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1. Send greetings for the special Ninth Anniversary-Lenin Memorial edition of the Daily Worker, Jan. 14.
2. Get your friends and shopmates and sympathetic organizations to send greetings. All greetings must be in not later than Jan. 8.

## In the Day's News

### SIX HURT IN ACCIDENT

NEW YORK.—Two persons were seriously hurt and four others received minor injuries when a taxi and a private car crashed at 57th St. and Park Ave. shortly before dawn yesterday.

### 100 PARIS JOBLESS JAILED

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The parasites who infest this city had their Christmas orgies rudely disturbed shortly after midnight when groups of hungry unemployed workers, shouting: "Give us bread and work!" tried to raid cafes in the Place Blanche. Police viciously attacked the jobless and arrested about 100.

### ATTACK JOBLESS IN CUBA

HAVANA, Dec. 25.—Police fired on starving unemployed workers who demonstrated in the market place yesterday morning and demanded food. Merchants also joined in the assault, using clubs and other weapons. Three workers were wounded. In the afternoon the police attacked another demonstration. The U. S.-supported terror continues to rage all through Cuba. Nine workers, two of them women, were arrested in a demonstration in Santiago yesterday.

### TRY TO HAMSTRING JOBLESS

LONDON.—In an effort to keep the unemployed from fighting against hunger the government is supporting "self-help" schemes. The National Council of Social Service is organizing the self-help project which consists chiefly of physical training, recreational and so-called educational activities. In some sections the unemployed are being compelled to work without pay under these schemes.

### HONDURAN WAR CONTINUES

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 25.—The Civil war in Honduras, in which insurgent forces, evidently financed by British imperialism, are trying to overthrow the government, is continuing. Fifty-two insurgents, after being attacked by government troops yesterday, fled across the border and were arrested by Guatemalan authorities. Government sources also report victories near Langua, near Perspire and at San Marcos. Both groups are exploiting the discontent of the masses, who are bearing the terrific burden of the crisis, to further their own and their imperialist masters' interests.

## JAPAN TO VOTE NEW WAR FUND

### Fascists Push Drive For Attack On USSR!

The Japanese Diet convened on Saturday to vote approval for the huge new war budget proposed by the Saito Ministry primarily to forward Japan's drive for war against the Soviet Union. The total budget calls for 2,239,000,000 yen (over \$470,190,000 at the present low exchange value of the yen). It is nearly 300,000,000 yen greater than any budget in the history of Japan, and is 70 per cent above the revenue.

The government has been borrowing lavishly and plans new loans to meet the present big deficit, thus diverting funds from industry, with the result that the catastrophic crisis of world capitalism is sharpening more rapidly in Japan than in any other part of the crisis-torn capitalist world.

## Solidarity of Negro And White Wins Strike At Fairway Laundry

NEW YORK.—After 3 weeks of a strike under the militant leadership of the Laundry Workers Industrial Union the workers of the Fairway Laundry return to work this morning victorious. The bosses have agreed to reinstate all the workers, including Marie Hanks, the young Negro worker whose firing caused the rest of the workers to declare the strike. An agreement was signed by the union and bosses in which it was agreed that there was to be no wage-cut, no firing without the permission of the union, and that none of the scabs remain on the job.

The greatest factor in this strike was the unity of the Negro and white strikers who fought shoulder to shoulder on the picket line against the bosses.

## 54 "EMERGENCY WORK" MINERS ARE ENTOMBED

### Gaseous Mine Leased for Relief Work By Bosses

MINE WAS BURNING

### Workers Were Told Fire Was Blocked

**BULLETIN**  
MOWEAQUA, Ill., Dec. 25.—The first twelve bodies of the 54 miners trapped underground here have been recovered. The finding of these bodies indicates a practical certainty that all the rest are also dead.

—Fifty-four unemployed miners who had been working on emergency relief jobs in the old abandoned Shafer mine here were trapped underground by a gas explosion followed by a fall of shale and rock yesterday morning.

There is only a remote possibility that they are still alive. No answer is given by the imprisoned men, though many attempts to signal them have been made.

Gas is so thick underground that rescue crews rallied from all surrounding mining towns are making slow progress in their efforts to dig through hundreds of feet of fallen rock blocking the passage. A dozen of the rescuers have been overcome by gas (mostly carbon dioxide gas) resulting from fire or explosion.

There is the usual horrifying scene around the mouth of the shaft, with weeping wives and children of the men underground held back by club swinging deputies and troopers.

### Saving State's "Fair Name"

John Millhouse, state mine inspector is on the grounds making the usual excuses: pointing out that this is the first gas explosion since seven men were killed in the Old Ben Mine at West Frankfort, Dec. 1, 1929, and 21 were killed on Jan. 9, the year before, at the Peabody Mine, West Frankfort. But he avoids mentioning that deadly mine accidents have been increasing, falls of rock, electrocutions, explosions of dust, etc.

### Emergency Work

The facts are leaking out of events leading to this mass slaughter of miners. Instead of giving relief to unemployed miners, the local authorities formed a citizens' relief committee, which formed a fake co-operative of the unemployed miners, secured a "loan" of the abandoned Shafer mine, 635 feet deep, and with all its machinery in bad repair and practically no safety apparatus at all. It is admitted that the men working on this scheme got rather less than starvation pay.

That the work was already known to be dangerous is proved by the fact that the mine was on fire several days ago, and men going down Saturday were told that the fire was in a passage that had been blocked off. The working crew, 115 men, went in at 7 a. m. Saturday. The part working around the point where the main tunnel is crossed by another passageway were not heard of after 8:15.

There is absolutely no excuse for a gas explosion. Even very simple apparatus can detect quantities of gas much too small to cause dangerous explosions. Only very bad timbering could allow for a fall of rock of this amount, without an explosion, so that the original cause, the blame lies with the whole scheme of "make work" instead of relief, and emergency work that makes use of such an obviously dangerous working place.

### Avoidable

Most of the men buried underground belonged to the Progressive Miners of America, whose leaders have lent themselves to all these shady practices. The National Miners Union not only makes a point of winning safety underground but proposed to the Progressives a united front and form of struggle in the last strike that would have won a living wage and relief for the unemployed.

## MRS. MOONEY NAILS LIE

### Boss Press Twisted Interview on Russia

NEW YORK.—Mrs. Mary Mooney, mother of Tom Mooney, flatly denied yesterday the lie in the New York Times and other capitalist papers of Friday that she "confessed that Russia was far from the ideal place to live, and that she would not, as a matter of fact, live there if invited."

Her statement is as follows: "As soon as I land in the United States, I am met by the lies of those who framed my innocent son. It is terrible how the N. Y. Times twists my words and tries to put lies in my mouth against the Russian working people. It is dirty work for them to say I did not like Russia. I didn't like the cold weather, but I like Russia and I

## Leader of Japanese Socialist Party Aids Robber War on China

### Suzuki Tours Europe In Defense Of Japan Imperialists For Partition Of China, War Against U. S. S. R.

### Peddles Demagogic Promise Of "No Exploitation of Labor by Capitalism" in Manchuria; Supports Manchukuo Puppet State

**By R. H.**  
PRAGUE, Dec. 16 (By Mail).—Suzuki, leader of the Japanese socialist party and head of the reformist Japanese trade union movement, is now in Prague. He was cordially received by various high government officials as well as by Tayerie, the secretary-general of the reformist trade union federation. That his presence here is in the interests of Japanese imperialism is made clear in an interview with him published in the "Prager Presse," government newspaper, on Japan's robber war in Manchuria. Suzuki states:

"The Japanese working-class regards that Japan was compelled to intervene in Manchuria with military force. Japan sent its army to Manchuria to enforce its treaties. The Japanese workers are against all force, but in the concrete case of Manchuria THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY."

### SEEK TO BLOCK FIGHT FOR "9"

### Official Fights Moves For Scottsboro Boys

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 25.—Gen. George W. Chamlee and Irving Schwab, attorneys for the International Labor Defense, announced today they would push the fight for a change of venue for new trials of the Scottsboro boys despite Attorney General Knight's resistance. They declared they were here to (1) secure writs of habeas corpus for Eugene Williams, one of the boys, (2) to enforce the right of their clients to have private interviews with their attorneys and (3) to get a transfer from death cells for eight of the boys.

Attorney General Knight opposes all three moves, declaring that the prison officials and the courts are the deciding factor, although under Alabama law the right of defendants to talk privately with their attorneys is recognized, as also is the right of transfer from the death cells pending an appeal.

Knight threatened that if pressed, he would transfer the boys to some small town, intimating that he would thus hand them over to lynch gangs. On the I. L. D. demand for a change of venue, Knight hedged, declaring this must be left to the court of Judge Hawkins. Hawkins is the judge who handed down the original lynch verdicts. Knight stated he would not consent or participate in an agreement consenting to change of venue.

He attempted to represent the efforts of the I. L. D. attorneys for a change of venue as an attempt to compromise or bargain with the state. The boss press plays up this fabricated angle, declaring in big headlines, "All Deals Off on Scottsboro Case."

Both Chamlee and Schwab visited Kirby Pringle in an attempt to have a private interview with the boys. This constitutional right was brazenly denied, and three guards insisted on listening in.

## DEPOSITORS HIT THEFT OF FUNDS

### State Refuses Them Information on Loan

NEW YORK.—The Committee of 25 of the organized Bank of United States depositors, cheated out of the bulk of their savings by the bank crash two years ago, have sent the following letter to the District Attorney:

"At our regular meeting, held in the HIAS Building, 425 Lafayette St., on Thursday, Dec. 23, the membership brought out the opinion that Mr. Whyneham, who is now under indictment for fund embezzlements, perpetrated against the depositors as a result of his liquidation activities, is a very serious crime against the impoverished 410,000 Bank of U. S. depositors.

## MRS. MOONEY NAILS LIE

"It was also brought out that Mr. Whyneham may NOT be the only one concerned in this wholesale steal. We feel that he was not alone, perhaps the officer under whom he was working, by lack of proper audit, gave him the opportunity to do so. At any rate he was connected with the Attorney General's office under the direct supervision of Mr. Max Steur, and this matter coming up at a time when we are bending all efforts to scrape up every penny, so as to pay off indigent depositors, it calls for immediate and effective action on your part."

The Depositors' Committee has received a letter in response to their demand on Lieutenant Governor Lehman as to the status of legislation for a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to repay the depositors for what they lost in the bank crash. The letter was from August H. Infield, Jr., Deputy Superintendent of Banks, who explains that Lehman gave him the letter from the committee, and that "we do not see that any comment is called for at this time."

## UNEMPLOYED OF PITTSBURGH WIN CASH RELIEF

### 200. Delegates Make County Pledge Shoes, Aid to Single Men

### OTHERS TO CITY COUNCIL

### Win Cash Pay On Road Work, Wilkes Barre

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 25.—A delegation of 200 Negro and white representatives of the unemployed of Pittsburgh, with a delegation also from Glassport which protested especially against forced labor, wrong important concessions Friday from Allegheny County Director of Relief Clancy.

The delegation invaded the county building in a body, and refused to leave when "requested" to do so by the county authorities. It refused point blank to send in only a committee of five spokesmen. The whole delegation saw Clancy, though Phil Frankfield, secretary of the unemployed council of Pittsburgh; Ben and Ernest Garretts, Negro leaders of the unemployed; Pete Chapa, acting national secretary of the Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union, Deadmond and Marcus, unemployed leaders from Glassport and Hazelwood, acted as spokesmen. They were Negro and white, American and foreign born.

### Win Many Demands

There was a long argument, but the representatives of the unemployed presented their case with much determination, and Clancy granted:

- 1.—Shoes to be provided for to all the families whose names were submitted by the delegation spokesman.
- 2.—One dollar per head a week relief for a family of two and for single people who until now have received nothing.
- 3.—Increase from 6c per week to 90c for Hazelwood cases.
- 4.—Families will receive relief in addition to \$3 a week wages which was formerly denied them. (A worker who worked one day a week or month could receive any relief from the county previously. This form of discrimination has been partly eliminated.)
- 5.—On forced labor Mr. Clancy promised the committee that no victimization would take place of those workers who refused to work for their groceries.

### Christmas Relief Refused

A demand for cash Christmas relief was denied by Clancy on the grounds that Governor Pinchot himself was directly responsible for the distribution of cash. The demand for cash payments on road jobs was also denied on the same grounds. On the question of representation on the County Emergency Relief Board, this matter will be further discussed by the County Relief authorities and in answer to this demand will soon be given.

Prior to this delegation to Clancy a committee from the South Side went to City Council with numbers of cases needing shoes and this demand was won. Edith Briscoe of the Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union headed this delegation. Committees of single men went to the Relief Agencies Saturday, Dec. 24th, to demand a dollar a week relief.

At a meeting held following the conference with Clancy the delegation endorsed the call for a United Front Conference to take place Feb. 5th in Walton Hall. It also endorsed the calling of a statewide Hunger March and 14 workers joined the Unemployed Councils.

### Cash Pay for Road Work

WILKES BARRE, Pa., Dec. 25.—Wilkes Barre City Council at its session Thursday night approved a bill which provides that unemployed workers doing county and city work be paid in cash instead of in "orders," as until now.

There is no doubt that this action was prompted by the mass resentment against this form of forced labor. In Shenandoah, Schuylkill County, the unemployed went on strike, demanding that they be paid in cash, at union wages, for all work done for the county and city.

Wilkes Barre is a city of 90,000 inhabitants in the center of the anthracite coal fields.

### SIX KIDS DIE IN FIRE

BIRMINGHAM, England, Dec. 25.—Six of the children of Patrick Weir, a crippled unemployed ex-serviceman, were trapped to death yesterday when fire burned through in a small upper room where they were sleeping. Weir, his wife and baby escaped, but the later two were seriously burned. The house was one of the usual fire-traps in which workers are forced to live.

## Xmas Cheer—Suicide and Starvation

A bumper crop of suicides, disease and misery were the chief Christmas gifts to the unemployed this year. The 16,000,000 unemployed and their families were insulted with the usual publicity blarney of "Christmas baskets," Salvation Army "dinners," "the 100 neediest cases," etc., with which the capitalist class tries to cover up its criminal starving of millions of men, women and children.

In New York City, where, according to official capitalist estimates, 1,160,000 are unemployed a small fraction of this number were given food by the Emergency Unemployment Relief Committee, the Salvation Army, the New York American Fund, the Volunteers of America, Tammany Clubs, etc. For this the unemployed had to submit to being doped with sermons, "messages of good cheer," etc., in which they were told to suffer in silence, trust in God and the bosses, and above all, not to struggle against the starvation and misery to which the capitalists have condemned them.

### Tammany Dope Peddlers

Among those who peddled this poison were Tammany Mayor-elect, John P. O'Brien and Police Commissioner Mulrooney. However, the christian patience of five women and a boy was evidently not great enough and they fainted in line while waiting for baskets that were being distributed by the New York American Fund at the 69th Regiment Armory.

While these spectacles were being staged, workers' families through the city were having Christmas dinners consisting of hunks of putrid meat, coffee and stale bread and were trying to absorb some Christmas cheer out of the prospect of being thrown out on the street the next day.

### Hide Suicides

Of the suicides of unemployed workers over the weekend in New York City, only three managed to find their way into the capitalist press. Charles Finn, a cabinet maker, Herman Woehler, a 60-year old laborer, and Angelo Stovic, also a laborer, made desperate by hunger, put an end to their lives.

Suicide, however, while it may relieve the bosses, is not the way out for the millions of unemployed. Only by organizing in the Unemployed Councils and Block Committees and fighting for immediate relief, unemployment insurance, against evictions, etc., can enough be wrung out of the bosses to keep working masses from starvation and suicide. Only in this way can the whole boss charity racket be exposed.

## Force Archbishop of Greek Church to Give \$100 For Jobless Aid

NEW YORK.—The United Front Committee of Action of Greek Unemployed Workers of Greater New York won an important victory Friday. Sixty workers, including 24 families with women and children and single workers, forced the archbishop of the Greek Church by organizing mass pressure to give \$100 relief in cash.

The bishop's assistant used all kinds of demagogic pretences and threats. Two cops were called to see that "order prevails" and that the archbishop be not disturbed.

In spite of all provocations, the ranks of the 60 Greek workers remained solid and they forced the archbishop to send to the bank for \$100 for the unemployed group.

The United Front Committee of Action divided the money on the spot according to the size of the families. Single men received \$2 each. This is the second time that the archbishop has been forced through organized mass pressure to give immediate cash relief.

The United Front Committee of Action is affiliated to the West Side Unemployed Council, 478 Tenth Ave. The Empros, the Greek Communist Daily, was very active in supporting this struggle of the Greek Unemployed Workers in their fight for relief.

## "SILENCE ON CRISIS!"

### Pope Hopes for Quiet in "Holy Year"

ROME, Italy, Dec. 25.—Pope Pius XI took the million lire (\$31,100) raised as a Christmas present for him by contributions levied on Catholics all over the world at the repeated demands of the Vatican through its official organ, L'Osservatore Romano.

"Then the Pope declared a Holy Year, to start April 2, 1933, during which he says he hopes he won't hear any more about depression, wars, Bolshevism, etc. The official excuse for a "Holy Year" is the 1000th anniversary of the death of Christ.

## OFFICIALS OF ROCKEFELLER RULED COLLEGE TURN NEGRO CROPPERS OVER TO POLICE

### Aid Lynch-Incitement Drive Against Negro Toilers, Saying Cliff James Said, "Wished He Had Killed Deputies"

### I. L. D. Starts Fight To Force Recognition Of Civil Rights of Defendants to Confer Privately with Attorneys

**BULLETIN**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The Western Union Telegraph Company refused to send a telegram from a group of rank and file veterans in Washington protesting the Alabama outrages unless they changed the word "demand" to "request" in the wire. The veterans refused to submit to this censorship and sent their protest by air mail to Governor Miller of Alabama.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 25.—The surrender of Cliff James, Negro reform leader, to police on Friday was effected by the Negro reformist heads of Tuskegee Institute. James, the leader of the Sharecroppers Union at Notasulga, Tallapoosa County, scene of the murderous landlord-police attacks on the croppers, had sought medical aid at the hospital at Tuskegee Institute. He is the second cropper refugee to have been betrayed by the Tuskegee heads and turned over to the landlord-police lynch gangs. Tuskegee is financed by the Rockefeller Institute.

## WIN RELEASE OF ANGELO HERNDON ON LOWER BAIL

### Mass Pressure Gains Victory In Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 25.—Angelo Herndon, young Negro organizer of the unemployed facing death charges for "inciting to insurrection," has been released on \$2,500 bail, pending trial, which has been set for the first week in January. This big partial victory of the International Labor Defense was won by mass pressure and protest from all over the county, backing up the legal steps taken by the two Negro attorneys handling the case, John H. Geer and Benjamin J. Davis, Jr.

The Rev. John Hudson, assistant solicitor for the state, who is prosecuting the case, vigorously opposed the lowering of bail from the \$25,000 originally set. It was on his request that the court postponed the case, over objection by the I. L. D. attorneys, who wished it brought to trial immediately.

This victory follows on the heels of the previous one, won last week, when Geer and Davis forced from Hudson the statement, on the witness stand, in a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus, that "Negroes have been systematically excluded from juries for years" in Georgia. This action lays the ground for ripping open the whole Jim Crow and exclusion system of Georgia, as was done in the Eucl Lee case in Maryland.

Herndon is charged under an ancient statute, the same under which the famous "Atlanta Six" face death charges, which would make it punishable by death to advocate unity of Negro and white workers. He was arrested immediately after he had organized and led a successful demonstration of starving Negro and white unemployed to obtain relief from the city authorities.

## Wage-Cutting Tire Co. Profit Is \$5,151,977

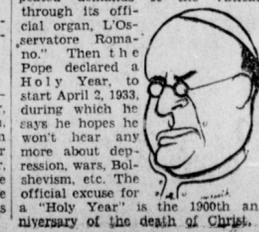
AKRON, Ohio.—The Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., which together with other large concerns, has put through its share of wage cuts, speedup and lay-offs of its employees, has made a profit of \$5,151,977 during the year ending Oct. 31, according to the report made by Harvey S. Firestone, president.

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

## United Motors Gets Big Sum from Gov't

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—While the government refuses to give a cent to the starving unemployed and is preparing to slash veterans' disability allowances, it continues to hand over huge bonuses to corporations. The Internal Revenue Bureau announced that a refund of \$1,127,113 and an abatement of \$31,967 have been given the United Motors Corporation and subsidiaries, for so-called overassessment of income and profit taxes in 1918.

The U. S. Steel Corporation, the Mellon Aluminum Trust and many other corporations have already received millions from the government in this way.



**BOLIVIA BOMBS  
PARAGUAY TOWN  
Cuban Workers Battle  
The Police**

Bolivian planes on Saturday bombed the Paraguayan town of Bahai Negra on the upper Paraguay River, spreading death and terror among its population. Several persons were killed and many wounded. The aerial bombardment on the un-fortified town occurred a few hours before the hypocritical Christmas day truce sponsored by Pope Pius went into effect. The "truce" was set for 24 hours.

Police attacks on workers' organizations and mass arrests are continuing in Argentina as the government attempts to crush the resistance of the toiling masses to starvation and war, as a prelude to attacking Bolivia in an extension of the undeclared war between Bolivia and Paraguay. The government has released Gen. Luis Delleplante, one of the Trigueros' leaders arrested in an alleged plot against the government. The "discovery" of the alleged plot has been used as a pretext for declaring a state of siege throughout Argentina and for a savage attack on the working class.

**Arrest Army Officers**  
The Chilean government yesterday arrested 20 officers and non-commissioned officers in an alleged plot involving a large section of the army. It is reported that Colonel Marmaduke Grove, formerly exiled leader of the Chilean petty bourgeoisie, had planned an uprising to begin at dawn Saturday with the inauguration of President Alessandri. U. S. imperialists are alarmed at the continued unsettled conditions in Chile under the hammer blows of the deepening crisis. The fate of \$714,000,000 of American investment and loot is involved. Under the pressure of the crisis and the influence of U. S. imperialism, the Chilean bourgeoisie are preparing to take sides with the U. S. puppet government in Colombia in the undeclared war between Colombia and Peru.

Two hundred Nicaraguan rebels are reported to be pressing toward El Sauce to block the opening of the new Leon-El Sauce railroad developed by U. S. capital to intensify the exploitation of Nicaragua and provide a strategic railway for the U. S. marines and the forces of the puppet president Moncada against the national revolutionary struggle.

**Cuba Jobless Seize Food**

HAVANA, Dec. 25.—Unemployed workers on Saturday raided the stores of merchants in the market place, seizing food for the starving families. Sharp clashes occurred between the workers and the merchants and police. Three persons were hurt.

Police also attacked another unemployed demonstration in another section of the city.  
The Cuban military took over the policing of Santiago yesterday morning, following a series of militant struggles by unemployed workers, led by the Cuban Communist Party. Nine persons, two of them women, were arrested. Drastic military measures have been ordered at all points in the interior. Even the church, loyal supporter of the fascist regime of U. S. imperialism's tool, Machado, was affected when police banned the holding of Christmas mass for fear that the growing unrest of the masses would find expression even in such assemblies.

**DAILY WORKER CHORUSES  
ORGANIZING IN OTHER CITIES**

A "Daily Worker Chorus" was recently organized in Philadelphia. Other cities are following the lead of New York, where the first "Daily Worker Chorus" has been organized a few months ago. It is urged that workers join the New York chorus in masses, so that we may in the shortest time possible build it up into a real workers' mass singing organization.

"The Daily Worker Chorus" of New York meets every Wednesday evening at 8:30. Place: 15 E. Third St. (between 2nd and 3rd Aves.).

**More State Marches**

Marches on state capitols follow the National Hunger March and a call from the newly elected National Committee of the Unemployed Councils for such action.  
Already marches have been arranged for: Michigan to reach Lansing Dec. 27; Oregon to reach Salem Jan. 8; Washington to reach Olympia Jan. 2; California to reach Sacramento Jan. 10; Illinois, to reach Springfield, Jan. 29; Colorado to reach Denver early in January, and Pennsylvania, to reach Harrisburg Feb. 1. Others will be arranged.

**WHAT'S ON—**

**MONDAY**  
Pagan Rehearsals for Lenin Memorial meeting, Monday and Friday at 8:30 p.m. at Workers Center, 56 E. 13th St. All invited.

Entertainment and ball by youth section of R. N. M. Aid Society, Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St.

Alfred G. Morris, P. S. U. district organizer, on "Education in Soviet Union," at 8 p.m. at 1971 Douglas St., Brooklyn.

First meeting of American Youth Club at 8 p.m. in East New York, in temporary quarters at 822 Sutter Ave., Brooklyn.

Mass Meeting at 8 p.m. at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St., called by I.L.D. to protest deportations and give mass farewell to seven Japanese and one Indian worker who voluntarily departed for Soviet Union.

**LABOR UNION MEETINGS**

**ALTERATION PAINTERS**  
Midtown local No. 5 of Alteration Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers Union meets every Monday at 8 p.m. at 27 West 115th St., Room 12.

**LAUNDRY WORKERS**  
General membership meeting of Laundry Workers' Industrial Union on Thursday at 380 E. 156th St.

**They Called Him "Baritone"**  
"Baritone's" Voice Stilled by Starvation; Mass Funeral Tomorrow at West Side Council

By DAN DAVIS

NEW YORK.—The workers called him "Baritone." No one knew his real name. But his song was one of the few bright spots in their lives. His rich Negro voice mellowed the bleakness of the empty slaughterhouse—the 39th St. Hooverville. He made them feel good with his singing. So they called him "Baritone."

For several days they missed him. That was after they had gone to Commissioner Taylor and demanded better shelter and relief. He promised them "in a few days."  
"But what about the men who are sick?" they had asked.  
"That's your problem," Taylor said.  
"Baritone" was one of those who were sick.

They reported back to the workers in the 39th Street building. A little hole under the loading platform, 2 feet in diameter, was the entrance. Until a few weeks ago these workers had hidden in this hole, ashamed to walk the streets in the daytime. Then they were drawn into the West Side Unemployed Council. So far they had forced the city to promise them a building "in a few days." In those "few days," "Baritone" was missing.

**Eaten By Rats**

Last Wednesday they found him. A worker stumbled across one that had been unused. It was dark. He lit a torch of newspapers and looked around. There on a frame covered with old rags and cotton lay "Baritone." The flash of his face was torn away. His upper lip hung in a

strip over his chin bone. His skull stood out in ghastly relief. The throat that once carried mellow notes was a big hollow. Capitalist starvation in the person of Mr. Taylor, had murdered "Baritone." Rats, the bosses' blessings to workers had eaten away his flesh.  
Not one capitalist paper reported his death. He had finished his life of making profits for the bosses in the city market where he worked until they needed him no longer. Now his torn body lay still. Dead from lack of the food he had handled all his life!

Tomorrow afternoon at 12 o'clock the workers of New York will take "Baritone's" body from the city morgue. They will march through the streets he once knew, past the West Side Unemployed Council at 478-10th Ave., and then to a mass protest meeting at Union Square. A challenge to all workers to take up the fight, for who of us might not be next to go?

"Baritone's" song was stilled by capitalism. But the voices of his fellow workers roar on to the struggle.

"The whole front of the West Side Unemployed Council headquarters carries a big sign: "In Memory of Skippy Baritone, Homeless Negro Worker, who died After Being Refused Shelter and Relief By City Welfare Department."

**All workers' organizations are asked**

to send large delegations to the funeral, and to send contributions for funeral expenses either to Funeral Arrangements Committee, 10 E. 17th St., or to West Side Unemployed Council, 478 10th Avenue.

**Stage and Screen  
SOVIET FILM TO BE SHOWN AT  
PUBLIC THEATRE**

The Public Theatre, Second Avenue and Fourth Street, reopened Saturday with a showing of the famous Soviet film, "False Uniforms." Matinee times up to 5 p.m. are 10 cents. Evenings the prices are 15 cents. Shows will be changed daily.

**"KAMERADSCHAFT," (COMRADESHIP) AT THE ACME THEATRE**

"Kameradschaft," or "Comradeship," G. W. Pabst's much heralded and very much acclaimed film of the mines, about which all the critics of New York City rave, and which was awarded the gold medal by the London Faculty of Arts as "the best picture of the year," is now playing at the Acme Theatre.

The story revolves around workers of different nationalities, symbolized by the miner who south of the political frontier speaks one language and north of it another. The plot, based on the Currier mine tragedy of 1906, when 1,400 French miners lost their lives, and the German miners over the frontier went to the rescue of their comrades.

**"THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK" OPENS TONIGHT AT SELWYN**

Harold Sherman's comedy, "The Little Black Book," will have its premiere this evening at the Selwyn Theatre. The cast includes Virginia Stevens, Jonathan Hole, Russell Hicks and Howard Kyle.

"Cyrano de Bergerac," Edmond Rostand's play, written by Walter Hampden again in the title role, will begin a four-weeks engagement this evening at the New Amsterdam Theatre.  
"Shuffle Along of 1932," a new Negro revue, will open this evening at the Mansfield Theatre with Flourney Miller, Noble Sissie and Eubie Blake in the chief roles.

"Goodbye Again," by Allan Scott and George Haight, is scheduled for Wednesday night at the Masque Theatre. Osmond Perkins and Sally Bates head the cast.

"Twentieth Century," by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, will open on Thursday at the Broadhurst Theatre with Eugenie Leontovich making her first appearance since "Grand Hotel."  
"Girls in Uniform," adapted by Barbara Burnham from the German play by Christa Winsloe, will be presented on Friday evening at the Booth Theatre with Florence Williams, Rose Hobart and Roberta Beatty.

The Broadhurst Theatre will show "Late One Evening," a comedy by Audrey and Waughney Carter, which is scheduled for Saturday night. Ursula Jeans and John Buckler head the cast.  
The Civic Repertory plays for the week: "Lilliom," tonight and Thursday and Saturday evenings; "Alice in Wonderland," Tuesday and Friday matinees; "Camille," Tuesday evening; "Peter Pan," Wednesday and Saturday afternoons; "Cradle Song," Wednesday evening, and "Dear Jane" on Friday evening.

**RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL OPENS TOMORROW WITH BIG VARIETY BILL**

The opening of the Radio City Music Hall, the world's largest theatre, is set for tomorrow night under the direction of "Roxy." From all corners of the world he has assembled units of the great all-star variety bill. The artists from the musical field include Thita Rauffo, Coe Glade, late of the Chicago Opera; Otto Fassell, Viennese tenor, and Vera Schwartz of the Berlin and Vienna State Operas. The dance world is represented by Harold Kreuzberg, Martha Graham, Patricia Bowman, and a ballet of 80. The stage and variety artists include Dr. Rockwell, Weber and Fields, DeWolf Hopper, Taylor Holmes, The Waldendas, noted aerialists; the Tuskegee Choir of 110 voices under the direction of William L. Dawson, the Six Bronettes, clown quartet from European music hall; and many others. In addition there will be group of Roxyettes; a chorus of 100 voices directed by Leon Rosebrook; and a symphony orchestra of 90, conducted by Erno Rapee.

**1,200 IN TRIBUTE  
TO MAXIM GORKY  
Present Awards to  
Three Writers**

NEW YORK.—About 1,200 workers and intellectuals gathered in Central Opera House Friday night and paid an enthusiastic revolutionary tribute to Maxim Gorky, famous Soviet proletarian writer, on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of his literary activity. The celebration was under the auspices of the Revolutionary Writers Federation.

Greetings were received from Theodore Dreiser, Sherwood Anderson, John Dos Passos, Eva LeGallienne, Newton Arvin and Granville Hicks. Joseph Freeman, editor of the New Masses and author of the "The Soviet Worker," was chairman of the evening.  
**Origin Chief Speaker**  
M. J. O'lgin, editor of the "Morning Freiheit," was the chief speaker of the evening. O'lgin gave a keen Marxist analysis of Gorky's role both as writer and as an outstanding fighter for the oppressed masses.

Louis Lozovick, artist, representing the John Reed Club and Edward Dahlberg, novelist, of the League of Professional Groups, also spoke. A stirring ovation was given to the spokesman for seven Japanese writers from Los Angeles, who after being ordered deported to Japan, won the right of voluntary departure to the Soviet Union.

The meeting elected them as a delegation to bring personal greetings to Gorky from the American revolutionary workers, writers and intellectuals. Michael Gold, noted proletarian writer, and Louise Thompson, of the Negro Film Group that visited the Soviet Union, were unable to speak because of illness.

**Present Gorky Award**

The outstanding feature of the evening was the presentation of the Gorky awards, given to the authors of the three books judged to be the best revolutionary novels of the year. The awards, consisting of autographed sets of Gorky's works, were given to Grace Lumpkin, author of "To Make My Bread," Fielding Burke, author of "Home the Heart," and John Dos Passos, for his novel, "1919."

An interesting musical program was presented by the Compinsky Trio, who donated their services for the evening. The Workers International Relief Orchestra also played revolutionary songs.

**MARCH REPORTS  
UNITE JOBLESS**

NORTH HILLS, Pa., Dec. 25.—Over 200 Negro and white workers, representing thousands of unemployed in Upper Dublin and Alberton Townships and the towns of North Hills, Pennlyn, Ambel, Arslv, Willow Grove and Cressmont, met here Friday in the public school building and heard the reports of the National Hunger Marchers from this section.

The conference elected committees to form unemployed councils in all these towns and distributed quantities of Unemployed Council Supporters Cards for a campaign to line up supporters.

**Forced Labor**  
It was brought out at the conference that a vicious form of forced labor prevails in Montgomery County. "Workers applying for relief are put to work on county roads at a wage of 30 cents per hour. They work 8 hours a day, 4 days a week. (a days wages \$2.40; 4 days wages \$9.60).

If a worker works 4 days, he receives pay for one day, \$2.40, and a food slip worth \$3.50. The balance is never paid to the worker, but he is told that it is held back on provide food for him when work on the road is kind.

Workers who only work 3 days receive no pay at all, only a food slip for \$3.50.  
Negroes are discriminated against even in this plan. Only a VERY few work the fourth day. In fact only a very few get a chance to get on the job at all.

Arrangements are being made for Montgomery County Hunger March on Norrisstown, Pa., the County seat.

Hold an Open Hearing on Hunger in your neighborhood; invite all jobless and part time workers and keep a record of their evidence

**Langston Hughes' Mother at 'Daily' Affair on Saturday**

One of the features of the Ninth Anniversary Celebration of the Daily Worker will be the appearance of the mother of Langston Hughes, noted revolutionary Negro poet, who will recite Hughes' poem, "Dixie," describing a lynching. The celebration will be held this Saturday, Dec. 31, in the Bronx Coliseum, 177th Street and West Farms Road.

Hughes is now visiting the Soviet Union. His poem will not only be recited, but will be sung by Sergei Radamsky, who will also appear in a program of Soviet songs. Radamsky, who was the first American artist to be invited by the Soviet government to tour the country, is making his first appearance before sailing for Europe.

Earl Browder, secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, will be the chief speaker.

The program for the evening will also include the New Dance Group, the International Workers Order Symphony Orchestra, the International Chorus and the Freiheit Singing Society. The concert will be followed by a ball, with music furnished by a Negro and white double brass band. Tickets are 40 cents, plus 20 cents for press fund.

**Boom A.F.L. Official in Boston to Conceal Deportation Drive**

BOSTON, Mass.—In the attempt to cloak vicious attacks against the workers by the Immigration Department, the Democrats are boosting their candidate, John J. Kearney, former vice-president of the Boston Central Labor Union, for Commissioner of Immigration to replace Mrs. Anna C. Tillinghast, who now holds this post.

Mrs. Tillinghast, admitted using her office to break strikes. She is notorious for her share in the persecution of Edith Berkman, militant leader of the Lawrence textile workers, for the recent arrest of Anna Block, who led the New England column of the National Hunger Marchers, and for numerous other attacks on militant workers.

The A. F. L. bureau chief, Kearney, is considered a better tool of the employers for carrying out the job of deporting militant workers under a "labor" cloak.

**FARMERS LEAGUE HITS ALA. TERROR  
Calls For Support To Negro Croppers**

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 25.—Louis Clayton, Negro worker of this city, framed-up on a charge of assaulting a white girl and attacking with a knife her escort, has been convicted of cutting with intent to wound and sentenced to from one to 20 years in prison. The charges of rape and robbery, on which he was also indicted, still hang over his head.

The arrest was made on the night of Sept. 2. Clayton had taken shelter from a rainstorm in a men's comfort station, where he found a young white couple, the girl undressed, and, according to the account of eye witnesses, with her clothing folded and placed in a corner.

Clayton was tried before an entirely white jury, the one Negro boss of this place have got a gang of Negro boys and men working in the white bosses' cemetery to pay off the landlords' street taxes. They do not have anything to eat or a job.

There are three bosses over these Negroes seeing that they don't get any rest until 12:30. They only give them 30 minutes to try to find something to eat.

**MINING, MOST HAZARDOUS INDUSTRY**

Coal mining and construction work are far more hazardous than other industries, according to a report of the Labor Research Association. This is illustrated by figures on compensation awards in Pennsylvania during 1931.

Less than 8 per cent of the total working population of the state are employed in coal mining, but they received 43 per cent of the total compensation cost for all industries. "Construction and contracting" industry employed about 7 per cent of the working population and received about 14 per cent of the total awards. Manufacturing, on the other hand, employed about 33 per cent of the workers, but received only 24 per cent of the compensation award.

The Daily Worker is the leader and organizer of the entire American working class. Attend the Ninth Anniversary Celebration New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, in the Bronx Coliseum.

**Hunger March Film First Showing Jan. 2**

NEW YORK.—"Hunger," the full length motion picture of the National Hunger March and a panoramic vision of the nation-wide battle of the working class, will be shown for the first time Monday, Jan. 2, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Fifth Ave. Theatre, 28th St. and Broadway. Scenes were photographed by the Workers' Film and Photo League and it is shown in cooperation with the League of Professional groups. No part of this picture has ever been shown before.

At each showing one of the following will speak: I. Amter, Herbert Benjamin, Malcolm Cowley, Michael Gold, Felix Morrow or Edward Dahlberg.

**DRIVEN TO WORK IN CEMETERY (By a Farmer Correspondent)**

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International Notes

By ROBERT HAMILTON

DE VALERA AND COSGRAVE. Last Wednesday William Butler Yeats, famous Irish poet and Nobel Prize winner, lectured on Ireland in the Brooklyn Academy of Music...

SOCIALISTS DISPOSSES TENANT.

HAMBURG, Nov. 29 (By Mail).—The Altona Building and Loan Association obtained a court order to dispossess a proletarian tenant in their buildings in Bahrenfeld...

The sheriff's men, ordered to dispossess the tenant, refused to carry out the furniture. But somebody more he said about the furniture...

SOCIALISTS IN CONVENTION IN BERLIN. BERLIN, Nov. 29 (By Mail).—A special convention of the Berlin organization of the German Social Democratic Party was held yesterday...

Some comments of rank and file delegates in the debate were very illuminating.

Lahn of Neukolln: "The masses can be misled for a time, but they can't be bribed. They demand Socialist policies in everyday demands, and they vote for the party that puts them into practice."

Hannemann and Loewenstein: "A few party comrades who thought that we could grow into control of the government through democratic bourgeois institutions have been very unpleasantly brought to their senses."

These manifestations of rank and file revolt within the German Socialist Party are occasioned by the growing crisis in Germany and by the success of Communist efforts to effectively lead the working class in struggle against starvation and unemployment.

After preliminary experiments on dogs, Professor Judin has effected blood transfusion from a corpse to a living human patient.

His first experiment dealt with an adult who had tried to commit suicide by cutting the blood vessels in the bend of his elbow.

After this initial success, the Soviet professor endeavored to reverse this new technique practical.

Talking more than three quarts of blood from a corpse—a much larger quantity than he has been able to keep this blood in perfect condition for more than two weeks.

This remarkable work is but one more instance of how science flourishes under the proletarian regime. Experimental advances that are well nigh impossible under capitalism are being made constantly in the Soviet Union.

SUBTLE PRESS TERROR IN IRELAND.

The current issue of the "Irish Workers' Voice," organ of the revolutionary Workers' Groups of Ireland, has had to be printed in Glasgow, because all Dublin printers have been intimidated by the Free State police and refuse to print it.

WORKER CORRESPONDENCE

IT'S "BOILING UP" IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

"The Workers' Enemies Are the Farmers' Enemies!"

Worker Exposes Milo Reno from His Own Statements

Warns Farmers Not to Abandon Struggle Program Adopted in Washington

OMAHA, Neb.—Day by day the delegations pass through here on their way back from the conference in Washington. Thoroughly disgusted with the Hoover-Roosevelt "methods" and the usual line of bias from the republican-democrat congressmen; these delegates are doing a lot of thinking and very little talking.

OPEN JAIL DOORS IN OKLA. COUNTY

Sheriff Has to Choose Between Starvation or Freedom

AKINS, Okla.—Sequoyah County was allowed \$5,000 for relief from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Those needing relief were called upon to register. Four thousand registered.

The county sheriff just recently opened the jail doors and turned everyone loose. It was a case of doing this or letting them starve to death in jail. Sheriff Cheek then offered to resign and let the sheriff-elect take office.

"I Myself Have Changed Greatly"; Soviet Farm Wife

At a meeting of housewives of our factory town Dubrovki a letter was read to us from a working woman in a capitalist country.

My life before the revolution was very hard. We lived in a village; we had no land and my husband had to go to work to the city which was 6 miles from the village.

It was very hard to keep up a big family. I often compare my life then, and now, and I feel so sorry that my husband died in 1919 and had no chance to see the great change in our life.

Since last year I began to study and by this time I read and write a letter. Until now I did not know one letter. Regardless of my age I take an active part in social life. I want to help build Socialism.

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LOSING LAND IN LONE STAR STATE

Texas Farmer Writes to Ask for Organizer

CUMHURST, Tex. — In Lamb county where live conditions are terrible. Fully 60 per cent of the farmers here have already lost their farms.

This winter some evictions are taking place and many more are expected to take place. There is hardly a family that is able to take care of themselves.

I have been thinking of doing this, but did not know exactly how to do this. It would be very glad for you to send some experienced person down here to call a meeting.

Editor's Note: As a result of the Farm Conference in Washington a wide-spread organization of farmers throughout the county is planned.

Farmers, Are Warned Against Farmer-Labor Politicians

DALBO, Minn.—The majority of the farmers in this community are still deluded by the magicians of the farmer-labor party who promise many things.

I wish you would publish the true figures on this bill. I talked to one f-l member who claimed that the government would make two billion dollars for agricultural refinancing if this bill becomes law.

I tried to point out how inadequate this sum would be if the bill became law to take up all the mortgages now held by the insurance companies, banks, etc.

Ed. Note—The Frazier bill's main point as affects the farmers is as follows: The bank would be paid off by the government and the farmer would then pay his amortized debt to the government as the writer points out.

Some figures on the farmers' plight today: Taxes have risen 266 per cent since the war.

One hundred seventy-three million are under mortgage. Three hundred seven million are farmed by tenants.

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Japanese Fascists Prepare Kiddies For War



Fascist war propaganda extends even to the school children of Japan. The picture shows members of the Patriotic Youth Association of Tokio in their uniforms, carrying bayonets and guns in a fascist-organized demonstration of "allegiance to the emperor."

TUSKEGEE HEADS BETRAY CROPPERS

Turn Them Over To Alabama Police

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wounded and have been placed in the hospital ward. The other two are Jiggy Moss and Ivy Moss.

The International Labor Defense attorneys here are taking steps to try to see the five prisoners here. According to the local boss press, Sheriff Riley has ordered the five held incommunicado.

Donald Burke, southern organizer of the I.L.D., now in Montgomery to organize the defense of the arrested croppers, announced today that Frank B. Irwin of Birmingham has been employed by the I.L.D. to defend the croppers.

In every instance, Mrs. Cooper, I. L. D. representative, was refused permission to speak to the defendants. Sheriff Young stated he would not permit any representative of the I. L. D. to speak to his prisoners.

At Tuskegee, Sheriff Riley absolutely refused to give any information on the number of prisoners he had or their condition.

Before returning to Birmingham, Irwin conferred with Gen. George W. Chamlee and Irving Schwab at the Hotel Jefferson Davis here.

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Mich. Farmers Win Partial Victory Against Auction

CUSTER, Mich.—We are making efforts to organize the farmers of Western Michigan into the United Farmers' League.

About a month ago in the county courthouse a farm was up for auction because the owner could not pay his large taxes and his interest to the federal land loan bank of St. Paul.

We called a meeting and it was agreed upon to hold a mass demonstration at the courthouse. The day of sale came. The demonstrators rode in trucks and cars into Ludington carrying banners protesting against the eviction of the farmer.

The judge and auctioneer declared the sale was put off until 2 p.m. During the lunch hour it was broadcasted over the radio that a large number of Communists had gathered in Ludington and had brought a truckload of dynamite to bomb the courthouse.

The farmer is allowed to live one more year on his farm. They are attacking our league in every way possible, but we are organizing more farmers to fight evictions, to save our homes.

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Auto Workers Union Calls Conference of Organized and Unorganized, Jan. 22

"Every Spurt In Auto Production Brings Wage Cut"; Girls Get 10 Cents An Hour

Workers Lose Savings; Called to Fight for Relief, Against Wage Cuts

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 25.—The Auto Workers Union is calling a conference of auto-worker delegates from the city and surrounding auto manufacturing towns, as well as delegates of other workers' organizations.

The conference will be Sunday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m., in Finnish Hall, 5969 Fourteenth St., Detroit.

The conference call says: "Every little spurt in auto production is accompanied by wage-cuts of 20 per cent to 30 per cent. This happened in Dodge, Chrysler, Briggs, Chevrolet and other plants."

"The Auto Manufacturers continue to hold on to their millions, while we, auto workers, starve. They continue to enjoy the riches robbed from us. They and their families, enjoy all the comforts of life, while we face starvation."

"We lost our homes. We face evictions. Our savings are gone. Thousands of homes are without food, heat, light or water. Our children suffer from cold and hunger. Unemployment, lack of adequate food and clothing, slave driving in the factories, constant worry of tomorrow, makes thousands of workers a ready prey for sickness and epidemics."

"Employed Auto Workers: We must stop the wage-cuts! We must force the bosses to pay a living wage! We must end the inhuman speed-up and the insults of the foremen and the bosses. We must end the arbitrary mass dismissals. Call together groups of workers in your department. Discuss this call. Form grievance committees. Decide on action! Elect delegates from your meetings to the conference of the auto workers on January 22nd."

"Unemployed Auto Workers: Call meetings of auto workers in your neighborhood. Discuss your common problems. Elect delegates to the conference. Unemployed Ford workers: Elect committees from your neighborhood to go to the office of the Ford Motor Co. to demand relief. Unemployed workers from other plants: follow this same action: Intensely the fight for jobs or relief—for Unemployment Insurance!"

"Workers Organizations: Your members are affected by conditions in the auto industry. Discuss this call and the problems of the auto workers at your next meeting. Elect delegates to the conference."

Win Two Thirds of Strikes The union also succeeded in the course of this year in building 15 shop groups, which have an influence over an additional 3,000 workers.

The new turn of the union was discussed. Rosenberg pointed out that the way to greater victories is through counter attack upon the bosses based upon demands for withdrawal of the recent wage cuts. Most of the strikes have been defensive ones and the workers have been at a disadvantage, because they had to struggle when there was no work in the factories.

United Front The question of the united front of all workers in the shop regardless of union affiliation was stressed and the necessity to defeat strike-breaking elements like the Italian Fascist Federation from misleading the shoe workers.

A long discussion followed the report. Proposals to carry into life the union plans were adopted.

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### Refuting Some Slanders Made Against I.L.D.

By W. L. PATTERSON.  
(From January "Labor Defender")

THE swiftly spreading influence of the International Labor Defense through its splendid leadership in the struggle for the Scottsboro boys, Tom Mooney, Imperial Valley, Opek, Orloff and all class war prisoners grows simultaneously with the increasing militancy of the workers throughout America. These facts force the ruling class to call more insistently upon its agencies within the working class for support.

A flood of scurrilous lies—jets from every anti-working class news paper including the I.W.W., the Socialist, the NAACP, about past activities of the I.L.D. Their attack upon its methods in the Scottsboro case having failed, they now seek hysterically for some other issue on which they may sever their masters.

Their line now is that the I.L.D. has been collecting money for the defense of miners, (Harlan, Ky.) which it has not emitted" and the I.L.D. is "an organization controlled by thieves and racketeers." (I.W.W. Workers Defense, October 1932.) Then, the I.W.W. paper, the "Industrial Worker," October 4, 1932 writes, "The I.L.D. was the chief factor in causing the men to accept the lighter sentence rather than stand trial on the murder charge." W. B. Jones, who has never spoken with an I.L.D. representative concerning our policies, and whose ideas are gleaned only from the I. W.W., is supposed to have written in the I.W.W. Workers Defense November 1932, "It was this bunch of Communist rascals that caused my conviction."

The Socialist "New Leader" and the "Labor Age" of the Rev. A. J. Muste have grabbed these morsels as a scavenger would carrion.

**THE FACTS**  
Now, what are the facts? In July, 1931 the I.L.D. called for the formation of a Harlan Miners Defense Committee to include prisoners, local miners, representation from the American Civil Liberties Union, General Defense Committee of the I.W.W. (hereafter referred to as the G.D.C.) and the International Labor Defense. The I.W.W. sabotaged, the Defense Committee did not materialize. In August, 1931 when the cases were coming up for trial Richard Dowling, a well-known Louisiana labor lawyer, at the request of the I.L.D., offered his services for the defense of the miners. The G.D.C. maneuvered so that his offer was rejected. On Sept. 8, 1931 Herbert Mahler, I.W.W. representative said, "There was no possibility for making any arrangements, a joint defense in the murder trials." Later another attempt, made by the American Civil Liberties Union to form a united defense fell through solely because of the attitude of the I.W.W. Even the ACLU officials attest to these facts.

The I.L.D. is an organization of class struggle. It has always advocated legal action as a support to mass pressure. The G.D.C. pursues a policy of legalism denying the necessity of mass protest. It continues to speak of the framed-up victims not as class war prisoners which they are, but as "murder defendants." It cooperated with the attorney of the United Mine Workers, Ex-Senator J. M. Robertson, a K.K.K. leader in Kentucky and this in spite of the fact that four of the miners it was "defending" were Negroes.

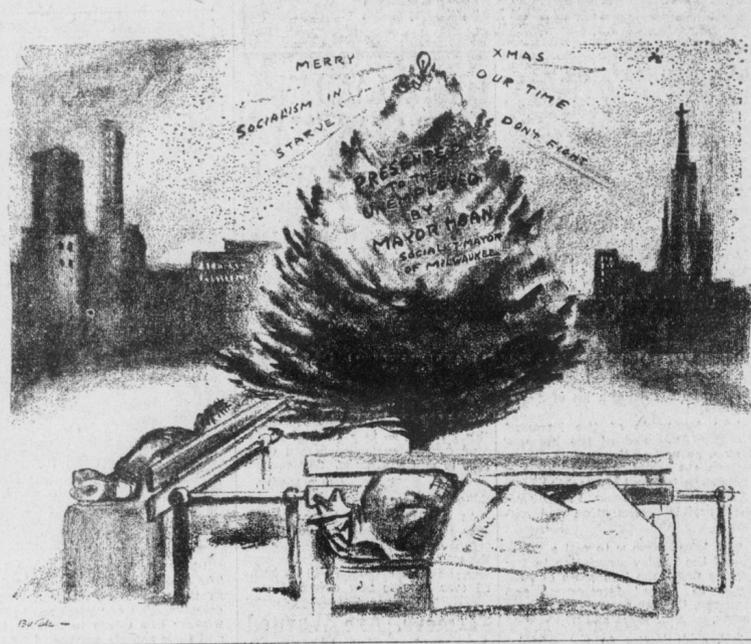
The G.D.C. assumed full responsibility for handling the cases of these framed-up miners. There were life sentences for W. B. Jones, Wm. Hightower, Wm. Hudson, Elzie Phillips, Chester Poore, and others. Long jail terms for others. Ex-Senator Robertson was in the forefront of the W. B. Jones trial, yet Jones said, "Communist rascals caused his conviction." It was the policy of the G.D.C. which was carried out in the Scottsboro case. No united action was permitted. How then can the I.L.D. be held responsible?

THE I.L.D. has collected no money for these "murder" cases. It was not a part of the defense. The I.L.D. has never once issued an appeal for funds in the name of the workers whom the G.D.C. was "defending" in the Scottsboro case. Many miners against the charge of criminal syndicalism and appeals have been issued in their behalf. Even a cursory examination of back numbers of the Labor Defender would have brought out these facts to anyone honestly interested.

The November, 1931 Labor Defender published a financial statement, verified by a certified public accountant, of what it has collected for the Harlan defense. \$981 were received—\$2,372 expended. In addition the I.L.D. paid out \$600 for the relief of the Kentucky prisoners and their dependents.

At the Kentucky Miners Relief and Defense Conference, held at the Labor Temple, Dec. 1, 1932, it was admitted that the G.D.C. had collected ten thousand dollars up to January, 1932 for the defense of the Kentucky miners. This sum has not been accounted for in an itemized statement, because "lack of facilities at that time" made this impossible, it was stated. The so-called "Workers Defense," October, 1932 alleges that the I.L.D. "is endeavoring to steal more funds than will be donated for the defense of the Kentucky miners." (Sherwood Anderson is chairman of the Prisoners Relief Fund, Edmond Wilson, Treasurer, Roger Baldwin, Henry Hunt and others are members. The only collection is the General Prisoners Relief Campaign for Political Prisoners.

"Only Hoan Can Make A Tree!"



### The Developing Struggles in the West Indies

(By a Colonial Worker)  
The desperate efforts of World Imperialism, seeking to escape from the crisis, is strikingly manifested in the intensified robbery and ruination of the West Indian masses by British, American and French capitalism.

In Porto Rico, the poor natives, artisan as well as agricultural workers have been reduced to abject misery by the rule of the National City Bank of New York. While the cost of living is not far below that in the States, the average wages of the Porto Rican is \$1.50 a day, for the artisan, and about 50 cents for the agricultural laborer. Needless to say, the Island is in the fast grip of that scourge of the West Indies—unemployment; and that fully 50 per cent of the toiling people are now totally out of work.

**"HOOVER'S POORHOUSES"**  
In St. Thomas and St. Croix "Hoover's Poorhouses," the masses are actually starving to death; their already starvation standard further lowered by the imposition of the prohibition law which destroyed the Bay Rum industry, and by the transformation of their Islands into naval bases.

In the British colonies of St. Kitts, Antigua, St. Vincent etc., the misery of under-nourishment and half-nakedness is simply appalling. Conditions in the French Islands of St. Martin, Martinique and Guadeloupe are not as yet quite as bad, but the effect of the deepening crisis in France is rapidly reaching down to these colonies.

As an example of the super-exploitation and robbery of the Colonial masses, we should consider the Island of Barbados, which is one of Britain's "best governed" and most profitable West Indian possessions. Here is an island of 166 square miles, about 200 miles of the northeast coast of South America, which serves as the first port of call for hundreds of British ships sailing down the coast, and port of last call for these commercial carriers returning to England laden with the plunder of the South American toilers.

THE population numbers 175,000. Of this number 15,000 are planters, merchants, high government officials, priests etc., all members of the white ruling class. With the exception of the police and the small shop-keepers, the bulk of the all-colored population work as agricultural laborers, city workers, artisans or government petty clerks.

The majority of the toilers work and live on the sugar plantations owned by the rich dogs of the Islands, or absentee landlords. The average wage is 24 cents a day for a man and 15 cents for a woman worker. Boys and girls from nine to fifteen years of age get 6 cents a day for 9 hours work, and are whipped to boot for not doing enough work. During the crop or reaping season, wages are a trifle higher, but due to the mechanization and speed-up in the industry, this period is of very short duration.

### Fight the U. S., British, French Imperialisms

here; and is further aggravated by the steady return of the impoverished emigrants.

But the government makes no effort to relieve the distress of the masses. Thousands of pounds in fine salaries are paid to the white princes of the Island yearly; but the hungry unemployed are not given a care. Over 17,000 pounds in pensions were distributed last year to fat-bellied ex-officials, many of whom still draw big salaries in other positions. The big churches are subsidised to the tune of \$70,000 a year. The Governor Robertson who draws a salary of \$40 a day with home, land and other privileges has just delivered himself an address to the legislature, in which he made no mention whatever of the unemployment situation.

**THE RISING STRUGGLES**  
So the masses are beginning to struggle. During the past few years, many attempts have been made to raise the toilers' standard of living, but this development has been retarded by the middle-class leadership and governmental repression on one hand, and the absence of revolutionary leadership on the other. The dock strike of 1926, which broke out against the advice of the leaders, and the heroic struggles of the agricultural workers at Sedgepond, this year, in which 20 workers were sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor, are unmistakable signs of the undercurrent of rebellion surging through the minds of the toilers.

Like the masses in the other lands, the Barbadian worker is struggling against terrific odds. With a political understanding warped by the conscious policy of British imperialism, the treachery of the middle class elements who play with and utilize the masses in order to win concessions for themselves, the government terrorism and censorship which isolate them from all outside happenings of interest, and the total absence of a labor organ to mould and reflect their struggles and aspirations; all tend to retard the advance of the masses.

But in spite of all these handicaps, the West Indian workers are moving forward. Under the impelling influence of ever-increasing misery and a rapidly developing consciousness of the necessity of struggle, they are beginning to hold meetings, demonstrate on the streets and to organize. And with the needed assistance of the more experienced class—brothers in the imperialist countries, they will, in the near future, forge to the front in the headlong struggle against the entire system of imperialism and Colonial Robbery.

### Workers Should Have Insisted on Right to Make Scottsboro Plea

Editor, the Daily Worker,  
Dear Comrade:  
In the Daily Worker, issue of Nov. 23rd, I read in the Workers Correspondence, how a worker exposed the role of the Socialist Party towards the Soviet Union. A socialist-pacifist and ex-reverend, Tucker C. Smith, delivered a speech in the Bronx Free Fellowship, a church on October 2nd.

The speaker declared that even now it would be better that the Soviet Union would disarm, and also that no armed struggle is justified—neither the American Revolution of 1776 or the Russian Revolution.

Now this correspondent has lots of admiration for the workers in the audience who stood up to disagree with the speaker and ably pointed out how this capitalist system is the cause of all wars, and only with the coming of Communist society would war and exploitation of man by man be ended—that part is all right.

And now about this worker who came in with credentials from the International Labor Defense and asked Mr. Land the Reverend, for permission to get the floor for a couple of minutes to speak and make a collection for the Scottsboro boys' defense as that day was Oct. 2nd tag-day. Of course Mr. Land refused on some pretense or other, but at the same time he told the audience who this worker was sent by and what he wanted.

### Party Life

#### Recommends A "Press Week"

By CHARLES BLANK  
The Central Committee of the Communist Party has called upon every organization and every individual worker sympathetic toward the revolutionary movement to begin a drive for increasing the circulation of the Daily Worker.

### Socialist Worker Raps S.P. on Amsterdam Meet

Scores Charge That Anti-War Congress Was "Communist Maneuver"

ANSWERING an editorial in the New Leader, Socialist organ, which charged that the World Congress Against War was a "Communist maneuver," Joseph G. Roth, Socialist Party member and delegate to the World Congress, in a statement sent the New Leader, which was just returned, announced after ten weeks' delay, repudiates the charge and calls upon all "sincere opponents of war to combine and struggle against the common enemy." Roth's statement follows in part:

"Permit me to comment upon an article which appeared in the New Leader, Sept. 14, entitled 'Anti-War Congress Described as Usual Communist Maneuver.' As the article was unsigned by a contributor, I assume that it is of editorial origin; and as the New Leader claims to be the official organ of the Socialist Party of America, one would naturally regard its statements as authoritative expressions of the Party.

**FILLED WITH DEB'S SPIRIT**  
"Having passed the half century mark and never having belonged to any other than the Socialist Party, and being still imbued with the spirit of Eugene V. Debs, I find myself considerably out of harmony with the views expressed in said article, the greatest part of which is composed of quotations from a report circulated by a certain Adolph Sturmthal, through the press service of the Labor and the Socialist International, and the balance of editorial approval of Mr. Sturmthal's statements. It was not stated that Mr. Sturmthal was present at the Congress, and I am not certain whether he secured his information from hearsay or from his own imagination.

"Having served as a delegate from the Friends of the Soviet Union, Ithaca, N. Y., to the New York Conference and being subsequently elected to represent that Conference at the World Congress Against War, I had an opportunity to make some observations which are considerably at variance with Mr. Sturmthal's statements. Primarily the editor refers to the Congress as a "Communist maneuver." I do not know upon what he bases this assertion unless he would call anything in which Communists are interested a "Communist maneuver."

"Upon the initiative of Romain Rolland, the famous French author, the Congress was sponsored by intellectuals from many countries, including Albert Einstein of Germany, Bertrand Russell of England, Upton Sinclair of the U. S. A., Henri Barbusse of France, Madame Sun Ya Sen of China, Sen Katayama of Japan, Karl Kraus of Austria, Michael Karolyi of Hungary, Maxim Gorki of the U. S. S. R., and many others. I do not know that any of these are Communists, with the possible exception of Maxim Gorki. They, no doubt, are members of the Soviet Union, but that does not constitute a Communist.

"MUNZENBERG was an outstanding figure, but not a dominating one. The committees were elected democratically and there was no indication of Com-

### Letters from Our Readers

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There were C. P. members in the audience and many members of other left wing organizations, when this delegate courageously forced his way to the front of the hall and called the attention of the audience that his speech was important, that the lives of nine Negro boys were at stake. This had no effect on Mr. Land, of course not—he is a socialist.

Now what effect did it have on those workers present of our left wing organization? They could stand up and disagree with a pacifist speaker and so ably defend the Soviet Union, where were their tongues? When they had to stand up and demand that the floor be granted to this delegate and when he was forcibly led out to the back of the hall, did any of them even turn around to see whether he would just be thrown out or allowed to keep his seat? And when another member of the I.L.D. who was present in the audience called one of these orators out in the lobby to get a collection, would he and the rest of them help? He answered her, that it is not advisable and we will antagonize the audience. These are the very words of the Socialist Party, when we hold mass demonstration we "antagonize the public."

Now what I want to know is what are you comrades doing in that church—are you helping Mr. Land swell his audience into this church, or giving him financial aid since you have to pay for your admission to get in, or is it both? It is to listen to a good lecture—their they are in better and more educational lectures given by the Worker's Club right across the street.

### How S.P. Leaders Stand on Unity to Fight War

THE Daily Worker has repeatedly stated that the leaders of the Second International, including the leaders of the American Socialist Party, follow a program not of fighting against war, but of assisting in its preparation. Many Socialist workers deny this. Some admit that the European leaders of the Second International are guilty of collaborating with their bourgeois governments, but they deny most vehemently that the policy of the American Socialists is the same as that of their fellow leaders in Europe.

What is the policy of the leaders of the Second International with regard to imperialist war? What was their policy during the world war of 1914-1918? They voted for war budgets, they accepted posts in the bourgeois cabinets, they declared for a civil truce (a suspension of the class struggle while the war lasted); they became servants of the bourgeoisie of their country for the successful prosecution of the imperialist war. What is their record now? They still follow the policy of participating in capitalist government. The Socialist members of the Reichstag in Germany, voted for the appropriations for German cruisers. The Socialist deputies in France vote for war appropriations, and one of them is the reporter for the Government on aviation matters. The Socialist leaders endorse and participate in the proceedings of the capitalist agency, the war agency, the League of Nations. The Socialist leaders pass "left wing" resolutions of "solidarity" with the Soviet Union in case of an attack (as at Zurich, on May 19, 1932); but they continue their propaganda to the effect that "Soviet Russia is inciting to war" (Vandervelde); that "Soviet Russia is almost as much to blame as Japanese militarism" (Renaude).

THE leaders of the Second International remain today what they were in 1914—agents of imperialism for preparing and carrying through war. And when we say leaders we mean the leaders. With the rank and file members of the Socialist Party, we stand ready to unite at any time in militant action against imperialist war.

The Amsterdam World Congress Against Imperialist War revealed once more the stand of the Socialist leaders. They warned Socialists not to attend. But 291 members of the Second International did attend. These delegates adopted, in addition to the Congress Manifesto, a special resolution of their own, a fighting resolution against imperialist war, for the defense of the Russian Revolution and against national defense of the bourgeois governments. The rank and file of the Socialist Parties, particularly in France, are rallying to the Amsterdam manifesto and the anti-war movement. And this despite the campaign of terrorization by the leaders of the Socialist Party of France against those who were delegates to the historic Amsterdam World Congress Against War.

And what about the leaders of the Socialist Party of America, the Norman Thomas, the Hillquits and the O'Neals? What was their stand on Amsterdam? Before Amsterdam, they printed the stock phrase of the leadership of the Second International, that Amsterdam was a "creation" of Moscow. After the Congress, they printed that stupid article by Sturmthal, sent out from the office of the Second International, to the effect that Amsterdam was only a mass meeting, that the manifesto contained no call to action, that the Congress was called to "destroy the Second International," and that it was a "Communist maneuver."

The Daily Worker has printed a wealth of material on the Amsterdam Congress, including the Manifesto, which disprove the wild charges of the Advers, the Vanderveldes, the Bevers, and the other leaders of the Second International. They are indignant, these agents of imperialism, that the Socialist delegates to Amsterdam did not defend the record of their international leaders. But how could they? The socialist delegates to Amsterdam came to fight against imperialist war; how could they defend the socialist leaders who are helping bring on imperialist war?

THE Daily Worker prints today a letter sent to the "New Leader," socialist organ, by J. G. Roth, a member of the Tompkins County Socialist Party Local, with headquarters in Ithaca, New York. Comrade Roth was a delegate to Amsterdam. After seeing the article by Sturmthal in the "New Leader," he wrote an answer to it, based on his personal observations at the Congress, denying that it was "a Communist maneuver," indicating that Amsterdam was a unity of sincere anti-war forces of varying political beliefs. Roth's letter was written on Oct. 1. It was returned unprinted on Dec. 12. Why did the New Leader refuse to print the letter from a rank and file socialist, who was a delegate to Amsterdam? Because the "New Leader" and the leadership of the Socialist Party of America are opposed to the unity of the workers against war. That is why in a star chamber resolution committee of seven, at the recent New York City Youth Anti-War Conference under its influence, it voted down a resolution to endorse the Amsterdam Congress Manifesto.

What do the rank and file socialist workers, those who are opposed to imperialist war and desire an effective unity of all sincere anti-war forces, what do they say about this recent act of the "New Leader" in refusing to print the letter of Roth? What do they say about Amsterdam about its Manifesto, about the fighting anti-war resolution by the socialist delegates who took part? The Daily Worker has already printed all of this material. The files of the Daily Worker can be consulted by any Socialist worker who desires to do so. We invite correspondence from Socialist workers on the subject of Amsterdam, on the subject of the united front against imperialist war.

### The Reply to Wholesale Murder of Miners

DEATH on a wholesale scale, as this is written, appears to have been added to the horrors of mass unemployment, poverty, hunger and slow starvation which are the benefits of American capitalist civilization handed out to the coal miners of Illinois.

64 miners are entombed. There is little hope of their lives. Even from the carefully worded news stories of the capitalist press correspondents it is clear that Murder is the word which describes the manner in which these workers met their deaths.

Old and rotten timbering, fires in many of the old workings, bulk-headed off but constantly giving out carbon monoxide gas, dusty workings, blocked exits—no systematic inspection. Complete and brazen violation of the state mining laws—all under the pretext of "putting men to work." They will not need work any more. This is one of the ways capitalism "solves" the question of unemployment—by the destruction of workers.

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FROM all reports it appears that criminal carelessness amounting to murder caused the disaster. What is to be done. It is in this same area of basic industry and destitution that troops, gunned, federal agents and the whole machinery of government have been mobilized against the miners—to force them to accept lower wages and the same uncontrolled robbery which caused the wholesale murder. There is blood on every pond of coal—the blood of murdered workers. The cause of coal mine explosions are known—and preventable. But prevention costs money. Under capitalism, especially now, with 16,000,000 jobless, workers are cheaper.

The Illinois catastrophe is another step in the drive of the bosses, the bankers and their government against the American working class. It must be met as such. The answer to the wholesale murder of our class brothers in Illinois can be made powerful and purposeful only by a united fighting front of miners throughout the coalfields—unity of the rank and file regardless of union affiliation, color or creed—unity for struggle against the murderous offensive of the coal owners and their government.