters. On the night of the shooting, I heard the defendant, Fred Beal, instruct the guards to arrest anybody who came about the grounds and turn them over to him and he would give them a plenty of what they had been giving him."  
"After the shooting began, J. R. Pitman ran in the back door of our house and clapped his hands and said, 'They got Tommy,' meaning Policeman Gilbert."  
Did Not See Shooting.  
McLaughlin, Carter, McGinnis, Vera Bush, Amy Shechter, Bob Allen, Hendricks, are named in various affidavits but none of them states directly that they did any shooting.

Another affidavit sworn to by George Franklin shows to what lengths the prosecution is forced to go to build up a case. It says:  
"I live near Myrtle Hill above union headquarters. I do not belong to the union but did at one time. About three days before the shooting occurred I was at union headquarters and heard Fred E. Beal give instructions to his guards. He told them that he had rented that land out there and that the policemen had no business out there and if they came out there, especially Chief Aderholt, to pour it into them if they got to messing up."  
Police Were Attacking.  
The affidavits clearly show that the police were the aggressors although they do not admit that the police began the shooting. But numerous defense witnesses can and will testify that they did. The affidavits show clearly that the strikers believed that they were in constant danger of attack and subsequent events have proved they were correct.

### Arrested and Whipped.

In an effort to drive the striking workers back to the mill, the Manville-Jencks Co. is having all strikers who cannot show as much as \$20 in cash, arrested on "vagrancy" charges, which means at least a month on the chain gang and whipping by the prison officials.  
The re-establishment of the W. I. R. tent colony will prevent the mill owners from using this excuse when arresting the striking workers.  
The Workers International Relief is making every effort to set up this new colony at the earliest opportunity. Negotiations for lots are still being conducted. The relief distribution is forbidden on the roads and streets.

## Foreign Born Workers Deported by Wall Street Government



Scores of foreign born workers, whom the Wall Street government deemed "undesirable," were deported to fascist Italy and other fascist-controlled countries in Europe in the past few days, most of them because they were unable to obtain work due to rationalization. Photo shows workers and workers' families being held at Ellis Island, just before being placed on boats for deportation. The capitalist government is planning for an intensive drive on foreign born workers, threatening them with deportation, to terrorize them into being willing sheep of the bosses.

## MEET TO PUSH FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM

### Negro Workers Attend Chicago Conference

CHICAGO, Ill., June 16 (By Mail).—Forty delegates representing 28 workers and anti-imperialist organizations met today at 512 Capitol Building, Randolph and State Sts. to devise means of fighting imperialism, and declare support of the coming Second World Congress Against Imperialism.

"U. S. Imperialism is foremost in its war preparations," reads one of the resolutions passed. "Our main object should be to mobilize as wide a strata of workers and sympathetic organizations as possible to fight the war preparations."

The conference was opened by William H. Holly, chairman of the executive committee. Leo Fisher reported on the war danger; Earl Browder on U. S. Imperialism in Latin America, China, etc.; Doty on the Negro and Imperialism; Almeniana on India and the Philippines.

Besides a good trade union representation, a large number of the delegates were from Negro organizations. The Factory Women's Association, with five hundred Negro factory workers, was represented and affiliated to the League. Latin American and Filipino organizations were well represented. Several other Negro organizations took an active part in the conference.

Resolutions were passed on U. S. Imperialism in Latin America and the building of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League.

"We heartily greet the coming Second World Congress of the League to be held in Paris July 20," said a resolution introduced by the Secretary, Harry Gannes, in reporting on the League and the international body. "We know this Congress, attended and supported by some of the best fighters against imperialism will consolidate the anti-imperialist movement and initiate a concerted world-wide attack against the growing war-danger and the increasing encroachments of the capitalist powers."

Delegates Doty and Gannes were elected to the international meet from the Chicago All-America Anti-Imperialist League, and a campaign was initiated to collect funds for sending them.

A further resolution pointed out "that the main basis of an anti-imperialist organization are the workers" and that closer relations must be established with other U. S. branches of the League, the national headquarters in Latin America, and the international center."  
An executive committee of fifteen members was elected to carry on the work of the League.

## Gastonia Children to Tour in Defense Drive for Strikers

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have just arrived in New York, directly from Gastonia.

Green and Passmore will tour with Mother Bloor, making their first speech at the Philadelphia I. L. D. picnic Sunday. McGinnis will go on another route, with other speakers.  
McGinnis and Passmore each have a brother in the list against whom murder charges were placed.  
"At three o'clock in the night, after the shooting, a policeman came to our house," said Binney, "and knocked my mother away from the door and searched it without a warrant. He just threw everything around. He said he was looking for Beal, and he looked in the flour can and into the stove. I am sure he would have arrested my brother, who was asleep in the house at the time, if he hadn't been working for the man who owns the house, and this man needed him to get the rent."

### Arrested and Released.

Edgar Passmore was arrested on the night of the shooting, and released with the first 24 let out last week. The latest news is that the murder charge against B. C. Passmore, his brother, was dropped today.

All these young strikers look several years younger than their real ages and are undersized, due to the attempt of their families to live on the starvation pay of mill workers. All are determined to defend the men in jail, and to bring the message of the strikers before the working class.  
The strikers in Gastonia are undergoing severe hardships in their effort to smash the frame-up and continue the strike. The three young strikers told of two families, that of Thompson, with three children, the eldest aged 5 and that of McDonald, with 4 children, the eldest 12, in which the children were left without parents through the arrests. Both Thompson and McDonald are in jail.

## Young Gastonia Girl Striker Writes of Determination to Win

West Gastonia, N. C., June 14, 1929.

As Ruby is in jail with a sentence of thirty days, will write you to let you know how things are at present time. With about sixty-nine of our organizers and leaders in jail, you can imagine what a time we are having trying to carry on the strike. The majority are sticking to the union and fighting harder than ever. We realize what this means. We are more determined than ever to win. We started out to win and a little thing like this is not going to stop us. Some of our union members, such as Carl Holloway, Robert Allen, Ruth and Alma Rillen, have went back on us and joined the hired thugs of the mill bosses, but there are still some left out of jail that will fight for the union until it is won.

The strikers in Bessemer City still have their mass meetings. Viola and myself were asked to go over and speak tonight. We are planning to reopen our mass meetings as soon as possible. Us strikers will carry on to the best of our ability until we get more organizers to direct the work.

Some say the strike is over, they have lost and they know it, but the majority say the worst is yet to be. I for one know the strike is not over, for we intend to win if it takes ten years to do so. The bosses and police are scared almost to death. Have got about 300 armed deputies and hired thugs that are after us all the time. Have taken our headquarters, but I am sure they will not keep it always. I only wish I knew what to do in a time like this. I am doing everything I can and I will continue to do so.  
Some of our leaders will be given a hearing this morning. Would be good if you would give us some advice as to what would be best to do in regard to opening our mass meetings. — A YOUNG STRIKER.

## NEGRO WORKERS JOIN COMMUNIST PARTY IN MEET

### Expose Garveyites in Chicago

CHICAGO, (By Mail).—One of the most successful mass meetings ever held by the local Communist Party among Negro workers was held last Friday in the west side Negro section. Of an audience of about 175, over 100 were Negro workers. This was the first time that the Communist Party message had been brot to this neighborhood. Twenty-six Negro workers filled application cards, and 50 others gave their names to be called to future meetings.

Petty-bourgeois supporters of the Garveyite Universal Negro Improvement association who tried to exploit the meeting by publicizing their platform were defeated by Paul Cline, who emphasized that the Communist Party is a party of workers only. "The floor of this meeting will be given only to workers from the shops—professional people are not welcome," he said.

Many workers remained after the meeting to ask the speakers questions and express their support of what had been said. Healthy proletarian Negro elements who will remain in the Party were recruited as a result of the meeting, members report. Section Three of the Party, in cooperation with Section 4 of the Communist Youth League, which has been very active in this work, is arranging for another mass meeting in the same neighborhood on a larger scale.

## MORE PARLEYS ON REPARATIONS

### Poincare Wants Confab on Evacuation

PARIS, June 18.—Premier Raymond Poincare has decided that it will be necessary to call an international conference of all imperialist nations, perhaps as early as July, to settle the reparation plans by which the German workers will be bled to the utmost to pay for the late imperialist world war.

Poincare and Foreign Minister Briand will discuss the project tomorrow with Gustav Stresemann, German foreign minister, who will arrive from Spain to represent German big business at the conference.  
The proposal will then be submitted to Washington, London, Brussels, Rome and other imperialist powers to which the German workers will be forced to pay for the world war.  
Under the scheme of Poincare, the allied creditor powers would evacuate the Rhineland, in exchange for early payments of the reparations by Germany.

### Morgan Men to Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18.—The American representatives to the reparations conference in Paris are to report in person next Tuesday on their work in further shackling the German workers. Besides Owen Young, J. P. Morgan and Thomas Lamont, Morgan partner, will see Hoover.

### LIVES 4 DAYS ON OXYGEN

CHICAGO, June 18.—Given the breath of life through a small rubber tube attached to an inhalator, Raymond Dichara, 16-months-old, was still alive today, the fourth day since he was stricken with acute bronchial pneumonia.  
Firemen working in shifts of two are administering oxygen to the infant under the direction of Dr. John P. hotta.

## ARMIES OF FENG MARCH SOUTH IN MOVE ON PEKING

### Governor of Shansi in Pact with Feng

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taking the offensive against the Nanking government. This means that the war between Feng and Chiang has now actually started.

Dispatches indicate Feng will mass his troops on the Hian River west of Shanghai and that the major engagement, if it comes, will be in that area.  
Imperialists Back Militarists.  
The struggle between Feng and Chiang is intricately bound up with the conflicts among the rival imperialist powers. The Chiang Kai-shek clique has shown itself completely subservient to American imperialism, while British and Japanese imperialism are backing Feng.

In an effort to make a show of strength and to cover up the internal conflicts that are speedily making for the disintegration of Nanking, the central executive committee at Nanking has adopted a resolution urging immediate abolition of all unequal treaties between China and foreign powers. The inability of the Nanking government to carry out a unified policy was recently indicated by its failure to turn over all its airways to the American government, as it had contracted, because of internal wrangling among its ministries.

## Protestant Bone Drys Make Terrific Verbal Onslaught on Al Smith

ROANOKE, Va., June 18.—The hard-shell Baptists and booze-chasing Methodists of the South opened a terrific fire on Tammany Al Smith, bosses' figurehead of the democratic party, when the Virginia Anti-Smith convention came to order here today.

The delegates, whose aim is to depose Smith, not because he is an enemy of the working class, but because his delicious "ideas" and alcoholic content do not agree with their own, reared with approval when S. Howie Williamson, keynote speaker, raked the "Smith-Raskob-Tammany regime" and belabored party hacks for supporting Al in the last presidential campaign.

### Long Live the Revolutionary Struggle of the Oppressed Colonial Peoples!

## Deport Seriously Ill Worker



In the terror drive to deport foreign-born workers whom the bosses consider "undesirable," the Wall Street government has spared not even workers who are so seriously ill that they cannot walk. Among the scores deported at Ellis Island in the past few days was the above worker, seriously ill, who had to be carried aboard the ship on a stretcher.

## Gastonia Bosses Planning to Murder 3 Working Women

GASTONIA, N. C., June 1.—Three women are among the ten strikers and strike leaders who have been framed for murder here in connection with the shooting of Police Chief Aderholt during the brutal assault on the strikers' colony on Friday, June 7. They are Vera Bush, organizer of the National Textile Workers Union, Sophie Melvin, organizer of the children's section in the strikers' tent colony, and Amy Shechter, Workers International Relief director since the early days of the strike.

Bush has already a notable record in American labor struggles. She was active in the Passaic strike, organizing the Women's Section. Two years ago she was in Detroit doing work in preparation for the conference that launched a drive to organize the automobile workers. Last year she was active in the coal strike, working with the left wing "Save-the-Union" group that launched the National Miners Union. She came to Gastonia in the early part of the strike and was an active leader until her arrest.

### Would Electrocute Girl of 19.

Sophie Melvin is only nineteen years old and looks younger. But despite her youth she has already had considerable experience in the class war and this is not the first

time she has been in jail for her labor activities. She is greatly beloved among the children of the strikers.  
Amy Shechter has seldom been out of organization and relief work during the past two years. She was connected with the Pennsylvania-Ohio miners' relief, the National Miners Relief, and was an active organizer in the coal fields for the Save-the-Union Committee and the National Miners Union, particularly in central Pennsylvania. She was arrested while organizing for the National Textile Workers Union in New Bedford for picketing. She has had charge of the Workers International Relief store in Gastonia since it was established, and was arrested there for protesting the masked mob attack on the headquarters and for picketing.

### No Chivalry for Bosses.

The fact that the 16 workers framed on murder charges include three women shows the important role that women are playing in the class struggle. Fighting side by side with the men on the picket line, starving with them and sharing with them the brutal attacks of the police, they are being selected for special victimization equally with the men. The hollow ruling class pretense of "courtesy" to "the weaker sex" collapses like a pricked balloon

## SHOP GROUPS AIM FOR 100 PER CENT STRIKE IN PLANT

### A. F. of L. Misleaders Work for Sell-Out

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 18.—Eight Trade Union Educational League speakers were arrested today under orders from the Eaton Axle Company while continuing efforts to organize the plant, whose polishers and buffers struck following a 20 per cent wage cut. The arrested are Tom Johnson, a steel worker, Charles Gunn, T. U. E. L. organizer, John Boris, Martil Catlos, Lily Andrews, Joe Lednicki and M. Glick.

Although formal permission had been given the League to hold the meeting, a waiting police patrol arrested the speakers immediately they began speaking to 400 workers who were later driven off the grounds.

At the station a detective admitted that he was working under instructions from the Eaton Axle Company.

The Trade Union Educational League is working hard to extend the strike to a hundred per cent tie-up, and to that end shop committees are being organized throughout the plant. Bulletins denouncing the company wage cut program and exposing the company unionism of the reactionary A. F. of L. are freely circulated.

The A. F. of L. continues its indifference to the strike. Although the Polishers' Union promised to provide leaflets and banners for use in the strike nothing was done. The International vice president completely aided the sell-out when he came to Cleveland and left without even going through customary strike formalities.

In the struggle of class against class. These heroic women, typical of thousands of others, are now being tortured and abused in jail without consideration for their sex.

And if the mill owners have their way, they will be sent to the electric chair unless thousands of workers and sympathizers throughout the country smash this brazen frame-up by rallying behind the fight the International Labor Defense is waging to free them. This fight involves thousands of dollars, thousands of dollars which must be raised by the working class. All contributions should be sent without delay to the National Office of the International Labor Defense, 80 E. 11th St., room 402.

# Smash the Murder Frame-Up; Defend the Gastonia Textile Workers!

## 16 Workers Charged With Murder!

Members of the National Textile Workers Union

### THEY FACE THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

58 OTHERS FACE LONG PRISON TERMS

The fight to free Fred Beal and Vera Bush and eleven other leading Gastonia strikers from the electric chair is not only a fight for the lives of these working class leaders but is a struggle for the right of the workers of the entire South to organize and struggle for better conditions.

**Rally to the Support of the International Labor Defense.**

**Defend the National Textile Workers Union.**

**Fred Beal and Vera Bush Must Not Die.**

**The 71 Strikers Must Be Freed at Once.**

This new attack of capitalist justice in North Carolina is a part of the attack of the American imperialist government on the entire working class. It goes hand in hand with the process of capitalist "rationalization", the speeding up of the workers at long hours and for low pay, and is a part of the preparation of the capitalist government for a new bloody imperialist world war.

**ANOTHER SACCO-VANZETTI FRAME-UP IN GASTONIA!**

*The Struggle of the Southern Textile Workers is the Concern of the Entire American Working Class.*

The members of the National Textile Workers Union have been bayoneted, arrested, beaten, slugged and shot and evicted from their homes because they dared to fight for better conditions against mill owners, the government authorities and against the strike-breaking activities of the American Federation of Labor.

**Thousands of Dollars are Needed to Defend These Heroic Strikers, Members of the First Workers' Defense Corps.**

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# LABOR DEFENSE IN BIG CAMPAIGN TO DEFEAT FRAME-UP

## Only Mass Pressure Can Save Strikers

BESSEMER CITY, N. C., June 18.—A meeting of 300 textile workers here last night resulted in 65 of them joining the local defense committee of the International Labor Defense.

### Many More Meetings.

More cities are arranging mass meetings for the defense of the victims of the big Gastonia frame-up, it is announced by the International Labor Defense. With the number of those charged with murder now increased and with many charged with assault with intent to kill and others facing lesser charges, the great mass campaign of the International Labor Defense to mobilize the workers of this country to save these militants is gaining momentum daily.

The frame-up of the Gastonia textile strikers will be protested by the workers of Baltimore at a mass meeting called by the International Labor Defense and the Workers International Relief at the Lithuanian Hall, at 8 p. m., tomorrow. Ella Reeve (Mother) Bloor will be the chief speaker.

New York City is planning a huge open-air demonstration for Tuesday, June 25, under the auspices of the New York District of the I. L. D. The meeting will be held at five o'clock in Union Square. Several strikers will be among the speakers.

A joint protest meeting against the terror in Gastonia and in the Oakland, Cal., auto strike will be held Wednesday, June 26, at California Hall, Polk and Turk Sts., San Francisco, under the auspices of the I. L. D. This will be the opening gun in the drive to raise funds for Gastonia defense. Speakers will include several auto strikers.

Meetings are also being arranged in many other cities and campaigns for funds are well under way. All funds should be sent to the National Office of the International Labor Defense, 80 E. 11th St., Room 402.

Shifrin Makes Appeal.

William Shifrin, militant New York fur worker, who is now facing a possible 20-year sentence on a second degree murder charge as a result of having defended himself from six knife-wielding right wing thugs, has issued a personal appeal to all workers to raise a huge fund to save the victims of the Gastonia frame-up. Shifrin also appeals to the workers of New York to support the tag days being conducted all week by the New York District of the International Labor Defense. Shifrin's appeal follows:

"As one who is himself the victim of a vicious frame-up, as one whom the ruling class is trying to railroad on a murder charge for the crime of having fought for my class, let me add my voice to the great cry that has arisen throughout the country to save the victims of the monstrous frame-up in Gastonia. We must call a halt to the frame-ups and persecutions of the ruling class. Enough workers' blood has been spilt already. The bravest fighters of our class are being threatened in Gastonia. Their lives are in danger. A powerful blow is being aimed at every effort of the workers to fight against exploitation and oppression.

"I appeal to all workers, to all those who have aided in the fight against my own frame-up, not to let the mill owners of the South gain their ends and drown in blood the heroic struggle of the Gastonia textile workers. I appeal to every worker with the slightest spark of proletarian solidarity to bend all energies to raising funds so that the International Labor Defense may defeat the murderous designs of the mill barons' courts.

"The smashing of the frame-ups in Gastonia is a blow against the entire frame-up system, a blow for the freedom of every class war prisoner. Everyone must help. And in New York City this week all workers must see to it that a huge fund for Gastonia defense is raised through the tag days."

### Mother Bloor on Tour.

Ella Reeve (Mother) Bloor, veteran of more than a generation of labor battles and an executive board member of the National Miners Union, is leaving Friday (June 21) on a nationwide tour in behalf of the victims of the Gastonia frame-up. The tour is being conducted under the auspices of the International Labor Defense, which is engaged in a big mass campaign to raise funds for the defense of the framed strikers, 16 of whom are charged with murder.

Mother Bloor will start her tour in Philadelphia, where she will speak at mass meetings Friday and Saturday and at a picnic Sunday. Accompanying her throughout the country will be two young textile strikers, Binnie Green and Edgar Passmor. Binnie Green is 14 years old and was a member of the strikers' delegation to Washington several weeks ago. Passmor, a leading member of the strike committee, who is one of those framed for murder.

The rest of the itinerary of Mother Bloor and the two strikers includes: Pittsburgh, June 24-25; Canton, Ohio, June 26; Erie,

# Old Volcano in Japan in Violent Eruption; New Zealand 'Quake

HAKODATE, Japan, June 18.—

For the first time since 1856 the ancient volcano Komagatake burst into violent eruption today and with simultaneous earthquakes breaking out in the surrounding area partly destroyed two villages and visited great suffering upon the masses. A number of workers were reported injured or missing, while all street car service was suspended, communications disconnected, and factories closed when, for fear of disaster from the high tension lines the Onumu power station was shut down. Smoke from the belching cone enveloped a great part of the peninsula, drifting south to the sea and veiling Hakodate, 40 miles away, in a pall of ash. The town of Sushara was reported in flames. Refugees crowded the railway stations at Mori and Onumu, although no trains were running.

### WELLINGTON, N. Z., June 18.—

The most violent earthquake in 19 years rocked the South Island tonight, killing at least five persons in landslides and doing great damage to many towns. According to advices from Auckland, several buildings collapsed there. The quakes extended throughout the northern half of the island. Thousands of tons of rock blocked up the Westland River and caused heavy damage in several nearby sections.

# CITY LABORERS SLAVE 10-HR. DAY

## Gastonia in List of 17 N. C. Towns

By OSMORE EATON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18.—North Carolina's capital and 18 other cities in the state work their street laborers on public construction and repair tasks 10 hours a day.

This significant fact of a supposedly "enlightened" era of what President Hoover calls "robust individualism" was brought out the past week by statistics compiled by Ethelbert Stewart, commissioner of labor statistics under the "former iron puddler," Secretary of Labor James J. Davis.

Stewart, in the course of compiling figures about labor conditions in over 2,000 cities, discovered that in 300 of them the men who do construction, repair and cleaning of streets for the municipalities work 9 hours a day. The scale of pay runs from as low as 15 cents an hour in Georgetown, S. C., all the way through the twenties and thirties. A few cities pay 50 and 60 cents hourly and one or two pay 75 cents, but there are nearly 2,000 that do not.

### Noble Gesture.

An outburst of indignation that naive people might mistake for real concern on the part of the capitalist state for the masses came from Stewart. He gave out a vigorous statement and asserted with melodramatic effect that he "was going to confer with Secretary Davis about what steps to take."

It is a safe guess that "Jim" Davis, the arch-reactionary and betrayer of labor through his position at the head of the "labor" department, will do nothing serious to disturb his politician-brothers, north or south.

Even if Stewart meant precisely what he said, neither the city governments of Raleigh and other places nor the capitalists themselves have anything to fear from the bourgeois state of which Emperor Hoover is now the nominal presiding officer.

### Gastonia in List.

The cities in North Carolina in which a worker in the streets must toil 10 hours a day are: Raleigh, Elizabeth City, Gastonia, Greenville, Hickory, Kingston, Morganton, New Bern, Oxford, Rockingham, Rocky Mount, Sanford, Tarboro, Washington, Dunne and Goldsboro.

# Workers Killed in Big Quake in New Zealand

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, June 18.—

Conflicting reports of the death toll from yesterday's earthquake on South Island were received here today, but as near as could be learned definitely six were dead so far. All are workers.

The dead included two men and two women who occupied a house in the Murchison district. The house was buried beneath a landslide which blocked the valley for a half mile across. This was a working class section.

The tremors apparently were continuing at sea today, muffled booming, accompanied by shocks, was reported heard along many points of the Wellington province coast, on North Island.

LONDON, June 18.—A Wellington, N. Z., dispatch said today that the latest death toll from yesterday's earthquake totalled eight, while many were injured, including school children.

Pa., June 27; Cleveland, June 28-29; Akron, Ohio, June 30-July 1; Canton, Ohio, July 2; Detroit, July 3-4; Chicago, July 5-6-7; Milwaukee, July 8; St. Paul, July 9; Minneapolis, July 10; Duluth, Minn., July 11; Superior, Wis., July 12.

The International Labor Defense is also planning to tour other well-known speakers and strikers in behalf of Gastonia Defense.

# Enlightenment Campaign on the Comintern Address to the Communist Party

THE Polbureau is desirous of securing the broadest possible Enlightenment Campaign on the Comintern Address and the immediate Party tasks outlined therein. All Party members and particularly the comrades active in the workshops in the basic industries are invited to write their

opinions for the Party Press. Resolutions of Factory Nuclei also will be printed in this section. Send all material dealing with this campaign to Comrade Jack Stachel, care National office, Communist Party, 43 E. 125th St., New York City.

# Resolutions Show Countrywide Support for Address

## WISCONSIN SECTION POLCOM.

The Polcom of Wisconsin Section greets the Address of the Executive Committee of the Communist International to our Party and the unanimous acceptance of it by the Central Executive Committee.

It regards it, together with the Open Letter to our Sixth Convention as laying a complete basis for the absolute unification of our Party for the carrying out the tasks before us.

We call upon the membership of our Section for the fullest mobilization and activation under the leadership of our Central Executive Committee for carrying out these tasks, as the only guarantee of the wholehearted acceptance of the Address and Open Letter. Anything less than this will be only lip service acceptance of the Executive Committee of the Communist International Address.

On to Bolshevik Unification and Activity.

## KENOSHA MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

The Kenosha membership meeting of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. endorses the resolution of the Wisconsin Section Polcom on the Communist International Address. We see the need of drawing in proletarian elements into our Party leadership as further guarantee for elimination of all factionalism.

We hail the Communist International's temporary elimination of Comrades Bittelman and Lovestone from work in the American Party as a long step in the direction of eliminating factionalism from the Communist Party of the U. S. A.

We demand that strictest Party measures be taken against any and all those who will in any way hinder the unification of our Party and the total elimination of factionalism from our Party.

## DETROIT YOUTH MEETING.

(1) This membership meeting wholeheartedly endorses the decisions and resolutions of our national convention. We pledge ourselves to carry out the line and decisions of the convention, which was a concretization of the line and decisions of the Sixth Communist International Congress and the Fifth Congress of the Communist Youth International. This meeting recognizes the fact that the League is in a pretty bad way in District 7, but basing itself on the line and decisions of the Convention, and the knowledge of the objective situation in Detroit, is firmly convinced that by the rigid application and carrying thru of all convention decisions, we will be able to build up a strong mass League in District 7.

(2) This membership meeting endorses wholeheartedly the Address of the Comintern and pledges itself to carry thru loyally and unconditionally all of the decisions of the Communist International.

(3) This membership meeting endorses the cablegram of the Y. C. I. to the League, and greets the unanimous decisions of the Party Polcom and the League Bureau.

(4) We condemn any attempt on the part of Lovestone and Gitlow to oppose the Communist International Address, and we call upon the entire Party and League membership to close its ranks more solidly and unitedly than ever before on the basis of loyalty to Communism and the Comintern; and to deal a crushing political defeat to any attempts on the part of Lovestone and Gitlow to split the Party.

(5) This membership meeting declares that new opposition to the line of the Comintern at this time, is part of the international right wing danger; and arises out of a right wing opportunist opposition to the line and decisions of the Sixth Congress of the Comintern and the Fourth Congress of the R. I. L. U.

(6) In line with the Comintern Address, this membership meeting calls for a complete and thorough application of the line of the Open Letter, which calls for the Party giving political leadership and guidance to the Communist Youth League. This membership meeting feels that a new healthy relationship will and is being established between the Party and the League in District 7.

(7) The membership meeting of District 7, endorses the action of the Party Polcom in taking organizational measures against Bert Miller, of New York, who was organizing secretly against the Comintern Address. We condemn any open or hidden attempt to mobilize against the Communist International Address, and we call for the strongest organizational measures against any and all right wing splitters in the Party.

(8) We endorse the Manifesto of the Central Executive Committee of the Party.

(9) This membership meeting notices the existence of conciliatory tendencies in the struggle against the right wing splitters. We call for the liquidation of these conciliatory tendencies on the basis of full and thorough application and understanding of the line of the Communist International. Any comrades who say, "Let's wait until we hear what Lovestone and Gitlow have to say before we fight them" or "We don't know what Lovestone and Gitlow are going to do" objectively prevents the full mobilization of the Party and League membership for support and endorsement of the Communist International Address, and for a decisive struggle against splittling tendencies and activities of Lovestone and Gitlow.

These motions were carried unanimously. There were no abstentions.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE ELIZABETH, N. J.

We accept and endorse the Address of the Communist International to our Party, printed in the Daily Worker of May 26th. We also condemn the action of Comrades Gitlow, Lovestone and Wolfe for breaking Communist discipline, for resisting the Comintern decision.

We also firmly declare that we will not tolerate any splittling policy, whether by Comrade Miller, or any other comrades.

We congratulate the District 2 Bureau on its quick action in removing Comrade Miller as organizational secretary.

Our proletarian members are glad to accept the Communist International's decision.

# Proceedings to Clear Bosses in the Vestris Disaster Begin Again

LONDON, June 17.—The "inquiry" into the sinking of the helpship Vestris off the Virginia Capes last November, when 111 lives were lost, was resumed today by the Board of Trade. This marked the 26th day of actual hearings, the purpose of which is a desperate attempt to whitewash the owners of the rotten hulk, who sacrificed the lives of seamen in their lust for profits.

# Over 1,000 Building Trades Workers Strike in Greenwich, Conn.

GREENWICH, Conn., (By Mail).—A series of building trades strikes have broken out in Greenwich. Over 260 bricklayers, plasterers and masons are demanding a 5-day week and wages of \$14 a day. Over 250 hod carriers struck for a 5-day week and wages of \$9 a day. Over 500 building laborers struck for \$7 a week. It is feared that the building trades union misleaders will sell all the strikes out.

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## JERSEY CITY UNIT—UNANIMOUS.

The Jersey City Unit, Communist Party of America unanimously accepts and endorses without reservation the Address of the Communist International to the American Party. We severely condemn the opposition on the part of Comrade Lovestone and Gitlow to the address which has a splittling tendency. We are firmly convinced that the acceptance of the Address of the Communist International by the membership of our Party in the same spirit in which it was rendered will destroy every vestige of factionalism and unite the Party in its struggle against the right danger and make possible the building of a Mass Communist Party of America.

Long Live the Communist International!  
Long Live the Communist Party of America!  
Long Live Party Unity!

## FIGHT SPLITTERS DEMANDS—CRANE SHOP NUCLEUS.

After reading and discussing the Address to the membership of the American Party, the members of the Crane Shop Nucleus District 8, Chicago, welcomes this message as a means for building up the Party and eliminating the disease of factionalism.

We pledge ourselves to carry out the Communist International Address and decisions. We declare that we will fight any opposition or factional distortion of the Communist International line.

Long Live the Communist International  
Down with splitters and right wingers!—CRANE SHOP NUCLEUS.

## RESOLUTION BY BUFFALO SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We endorse the Communist International Address to the membership of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. and we pledge to carry out all decisions of the Communist International and to fight against all and any opportunists and splitters within the Party. We further welcome the address as the best weapon to clean the Party from all opportunist and non-Communist elements.

## NEW YORK FUNCTIONARIES MEETING—SECTION 8.

The Special meeting of the Functionaries of Section 8, District 2, assembled on June 14, consisting of members of the Section Executive Committee, department heads, unit executives, representatives of the two units of the Communist Youth League, held under the instruction of the District Executive Committee, wholeheartedly and unreservedly accepts and endorses the Address of the Communist International to the membership of the Communist Party of the U. S. A.

The meeting endorses all decisions unanimously passed by the Central Executive Committee on the Address as well as the resolution passed at the New York District Functionaries meeting which points out "that one of the basic tasks of a Communist Party is its internationalism, its being an organic part of the Communist International."

The meeting condemns and pledges itself to fight against the open opposition to the decisions of the Communist International of Comrades Lovestone, Gitlow, Wolfe, or any other opposition that may conceal itself under the cover of formal discipline of acceptance and in reality laying the basis for opposition to the decisions of the Communist International and its leadership. Such an opposition is even more dangerous because it only pay lip service to the decision, while at the same time it is very actively engaged in organizing a faction against the Communist International.

The meeting endorses and approves the action of the Polcom of our Party and the Bureau of the district in removing comrade Bert Miller as organization secretary of the district for his opposition to the decisions of the Communist International embodied in a resolution drawn up by comrade Miller for presentation to the Party units on the basis of which to mobilize the membership against the Communist International and to split the Party. Such an attitude must inevitably lead to an open attack against the Communist International and the Soviet Union.

The meeting also pledges to mobilize the whole membership of the section for the line of the Communist International on the basis of the unanimous decision of the Central Executive Committee on June 4th entitled "Manifesto of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. A."

## NEW YORK UNIT 8F SECTION 2.

(1) We the members of Unit 8F Section 2 accept and endorse unreservedly the open Letter of the Communist International sent to our Party and pledge to carry it out.

(2) We recognize that the open Address renders a great service to our Party.

(a) In the fight against the Right Danger.

(b) To Correct the Party line and its orientation on American and world capitalism in the present third post war period.

(c) The Communist International Address is the strongest weapon against factionalism that has weakened our Party till now.

(3) We call upon the membership to help the Party leading committees in carrying out the line of the Address.

(4) We endorse the prompt action taken by the Polcom on the Address and its efforts to carry it out.

(5) We pledge to fight vigorously against any opposition to the Communist International in what form it may be, concealed or open.

## UNIT 1F, SECTION 1, NEW YORK CITY.

We fully support the decision of the District Committee in removing Comrade Miller from all responsible positions for carrying on propaganda against the Communist International Address and mobilizing the membership against the Communist International. We will fight against any such attempts no matter where they come from.

We particularly ask the District to take measures to drive into the open the concealed opposition to the Address of the Comintern in the New York District.

(Resolution of this unit on the Communist International Address has been printed at previous date in the Daily Worker).

# German Reformists Expel Communists from Freethinkers

BERLIN, (By Mail).—The reformist Central Committee of the Freethinkers Association has declared the Hagen district in Westphalia to be dissolved because this district was in the hands of the opposition, and it is now turning its attentions to western Thuringia, one of the strongest districts of the organization. All the 1,000 members of this district who are overwhelmingly in favor of the opposition have been given notice that the C. C. has commenced an expulsion process against them.

The letter of the C. C. declares that the leaders of the organization have noticed for a long time that the western Thuringia organization obviously intends to place the organization in the services of the Communist Party, this being proved by the May Day appeal issued by the district committee. The opposition in the association declares that this disruptive action of the reformist leaders is dictated by the interests of the social democratic coalition government which has just concluded a concordat with the Pope. The opposition is carrying on a great campaign to force the convening of a general meeting of the Freethinkers organization under the slogans, "Away with the Central Committee reformists!" "Down with the friends of the Priests and Parsons!"

# LEAD ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION

## Chicago Communists Picnic July 4

CHICAGO, June 17.—July 4 in Chicago is being turned into an anti-war demonstration by the Communist Party, District 8, with a combined picnic and demonstration at Chernauskas Grove. Numerous working class organizations and papers are combining for the success of this counter-demonstration to the customary jingo celebration of the holiday.

The Anti-Fascist Alliance will prepare spaghetti dinners; the Workers' Circle will have a special booth; Armenian workers will prepare their tasty "shachlik" and the South Slavs will supervise a lamb barbecue.

A pageant will be staged in connection with the anti-war demonstration; the Milwaukee Brass Band, a workers' organization, will perform and the Young Pioneers will be there in full force. These features, in addition to games, dancing, and contests will crowd a joyous workers' celebration of a "patriotic" holiday.

## JIM CROW HIGH SCHOOL.

EVANSTON, Ill., (By Mail).—High school students at Evanston High School are feeling the effects of Jim Crowism. Students who are Negroes have been subtly discriminated against, and prohibited from attending the graduation dance.

# GZECH RENEGADE AIDS BOSSES IN BIG LAND STRIKE

## Sabotages Struggle Thru Capitalist Press

PRAGUE, (By Mail).—The renegade Hais (expelled from the Communist Party) declared to the editor of the governmental organ "A Reggel," according to the report of that paper, that he and his trade union leadership had nothing to do with the strike of the land workers in Slovakia which he described as a political strike. The "Pravda" quotes what Hais writes in his own organ "The Worker" about the strike: "We shall not stand idly by and see the workers driven into misery, despair and prison, that the workers are made the playthings of irresponsible elements. . . ." The "Pravda" compares this article with the contents of a leaflet issued by the agrarians, social democrats and by the Hlinka group declaring that "since 1920 the land workers have been the plaything of irresponsible elements." This leaflet issued on behalf of the ruling class is the attitude adopted by Hais and his friends towards the land workers struggle, and both of them are in agreement with the Prague "Social Democrat" which writes in its issue of the 21st of May in exactly the same spirit about the land workers strike.

## Strike Continues.

The strike of the land workers is continuing and 25,000 are still out. The authorities have issued notices declaring that the struggle is illegal as a new agreement has already been signed between the land owners and the reformists. In many districts the authorities are trying to compel the workers to return upon the basis of this agreement. As these efforts have proved unsuccessful, the authorities have sharpened their campaign of terror and oppression against the strikers. The employers have given notices for the workers to leave their houses where these latter belong to the employers. In those cases where the land workers till a part of the land owners' ground for themselves in accordance with an old custom, employers have threatened to run tractors over this ground in order to destroy the crops. The owners have also shut off the wells.

The authorities again attempted to use the infantry regiment No. 7, which is stationed in Neutra for strikebreaking work against the farm laborers. The soldiers refused to obey their officers and declared themselves in agreement with the striking land workers. The regiment has now been withdrawn. Leaflets have also been distributed amongst the gendarmes calling upon them not to permit themselves to be misused against the striking workers. These happenings have caused the military authorities to confine all troops in southern Slovakia to barracks in order to stop the riot if possible.

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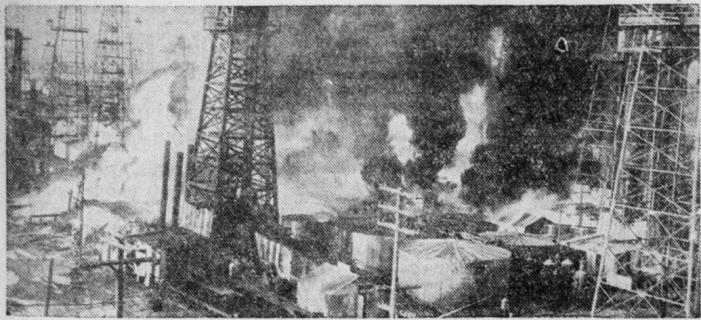
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# OIL FIELD WORKERS FACE GREAT RISKS AT SLAVE WAGES; FARMERS WISE TO HOOVER FAKE BILL



A worker correspondent from the West Texas oil field describes the long hours and low wages these workers must stand for, while undergoing such great risks as the above photo illustrates—a blaze in the oil fields. A blaze like the above usually takes dozens of workers' lives. The oil workers have never received any aid from the A. F. of L.



L.; every move on the part of the latter to organize them has proven to be a scheme to get money from the oil magnates, and once the labor fakers got theirs, they forget about the oil workers. A farmer correspondent from North Dakota states that the farmers in his section know the Hoover fake farm relief bill for what it is—a



move to aid the wealthy farm owners, and of no help to the poor farmers, whose lot is terrible. The middle photo shows the type of land the poor farmers near Olympia, Wash. are forced to clear. These farmers live near the mud flats, and are on the verge of starvation.

At right, Hoover signing the fake farm relief bill. With him are speaker Longworth and vice-president Curtis, bitter foes of the poor farmers in their sections, and friends of the bankers who have reduced the farmers to starvation.

## Bessemer City, N. C., Mill Workers Want National Textile Workers Union to Help

### BOSSSES' USURY MAKES WORKERS WORSE SLAVES

Conditions as Bad as in Gastonia

(By a Worker Correspondent) BESSEMER CITY, N. C. (By Mail).—Bessemer City is a little town about seven miles outside of Gastonia, North Carolina. It has the American (owned by one Goldberg) Gambrill and Osage mills. The Union Hall is located on the main stem almost opposite the Gambrill mills. At least at this writing it is, but a strong rumor is afloat that a member of the Goldberg outfit has bought the property from the owner from which the union hires. Since the past few weeks meetings are held almost nightly in the open air in front of the hall.

Our southern workers in the mills here have sure enjoyed the talks given us by the organizers of the National Textile Workers Union. And we have enjoyed the copies of the Daily Worker we have seen.

I just want to tell you some things that go on here in these here mills of Bessemer City. The pay here is low like all the southern places, but they have schemes that make the pay much smaller than it looks. I am a spinner on ten sides. We are supposed to get \$14 a week and one dollar bonus if we work full time, that is if we are not late or do not stay out during the week. So they advertise they pay \$15 a week on this job (60 hours) but just see what tricks they play us. There are lots of people loafing here and the boss called them in and sends us out for a day. We are willing to work a full week but the boss won't let us. Then they not only take out the day's pay the boss makes us lose, but they take out an extra dollar for the bonus, so you see we hardly ever get more than a few cents over ten dollars for a week's pay. The fixers here have to furnish all their tools, even make them buy the hack saws they use. They only get \$21 for fixing 50 wide drapers.

Yes, then they have other ways of making still smaller the small money we get. Nearly ever worker that goes to work goes in broke. This means that he wants some money right away. Most of the mills hold back a week's wages. But then they are 'good' enough to loan you some after you have worked a short time. Some make these small loans for from seven to twenty-five per cent per week.

Figure it out yourself and see whether usury has been banished. Many, many workers borrow five dollars as soon as they can pay the grocer who has been good enough to give them some few groceries on trust the first day they worked. By the time their first pay day comes they have borrowed all they pay they have coming. Bear in mind the company keeps back one week's wages so at the end of two weeks they have one week's wages they can draw. So they get a pay envelope that tells them they have borrowed \$5 on three different occasions, \$15 plus charges of 7 per

### Warning! Scab Agency Active to Bust Strike

(By a Worker Correspondent) PHILADELPHIA (By Mail).—It was learned by this correspondent today that a spy-supplying organization, with headquarters in Philadelphia and branches in every city in the U. S. was quietly organizing a scab agency to break a street car strike in some city in the South. On being interviewed, an official of this organization stated: "We expect a street car strike in a large city in the South and shall employ about 500 men from Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago. We expect the strike in about a week and are getting ready for it as quickly as possible," he said. "It is hot here, but it will be a whole lot hotter down there." He wouldn't state the point where the strike is expected, but it is thought by the correspondent that the city is New Orleans, La. Communist organizers located throughout the South should be on the lookout. The scab recruiting organization mentioned is the Railway Audit and Inspection Co., 5th floor, Franklin building, 5th and Chestnut Sts. Unemployed workers, keep away from there; don't scab on your fellow-workers. CORRESPONDENT.

### Ukraine Engineers Approve Measures Against Saboteurs

MOSCOW (By Mail).—Reports are coming in from the industrial districts in the Ukraine and in other federal republics of meetings of workers and engineers, etc., at which approval was expressed at the just severity exercised by the State Political Administration against the counter-revolutionary saboteurs in the gold and platinum industries and on the railways. The resolutions adopted also appeal to all industrial workers to keep careful watch in order to prevent sabotage, etc., in industry.

cent interest for week, total \$16.05. When these deductions are made they may have less than a dollar in their envelope. This means start the same vicious borrowing plan the day after pay day. This graft or robbery is put over on the pretense of "being good" to their help. But really it is a cut down of the wages. A good union can wipe this robber scheme out and save us this cut down that goes into the pocket of Miss Klugman the super in one mill and into Goldberg's pockets in the other mills. What the union would save us on this thing alone would pay our dues 50 times over and leave us some to give to other strikers and into the fighting fund to save our boy Beal and the other union organizers from being kept in jail by the Manville-Jenks thugs and mill owners. —A BESSEMER CITY (N. C.) UNION MEMBER.

### N. DAK. FARMERS WISE TO HOOVER FAKE RELIEF

Prices Low, Producers Penniless

(By a Farmer Correspondent) WILLISTON, N. D. (By Mail).—The farmers here are not much interested in the Hoover "farm relief" bill. They are already aware that the bill is a fake, a compromise among capitalist politicians and will do the small farmers and farm workers no good. A Fake Farm Union. The Farmers Union, which has been organized here during the last few years, is losing ground among the farmers because it is doing business just like any other capitalist organization, takes in bankers and business men as members and does not carry on any real educational work among the members. Not so long ago the Farmers Union leaders and organizers of the Northwest held a banquet, together with the members of the Chamber of Commerce of this little city. It is becoming clear to the farmers that this is not the way to run an organization which is supposed to be theirs. Farmers Are Penniless. Farmers here will tell you that times are tough. The outlook for bumper crops was never better, but prices are very low and the small farmer knows now he won't make anything this fall. Right now the farmers have no money, just a cream check coming in now and then and this does not reach far in meeting the family expenses. There is no credit to be had in the bank for the small farmer, so he cannot get any money there. It is significant that banks are still closing, both in North Dakota and other states, indicating that capitalism has not succeeded in "stabilizing" agriculture. A Fake Farm Paper. A so-called farm paper, called the "Farmers Press," is published here. One man who has a mortgage of \$3,000 on this paper dictates to the editor what material shall be printed in it. There are supposed to be about 400 farmer stockholders, but these have nothing to say about the policy of the paper. In general, this "farmers'" organ supports the so-called progressives like Frazier, Nye and Sinclair and is able to keep going through advertising from the business men and it is also the official paper of the county. Many farmers here are interested in developing a new political movement, in forming a political alliance with the city workers against the capitalists as well as the pseudo-progressives. Such a movement, once started, would soon spread, because the objective conditions are favorable for its growth. A. K.

### Farmers in Bad Shape in the Dakotas

(By a Farmer Correspondent) WILLISTON, N. Dakota (By Mail).—It is interesting as well as significant to observe that with less farmers upon the land a larger crop area is placed under cultivation. More rocks are being dug out of the ground this year in the Dakotas than I have ever seen before. Meadows and pastures which heretofore were not considered suitable for cultivation are now being prepared for crops. The small farmers work like beavers to clear the land despite the fact that they are already farming considerable acreages. Why is this? The reason is that the farmer cannot make a living any longer upon the size of the farm he originally had and so enlarges it by breaking up pastures and meadows of his "own" land, and by renting additional acreage if he has no chance to increase his crop area he must be satisfied with the size of his farm he has or quit farming. According to the U. S. census the big farms, from 900 acres upwards, and the small farms, (truck farms, chicken ranches, etc.) are increasing in number while the number of middle sized farms are decreasing. The farmers here have gone into raising sheep. They noticed that wheat lone did not bring them much and so they decided to try their luck with sheep. Now the sheep market is away down so sheep are no better than wheat. Next somebody will tell the farmer there is big money in hogs and when he does go into raising hogs the hog market is sure to go down. Such is farming under capitalism.

### \$4 A DAY WAGE IN OIL FIELDS; \$2.50 DEDUCTED

Soak Men for Board and Meals

(By a Worker Correspondent) CRANE, Tex. (By Mail).—The conditions for the oil fields workers in the western part of Texas get worse each day, for the men are without any kind of union to protect them against wage cut. There are over 5000 unemployed workers in this section and their chances of getting work are nil. To keep a job in the oil fields you have to work 14 hours a day. The regular work day in West Texas is now 11 and 12 hours a day. Overtime is not paid for except at straight time in many fields, but some sometimes pay time and a half after 12 hours a day. The wages are what the individual company wants them to be. No standard rate. The companies average \$4 to \$4.50 a day of 11 hours. Board and lodging are usually furnished the men—but at a price. The price you are soaked is about \$15 a week for food that is awful stuff. Coffee is dishwater, meat is stale and makes one vomit; bread is hard and mouldy. The bunks are filthy, and vermin spread diseases among the men. A worker over 40, sometimes 45 is out of luck. He is fired and a younger slave taken on who can work harder. Once a man of 45 loses his job there's no chance of his getting another one. It's simply get out of the oil-fields to him. And anywhere else in Texas he probably can't get anything except a watchman's job at \$8 a week. The A. F. of L. here has made lots of talk about organizing the men into its "Oil Workers Union"—practically a paper organization. Let an oil corporation pay the officials of the A. F. of L. organization money—and away fades the A. F. of L. The oil workers would welcome a militant organization. The work in the fields is dangerous, fires threaten them. A militant organization is needed here; let the Trade Union Educational League come in. The same applies to the California fields; I worked in Bakersfield there, and the hours are just as long and wages as low. —OIL WORKER.

### SLAVE DRIVER CARRIED GUN

But Could Not Scare Gastonia Workers (By a Worker Correspondent) GASTONIA, N. C. (By Mail).—I am captain of the guards in this strike. Just before I took charge of this position I was working in one of the hell-holes of Gaston County, N. C., as a speeder hand. The night superintendent, who was in charge of the entire mill without any other foreman what-ever, received a salary of \$30 per week. This slave-driver was in the habit of carrying a 45 automatic Colt pistol in his belt. This slave-driver, by the name of Jess Boyington, would move the entire night long, prominently displaying his gun, and remark "This is for any of them damn union hands that ever comes in this mill." The doors were barred all night with two-by-fours, to keep anyone from coming in or getting out. This is absolutely true. When I was found out to be a

### "Red Dust" and "The Motive" Newest Theatre Guild Plays

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### GASTONIA MILL STRIKERS DEFY BOSSSES' TERROR

"We Will All Fight, Stick Together"

(By a Worker Correspondent) GASTONIA, N. C. (By Mail).—Would I be allowed to say a few words in the Daily Worker as our strikers in the Loray mill have not the privilege of saying a word in the papers here? Anything that is written to the papers here is printed if it is from a mill thug, Gastonia officer, mill deputies and strikebreakers. Now we strikers are treated like dirty dogs at present. Our leader, Fred Beal, is lodged in some North Carolina county jail and isn't allowed to be seen by any of us union men. Gastonia jail is full at present with our leaders, committees and guards. We are out on strike to have a union, better wages and better conditions. I have worked in Loray mill nearly two years. Ever since I have worked there I have worked 11 and 12 hours at night, five nights a week for \$13.75. My rent, light and fuel were taken from that. I have a wife and two babies, so you see I had nothing left out of my wages to support my family with. I have worked so hard in Loray mill that when I would arrive home in the morning I would be so tired that I could not eat breakfast. I would go to bed and sleep pretty well all day, eat my supper at 5 p. m. and go to work at 6 p. m. Beal is a fine man, a man that is sticking to us poor people, and I wish there were more like him. Fred Ervin Beal to come here to help us. Beal's life is threatened by mill scabs and thugs. We are all out to fight and stick together. LORAY STRIKER. After every revolution marking a progressive phase in the class struggle, the purely repressive character of the State power stands out in bolder and bolder relief.—Marx.

### WALL ST. WAR MANEUVERS

MITCHELL FIELD, L. I., June 18.—Six Curtiss Falcon biplanes have left here for Camp Dix, N. J., where they will take part in the maneuvers of the first division infantry, which is encamped there for summer training. The planes will remain at camp for two weeks. The maneuvers are part of the Wall St. war preparations.

### NEW NAVAL JUDGE

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The navy department today appointed Rear Admiral David F. Sellers, former commander of the special service squadron stationed off Nicaragua, as judge advocate general of the navy, succeeding Rear Admiral E. H. Campbell, who will assume Sellers' former post. Sellers will now, with sentences of loss of pay and imprisonment, enforce the arbitrary rule of the officer caste.

## BRIGGS GYPS WORKERS Hire Slaves at Piece Rates, Pay by Day

(By a Worker Correspondent) DETROIT, Mich. (By Mail).—A metal finisher hired out at the Mack Avenue plant of the Briggs Body Manufacturing Co. He was given a day rate of 45 cents an hour, 11 days in all and then quit. On pay day he was placed on a piece-work job finishing loose panels. He worked day he was paid for his 11 days of piecework with an amount that was short by about half. He figured up his jobs and the piece-work and demanded the difference. He was informed that the pay given him was correct, that he had been paid for 11 days at his day rate. He protested vigorously until his attention was called to a form that he and all new employees must sign before starting to work. This form states that the signer, whether engaged in working day work or piece work, agrees that should he or she be discharged, quit or for any other reason leave the Briggs employment before the end of the pay period, that they forfeit all claims to bonus or piece-work rates earned. Briggs pays twice a month. The end of the pay period fluctuates. It may be the 15th, 16th or 18th of the month. The time office sets the date. What a beautiful arrangement for the Briggs Co. This explains why so many workers who are laid off, are laid off a day or two before the end of the pay period. The master mind that doped out a scheme like that is capable of kicking a crutch from under a cripple. It also explains why so many Briggs workers are joining the Auto Workers Union. When enough Briggs workers see the light, a condition like the above will cease to exist. —BRIGGS SLAVE.

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Rush Funds to the Workers International Relief One Union Square New York City Workers International Relief, One Union Square, New York City. I enclose \$..... to feed and shelter the militant Gastonia strikers. Tell them to keep on striking until they win. Name..... Address..... City..... State.....

**HOOVER ORDERS WORKERS KILLED BY PISTOLS ONLY**

**Dry Spies Must Train With Military Weapons**

**Congress Recess Today**

**Senate Defeats Borah; May Raise Tariff**

WASHINGTON, June 18.—President Hoover's message yesterday to the world in general, announcing that hereafter dry spies and the coast guard must do their killing with service pistols and rifles, and not with shot guns, aroused pleased interest among the big militarists in his group in Congress.

It was pointed out here that the prohibition guards and coast guards are really auxiliary army and navy units, and that under Hoover's new order they will now get peace time practice on living targets which will make them more effective in the use of military weapons. The dry spies are also being used against militant workers. At the same time, Hoover makes a gesture which tends to silence the widespread resentment aroused by the numerous recent killings done by dry agents.

**Congress Vacation.** The really important business done by congress today was an agreement between the house and senate to take a vacation beginning tomorrow. The senate will reconvene August 19 and the house September 23.

A motion was made by Senator Jones to end the secrecy rule. Debate continued most of the day on this.

Yesterday, by one vote, the senate ruled out Borah's motion to limit tariff increases to agricultural products. This means that on reconvening, the senate will change rates on the house bill, some higher and some lower.

**Workers Suffer in New York's Hottest June 17 in 40 Years**

While Tammany Al Smith and his fellow-parasites were disporting themselves in the surf at Far Rockaway and other resorts yesterday, workers, unable to flee the blistering heat of the city, stewed in their own sweat, gasping for air and falling like withered leaves as the heat wave entered its sixth day, with no sign of a let-up in sight. In the working class sections the suffering, intensified by the closely-packed buildings which shut off any breeze there might have been, was almost past human endurance, the red brick walls belching heat like so many blast furnaces.

Two building workers, struck down by the flying rays of the sun, plunged to the ground and died instantly. Francis McHugh, of 23 St. Charles Pl., Brooklyn, an elderly worker, blew out his brains to cut short his agony, while Mrs. Pauline Maddock of Williamsburg drained a bottle of poison at four o'clock this morning after a torturous and sleepless night. Louis Spinosia, E. 186th St., collapsed while working in the Bronx. Hospitals reported numerous prostrations of workers, most of whom fell on the job.

The weather bureau announces that New York has not had such a scorching June 17 in forty years and holds out little hope for relief.

**Furniture Strikers in Big Demonstration**

PARIS. (By Mail).—After a meeting a thousand striking furniture workers held a spontaneous demonstration upon the Place de la Bastille in the center of the town where a revolutionary made a speech. The police proved helpless. This is an important success as the decision to hold the demonstration was spontaneous, something which has not happened in Paris for a long time.

**SIGN WRITERS STRIKE.** BUFFALO, (By Mail).—Sixteen sign writers of the Winters Sign Co. struck when the company refused a union agreement.

**GENERAL STRIKE OF FUR WORKERS BEGINS TODAY TO WIN DEMANDS**

**Thousands Will Respond to Call to Destroy Company Union, Build Real Organization**

(Continued from Page One) of an industrial union will be revealed in this fight. All the thousands of the workers affiliated in the needle workers' organization will join in the day-to-day active fight of the furriers to establish unionism in the industry.

Cloakmakers, dressmakers, furriers—all will, shoulder to shoulder, do battle with all the dark forces allied against the furriers, and with them will join the entire militant labor movement—for they know that the fight of the furriers is the fight of the entire labor movement against the open strikebreaking of the American Federation of Labor.

**Destroyed By Scabs.** "The bosses and the A. F. of L. bureaucrats," says the official strike call, "with the aid of the hired gangsters, with the aid of the police, courts and prisons, have broken our mighty Furriers' Union and robbed us of all our union conditions, won through great struggle and sacrifice in 1926. For two and a half years the bosses and their social and A. F. of L. agents of the company union have been exploiting, oppressing, terrorizing and persecuting us in the most dastardly manner. The slavery, unemployment, hunger and need of the thousands of fur workers and their families has reached the limit of endurance!"

**Issue Demands.** With the glorious victory of 1926 fresh in their memories, the furriers are putting forth the following demands: A 40-hour, 5-day week, wage increases, unemployment insurance fund paid for by the bosses and administered by the union, a 30-hour week during the slack period, better conditions for the young workers in the trade, no piece-work, no speed-up, no section contracting, no sweatshops, no discrimination and no blacklisting of union members.

"We demand the abolition of the bosses' company union," says the official strike call. "We are going out in a struggle for our rights to be organized in a militant union, based on the class struggle and for the recognition of our union! For these demands and for our elementary rights as workers, the furriers will strike and fight courageously and determinedly until victory."

**Cloak Meet Tomorrow.** As the furriers enter their historic struggle, the company union, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, are proceeding with their plans to force a "stoppage" in the cloak industry.

To carry out plans to transform the fake stoppage into a genuine struggle for union conditions, the Industrial Union is calling a mass meeting tomorrow night, immediately after work, in Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St.

**Women Meet Tonight.** The women workers will play a highly significant role in the present struggle, and thousands have already been mobilized to fight shoulder to shoulder with the men in the strike.

**Conference Saturday.** The entire left wing and progressive movement is taking steps for

**Baptist Boys Pledge Support to Hoover Anti-Worker Fight**

DENVER, June 18.—Hoover's campaign against workers' organizations included in the law enforcement plan was applauded at the annual baptist convention here today. While an official pacifist resolution "viewing with alarm the continued growth in military training" was dopted, the convention "pledged support to rigid enforcement of law" which will enable the federal authorities to railroad workers to long jail terms for working class activities and strengthen generally the entire anti-working class machinery.

**CAPMAKERS TO MEET TONIGHT**

**Section of T. U. E. L. Issues Appeal**

(Continued from Page One) ployment and destroy the health of the workers.

The statement reminds the workers that the corrupt Zaritsky administration has criminally failed to enforce the demands which were fought for and won in 1926. The 40-hour week is not enforced. And now, under the guise of "standards of production," attempts are being made to introduce new speed-up schemes. The minimum wage, also, the statement declares, has not been forced.

The statement concludes by urging the workers to fight for the following demands:

Strict enforcement of the 40-hour week; strict enforcement of the \$44 minimum wage; that the bosses pay promptly the three per cent which shall be controlled by a rank and file committee; a campaign against the new speed-up schemes; a demand for the inauguration of the shop delegate system; a demand for unity with the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, and for an energetic campaign to organize the thousands of unorganized cap workers.

**More Iron Bosses Sign with Union**

(Continued from Page One) Trade Association, and also include a number of independent shops.

George Powers, an organizer of the union, was arrested while picketing the Pollachek Iron and Bronze Works, Long Island City. The case against Powers was dismissed. Picketing continued in all the shops still out.

**It is the ultimate aim of this work ("Capital") to reveal the economic law of motion of modern society.—Marx.**

**FIGHT CHESWICK CASE FRAME-UP**

**Worker Charged with Murder; ILD Defends**

The New York District of the International Labor Defense is preparing to fight all efforts to extradite Salvatore Accorisi, Italian worker, who tomorrow will receive a hearing in Staten Island court on a framed up charge of murder in connection with the Cheswick, Pa. cases.

Accorisi, who lives at 731 Elbe Ave., Concord, S. I., was arrested at his home last Thursday and charged with having fired the shot that killed state trooper Holt on Aug. 22, 1927. A huge Sacco-Vanzetti protest demonstration held on that day in Cheswick, a Pennsylvania mining town, was attacked by state troopers who rode down and brutally slugged men, women and children, firing recklessly. The fatal shooting of state trooper Holt, probably accidentally by one of his own colleagues, resulted in the arrest of a large number of workers. The state dropped the cases against all but ten of them and even these ten could not be held for murder, so feeble was the so-called evidence against them. Defended from the beginning by the International Labor Defense, they are still to come to trial on charges of disorderly conduct, inciting to riot, etc.

The arrest of Accorisi nearly two years after the shooting is an attempt to find a scapegoat. At the time of the Sacco-Vanzetti demonstration, Accorisi's home was four miles from Cheswick. Though he continued to live in the same place from August 1927 to April 1928, no charges were brought against him.

Accorisi is also being held under the Sullivan Law, charged with illegally possessing a revolver found on him.

Isaac Shorr, attorney for the New York I. L. D., will defend Accorisi at the hearing tomorrow. Should the magistrate decide to extradite him to Pennsylvania, Shorr will go to Albany to fight the extradition before Governor Roosevelt.

**Communists Gain in Seine Election**

PARIS (By Mail).—The elections to the General Council of the Seine Department have resulted in considerable successes for the Communists. Up to the present the Communists have five seats and good prospects in two other constituencies. At the last elections, in 1905, five Communists were elected. In almost all constituencies the votes for Communists had increased. Marrane was elected in Ivry, Auffrey in Clichy, Laporte and Lauze in St. Denis and Coudert in Bagnolet.

**Sues Sheriff as One Responsible for the Lynching of Husband**

BILOXI, Miss., (By Mail).—Jeanie Mae Bearden has started suit against Martin Brister, sheriff of Lincoln county, for the lynching of Stanley Bearden, her husband, by a mob in Brookhaven, in June, 1928. Charging that the sheriff's negligence aided the lynching, she is seeking \$10,000. The Klan-controlled courts will throw out the suit, it is said.

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ST. PAUL, Minn., June 18.—One person was killed, several others were injured and a score of passengers were badly shaken up when the locomotive and six cars of an Omaha passenger train were derailed near here today.

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**PASS NEW LAWS TO ROB TENANTS**

**Harlem Situation Calls for Big Rent Strike**

(Continued from Page One) pired, when rents in many working class sections were boosted as much as 100 per cent, the bill very kindly allows the victims to try and get it back by suing the landlords.

The sitting of the board was attended in force by the landlords and their lackeys, such as Fred Moore, editor of the New York Age, reactionary Negro paper, who saw to it that enough loopholes were left in the fake ordinance to serve their purposes. However, the bosses did not appear to be entirely satisfied with the results, as the New York Real Estate Board, a landlord organization, later announced that it would fight to have the law declared unconstitutional.

"The Supreme Court of the United States has held that an emergency must be proven before such an act is valid," said E. P. Dowle, president of the board. "There is no shortage of apartments and consequently no emergency." In these words he forecast that the hoax would be thrown out in the near future, again leaving the harassed tenants without any legal "protection" whatever.

The Harlem Tenants' League is already organizing rent strikes in apartment houses where the rents have been boosted sky high in the last few months. It intends to show up the bill, not with a single test case, but by group struggle.

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**Legislature Attacks DePriest Tea**

AUSTIN, Texas, June 18.—The Texas house of representatives today, in an unvailing of Jim Crow feeling against the Negroes, condemned the entertainment of the wife of Congressman DePriest in the White House with other wives of government officials. Hoover had invited this Negro woman as part of his drive to hold Negro votes for the republican party, and without promising the Negro workers a thing, or even loosening his orders for "lily white" republican party organization in the South.

But the Texas legislators fear a lessing of the white terror by which they keep the Negro enslaved and showed only ten votes against the resolution of condemnation. Even these ten were careful to explain that they were against Negroes, but objected to minor features of the resolution.

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 18.—The Oklahoma house of representatives engaged in stormy debate today over a resolution to "condemn the attempt of the present occupants of the White House to destroy the social demarcation between white and black citizens."

and white tenants against the landlords that Negro misleaders in Harlem are attempting to start up landlord-controlled leagues to hoodwink the Negro workers and offset the activities of the League, reports Solomon Harper, chairman of the publicity committee. The League is now making arrangements to hold numerous street meetings throughout the city, with the intention of helping tenants in districts other than Harlem to organize leagues similar to the Harlem Tenants League.

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**Negro Worker Directors.** The question of mobilizing the Negro workers under the leadership of the Communist Party will be discussed at a meeting of Negro Section Directors in Room 204, Workers Center, tomorrow, 7 p. m.  
**Section 3 Concert.** A concert and dance to celebrate the conclusion of the membership drive will be held at the Student Point Palace, 163rd St. and So. Boulevard, Saturday, June 22. William W. Weinstein will speak. Smith's Negro band will provide dance music and the Freiheit Gesangs Verein will sing.  
**Literature Agents, District 2.** A meeting of section and unit literature agents will be held at 8 p. m. Friday at the Workers Center, 28 Union Sq., Room 603. Agents unable to attend must send representatives.  
**Unit Negro Directors.** The section committee will be reorganized in accordance with the decisions of the section bureau at the meeting at the Harlem Labor Center at 7:30 p. m. today.  
**Yorkville Communist Youth League.** An Executive Committee meeting will be held at 6 p. m. tomorrow at 28 Union Square.  
A unit meeting will be held at 8 p. m. Friday at 350 E. 51st St.  
**Harlem Unit 2, C. Y. L.** The Executive Committee will meet at 8 p. m. today.

**Fraternal Organizations**

**MANHATTAN**  
**Volunteers, N. T. W. U.** Volunteers for general work are asked to report between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., at the union office, Room 1707, 104 Fifth Ave.  
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**Night Workers I. L. D.** A meeting of the Night Workers I. L. D. Branch will be held today at 8 p. m. at 23 Union Square, 5th floor.  
**New York Drug Clerks.** A meeting will be held at Stuyvesant Casino, 142 Second Ave., 8:30 p. m. tomorrow.  
**Gastonia Collection Tag Days.** The Tag Days for the defense of the Gastonia strikers, which the New York district of the International Labor Defense is conducting, will continue all week. Volunteers for the collection work are asked to report at the following stations:  
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**Unit 2F, Section 2.** Abrams will lead discussion on the C. I. Address at the unit meeting at 6:30 p. m. tomorrow at 39 Union Square.  
**Unit 2E, Section 2.** A meeting will be held at 6:30 p. m. tomorrow at 101 W. 27th St.  
**Downtown Unit 1, C. Y. L.** Unit meets at 7:30 p. m. Friday at 27 E. 4th St.  
An Executive Committee meeting will be held at 8 p. m. today at 27 E. 4th St.  
**Unit 14F, Section 2 (formerly 2F, 2C).** A meeting will be held at 28 Union Square at 6:30 p. m. tomorrow.  
**Shop Nucleus 4, Section 3.** A D. E. C. member will lead discussion on the C. I. Address at the meeting at 6 p. m. tomorrow at 101 W. 27th St. Those absent will be called to the section discipline committee.

**BRONX**  
**Unit 6, Section 5.** A District Office speaker will lead discussion on the C. I. Address as part of the enlightenment campaign at the meeting at 8:30 tonight at 1330 Wilkins Ave.  
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## "AMITY" CELEBRATIONS TO HIDE WAR PREPARATIONS. By Jacob Burck



### Middle Class Liberals and Socialists Join the Gastonia Frame-Up.

WHEN the bureaucratic government machinery does not function fast enough against the toilers, the bosses always call upon the watchdogs of capitalism, the lynch squads. Many of the best of the working class have been killed in this way including Wesley Everest, Frank Little, and a host of other uncompromising fighters against the capitalist class have thus met physical death.

The wealth accumulated by the rich of the South was ground from the blood and toil of the black race. The struggles of the Negro masses for better living conditions was therefore the greatest menace to the boss class. Every assertion of the Negroes for the right to better life, no matter how remote it may have seemed from economic questions, was met with brutal attacks from the upper class whites who frequently succeeded in fooling many white workers into following them. In the South for these reasons the lynch weapon was mainly directed against Negroes.

With the beginning of the efficiency production (rationalization) program, especially that feature of it which resulted in the process of industrialization in the South, large masses of poor white country and village folk were drawn into the factories. The struggle of these workers, many Negroes among them, now begins to menace the growing profits of the bosses. The tradition of lynch law is a strong one; the bosses now turn it against all workers, black and white.

In the Gastonia, and even in the Elizabethton strikes lynch mobs ran loose. In Elizabethton they found a portly prosperous looking group of A. F. L. representatives, whose mission the gangsters did not understand at first. An understanding was reached and the lynch mob was called off. Woll and DuPont, the "labor leader" and the rayon magnate got together in the Wall Street financed Civic Federation, of which they are both active members, and the Elizabethton workers found themselves betrayed.

In Gastonia the lynch mob found a group of what even the middle class liberals had to admit were "fearless, energetic and determined men who were loyal to their tasks". Such a group of organizers led by the Communist Party and the militant National Textile Workers' Union the bosses concluded could not be expected to betray the workers and so had to be lynched.

A whole series of such attempts were made. Pershing, Beal and others had dynamite thrown at them. Another day only the miraculous appearance of a union automobile saved Pershing from the hands of a mob. Food supplies for relief were destroyed. The union and relief headquarters were attacked with rifles, bayonets and axes. Women and children as well as men were mercilessly beaten up by deputies while on picket duty. And finally a group of bloodthirsty thugs, headed by Aderholt, tried to wipe out, with the same methods as those previously used, the tent colony set up by the workers after the textile barons had evicted them.

It was in defense of this colony that the workers made a stand. Better than to have even these frail homes destroyed, better than to have their meager food supply taken away, better than to be shot down in meek submission, these workers, (all honor to them!) defended themselves militantly, as every worker should, and prevented the attempted massacre.

It is well known that the lynch mobs in the south are largely recruited from the middle class. If the middle class of the north do not physically participate in the lynchings they certainly encourage their southern brothers in their activities. This encouragement is given not only by the most reactionary of the northern middle class but even by the so-called liberals and socialists.

The Nation of June 19, organ of the middle class liberals and socialists, carries a sharp criticism of the Communists because they tried to house the workers after the company evicted them. The Nation believes that it would have been better had the Communists let the workers out on the streets so as not to offend the mill owners. They say:

Certainly the Communists were foolhardy in attempting to maintain a colony of strikers at a white heat of enthusiasm, weeks after the strike had been lost when there was scarcely any legal outlet for the enthusiasm. . . .

With the above quotation the Nation joins the lynch mobs of the south who are crying that the strikers are fighting "unlawfully" and must be taught a lesson. The Nation also joins the lynch crowd when it tries to paint the thug, Aderholt, as an angel of peace who was a victim of the strikers.

The fact that Aderholt met his inglorious end on the grounds of the tent colony must be explained in order to make out him an angel, so the Nation prints the obvious fairy tale that he came with his armed deputies on "hearing reports of a fight in the colony between two strikers." The Gastonia strikers can only laugh bitterly at this new frame-up theory.

As if to cover their own infamy the Nation gloats over the falsehood that the "feeling of the community" is "against the strike leaders." If the community consists of the local boss press and the bar association than this is true. But if the community consists of the mass of toilers then this is a lie written only to justify and encourage the legal murder proceedings now taking place.

The Nation concludes that "the strikers in both Gastonia and Elizabethton have had a dangerous lesson in the injustice of established authority." Why "dangerous?" we must ask. A very necessary lesson to the workers, we believe. "Dangerous" only to the capitalist system with its open frame-up by the big bourgeoisie and its hidden support to frame-up by the little bourgeoisie.

They try to throw fear into the Communists and praise to the local police gangsters, when they say, "only the persuasiveness of the local officers has saved the Communist leaders of the strike from being lynched." We have already in yesterday's issue printed the facts as to how Fred Beal escaped with his life. These expose the lies of the Nation and need not be reprinted here. Throughout the strike it was the alertness of the workers' guard which saved the leaders as well as strikers from lynching. The workers of the whole country must learn the lesson from this in their future struggle.

The Nation is typical of the attitude of these middle class "liberal" stoopigeons who in such vile manner suggest

By BILL DUNNE.

GASTONIA, June 13 (By Mail).—A stranger coming into this city gets the impression that it is in a state of siege, that any moment, so the business men believe, a hostile army may descend upon this community.

The number of armed men at the main street intersections is amazing. Others walk up and down the main streets apparently without anything in particular to do except to gather in groups and eye any stranger who comes in by bus or train. Some are in uniform, some in ordinary civilian dress but all pack a gun on their hip.

The city itself is quiet as a graveyard. There is no excitement on the surface. While I sat on the courthouse steps a young fine looking special deputy, who said he had worked in the mills for six years, complained to me of the lack of excitement. We read the latest issue of the Gastonia Gazette together.

When we came to the names of the strikers who have been released the young deputy expressed great pleasure. "I know most all the boys in jail," he said. "I got lots of friends among them. I hope they get out all right." He asked if the North was "torn up with strikes" like the South was. I told him it was just about the same. He confided to me that he wanted to go north and get work as a carpenter. I spoke to him about union wages and one-company towns, the cost of living, etc. He agreed and said: "There ain't nothing for the young people to do here less than they go to work in the mills." Wages used to be higher in the mills, he said, but they have been getting smaller for the last three years. "There don't seem to be no help for it," he concluded.

Read Daily Worker. While we were talking a Daily Worker was passed around among a group on the upper step. I could not see the article they were interested in but from one it evoked the following comment: "The fellow that printed that ought to be hung up and ridden through the town on a truck." With the fervent hope that the article was signed by some one who was not sitting on the courthouse steps, I got out my handkerchief and wiped from my forehead some beads of sweat for which the heat of a North Carolina summer could not be held solely responsible.

Such remarks as that quoted above, if made to larger gatherings, undoubtedly serve to convince the Manville-Jencks officials that the editor of the Gastonia Gazette is earning his money. Today the whole editorial page of this mill owners' sheet—barring the advertisements—is devoted to the struggle against the "reds." Every editorial is intended to create prejudice and incite hatred of the arrested strikers and organizers.

Insufficient Bloodthirstiness. The editor hunts far and wide for appropriate quotations from other papers—naturally, of course, he hunts for signs of sympathy and sup-

port for the Manville-Jencks company and its loyal lackeys whom he has christened, with more fulsome-ness than originality, "the forces of right and righteousness." Strange it is to say but the truth must be told and it is an actual fact that the Gastonia Gazette is getting very poor support from the press of this state. The editorials which are sufficiently bloodthirsty for it to quote with unreserved approval come only from such papers as the Stanly News-Herald—published in a town of three or four thousand population. The Gastonia editor makes a tremendous effort to fit an editorial from the Statesville Daily into the Manville-Jencks mosaic but actually this editorial does nothing more than withhold judgment, although it is published in an industrial city of some 35,000 population.

With the Raleigh News and Observer and the Greensboro News the Gastonia Gazette is in open combat. For the Baltimore Sun it has reserved the lower depths of the baptism hell. The consequences are that by the time it gets around to the Communists its invectives are exhausted and its arguments about as convincing as an advertisement of an astrologist to Professor Einstein.

The editor attempts to make up for this deficiency by publishing, word for word, what he considers are damning extracts from the Daily

Worker. At the risk of cutting down the publicity for the International Labor Defense, the National Textile Workers Union and the Workers International Relief in and around Gastonia, we must say here that the most important parts of the statements by these organizations which, owing to the suppression of workers' meetings in Gastonia and the extreme difficulty of distributing leaflets and the Daily Worker because of police repressions, would have reached only a small percentage of the mill workers, have been given a circulation equal to that of the Gastonia Gazette itself. There is almost a full column of first class union, defense and relief propaganda published on the editorial page of today's Gastonia Gazette.

Gastonia Gives Daily a Page. Earlier in the week the Gazette gave us almost a full page. One article running about three columns was co-published from the Daily Worker and even its original heading, "Gastonia Strikers Prepare to Fight Lynchings," was included. On another page of the same issue, June 12, the Gazette reprinted a story by me running one and a quarter columns. The only complaint that can be made against the manner in which this story was handled in that the copy reader made a slight error by saying in the head: "Story by Bill Dunne 'Who

### The Electric Chair in the Background for the Strikers and Their Leaders in Carolina Jail

Was Known Here as George Pershing." But the second 12 point cap line is good. It says: "Denounces Bosses."

What worker will object to this? Humorous as some aspects of the ravings of the Gastonia Gazette may be, important as is the confusion created among the Southern ruling class by the growing industrialization and the increasing will of the industrial workers for struggle against low wages, long hours, the speed-up and for organization of a militant character, the fight of the mill owners, their press and their government against the National Textile Workers Union is unrelenting.

The mill barons, with the Manville-Jencks Company taking the lead, are determined to send Fred Beal and others to the electric chair and railroad dozens of workers to prison for long terms. They are trying to exterminate the N. T. W. They fear this fighting union and will stop at nothing to destroy its leadership.

\$250,000 for Frame-up. It is common talk here that the Manville-Jencks Company will have in the neighborhood of \$250,000 contributed by the textile interests to spend in trying to electrocute the 13 union members and organizers charged with murder and to railroad the 58 charged with assault with intent to kill. I believe that this is too low an estimate if one judges by the number of lawyers the company has already retained to aid the prosecution. They number 14 to date, some of them the best North Carolina affords, and negotiations are going on with others.

Anyone who knows lawyers will realize at once that a quarter of a million dollars will be too small a sum unless they kill one another in the scramble for it. This tremendous array of legal talent, the Gastonia Gazette's daily demands for workers' gore and plenty of it, the army of police and special deputies, the demonstrations staged at the city hall by mill officials, superintendents, bosses and company tools of various ratings—all of this is public expression of malevolent determination to create an atmosphere in which no one will be bold enough to challenge the program of the textile barons.

But the mill workers are not being deceived. When their turn to speak comes again—and it is coming very soon—their sentiment will be known by words and deeds. More spontaneous requests for application cards of the N. T. W. are being made than at any time since its organizers came into this Manville-Jencks barony. This, and the ever-growing national movement for the defense of the 71 workers, is sufficient answer to the offensive of the textile barons for the short time that has elapsed since the historic battle in the W. I. R. tent colony.

In this great movement the Communists are playing a leading role. This is the guarantee of its final victory.

German Imperial Militarists Lead Army



The present republic of Germany is nothing but a government of the big industrial magnates of Germany, who the social democrats serve the bosses in pretending as a cloak for imperial and monarchial activities. Proof that the German republic is a bosses' government and that the social democrats work hand in hand with the old generals of the kaiser is given in the above photo, showing General Mackensen, a bitter foe of the workers, and an old aristocrat, reviewing the German troops. The social democrats in their governmental capacities entrust the army to the same generals who served the kaiser in slaughtering workers in the imperialist world war.

ideas for making a case against the strikers. We have as additional evidence a statement issued by the American Civil Liberties Union, which "deplores the tragedy . . . through the use of arms by the strikers against the police." Nothing to them that it was the police who attacked the tent colony seriously wounding strike organizer Joe Harrison and others before they were stopped and not the other way as

they try to imply. The balance of this statement is along the same line as the Nation editorial.

The workers of America will draw the lessons from the events and the reaction of various groups in the population to the events. If the workers ever harbored any illusions as to the "friendliness" of the middle class liberals and socialists to their struggles the Gastonia frame-up is an eye-opener.

## CEMENT By FEODOR GLADKOV

Translated by A. S. Arthur and C. Ashleigh

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Gleb Chumalov, Red Army Commissar, returns to his town on the Black Sea after the Civil Wars to find the great cement works, where he had formerly worked as a mechanic, in ruins and the life of the town disorganized. He discovers a great change in his wife, Dasha, whom he has not seen for three years. She is no longer the conventional wife, dependent on him, but has become a woman with a life of her own, a leader among the women of the town together with Polia Mekhova, secretary of the Women's Section of the Communist Party.

Gleb wins over the leading Party workers to the task of reconstructing the factory and work is started. It is, however, interrupted by a surprise attack by Cossack bandits from the mountains. Gleb takes command at once and after sharp fighting, during which Gleb vanquishes a Cossack in a bitter hand-to-hand fight, the bandits are repulsed.

MEN were running from the coppice in all directions, stumbling, firing, falling and rolling over. The tumult of shots, smoke, fire and yelling voices came from just beyond the summit where the Red soldiers were concealed. Polia was lying on her stomach, shooting also. The rifle kicked her shoulder painfully, but in wild excitement she was snapping the breech, aiming and firing among the figures in the distance who were running and jumping here and there like hares.

She was dimly conscious of Gleb running past her up the slope and of the dull echoes of his shouted commands from the other side of the summit.

### THE FIRST TRUCK.

THE wheels in the power-house were humming; their metal spokes swung round, beating like black wings at various slopes and angles. Like cobweb threads, the steel cables wound and unwound themselves on the rims of the fat coils. The electricians, laborers and young Communists, headed by the bronzed Lukhava and Engineer Kleist, were looking in silent admiration at the electric flight of the wheels, and listening to the resurrected music of the machinery.

An avalanche of people came running down the valley, a mile deep, over the cement and slate—gnawed by the wind and rain—among the boulders and through the gullies. The mass was boiling, heaving, roaring with its thousands of voices. It seemed to sway in muscular convulsions, spasmodically, like the convulsions of the body of a gigantic centipede.

From the highest point of the cable-line down to the bottom, where lay pyramids of stones, the human cataract was divided in two parts, between which four taut cables stretched over a track of cinders, humming strange tunes.

And, cleaving these two human torrents, far down, was moving a square tortoise, clinging to the cables by pulleys which gave out a flute-like whistling.

"Hurra-a-a-ah! Hurra-a-a-ah!"

You would not have thought that this was the roar of a crowd, but rather the roaring of a storm in the funnel-like crater of a high mountain.

THE detachment of armed workers was now descending from the summit of the mountain in ragged formation. The Red soldiers had resumed their posts up there, and were keeping watch on high like vigilant birds. Gleb and Mekhova were leading the armed workers. Behind them the body of a comrade was being carried on rifles.

The workers' detachment came down to the machines and stacked their rifles. Their faces bore the trace of recent emotion, and were covered with dust and sweat. They laid down the body of their dead comrade—his head was a bloodied mass—on the concrete at the feet of the crowd. Pressing against each other, crying discordantly, the crowd rushed up to the detachment, surrounding it closely. Laughing and yelling, they jostled the workmen and seizing Gleb, swallowed him up in their midst. Then, with arms and legs flying, he was flung into the air like a dummy, falling back into the thick mass. Again seized, amid laughter and uproar, they tossed him again above their heads; and again . . . and then again . . .

Another crowd, silent and stern, faces drawn with grief, was gathered round the corpse. It was impossible to trace in this blood-clotted head the features of Mitka, the concertina-player, who by force had grasped a rifle and thrust himself into the Communist detachment.

Amidst the tumult of the crowd, the girls of the Young Communist League were bandaging the wounded.

"You've been sweating, Comrades! You do look pretty! Well, we've let them have it! They've dug their own graves, not ours!"

"Ho, ho, workers! We'll smash them to Hell, the bastards!"

A voice was choking with joy:

"I'll crush them all! Bring up a thousand more generals—we'll send them to the right-about! Oh, my little brothers, with breeches or without—! Let's sing the 'International'! We got them then! The women, the dear little mothers—how I love the Women's Section! Bring the whole Women's Section here so I may embrace them all!"

MORE people were approaching, cheering. And again Gleb was enthusiastically tossed up in the air. Then they crowded round the corpse, murmuring with grief.

Mekhova was elbowing her way through the crowd, shouting all the time: "Comrades! Comrades!"

Her face was all eyes.

Engineer Kleist approached Gleb, his face working nervously; with his usual gravity he silently pressed his hand.

And Dasha, in passing Gleb, laid her hand on his shoulder and looked at him with wet eyes in which was a new and wondering joy.

"Gleb!"

"Little Dasha!"

But she went on and was lost in the torrent of the crowd.

And now, the most important thing of all—the masses. The thunder of toil. The winged flight of the wheels. That night the eyes of the factory opened, like electric moons; and the dead opaque bulbs in the workmen's dwellings suddenly re-lit their twined threads. The factory! It trembled already; already its hidden power was resounding in its underground depths and its windows looked out yearningly, like a human. The masses had awakened the mountain which had died in wilderness and mildew. The ropeway was crying out with its iron voice. Black clouds will eddy from the smoke-stacks' mouths, and the tortoises of the air will fly down to the docks and back to their heights, devouring the chalk in the quarries. The goats . . . the pipe-lighters . . . the mouse-like squeaking of the little hand-tools . . . this will be finished.

Lukhava stood near the machines, waving his arms and crying out to some people below.

There was an iron clanging somewhere; the wheels stirred and then stopped again.

GLEB ran down the steps to the engines. A large flat truck, covered with grey dust and smelling of decay, stood on a level with the platform.

He ran up, and with the habit of military command, shouted to the crowd:

"Place our Comrade's body in the truck. He shall be carried down with honor. Let everybody see—all who are here—let them see it right to the end."

Many hands raised the body. Silently and with care they carried it down the steps and put it on the truck.

"Comrades—! My lads! His pick! And his rifle! Lay them by him, Comrades!"

Gleb stood out on the abutments, between the blue obelisks, and raised his arms in a great gesture.

"Let her down now! All together! Ready!"

And to the noise of the wheels, the truck went down the slope, riding like a bird, easily and airily.

Again Gleb raised his arms on high.

"Comrades, listen! A sacrifice to labor. . . . With our united strength. . . . No tears or sobs! The victory of our hands. . . . the factory. We have won. . . . We shall make ourselves heard with fire and machinery. The great work of building up the Workers' Republic. . . . Ourselves, with our brains and bodies. . . . The blood and suffering of the struggle—these are our weapons for winning the whole world. Let it go now, Brothers!"

And he began to sing, waving his arms. Then the crowd took it up, ever louder. The mountains seemed to be torn by the clamour; the air eddied as in a storm. The earth trembled as with an earthquake.

And the truck floated and swayed in the air like a little bird amidst the tempest and shattering thunder.

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