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TRY TO DENY KY. MINERS RIGHT TO BELONG TO N. M. U.

Fascist Organization of the Unemployed

THE "block-aiding" system—the latest scheme of the Hoover-Gifford committee for enforcing slow starvation among the unemployed masses and shutting the mouths of workers who fight against it—IS NOTHING MORE OR LESS THAN THE INTRODUCTION OF FASCIST METHODS TO STOP MASS PROTEST. Al Smith and Hoover see eye-to-eye on this question.

The scheme is to organize the unemployed under the supervision of the police department, the American Legion, capitalist organizations like the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, etc., to force weekly contributions from families where there is a member employed for a pooled sum which is to be paid to a stool-pigeon called a "block chairman," under the guise of "relieving the misery of the neediest family."

This is organizing the unemployed against their own interests. It is intended by this method to put the unemployed strictly under the control of the bosses and their various agencies, to keep out the Unemployed Councils. Especially is the scheme directed against the Communists who are the only section of the working class that organizes their fellow workers for militant struggle and expose the reactionary schemes of Wall Street-Hoover government and its local, county and state agencies.

The block committees of the Unemployed Councils have now the task of organizing the unemployed to fight this latest fascist scheme at every point.

The Anti-Imperialist Struggle in China

THE stubborn defense of Shanghai by poorly armed and equipped Chinese troops has confounded the Japanese general staff and amazed the capitalist military experts of the whole world.

The resistance to the imperialist invasion of Manchuria, which springs from the ranks of the workers and peasants themselves, and which must be clearly differentiated from the bombast and traitorous pretensions of the militarist, has likewise upset all the forecasts of the imperialist military experts.

The Chinese today are a people in arms—led by the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese Red Army. This is not always true in the strict organizational sense but it is true in that the heroic resistance around Shanghai to the Japanese advance is not led by Kuomintang—the official government of China—but by the workers and students who support the anti-imperialist revolution in China led by the Communist Party and the Soviet government of China—now including more than 80,000,000 workers and peasants in its territory.

Japanese imperialism and its 50,000 to 70,000 troops with all modern equipment, supported actively or passively by the other imperialist powers headed by America, has suffered disgraceful defeat at the hands of the Chinese forces.

This is clear to anyone with a smattering of military knowledge. The Japanese government was sure of the support or neutrality of its fellow imperialists, but it did not understand what it means to meet AN ARMED PEOPLE LED IN THEIR FIGHT FOR LIBERATION BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

ALL SUPPORT TO THE CHINESE REVOLUTION.

Stabilizing Pauperism

THERE is a new crop of proposals to "relieve" unemployment.

They are being brought forward by the various capitalist agencies, like Governor Roosevelt's unemployment commission, and the conference of governors of some six states, because the number of unemployed is increasing—while relief funds are decreasing.

The number of totally unemployed is over the 12,000,000 mark today. But every city, state and "relief" organization reports a decrease in the funds for feeding the vast army of hungry and starving workers and their families.

The widely advertised "public works program" of Wall Street-Hoover government has blown up with a loud bang. The emphasis now is on "economy." Republican, democrat and socialist parties are united in declaring for "a reduction in government expenditures"—bow servilely as usual to the wishes of the big bankers.

The mass starvation in the United States, which exceeds anything ever hinted at by the official statisticians of unemployment and part time work at reduced wages, is being used to boost the fortunes of this or that capitalist politician.

This applies with especial force to the "unemployment insurance" scheme proposed by the commission appointed by the governor of New York State. All these schemes have one thing in common—THEY MAKE NO PROVISION FOR THE MORE THAN 12,000,000 UNEMPLOYED WORKERS NOW IN THE UNITED STATES.

These proposals are to deal with "future emergencies." The way in which they intend to deal with them is a question which the Daily Worker will take up in detail in a series of articles, the first of which will be published in our early issue.

Today we warn the working class that all these miserable schemes have but one purpose and that is to confuse workers and divert their attention from the struggle for federal workers' unemployment insurance at full wages, paid for by the bosses and their government.

At the same time these proposals, like that of the New York governor's commission, providing only for a maximum of \$10 per week for ten weeks of unemployment, are a brazen attempt to give official government endorsement to starvation wages now paid throughout the country and to put unemployment insurance on the basis of these starvation wages.

But even on this starvation level no provision is made for the existing army of more than 12,000,000 jobless workers and their families. To qualify even for this pauper standard of unemployment relief—YOU HAVE TO HAVE A JOB.

This is the kind of fakery we have to expose and fight.

A. F. L. AGENT WHO JAILED FOOD WORKERS NOW HELD FOR TRYING TO SELL STRIKE FOR \$1,000

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Irvin Epstein, labor faker and business agent of Local 302, A. F. L. Cafeteria Workers' Union and leader in the injunction fight against the Food Workers' Industrial Union last year in the Zelgreen Cafeteria, and who was responsible for sending hundreds of our militant workers to jail and be beaten up, was last night arrested for extortion and held without bail before Judge Gottlieb in the Night Court.

Epstein called a fake strike at the Seward Cafeteria, 149th Street and 3rd Avenue. After the strike was called and a picket line thrown around the cafeteria, he entered the shop and demanded \$1,000 from the boss on the condition that he would take the picket line off. He was promptly arrested for extortion.

Today his case was heard before Judge Mogulesky in the 6th District Magistrate Court. He was defended by the attorney for the Cafeteria Bosses' Association and held for \$2,500 bail for further hearing.

Workers can now see the utter corruption of the whole machinery of the A. F. L., and especially this arch labor faker who is responsible for continuing the injunction campaign against the Food Workers' Industrial Union.

MASS UNITY MEET AT COOPER UNION HAILS UNITED FRONT STRIKE

57 Shops Settle; Mass Picket All Shops at Noon Today

NEW YORK.—Today is the last day to elect delegates to the labor conference in support of the United Front Dress Strike to be held tomorrow at the strike headquarters, 559 Sixth Ave. All unions, leagues, workers' clubs and fraternal organizations are urged to be represented in this conference.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Schlesinger gang was thrown into open confusion yesterday as masses of workers called out by the International swung enthusiastically into the ranks of the striking dressmakers under the leadership of the Rank and File United Front Strike Committee. The desertions hastened frantic efforts on the part of the company union officials to save the sell-out conspiracy from complete collapse.

While Schlesinger's maneuvers in the interests of the sweatshop bosses were being shaped, rank and file members of the International were holding a huge mass meeting yesterday afternoon in the Cooper Union. Masses of International workers cheered the call for the united front. Long before 2 p. m. the International members came to the head-

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Anti-War Demonstration to Be Held on February 22nd

All workers are called upon by the United Front Arrangements Committee to prepare to turn out in mass to the two anti-war mass demonstrations on February 22nd. One demonstration will gather at Union Square, Feb. 22nd, at 12:30 p. m. and march from there to Rutgers Square. The other will assemble at Whitehall and South Streets at 10:30 a. m. and will march to Union Square. These demonstrations are arranged by the united front of workers' organizations including the Communist Party, Young Communist League, Trade Union Unity Council and all union and leagues, the Workers' Exservicemen, League of Struggle for Negro Rights and many others. Several local unions of the American Federation of Labor are included in the United Front.

Workers, don't be fooled by the fake Geneva disarmament conference. This conference, as all previous conferences is in reality war preparation conferences against the Soviet Union. Workers! Our Socialist Fatherland is in danger of imperialist intervention. The imperialist powers are carrying on war against the Chinese masses. We are at the very brink of the imperialist slaughter.

All out to demonstrate February 22, to Union Square, 12:30 p. m.

Report That Rising Mass Movement Threatens to Overthrow Gov't in Japan

European Diplomats Admit Japanese Imperialists Are Suppressing News of Revolutionary Struggle

Chinese Mass Resistance Grows; Boycott Food Supplies for Japanese Warships On Yangtze

BULLETIN

American capitalists are warned in a confidential report that the revolutionary mass movement is developing in Japan on such a scale as to threaten the overthrow of the Japanese imperialist government. The confidential report, which is sent out by Whaley Eaton Service, under date of Feb. 16, 1932, states:

"COMMUNISM IN JAPAN: Reports are current in European diplomatic circles that Japan is suppressing news domestic Communist disorders, and that these disorders are so grave as to threaten the stability of the Government."

Dispatches from Shanghai yesterday also reflected the critical condition of Japanese capitalism. A Shanghai dispatch stated:

"Military circles here are beginning to wonder how many additional divisions Japan DARE send to Shanghai without calling on her reserves."

Japan's peacetime army strength is seventeen divisions, or 220,000 men. Therefore, the dispatching of those divisions to Shanghai WOULD REDUCE JAPAN'S HOME GARRISON FORCES TO A PERILOUS MINIMUM." (emphasis ours' Daily Worker)

The Japanese have offered a pro-

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Special TUUL Conference to Be Held February 27th

The Executive Committee of the Trade Union Unity Council has decided to call a special conference of the Trade Union Unity League on February 27th, at 2 p. m., at Stuyvesant Casino, 142 Second Ave.

A main order of business will be the growing injunction menace. The growth of the TUUL unions, leagues and opposition groups, the increasing number of strikes led by the TUUL, the deepening of the struggle against unemployment, the rising discontent within the ranks of the American Federation of Labor unions, makes it absolutely necessary to call such a conference. The agenda for the conference is as follows:

1. Address of the National Bureau of the TUUL—by William Z. Foster.
 2. The conditions of the workers, employed and unemployed, and our tasks. The fight against injunctions.—by Joseph Zack.
 3. Report on organization.—by John Steuben.
 4. Discussion.
 5. Resolutions.
 6. Election of TUUC officers.
- The call sent out to the unions gives details in regards to representation as well as preparations for the conference.

Make Solid the Ranks of New Members with a Stronger 'Daily'!

RUSH FUNDS!

Workers all over the country are gathering to protest the bosses' brutal murder of Harry Simms. Seven of the Kentucky finers who brought Harry Simms' body at the Coliseum Tuesday Nite joined the Communist Party.

These are the answers of the workers to the bosses' murders. These and more answers like them will smash the bosses' terror wave. Who will keep the new recruits together? Who will train the new members?

To the Daily Worker, the workers' only English nationwide, daily paper, falls the task of rallying ever more and more workers and of training the workers for leadership. Yet at this period, when the task is greater than ever before, the Daily Worker is threatened, by financial difficulties, with suspension.

The Daily Worker Emergency Fund Drive is not going forward fast enough to overcome the danger of suspension. Only \$713.18 came in Tuesday.

This money represents heroic sacrifices on the part of many workers. But many thousands of other workers are able to help and have been putting it off from day to day. To these workers we want again to state that the Daily Worker faces a real danger of suspension, not next month, but in the next few days. To these workers we want again to state that the Daily Worker must not be suspended, or even reduced in size, in this critical period. To these workers, and to workers who have contributed in the past, we again appeal to rush funds to save the Daily Worker for leadership in the struggle against the bosses' wage cuts and murder campaign.

SAVE THE DAILY WORKER!

SHERIFF OF BELL COUNTY DECLARES UNION ILLEGAL; ALL COUNTIES TO FOLLOW

Doris Parks Gives Program of Communist Party in Kentucky Court; Try to Use U.M.W. Negro Misdemeanor to Break Strike

COAL OPERATORS PROPOSE LAW TO THROW THOUSANDS OF MINERS OUT OF THE INDUSTRY

Terror Fails to Stop Relief Distribution to Starving Strikers; Workers Must Spur Aid

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 18.—The Workers International Relief was informed that the Knoxville Red Cross officials, accompanied by gun thugs, went to the railroad depot and demanded that the freight clerk hand over to the Red Cross food and clothing that had been shipped to the W. I. R. from New York. There is no confirmation of this but the source of the information generally reliable.

STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 18.—Answering the call of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League, hundreds of workers jammed the railroad station here at 9:21 a. m. long before the funeral train carrying the body of Harry Simms arrived.

A wreath was placed on the coffin and a member of the Y. C. L. jumping onto the platform of the funeral car, addressed the crowd and as the train pulled out the entire crowd of about 300, with clenched fists sang the Internationale.

Then the crowd marched in a spontaneous demonstration through the center of the town past the city hall to the Workers Center which they jammed. There they were addressed by Ford, Peska, Dominic and Wofsey. Twelve applications for the Communist Party were made and many volunteered to distribute leaflets advertising the Simms memorial meeting tonight at 49 Pacific Street.

PINEVILLE, Ky., Feb. 18.—Complete and official illegality of the National Miners Union in Bell County, Kentucky, was ordered today by High Sheriff Broughton. Meetings of any sort, including meetings of National Miners Union locals are absolutely prohibited and the army of Broughton's gun thugs has been ordered to search for all secret union meetings and break them up. A new wave of terror, exceeding all those that have already taken place is unquestionably presaged by this new order. Unquestionably, too, the illegalizing of National Miners Union in Bell County means that the union will be illegalized by city and county governments throughout the 60-mile strike front.

This open fascist move against the N.M.U. is being accompanied by attacks against the Workers' International Relief being made in Knoxville, Tennessee, eighty miles from the nearest point in the strike area. The W. I. R. was evicted from the office building today and was forced to move into a four-room apartment after every real estate agent in Knoxville refused to rent it office space despite hundreds of vacancies.

This attempt of the billionaire coal operators to drive the N. M. U. underground is taking place simultaneously with moves on their part to remould the United Mine Workers of America into an efficient strike-breaking weapon.

Leading strike leaders are being approached every day by the U. M. W. A. officials and offered bribes to become organizers for that scab organization. Every strike leader thus approached has refused to even let fakers finish their argument. So devoted are miners to the N. M. U. that locals in most sections meet two and even three times weekly, although regular meetings are normally called for but once weekly.

Union meetings now encompass the entire social life of bitterly repressed miners.

Six miners in Wells Mine Tennessee have been fired for protesting to the superintendent against the murder of Harry Simms last Thursday and the N.M.U. local has called a meeting with the entire mine to strike it.

Evictions of strikers is increasing throughout strike area. Eighteen miners and families in Pruden, Kentucky, are to have their furniture thrown on highway tomorrow.

Seven tents have been shipped into this section by the WIR but the number is entirely inadequate. Kettle Island mine in Bell County owned by Ambassador Hackett has increased its gun thugs to 25, all armed with machine guns.

The capitalist newspapers here are outdoing each other in misrepresenting the program of Communist Party as presented in Pineville courthouse yesterday by Doris Parks, W.I.R. organizer, jailed on criminal syndicalism charges last week. Each outdid the other in misrepresenting what she had said before the 300 miners who jammed the court room. Eight column lines in the Knoxville papers reported her denouncing religion and the news stories had her calumniating Christ, advocating the destruction of the home, etc.

The following is a brief resume of the actual proceedings in the courthouse, where she had been brought from her cell for a hearing. When asked to take the oath she answered that she preferred to affirm instead. As can be expected, county attorney

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Party for Daily By Unit No. 409

NEW YORK.—More units of the Party have rallied to the campaign to save the Daily Worker. Unit 409, Section 4, is giving a house party at 191 Lenox Avenue, 3rd floor, Saturday night, with all the receipts going to the Daily.

DRESS STRIKE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS TODAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Finance and Relief Committee of the United Front Dress Strike will meet tonight at 6 p. m. at the headquarters of the Needle Trades Industrial Union, 131 W. 28th St.

A.F.L. Building Workers Vote for Unemployment Insurance

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 18.—The building laborers union at a meeting Wednesday night unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing unemployment insurance calling on all American Federation of Labor unions to elect delegates to a local A. F. of L. conference to be held soon for unemployment insurance.

EXPOSE ASSOCIATED PRESS AS TOOL OF KY. COAL OPERATORS

NEW YORK.—The role of the Associated Press, largest and most powerful capitalist news service in the country, as an aid to the coal operators in their drive to exterminate striking Kentucky miners by machine guns and starvation, will be exposed by writers of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners at Star Casino, 107th and Park Avenue, Sunday, February 21, 8 p. m.

A challenge has been sent to Kent Cooper, general manager of the Associated Press, to appear at the meeting and attempt to answer proof that his service has misrepresented and distorted strike news to favor the coal operators.

Associated Press news on the Kentucky strike, according to Malcolm Cowley, editor of the New Republic, a member of the kidnapped writers' committee which was denied the right to give food to the miners, is sent out from Pineville by Herndon Evans, editor of the Pineville Sun and head of the local Red Cross. Evans is the mouthpiece of the coal operators in Harlan and Bell counties. It was he who led the mob of gun thugs when they drove the writers' out of the state. It was he who said to Allan Taub, International Labor Defense attorney, after Taub's face had been beaten into a bloody mass by an automobile crank in the hand of one of Evans' mob: "Well, Taub, why don't you make us another speech on constitutional law? This will be your last chance to talk on constitutional law in Kentucky."

Evans then returned to Pineville and sent out the dispatch which was run in all capitalist newspapers saying that the writers had "left" Pineville of their own free will and that Waldo Frank and Taub had fought with each other in order to frame the deputies with assault.

The Associated Press is also charged with lying about the shooting of miners in Harlan County, the dynamiting of relief kitchens by Sheriff Blair's company-paid thugs, and the arrest of over a hundred miners, union leaders, and sympathizers on fraudulent criminal syndicalism charges. All these events, according to the writers of the National Committee, are distorted by the Associated Press correspondents in Kentucky so as to clear the agents of the coal operators of any guilt and fasten suspicion upon innocent miners.

The writers say that Harry Simms, reported by the Associated Press as killed in the act of attacking a gunman, was actually shot down on sight, without even a chance to defend himself. He was leading a small group of miners into Pineville to get food from the writers' truck.

Other evidence against the Associated Press will be drawn from the Dreiser committee trip to Harlan County last November. Charles Walker, writer, who accompanied both delegations, charges that Associated Press reporters sent out to millions of readers only the testimony of obvious stool pigeons and coal company agents. Hours of evidence told by the miners about their poverty, their low wages, the brutal acts of the gunmen, were ignored by these reporters.

A movie of miners near Pineville being attacked by deputies as they gathered to get food will be shown at the Sunday meeting. The film was smuggled out of the county in a midnight escape over the mountain trail, while the rest of the writers were being driven out by Herndon Evans' mob.

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HICKERSON AND TAUB TO SPEAK ON KY. SUNDAY

Playwright Released from Pineville Jail

NEW YORK.—Harold Hickerson, New York playwright, co-author with Maxwell Anderson in "Gods of the Lightning," and Allan Taub, New York attorney, both of whom were jailed and beaten in the Kentucky strike zone for attempting to aid the miners, are hurrying to New York to speak at the Harlan Terror Protest Meeting in the Star Casino, 107th and Park Ave., Sunday, February 21, at 8 p. m.

Hickerson has just been released from the Pineville jail where he was kept since February 10 on charges of criminal syndicalism. He was arrested together with Doris Park, relief agent for the International Workers Relief, when he attempted to distribute from a truck food and milk to a crowd of hungry miners. Armed deputies drove a truck out of the city limits, and following the arrest of Hickerson and Miss Parks, confiscated the food.

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What's On — FRIDAY

The Negro and A. F. of L. workers of Harlem will hear the report of Roy Hudson, Chairman of the American Workers' Delegation recently returned from the Soviet Union at the New Harlem Casino, 116 Street and Lenox Avenue, at 8 p. m.

The newly organized branch of the F.S.U. in Bath Beach will have a presentation of "24 Hours with the Soviet Family" at 46 Bay 28th Street, at 8 p. m. Frank Siegel will show the illustrated lecture.

Proletarian Dictatorship or bourgeois democracy will be subject of a lecture by Comrade Royce at the Union Avenue Workers Club, 805 Union Avenue, Bronx, at 8 p. m.

The Red Spark A. C. will have a lecture at 380 Grand Street. The subject will be the present situation in China. All workers are invited.

Alteration painters, Downtown section, will meet at 134 East 7th St., at 8 p. m. All painters are invited.

There will be a lecture at the Bronx Hungarian Workers Club, 569 Prospect Avenue, at 8 p. m. Comrade M. E. Teft will speak on "Strike Struggles." All workers are welcome.

Comrade Carl Bradsy will speak at the Tremont Workers Club, 2075 Clinton Ave., Bronx, at 8:30 p. m.

The Mapleton and Emsworth Workers Club will have a membership meeting at 6720 20 Avenue, at 8:30 p. m.

Comrade DeSantos will speak on the situation in Manchuria at the Bensonhurst and Marboe Workers Center, 2560 64th St., corner Avenue P, Brooklyn, at 8:30 p. m.

The Steve Kalovis Branch of the I.L.D. will meet at 257 East 10th St., at 8 p. m.

The University Branch of the I.L.D. will meet at 769 Broadway, at 8 p. m.

A meeting of the comrades in charge of Unemployment Insurance Committees will be held at 6 p. m. at 5 East 19th St.

Socialist Squirms Out of Defending Betrayal of Jobless STRIKERS IN TWO DAYS

Workers Find Out About a "Liberal Magistrate"

NEW YORK.—Unable to break the Brighton strike through the use of open violence of Tammany police and thugs, the capitalist court tried their hand at it, using such subtler methods, however.

On Monday 50 workers were to be tried on charges of "unlawful picketing" by Magistrate Sabatini in the Coney Island court. Sabatini at this time approached the workers with honeyed words of a liberal. He said in a dripping voice that he understood the conditions of the workers and went so far as to make a gesture of reproaching the bosses for keeping up prices when everything is cheaper. Then he made a proposition. If the workers should strike at 13 cents for two pounds of bread he would dismiss the cases. The demands of the workers are five cents. Since they only buy one pound at a time the kind judge would have them pay seven cents. There can be pre-arranged with the bosses.

The workers were not fooled. They no doubt that the magistrate had this understand the capitalist court is no workers' friend. They were in court to test whether they had a right to peaceful picketing they told the judge and demanded immediate trial. Furthermore they told him, they would not settle without the consent of all the workers in the strike.

Thereupon Sabatini dropped his liberal mask. He refused to give the workers an immediate trial and postponed proceeding until Feb. 29.

Today, 36 more workers were tried on the same charges. There was no semblance of the judge's "liberalism" of yesterday. The judge came out in his true colors, without liberal decorations, as a servile servant of the bosses. He sentenced four workers to jail. Anna Kaplan, a housewife and a mother of two children, five days and Dora Sanceoff, also with children at home, the same sentence. N. Shiek, one day for distributing leaflets. Gilbert Fain was held under \$1,000 bail for special sessions court on the frame-up charge of assault. Ida Fine, a leading striker, is facing the same frame-up charge. The bosses hope by jailing the leading strikers, the bread strike will be smashed.

Sabatini, in fear of mass pressure and resentment, is resorting to a sly strategy in sentencing the workers, which isn't fooling anyone. He sentences them two or three at a time, postponing the other cases for various dates, fearing the consequences if he dared to sentence 35 or 50 workers at a time.

The strike has become even more political with the use by the bosses of government officials. News has leaked out that Alderman Ryan has personally asked the police captains to put more pressure on the strikers and called on the "Radical Squad" to assist.

The workers know, however, that these acts of the bosses and their servants are acts of desperation and fear. The strike continues as strong as ever. "We will fight until we win," say the militant workers of Brighton. "We want bread prices reduced and we aim to get it." Such spirit deserves support of all workers. Join the picket line.

Manhattan City Office Unemployed Councils, 5 E. 19th St.; Water Front Unemployed Council, 140 Broad St.; Down Town Unemployed Council, 134 E. 7th St.; Mid Town Unemployed Council, 301 W. 29th St.; Yorkville Unemployed Council, 350 E. 81st St.; Upper Harlem Unemployed Council, 2072 5th Ave., Down Town Work. Club, 11 Clinton Street.

Brooklyn Lower Bronx Unemp. Council, 569 Prospect Ave.; Middle Bronx Unemp. Council, 1487 Brook Ave.; Upper Bronx Unemp. Council, 3945 White Plains Road; Prospect Workers Club, 1187 Southern Boulevard; Bronx Workers Club, 1610 Boston Road.

Brooklyn Williamsburg Unemp. Council, 61 Graham Ave.; Brownsville Unemp. Council, 391 Watkins Ave.; Brooklyn Heights Unemp. Council, 31 Atlantic Ave.; Red Hook Unemp. Council, 450 Hick St.; Williamsburg Workers Club, 785 Flushing Ave.; Bridge Plaza Workers Club, 285 Rodney St.; Brighton Beach Workers Club, 140 Neptune Ave.; Bath Beach Workers Club, 40 Bay 28th St.

Queens Jamaica Unemp. Council, 109-26 Union Hall St.; Long Island City Unemp. Council, 111 4th St.

Tens of thousands of signatures will be collected during the week of Feb. 20th to 27th. Rally to the tag days for the "Hunger Fighter" on Feb. 20th and 21st.

WIN RENT STRIKE IN BROWNSVILLE

NEW YORK.—In the last few weeks the Brownsville Unemployed Council has conducted a number of successful rent strikes.

On the block of Hinesdale Ave., 32 houses with 279 tenants have won reductions in rent of 75 cents to \$1 per room, no evictions and recognition of the block committee. After a struggle which lasted three weeks the last two stubborn landlords were forced to come to the committee and give the same conditions that were in the rest of the block, in addition to paying \$15 for expenses of the strike.

During the strike many demonstrations were staged before the landlords' homes and stores, numerous open air meetings were held on the block and daily picketing was carried on by the tenants.

This block is one of the many in the Brownsville and East New York where rent strikes are being conducted. At 83 Riverdale Ave. the landlord got an injunction against picketing and the tenants were ordered by the court to get out within 24 hours. In spite of the injunction the strike remained solid and the landlord had to call the committee for a settlement.

At 518 and 526 Pennsylvania Ave. the landlord is trying to break the strike by the use of the injunction. In 521 Powell St. the Socialist Tenants League tried to get control of the strike and to get \$1.30 from each tenant, but the tenants were not fooled by the fine phrases of Gitlin, the manager of the Tenants League, and are continuing the strike with the Unemployed Council.

The Brownsville Unemployed Council is now located at 646 Stone Ave., and calls upon all workers to come and help in the fight against injustices.

"The Final Edition", co-features Pat O'Brien and Mae Clarke. Howard Higgin directed "The Final Edition" from a story by Roy Chanslor.

Joe Jackson and "Final Edition" at Hippodrome Sat. Stuart and Lash, and Joe Jackson, pantomime comedian, are the featured artists on this week's program at the Hippodrome.

Other vaudeville acts on the bill include Art Henry in "The Unfinished Act", with Dorothy Martin; Frank Swane and Joe Daly, the Bon John Girls; the Daves; Irving Grad and Tom Rafferty; the Carolina Strutters and Rhythm Corps; and Lois Torres and her Barcolonians. The screen offers the first New York presentation

To All Party Members In New York

February 20, 21 and 22 are to be Tag Days for the Unemployed Councils of Greater New York. All members should be out in the drive to build the Unemployed Councils and their official organ, "Hunger Fighters."

Collection boxes may be obtained at the following stations: Downtown U. C., 134 E. 7th St. Midtown U. C., 301 W. 29th St. Lower Harlem U. C., 350 E. 81st St. Middle Harlem U. C., 4 E. 116th St. Upper Harlem U. C., 2072 5th Ave. Lower Bronx U. C., 493 E. 135th St. Middle Bronx U. C., 1487 Bro'k Av. Williamsburg U. C., 3945 White Plains Rd. Brownsville U. C., 391 Watkins Av., Brooklyn. Brooklyn Heights U. C., 31 Atlantic Av., Brooklyn. Williamsburg U. C., 61 Graham Av. Red Hook U. C., 450 Hichs St. Long Island U. C., 111 4th St. Elmont U. C., 73 Meacham Av., Elmont, L. I. Jamaica U. C., 109-26 Union Hall St., Jamaica.

START JOBLESS INSURANCE DRIVE FOR SIGNATURES

Many Stations Open in New York

NEW YORK.—The Unemployed Councils of Greater New York, the revolutionary unions, and the workers' fraternal organizations, such as the International Workers Order, Workers Clubs, Women's Councils and others are mobilizing their membership for the collection of signatures for unemployment insurance and for the house to house collection for a million pennies to build the hunger fighter.

The workers will mobilize and report to the following headquarters on Saturday from 10 a. m. till 8 p. m., Sunday 10 a. m. till 6 p. m. and evenings during the week:

Manhattan City Office Unemployed Councils, 5 E. 19th St.; Water Front Unemployed Council, 140 Broad St.; Down Town Unemployed Council, 134 E. 7th St.; Mid Town Unemployed Council, 301 W. 29th St.; Yorkville Unemployed Council, 350 E. 81st St.; Upper Harlem Unemployed Council, 2072 5th Ave., Down Town Work. Club, 11 Clinton Street.

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MASS UNITY MEET AT COOPER UNION HAILS UNITED FRONT STRIKE

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company union heads, large numbers rallied to the parade.

The parade ended at Cooper Union where a most enthusiastic meeting was held. Stamper, member of the International, was chairman. Grossman and Rosenberg, members of the International, explained the character of the fake strike. The call to go to the shop strike committees was hailed with intense enthusiasm.

A large number of rank and file workers from the I. L. G. U. participated in the discussion. They told of the hardships of the dress shops imposed upon them by the bosses through the assistance of the International officials. They exposed the fake strikes of 1929 and 1930, which were directly responsible for the terrible conditions in the trade. They called for a consolidation of a strong united front to smash the fake unions and win better conditions in the dress trade.

Ben Gold, secretary of the United Front Strike Committee, took the floor in the discussion. Following a scathing exposure of the sell-out policy of the I. L. G. W. U., Gold called for a strengthening of the united front for joint action.

A Negro worker, member of the International for 15 years, made a splendid speech in the discussion exposing the methods used by the Schlesinger clique to sell out the workers.

Steps toward unity in picketing were made. A mass unity picket demonstration was called for tomorrow noon in the garment center.

A resolution adopted by the workers:

"We, the dress strikers, members of the I. L. G. W. U., members of the Needle Trades Industrial Union and non-union workers, gathered at Cooper Union, declare that we workers have no quarrels with each other, that our interests are the same, to win better conditions in our trade, so that we can earn a better living for ourselves and families.

"We pledge to do everything in our power to make an end to the division and split in the ranks of

the dressmakers and help to unite all the strikers under one rank and file leadership, elected by the strikers, to carry on the struggle for improvement of our conditions.

"We know from experience of the 1929 strike of the cloakmakers which was called and organized with the consent and assistance of the bosses, as well as the strike of 1930 in the dress trade. These were not strikes in the interests of the workers, but on the contrary brought about the present miserable conditions in the dress trade.

"We see that the present strike of the International has been organized in the same manner. With the assistance of the bosses, the officials of the International will soon announce that the strike is settled in City Hall just as the strike in 1930 and it will bring even more miserable conditions for the dressmakers.

"We condemn such a strike. In order to defeat the fake settlement and to improve the conditions of the workers we pledge to begin to elect shop and block committees and take the leadership into our own hands."

The meeting then proceeded to elect a committee of 50 workers to go to the International strike halls and call the workers to rally to the united front.

Gains scored during the last few days by the United Front Strike Committee were extended throughout the Metropolitan area yesterday. The number of striking shops are growing hourly. More applications for settlements are coming into the strike settlement headquarters.

The strike settlement committee reports that 57 settlements have already been made.

The disintegration of the Schlesinger fake walkout was manifested in the shameful lies of the capitalist press, which in the last three days has tried its utmost to belie and discount the activities of the United Front Committee. This form of obstruction was fully expected by the striking dressmakers and it has only added fresh impetus to the determined and stubborn march toward victory.

The American Negro; New Pamphlet on Negro Question Ready

The conditions of the Negro poor farmer and worker and other phases of the Negro question in this country are comprehensively discussed in the American Negro by J. E. Allen, just published by the International Pamphlets, as number 18 of its series of pamphlets on current economic, social and political questions.

The pamphlet describes the situation of the Negroes in the United States, presenting all necessary data in a condensed and popular form, and gives special attention to the Southern Black Belt and the agrarian situation, phases which have hitherto not been treated in such detail. Besides treating of the Negro in industry, the author discusses the relation of the Negro upper class to the white ruling class and the Negro masses, race prejudice, Jim-crow and lynching and the struggle for equal rights for Negroes and for the right of self determination for the Negro people.

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Organizing to Smash the Injunction Menace

By JOHN STEUBEN.

A united front struggle on a mass scale against injunctions has to be organized!

In those industries where the militant trade unions of the Trade Union Unity League have developed their influence and activity, it becomes increasingly difficult for the bosses to put across wage cuts and to generally worsen the conditions of the workers.

This is especially true of those trades and industries where the T.U.U.L. unions already partially succeeded to discredit the American Federation of Labor bureaucracy, like in mining, textile, needle, food, shoe, furniture, etc. Numerous strike struggles took place in those industries, most of these strikes were led by the revolutionary unions.

Because of the class struggle program and militant tactics of our unions, these strikes were entirely or partially successful.

The New Campaign

In order to curb the organizing activities of the militant unions, the bosses with the help of the socialist and A.F.L. bureaucracy, once more undertook a vicious campaign of injunctions. In New York City and throughout the country, the direct interference and vicious use of the machinery of the government, in the smashing of strikes, has developed to an unprecedented degree.

Injunctions against strikes have been issued for the last fifty years, but never have they been so widespread, so vicious, arrogant and drastic as these injunctions are now applied to the revolutionary unions. Blanket injunctions are issued prohibiting T.U.U.L. unions to organize workers in a given industry. The A.F.L. and socialist bureaucracy have become the most outspoken champions of injunctions as is the case in food and lately in the needle industries.

The Long Record of Arrests

It goes without saying that the policy of the T.U.U.L. unions is to mobilize the workers to violate and smash every injunction by mass picketing. As soon as the workers undertake the struggle against injunctions, the notorious Section 600 of the Penal Code of the State of New York is immediately invoked.

Section 600 declares: "Wilful disobedience to the lawful process or other mandate of a court is a misdemeanor." Mass arrests take place, workers are given no opportunity to answer charges against them, our lawyers are not given the right to cross examination, the court becomes the prosecutor, judge and attorney. No jury, no indictment, no pleading, no trial, and the workers are found guilty of "contempt of court" and are immediately fined and imprisoned.

During last year 2,200 food workers were arrested in the struggle against injunctions and 1,000 were convicted. In the cafeteria workers strike 1,800 were arrested, 560 were given jail sentences totalling 4,000 days in jail. Four hundred additional arrests were made under Section 600 resulting in 240 convictions and a total of 9,600 days in jail for our militant workers. In the last general strike of shoe workers there were 700 arrests and 300 convictions.

Scores of Injunctions

Immediately after the Furniture Workers Industrial Union was formed, a few months ago, and strike struggles developed in Brooklyn, the newly organized union was right away faced with a score of injunctions. As these lines are written, one of the most vicious injunctions was issued against the Metal Workers Industrial League and the Trade Union Unity Council, in connection with the strike of the Durable Tool Co., has been issued. The Food Workers Industrial Union gets new injunctions every day. In the present strike of the fish workers, 63 bosses signed an injunction against the union.

United Front of Reaction

The bosses together with the New York Chamber of Commerce and the American Federation of Labor bureaucrats are trying through injunctions to outlaw and declare illegal the Trade Union Unity League unions. These enemies of the working class are actually putting into effect the recent statement of the Secretary of Labor, Daugherty, when he publicly declared that the Trade Union Unity League is an "outlawed organization."

Unless the menace of injunctions is checked by determined action, it will still further spread and act as a break on the workers. The very elementary rights of the workers, that have been won as a result of many years of struggle and sacrifice are now challenged by the bosses.

In these "glorious United States, cradle of liberty, champion of democracy, land of the free and home of the brave" the right to strike, the right to picket is being wiped out. The bosses' class is going to the limit to accomplish this task. Wasn't Steve Katovis murdered on the picket line. Aren't there dozens of militant members of T.U.U.L. unions now serving long jail sentences?

Must Broaden the Fighting Front

Workers of one shop, trade or even industry alone cannot fight against the injunction menace. It must be a class fight. Unfortunately this has not as yet been recognized, even by our own unions and leagues. For months the Food Workers Industrial Union is battling injunctions, putting up a militant fight. What help did they get from the rest of the workers? How much help did the Furniture Workers Union get when they were faced with injunctions? And this is true about every other union.

England Adverse Trade Balance Now 30,000,000 Pounds

By Inprecoor

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The official figures showing the balance of Britain's payments reveal an adverse trade balance of thirty-one million pounds last year as compared to a credit balance of twenty-eight million the previous year and a credit of one hundred and three millions.

The net gold export was thirty-five million pounds compared to the net import of five million the previous year. The net shipping income is down twenty-five million pounds.

The net income in overseas investments fell fifty-five million pounds and the income from short interest and commissions was nearly halved, falling twenty-five million pounds.

ARMED FASCISTS RAID VILLAGE TO KILL COMMUNISTS

Fascists Injured and Killed in Clash With German Workers

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—Last night three trucks loaded with fascist storm detachments raided the village of Bankau in Upper Silesia.

Upon being refused information regarding the position of the house of the Communist leader Adamietz, they attacked the crowd with clubs. A local fascist farmer led the raiders to the house of the Communist, Ernst Bassy, leader of the Landworkers. Bassy was not at home. They shot and beat his father and then shot and beat to death his brother, August, although the latter was not politically organized, taking no active part in politics. The house was wrecked. The police arrested three fascists.

Pierce collisions between Communist and socialist workers against the fascists at Kottbus occurred last night. Four fascists were injured and one killed.

Last night the police raided the Homburg Communist locals searching for arms. As yet no report has been issued concerning the result, and the assumption therefore is that nothing was found.

Several Communist officials were arrested yesterday in Bremen and are charged with treason.

p. m., 49 Pacific Street.
New Haven—Sunday, Feb. 28, 3.00 p. m., Fraternal Hall, 19 Elm St.
Hartford—Sunday, Feb. 28, 3.00 p. m., Labor Temple, 97 Park Street.
Springfield, Mass.—Monday, Feb. 29, 8.00 p. m., Melba Temple, 347 Worthington Street.
All workers and fraternal organizations were invited to these conferences.

NEW ENGLAND DIST. ILL WEEK

Final preparations are being made by the Connecticut District of the International Labor Defense to mobilize the Negro and white workers for a series of Mooney mass meetings and Scottsboro-Mooney-Kentucky united front conference.

Comrade George Foster from the Hartford County Jail has helped to release Comrades Jackson, Powers and Bill Sroka. Mooney mass meetings will be held in the following cities:
Hartford—Wednesday, Feb. 24.
New Haven—Thursday, Feb. 25.
Bridgeport—Thursday, Feb. 25.
United front conferences for Scottsboro-Mooney-Kentucky campaign will be held in the following cities:
Bridgeport—Sunday, Feb. 21, 2.00 p. m., Red Men's Hall.
Stamford—Friday, Feb. 26, 8.00

SHERIFF OF BELL COUNTY DECLARES UNION ILLEGAL

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Spider Smith asked her if she believed that churches should be destroyed. She replied that in Soviet Union that was a question that workers themselves determined and she advocated that American workers, too, be allowed to determine such questions for themselves. She was then asked if she had Negro blood. She replied that she did not but would be proud to proclaim it if she did and added that even though she was fighting to save the Scottsboro boys from being legally murdered and that it was duty of all white workers to do likewise.

She answered the question as to her being member of Communist Party with the reply that she was very proud that she was, and then gave the full Party program. Her answer to Smith's question as to whether she favored the overthrow of the United States Constitution, her answer was she and all Communists were fighting to force capitalists to observe elementary rights the constitution gives the working class and above that to fight for working class government which would superimpose present constitution through the additional rights which workers have in the Soviet Union. Parks then began to compare conditions of the workers in the United States with conditions of the workers in Soviet Union. She was explaining how six hours a day without the hated speed-up and with one full month's vacation each year with pay and how said that the National Miners' Union and Communist Party were fighting for the same conditions for miners in Kentucky and Tennessee when Judge Van Beber interrupted her and ordered her taken to the Harlan jail immediately under \$15,000 bail. Before she was to be taken on the ride from which she almost certainly would have never returned Van Beber, Smith and the Mayor held a consultation during which it was decided to let her remain in the Pineville jail and reduce her bail to \$10,000, the same amount imposed on the other jailed comrades.

Beyond a doubt fear of what 300 miners in court room would have done if gun thugs had attempted to take Parks for a "ride" prevented the bloodthirsty agents of the operators from carrying through their plans. The witnesses for the prosecution were the wife of a Knoxville minister and the wife of a Pineville physician.

A meeting of the central Strike Relief Committee was held in Knoxville last night with Alfred Wagenknecht, W.I.R. National Secretary. The following plans were agreed upon. All shipments of food and clothing are to be made to this committee in Middlesboro, Kentucky. (The Pineville warehouse is still occupied by gun thugs). The workers must not think that the terror has made relief distribution to starving miners impossible. This morning food was sent to 440 families in Wallins Creek, 745 families in Gatlin, 220 families in Straight Creek, and 310 families in Four Mills. Three major distributions of food have been made to the strike area as a whole since the writers committee was arrested and kidnapped last Wednesday. The distributing apparatus has been improved and protected and is now reaching every mining camp despite the intention of the operators to break the strike by disrupting relief.

The new address of the Knoxville Workers International Relief is 800 1/2 North Central Avenue.

A bill introduced in the Kentucky legislature yesterday by coal operators to "cure the crisis in the coal industry" would throw thousands of miners out of the industry and force them to join the ranks of the 12 million unemployed. The bill provides all miners must pass a stiff examination before they can take jobs. The operators says this would also cut down accidents in the Kentucky mines which last year totalled ten thousand, and in which 194 miners were killed. The Kentucky mine accident rate is twice the normal in the United States, but this is due entirely to the operators fierce speed-up and lack of shoring. The operators have begun to mobilize Negro misleaders in a drive on the National Miners Union and the Communist Party. Proof that the Party program is increasingly winning the Kentucky and Tennessee Negroes, clearly adduced at mass meeting at which a Negro labor faker called in Jellico, Tenn. yesterday, at which he said, "Many Negroes are listening to the Reds, but they must guard carefully against this siren song of the Communists."

TENNESSEE MINE OWNERS TRY TO BLOCK STRIKE RELIEF

BULLETIN.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 18.—The new address of the Workers International Relief Southern office is 800 1/2 North Central Avenue. All food and clothes should be shipped to the new address of the Central Miners Relief Committee at Middlesboro, Kentucky.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 18.—Representatives of the Workers International Relief have worked for two days trying to rent offices in Knoxville. Their failure so far to find a headquarters indicates that all property owners have been notified not to rent space to the W.I.R.

The eviction trial at the Knoxville court house last Saturday foreshadowed this. Coal operators, officers of the National Guard and American Legion, representatives of the owning class of Knoxville crowded the court room. Their intention now is to expel the W.I.R. from the city by making it impossible to secure another headquarters.

Thus the rich and plentifully provided for of Knoxville join hands with the vicious coal barons of Kentucky to assist in the terror and starvation program of the Kentucky-Tennessee coal mine owners.

REPORT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT THREATENED WITH OVERTHROW BY RISING MASS MOVEMENT

BULLETIN.

The Chinese soldiers and workers defending Shanghai yesterday answered the Japanese ultimatum with a heavy bombardment of the Japanese warships in the Whangpoo River and the Japanese troops in the International Settlement.

The Japanese ultimatum demanded that the Chinese defenders of the South China city of Shanghai retire from Shanghai, leaving the Japanese and other imperialist armed forces in possession. The Japanese were supported in this demand by the United States, British and French imperialists. The Kuomintang leaders attempted to induce the Chinese troops to retire from the city, but the soldiers are standing firm with the revolutionary workers in continuing their successful resistance to the Japanese invaders.

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posal to the United States, British and French imperialists for the creation of an "independent" State of Shanghai under joint imperialist control. The Japanese proposal is aimed at lessening the tension between Japan and the other imperialist powers over the division of the spoils in the proceeding partition of China among the imperialist brigands. This tension has increased greatly in the past few days as a result of the huge mobilization of Japanese armed forces at Shanghai and the fear of the other imperialists that the Japanese intend to take more than their share in the looting of China. The proposal seeks also to establish a permanent imperialist war base at the mouth of the Yangtze River for the attack on the Chinese Soviet Republic in Central China. The proposal is supported by American and British interests in Shanghai.

The imperialist war base proposed would include all of the South China city of Shanghai and territory 25 miles west of that city. It would take in the other Chinese cities of Luho, Paoshan and Wocung on the Shanghai-Nanking railway and territory as far as Sunkiang on the Shanghai-Hangchow railway. From this territory, which is the gateway to the rich Yangtze Valley, the imperialists would carry out a joint armed intervention against the Chinese Revolution and its Red Army.

Two Worlds at War Today
Armed intervention against the Chinese Revolution is a prelude to the proposed armed attack against the Soviet Union. It represents a war between two worlds—a war of desperation waged by dying capitalism against the rising and flourishing Soviet world. It is the most desperate attempt yet made by decaying capitalism to get out of the crisis which is engulfing world capitalism.

Today, it is being waged in China at the expense of the blood of the toiling masses. Today, armed intervention against the Soviet Union is being prepared at the expense of starvation and denial of relief to the starving unemployed millions in the imperialist countries. Only an awakened and alert working-class can prevent the new world blood bath which the imperialists are preparing against the workingclass. Workers! Organize for struggle against imperialist war. Organize United Front Anti-War committees in your shops, unions and all organizations! Prevent the export of munition to Japan! Demand Hands Off Soviet China! Demand all war funds for the unemployed.

Japan Admit U. S.-British Support
An official Japanese spokesman yesterday admitted that the United States, British and French imperialists have been supporting the Japanese in their campaign of murder and terror against the Chinese masses in Shanghai. The Daily Worker has repeatedly pointed out that this was the case, that the other imperialists were supporting the Japanese ambitions conflicted with the loot aims of the other powers. A Shanghai dispatch to the New York Sun reports the Japanese spokesman as stating:

"From the beginning of the present Sino-Japanese conflict in Shanghai, a tacit understanding has existed between the settlement officials and the Japanese diplomats that any new terrain, annexed as a result of Japanese military operations carried out adjacent to the present foreign concessions must necessarily come under the joint administration of Chinese, Japanese and Occidentals."

Vern Smith Revises His Pamphlet in Pineville Prison

Behind bars in the Pineville, Ky. jail, where he is being held together with other organizers and miners on a charge of criminal syndicalism, Vern Smith, correspondent of the Daily Worker in the Kentucky mine fields, has revised his pamphlet 'The Frame-up System' and brought it up to date.

This new and revised edition has just been published by 'International Pamphlets' as No. 8 of the 18 pamphlets which have already appeared on current economic, social and political subjects. The pamphlet is now available at all workers' book shops or can be obtained direct from Workers' Library Publishers, Box 148, Station D, New York.

"The labor movement will gain the upper hand and show the way to peace and socialism." LENIN.

YOUTH COLUMN

CAMPAIGN FOR RELEASE OF LASSON PART OF YOUTH HUNGER MARCH PREPARATIONS

CHICAGO.—A campaign is being started for the release of M. Lasson, a member of the Young Communist League who is now serving a six months sentence for participating in an unemployed youth demonstration on the South Side. Comrade Lasson is in the Bridewell Prison Hospital seriously ill, from the rotten food and unhealthy conditions of the Bridewell jail.

The Unemployed Youth Hunger March on the 26th of February, starting at Newberry and 14th Sts. at 3 p. m., will score the Chicago bosses' terrorism. It will demand immediate relief for young workers, as well as unemployment insurance.

Young Workers! Demonstrate for relief! Answer the bosses' campaign of terrorism! Demand the immediate release of Comrades Lasson and Frank who were active in the struggles of the unemployed youth!

ANTI-WAR PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN CHICAGO

A rousing Anti-War Provisional Conference was held in Chicago, today with 29 organizations represented and a total of 55 delegates. Steps were taken to establish a United Front Committee to prepare for a conference to be held in April.

A thorough discussion on the war plans of the bosses, the situation in China and the tasks of the working-class youth was held. The delegates from the fraternal youth organizations, trade unions, YMCA Club, Sports Clubs, Unemployed Councils, Ex-Servicemen's League, Students League and Young Communist League pledged solid support in broadening the united front, and going back to their organizations to organize, discuss, issue leaflets and mobilize all youth with whom they have contact for the struggle against war.

Mass meetings will be held in all sections of Chicago the first and second weeks of March, ending up with a huge rally on March 19.

The conference also sent a telegram to the Governor of Kentucky protesting the murder of Harry Simms, leader of the young miners in the Kentucky coal fields. A resolution was adopted supporting the Youth Hunger March on February 26th which will demand unemployment insurance, a resolution supporting the Young Worker was also passed with the delegates pledging to aid the Young Worker and to build it as a mass organizer of the youth in the struggle against war.

CLEVELAND YOUTH ORGANIZE AGAINST NEW BOSS WAR

CLEVELAND.—The struggle against the coming boss war is taking on a stronger form with the development of an organized anti-war youth movement in Cleveland, Ohio. Various youth organizations, including the IWO Youth Branches, the Labor Sports Union clubs, Young Communist League units, and others are reorganizing themselves into a youth committee which was elected at a conference of these organizations on January 8.

Conference Arranged Affair.
This anti-war youth conference has already arranged a successful anniversary affair on the occasion of Karl Liebknecht's death, at which 250 workers and young workers assembled to voice their opposition to bosses war and their resolve to organize themselves to fight the preparations for such wars. The committee is now busy arranging several symposiums on war, in the nature of preparation for the holding of another youth conference against war.

Prepare National Youth Day.
This conference will deal with arousing the hundreds of thousands of young Cleveland workers to the danger of another boss war against the Soviet Union and the necessity for organizing under militant leadership to fight against this danger. In this connection, plans for the organization of the second National Youth Day in the Ohio district will also be discussed. National Youth Day held last year in Youngstown was broken up brutally by the steel police.

All youth organizations in Cleveland and others interested in joining the struggle against boss war and in taking part in the National Youth Day celebrations, May 30th, are asked to write for more information to the Anti-War Youth Committee, 1426 West 3rd St., Room 311, Cleveland, Ohio.

Chi. John Reed Club to Hold Conference

The United Front Committee under the auspices of the John Reed Club will hold a Cultural Conference this Sunday, Feb. 21st at 2 p. m. at the Peoples Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago.

The purpose of the conference is to establish a proletarian Cultural Conference which will furnish working-class cultural programs to revolutionary organizations. All cultural groups are urged to send delegates.

Huge Coliseum Meet Pledges to Fill Gap Left by Harry Simms

10,000 Hail Simms' Father's Stirring Call to Build Revolutionary Movement

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. — Ten thousand workers jammed the Bronx Coliseum Wednesday night to pay their last respects to Harry Simms, member of the Young Communist League and beloved leader of the fighting Kentucky miners, who was murdered in cold blood by the armed thugs of the Rockefeller coal interests.

This was one of the most impressive working class demonstrations ever held in the City of New York. Although it was a funeral demonstration, there was no weeping, no lamentation. Determination to avenge the murder of the fallen comrade was written on the face of every worker in the large hall. Standing with raised fists, singing the International, the masses of workers pledged to avenge this cold-blooded murder of this working-class fighter by building a stronger Communist Party, Young Communist League and revolutionary trade union movement in America.

The workers came early to pay their homage to the fallen youth fighter, whose body lay in a casket on a raised platform in the center of the Coliseum. They were silent. They spoke in low voices, as they waited for the meeting to begin.

Daily Worker Sent Wreath.
A guard of honor—four members of the Young Communist League, flanked the coffin. One of them held a large red flag. Wreaths of red flowers sent by the Central Committee of the Communist Party, the Young Communist League, the Daily Worker surrounded the bier of the youth fighter.

The huge meeting was opened at 8 o'clock. Tony Minerich, a miner and member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League, was chairman. The meeting was addressed by Wm. Z. Foster, I. Amter, Joe Weber, who was kidnapped and beaten by the Kentucky mine thugs, and Moore, a Negro miner from Kentucky.

Telegrams poured into the meeting from workers' organizations and unions all over the country protesting against the Kentucky terror and the murder of Simms. The telegrams expressed the determination of the workers to intensify their struggle against the bosses and the Hoover hunger government.

Father Calls Workers to Take Son's Place.
The father of Harry Simms, a worker and a left wing fighter all his life, sat on the stage near his dead son. He received the greatest ovation of the evening when his statement was read calling on the workers to rally to the Communist Party and Y. C. L.

The statement of the father of Simms follows:
"My son, Harry Simms, was brutally murdered by the armed forces of the Kentucky coal barons. He dies for the cause of the working class. He was born in a family of a worker and reared in the spirit of the class struggle. From his earliest days he devoted all his energy to organizing the workers, to enlightening them, to leading them in struggle for a better life and against the brutal forces of capitalism which crushes the workers of his country. He died on the battle field of the class struggle, while conducting activities on behalf of the exploited and oppressed Kentucky miners."

"My son, Harry Simms, went to Kentucky, knowing very well the dangers of the situation. As a true fighter he died a glorious death.

"He was a fighter because he was a Communist and a member of the Young Communist League. It is the Communist Party which leads the working class in all its struggles. It is the Communist Party which gives direction, meaning and unity to all the struggles of the working class. It is the Communist Party which gives its members courage to fight in the front ranks of their class. It is the Communist Party which is following the same road as roos the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, which is building socialism over one-sixth of the surface of the earth. It is the Communist Party which will lead all the workers of this country into their final battle against capitalism and for the establishment of a Soviet Republic.

"I therefore, appeal to all of you workers, and Young Workers to commemorate my son, Harry Simms, to pay tribute to a son of the working class who died in your cause, by joining the Young Communist Party and the Young Communist League of America."

William Z. Foster called on the New York workers to intensify their efforts to send relief to the Kentucky miners.

"One thing we must do," said Foster, "is to make the capitalist class pay dearly for the murder of Simms. I know, I am sure, if Simms were able to speak tonight, he would tell us not to lament, but to dedicate ourselves to the struggle against capitalism.

"I have seen capitalists face workers' courts in the Soviet Union; it will not be long before they will face workers' courts in America.

"Our answer to the murder of Simms must be the answer of the

Kentucky miners; to build the revolutionary unions, the Communist Party and the Young Communist League, to fight hunger, terror and the betrayals of the A. F. of L."

Foster closed his speech with a stirring appeal for workers to join the Communist Party and Y. C. L.

I. Amter called on the workers to commemorate the death of Comrade Simms by rallying in great numbers to the support of the miners and dressmakers' struggles and to the fight against imperialist war and defense of the Soviet Union.

"As we leave Simms tonight," said Amter, "we wish to say as was said over the dead body of our German comrade, Klenke, who was murdered by the fascists: his body goes to the soil, but his spirit goes to the masses."

Joe Weber told of the heroic struggles of the miners in Kentucky and Tennessee.

"The death of Simms," said Weber, "was not only organized by the coal operators and the government, but by the officials of the United Mine Workers of America."

"We do not come here to weep, to cry, to mourn, but to strengthen the ranks of the workers, to carry on to victory the struggle for which Simms died. The ranks of the miners will not be broken by terror."

Moore, a Negro miner, described the conditions in the coal fields, told how the miners were starving while working for a wage of \$1.20 a day for two days a week and declared the determination of the miners to carry on the struggle to victory.

Seven miners from Kentucky who joined the Communist Party received a great ovation from the workers. There were miners on the platform who faced 75 years in jail in Kentucky on charges of criminal syndicalism, etc.

A resolution denouncing the terror of the coal barons and the murder of Simms and calling on the workers to take the place of Simms in the class struggle by joining the Communist Party and Y. C. L. was unanimously adopted.

The memorial demonstration ended with all the workers standing singing the International while the body of the brave fighter was carried out by members of the Young Communist League.

DETROIT, Feb. 18.—The workers of Detroit are answering the murder of young Simms, 19-year-old organizer of the National Miners Union who was murdered by a mass memorial meeting on Sunday night, 7:30 p.m. at Northern High School, Feb. 21, on Woodward Ave. and Clairmont, Detroit. This meeting called by the Communist Party and the Young Communist League shall voice the determination of the Detroit workers, old and young, to rally to the aid of the striking miners.

Already over 20 mass organizations recognizing this act of the coal bosses as an effort to smash the strike struggles of the Negro and white miners of Kentucky, have sent resolutions of protest to the governor of Kentucky, demanding that the terror against the miners be stopped.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 18.—A Harry Simms protest memorial rally will be held in the Boston vicinity on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 3 p.m. at the New International Hall, 42 West-nomah Street, Roxbury, under the joint auspices of the Communist Party, the Young Communist League, the International Labor Defense, Workers International Relief and the Trade Union Unity League. Nat Kaplan and Lowell Wakefield will be the speakers.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 18.—A mass protest meeting under the auspices of the Communist Party, the Trade Union Unity League will be held Friday night at Humboldt Hall against the murder of Harry Simms.

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By BURCK

Party Recruiting Drive

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BRINGING LIFE TO THE UNITS

By L. D. (New York)

A few days ago, I attended a Unit meeting composed of new Party members, and almost all of them native Americans. At this meeting a number of very important points were brought out by the comrades who are new in the Party, as to their opinion of some of the weaknesses and shortcomings of our Party work. And in this article, I want to take some of these criticisms and show how correctly the new members have estimated the situation in the Party, and what must be done in order to change this situation.

In the first place, the comrades clearly pointed out that many of the old Party members are not able to give definite, concrete answers on questions that puzzle the minds of the new members. Especially questions of a political nature, questions that deal with deviations of a "right" or "left" character in our Party. This point is of the greatest importance, and shows again that our Party finds itself on a low political level, and that we must, without wasting much more time, begin to really politicize the activities of our Units to carry on some educational work, linking up the various, every day campaigns of the Party with problems of policy, wrong political conceptions, and what is the correct Bolshevik line on one or another concrete problem.

The second point that the comrades raised was the following: That we have not learned to distinguish between the work of the Party organization proper, and the various mass organizations. The comrades pointed out that for instance in the unemployment headquarters we find the same pictures of Lenin, and the other leaders of our Party in the International movement, the same banners, the same slogans, etc. that we find in the Party headquarters, and that workers who are not ready to be called Bolsheviks or Reds, but who come to our movement on the basis of every day struggles on the demands for Unemployment Insurance, immediate relief, reduction in rents, etc. are scared away from the headquarters of the Unemployed Councils because they have the impression that they have entered the ranks of the Communist Party. Large meetings of these mass organizations do not distinguish themselves from the Party meetings, and in very few instances have we drawn in broad masses of workers at these mass organization meetings. It is due to the fact that we have not learned to mobilize workers around one distinct concrete issue, and organize them for struggle along this issue.

It seems to me that this point raised by the comrades is of greatest significance to us. We must begin to go down to the roots of this very important point, see what are the causes

for this, and do away with it so that we can really mobilize masses of workers around the various activities that we are carrying on, without in any way antagonizing that section of the working class that still is prejudiced against Communists and the Communist Party, and only on the basis of struggle convince them of the correctness of our position, and draw them closer into our ranks.

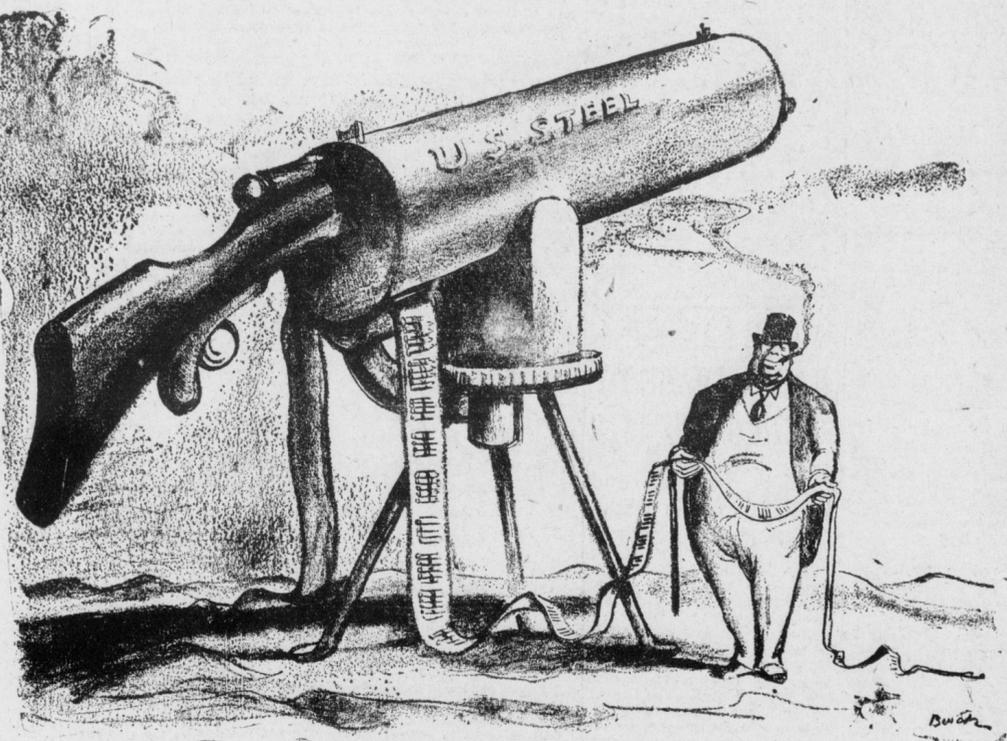
Another point that the comrades raised was the question of wasting time in waiting around for meetings to begin. These new workers who joined the ranks of our Party are full of enthusiasm for the activities of the Party, and they feel that every moment counts, that every minute they can do something to develop the work of the Party, and yet they are forced to go to meetings that are called, and wait around for an hour, at times an hour and a half, and then be told that because only a few comrades showed up, that the meeting is called off.

They do not seem to understand such a situation, and they interpret it, and correctly so, as a lack of sincerity on the part of the older Party members in taking the campaigns of the Party in a real serious manner. If we were to check up on all the hours and days wasted on just waiting around for meetings, we would see that this point raised by the comrades is of greatest importance to our Party. We must begin to put into effect a system whereby, when a meeting is called for a given time, irrespective of the fact of how many comrades show up, to begin this meeting on time. If we were to follow such a thing in a number of instances, then the comrades would be convinced that we mean business and we will not be in a situation where we will waste so many hours uselessly, without any results.

These three points show very distinctly that the New Party members are alert and in bringing these criticisms to the Party do it in the spirit of really helping the Party to avoid some of the shortcomings that we face at the present time. It is of the greatest importance that we consider the opinions of the new Party members, that we discuss these problems with them, and really begin to develop a new inner life of our Units to a point where we really make the new and old Party comrades feel that we are a political Party that guides the workers in their every day struggles for improved conditions.

In this light, we must take these criticisms seriously and unite all our strength and forces to shove aside these weaknesses that we are confronted with today, in order to make the full turn of our Party towards the shop work as its central activity, and towards the building of a real mass Communist Party.

"HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!"



News Item:—Report heavy orders being placed for war materials cause stocks to rise.

For Political Decisiveness and Clarity in Our Anti-War Activities

By SAM DON.

PART I.

THE first condition for the mobilization of the Party for the struggle against war is merciless struggle against the underestimation of the war danger—particularly against the underestimation of the war danger against the Soviet Union.

What is the main cause for the slow response of the Party to the struggle against war, with consequent indecisiveness and lack of sustained activities in the mobilization of the masses in the struggle against war? The cause is to be found in the very insufficient popularizing of Lenin's teachings on war, in the lack of a thorough political digestion and application of the resolutions of the Communist International. The result is that we do not develop a systematic and persistent struggle against opportunistic manifestations.

The absence of such a struggle in practice assumes the character of "rotten liberalism," which was so decisively condemned by Comrade Stalin in his recent letter. We must, therefore, regardless of persons, carry on a decisive struggle against opportunistic manifestations of a right and left character. In order to understand the seriousness and danger of these manifestations we must trace them to their source, that is, the bourgeois influences within the ranks of the working class and their reflection within the Party.

We will first of all very briefly state the line which gives the analysis of the C. I. on the war situation. With the continuous deepening of the crisis, the bourgeoisie is sharply faced with the question of liquidating it. By what method? By a murderous attack on the standard of living of the toiling masses, of the colonial peoples, and by the most desperate and feverish struggle for markets, for the armed revision of the world, through a new imperialist world war. In substance, this is the capitalist way out of the crisis.

But what is the main obstacle that imperialism finds today in its way for the revision of the world, for its capitalist way out of the crisis? It is the very existence of the Soviet Union, particularly now, when the first five year plan is being carried out in four years, completing the foundations for the building of socialism, and the Second Five Year Plan is announced.

Comrade Stalin gave a very clear answer to the above question. In his report to the 16th Party Congress he pointed out brilliantly why the imperialists consider the Soviet Union the main obstacle for their murderous and bloody capitalist way out of the crisis. He said: "I spoke earlier of the contradictions of world capitalism. But apart from these contradictions there exists yet one more. I mean the contradiction between the capitalist world and the U. S. S. R. It is a contradiction between capitalism as a whole and a country building socialism. But this does not prevent it decomposing and shaking to pieces the very foundations of capitalism. Still more, it lays bare to the very roots all the contradictions of capitalism and gathers them up into one knot, making of them a question of life and death for the capitalist order itself. Therefore every time that capitalist contradictions begin to grow acute the bourgeoisie turns its gaze towards the U. S. S. R.: 'Cannot we settle this or that contradiction of capitalism, or all contradictions taken together, at the expense of the U. S. S. R., the land of the Soviets, the citadel of the revolution, revolutionizing by its very existence the working class and the colonies; preventing us arranging for new war, preventing us dividing the world anew, preventing us being masters of our own extensive internal market, so necessary for capitalists, particularly today in connection with the economic crisis?'" (My emphasis.—SD.)

The Soviet Union is the living embodiment of the revolutionary way out of the crisis. The toiling masses throughout the world, the colonial peoples, look towards the Soviet Union in their struggle against capitalism, against imperialism. An imperialist war, a war on the colonial peoples, in face of the existence of the Soviet Union, holds for the imperialists the danger of proletarian revolutions and colonial uprisings and revolutions. The imperialist powers therefore, whose contradictions as a result of the crisis sharpen to the point of armed struggle, who already today carry on wars on the colonial peoples, consider as the main aim of their foreign policy, military intervention against the U. S. S. R.

We therefore see the dialectic development of the following process within the imperialist camp: acute growth of antagonisms amongst themselves and within these antagonisms the development of the struggle for leadership for a united attack against the Soviet Union. Thus through war on the Soviet Union, "removing the obstacle" which "revolutionizes by its very existence the working class and the colonies" and "prevents the arranging of a new war, prevents the dividing of the world anew."

The pivot, therefore, of international relationships today is the antagonism between the world which is building socialism and the world of dying capitalism. This antagonism is growing daily. The second Five Year Plan, in its epoch making announcement, most clearly demonstrates the growing antagonism between the two worlds. The significance of the Second Five Year Plan must be understood in the light of its main political objective: "The fundamental political task of the second Five Year Plan is the final liquidation of the capitalist elements and of classes in general, the complete removal of the causes which produce class differences and exploitation, the overcoming of the remnants of capitalism in economy and in the minds of the people, the conversion of the whole of the working population of the country into conscious and active builders OF THE CLASSLESS SOCIALIST SOCIETY." (From the Thesis of the Second Five Year Plan.) (My emphasis.—S. D.)

The developments in the world today must therefore be analyzed from the viewpoint that: "The growth of the antagonism between the capitalist world and the socialist world, between

the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie and the dictatorship of the proletariat extremely intensifies the danger of military intervention against the U. S. S. R." (From the 11th Plenum Resolution of the C. I.)

The present war in China, the growing open acts of provocation against the Soviet Union strikingly confirm the analysis of the Communist International.

Under the pressure of the crisis, Japanese imperialism is waging war on the Chinese masses. The antagonism between the imperialist powers is sharpening over the struggle for the partitioning of China. There is only one force today in China which can unify China, which can defeat the imperialist partitioning of China—that is SOVIET CHINA. And the very existence of the Soviet Union, the steady growth of socialism in the Soviet Union, is the greatest force and inspiration to the Chinese toiling masses in the struggle against an imperialist war for the partitioning of China.

Thus we see that within the sharpening of the antagonisms between the imperialists, looms the war of intervention against the Soviet Union, and the various imperialist expeditions to crush Soviet China, to destroy the Chinese Red Army. The imperialist interests of America and Japan clash over the Pacific Ocean. The struggle between Japan and the U. S. over the Chinese markets, the main market of Japan, for the control of the markets in the Pacific area, is growing daily. The Japanese war in Shanghai, threatening the interests of the imperialist powers in Central China, extremely sharpen the contradictions between the imperialist powers.

But America, while preparing to the minutest detail for war with Japan, is within certain limits willing to support Japan. What is the main basis for this support? It is the expression of the main line of American foreign policy—struggle for leadership in the anti-Soviet front, to ruin and interfere with the carrying out of the Five Year Plans.

The events in Shanghai must not blind one to the occupation of Harbin by Japan, to the attempts to seize the Chinese Eastern Railway. The growing rivalries between the imperialists in connection with the Shanghai events, the growing danger of an inter-imperialist world war, does not change the fundamental fact that the main danger of war today is that of armed intervention against the Soviet Union, does not change the fact, that there exists a united anti-Soviet, anti-Chinese front of all imperialist powers.

We give here a few characteristic expressions from the capitalist press, which bring out the MAIN danger in the present war situation in China, and the LEADING role of American imperialism in the Anti-Soviet Front. "Thus the liberal World Telegram in its financial section (no accident) speaks out: 'The Chinese-Japanese squabble, even though it develops into a war may not be as detrimental as it appears. It might even stimulate trade a bit, and if Russia becomes involved in a minor war, she may be forced to give up her Five Year Plan, which has caused no little concern in this country.' (My emphasis.) Indeed the Five Year Plan has caused concern to Wall Street and Hoover."

What about the Second Five Year Plan, gentlemen? The New York Evening Post, the organ of Morgan, who organized the conference between Hoover and Laval, carried a dispatch from Geneva, that for brutal frankness must be considered as a rarity in the capitalist press. Its correspondent from Geneva wrote: "Why not state the truth, that Japan emerges victorious not only in far eastern battles, but here as well, because the great western nations, behind their League masks and under their diplomatic camouflage secretly want Japan installed upon the Asiatic mainland, a dependable sector of a protective ring around Soviet Russia! . . . What Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Roumania do for conservative Europe in their function as buffer nations against Soviet Russia, it is argued—and settled for that matter—Japan entrenched in the Asiatic mainland would perform at the gateway of the Reds' backyard."

Here we have the whole truth. . . . A ring

around the Soviet Union on the Eastern and Western Front. Within the growing conflicts of the imperialists stands out the united front of all against the Soviet Union.

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Red Sparks

By JORGE

A "Special Tribute"

The Rome correspondent of the N. Y. American of February 11, in cabling the account of Mussolini's reception at the Vatican, where the Swiss Guards were drawn up to receive the fascist murderer, goes on to remark that the Guards had laid aside their usual ancient halberds, as follows:

"In place of halberds, were rifles with fixed bayonets, a special tribute to the visitor."

One is lost in admiration of the Pope, the representative of Christ, according to his own claim, who is thoughtful enough to keep a good bunch of "rifles with fixed bayonets" around to show that he's a real Christian. Particularly, in view of the fact that he was supposed to pay "a special tribute" to Mussolini, another Christian who just dotes on guns, by showing rifles with fixed bayonets, instead of halberds.

Rockefeller Enters Rug Business

Valdez, Colorado, The Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., co-operating with state board of vocational education, is instructing unemployed miners in the gentle art of weaving "genuine Indian" rugs. All work is to be done on hand looms, which, according to a newspaper account, can be "put" into the home for less than \$20.

The following jingle is used by the bosses to advertise this scheme:

"Miner, miner, are you starving?
Do you want 'good times' to boom?
Just procure yourself a twenty—
Buy yourself a hand-power loom."

With the eastern warehouses full of "genuine Navajo rugs" made in Hoboken, N. J. it is difficult to believe that the miners in the Southern Colorado coal fields will be able to dispose of their primitive rug.

Presidential Timber

We notice that the boom of "Garner for president" is being spread far and wide. All kinds of "yes men" are yelping in chorus: "Garner is the man of the hour." Just why he is that, is not disclosed. Maybe he has a watch.

Of course, one thing claimed for him is that he comes from Texas and is supposed to be "a farmer" from "out in the sticks". But farmers should take note that he has lived in Washington, D. C., for twenty-nine years and wears a silk hat with the best of the Washington politicians. Also, whether he's a "farmer" or not, would make no difference. He's a capitalist farmer, maybe. And his party is a capitalist party.

Aside from that, he appears to be eligible as a capitalist candidate for president, by reason of the fact that it has not been proven that he has had an idea, either new or second hand, for the last forty years. His heaviest political utterance of recent date is the remark, made while visiting the White House, that the silver door knobs indicated that there might be a funeral.

Kindly contrast, against this and other fossilized blockheads and reactionary clowns of Wall Street, even the second rate leaders of the Soviet Government. Then realize that what we say about "decline and decay of capitalism" can be exemplified here in the person of presidential timber.

Chalk This Down Carefully

Workers should take due note, right now, that the democrats are just as enthusiastic as the republicans in Congress, for the new way of putting over a general wage cut that is called a "sales tax".

Incidentally, as showing that incompetence is rewarded, the United Press dispatches of February 9 reported both the approval by the Senate of Ogden L. Mills as secretary of the Treasury, and the admission by Mills of a "treasury error of \$455,000,000."

To make up for this mistake of Secretary Mills, Secretary Mills suggests a sales tax. And the democrats are all for it, too. Among the democrats who are cheering for the move to tax what workers eat, the Hearst service plays up Congressman Crisp of Georgia. After "explaining" that, for some reason he doesn't give, the rich cannot be taxed to balance the federal budget, and that it must be balanced by a sales tax, Crisp lets this out:

"Today some of your government bonds are selling as low as 85 cents on the dollar. If you continue to issue bonds—there will be a further depreciation. The premier security of the world today is the United States bond and if you do not stop issuing bonds they will show further depreciation and all industrial and commercial bonds, stock, lands and everything else will depreciate."

Now, that would be downright bad, wouldn't it. Yet that is exactly what is going to happen, even if the capitalists do have their sales tax, from which they aim to extract a penny on every dish of baked beans, so to speak, that the workers consume. Yes, sir, that "premier security of the (capitalist) world", the U. S. bond, is going down below 85.

Why? Well, for one thing, when the masses wake up to what that sales tax is going to do to them, their opinion of the government will go down from 85 to 50 or maybe lower. Also, all such taxes are a limitation on production, and the more limitation the worse for the symbol of capitalist government strength, the price of its bonds.

Moreover, in the first place, \$2,000,000,000 in additional paper bonds have just been approved by Congressman Crisp and all his little republican and democratic side-kicks, and that is pure inflation, which will have its effect on U. S. bonds.

Incidentally, it's all wrong what Crisp said about U. S. bonds being the premier security "of the world". He left the Soviets out, and the really best security is Soviet Government bonds. But even if you have been "hoarding", you can't buy them over here. That's a privilege that only Soviet workers have. The nearest thing to it that you can do is to join the Communist Party and thus join the fight for a Soviet Government right here. It's the price of beans, not bonds, that should interest you.

around the Soviet Union on the Eastern and Western Front. Within the growing conflicts of the imperialists stands out the united front of all against the Soviet Union.

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Mr. Green and Unemployment Insurance

By HARRY GANNES.

It would be hard to find a blacker page in all labor history than that written during the present crisis by the deeds of the leadership of the A. F. of L. against both the unemployed and unemployed.

It is especially necessary to recount these deeds of the Greens and Wolls when we see the spectacle of 100 overstuffed labor fakers presenting a petition to Hoover, asking for "federal aid" for the unemployed. The real intent of this petition can be understood only in the light of the bread-snatching and strike-breaking activities of the A. F. of L. officialdom.

Conference With Big Capitalists.

Right after the crisis threw millions of workers into the streets to starve, William Green, president of the A. F. of L., along with 12 other high-paid A. F. of L. officials, met with such individuals as Hoover, Walter Teagle, president of the Standard Oil of New Jersey; Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of General Motors; Owen D. Young, Samuel Insull (whose gun thugs are now shooting down miners in Kentucky); E. G. Grace, Bethlehem Steel Co.; Myron C. Taylor, U. S. Steel (both of whom later headed the wage cutting drive for 1,000,000 steel workers).

The purpose of the meeting was to prevent strikes and how effectively this was done is testified to in no uncertain terms by one of Green and Woll's best friends, the Wall Street Journal. The most hopeful sign this sheet could find for capitalism for 1932 was the following:

"One aspect of the business year which has lately passed unwept, unwhored and unsung, is deserving of more than the casual mention it has received. It is doubtful whether so rapid and extensive a deflation of the wage earner's income has ever before taken place in the United States, with so nearly a total absence of open conflict between 'masters and men' . . . It seems a far cry back to the Homestead riots of 1892, to the Puimain and railroad strikes of two years later, or even to the Colorado mine disorders of 1914."

Thus Wall Street pins a medal on the lapel of Mr. Green for the "rapid and extensive deflation of the wage earner's income."

The results for the unemployed workers is written in the ledgers of the big corporations in the form of hundreds of millions in profits taken out of wages that would never have been paid had not the A. F. of L. officialdom not helped the bosses to hog-tie the workers.

Green's Promises to the Unemployed.

Green, however, as well as the rest of the A. F. of L. officialdom did not neglect the unemployed workers in the Judas act. With the prospect of starvation for millions clearly pointed out by the Communist Party (and later even Green himself could not deny it), the A. F. of L. bureaucrats called on the hungry workers to have fortitude, to believe in promises, to go hungry for the preservation of American capitalism.

It is sickening to read, in the light of the present situation, in the face of the present admissions of Green of wholesale starvation, his promises shoved down the throats of the workers back in 1929 and 1930.

Brazen Lying to Hoover.

Workers were starving and fighting for relief. What did Green tell them? He said: (Nov. 22, 1929):

"We now find that pessimism is giving way,

that faith and confidence is being restored; and we all can look forward with renewed hope to an early resumption of increasing industrial activity."

There followed two months in which over 2,000,000 workers lost their jobs, most of whom have since never had work; many thousands of whom died of hunger. But when asked to express his views on the workers' future Green wrote (Jan. 2, 1930):

"The president's conferences (out of which the wage cutting drives sprang) have been effective in checking this drift toward pessimism. These conferences recognize the interdependence of all industrial and economic groups. The necessity of maintaining wage standards and keeping the workers employed was emphasized (and we know how well this was emphasized) and co-operation of industrial executives forestalled the danger of serious layoffs. With the 'great back-log' of prosperity assured by public service institutions and governmental work as we enter 1930 we can look ahead with confidence."

Thus spoke Mr. Green, and he was echoed by every other labor lieutenant in the A. F. of L. while millions of workers and their families faced starvation; while the Communist Party was mobilizing the workers to struggle for unemployment insurance, for relief to come out of the gorged pockets of the bosses who had been reaping heavy profits by the frightful exploitation of the American workers.

Now suddenly we have Mr. Green singing a different tune. Not long ago at the last convention of the A. F. of L. in Vancouver the most prominent feature was a speech made by Green declaring the A. F. of L. was against any form of unemployment insurance or "federal relief" because it was undignified and not in keeping with the morale of the American workers.

After the February 4 demonstrations, Mr. Green with 100 other Wall Street agents in the officialdom of the A. F. of L. presented a petition to Hoover calling for "federal aid."

Why should these fakers who were promising the workers "prosperity", who were talking about co-operation with the bosses, who were preaching optimism, and denying unemployment insurance, suddenly try to hide their two-year's betrayal by a mass of phrases about the hungry millions? It is now to the greater interest of capitalism for Mr. Green and the leadership of the A. F. of L. to appear, like Father Cox, to be leading the growing movement of the unemployed demand relief.

The bosses look to Green to do for the unemployed what the A. F. of L. was able to do for the employed in the matter of wage cuts. Mr. Green is now trying a new confidence game.

The A. F. of L. officialdom which for years was telling the hungry workers to rely on "local relief", said in its petition:

"The local relief agencies in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit have found the task too great. For instance, in New York 250,000 families are in immediate need of relief, while 100,000 are receiving assistance. In Philadelphia the number dependent on relief has risen from 3,000 in December, 1929, to 43,000 in December, 1931. Philadelphia estimates its need at \$6,000,000 beyond that raised, and there is no more money in sight. Funds, May 1.

In Chicago relief funds will be exhausted by