

'Workers Must Free Us', Declares Bush; 'Venue Change a Trick', Says Schechter

MASS STRENGTH MUST OPPOSE BOSSES OF N. C.

Exposes Hypocrisy of "Chivalry"

The following is the address made by Vere Bush, one of the 16 whom the Gastonia bosses are attempting to railroad to electrocution. The address was made to the thousands of workers who attended the huge Gastonia Defense and Relief demonstration in New York recently.

Fellow Workers and Comrades: Your wonderful demonstration tonight has fully justified the faith in the working class of this country which we without exception felt even in our most trying and abandoned times. This demonstration here justifies the faith in the working class which we felt even when we sat in our cells down there in Gastonia after the raids of June 7th.

If Amy Schechter and myself are able to be here tonight to speak to you after two months in the jails of Gastonia, we owe this to the hypocritical gesture of southern chivalry, that famous chivalry toward women on the part of the prosecution, who want on the one hand, to cover up their weakness, the mistake they have made by dragging three women into this case, realizing what an asset our presence is to the case, wishing to cover up on the other hand their intentions to the fullest extent to railroad these thirteen boys—their intentions of stopping at nothing, to send them to the electric chair, as many as possible to long prison sentences.

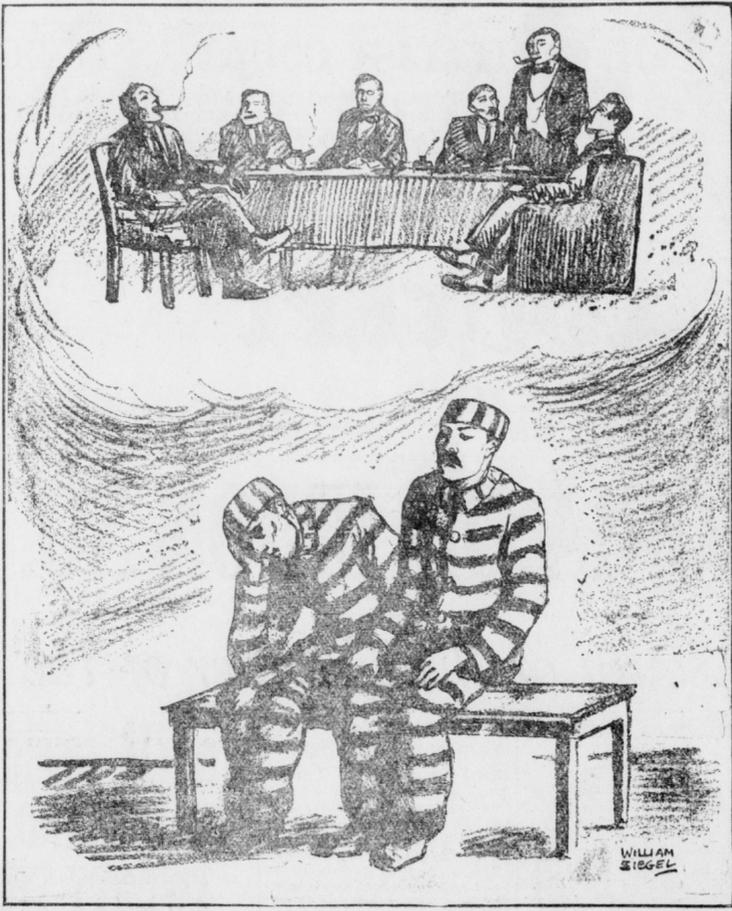
The prosecution did not change this indictment against us—indeed it stands as it was made in the beginning. We are indicted also for first degree murder. Then the prosecuting attorney announced that the state would be lenient toward the women, and would ask only for a second degree verdict against us. We thereupon asked ourselves, if you are so chivalrous towards women, State of North Carolina, mill owners of North Carolina, we ask you what about those rotten conditions for women which you have in your hell holes of textile mills in the South? We ask you what about that twelve hour shift for the women? We ask you what about the treatment of women on the picket lines? What about the bayonets that you cracked into women's backs, what about the fists and clubs on women's heads? What about the police who grabbed us on June 7th, kicked us and shoved us into the cells like rats? What about these things, we ask?

We two are here tonight to speak to you. Down in Gastonia, our thirteen boys are still behind the bars. Thirteen of the finest specimen of working class manhood—sitting there awaiting the outcome of their sentences—the worst sentence which the state can give to any man.

The boys in Gastonia bring back to our minds so many labor cases of the past—the 7 in Chicago in the year 1886 who dared to fight for an eight-hour day. Who framed up and convicted of murder also. Seven were hung for daring to fight for the eight-hour day. Gastonia brings back to our minds Tom Mooney and Billings, sitting in the jails of California, after thirteen years, after the very judges and jurors openly stated that they are innocent, but in

CAPITALISM PERFECTS TORTURE

By William Siegel



vain. Those boys bring back to our minds the Centralia, Washington, workers who in 1919 took guns in their hands like our boys. When a mob came to attack them they did not lie down like sheep in their own blood; they had the courage to lift a gun and now sit in a prison serving their sentences for their heroic deed. Fundamentally our thirteen boys and we women are framed up and are here today and the boys are in their cells like animals in a cage, where they cannot breathe the fresh air, because we dared to rebel against slavery and fought and organized the struggle against the on this charge for the same reason, capitalist oppressors.

We see the object of the mill owners in conducting this raid, this famous raid of June 7th, which led to the frame-up in which we sixteen are now involved. There are two objects. Their immediate object was that by arresting all the leading strikers, 100, by putting all the organizers in jail, to break the strike in the Loray Mill. Their ultimate object was to crush and destroy all vestiges of organization in the South.

The working class, the American working class must give its answer to this drive of the mill owners, which has involved us in this terrible affair. The workers have given their answer in the South. They have said "our organization shall not go." They have stood up as one man. The answer, I will give tonight. I will give you the answer to the indictment of the mill owners

of North Carolina. I will give you the answer of the defense. We say, if it should happen that things go badly through this coming month, and we are not strong enough to defeat the bosses, and if it is necessary for us to pay the penalty for the fight, we will pay it. We are ready. We regard nothing. We are ready to pay that penalty.

But it is for you to give your answer. It is for you to say "we must not pay the penalty." We want to be free. We want our lives to give to the service of the working class. We want our lives to be our own, to organize the workers as we have been doing until now. We don't want to pay the penalty and it is up to you to show by your strength that the state of North Carolina dare not convict us. It is up to you to say that there shall not be one electrocution, not one prison sentence, not one day or week in prison for any of the defendants.

And it is up to you finally, fellow workers. It is up to you if there are to be further Gastonias. Some day you will be in such a case. It is up to you to rally behind us by building your working class organizations—your new militant unions, the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Campaign, the shield of the working class, the Communist Party, by building to all these organizations. It is up to you to pledge yourselves to unite, to build and strengthen all these working class organizations, which lead us and give us aid in the struggle.

Tenth Anniversary of Communist Party Picnic in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Aug. 21.—The tenth anniversary of the Communist Party will be celebrated at the picnic of District 6, on Labor Day, Sept. 2 at Rybeck Grove, 6347 Turney Road, starting at 10 a. m. There will be national speakers, labor sports by the Labor Sports Union, a ball game, dancing and refreshments.

The picnic will take place at the time of the convention of the Trade Union Educational League in Cleveland and a large number of the delegates to the convention will be at the picnic.

Graf Stowaway Breaks For Freedom, Caught

HAMBURG, Aug. 21.—Albert Buschko, the stowaway on the recent voyage of the Graf Zeppelin from Friedrichshafen to Lakehurst, N. J., attempted to escape from the ship on which he had been deported from America when it neared Hamburg today, jumping overboard and striking out for shore. A boat pursued; he was recaptured and turned over to the police and will be prosecuted on a charge of endangering public transport by jumping on top of the Graf Zeppelin as it pulled out of its hanger at Friedrichshafen.

"DEMONSTRATE TO DEFEAT THE MILL BARONS"

"Throw Yourselves in Defense Drive"

"Only you workers can save us," declared Amy Schechter to the huge audience that heard her at the Gastonia defense demonstration in New York recently. Her speech follows:

Fellow Workers and Comrades: The battle to free the 16 Gastonia prisoners, one of the most tremendous tasks before the American working class today, is not only a battle to free 16 workers from the murderous clutches of the mill owners. It is not only a battle to establish the right of the workers to organize in the South. It is a battle for the right of revolutionary unionism to exist in the United States. Comrades, if the workers of the United States do not yet realize that this is the beginning of our fight today, to free the prisoners, the capitalists of the whole United States do realize this. They realize this is a turning point in the history of the workers of the United States, and because of this the capitalists of the United States are united back of the mill owners of the South to railroad these workers to the electric chair.

In this first movement of organization, of militant organization in the south, the capitalists saw that the workers of the south were not a reserve of reaction but a reserve of working class militancy and courage. The mill owners know that for the past ten or fifteen years the workers of the South have been thru militant struggles, have been shot down in their attempts to organize.

About the tent colony there were women and children. The police would come around, the committee of 100 would threaten to tear our place down and kill the women and children. One day before the raid they tried to kill Red Hendricks, one of our leading defendants, the young mill worker. He was one of the first strikers to be arrested in the strike. He was one of the first to go up outside the mill gates and to call to the workers to revolt against the bosses. That night a gang, together with some of the police tried to put him to death, when some of the workers came along and they had to drop him. When they got hold of Hendricks, he was on his way to a house of a worker in the Loray mill, to talk about coming out. After he was beaten up, he went to the union headquarters, sat there spitting blood for a few hours, and then he went to the house where the worker lived, to carry out his job for the union. That is the spirit of the workers in Gastonia. When they saw the spirit of the workers, the mill owners decided to drown the strike in blood. The drunken committee of One Hundred opened fire on the workers there. Then the battle commenced, as you know. Why did they take the sixteen defendants out of the one hundred arrested first? Not because they have evidence, any facts against them. All the evidence of the prosecution is based on lying affidavits that will not be able to stand up when they reach the light of day. Affidavits of people who have been bought by a few dollars. Not one worker, active in the strike, has turned against us, can be used by the prosecution. Not because they had anything against them, but because they were the heart of the union in Gastonia. They were workers straight out of the mill who in two months had developed to a point where they could go out and organize other workers.

Since I have been here, I saw there were two great dangers which may send our workers to the electric chair. One is an illusion that because there has been a change of venue that the defendants will go free. This is a very dangerous illusion. This change of venue was forced out by the mass pressure of the workers. But if the workers give up and rest on their laurels, the bosses will have won. This change of venue is only the beginning of the fight. The next two weeks will determine the fight.

We have two many working class martyrs today. Too many Mooneys in jail. We need fighters, today, not martyrs. We do not need mass demonstrations at the funerals of these Gastonia workers. We need demonstrations now, to free these workers. And Comrades, we do not need splendid corpses for the revolutionary movement today. We need these workers and Comrades alive and free, to carry on the fight and organize the South.

Workers! No Second Sacco Case!



Photo shows thousands of Boston workers demonstrating on Boston common after the legal murder of Sacco and Vanzetti, Aug. 22, 1927. A legal murder on a larger scale looms in Gastonia. Workers, will you let the mill bosses murder the 16 fighters threatened with electrocution? Demonstrate, and aid the International Labor Defense and Workers International Relief joint campaign to free the 16 strikers.

Gastonia Colony Is In Need of Clothes; W.I.R. Asks for Help

Clothes are badly needed in the tent colony near Gastonia, according to Caroline Drew, relief representative in the South. The Workers International Relief urges workers everywhere to send bundles of clothes of every description, and shoes to the W.I.R. store at 418 Brook Ave., New York City, in care of Louis Baum.

Baum, who manages the store, announces that a truck will call for bundles if they cannot be sent direct. A cleaning establishment is also operated under Baum's supervision, which not only mends and cleans garments before they are sent South, but also does expert cleaning and dyeing for patrons, to cover the expenses of operating the store.

All sympathizers are urged to patronize the store. Garments are called for and delivered.

Widow of Prisoner Killed in Auburn Jail Rebellion Sues

BUFFALO, Aug. 21.—Suit for \$100,000 damages will be started this week against the State of New York seeking damages for the death of Joseph Cirringone, 37, a prisoner shot and killed in the prison rebellion at Auburn.

The suit is being brought in the name of Cirringone's son, widow, and mother. It is based on the theory that a prisoner is entitled to protection while in prison. His death, it is charged, was due to carelessness of the guards who fired on prisoners. The claim will be filed in Albany in a few days. The guards are said to have shot right and left.

Every ounce of energy must be put into organizing against the mill bosses during the next two weeks. They must throw themselves into the defense campaign. They must recruit members into the W.I.R. and the I.L.D., into the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Committee. They must show the workers in every shop and factory the truth of the case. They must force the jail doors open and see that the workers go free. The other danger is a fatalistic attitude. They assume that the bosses are too strong, that they have these workers and that they will all go to the electric chair. We will have a splendid funeral and we will have a splendid demonstration. We will have the new working class martyrs.

OFFICIALS PLAN TO JAIL WORKERS IN ARMY PRISONS

"Enforcement" Plan Extended by Hoover

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Working class prisoners can be forced to undergo repressive discipline of the military jails, according to an agreement concluded today between President Hoover, War Secretary Good and Attorney Mitchell. Under the plea of "relieving overcrowding in Federal penitentiaries," the agreement provides for the transfer to the State Justice Department of military prisons not yet full.

The first move in the new plan will be to turn over the notorious Leavenworth Military Prison to the Department of Justice. The vicious discipline at Leavenworth has been told more than once by soldiers and particularly by friends of John Porter, young Communist League organizer imprisoned for deserting the army and becoming active in the New Bedford textile strike. Governor's Island and Alcatraz, where Paul Crouch was imprisoned for activity in the Hawaiian Communist League, are also included in the transfer plan.

While the move is inspired largely by the recent wholesale prison revolts against terrific overcrowding, the use of military jails for the civilian population fits well into the Hoover "law enforcement" plan, designed primarily as an extension of repressive measures against the workers.

\$20,000,000 Air Line For Germany, USSR & Japan Being Planned

BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 21.—A \$20,000,000 project for regular dirigible service between Germany, the Soviet Union and Japan, with terminals in each of the three countries, was announced today by Capt. Walter Burns of the Aeronautic Society. Two liners of the Zeppelin type with a third craft in reserve for emergencies, and four flights monthly from Berlin to Tokio and return are planned, the venture calling for possible extension of service over the Aleutian Islands to Vancouver and San Francisco.

Leningrad, Krasnoyarsk, Harbin and possibly Osaka would be regular stations on the route, with mooring masts used at intermediate points, while it is proposed to build a hangar at Krasnoyarsk, U. S. S. R., as a permanent base for the reserve ship. The promoters visualize an arrangement for the transfer of passengers to Berlin from air lines all over Europe which would feed the departing dirigibles bound for the Orient.

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.

BIG ANTI-FASCIST MEET THIS FRIDAY

NY Workers to Protest Fascist "Pilgrimage"

is to register approval of the struggle which is being waged by the workers and peasants of Italy against the infamous fascist-capitalist regime; to demonstrate the will of anti-fascists to fight the reaction in the United States; to demand the liberation of the Gastonia frame-up victims and all political prisoners languishing in capitalist jails, and to protest against the fascist propaganda "pilgrimages" to inquisitorial Italy, where more than 15,000 workers have been jailed.

More Charges on Quack Minister

Affidavits and other papers compiled by the Department of Health, giving further exposures of the medical quack, Rev. James Empringham, are in the hands of Deputy State Attorney-General Sol Ullman while the minister is traveling east to face charges. The papers came from the State Board of Medical Examiners yesterday, it was learned yesterday.

The affidavits give further proof of the Empringham, a prominent minister in the Episcopal Church in the West, used his "Health Education Institute" to develop social contact with women whom he ordered to strip before him.

Belief was expressed in some quarters yesterday that the reverend quack would not show up in New York.

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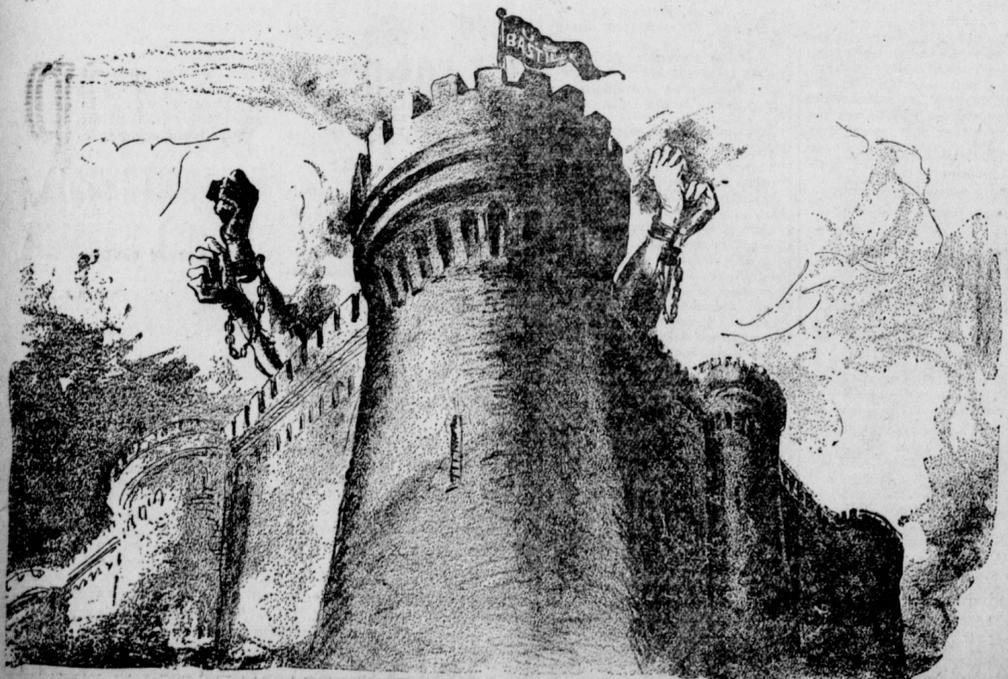
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FREE THE GASTONIA PRISONERS!

By Fred Ellis



Robert Allen, Gastonia Strike Leader, Lauds Activity of Workers International Relief

SOLIDARITY NOT CHARITY, HE SAYS FROM HIS CELL

Tells of Car Given Evicted Strikers

Robert Allen, one of the Gastonia strikers and an active worker for the Workers International Relief has sent the following letter to the Daily Worker, stating that "the workers of the whole world should all know the truth about the W. I. R."

To the Workers of the World: I wish to say a few things about three letters, the three letters I wish to write about are W. I. R. These three letters stand for the Workers International Relief, which was established in the year 1927. It is an Organization that stands for "Solidarity" and not "Charity." They believe in taking care of the workers who are on strike to better the rotten conditions, that they have to work under. When they come out on strike the W. I. R. then show solidarity with them, by coming to their strike and fighting along side of them. When the workers strike you know very well that the mill owners are not going to feed them and are going to put the workers out of their homes. The workers really ought own these houses, for they have paid the mill owners high rent for the houses and may have paid for their houses two or three times. But they are thrown out just the same. Here is where the W. I. R. comes in and helps. They take the poor workers and feed them and give them shelter. They fight with the workers in this way to help them win their strike. Let's take for instance the strike in Gastonia. The N. T. W. U. learnt about the conditions in the Loray mill and comes down to show the workers that they did not have to slave for the mill bosses. The workers woke up to the facts, and realized the only way they could better their condition would be to join the union. They did this and by joining the union they were fired out of the mill. On this account the mill was called out on strike. You can imagine the poverty of the workers, for the W. I. R. had to come to feed the strikers one week after the strike was called; I want to say that they have done great work for the workers. They have worked day and night. I want to say, I had the privilege of being the first secretary of the W. I. R. in the south. This is the reason that I can tell you what they do for the workers. They go all over the world and tell the workers in other Shops and Industries about the rotten conditions you have to work under and that you are out on strike struggling against the bosses who have slaved you for many a year. In this way they raise money for your support. The W. I. R. is not only in Gastonia helping the workers in any shop in any industry who want to strike against the slavery they are under. This organization should be highly appreciated by all workers, for their solidarity is great. Just think; the Loray workers were evicted from their homes! thrown out in the mud and rain! sick and well it made no difference. Came the W. I. R. picked them up and provided them with shelter. Those who were sick were put into houses and the rest given food. They are being fed by the W. I. R. and special food is given to the sick. The sick are taken care of by a sick committee that was appointed to go and see the sick each day. If the sick need any thing the committee reports it to the relief committee and they investigate and if they find that special care or food is needed, provide it.

So workers remember that the W. I. R. motto is: "Solidarity for every" ROBERT ALLEN

U. S. WILL BUILD 5 MORE PRISONS

Aftermath of Revolts; Will House Militants

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—As a result of the prison revolts that recently swept the country, the federal government today announced a program for the building of a new penitentiary in the northeastern states, another reformatory and three federal jails. The six-year construction program will cost approximately \$6,250,000 and the alleged purpose is to relieve overcrowding in federal penitentiaries.

Prisoners in Leavenworth prison in Kansas, and Auburn and Dannemora prisons in New York state, participated in the prison revolts against the overcrowding, bad food and oppressive working conditions. It was disclosed several days ago that 65 convicts in Dannemora were slaughtered when they protested against rotten conditions and their bodies buried secretly at night, coffins being sneaked into the prison. The additional prisons will also be used to house militant workers arrested for their labor activities.

Build Up the United Front of the Working Class From the Bottom Up—at the Enterprises!

Need Fighters, Not Martyrs, Schechter Says

"We do not need mass demonstrations at the funerals of these Gastonia workers. We need mass demonstrations now, to free these workers," Amy Schechter repeated time and again in her addresses across the nation.

Some of the outstanding statements in her speeches follow:

Since I have been here (in the North) I saw there were two great dangers which may send our workers to the electric chair. One is an illusion that because there has been a change of venue that the defendants will go free. This is a very dangerous illusion. This change of venue was forced by the mass pressure of the workers. But if the workers give up and rest on their laurels, the bosses have won. The next two weeks will determine the fight. The workers must throw themselves into the defense campaign of the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Committee, August 24 to September 2. They must show the workers in every shop and factory the truth of the case. They must force the jail doors open and see that the workers go free. The other danger is a fatalistic attitude. They assume the bosses are too strong. That the bosses have these workers and they will all go to the electric chair. We will have a splendid funeral and we will have a splendid demonstration. We will have new working class martyrs today. Too many Monneys in jail. We need fighters, today, not martyrs. We do not need mass demonstrations at the funerals of these Gastonia workers. We need mass demonstrations now, to free these workers. And comrades, we do not need splendid corpses for the revolutionary movement today. We need these workers and comrades alive and free to carry on the fight and organize the South." Amy Schechter.

PARAMOUNT AND WARNERS UNITE

Film Trust Will Crush Other Companies

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 21.—The merger of the Warner Brothers and Paramount-Famous Players-Lasky corporations will be completed within a week, according to a statement issued yesterday by Jack L. Warner, west coast head of the former organization. This will bring under one control the majority of the film producing and exhibition forces in the country.

The two corporations control 2,800 theatres throughout the country and have holdings worth more than \$400,000,000. It is reported that a parent company will be organized which will be known as the Paramount-Warner Brothers Corporation. This will be governed by a board of directors and probably headed by Adolph Zukor or Harry M. Warner.

Finish Coast-to-Coast and Return Flight in Practice Raid on USSR

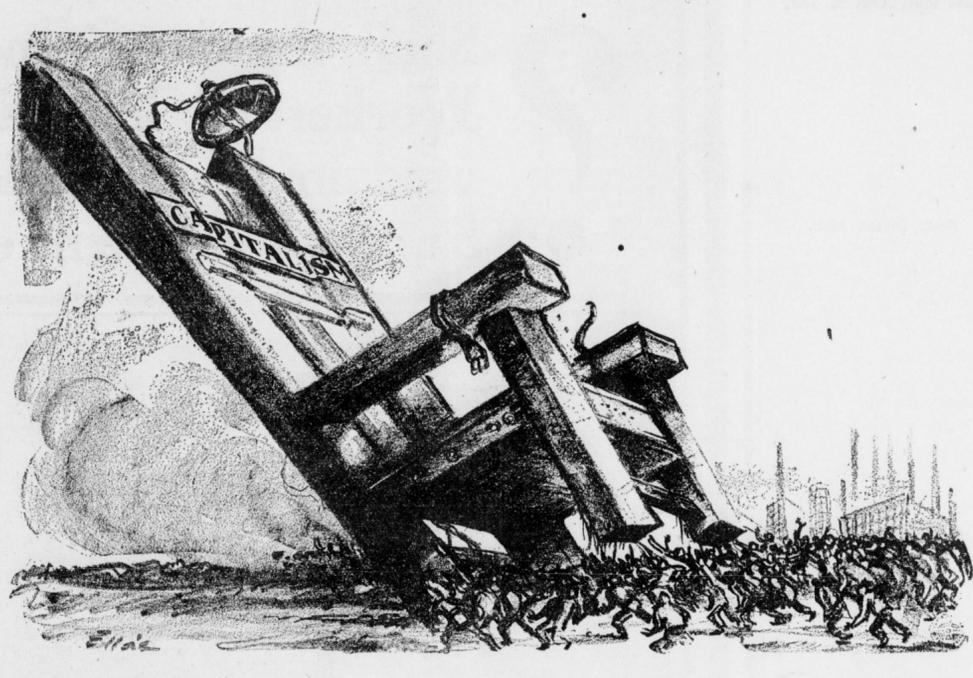
SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 21.—The first non-stop round trip flight between the Pacific and the Atlantic coasts was completed today when the monoplane Sun God dove into sight at 1:50 p. m. Pacific time, after flying from Spokane to New York and back again without touching its wheels to the earth. The tour demonstrated the practicability of having bombers make refueling air raids over the vast territories of the Soviet Union in the concerted imperialist attack on the workers and peasants government that is being prepared on the Mongolian frontier.

N. J. Mortgage Firm Swindled Thousands of Dollars is Alleged

ELIZABETH, N. J., Aug. 21.—Investigation of fraud charges against the Manhattan Jersey Mortgage Corporation has been commenced by local police and Assistant Attorney General Richard C. Plumer with the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of Hugh Achten, of Avenal, N. J. Achten is said to be the company's president.

By accepting advance fees for loans and mortgages on which they had failed to make good, the company, aided by the Actna Bond and Mortgage Company of Newark, swindled thousands of dollars, the police charged.

DOWN WITH IT!



The New South on the Way

By CLARENCE MILLER. (Written in Gaston County Ala.)

The textile workers in the South have awakened. Thousands of textile workers are falling in line of a great mass movement. There are 400,000 textile workers in the south. The bulk of the cotton manufacturing industry is located here, as is also some of the hosiery and rayon industry. The rayon industry was the last to invade the South and it is the first being developed. It is strategic in the organization of the textile workers of the South, not only from the fact that it is a war industry, and can on a short notice be converted into gun cotton manufacturing, but especially from the large number of workers employed in the individual establishments, i. e., the Bemberg and Glantzoff rayon mills in Elizabethton, that was recently on strike employs over 5,000 workers; the rayon plant being completed in Asheville, is to employ 10,000 workers. Of course, the textile movement in the south at the present moment must be considered from the view point of a particular branch. The movement now is a movement of all the textile workers. In a way the movement even expresses the main issues confronting all the workers in the South, in the mining, tobacco, steel, and various other industries that have been developed in the last years.

The Treachery to the A. F. of L. The movement of the textile workers is an elementary response to the greatest of oppression. No section of the American workers are as oppressed as are the workers here. These workers have never before participated in a mass movement. At most they participated in isolated strikes, at times even under the "leadership" of the A. F. of L., but by and by they were sold out and betrayed. The workers were forced back beaten, after the A. F. of L. officials got their reward and disappeared from the scene. The South has many examples of this treachery of the American Federation of Labor, e. g., Greenville, S. C., in 1919, Kannapolis, N. C. (where the largest towel factory is located) in 1919, Columbus, Ga., in 1922, Charlotte, N. C., in 1922 also in Gastonia N. C. in 1921. Those were some of the outstanding betrayals there many more. The methods of the sell outs was similar to the one in Elizabethton, Tenn and Ware Shoals, S. C. recently. After the A. F. of L. officials leave the field, the workers are left without relief and without leadership. Most of the leading strikers in Ware Shoals and Elizabethton have been blacklisted, many of them are being forced out of the industry and must return to the mountains from where they originally hail.

Despite the fact that the textile workers of the South are unorganized and have little experience in organization, the know the U. T. W. and the A. F. of L. When Fred Beal first came to Gastonia he had to assure the workers that our union was not the A. F. of L. This is true of many other localities.

For several years the A. F. of L. under pressure of the left wing was forced to pass resolution for organizing the Southern workers, but now that the workers in the South are in motion, under a militant leadership, determined to win better conditions, the A. F. of L. will become "active." Their task will be to make the South safe for the mill owners. They will take the front line in the fight against the Communists and the textile workers. The "revolutionary" phrases of the Muste group are the bait for the militant workers. The treachery of the A. F. of L. has started—the worst is yet to come.

The Mill Village. The mill village owned by the company is characteristic of the South. In no other section of the country is the mill village possible. It is a product of the remnants of the attitude of the old slave owner, who owned the body and soul of the chattel slave, coupled with the vicious exploitation and poverty of the "free" wage slaves. The residents of the mill village form a category by themselves. They are the "poor white trash," despised and shunned by the mill owners and sections of the middle class. This "poor white trash," or "docile Americans," are beginning to show their true colors. The Southern masses are beginning to move. The ruling class is trembling.

The Growth of the N. T. W. U. Following the convention last September, at which the N. T. W. U. was founded, Fred Beal was sent South. There were many workers in the South, many issues, much exploitation and misery, but there were few connections. The union was new with limited resources. The union had something that the textile workers needed—it had a correct program. Within a short time, after many hardships and dangers, contacts were made, and several small locals established. The locals began to grow. The bosses started fighting these locals. A number of workers in the Loray mill were fired for their activities in building their union local. The answer of the workers was a strike on April the first. This was the beginning of the mass movement of the textile workers in the South—a movement that is writing a new page in the history of the American Labor movement. The bosses were determined to crush this movement. The use of the National guards, police, the courts, laws against picketing, the whole force at the disposal of the mill owners from the governor and the newspapers down to the pulpits were used against the workers. Nothing could break the union. Then came the attack upon the union headquarters and tent colony on June 7th, in which a union organizer Joe Harrison, two police

The Southern Textile Worker The Textile workers here are recruited from the Mountaineers and Farmers. They still have many individualistic traits of the old American Pioneer, but with it goes a lot of militancy and courage. The work in the factories, the terrific stretching-out, as the speed up system is called here, the life in the mill village are breaking down the individualism of these workers, however, their militancy remains. These workers are beginning to take their place in the labor movement. Their first encounter with the bosses, as a section of the N. T. W. U. was a credit to them and to the whole labor movement.

The illusion of "American Democracy" and respect for the "law" that is so strong amongst the Anglo-Saxons is being broken down. They are learning whose laws and whose democracy reigns in the South. Even the race prejudice and artificially fostered contempt for the Negro masses is being broken down on the one hand by their being thrown together in the mills as well as by the propaganda of the N. T. W. U. and the Communist Party. A good example of this is the method in which the Gastonia workers saved Otto Hal the night of June 7, when the enraged mob of thugs was looking for him to lynch him. Of course that does not mean that this prejudice has been overcome, but the beginning was made. There is a tendency to overestimate the race prejudice amongst the workers in time of struggle.

The Mill Village. The mill village owned by the company is characteristic of the South. In no other section of the country is the mill village possible. It is a product of the remnants of the attitude of the old slave owner, who owned the body and soul of the chattel slave, coupled with the vicious exploitation and poverty of the "free" wage slaves. The residents of the mill village form a category by themselves. They are the "poor white trash," despised and shunned by the mill owners and sections of the middle class. This "poor white trash," or "docile Americans," are beginning to show their true colors. The Southern masses are beginning to move. The ruling class is trembling.

The Growth of the N. T. W. U. Following the convention last September, at which the N. T. W. U. was founded, Fred Beal was sent South. There were many workers in the South, many issues, much exploitation and misery, but there were few connections. The union was new with limited resources. The union had something that the textile workers needed—it had a correct program. Within a short time, after many hardships and dangers, contacts were made, and several small locals established. The locals began to grow. The bosses started fighting these locals. A number of workers in the Loray mill were fired for their activities in building their union local. The answer of the workers was a strike on April the first. This was the beginning of the mass movement of the textile workers in the South—a movement that is writing a new page in the history of the American Labor movement. The bosses were determined to crush this movement. The use of the National guards, police, the courts, laws against picketing, the whole force at the disposal of the mill owners from the governor and the newspapers down to the pulpits were used against the workers. Nothing could break the union. Then came the attack upon the union headquarters and tent colony on June 7th, in which a union organizer Joe Harrison, two police

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TO INCREASE AIR FORCES TENFOLD

Plan 50 Million War Plane Fund

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 21.—Bursting through the smoke screen of "naval cut" blab behind which the Hoover government of war efficiency has been rushing its preparations for imperialist slaughter, Representative W. F. James of Michigan, chairman of the house military affairs committee, announced here last night that Wall Street is about to increase its appropriations for bombing planes tenfold.

"Aviation is coming so fast that we are left at a standstill," the jingo spokesman said. "As soon as congress convenes again I am going to recommend the scrapping of the five-year air construction program. It is obsolete. Where five millions were authorized before, fifty millions are needed now."

For what purpose the fifty millions are needed he did not specify, but his hints were broad enough to enable his hearers to understand that the combined imperialist attack on the U. S. S. R. now being launched in Manchuria and the intensifying rivalry between Wall Street and Britain which is leading inevitably to a clash between the two powers necessitate the immediate strengthening of the military air forces, which will play a leading role in these shambles.

Speaking of the navy, James, who is recognized as Hoover's mouthpiece on the war preparations pro-

gram, said that he is strongly against any suspension of cruiser construction, thus tipping the hand of the U. S. in the present farcical "disarmament" negotiations,

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Mass Protest Will Save Us, Bush Declares

"We want to be free. We want our lives to give to the service of the working class." This statement was made by Vera Bush at the mass meeting in New York City.

The significant declarations in her speech were:

I will give you the answer to the indictment of the mill owners of North Carolina. I will give you the answer of the defense. We say, if it should happen that things go badly through this coming month, and we are not strong enough to defeat the bosses, and if it is necessary for us to pay the penalty for the fight, we will pay it. We are ready.

But it is for you to give your answer. It is for you to say "we must not pay the penalty." "We want to be free. We want our lives to give to the service of the working class. We want our lives to be our own, to organize the workers as we have been doing until now. We don't want to die and it is up to you to show your strength that the state of North Carolina dare not convict us. It is up to you to say that there shall not be one electrocution, not one prison sentence, not one day or week in prison for any of the defendants." Vera Bush.

TALK 'PEACE', BUT BUILD WAR CRAFT

McDonald, Dawes Chat While Race Rages

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The United States advanced another stage in the armament race when Acting Secretary of the Navy Jahnke today approved the scrapping of six old navy cruisers and simultaneously signed a contract for construction of a new 10,000 ton cruiser to be built by the New York Ship Building Co. of Camden, N. J.

Virtually at the same time as the new cruiser was authorized, "Labor Premier" MacDonald acknowledged receipt of a Washington armaments message which he discussed with Ambassador Dawes. He characterized the discussion as marking a distinct advance in our conversations.

Meanwhile, MacDonald's government proceeds to push its campaign for newer type submarines. On diplomatic "humanitarian" pleas, it charged that old craft should be scrapped when their shortcomings were received by the L-12 disaster in which 23 sailors were drowned. It was a good gag. Now it can go ahead building more and better submarines for the coming imperialist war.

FASCISTS REWARD AGENT HERE

Honorary membership in the fascist Academy of Arts and Letters of Italy has been conferred upon Prof. John L. Greig of Columbia University, it was announced yesterday at the University. Greig is rewarded for his active and efficient work in promoting fascism in this country, according to the announcement.

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YOUTH COURSES ARRANGED FOR WORKERS SCHOOL

Announce Training and New Members Classes

The Workers School, 28 Union Square, yesterday announced a series of courses for young workers and functionaries of the Young Communist League. Registration for these courses will begin Sept. 2 at the school office.

A special training course for members of the League who will be given responsible duties as functionaries either in the unit or in the district, will consist of History and Problems of the Revolutionary Youth Movements; Organizational Problems of the Communist Youth Movement and a class in the Principles of Marxism.

New Members' Class. All new members of the League, it was announced, are required to take the following three courses before they can be considered in good standing: Fundamentals of Communism; Principles of Marxism (elementary economics) and a class in the History and Problems of the Revolutionary Youth Movement.

The fee for the courses will be \$5 to units of the League. Each League unit will award two scholarships to two selected members for the functionaries course. For the new members course, the members themselves are required to register during the week of Sept. 2 to Sept. 9.

Pioneers Leaders' Class. The following group of courses has been arranged for Pioneer leaders, including those already acting and those who can become leaders: Problems of the Working Class Children; Pioneer Movement and Its Tasks, and Fundamentals of Communism.

For this group of courses, those who are actually engaged in the work, or who will be on completion of their studies can get the reduced fee of \$3.50, part of the cost being met by the units. Students will be registered for these courses from Sept. 2 to Sept. 9.

Equity Boss to Plead A.F.L. Aid in "Fight" For N.Y. Closed Shop

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 21.—Fresh from his failures in the ten weeks' strike to enforce the closed shop, Frank Gilmore, executive of the Actors' Equity Association, said today he plans to renew a fight to get the Equity conditions in the New York motion picture studios.

He announces he will ask aid from A. F. of L. officials whose inaction in the Hollywood strike he excused when he tried to saddle responsibility for the failure on Ethel Barrymore's sabotage.

Underpaid stage and screen workers express the opinion that the only people who will benefit from the proposed "fight"—if any benefit at all—will be high paid stars. The chorus girl will be left in the cold, as usual, they claim.

Not only has the bourgeoisie forged the weapons that bring death to itself; it has also called into existence the men who are to wield those weapons—the modern working class—the proletarians.—Karl Marx (Communist Manifesto).

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TRIAL OF MILL VICTIMS TO BE REOPENED SOON

Charlotte Poisoned by Lies of Press

The trial of the sixteen Gastonia strikers will re-open in a few days, Monday, August 26, in Charlotte, N. C., a city which has been poisoned by the flow of malicious lies by the Charlotte press, especially since July 26, when the trial opened originally.

This is the city to which the trial of the Gastonia strikers had been changed by the judge allegedly on the supposition that a 'fairer' trial could be secured here.

Charlotte Press Spreading Lies. Since the change of venue the Charlotte yellow press has been pouring forth a stream of lies that vie only with the Gastonia Gazette's frenzies during the first stages of the strike—when an open call for blood, for lynch law, was made.

The trial of the sixteen Gastonia strikers charged with first degree murder will re-open in the small city of Charlotte, but the eyes of the world will be focussed on the courthouse there.

Every country of the world, the masses of these countries, the working class of America, have been roused by the International Labor Defense, the Workers International Relief, and the National Textile Workers Union, now functioning on a united front in the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Committee whose national offices are at 80 E. 119th St., N. Y. C.

International Mass Demonstrations. There will be mass demonstrations in a dozen countries denouncing the brutality of the Gastonia mill barons and their police and thug lackies. The International Executive of the International Labor Defense has called for these demonstrations.

General Strikes for Gastonia. There will be general strikes, especially in the South American countries. The world-wide series of Sacco-Vanzetti demonstrations have been utilized by the workers to rally themselves on behalf of the Gastonia strikers.

Vast Mobilization of American Workers.

From August 24 to September 2, there will be a tremendous mobilization of the workers of America, through the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Committee, in which a house to house, shop, street collection for funds will take place in every industrial center of the land. This will be accomplished through a united front of the working class, working as one gigantic force to free the 23 Gastonia strikers from the electric chair or from imprisonment. Millions will be reached, and acquainted with the truth about Gastonia.

The bosses of Manville-Jenckes will find that their dastardly deed, which they wanted to pull off in the dark, is now done in the limelight of publicity.

Although capitalist newspapers will falsify the issues the bitter facts will be there to stare the readers in the face.

The revolutionary working class press, the foremost exponent of which is the Daily Worker, will be on hand with a staff of brilliant artists and journalists to inform the workers what is going on in the Inquisition Chamber of the new torturer priests—the Southern textile bosses.

America's scores of millions of workers will read of Gastonia and realize that sixteen young men and women are in danger of their lives because they fought for the following two fundamental rights of all men:

The indisputable right of all workers to organize into unions for better conditions than \$10 or \$12 a week for 60 hours toil.

The indisputable right of all workers to defend themselves and their families from the murderous onslaughts of the boss-controlled police and thugs.

These are the two principles for which the 23 strikers and strike leaders of the National Textile Workers Union have been imprisoned and treated with death. These are the two principles which hold tremendous implications for the entire working class, of the north and the south.

Lehman, Urging Class Collaboration, Lauds A. F. of L. Leadership

SYRACUSE, Aug. 21.—Enthusiastic tribute to the company-unionism of the A. F. of L. was paid by Lieutenant-Governor Lehman before the New York State Federation of Labor yesterday when he predicted that the 'growth of large corporations should be a help rather than a hindrance to the developing of constructive relations between labor and industry.'

"I am increasingly confident that under the able leadership which has risen up within the last years in labor circles, and with the more enlightened point of view of management and public alike, we shall see a gradually increasing tendency towards cooperative effort in industry," he said in traditional A. F. of L. style.

The lower middle class, the small manufacturer, the shopkeeper, the tenant, the peasant, all these fight against the bourgeoisie, to save up attention their existence as sections of the middle class. They are therefore not revolutionary, but

MURDER AT MIDNIGHT

By A. B. MAGIL

In Memoriam Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, Betrayed and Murdered in the American Class War, Aug. 22, 1927

"Both are dead."
Dead.
Press the button. Turn on the juice.
Dead.
Waiting, waiting.
For what?
Two wops to sit down in a chair.
And be dead.
Show's over.
Time to go home, go to bed.
Time to forget, put it out of your head.
Dead.
Death. Grim Reaper. Symbolic. Cloak. Hood. Scythe. Skull.
Dead.
Both.

I walked out into the huge soft night.
No light.
Someone had strangled the stars.

Seven years to make a shroud.
Seven years to make it strong enough
To hold the whole of life.
(Wonder how long it takes to make an electric chair?)
Seven years for two wops.
Dying.
Dead.
"Massachusetts is too proud—"
Seven years to make a shroud.

CITY
JAIL
HUNGER
WORKER
SUBWAY
DEMPSEY
BABE RUTH
JESUS
STRIKE
STARVATION
MURDER
DEATH

Three men in frock coats playing dice.
Three men and a fourth playing with skulls.
Fingers weblike and precise,
Caressing clammy the fluttering dice.
Harvard accents glide like gulls
From lips like nooses hard and strong.
What are the stakes? How long, how long?
Four men in frock coats playing dice.
Dice. Are they loaded?
Loaded. Bloating.
Four bloated frock coats playing with skulls.

And on two faces hangs the mask
Of the immobile anguish of the years.
This is the honorable task
Of those unbitten by subtle doubts and fears.
Climb, you lousy wops, into your holes.
The god of the Fullers and Thayers will care for your souls.

Nights are made black for deeds like this.
Nights are made black, muffled and secret.
Press the button. Turn on the juice.
Show's over.

And the corroding dawn,
Waiting,
Crawls like a thief, trembling and ghastly white,
Through the thick bolted light.

The job is done.
Whistles shriek in factory and mill.
And the implacable sun,
Climbing,
Hangs splendid and terrible and still.

Go back, slaves, go back.
Go back to the factories, the dancing machines.
Go back, dancing slaves.

Noon.
The sun is a big round brass spittoon.
Life seethes, blown up,
Collapses like a pricked balloon.
Night.
"Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves."

Too intolerably blue, empty, shining, remote the sky.
Too intolerably serene, calm the tall great-winded trees.
Too green every leaf, every grass.
Seared by no sadness, no blight even of the cool keen panting autumn.
The brown stain of the taking away.
Nothing to mar, no hunger of stamped-out growing, no cry
Out of denial.
Trees lift strenuous leanness, raise petulant hands, drag darkness
To them.
Nothing, nothing to mar.

Each sound is their sound.
Life demands life.
Beyond the pathos and the pain
That humans martyr humans with
Their blood shouts over all the earth.
Blood, red blood.
My brothers' blood is on my hands.
My brothers' agony burns my flesh.
Agony. Blood.
On my hands.

Pity the wretches that will sit in the cells
Of Charlestown and of Dedham Jails.
Pity the poor stiff that will come after
To live a while in those exquisite hells,
To live and hear always two voices, always the tread
Of feet always, always dead.

Pity the fellows that will scrub the floors and walls
Of Charlestown and of Dedham Jails,
And never be able to wash away
Of Sacco's and Vanzetti's pain.
(The men of this dying old society they brutally have pulled me
away from the embrace of your brother and your poor mother.)
Pity the rats that will gnaw the moldy crumbs
Of Charlestown and of Dedham Jails,
And smell the smell of their blood
And gasp.
(I would not wish to a dog or to a snake, to the most low and
misfortunate creature of the earth—I would not wish to any of
them what I have had to suffer for things that I am not guilty of.)
Pity them, pity them all.

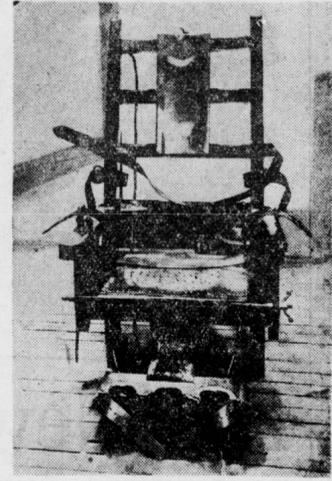
Sacco and Vanzetti Must Not Die!
Shrill signs hurl the workers' cry.
Strike. Protest. Telegram.
Massachusetts doesn't give a damn.
A million-throated workers' crying.
Sacco and Vanzetti dying, dying.
Sacco and Vanzetti dead.
Dead.
Both.

WE SHALL NOT SOON FORGET!
Hang up your justice on the sour-apple tree of your pride.
Hang it up, I say, for vultures to feed on,
For soft worm fattening, for the gladdening of all gnawing, ravenous
things.
Hang it up where its resonant stink will fill every corner and crack
of the earth.
Swing it, swing it.
Hang up your justice on the sour-apple tree of your pride.
Arden, Del., August 23, 1927.

*Reprinted from "America Arraigned!" an anthology of Sacco-Vanzetti verse, edited by Lucia Trent and Ralph Cheyner.

Shall the Imprisoned Textile Workers of Gastonia Be Executed in the Electric Chair as Sacco and Vanzetti Were

The greedy, grasping, brutal slave-driving southern mill bosses who want to keep their workers unorganized so as to continue their bloody exploitation, have voted



Workers in mine, mill and factory; labor unions and workers' organizations must make the nation ring from coast to coast with a determined and defiant

YES!

NO!

and if you want to save their lives then into action! Quick! TODAY!

Join the Ten Day Drive for Funds and Workers Solidarity

Make Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 [inclusive] Victory Days for the Southern Textile Slaves and Their Imprisoned Fellow Workers!

Everywhere where workers meet—labor unions, workers' halls TELL THEM ABOUT GASTONIA! Out into the streets, before factory gates, in mine and mill—TELL THEM ABOUT GASTONIA! Collect funds where workers work, where workers live, where workers meet. Collect funds by every means and all the time. Help save them!

Organize Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Committees in every city in the land; in every language spoken; workers' children, young workers, women workers, Negro workers. Unite your forces into one gigantic movement for the release of the Gastonia prisoners. No death sentences! Not a single prison sentence for any one of them!

WHAT "CRIMES" DID THEY COMMIT?

The 23 textile workers and organizers, who face the electric chair and long prison terms are being tried by the mill bosses and state prosecutors for being loyal to the working class. They organized the National Textile Workers Union to protect themselves and their families from the bosses' greed. They defended themselves, their union hall and tent

colony against the armed attack organized by the mill bosses. They went on strike and picketed against starvation wages, speed-up, child labor, long hours of toil. They fought for their working class right to organize and struggle against the textile bosses and their pellagra breeding subsistence.

Defeat the Plot of the Textile Barons

to execute and imprison 23 courageous textile workers and organizers in an attempt to smash the National Textile Workers Union and drive them out of the South!

for living wages and ours of toil that will let them live!

Uphold the right of these prisoners to defend themselves, to organize, to strike

Unite! Workers, Labor Unions, Workers' Organizations Thruout the Nation! Unite! Protest! Demonstrate! Agitate! COLLECT DEFENSE FUNDS!

Only the Solidarity of the Working Class Will Free Them!

Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Campaign Committee

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Auspices: International Labor Defense and Workers International Relief Endorsed by the National Textile Workers Union

Write for leaflets and collection lists, for tag day boxes, for campaign supplies of any kind. Write for instructions on organizing a cooperating committee in your city.

Join the International Labor Defense and the Workers International Relief and build them into powerful workers' mass organizations to defeat the greedy ambitions of the capitalist class!

WORLD WORKERS HONOR SACCO, HIT GASTONIA TODAY

Big Demonstrations in U. S. and Abroad

(Continued from Page One) protest against the war plots against the U. S. S. R. Expect Vast Demonstration. The mass protest of the workers of New York is expected to be such great proportions that it will re-echo in the Charlotte court when the trial of the 16 workers charged with murder opens there Monday. The New York District of the International Labor Defense and the International Relief are jointly arranging this great Sacco-Vanzetti Memorial-Gastonia Defense and Relief demonstration. Yesterday noon and evening 12 mobilization rallies were held in 12 different sections of the city in preparation for today's demonstration. Gastonia is the keynote of the Sacco-Vanzetti meetings, and special emphasis is being laid on the intensive Joint Defense and Relief Campaign from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2.

Tag Days Saturday, Sunday

New York workers will be called upon at the demonstration to actively participate in the Gastonia Defense and Relief Tag Days to be held Saturday and Sunday. These tag days must yield at least \$10,000, it is declared. The huge demonstration in Union Square today is part of the demonstrations being held today and tomorrow in every industrial section of the country and in many foreign cities. In case of rain it will be postponed till tomorrow at the same hour. In addition to the Union Square demonstration, four section meetings will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at Tompkins and Hart Sts., Washington and Claremont Parkway, 146th St. and Seventh Ave., and E. Seventh St. and Brighton Beach Ave., Brighton Beach. A meeting will also be held tomorrow night at 50th St. and Fifth Ave., Bath Beach.

A large number of militant working class organizations are cooperating with the I. L. D. and W. I. R. in today's demonstration. Many prominent leaders of the struggles of the American workers will speak including William Z. Foster, Robert Minor, Max Bedacht, William W. Weinstein, J. Louis Engdahl, Alfred Wagenknecht, H. M. Wicks, M. J. Olgin, Juliet Stuart Poyntz, Jack Stachel, Fred Biedenkapp, Harold Williams, George Maurer, Karl Reeve, Ben Gold, Rose Wortis, Rebecca Grecht, Sam Darcy, H. Sazer, George Pershing, Harriet Silverman, Sidney Bloomfield, Walter Burke, Jim Reid and others.

Huge Protests Abroad

The extent to which the dimensions of the Gastonia case have grown internationally, enlisting scores of millions of workers on behalf of the strikers, can be gauged by the many protest demonstrations being arranged in foreign countries. The wave of international protest which may soon exceed even that for Sacco-Vanzetti, indicates that the capitalists of this land will be forced to deal not only with the American workingclass but with the proletariat of the world. General Strikes. Not only general strikes of protest, but general strikes such as in Monte Video, Uruguay and Rosario, Argentina, are being called to commemorate Sacco-Vanzetti's execution by protesting on behalf of the Gastonia strikers. Demonstrations are to be held in every big city of the world, Moscow, Paris, Berlin, London, and in every big industrial center. The Working Women of Germany, in convention at Hamburg, joined the long list of protests in a cablegram they sent yesterday to the national office of the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Committee. Cuban Emigrants Send Solidarity Greetings. Their message of solidarity came on the heels of one from the Association of Revolutionary Cuban Emigrants, who promised their moral support. The cablegram from the German working women was as follows: "The convention of Working Women at Hamburg expresses violent protest today against American terrorism and we demand the immediate freedom of the 23 strikers, members of the National Textile Workers Union, at Gastonia."

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American Masses Ready for Gastonia Campaign

Opens Aug. 24 With Tag Days; Expect \$15,000 From New York, Saturday and Sunday

Gastonia is the chief sector on the battlefront of American labor today, fighting the war against wage-cuts and rationalization, the speed-up, and for that reason Gastonia is the battle of every working man, woman and child in America. This was the gist of the declarations made today by Alfred Wagenknecht, secretary of the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Committee, J. Louis Engdahl, secretary of the International Labor Defense and James Reid, president of the National Textile Workers Union. All are working night and day on the mobilization of the workers during Gastonia defense and relief week, Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 to save the Gastonia strikers who go on trial Aug. 26 at Charlotte, N. C. They stressed the necessity of tag days, of the descent into the streets by workers during the Gastonia defense and relief campaign every day of the drive, Aug. 24 to Sept. 2. "We expect to raise \$15,000 in New York alone during tag day. The subways, the streets, the factory gates, workers in factories, every place will be utilized to raise funds by means of these tag days," the functionaries pointed out. They said that tag days on Aug. 24 and 25, and on the last three days of the drive Aug. 31, Sept. 1 and 2 will be among the principal features of the campaign to raise funds. "The masses are responding with enthusiasm to our campaign and there will be armies of workers descending into the streets, going before factory gates, increasing the numbers of signatures on the mass petitions, making house to house collections Aug. 24 to Sept. 2," Wagenknecht said today. The fight to save the 23 strikers and members of the National Textile Workers Union is also a fight against the wage cut, against speed-up which saps a man's strength

while he is yet young," Wagenknecht said. "Thousands of signatures on the mass protest continue to pour in demanding the release of the strikers," Wagenknecht said. Engdahl stated that the International Labor Defense, country-wide, was using every ounce of strength in the fight to save the Gastonia prisoners, by means of the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Campaign. "There are new locals of the International Labor Defense forming everywhere. The other day we received word of eleven new branches in Chicago and environs alone." "There is a nation-wide wave of police terrorism against labor," Engdahl stated, "because of the growing militancy of the workers. The fact that the bosses are cutting wages and speeding up the workers everywhere is the reason for the growth in militancy. With the increase in the fighting mood comes a corresponding increase in police oppression. Gastonia is one sector of that field. These are earmarks of the period in which the capitalist nations are encircling the Soviet Union with the hope of destroying the First Workers' Republic in the world." Reid stated that the National Textile Workers Union is most interested in the case, inasmuch as the defendants on trial are all members of the N. T. W. U. "Our members in the North, as well as the South, are mobilized to see that the Gastonia strikers are freed," he said that the N. T. W. U. would be on the streets, before the shop gates, in mass meetings, and signatures for the mass protest petition, and create a storm of protest to save the Gastonia prisoners from the chair or long terms in prison.

I. L. D. Statement Rallies Millions to Gaston Drive

Two years ago at midnight the capitalist class pulled an electric switch, unleashing a death dealing current that burned out the lives of those two brave fighters for the working class, Bartolomeo Vanzetti and Nicolo Sacco. Today the capitalist hand is itching to pull another switch. This time, not in "blue-blooded Boston," but in the heart of the pellagra country, Charlotte, North Carolina. This time, not two lives, but sixteen are in danger. Sixteen valiant fighters for the working class, members of the strong, unbeatable National Textile Workers Union, are in danger of electrocution because of their loyalty to the working class. Because they waged a war against bosses who force men, women and children to waste their lives in the textile dens, twelve hours a day, for \$10 to \$12 a week, they endangered the profits of those bosses. In America that is the greatest crime. Endangering the profits of the boss is punishable by death. And the capitalist class sits like a horde of jackals waiting to gorge on the bodies of sixteen young men and women. But the millions of members of the International Labor Defense, in thousands of cities of America, in Europe, in South America, in Asia, Africa, prepare for new struggles with the capitalist jackals. The memory of Sacco-Vanzetti sweeps through the world like a clear call to greater battles. The International Labor Defense of the United States, through its campaign of publicity, its hundreds of thousands of pamphlets, its speakers, its organizational activities has let the world know what to expect.

The International Labor Defense, on the second anniversary of the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti, calls on the whole working class to mobilize for the growing campaign to free the Gastonia prisoners. Mobilize at the Sacco-Vanzetti-Gastonia demonstration this afternoon a five o'clock at Union Square, New York City, and in other cities wherever mass demonstrations are held to commemorate the memory of Sacco and Vanzetti and prepare for the defense of the Gastonia workers who go to trial on Monday, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Prepare for the Joint Gastonia Defense and Relief Week, Aug. 24 to Sept. 2, during which every worker is called on to aid in the Tag Days to go forward on the streets, in the shops and factories, at the shop gates, to raise the sorely needed funds; to fight the huge treasure chest of the textile mill barons placed at the disposal of their prospectors. Build the International Labor Defense into a mass organization of the workers in the shops, miles and miles, and on the railroads. Fight for the National Textile Workers Union in its efforts to organize the brutally exploited Southern textile workers. Uphold the right of the workers to defend themselves against the attacks of the police of the exploiters. Not one life in the electric chair. Remember the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti! Mobilize to liberate the Gastonia prisoners. Signed—International Labor Defense, J. Louis Engdahl, National Secretary.

Rank and File Unite For Struggle

(Continued from Page One) tile workers against the bosses and the bosses' agents in our ranks!" In sharp, brief phrases, the conditions the Clinchfield mill hopes to impose upon the workers are listed. "Only a militant struggle of all textile workers united together can win our demands. The textile kings are united against us. We must unite all textile workers against the bosses. Only courageous leaders and militant policy can win. "The bosses' agents in our ranks must go. We want leaders who will lead our struggle against the bosses—not leaders who compromise with the bosses. The Hoffmans, McMahons in our ranks must go. The mill workers must control their own union."

In Greenville, where the U. T. W. has also betrayed the struggle (at that instance by deserting the field), textile workers are uniting with the N. T. W. U. for common struggle. The Charlotte Conference, called for Oct. 12 and 13, of textile workers of five states, will have many delegates who were members of the Muste U. T. W. union before they were betrayed by it. William Murdoch, organizer in charge of the sub-

MARION NTW AND UTW FOR UNITY

district office of the N. T. W. U. in Greenville, said today. Tonight workers from many mills in and around Greenville will meet Murdoch and Phifer speak at a mass meeting in the union headquarters there. The working class cannot simply lay hold of the ready-made state machinery, and wield it for its own purposes. This new Communist (Paris Commune) breaks the modern state power—Marx.

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'NO ARBITRATION,' SAY N. J. CARMEN

Vote Tonight; Workers Want Strike Action

(Continued from Page One) of the union throughout New Jersey. So strong was the disgust at the sellout moves of the union leaders that William Wepner, president of Newark Local 819, made his way from the Labor Lyceum with difficulty while Public Service Workers hurled questions and accusations at him. That the union misleaders are working for betrayal was openly charged by hundreds of workers. They charge that attempts are being made to lure them into another agreement as disastrous as that made three years ago. Under this, the men are forced to put in from 11 to 13 hours a day to complete the nine hours, since they are laid off when rush periods subside.

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GERMANY ASKS AGREEMENT ON YOUNG PAYMENT

Britain and U. S. Strive For Her Support

(Continued from Page One) sion of reparations does not affect that country. No one has raised any objections to the three billion dollar reduction proposed by the Young Plan. In fact, Snowden, "labor" chancellor of the exchequer, who represents the bankers and industrialists of England, has expressed himself as in favor of still lower reparations, payments from Germany, and would go as far as to open the question of cancellation of the whole thing. German Support Sought. The reviving imperialism of Germany is playing the game at the Hague for all it is worth. First, the imperialists of the United States, in order to bring the German capitalist class and their social democratic agents into the orbit of American imperialist influence against Britain, reduces the reparations through the Young Plan. Then the English social democrats in the labor government, speaking in behalf of British imperialism, counter, after a long deadlock, with intimations of further debt reductions and eventually cancellation, while at the same time ordering immediate evacuation of German territory. The Germans are getting all they can from both sources without yet definitely committing themselves to either side of the world-wide imperialist conflict. Cannot Solve Contradictions. It is pointed out, however, that even though Germany were further relieved of reparations payments it would not aid British industry except to a minor degree inasmuch as it would deprive Germany of a guaranteed market through payments in kind. But the heavy Wall Street investments in German industry will be an incentive to aid Germany secure markets at the expense of Britain and Germany itself will, of necessity, enter into fiercest competition with British industry. The fact that German industry is far more highly rationalized than British and can undersell British products makes the position of the latter more difficult. Hence nothing that happens at the Hague or any other conference can fundamentally alter economic forces that, in the last analysis, always determine political alignments. Order Given Soldiers. The Frankfurt correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung reported today that the commander of the British forces of occupation at Weisbaden had received official telegraphic orders from London to begin preparations for evacuation, beginning in September and to be completed in thirty days.

COURT REFUSES QUICK TRIAL IN HARLEM ARRESTS

Party Speakers to Continue Meetings

(Continued from Page One) being demanded by the police in the Washington Heights Courts. Sickness and vacations both on the part of judges and police officers are being used as subterfuges to delay an actual decision. The ten members of the Communist Party, some of them arrested two and three times, appeared in the Washington Heights Court on Monday morning, when the whole proceeding was continued until Tuesday. Yesterday new continuances were sought over the energetic protests of the Communists, represented by Attorney Jacques Buitenkamp of the International Labor Defense, who demanded an immediate trial. Judge Luigi Delagi refused to proceed with the case even after the Communists had definitely announced that they would continue to hold open air meetings in Harlem while the present cases were pending. The case involving Irving Dunjee and Fred Taylor, arrested for distributing literature at an open air meeting at 138th Street and Seventh Avenue was then set for Sept. 20. The case growing out of the arrests on Tuesday night, August 13th, of Abe Tomkin, Nat Cohen, Leonard Patterson, Harold Williams, Jack Rosen, Sol Harper and J. Louis Engdahl was continued until Thursday, August 29th. The same fate met the case of Fred Taylor, Howard Williams, Abe Suskin and Bernard Lewis, was set for today. The case of Harold Williams, District Negro Director, Communist Party, Albert Weisbord and Albert Glassford was also put off until August 29th. All the arrests were made in the 21st Aldermanic and the 21st Congressional District in Harlem, where Richard B. Moore is the Communist candidate for congress and Fanny Austin, candidate for alderman, with Perry Murphy, candidate for the assembly. The workers in Harlem are planning energetic activities to build the Harlem branch of the International Labor Defense in order to be able the better to fight the police repression that is being directed against them. One of their first activities under the banners of the I.L.D. will be to join whole-heartedly in the Ten-Day drive of the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Campaign, August 24 to September 2.

Fraternal Organizations

will hold a Sacco and Vanzetti memorial meeting and a protest meeting against the frame-up of the Gastonia victims on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 8th St. and 21st Ave. All comrades are asked to report at 7:30 p. m. at the Bath Beach Center, 4 Bay 25th St.

Sacco Meets in Jersey. Sacco-Vanzetti mass meetings will be held in New Jersey Thursday evening at 8 o'clock as follows: Newark, Military Park; speaker, Nat Kaplan; Paterson, Main and Bank Sts.; speaker, N. Ross, Perth Amboy; speaker, George Spiro.

Brighton Beach Sacco Meet. The Bill Haywood Branch of the I.L.D. has arranged a Sacco-Vanzetti open air memorial meeting for Thursday evening, Aug. 22, 8:00 p. m., at 7th Avenue, Brighton Beach. Prominent speakers will address the meeting.

Scandinavian Workers Outing. The Scandinavian Workers Clubs of Brooklyn and New York are arranging an outing for the big summer festival in Bridgeport, Conn., which the Scandinavian Workers Club there is holding on Sunday, Sept. 1. Every worker who wishes to go along should send his name and address to Bert Carlson, 147 E. 99th St., New York. All welcome.

Harlem Dance. The Harlem Progressive Club will give its fourth summer dance this Saturday, Aug. 24, in its club rooms at 142 Madison Ave. A good jazz band has been booked for the evening. All workers welcome.

Williamsburg Sacco Meeting. All members of the Williamsburg I.L.D. must attend the Sacco-Vanzetti memorial meeting at Gastonia demonstration Thursday, Aug. 22, 8:00 p. m., at Grand Extension and Havermeyer St.

Workers Athletes, Attention! A reorganization meeting of the Spartacus Sports Club will be held tonight, 8:30 p. m., at 1330 Wilkins Ave., Bronx, to which all members interested in soccer and those willing to help in the building of a Workers Defense Corps through athletic activity are invited.

Workers School Volunteers. The Workers School needs volunteers to do work in the office in preparation for the coming term. All comrades who are unemployed, on vacation, or who have any spare time whatsoever are asked to report at the Workers Center, 5th floor, No. 100 knowledge of office work is necessary.

Newark Sacco Memorial. Newark workers will demonstrate against the Gastonia frame-up tonight at the Sacco-Vanzetti memorial meeting to be held 7 p. m. at Military Park. Nat Kaplan will be one of the speakers.

Brownsville I. L. D. Concert. The Brownsville Branch, I. L. D., is arranging a concert and dance party for Saturday, Aug. 24, 8:00 p. m. at 154 Watkins St.

Office Workers Union. An open air meeting of the Office Workers Union will be held today at 12:30 p. m., at Park Ave. and 23rd St. Speakers include George Primoff, Jean Schwartz and others.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

Section 7 Open Air Rallies. The following outdoor election campaign rallies have been arranged for August 27, Thursday, 8:00 p. m., at 100th Street and 1st Avenue; and Brighton Beach Ave.; Friday, Aug. 28, 8:00 p. m., 50th St. and Fifth Ave.; Saturday, Aug. 29, 8:00 p. m., 25th St. and Mermaid Ave.

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New Headquarters, Sec. 2 and 3. Beginning Monday, Aug. 26, all units of Sections 2 and 3 will meet at the new headquarters, 1179 Broadway, corner of 25th St.

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shown at the Film Guild Cinema, represents the first work of Alexander Strizhak and Dmitri Poznanski. To the technically-minded, their achievement is incredible. Not only do they bring to the screen every possible detail and nuance of technique, but they give the film "such a marvelous fluency," as one critic characterized it. "Her Way of Love" is like a symphony of sombre music, with the beautiful landscapes providing the counterpoint.

Full credit must also be paid to Vladimir Semenov for his photography, each scene like a painted masterpiece. One gets the thrill of the soil, of the life in Russia, as he beholds these people and these scenes given to us by the camera.

RUSSIAN AUTHORS TURN OUT A MASTER FILM "Her Way of Love," the latest Sovkino film which is now being

START FUND FOR WORKERS' FIGHT

'Vote Communist' Says Party Button

(Continued from Page One) ment, the capitalist class and all its political champions," Grecht said. "Right now, when militant workers honor the memory of the legal murder of Sacco and Vanzetti, and when they are redoubting their efforts to avert another Sacco-Vanzetti murder on a larger scale by fighting the Gastonia conspiracy—this is the time to build the Communist Party, which at all times maintains a revolutionary struggle against the capitalist state and all its forces." Party contribution lists are being distributed among workers in strategic shops in the city, the campaign committee reports. Signature Drive Progresses. Section One of the Party has won the first heat in the signature race by getting enough signatures to place the Party on the ballot in the Sixth Assembly District. In the 23rd District, Brownsville is running a close second, and Harlem is third in the 17th A. D. The drive will be continued at nights, the committee reports.

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JAPANESE MOVE TROOPS TOWARD SOVIET BORDER

Report U.S.S.R. Union Leader Murdered

(Continued from Page One) In spite of the fact that a new camp has been opened at Harbin, there is no room for the hundreds of prisoners. Marshal Chiang Hsueh-liang has declared that arrests and deportations are no longer sufficient, stating that the Chinese intend taking sharper measures. The Soviet citizen and trade union leader, Savras, is reported to have been tortured to death. A number of other Soviet citizens are missing and fears are entertained for their lives. Ten planes, many tanks and great quantities of war materials are being sent by the Nanking government to the frontier.

Harlem Tenants Open Air Meeting Tonight

The Harlem Tenants League will hold an open air mass meeting tonight at 140th St. and 7th Ave. Working class tenants are to meet at 235 W. 129th St., 7:20 p. m., and march to the meeting place where Richard B. Moore, Communist Party candidate for congress from the 21st district, and other representative workers will speak. Build Up the United Front of the Working Class from the Bottom Up—at the Enterprises!

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Song of a Soldier

This is the tale of an obscure soldier, an utterly insignificant rank and file who is constantly dogged by misfortune. His entire outlook is changed when, during a visit home on a six-day leave, the gentle Clara shows him affection. Thereafter he goes along on his duties singing—singing in the thick of battle.

FURTHER on, at a round meeting-point in the trenches, where the parapet was flattened, a tree, standing out, was suddenly blasted; close at hand, came the shell's terrific iron thrash; you saw the flash, like a clenched hand, shaking, smashing, rending.

In this uproarious din, to counter all the noise, the singer—pipe in teeth—sang out loud.

On and on he sang as he climbed up-hill, down-dale on the mountainous plain now before him. Sometimes, for a few seconds, broad daylight seemed to hang in the night sky. At times, one would have thought that all the stars in heaven were exploding. Out on the plains, the eye picked out points where lights fell to earth like clustering constellations, shell-holes which were the nests of fallen men.

Yet though these fitful dawns shot light into his very soul, though the guns' metallic clank vibrated through him, even so he was happy, and happier still, to think of Clara.

NIGHT was thick when he reached the subterranean dwellings, where his unit lodged, among ashens paths of silence. Threading maze after maze, he came at last to the lairs of his own company.

"You're just in the nick for the fatigue party," said the N. C. O., by way of welcome; he was short of a man. "Take a spade, and—here there, look alive! Look as though you're a bit squiffy. We'll soon stop that."

Somewhat abashed, the soldier who had only drunk of happiness stopped his song. But he couldn't stop when he wanted to. What is, is, and there's no saying no to it. Happiness coursed on through his veins and the song which, ever since he started out, had been as much part of him as his own soul, still sounded from this throat.

The little band of diggers were now busy with soft black things, stretched out under cold black things, and once again, he began to hum, like a purring cat before the fire.

"Can't he shut his gob, that stinking son of a bitch!" said the N. C. O.

But the greater the distance from Clara, the more she seemed to move him, to pluck at his heart, the more wonderful the good times they had had together. Lightly he strode over the black and rugged morsels of the night. Radiance poured down from the falling stars. It was one vast celebration, a firework display, in honor of the overpowering change in his fortunes. What was there to hold him back? Life never seemed quite so good. His song throbbed forth again, low at first, then loud.

"Stow it!" growled his comrades, under their breath.

THE soldier within him, trained to night work, told him that there was no danger imminent; the front lines were still a good way off; moreover the officer was still commanding the detachment in person and he always stopped doing so at a given moment. And then again, as already said, he really couldn't help it. It was impossible now to keep his face glued to a wall of silence, like a schoolboy in disgrace. He was the victim of his own simple heart, and his voice sang on of itself, regardless of time and place.

Then everyone there began to feel frightened of this strange fellow who would not stop singing. They were too far up now to send him back. The shadows halted in disorderly fashion, panic-stricken.

"Shut him up, never mind how!" said the officer, trembling—with fury no doubt—to the N. C. O.

The N. C. O. stiffened his neck, grunted, made a furious dash into the night—and soon a deep, a widespread silence came over the plain once more.

At dawn, the N. C. O. brought the fatigue party back to the trench, and on confronting the captain, said, "There's one missing."

"That's annoying," said the captain, who was keen on his men. He noticed there was blood on the N. C. O.'s stripe.

"Wounded?" he asked.

No, sir, it's only my knife."

"Ah, that's good," said the captain, guessing at gallantry.

Laughing Jack and Weeping Jack.

HA! HA! HA!
 HI! HI! HI!

Always making you laugh, was Martin. There was no resisting his jokes. All the livilong day he sat in his little wire cage, like a black and white magpie, with his lockers and pigeon holes round him, selling stamps to the public, cracking his jokes and working away. Here was a young fellow who saw the funny side of life; he was a great hand at digging out the comic element in people, in daily events. Out from this little official centre, thanks to him, laughter went rippling through the town. And they all liked that—the old folks, the girls, the married women. He was a power in the land. Even quite important people—officials and tradesmen—used to say: "Martin's a funny fellow," and didn't mind his being such a character. And the local magistrate in his private sanctum felt a twinge of envy too, for he could only contradict people, while Martin made them laugh.

As I have said, women were attracted by him and were so ready to laugh when he spoke that sometimes their surrender was as complete as it could be.

So Martin enjoyed general esteem, unlike the growers and grumblers. There were plenty of them; Joel, the lamp-lighter, represented the most abominable type of all. Joel painted life black; Martin brightened it up. Again, Joel was a regular repository for stories of people down on their luck, of things "that didn't ought to be." And more than that, like all people with a grudge against life, he was deep in anarchy and the red peril.

THAT was how things were in our little town, which was like any other little town in the world, when War was suddenly declared (in July, 1914, as perhaps you will remember).

They went off side by side. Martin and Joel were in the same year and the same regiment. And, of course, Joel looked black, swore at fate and talked of rank butchery. But Martin laughed louder than ever, breathing a deeper air outside his post office cage. Folks said, "He might be off on his holidays!"

At the front things went on in exactly the same way. Amidst the foulness and ferocious mechanical din of war, where thunderclaps and shreds of steel and copper nails about for men, Joel became a professional abuser of slaughter, and even of patriotism (he was actually heard to say that commissioned officers and ministers were not of finer clay). But Martin was unshaken; he remained the prince of jesters. Joel was marked down as a maker of trouble and kept under observation by the gilded officers; here was a fellow who made heavy weather of things and pitied the men, till they began to think of things that they would never have dreamed of otherwise! But when he had had his way, Martin would pass by, wipe out the effect of his poisonous jere-miads with one or two well-timed jokes that stopped the fellows thinking too much about their own skins. The two of them were pitted against each other. And Joel would growl and writhe, ash-faced under Martin's sallies, much to the delight of the miserable gallery.

A SOLDIER like Martin, ringing with so many laughing changes, was invaluable for the morale of the company. "The fellow's a gold-mine," declared Captain Maqueron. "Why, he'd keep the sheep on the laugh all the way to the slaughterhouse!" said Major Eckenfelder, who was a butcher and cattle-dealer in civilian life, as well.

One day, Martin got a bullet in the head. A pun stuck half-way out of his mouth. But if this event shut him up there and then, it did not shut him up for good and all. He escaped from that wound; what was more, escaped with all his waggish exuberance too.

(To be Continued)



Two Years After the Murder of Sacco and Vanzetti

BETWEEN nightfall and dawn two years ago tonight the capitalist class of the United States, in the face of world-wide protests and demonstrations contemptuously hurled at the feet of the working class the shattered and burned bodies of Sacco and Vanzetti. These two workers, guiltless of the crime charged against them, were fiendishly tormented for seven years, and finally led to the electric chair where bolts of chained lightning were sent surging through their tortured bodies. Sacco and Vanzetti were victims of one of the most frightful class murders in history.

In the long struggle for their liberation these two Italian workers had become symbols of the organization and struggles of the working class against the capitalist class of this country. Their murder was an attempt on the part of the ruling class to terrorize all who dared to challenge its ruthless exploitation of the wage workers of this country.

The vile instruments that the American capitalist class used to carry out this murder, Governor Fuller, Judge Thayer, President E. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard University, Judge Grant, S. W. Stratton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, knew these two workers were innocent, but they had their instructions and carried them out.

Today, two years after the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti, millions of workers, who first began to perceive the real meaning of capitalist class justice at that time, now understand that capitalist laws, courts, judges, police and all other social institutions of the ruling class are maintained for the purpose of mercilessly suppressing the working class in order to enable the capitalist class to continue to pile up wealth through the exploitation of labor.

Sacco and Vanzetti have joined the list of labor's martyrs and will always be remembered and honored by the workers of the world. Today throughout the whole world untold millions of workers in the imperialist nations and the masses in the exploited colonies and semi-colonies will honor the memory of these two brave working class fighters. The agents of the United States government in foreign countries dare not today openly appear. The American embassies are regarded as houses of shame and are objects of loathing and contempt.

For the workers of the United States and of the world, this anniversary of the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti has special significance, because the identical ruling class that so contemptuously challenged us by murdering them, is today endeavoring to railroad to the electric chair 16 striking mill workers and strike leaders in Gastonia, North Carolina.

The Gastonia prisoners are today, as Sacco and Vanzetti were for seven long years, in the shadow of the electric chair, charged with murder, because they dared defend themselves against an assault of police thugs and gunmen who attacked their tent colony with the object of destroying it and murdering the strikers and their families.

From the beginning of the attempt of the capitalist exploiters to send the Gastonia victims to the electric chair, the defense has been conducted along clear class lines. The meddling liberals, the yellow socialists who in that case aided the murderers by sowing all sorts of illusions about capitalist justice and who, even up to the last day, tried to sabotage mass demonstrations and strikes and tell the workers to have faith in "the orderly process of justice" to save Sacco and Vanzetti, will not be able to repeat their treacherous performance in the Gastonia cases. To the end the Gastonia fight must be and will be continued on class lines. There must be the most intensive mobilization of the working class in the United States and throughout the world to save these workers.

All workers everywhere who have to slave to pay tribute to the Uncle Shylock, imperialist loan monger of the world, must recognize that the Gastonia victims are today in jail because they participated in a drive to organize and lead in struggles the workers of the "New South" which abounds in war industries. Just as bankers and industrialists of the North murdered Sacco and Vanzetti in order to terrorize labor in the textile mills and shoe factories, so the same outfit with investments in the South, are trying to repeat their dastardly acts on a still greater scale to stop the working class struggle against rationalization.

Today the New York masses demonstrate at Union Square at five o'clock in the afternoon in a combined Sacco-Vanzetti memorial and defense of the Gastonia victims. In every other city and industrial center in the country similar demonstrations will be held.

The workers and peasants of the Soviet Union and all revolutionary workers everywhere who demonstrate in memory of Sacco and Vanzetti today will recognize that the same malignant imperialist power that is inciting the Chinese bandit government against the Soviet Union, is the identical ruling class that murdered Sacco and Vanzetti and is now striving to burn alive the Gastonia prisoners.

In Latin America there will be tremendous demonstrations and strikes because the class-conscious workers in the southern republics know only too well that the same class that exploits them, that sends marines and bombing planes against them in order that Wall Street may realize super-profits through their exploitation and degradation, also murders workers in the United States for daring to challenge the same imperialist oppressor.

Throughout the world the masses must take up the battle cry:

Remember Sacco and Vanzetti!

Stop the bloody hand of Yankee capitalism now raised against the Gastonia victims!

Free the Gastonia prisoners!

Down with Yankee imperialism!

The Socialist and Liberal Front Against the Gastonia Defense

BY JACK STACHEL

In all struggles in the present period the workers are faced by the solid front of trustified capital, the capitalist government and the social reformists. Every important struggle in the recent period has brought convincing proof of this. Gastonia is the most recent case. Here the American Federation of Labor officialdom, the socialist party, and the liberals are very active at the present time trying to undermine the defense of the Gastonia strikers, thirteen of whom are to be tried on a murder charge. Their attacks are particularly vicious here because of the leadership of the Communist Party in the struggle in Gastonia.

The usefulness of the socialists and liberals for the capitalists in this situation is to be found particularly in their work of trying to confuse the workers, and in trying to create and maintain illusions in the working class. Posing as friends of the workers they do everything possible to disarm the workers and make it easier for the capitalists and the state to deliver blows against the workers.

Reverend Norman Thomas, the outstanding leader of the socialist party at the present time, and one of the organizers of the Conference for Progressive Labor Action (which objectively plays the same role in the U. S. as the left social democrats of Europe) in the recent issue of the New Leader writes as follows:

"At least it looks as if North Carolina was spared the disgrace of furnishing the United States with another Judge Thayer.

"Judge M. B. Barnhill, by granting to the Gastonia defendants a change of venue and by admitting the women defendants to reasonable bail, lives up to his former reputation which was for fairness—A reputation enhanced not long ago by his decision that the North Carolina Bus Company must provide decent accommodations for Negroes. . . . When the Daily Worker headlines news of a decent act by the judge as 'a trick to call fair trial, pack jury,' it feeds our suspicions that some Communists are more anxious for martyrs in this case than for a victory of justice and the acquittal of the defendants."

The aim of the Reverend here is very clear. It is to create the illusion among the workers as to the fairness of the judge and the court and to hide completely the class character of the trial. It is to confuse the workers with empty talk of abstract justice—capitalist justice. It is to prevent the workers from organizing a broad nationwide defense which alone can save the Gastonia defendants from the electric chair. It separates completely the struggle of the workers to organize themselves to defeat the rationalization of the textile bosses from the murder charges that resulted from it. It is to make the workers believe that the Communists are playing with the lives of

the workers for some abstract ideals. It is to sow doubts in the minds of the workers as to the ability of the Communists to organize the defense. It is an attempt to separate and create dissension between the Communists and non-Communist defendants.

In all these attempts the Reverend, like all social reformists, carries out the aims of the capitalists and the government. The capitalists are also trying to create the impression of fairness. They also want the workers to look upon the state as an institution standing for abstract justice, and not a government of the ruling class.

Incidentally the Reverend Thomas also exposes his agreement with the oppression of the Negroes in the South and his approval of Jim Crowism. The Reverend praises Judge Barnhill for his decisions instructing the North Carolina Bus Company to provide decent accommodations for Negroes. It does not even occur to the "left socialist" Thomas to demand race equality in the South. It does not occur to him to demand the abolition of Jim Crowism. It does not occur to him because he is against race equality, because he stands for the oppression of the Negroes, for Jim Crowism and segregation. His stand on the Negro question is the same as that of the Judge Barnhill, the same as that of the capitalists and land owners of the South, the same as that of the capitalist class of the United States. This can not be otherwise because Mr. Thomas stands for capitalism and defends every institution of capitalism and capitalist oppression.

Similarly Mr. Forrest Baily, director of the American Civil Liberties Union, in the August 14th issue of the New Republic tells us about the action of Judge Barnhill, that

"From time to time when he instructed the grand jury on the functions and explained the attitude of the court on the necessity of a fair and impartial trial, no intelligent observer could fail to be impressed by his force and his sincerity."

"There has been some uneasiness in the minds of many as to the effects of the International Labor Defense over the defense policies and strategy. . . . There are many sympathizers who would feel greatly cheered if some form of intelligent control could be exercised over what the Daily Worker prints about the case during the next few weeks."

The New York Times in an editorial Aug. 15, under the caption "Communist Defenders," endorses the position of Baily in the following words:

"Not the least of the hazards confronting the defendants in the approaching trial of the Gastonia strike leaders at Charlotte, N. C., is the 'stratagem' of those in charge of the case. In quarters eager to assure a fair trial for the prisoners the opinion is openly expressed that their best interests are not

being served by the International Labor Defense, a Communist organization, and by the Communist press."

The position of the liberal Baily and the position of the socialist Thomas is the same as the New York Times, organ of big business and finance capital. Both speak about the sincerity of the judge and the fairness of the court. Both hide the fact that the entire government machinery is controlled by the textile barons, the trusts, etc. Both hide the fact that this case is an attack of the capitalist class against the working class. Both hide the fact that the government and its courts are the instruments of oppression of the capitalists against the workers. Both Thomas and Baily are uneasy as to the conduct of the case by the International Labor Defense. Both are uneasy as to the exposure of capitalist democracy and capitalist justice in the Daily Worker. Both regret the fact that this case is under the leadership and conduct of the International Labor Defense and not the liberals and socialists. Both regret the fact that they can not be of full service to the capitalists as they would be if they could be in charge of the defense. Both see their mortal enemy in the mass workers' defense organized by the International Labor Defense. Both regret that the growing disillusionment of the workers in capitalist democracy, the state, and the courts as a result of the defense organized by the International Labor Defense.

The Sacco and Vanzetti case furnishes an important lesson for the working class as to the role of the socialists and liberals, and the importance of organizing the broadest possible mass movement of the workers which alone can save the Gastonia victims of the class struggle.

The Gastonia murder charges grew out of the struggle of the Gastonia workers to organize themselves into the National Textile Workers Union for a struggle against rationalization, and the unbearable conditions under which the workers in the newly industrialized South must live. The struggle in Gastonia is a symbol of the awakening of the workers in the South, not only in the textile industry, but the unskilled workers as a whole. Not only that, Gastonia is a symbol of the growing radicalization process now going on among the workers in the United States. The fascist methods used by the textile barons of the South is an answer of the bourgeoisie to this radicalization process and is an attempt to defeat the efforts of the workers to organize. The repeated brutal attacks against the workers in Gastonia and against the tent colony of the International Workers Relief showed that the capitalists are determined to drown the movement of the workers in blood. The attack on the tent colony on June 7th found the workers ready and determined to defend themselves and their families and their organization. The Communist Party stands for the right of the workers to defend themselves and their

organizations. The socialists and liberals who now speak about the fairness of the court and the judge see only a frame-up in this case. They do not speak of the workers' right to self defense.

It is interesting to note that the renegades, Lore, Cannon and Lovestone take the same position. Lore in the Volkszeitung, Cannon in the Militant, and Lovestone, in a series of mimeographed circulars, speak about the narrowing down of the defense. What they mean is that they are against the class policy of the defense and for a liberal policy that does not undertake the creation of a broad mass movement, but gives the leadership of the defense to the liberals who pin their hopes on the fairness of the capitalist court and capitalist justice. In the New York Times of Aug. 15 there appears an editorial under the caption "Communist Defenders," in which the policy of Thomas, Baily, Lore, Cannon & Co. is endorsed. This clearly exposes the role of the socialists, liberals, and renegades, and shows that their policy aids directly the bourgeoisie to carry out its attacks against the workers.

Only the working class can save the lives of the 13 accused of murder and secure the release of the other defendants. Only a powerful movement of the workers will stay the executioner's hand. The capitalists will not stop at executing the Gastonia defendants unless they fear the rising power of the working class. Let the socialists and liberals talk about the "methods" of the I. L. D. These methods are the only methods that the workers must follow. The workers can have no faith in capitalist justice, in capitalist fairness. Capitalist justice is class justice directed against the workers. Capitalist fairness is like a deck of stacked cards against the workers.

Every worker and every working class organization must rally to the support of the national campaign for Gastonia workers, build a powerful united front mass movement for the defense of the Gastonia defendants. Organize the movement for the right of the workers to organize to defend themselves and their organizations. Raise funds that are needed to carry on the work.

Support the Workers International Relief that is bringing relief to hundreds of families in Gastonia. Build the Daily Worker and support it financially so that it may continue to print the kind of news and material so irritating to Thomas, Baily, and the capitalist class, because it enables the workers to build its organizations and fight the capitalist class, its government and its socialist liberal lackeys. Help the National Textile Workers Union in the campaign to organize the million textile workers.

Support the Trade Union Unity Convention to be held in Cleveland Aug. 31. Help create a national center that will direct the struggle for the organization of the unorganized, and against capitalist rationalization.