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The Wagner Bill Will Legalize Starvation

THE passage of the Wagner bill, boasted achievement of the Tammany Hall section of the Democratic Party, is a measure based on a standard of pauperism and starvation for the unemployed and their families.

This bill, calling for \$300,000,000 to be loaned to the state governments for relief of the unemployed has been passed by the House and Senate, meeting under the pressure of the bonus march and rising militancy of the jobless workers, on the eve of adjournment and one the eve of the democratic and republican convention.

This measure, accompanied by a fanfare of publicity, is an apparently generous gesture—if one does not stop to think in terms of the ocean of misery in which the sum called for (even if it escapes the Hoover veto), will not cause a ripple.

If the entire sum were distributed to the unemployed and their dependents in New York state only, it would mean but \$100 per family. At the very most, since this is supposed to substitute for other forms of relief, it means that for the coming six months, or until the next session of Congress, it would give 3,000,000 hungry people an average income of \$16.75 per month. In other words, the Wagner bill legalizes the prevailing starvation standard of relief.

But the \$300,000,000 appropriation is to be distributed in varying sums to all states whose governors put in a request for relief. These loans are to be deducted from the present federal subsidy given to states for hard-surfaced highways. In this respect then it is clear that the Wagner bill makes no change whatever in the matter of increasing appropriations for public works but on the contrary is a brazen fraud.

Money is taken out of one pocket and put into another—and in this process it is carefully seen to that unemployed workers get no more than they would in "normal" times.

Let us take a little further:

In the four states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois there is a minimum of \$5,000,000 totally unemployed workers—several millions of whom have had no work for at least one year and whose needs are correspondingly great.

Once again taking the absolute minimum of one dependent for each unemployed worker (the "social welfare" agencies figure five dependents per worker) this makes a total of 10,000,000 incomeless persons in these states alone.

Tammany Hall Senator Wagner's \$300,000,000 would give to these 10,000,000 just \$30 each—until Congress meets again.

What a pleasant prospect for the jobless millions! What openhanded generosity on the part of a leader of Tammany Hall, whose mayor, according to the Seabury disclosures, grabbed off a million dollars in graft while a million workers went hungry in New York City.

We have analyzed this gesture of congressional generosity on the basis of figures purposely placed far below the actual numbers of unemployed and their dependents in the four states taken as examples.

The fact is that when this \$300,000,000 is spread out through 48 states, with the usual American deductions for the graft and corruption of the two-party governmental machine, after contractors, merchants and purchasing agents, etc., have taken their cut from it, there will be little left for the unemployed except the unutterable misery in which they now exist.

The ones who will make good profit from this measure are the bankers. They will grab the interest on the loans to the states, but there will not be a single new job given out beyond those handed the smaller fry of the Democratic and Republican Party machines, who will "administer" these loans.

The Wagner measure makes no change in the policy of the federal government. It remains the same, i.e., to keep the workers in a state of semi-starvation.

The unemployed millions will wait in vain for real relief through the Wagner bill. Such measures serve only to point out the need for stronger organization and more militant mass struggle for real relief and unemployment insurance.

Norman Thomas and the Bonus

NORMAN THOMAS writing in the New Leader of February 7, 1932 gave the real reasons for the Socialist Party opposition to the fight of the ex-servicemen for the immediate payment of the bonus. He stated: "It is probable that so great a bond issue and tax program as this sum (the bonus payment) would require would create certain financial difficulties and perhaps slow up business recovery."

Thus say these socialists to the working class—Do not injure the plunderer financial system of capitalism.... Do not do anything which will prevent the reestablishment of the stability of the capitalist system of exploitation and oppression.... The workers may rot from hunger—but the system of the House of Morgan must be held sacred!

In this argument, Mr. Norman Thomas, repeats the propaganda of every exploiter of labor facing the demands of workers struggling to escape from the misery of capitalism.

This position of the Socialist Party gives the lie to its demagogic agitation, that it favors the overthrow of capitalism. The socialists are the agency of the capitalist class working in the ranks of labor to carry through the capitalist way out of the crisis—to keep the workers chained to the slave system of hunger and war, while multiplying the miseries of the working class a hundredfold.

NEWS FLASHES

OVER 200,000 IN BERLIN SOLIDARITY DAY MEET

(Cable by Inprecor)

BERLIN, June 13.—Solidarity Day Meetings crowded Berlin, where over two hundred thousand workers participated in them. More than a million workers demonstrated throughout the Reich. Collisions occurred at Erfurt and Gera when the police dispersed meetings, making arrests.

Saturday a big demonstration at Nuremberg was attacked by the police with batons and revolvers. A member of the Communist Party, Falkner, was killed.

SCOTTSDORO MOTHER ARRESTED IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, June 13.—The Belgian police arrested Ada Wright when she arrived here to speak at a series of meetings. She was escorted to the frontier. A big protest meeting at Seraing in which over two thousand participated prevented the police from arresting the representative of the International Labor Defense of the U. S. A. The government action aroused great indignation. Jacquemotte and Vanderveld both protested against it at the Chamber.

FERRAT, FRENCH COMMUNIST LEADER, ARRESTED

PARIS, June 13.—Ferrat, member of the Politbureau of the French

Communist Party, was arrested here. The police was looking for Ferrat since 1927. He suffered heavy sentences for his working class activities and is threatened with a further sentence.

Detroit Workers Plan Huge Demonstration For Scottsboro Boys

DETROIT, June 13.—Detroit workers are planning a series of huge demonstrations for the release of the Scottsboro boys on the occasion of the visit here of Lucille Wright, little sister of two of the boys. Lucille, who is touring the country for the Scottsboro defense, will be in this district June 15 to 17. She will speak at the following meetings:

Wednesday, June 15, at Flint, Mich. Thursday, June 16, at a demonstration and open-air meeting at Milford and Bgole Sts.

Friday, June 17, in the afternoon in North Detroit, 3125 E. Davison, and in the evening at Brewster Center, Brewster and Hastings Sts.

Lucille's mother, Mrs. Ada Wright, is now on a tour in Europe and has spoken to many giant meetings in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France to date.

UCHIDA TO TAKE ORDERS FROM ARMY

To Push Drive for War On U.S.S.R.

The Japanese Government continued to maintain a strict censorship of all news of the movement of the four Japanese armies which were recently reported to be advancing on the Soviet borders. The censorship can only have one meaning: that the Japanese militarists are preparing to launch an early attack on the Soviet Union. One of the Japanese armies was already reported, several weeks ago, to be "within less than 30 miles of the Soviet frontier" near the junction of the Sungari and Amur Rivers. The Amur River forms the boundary between Manchuria and the Soviet Union.

Count Yasuya Uchida, Japanese reactionary and president of the South Manchuria Railway, arrived in Tokyo yesterday to take over the post of Foreign Minister in the Cabinet of the militarist-fascist dictatorship headed by Premier Saito.

Uchida made it clear that he would take his orders from the militarists whose policy calls for an extension of the present robber war against China and for armed intervention against the Soviet Union and at the same time an intensification of the terror against the starving, destitute Japanese workers and the ruined peasantry. He was quoted yesterday in the Japanese press as intending "to reach a definite understanding with the army authorities regarding their policies." He has declared himself in favor of immediate recognition for the Manchoukuo puppet government established by Japanese bayonets in Manchuria.

As president of the South Manchurian Railway, Uchida has taken a leading role in the Japanese aggressions in Manchuria beginning with the seizure of the city of Mukden last September. Although the seizure of Manchuria by the Japanese represent the first big action of the imperialists in the dismemberment of China, Uchida has declared that recognition of the Manchoukuo government would not conflict with the "obligations of Japan" under the nine-power treaty. The nine-power treaty is supposed to bind its signatories to respect the territorial and administrative integrity of China. Japan is one of the signatories of the treaty.

Japanese Minister of War Araki yesterday told newspaper men that the army welcomed the appointment of Uchida.

30,000 MARCH ON ARGENTINE CITY

To Aid Strikers; Six Killed in Clashes With Police

TUCUMAN, Argentina, June 13.—Thirty thousand farmers, mostly cane growers, marched on this city yesterday to help the sugar refinery workers, striking for higher wages and for an eight-hour day. Six of the strikers were killed in collisions with rural policemen.

The collisions occurred when the Provisional Minister of the Interior ordered the rural policemen to disperse the strikers who bravely fought back.

The situation here is serious as the workers are determined to win their strike which has the active support of the farmers throughout the province.

"Toward Revolutionary Mass Work" Pamphlet containing 14th Plenum Resolutions

SHIELD JERSEY POLICE

Drove Lindbergh Maid to Take Poison

TRENTON, N. J., June 13.—Despite the overwhelming opinion that Violet Sharpe, maid in the home of Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow was driven to suicide by police as a result of their third-degree methods, state authorities continued to whitewash the state as well as the local police.

The 28-year-old English working girl last Friday night poisoned herself by drinking furniture cleaning fluid after being hounded for months by the police in an effort to furnish the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby on some innocent victim.

Eviding the charge that Jersey police were responsible for driving the girl to her death, Gov. Moore yesterday said that no official "charges had been brought" to him.

Soviet Leaders on Their Way to Witness Giant Sports Meet



More than 100,000 worker sportsmen and women took part in the great Sport Parade held in Moscow on May 24. Photo shows members of the Soviet Government and Political Bureau of the Communist Party on their way to view the event. Left to right: Kyrvo, secretary of the Leningrad Party organization, and member of the Politburo; CPSU; Kaganovitch, Political secretary of the Moscow Party organization and member of the Politburo; Ordshonkide, member of the Politburo and Supreme Economic Council; Joseph Stalin, secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union; Mikuyan, candidate to the Politburo. An interview with Stalin by Emil Ludvig, German biographer, will be found on Page 4 of today's issue of the Daily Worker.

1000 MINERS IN OHIO VOTE TORUNSTRIKE

County and Red Cross Cancel All Relief;

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, June 13.—More than 1,000 miners on strike in Eastern Ohio have, within the last two weeks, openly repudiated the United Mine Workers of America leadership, and have, at the call of the National Miners Union, taken over the control of the strike in their localities. They have formed rank and file strike committees on a united front basis.

Yesterday, 95 per cent of the strikers at Amsterdam, Ohio, renounced the United Mine Workers and joined forces under the United Front Rank and File Strike Committee and the National Miners Union. They met in the U.M.W.A. hall, where only two weeks ago it was impossible for a member of the National Miners Union to take the floor. They voted

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YOUTH STRIKE IN TERRE HAUTE

400 Tie Up Metal Plant Over Firing of Nine

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., June 13.—Four hundred metal workers, the most of them young boys and girls, struck here Friday against the layoff of nine girls, who protested against an average wage-out of four cents an hour in the Columbian Enameling and Stamping Co.

A mass meeting at the factory gates today sent the strike committee in to present the following demands: (1) revoke the 10 per cent wage-cut, (2) fire the efficiency expert, (3) reinstate the nine girls, (4) recognize the committee.

The strikers are largely influenced by the Metal Workers' Industrial League. Joe Tash was invited to speak at the first mass meeting and Weber also spoke. Stool-pigeons are trying to raise a red scare. The militancy among the strikers is high.

The plant produced war products during the last war, and the machinery can be adjusted in three hours to do the same again.

TRY TO FORM THIRD PARTY TO "OVERCOME THE CRISIS"

NEW YORK.—An attempt to form a "third party" to meet the nation's emergency" will be made in Cleveland at a meeting of the League for Independent Political Action, of which Dr. John Dewey is chairman.

The League for Independent Political Action is an organization reflecting the dissatisfaction of the petty-bourgeoisie, which is being hard hit by the economic crisis, and its ambition to rule and "save the nation."

Hausner, Imperialist Polish Flyer, Forced to Abandon Monoplane

Forced to abandon his wrecked monoplane in mid-ocean, Stanislaus Felix Hausner, who attempted to make a New York-Warsaw flight for the purpose of "cementing U.S.-Polish relations," was today enroute to New Orleans after being picked up by the S. S. Circle Shell, according to word arriving in New York.

Hausner, who was a "goodwill" messenger for the fascist dictator Pilsudski, drifted at sea for a week before being picked up.

FARMERS DEFY CLOUDBURSTS; TO HEAR FOSTER

N. Dakota, Montana Section Enthusiastic for Red Program

BRUSH LAKE, Mont., June 13.—Thousands of farmers, plunging heroically through some of the worst weather and deepest mud known in these parts, through cloudbursts, literally forced their way into North Dakota and Montana towns to hear Foster, Communist candidate for president of the United States.

Foster declared that from his observation of the two states, he confidently predicted election of many Communists to local office.

1,000 at Brush Lake. There were a thousand at Brush Lake, yesterday; good weather would have made it 5,000.

Foster showed that while the jobless and part time workers of the cities starve because they can pay nothing, the farmers starve because they get only three cents a dozen for eggs, 11 cents a pound for butter fat, and other products are correspondingly low.

The farmers were enthusiastic over a common struggle of the workers and the farmers.

For 25,000 New Members! Taylor, chairman of the Brush Lake meeting, described the National Nominating Convention in Chicago. Ella Reeves ("Mother") Bloor received an ovation when introduced as candidate for congress from North Dakota. She raised especially the slogan, "25,000 new members of the Communist Party." Many farmers are joining during Foster's tour.

Spontaneous Demonstration At Minot, N. D., where Foster spoke June 11, and at Bismark, N. D., where he had a meeting earlier the same day, there were great crowds of farmers and unemployed workers. At Bismark there was a spontaneous demonstration at the depot for Foster and the Communist program. There is a feeling of enthusiasm for the Communist platform and candidates throughout this whole farming region.

Foster's next meetings are: Great Falls, Mont., today; Butte, Mont., June 15; Spokane, Wash., June 17; Seattle, June 19 and Tacoma, June 20. After that he goes down through Oregon and California.

BONUS NEWS FLASHES

ROCHESTER GROUP LEAVES

ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 12.—Exactly 60 worker ex-servicemen left here by truck and auto at noon Saturday, minus three disrupters who tried to divide the banks by raising the issue of "no Communists, no radicals," and who were outvoted by the rank and file at a final rally on the city line. A collection was taken to give these three carfare back!

The delegation proceeded on its way in high enthusiasm, under leadership of a provisional bonus march committee. Started within the past two weeks by a newly organized Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League, the march to Washington movement gained momentum rapidly.

DIES PROTEST IN BOSTON ON SUN., JUNE 26

Cleveland Also Moves for Sharp Fight

BOSTON, June 13.—The first district of the International Labor Defense to take the initiative in opening up the fight against the Dies Anti-Foreign Born Bill, the Boston organization is calling a conference for June 22 to intensify the campaign against the bill and for the immediate release of Edith Berkman.

The conference, at which a large number of labor and fraternal organizations will be represented, will be held in the Association Building, 993 Washington St., Room 7.

Plans for a large number of mass meetings is included in the program of the conference. Workers will protest against the adoption of the Dies Bill in the South End for June 24 and a demonstration on the Boston Common, June 26.

CLEVELAND, O., June 13.—Describing the Dies Bill as an attack "against all workers who dare struggle for better conditions, for Unemployment Insurance and against the increasing capitalist terror and war preparations of the Wall Street government," the I.L.D. Cleveland district today issued a call to all workers of Ohio to protest against the Dies Bill aimed at the foreign born and due to come up for consideration in the Senate soon.

Workers are urged to send protest telegrams, resolutions and letters to the Ohio senators, Simeon D. Pess and Robert Buckley and also to President Hoover.

"Only mass mobilization," the statement says, "the mass fight of the working class, will defeat the Dies Bill."

Negro Film Group Leaves Tonight for the Soviet Union

NEW YORK.—A group of 29 Negro workers, actors, students and writers, will leave New York tonight on board the German Lloyd liner "Europa" en route to the Soviet Union where they will be cast for parts in a sound picture dealing with Negro life in the United States. They have been invited by the Meschrobony Film Corporation of Moscow. Many white and Negro workers will be at the pier tonight to see them off.

KILLED HUNTING FUEL.

SCRANTON, Pa., June 13.—The capitalist press here describes with relish the death by a cave-in of two unemployed workers who entered an abandoned mine "to try and get a few bags of coal without paying for it." Their crushed bodies were dug out this morning.

UMW CUTS WAGES \$2.10

Indiana Miners Organize to Fight It

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., June 13.—The officials of the United Mine Workers of America, District 11, here have just agreed to slashing the former wage scale in Indiana almost in half, from \$5.10 to \$3 per day.

This agreement, if permitted by the miners to be put into effect, will not only affect the members of the U.M.W.A. in Indiana but will also effect about 8,000 miners who have not been affiliated to any organization. The agreement if allowed to go into effect will last for a period of three years.

The U.M.W.A. officials get the bonus shop, which is a chance to loot the miners through the check-off, in return for putting over the wage cut.

The miners are much enraged at this brazen attempt to betray their interests. Already groups have met and drafted resolutions against the wage cut, and for the setting up of rank and file committees to lead a struggle against the scab agreement.

FISH, RED BAITER, HEADS FIGHT IN HOUSE AGAINST PAYMENT OF VETS' BONUS

Policy to Kill Bill by Veto, Vets Force Vote in House 226 to 175

Masses of Vets Denounce "High Command"; Demand Shelter in Bonus Camp

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—Taking the lead in the fight against the payment of the bonus, Hamilton Fish, Jr., Representative from New York and one of the sponsors of the vicious Dies-Fish Anti-Foreign Bill, made a bitter attack against the jobless World War veterans in Congress today.

"We do not owe able-bodied veterans anything," said Fish, who was the first speaker against the bonus. "We do not propose to be coerced by any veterans here in Washington or elsewhere in the United States."

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—The bonus marchers won their first major victory today in their fight against hunger. The House of Representatives, forced by the pressure of the masses of war veterans, voted 226 to 175 to bring the bonus bill up for vote.

Although the action can be considered as a victory and the possibility is that the bill will pass the House and even the Senate, it is threatened with veto in the White House by Hoover. The Senate is lined up to support the presidential veto.

Indignation rose high in the ranks of the "Bonus Expeditionary Force" last night. It rose from the throats of over 6,000 men—that section of the army which was compelled to sleep without shelter in the pouring rain which turned Camp Anacostia into a sea of mud several inches deep.

"Down with the high command!" shouted the mud-besmeared and rain-soaked worker vets who had come to Washington to demand the balance of the bonus, their back wages.

"Let us march to the Capitol and demand shelter," cried the angered vets. "Over the bridge! We want shelter! On to Washington!"

The cry went up from the veterans cold and sick and wet. W. W. Waters and his aids were comfortably

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UNEMPLOYED TO STORM CHICAGO MEET OF G. O. P.

Fake Wet "Revolt" to Be Staged to Hide Real Issues

CHICAGO, June 13.—Thousands of unemployed and starving workers will participate tomorrow in a mass demonstration against hunger and imperialism, for social insurance and defense of the Soviet Union in front of the Chicago Stadium at the time the Republican Convention will be opened here.

The demonstration will take place despite the police ban which was made known today when the application for a parade permit was rejected.

The opening of the Republican Convention will be marked by a so-called "wet revolt" which will be staged and carefully kept up to distract the attention of the workers from the platform of intensified reaction and increased starvation which Secretary of the Treasury Mills will present for adoption.

It is generally admitted that Hoover, the Hunger President whom the workers sarcastically call the "great emancipator" for having freed them from the slavery of employment, will be "unanimously" chosen as the standard bearer of the Republican Party.

MASS RALLY ON UNION SQ. TODAY TO SUPPORT VETS

To March to Columbus Circle at 5 P. M. Today

NEW YORK.—A mass demonstration on Union Square followed by a parade down Broadway to Columbus Circle, under the leadership of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League and the Unemployed Councils of Greater New York, will be held today at 5 p. m. to give support to the veterans fight for the bonus and the struggle for unemployment insurance.

All workers, whether they are veterans or not, are urged by the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League and the working class fraternal organizations throughout the city to rally in masses to Union Square with their banners and join the march down Broadway.

The vets' march for the bonus is part of the struggle of all the workingclass against starvation and war and wage-cuts.

Workers of New York, rally to Union Square at 5 p. m. today. Support the march against hunger and war.

SHOP MEETINGS WIN WORKERS TO COMMUNISM

Elect to Convention After Discussion

NEW YORK.—Next Sunday is the New York State Nominating Convention to put the Communist nominees officially before the working class, and to adopt a state platform. Delegates to the convention are being elected from unions, workers' organizations and from shop groups. In the unions, the basis of representation is the shop meeting. Many of the delegates will not be Communists, but all will be urged to support the election campaign against hunger and war, for unemployment insurance and for immediate relief for the jobless.

Won By Arguments. An example of what is going on is shown by a certain shop in New York. A group of 35 met to elect delegates to the New York United front conference, held May 22. An anarchist got up and opposed sending delegates. After much argument, he consented to vote for delegates. Then when the proposition came up later of electing to the state convention this man did not have to be convinced; the vote was unanimous.

The most recent shops to elect delegates are Cite Dress and G. Bass shop.

All delegates are to receive their boat tickets, credentials, delegates' badges, buttons, etc., Thursday afternoon and Friday at the Workers' Center, 50 E. 13th St., Room 505.

All delegates must send in their credentials and money for fare without further delay to enable the committee to make necessary preparations. The delegation from New York will go to Albany on the Hudson River night line, and by bus to Schenectady, the convention city. All sympathizers, members of workers' mass organizations and Communists are urged to go out for signatories to put the Communist candidates on the ballot.

AN EPISODE IN THE LAST WAR OF INTERVENTION AGAINST THE SOVIETS

By QUIRT



As the war of 1914-18 dragged on, with thousands being killed and wounded, the men began to



question the "whys and wherefores" of the war.



In Siberia the troops fraternized with the reds—and when



ordered to attack sections of the American Infantry refused to fight the



workers and peasants, realizing that they were not enemies.

SHOE STRIKERS' MASS PICKETS ANSWER WOOD

Will Fill Court Room Today When Bosses Try for Injunction

NEW YORK.—Big mass picket lines at the I. Miller shoe shop and the Champion Shoe Co. shop gave a militant answer to the attempt of the employers, and of U. S. Commissioner of Conciliation Charles Wood to break the strike by application for an injunction, and an answer to the gangsters who beat up Max Spierer at the Champion the day before.

Wood himself made a lying affidavit in the Andrew Geller injunction application, and the Geller strikers met in force yesterday and enthusiastically denounced the strike breaking attempt.

To Fill Court Room

The I. Miller strikers also met, and voted to go in masses to Long Island Federal Court, Court Square and Jackson Ave., Brooklyn, at 9 this morning, and by their presence express disapproval of the arguments Miller's attorneys will present then for the injunction. The Miller injunction plea is based on an argument that the strikers have broken the agreement Miller had with his own company union, and have broken the yellow dog contract.

At the I. Miller strikers' meeting yesterday, Victor Marinelli, one of the strikers who had been sent to speak to the shoe workers in Boston, reported that the Boston workers are watching the strike eagerly, that they are organizing committees to collect relief in Boston and the small towns around it, and that they will do their utmost to prevent any seabing.

Unemployed and Wage Cut Utica Workers to Hear Ford, June 15th

UTICA, N. Y., June 13.—No textile mill in Utica is running at over 15 per cent capacity. Conditions in the mills are rapidly becoming worse. Workers in most mills are handling double the amount of looms and spindles they did two years ago.

The Mohawk Mill, now employing about 200, cut wages 25 per cent last week.

Ford to Speak

Twelve delegates will be sent to the State Nominating Convention in Schenectady on June 19, among whom will be textile workers, unemployed and young workers. The Unemployed Council, which is holding mass meetings in many sections of the city, is advertising the meeting of James W. Ford, Negro Communist candidate for vice-president, who will speak in Bleecker Park and Kent Sts., at 2 p.m. and Patriarca Hall, 319 Third Ave., at 8 p.m. both of these meetings being on June 15th.

Jobless Place Demands at Home Relief Bureau

NEW YORK.—A committee of the unemployed council came down on the Home Relief Bureau at 8th St. and 15th Ave., Brooklyn, with a demand for relief for a starving mother and a seven months' old baby, the faces of both mother and child broken out with sores caused by semi-starvation.

The supervisor and superintendent, tried to argue with them, but they persisted in their demands and will continue until these neediest cases are taken care of.

What's On—

TEUESDAY The Robert Pace Branch, I.L.D. will have an educational meeting at the Hungarian Home, 380 E. 81st St., at 8 p.m. Comrade Louis A. Baum will speak. Sam Miller, youth delegate from the I. W. O., will speak on his seven weeks' tour of the Soviet Union at Irving Plaza, 18th St. and Irving Place, at 8 p.m. WEDNESDAY Bronx Carpenters will meet at 1130 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, at 8 p.m. Branch 354, I.W.O., English-speaking branch, will meet at the Prospect Workers, 1187 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, at 8 p.m.

War Council Revival Asked by Ex-Member

WASHINGTON, June 17.—A suggestion that President Hoover, who found inadvisable to revive at the present time the war time Council of National Defense, restore the State Council Organization to "get the country out of the depression", was contained in a letter sent to the Chief Executive by Edward E. Coffey, of Detroit, himself a member of the former war council.

CONFERENCE FOR 9 BOYS IN PARIS

200 Pledge Fight to Mrs. Wright

PARIS (By Mail).—Two hundred delegates, headed by Marcel Cachin and representing all the workers' organizations in Paris, pledged to Mrs. Ada Wright, mother of two of the Scottsboro boys, an intensification of the world-wide fight to force the American capitalist hangmen to release the nine innocent Scottsboro Negro boys.

Many mass demonstrations to free the nine working-class youths are being organized in the French capital and adjoining centers.

A Scottsboro protest meeting, held at the famous Club Du Faubourg, was attended by many Parisian liberals and intellectuals. The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Wright and J. Louis Engdahl. The audience pledged themselves to press the demand for the release of the Scottsboro boys at the American Embassy and to strengthen the Scottsboro Defense Committees throughout France. The American Embassy has been closely guarded by police since the arrival of Mrs. Wright.

French workers and intellectuals are raising a storm of protest against the barring of Mrs. Wright from Belgium and England. Belgian government officials have been forced to admit that the barring of Mrs. Wright was undertaken at the "unofficial" instigation of the United States lynch government.

Real Estate Sharks of N.Y. Form Group to Cut Their Taxes

NEW YORK.—Organized by powerful real estate interests, the Citizens Budget Commission has just been formed. The stated purpose of the commission is to "reduce the cost of municipal government by budget control", but it is clear judging by the names of those behind the movement that its chief aim will be to reduce taxes for the real estate operators, throwing it on the whole city working population.

The announcement of the commission was made by Peter Grimm, former head of the Real Estate Board of New York; Thomas J. Watson, president of the Merchants Association; Anton L. Trunk, president of the Real Estate Board, and others.

RUTH CHATTERTON AT JEFFERSON AND FRANKLIN

Ruth Chatterton is playing in a new film, "The Rich Are Always With Us," now being shown at the Jefferson and Franklin Theatres. George Brent and Robert Warwick play the chief male roles. Beginning Wednesday and continuing until Friday inclusive, both theatres will present "Scandal for Sale", with Charles Bickford, Rose Hobart and Pat O'Brien. A second feature will be shown at the Jefferson, Jack Mulhall in "Love Bound".

"The End of St. Petersburg", Pudovkin's thrilling film of the capture of the Kerensky capital by the workers and soldiers, is now in its last two days at the Acme Theatre. Beginning on Wednesday, the Acme will present, "The Yellow Ticket", with Anne Stenn. This is a Soviet production. The Soviet News and the Bonus Demonstration films will continue.

VOTE COMMUNIST FOR: 6. Against imperialist war; for the defense of the Chinese people and of the Soviet Union.

Grove, Chile Head, Threatens Workers

Davila Forced Out; His Demagoguery Didn't Work

Col. Grove who now heads the military clique in Chile has issued a statement aimed at further deceiving the Chilean masses, declared that Davila was forced out because he was not radical enough. Col. Grove as Minister of Defense two days ago threatened a blood bath against the revolutionary Chilean workers and peasants who, under the leadership of the Chilean Communist Party, are carrying on a struggle against the sham promises of the militarist-fascist dictatorship and for a real workers and peasants government.

Carlos Davila, Chilean demagog and former ambassador to the United States, was forced out yesterday as head of the militarist-fascist dictatorship set up in Chile a week ago.

Davila's resignation is reported to have followed a sharp disagreement in the military clique on the "proposal" to confiscate the Wall Street controlled Cosash nitrate combine and other loot of foreign capitalists in Chile. Davila had made demagogic promises that these concerns would be seized, and that industry and agriculture would be socialized and unemployment abolished "within 30 days." The promises have remained on paper. The military clique began to repudiate them one after the other.

It appears that the real motive for the dropping of Davila is the fact that his shameless demagoguery had defeated its purpose, that the impoverished Chilean workers and ruined peasantry had set upon Davila's sham promises to raise their own revolutionary demands for the confiscation of the means of production, for the seizure of the banks, etc.

As an additional step in the attempt to deceive the masses, the dictatorship is talking of proposing a renegade from Communism, Senator Manuel Hidalgo, to succeed Davila. Hidalgo was expelled some time ago from the Chilean Communist Party. During the Communist-led revolt in the Chilean Navy, he engaged in the most shameful betrayal of the revolutionary sailors.

Burck, Daily Worker Artist, to Portray G. O. P. Convention

Jacob Burck, staff artist of the Daily Worker, will illustrate the news stories which will appear in the Daily Worker on the national republican convention, which opens in Chicago tomorrow.

Burck's powerful cartoons are known to workers not only in the United States, but in many European countries, where they are reproduced in the revolutionary press.

LABOR UNION MEETINGS

Brooklyn Branch: All unemployed dressmakers invited to meet at 1:30 p.m. today (Tuesday) at 355 W. 58th St. to discuss problems of great importance.

Drug Clerks: The Drug Store Workers' League calls all drug store workers to meetings in Ambassador Hall, June 16, at 10:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. Ambassador Hall is at Claremont Parkway and Third Ave., Bronx. Means of protection against the Sherman racketeers will be discussed.

Building Workers: Building and Construction Workers' Industrial League calls all its members to meet in Irving Plaza Hall at 8 p.m. on June 15, to hear reports of delegates to Chicago on T.U.O.L. national committee meeting, building trades national conference and national nominating convention of the Communist Election Campaign. Work of the league in fighting wage-cuts, etc., will be reviewed and checked up.

Needle Trades: United Front Defense Committee calls all to a meeting to protest sentencing of Weisberg, Miller, Turner, Adachi and proposed deportation of Jack Schneider. Meeting June 15, right after work, at Irving Plaza Hall. Speakers: Ben Gold, J. Miggall, John Steuben and others.

LATEST SOVIET NEWS LOTTERY FOR 2ND 5-YEAR PLAN—MECHANIZED SALT MINE—RED ARMY ACTIVITIES—U.S.S.R. AND TURKEY SIGN TREATY—STALIN IN ACTION—ETC., ETC. WORKERS EX-SERVICE-MEN'S BONUS DEMONSTRATION Starting Wed.: "The Yellow Ticket" with Anna Stenn The WORKERS' ACME THEATRE 15c. A. M. to 1 P.M. 14th Street & Union Square. Minutia Show Sat.

Rank and File Revolt in Lathers' Local 244

NEW YORK.—At the membership meeting of Lathers Union, Local 244, in Brooklyn, held Friday, the chairman, Granger, with the clique members of the local, attempted to abolish the day-room system (which provides for rotation in giving out jobs) over the protest of the rank and file members.

When the membership protested against this high-handed, bureaucratic action, Granger adjourned the meeting. This, however, only increased the determination of the membership to fight for their rights and on the following Tuesday the rank and file lathers compelled the union secretary to send men to jobs in accord with the day-room system.

Many Arrested in Boston District

Reed, Keith Jailed in Deer Island

BOSTON, June 13.—Sam Reed, organization secretary of the Communist Party of this district is now jailed, serving ten days in Deer Island following his arrest nearly a year ago for participating in a tag day collection for the Daily Worker.

In the same prison on the Island is Irving Keith, Young Communist League organizer, serving one year for leading the February 4th unemployed demonstration having been convicted on a charge of "inciting to riot." Originally sentenced to one month, the case was appealed to the Massachusetts Superior Court, which upheld the verdict and increased the sentence to one year.

At Reed's trial Keith was brought from Deer Island to appear as a witness. Reed conducted his own defense.

The appeal of Joseph Leedes, Trade Union Unity League organizer who was fined \$70 for his part in the demonstration for Edith Berkman before the immigration station, East Boston, comes up Thursday. He was charged with "disturbing the peace" and attempting to rescue a prisoner. Singled out for attack by the New England bosses are also 17-year-old J. Peters and R. Armstrong whose trial is on now. Peters was framed up on a vagrancy charge during the preparations for the Massachusetts Hunger March last April. Police broke into the hall, arrested Peters, beat him up and charged him with vagrancy. Armstrong was slugged at the same time and arrested.

Belle Lewis, election campaign manager of the Communist Party, New England district, was recently fined \$20 for speaking at an election rally in the North End, Boston. Police broke up the meeting after she had already spoken, and arrested her.

Painters Force Boss to Recognize Union, Pay Up Back Wages

NEW YORK.—Following a one-day strike, workers of the Maitan Shop, 235 W. 40th St., under the leadership of the Alteration Painters' Department of the Building Workers Industrial League, forced the boss to pay the men \$250 due in back wages and to recognize the shop committee.

Workers in the industry are urged to follow the example of the workers in this shop, and bring their grievances to the Alteration Painters' organization, 1130 Southern Blvd.

VOTE COMMUNIST FOR: 2. Against Hoover's wage-cutting policy.

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COMMODORE HIT HARD BY STRIKE

Strike Threat Retains Job for Negro Worker

NEW YORK.—The strike in the Commodore Laundry at 1360 Seneca Ave., conducted by the Laundry Workers' Industrial Union, is now in the fourth week. The last three weeks' activity has cost the Commodore bosses most of their business. Bosses of the other laundries are sending in bundles to the Commodore Laundry in order to keep the plant operating. Some of these bosses are also going out with the scabs as strong-arm guards, and Mr. Kaplan, boss of the Port Morris Laundry, at 137th St. and Southern Boulevard, who has just cut the wages of his workers, is very faithful in his strike-breaking duties.

The Laundry Workers' Industrial Union calls upon all workers to come to 1323 Southern Boulevard and help these strikers in their activities on the picket line and at street meetings.

Reinstate Negro Worker.

Last week a Negro worker was fired in the Active Laundry, but as soon as the bosses saw that the committee was taking action they immediately reinstated the fired worker. This reinstatement has brought many inside workers into the union and the shop groups are being consolidated.

Cop Claimed Furniture Workers Had to Have "A Permit" to Strike

NEW YORK.—The workers of the Fulton Mattress Co., 1080 Fulton St., Brooklyn, struck Saturday, when a militant worker was discharged.

The police captain of Precinct 30 ordered the strikers to stop picketing, claiming they had to have a permit to strike. When picketing continued, two were arrested. They were released on parole and the case continued two weeks. The Furniture Workers' Industrial Union, leading the strike, asks help in picketing.

Conferences Prepare for N. Y. Parade of Hungry Toilers Kids

NEW YORK.—At a meeting last night of the United New York Children's Committee, further plans were made for the mother's and children's demonstration and parade to City Hall on Saturday, June 25, to demand relief for the thousands of starving workingclass children of the city.

Local conferences, embracing all working class organizations, will be held in various parts of the city, Brooklyn, Harlem, Bronx, to mobilize the mothers and children in these sections for participation in this demonstration and parade. The conferences will be held in the following sections, June 18: 122 Second Ave., New York; 6 W. 135th St., Harlem; 569 Prospect Ave., Bronx; 7 Thattford Ave., Brooklyn; 61 Graham Ave., Brooklyn.

The demonstrators will demand that the schools remain open during the summer months, that the children receive free hot lunches, a quart of milk a day, etc.

All working class organizations, workers' clubs, trade unions, cultural organizations, are urged to send delegates to the local conferences and mobilize their members for active participation in the preparations for this demonstration and parade.

Amusements LAST WEEKS The Theatre Guild Presents REUNION IN VIENNA A Comedy BY ROBERT E. SHERWOOD. GUILD THEATRE, 35th St. WEST OF BWAY. Ev. 8.40. Mts. Th., Sat. Tel. Co. 5-8229

Amter, Delegates to USSR, Speak at Big Bronx Meet Friday

NEW YORK.—I. Amter, district organizer of the Communist Party and several of the returning worker-delegates to the Soviet Union will speak at a mass meeting in Ambassador Hall, 172nd St., and Third Ave., Bronx, this Friday evening, June 17, at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Friends of the Soviet Union.

The delegates will give a first-hand report of what they saw in the U. S. S. R. during a four weeks' visit, comparing the material and cultural advance in the Soviet Union with the growing crisis, misery and unemployment in the U. S.

Try to Deport Forkin to Frameup in Canada; Defense Calls for Aid

FARGO, N. D., June 13.—Martin Forkin, a militant worker who is scheduled for deportation to Canada, was transferred from Fargo to Grand Forks for immediate shipment. He has not yet been shipped out of Grand Forks, since the local representative of the International Labor Defense is on the job, but only the order of Secretary of Labor Doak, forced by the pressure of working class protest, can prevent his ultimate deportation.

Forkin was a leader in the big Estevan strike last year, in which a number of workers lost their lives. An attempt will be made in Canada, of course, to frame Forkin on some charge in connection with that strike.

Help Save Him

The I.L.D. legal representative at Washington is presenting the organization's demands directly to Doak at his office in the Department of Labor building. The case is Number 32240-225 in the Department's mounting record of attacks on the proletariat.

Funds Needed The I.L.D. is still on the job, but its hands are tied by financial difficulties. Send money, build proletarian defense, strengthen the militant fighter of working class battles against capitalist justice.

Hurry funds now to International Labor Defense, Room 430, 799 Broadway, New York City.

Build a workers correspondence group in your factory, shop or neighborhood. Send regular letters to the Daily Worker.

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'9 NEGRO BOYS MUST BE FREED'

Foster, Speaking at Minot, Says Verdict Is Worker Victory

MINOT, N. D., June 13.—While speaking yesterday in Minot, North Dakota, Wm. Z. Foster, Communist candidate for president, hailed the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court to review the Scottsboro case as "a victory for the working class in its militant struggle to save the lives of these innocent boys from the hands of the white eruling class of the south but we cannot and must not stop here. This struggle must continue until these boys walk out free from their prison cells. It is our duty to the working class to fight for their freedom and that can be accomplish-

ed only through militant struggle." "The Communist Party lays the utmost stress upon its demands for the Negroes. It demands full economic and social equality for them; it fights to eliminate the entire system of discrimination which the Negroes are subjected to in industry, in distribution of unemployment relief, in segregated dwelling districts, in trade unions, in the courts, in political activities; it demands death for lynchers, and it fights for the right of self-determination for the Negro in the Black Belt."

The hall was jammed to capacity and the crowd of white and Negro workers cheered wildly when Foster concluded his speech.

FROM 2 TO 13 YEARS JAIL UNDER MUSSOLINI (Cable by Impreccorri) ROME, June 13.—Nine workers received, from 2 to 13 years jail terms before the Special Tribunal. Two women received six years of hard labor each. They were charged with anti-fascist propaganda.

Workers' Clubs Should Advertise in the "Daily" Arranged by the New York DISTRICT PICTIC ON AUGUST 28 I. L. D. in Pleasant Bay Park

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I'll Have You Jailed, Says Cop to Mother Who Asks for Relief

School Principal Gives Out Diet Sheets, But Bulks at Food Demands

Parents and Children Will Demand Free Food at N. Y. City Hall June 25th

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK.—Last week at Public School 77, on Ward Avenue and 172nd Street, the teachers distributed a printed diet for school children. My brother received one and brought it home to my mother. My mother looked at the diet sheet and was surprised to see all the swell dishes, that only a rich family could afford.

The principal of this school, the "kind Mr. Jimmie Fennell," had been giving my mother and the family that lives with us relief for the past few weeks. When my mother and the lady from the other family went to get the food ticket, to their surprise they saw two big policemen standing in front of the school. They went upstairs and sat down on one of the benches while waiting peacefully for the principal to call them in they saw the secretary go down stairs and bring a policeman up. With anger the principal opened the door of his office and said, "What do you want here?" All the while he made sure that he was behind the policeman. My mother told him that they had come to get some food for their children. "Get out of here or I'll have you arrested," he yelled. With a victorious look on his face he had my mother and her friend thrown out of the building.

This principal a few weeks before had kicked out these mothers and told them to go back to the country where they came from, because they had dared to ask him for something to feed their children with. I know that this is not the only case of mothers being kicked out of schools and relief bureaus because they demanded bread for their children. What are we children to do, are we going to starve or are we going to fight? Are we going to let those yellow dogs treat our mothers like that because they ask for bread to feed us? Of course not. The 25th of this month there is going to be a demonstration in front of city hall and every mother, father, and child should be there to demand that the schools continue giving relief during the summer vacation.

Correspondence Briefs

ALL MUST SUPPORT BONUS FIGHT.

Daily Worker. New York. In view of the tremendous possibilities the fight of the war veterans in Washington offers the working class and its party, the Communist Party, I suggest that the workers in the revolutionary movement leave no stone unturned to show the veterans by deeds that we are with them.

This war veterans' fight must not be an isolated fight. It is part of the great struggle of the working class against starvation.

—A Party Member.

VET STOPPED COLLECTING FUNDS.

Daily Worker. New York. Yesterday I was stopped by a police captain. I was collecting funds with a box for the bonus marchers. The captain said he had orders to arrest all veterans collection money on the streets for the bonus march. The orders, he said, came from the Mayor's Committee and from Commissioner Taylor of the Public Welfare.

—H. R.

SOCIALIST SPEAKS AGAINST BONUS.

(By a Worker Correspondent)

A socialist speaker in Washington Heights last night scored the Communist Party for favoring the veterans' bonus and self-determination for the Black Belt.

DRIVEN INSANE BY HUNGER.

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHICAGO.—Mrs. Edna Scherer, mother of four boys all under six months of age and starving, went insane here today, and tried to repel police invasion of her home axing the cops. Neighbors had reported to the police that the woman and her boys had not been seen leaving the house for over six months. The police broke the windows in order to let fresh air into the house. The mother had only some underwear to wear to the police station and none of the children had any clothing. All were on the verge of collapse from starvation. The Chicago capitalists who insist that there is no starvation in Chicago will have to explain to the workers how this happened. Chicago workers are called upon to fight for adequate relief appropriations from the city and county government by joining the Unemployed Councils.

U. M. W. A. MINERS VOTE FOR UNITED FRONT.

(By a Worker Correspondent)

AMSTERDAM, Ohio.—At a mass meeting of the United Mine Workers of America, a committee of the National Miners Union came and proposed a united front of the two organizations and unemployed workers.

The U. M. W. A. organizer, McCormick, immediately jumped up and ordered the N. M. U. committee out of the meeting but a call of the rank and file from the floor encouraged the committee of the N. M. U. and unemployed men to stay.

This mass meeting was a result of pressure by the rank and file demanding action. The united front policy under N. M. U. leadership has discredited the U. M. W. A. leadership in this vicinity and pickets are effectively stopping scabs in spite of the state militia and police who are terrorizing the strikers.

Calls Cops to Gyp Worker Out of 25c

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK.—The Elton Grill at 157 Montague St., Brooklyn, tried to withhold twenty-five cents of a waitress' pay. The boss had hired the worker who came through an employment agency and her pay was supposed to be three dollars a week. He fired her after half of her first shift, giving her twenty-five cents.

She went back and demanded the balance, the next time she was in that section. The boss tried to call the police but was stopped by the militancy of the workers. He was forced to pay her. The hours are from 10:00 to 8:30 for three dollars a week. Stop this robbery, workers! Join the Food Workers Industrial Union!

Speed Wage-Cuts and Layoffs in Steel

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BALTIMORE.—Charles Schwab and his gang are proceeding with the program of wage-cuts and lay-offs at high speed tempo. In Baltimore, where 12,000 steel workers worked in 1929, there are now only 7,000 in the steel industry. These workers are on the stagger system, most of them working only two days a week. The pay of the ordinary steel worker is 25 cents an hour.

When the Bethlehem cut the wages on the first of May 15 per cent they started a new campaign of mass firing. Eight hundred men were fired during the first week in May.

Enough have we steel workers taken from the blood-thirsty steel bosses. It is time for all of us to open our eyes and think matters over. We build all the factories, run the machines to produce the steel and now we are thrown out on the scrap heap.

We are in the majority and we are power. Let us organize into a solid body regardless of race, creed or color. Let us build up a strong Metal Workers League to fight the wage-cuts.

—A. S.

Peddlers Organize Against Police Attacks

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK.—Many unemployed workers try to eke out a living by peddling on the streets of New York City some small items that have mass use such as razor blades, socks, etc. Some peddle from hand stock and others have pushcarts or rent them for the day. Some are veterans who are supposed to have a prior privilege over all others in this line.

One worker, unemployed for two years, sells razor blades. He has been arrested two hundred and four times. He has been fined anywhere from one to five dollars at a time. In most cases the workers receive suspended sentences, but have their little income seriously hurt by being off the streets from one to two days. A veteran has been arrested six times in the past three months though he has a vet's license to peddle.

A fish peddler in the Bronx goes to jail about every two weeks for one or two days because he refuses to pay a cop \$3 graft when arrested and cannot afford to pay the fine imposed by the judge.

These peddlers are opposed by the bosses' mercantile associations. This is why the police so relentlessly drive them away from the places where they might sell a little of their goods. Some of these worker-peddlers are beginning to organize into a militant organization to protect their rights. Anyone interested may inquire at the I.U.U.L. center at 5 E. 19th St.

"STRAW VET"



Here is the only vet who was ready to leave the capital when police trucks showed up—a straw man. The veterans laughed at threats of deportation and the cutting off of the 6-cent a day ration.

FORD TEARS INTO DIES BILL; 67 JOIN THE PARTY

Buffalo Negro Toilers Hail Communist With Wave of Cheers

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 13.—Filling every seat, standing in all the aisles, and crowding the doors and window sills, 1,200 Negro and white workers greeted James W. Ford, Negro worker and Communist candidate for vice-president of the United States at the Workers Center here last night.

More than two-thirds of the audience were Negroes, including Negro mothers with babies, old Negro grandmothers leaning on canes, and young Negro workers.

Assaults Exile Bill Ford tore into the Dies Bill, showing that the blow aimed at the foreign-born workers would not benefit the native-born Negroes, as some Negro misleaders have been claiming.

Ford went into the Scottsboro case, and the crowd adopted a resolution demanding the freedom of the nine Negro boys. It called for unemployment insurance at the expense of the state and employers and endorsed the demand for the bonus for the ex-servicemen. Ford is himself a world war veteran.

67 Join Communist Party

Hundreds of workers were turned away for lack of room. Applications to join the Communist Party were made by 67 workers. A collection of \$25.67 was taken up.

Ford speaks today in Rochester, N. Y., tomorrow in Syracuse, the next day in Utica, and on June 16 at Schenectady, in Crescent Park. This speech is in the same town and only three days before the New York State Nominating Convention of the Communist Election Campaign.

All of Ford's meetings in New York State are mobilization centers for the campaign to build a big convention in Schenectady, June 19.

DEFENSE FIGHT CANADA TERROR

Press Silent on All Protests

TORONTO, Canada, June 13.—The Canadian white terror, according to the latest announcements of Premier Bennett, is to be sharper than ever. The Canadian Labor Defense is now sponsoring the protest speaking tour of David Chalmers, one of the six workers framed up on sedition charges in Montreal, and has appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada on behalf of all six.

Part of the terror is a policy of silence toward the protests of even such internationally famous writers as George Bernard Shaw and Upton Sinclair, both of whom sent cables or telegrams protesting against the terror in Canada. No one could say that the declarations have no "news value."

Mr. McDonald, city editor of the Toronto Mail and Empire, when he was personally handed a copy of the Shaw and Sinclair cables, threw them back in a rage at the Canadian Labor Defense League representative. In Halifax is now being determined the fate of a group of men who were kidnapped from their homes and held incommunicado, and are being tried without a jury, the charge being that they are deportable aliens and are members of the Communist Party (outlawed by Section 98 of the Criminal Code), and the evidence being, in part, offered by the chairman of the very immigration board which will pass on the evidence!

Immediately upon the announcement of the closing a committee called together by the Unemployed Council unanimously decided to organize the demonstration and to specially concentrate on the unemployed workers at the packing house gates. Thousands of leaflets are being circulated.

VOTE COMMUNIST FOR:
1. Against Hoover's wage-cutting policy.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR A FEW SHOTS—"NO MONEY" FOR THE WAR VETERANS' BONUS!



Millions of dollars are spent by the U. S. government for war preparations. Here (above) is the Pacific fleet on recent maneuvers firing the 14 and 16 inch guns. Each broadside costs thousands of dollars. Below is a scene at Anacostia Camp where the workers of the last war who came to Washington to demand their back wages (bonus) are forced to live in squalor and mud on a ration which costs 6 cents a day per man.

Workers' organizations throughout the country are calling mass meetings between June 13 and 20th to support the veterans' fight for the bonus, for unemployment insurance and against imperialist war.

PLEDGE FIGHT FOR SCOTTSBORO BOYS

Youngstown Workers Cheer Lucille Wright

YOUNGSTOWN, O., June 13.—Eight hundred steel workers packed the Ukrainian Hall to hear little Lucille Wright, sister of two of the innocent Scottsboro boys. Delayed in her arrival, the meeting elected a delegation of Negro and white workers to meet her at the train. As she entered the hall, the workers rose to their feet cheering and sang the "Internationale."

Her appearance on the platform again roused great enthusiasm, while the Pioneers sang "Solidarity." Her appeal was simple and strong. At the end of her address she asked: "Are you going to let the bosses burn my brothers and the other boys in the electric chair?" The eight hundred workers rose and in one voice shouted a thunderous "NO!"

The workers also gave an enthusiastic reception to the son of Orphan Jones, framed-up Negro farm-hand facing legal lynching in the State of Maryland. Young Jones who lives in Youngstown, made a stirring appeal for the workers to continue and build the mass defense for his father. The workers cheered as he declared his solidarity with the revolutionary movement and joined the Young Communist League.

Comrade Abe Lewis, Communist candidate for Sheriff in Mahoning County, reported on the National Nominating Convention and the Communist program for the elections. Cheering broke out when Lewis announced the Communist candidates for President and Vice-President. "Foster for president! Ford for vice-president! Not a vote for the bosses' political parties! Vote Communist!"—the workers shouted.

The workers voted in a body for the immediate and unconditional release of the Scottsboro boys. A resolution was also unanimously adopted calling for the most militant struggle against the Alien Deportation Bill just passed by the House of Representatives in Washington. Scores of Negro and white workers joined the International Labor Defense.

Demonstration in Kansas City, June 15 When Relief Ceases

KANSAS CITY, Kansas, June 13.—A mass demonstration is being organized here June 15, against the closing of the Family Service Society, which is scheduled to take place on that date.

According to the admissions of the charity heads of Kansas City, there are over 1,500 families completely dependent upon charity. Out of a total of \$443,000 collected in Wyandotte County for relief, only \$64,000 has been "officially" appropriated for the use of the Family Service Society. Hundreds of families have been cut off and the grocery orders given out to those who were lucky enough to remain on the list were not more than \$1.50 on the average.

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VOTE COMMUNIST FOR:
4. Equal rights for the Negroes and self-determination for the Black Belt

Policy Is To Kill Bonus By Veto; Vets Force Vote In House

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tucked away in the general headquarters discussing the possibility of launching a new political party, a fascist party to mislead the workers and worker vets.

Troops Held in Readiness. And while the men were shouting for the military forces of the city, soldiers and marines, were mobilized in the barracks. Tear gas squads and rifle and machine gun companies were held in readiness to attack the veterans.

A definite split between the rank and file and the high command is developing rapidly. The demand for democratically elected rank and file leadership and against police supervision is now being raised vigorously in all sections of the "Bonus Expeditionary force."

The masses of vets were angered and aroused over the order issued by the dapper Waters that there must be no public mass demonstrations before the Capitol.

More Militants Enter Camp. The rank and file of worker vets won another victory over the fascist leadership yesterday when they demanded and forced the admission of 200 more Negro and white militant vets into the camp.

A new "riot bomb plot" rumor was circulated throughout Washington yesterday by agents provocateurs, police and underworld agents. Upon investigation, however, it was learned that the "bomb" was an old soviet hand grenade, a dud, discarded by a weary and wet veteran.

Housed in Fire Traps. The number of veterans here has now increased to over 17,000. Those not quartered in the muddy and unsanitary camps have been shoved into vacant buildings, veritable fire traps, where they are forced to sleep on the hard floors. The food ration, which is supervised by police officer Glassford, continues to average less than 6 cents per man and is composed chiefly of an unpalatable dish-water-like stew.

Move to Trick Vets. It is the popular opinion that the House will pass the vets' bonus bill in an attempt to stem the rising tide of militant vets. Even if the bill passes the Senate and let go to the White House, Hoover has promised to veto it and the Senate is expected to uphold the veto.

The Workers Ex-Servicemen's League pointed out today in a statement issued from the National Headquarters in New York that the passage of the bill by the House of Representatives was not a final victory for the vets.

"The masses of vets," said the statement, "must present demands for full and immediate payment of the bonus to the Senate and the White House. The presentation of the demands must be backed by mass militant demonstrations of the veterans."

"Our struggle, a struggle against hunger, must be linked up with the struggles of the masses of unemployed for unemployment insurance and relief and with the employed workers' struggles against wage-cuts and the lowering of the living level of the American working class."

VOTE COMMUNIST FOR:
4. Equal rights for the Negroes and self-determination for the Black Belt

Ill. State Convention for Jobless Insurance

Convenes in Decatur on June 26 to Nominate Communist Election Ticket

DECATUR, Ill., June 13.—The State Convention called by the Communist Party in Illinois takes place June 26, at 10 a. m. in Decatur, Illinois Workers Center, Jackson and Prairie Sts. At this convention the candidates of the Communist Party will be nominated and the state platform will be adopted.

The Vigilante Society in their weekly bulletin state that they are doing all possible to see that the Communist Party will not be on the ballot in the State of Illinois. They state that they were not successful in their fight in 1930 but expect to be this year. The widest mobilization of the toilers is necessary to see that the Party is on the ballot.

Fight Sedition Law. The state convention will consider a proposed platform which will include the fight against the Illinois Sedition Law, the wage cuts in the mining, steel, packing and railroad

industries and the fight for unemployment insurance.

On August 1 the relief funds collected mainly from the workers will be exhausted and notices have been served that there will be nothing done by the state to feed the unemployed.

The convention will adopt methods of struggle and demands against the flagrant attempt of the bosses and the state to starve the masses. The proposed candidates are: U. S. Senator Wm. Browder, secretary of the Chicago District, International Labor Defense; Governor, Leonidas McDonaid, a Negro stock ward worker, leader of the workers on the South Side; Arthur Hershey, militant miner from Springfield, Ill. Governor; Frederick E. Stohr, farmer from Casey, Secretary of State; congressmen at large, Leslie Hurt, worker in the railroad shops, leader of the Ex-Servicemen in Chicago, and Anthony Poczaykowski, leader of the Polish workers and wounded in the Melrose Park Massacre.

All organizations, workers in the shops, groups of workers and farmers are asked to send their delegates to the State convention on Sunday, June 26th.

1,000 MINERS IN OHIO VOTE TO RUN OWN STRIKE

County and Red Cross Cancel All Relief; Send Food at Once

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to continue the strike in the face of the betrayal tactics of the U.M.W.A. leaders, and they urged all Ohio strikers to take the same action.

Cutting of Relief. The state and county governments and the Red Cross are co-operating with the U.M.W.A. and the operators by cutting off the meagre relief that has hitherto been given to Amsterdams strikers. Starvation is rampant. Food and funds for these strikers must be rushed to the Workers International Relief, No. 4 Fretter Bldg. Bridgeport, Ohio.

The capitalist press has begun a vicious campaign of lies against the National Miners Union and in favor of the U.M.W.A. and the operators. The "Wheeling Intelligencer," in reporting the successful formation of a rank and file strike committee Saturday, says, "The newly elected committee was formed for the purpose of ending the strike and of negotiating with the operators for settlement on any basis." The absolute falsity of this report is so evident that it hardly needs answering.

Another Lie. Equally untrue was a story in the Bellaire "Leader" in its story on the Flushing meeting, which elected a rank and file strike committee. The "Leader" says the meeting was broken up and the National Miners Union members ejected.

The largest mines in the strike area are now trying to open again. Militant picketing has so far prevented scabs from entering them. In accordance with the announced policy of the National Guard officers, or not allowing the militiamen to mingle too long with any group of strikers, the guardsmen in the Cadiz area who are from Youngstown, are now replaced with militiamen from Warren.

Students Investigate

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, June 13.—The first detachment of students from various colleges arrived in Bridgeport today to investigate living and working conditions of Ohio miners. The students are from Pittsburgh University, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Oberlin, Cincinnati, Ohio State University, Western Reserve and Toledo University. This detachment will meet 50 more students in Cambridge and then all will leave for a two-day trip in the Hocking Valley. Half of the delegation will then visit the East Ohio strike area and will speak at meetings of the strikers.

SEVEN MINERS EMBODIED.

NORTON, Va., June 13.—Seven men are buried alive, or perhaps they are dead by now, in the Splashdam Coal Corporation mine 35 miles from here. Telephone connections are broken, ever since the explosion.

International Notes

COMMUNIST WOUNDED IN SPAIN.

BILBAO, Spain, June 13.—One Communist was seriously wounded here in fights during a demonstration.

DECREE TO LEGALIZE FASCIST TROOPS IN GERMANY.

According to capitalist press dispatches the Von Papen cabinet will publish an emergency decree tomorrow lifting the ban on the fascist, national socialist storm troops of Adolf Hitler.

VON PAPEN DELEGATION TO FOLLOW BRUENING ON REPARATIONS

BERLIN, June 13.—The German delegation to the Lausanne Conference which will be headed by Chancellor Von Papen, arch-enemy of the Soviet Union, is preparing to leave Berlin at an early date, it was announced here.

Although a "firm determination" to repudiate reparations is attributed to the delegation by the capitalist press, it was stated here that the delegation will follow the Bruening policy on the question.

The Bruening policy was dictated, as it is well known, by the other imperialist powers anxious to draw Germany more definitely within the anti-Soviet coalition. The threat of repudiation is intended for home consumption.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH COMRADE STALIN BY EMIL LUDWIG

The Daily Worker publishes below the text of an interview by Emil Ludwig with Comrade J. Stalin. Emil Ludwig is a German author and biographer. Space does not permit us to run the interview in one issue.

Ludwig—I am very much obliged to you that you were able to receive me. In the course of more than twenty years I have studied the life and deeds of prominent historical personages. I believe I analyze people rather well, but I know nothing of social-economic conditions.

Stalin—You are too modest.

Ludwig—No, that is the fact. And so I shall ask questions which may seem to you strange. First today in the Kremlin I saw some relics of Peter the Great, and the first question which I wish to pose is: Do you admit a parallel between yourself and Peter the Great? Do you consider yourself a carrier-on of his work?

Stalin—Not in the least. Historical parallels are always risky. This one is senseless.

Ludwig—But Peter the Great accomplished much for the development of his country, to bring western culture into Russia.

Stalin—Certainly, Peter the Great did much for the elevation of the class of landlords and the development of the growing merchant class. He did much to create and strengthen a national government of landlords and traders. It must be said that the elevation of the landlord class, and the assistance to the growing class of traders and the strengthening of the national state of these classes took place at the cost of the serf, the peasantry, who were thrice skinned.

As for me, I am only a follower of Lenin and my aim is to be a follower worthy of him. I devote my life to the elevation of quite a different class—the working class. This task consists not in the building of some sort of national state, but the strengthening of a socialist—which means an international—state. Every strengthening of that state strengthens the whole international working class. If every step of my work for the elevation of a socialist state and the strengthening of the socialist state of that class has not been directed to strengthen and improve the situation of the working class—then I consider my life aimless.

You see, your parallel doesn't work.

As for Lenin and Peter the Great, the latter was a drop in the sea, while Lenin was a whole ocean.

Ludwig—Marxism denies the prominent role of individuals in history. Do you not see a contradiction between the materialist conception of

history and the fact that you none the less recognize the prominent role of historic personages?

Stalin—No, there is no contradiction here. Marxism does not at all deny the prominent role of individuals or that individuals make history. In Marx's "The Poverty of Philosophy" and other works you can find it stated that people make history. But of course they do not make history as any fancy takes them, or whatever comes into their heads. Every new generation meets certain conditions, which already exist in a definite form when that generation is born. And great men are worth something only in so far as they are able to understand those conditions, to understand how to change them.



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If they do not understand those conditions and think to change them as occurs to their fancy, then those people become Don Quixotes. So Marx never set persons over against conditions. It is people who make history, but only in so far as they understand the conditions which are set before them and thus understand how to change them. Thus at least we Russian Bolsheviks understand Marx. And we've studied him more than a decade.

Ludwig—Thirty years ago when I studied at the university, many German professors, who considered themselves advocates of the materialist theory of history, told us that Marxism denies the role of heroic personages in history.

Stalin—This was Marxism of the boulevards. Marxism never denied the role of heroes. On the contrary, it recognizes their role as important, under the conditions which I have stated.

Ludwig—At the table where we sit there are sixteen chairs. They say abroad, on the one hand, that the U. S. S. R. is a land ruled by collegiums, and, on the other, that everything is decided by an individual. Now which is it?

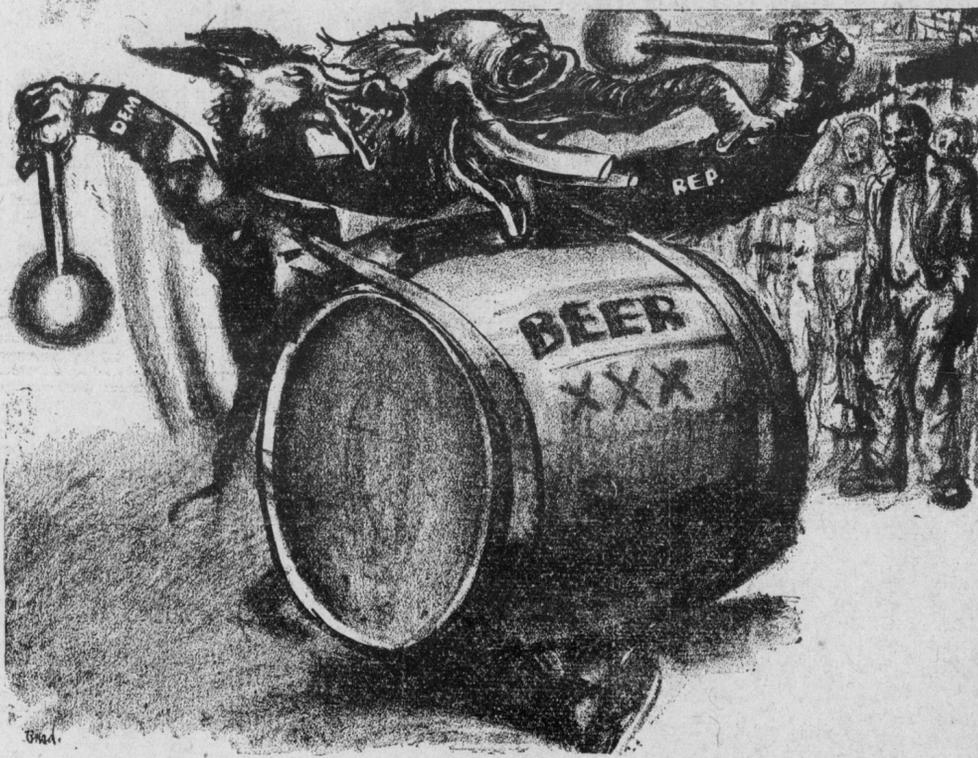
Stalin—No, it can't be decided by an individual. Individual decisions are always—or nearly always—one-sided. In every collegium, in every collective group, are people with whose views one must reckon, and also people who may give incorrect ideas. From the experience of three revolutions we know that of 100 decisions, not tested and corrected collectively, 90 will be one-sided.

In our directing organ, the Central Committee of our Party, which leads all our government and Party organizations, there are about seventy members. Among them are our best industrialists, our best cooperators, our best distributors, our best military men, our best propagandists, our best agitators, our best experts on state farms, in collective farms, on individual peasant farming, on the nationalities in the Soviet Union and national policies. In this "Areopagus" (a collective deciding body) is concentrated the wisdom of our Party. Each has the opportunity to correct his individual ideas (and proposals); each has the chance to bring forward his experience. If this were not so, if decisions were taken by an individual, we would make serious mistakes in our work. But since each one has the chance to correct the mistakes of the separate individuals, and since we take account of these corrections, our decisions come out more or less correctly.

(Tomorrow the interview continues with Ludwig's question: "Why is your government so severe and merciless in its fight with its foes?")

THE CHICAGO CIRCUS

By BARD



Toward Revolutionary Mass Work (DISCUSSION OF THE 14TH PLENUM) SURRENDERING TO PACIFISM

By WILLIAM ALBERTSTON

THE central task of our Young Communist League is the struggle against imperialism which has already started and for the defense of the Chinese masses and the Soviet Union. This task is categorically laid down for us by the resolution of the Central Committee plenum of the Party and that of the YCL; and if we are to carry on this struggle correctly and thereby mobilize masses of youth behind us, our past mistakes must be brought sharply to the fore and thoroughly and politically analyzed. The Young Communist League has failed to understand the significance of the war in the Far East as the beginning of the imperialist war and the direct preparation for intervention against the U. S. S. R. On the contrary the League and the "Young Worker" have made serious errors in creating a united front from above in the struggle against war (New York) and the NEC has not sufficiently exposed and fought against this. Thus the YCL characterizes the struggle against war in New York—a united front from above and not from below. This united front from above is not an accident, but flows from a right opportunist conception held by our district leadership as a whole on "what the minimum program" of the united front in the struggle against war should be.

Some of the Opportunist Errors

In the preparations for the New York united front conference (Jan. 3, 1932), in the conference call, and at the conference itself we failed to raise sharply or at all the question of the defense of the Soviet Union. This was not an oversight, but a policy. Our leading comrades believed that we should not be able to rally the youth around this slogan because the youth were pacifist and because they did not understand the role of a proletarian dictatorship in relation to imperialism. We believed that the young workers did not know the difference between the Proletarian Dictatorship in the Soviet Union and the Fascist Dictatorship in Italy; that they looked upon both dictatorships from the point of view of terror and stifling "democracy." We thought that raising the question of defense of the Soviet Union should therefore be left out of the united front program so as not to drive away certain elements from the conference.

Isolated from the Young Worker

It is necessary to point out here that our leadership at this time was not connected with any particular section of the working youth. Not one member of our district bureau was responsible for work down below at some particular factory or with some group of young workers. We were completely isolated from the young workers and we did not feel, did not know at all what they thought about the war. As a result, we completely underestimated their radicalization; we did not see that the crisis was seriously undermining their illusions about "democracy"; we did not understand that "if (the crisis) is also destroying the special illusions which have for a long time been injected in the

youth by means of literature, schools, churches, various bourgeois youth organizations, regarding the opportunities for every young worker in the U. S. A., the possibility for every young man to become a capitalist to rise from office boy to president, etc. (LCI resolution).

Because of this underestimation of the radicalization of the working youth (due to our complete isolation) and our inability to understand the smashing effects of the crisis on them, we eliminated the defense of the Soviet Union from our united front program. From this basic right opportunist conception naturally flowed further opportunist mistakes. Instead of bringing the struggle against war to the rank and file of our opponents, the YCL membership began to approach the leadership (Hudson Guild, Harlem YPSL's, Pilgrim Laundry, Bronx "Y," etc.). Our biggest shortcoming was the failure to obtain shop, union, and unemployed delegations to the conference although we had a few shop and "Y" participants whom we lost immediately after the conference. The whole conference and its results (almost complete liquidation) definitely shows that we had no orientation to the shops, to the young workers, employed and unemployed.

The Crime of Abandoning the Struggle for the Defense of the Soviet Union

We also found it quite difficult to carry on an effective struggle against the pacifists. The pacifists naturally had adopted a more "left" position than they had before. We did not see that by eliminating the question of the defense of the Soviet Union from our program that in reality we had adopted a pacifist position; that we had been instrumental in pushing into the background that one basic question which would show to the young workers that we had a revolutionary program of struggle against war whereas the pacifists were anti-war in words only and not in action.

Opportunist mistakes, unless checked, develop into an opportunist line. Our next step was to try to build an organization which would carry on the struggle against war, the Anti-War Youth League. This organization was to have both groups affiliations and individual members (liberals, pacifists, etc.) Under the conditions this, of course, meant the complete hiding of the face of the YCL as the only youth organization with a revolutionary program of struggle against war. The YCL, of course, would carry through independent anti-war actions, but would work in this A. W. Y. L. as a fraction seeing to it that this organization carried on struggle against war.

The above right opportunist mistakes made in New York and repeated to some extent by the Chicago Y. C. L. show:

1. Lack of political education of the Leninist teachings of war and decisiveness in sections of our leadership.
2. Complete isolation of our leadership from any basic sections of the proletarian youth.
3. An underestimation of the immediate war and of the radicalization of the working youth.
4. No understanding as to what is meant by the united front from below and how to apply this in our practical work.
5. Failure to grasp that the main danger of war is an imperialist attack on the Soviet Union. Opportunist underestimation of the influence of the Soviet Union on the starving millions in the capitalist countries.

Comintern and Party Resolutions—Crucial to Action and Self-Criticism

At the New York District Convention the E. C. C. I. resolution on the lessons of strike struggles in the United States was hardly referred to. Undoubtedly the discussion of some of the comrades on strike struggles reflected the good influence of the above-mentioned strike resolution. Others could have benefited a great deal by reading and studying the strike resolution.

The statement of the 14th Plenum on popularizing the resolutions of the Plenum calls for "particularly popularizing the resolution of the E. C. C. I. on the lessons of strike struggles in the U. S. A." So far the discussion in the Daily carried hardly any articles relating strike experiences in the light of the Plenum strike resolution. We repeat our request to the comrades to send in articles on strike and shop experiences.

In connection with the discussion in preparation for the District Conventions, the strike resolution must become an integral part of all our Plenum discussions. We hope the other Districts will not repeat the above-mentioned shortcoming of the New York District Convention.

The June issue of the Communist is a special issue on the Scottsboro Case. The E. C. C. I. resolution on this case is printed in full in the Plenum pamphlet "Toward Revolutionary Mass Work". No comrade can afford to miss reading the June issue of the Communist, containing the articles of Comrade Kuusinen, Foster and Stachel, dealing with strike struggles, shop work and general trade union problems.

THE SITUATION IN THE FULL-FASHIONED HOSIERY INDUSTRY

By ERNEST KORNFELD

THE famous National (Wage-Cutting) Agreement of 1931-32 between the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers and the Full Fashioned Hosiery Manufacturers of America, Inc., which brought the workers of that industry a slash of 30-45 per cent, has been in operation nine months, and it is time now to evaluate and analyze the situation and make out a program of activity.

The drastic reduction in wages, of which the 30-45 per cent cut was only one of several, has brought the hosiery worker, who used to be the best paid worker, into a state of insecurity, deprivation, yes, even starvation. The main excuse for the cut of 35-40 per cent was that the union must stabilize the industry, that the union must drive the big open-shop concerns like the Berkshire in Reading, the Apex in Philadelphia, Julius Kayser Co. and Golden Belt out of business, that manufacturers must be brought into a position where they could successfully compete with the open-shop manufacturers.

The Socialist Party leadership of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers heralded the signing of this agreement as "a new era in industrial relationship in the U. S. A." and said that this agreement would inaugurate an "organized" economy in the full-fashioned hosiery industry, and would "do away with unemployment, competition and all the other evils of a sick industry."

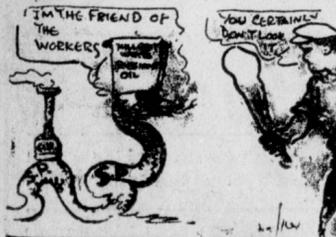
Force Wage-Cut Agreement. Despite the heroic struggle of the rank and file and a six weeks' strike in the New York, New Jersey, New England and Middle West Districts, the officials and their machine forced the workers to accept the National (Wage-Cut) Agreement.

After a short revival and intensified cut-throat competition, the hosiery industry finds itself now in the worst crisis in its history. In the Hosiery Worker of May 6 (Vol. X, No. 24) the following is stated:

"It is probable that within the next few days the number of idle machines will reach the highest figure in many years. President Alexander McKeown of the Philadelphia Branch states that a preliminary survey of the unemployment situation in his district would indicate that not more than 15 per cent of the union members are working a normal week at the present moment."

"Probably an additional 10 or 15 per cent of the Philadelphia membership is working part-time," President McKeown says.

All these developments were foretold by a few rank and file delegates, opposed to the machine.



prior to the signing of the National Agreement at the last convention and at the mass meetings before the vote on the agreement was taken.

Startling Admissions.

In a speech delivered by Mr. John W. Edelman, Research Director of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers, before the National Conference of Social Work a few days ago, Edelman made some very startling

admissions. Here a spokesman of the machine admits that some of my predictions at the last convention, which at that time were ridiculed by the "Socialist," President Rieve, as "Marxian theories conflicting with real life," were correct. Edelman says:

"If you will recall the recent history of the Hosiery Workers' Union you will find the case of a labor organization that not only brought its wage scale down to the level of the non-union section of the industry, but was willing to make the most drastic sort of adaptation, EVEN THOSE IT KNEW WERE FUTILE (emphasis mine—E.K.) to aid its employers to compete successfully."

This is the most pertinent and brazen advertisement of our union as a yellow company union. After declaring that the agreement has brought more uniformity, that means more and general unemployment, Mr. Edelman goes on to say: "There is also the further consideration, what would have happened had the union not taken the cut. It is fairly certain that a sizeable group of union employers would have disappeared from the industry altogether, and the non-union employers would have been able to have cornered just that much more of the trade. The union probably saved itself from extinction by saving its employers. Whether this feat of life-saving can be accomplished without a moral exertion on the part of the union, so great as to cause destruction of the morale of the organizations, is still to be determined. You must perceive the dilemma of the union which seeks to promote solidarity of the working class finding itself forced to fight the non-union workers as well as the non-union manufacturers, and the non-union workman, always very prompt in achieving what I suppose this group would call a 'rationalization,' was not at all backward in

pointing out to us the anomaly of the union position."

Here we have a frank admission that the "Social Experiment" of Rieve, Secretary-Treasurer Smith and McKeown and company has weakened the morale and fighting spirit of the union and has created such animosity among the thousands and thousands of non-union workers that it has become much more difficult to win them for struggle against intolerable conditions in the hosiery industry.

There is one more point I think that must be discussed at this time, the question of planned economy under capitalism. The Socialist majority of them are members of the Socialist Party) excused their forcing the wage-cut agreement on the hosiery workers by claiming that this was introducing a "planned economy" into a chaotic



industry, and on many occasions demagogically cited the Soviet Union as an example for their experiment.

But Edelman must admit: "Economic planning has somehow been lost by the wayside and all that remains is a queer fatalistic waiting for a non-run style to produce another boom and still another bigger and better slump."

And further along: "We shall, I hope, all of us come to realize, as the Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers have come to realize, through experimentation, with all the best and most improved plans and theories for making a cut-throat economic system operate without shedding too much blood, that what is needed is a much more honest and realistic sort of system, wherein it will be generally understood that society as a whole has to have the say as to how any industry shall conduct itself, either in regards to its plans in the future or its conduct in the present."

Confesses But Does No Penance.

This revelation and these admissions are very interesting and important, but those who believe that the present bankrupt leadership will clear the stage and make room for an aggressive rank and file leadership, underestimate the greed of the machine. It is true that there have been considerable desertions, some machine men leaving the union for superintendent jobs, political jobs, starting mills of their own and various other reasons. Others, seeing the forthcoming debacle, lining up with the Mus'ettes, who go under the name of progressive hosiery makers, and through all kinds of maneuvers try to launch the wrath of the workers into safe channels.

For the following conversation, which will convene in Philadelphia early in July, the Hosiery Workers must elect rank and file delegates who will honestly and uncompromisingly fight in the interests of the workers, not make them victims of wage-cuts designed as noble experiments, but to lead them in the struggle for decent living conditions and to victory.

We Repeat Our Suggestion

The other day we asked the comrades to send in questions asked by workers whom they approached to sign the petitions to place our Presidential candidates on the ballot. We hope that the comrades will flood the Daily with such questions.

What is of special importance is that political discussions should be developed in the units on the basis of the experiences of the comrades in connection with the election campaign.

The comrades in the units should take the initiative in developing such discussions. The District and Section committees should encourage and organize such discussions.

The unit must become the centre for developing genuine mass work. Political discussions on the basis of concrete tasks in developing personal contacts with the masses, on the basis of leading mass struggles, will put an end to the lifeless choking routine at our unit meetings.