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Soviet Press Exposes War Plans of Polish Fascism

PRAVA CITES LINK TO NAZI IMPERIALISM

German-Polish Alliance Threatens the Peace of All Europe

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, May 30.—Taking up the open move of Polish fascism to link its forces with the anti-Soviet war plots of the German fascists, Pravda, the central organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, yesterday treated with bitter irony the new role which Polish reaction has assumed in the marshaling of the imperialist powers for invasion of the workers' and peasants' fatherland.

Under the heading—"A German-Polish Alliance for War in East Europe"—Pravda reprints fully the articles of Chas, which were written by the powerful Polish fascist and Junker, Count Janus Radzwill and published in the latter's extensive newspaper chain.

Voice of Polish Ruling Class First pointing out that Chas must be considered the voice of the Polish government itself, Pravda says:

"These articles ruthlessly tear away the veil of 'peace' not only from the foreign policy of Polish fascism but, still further, they tear away the mask of 'peace' which the German Chancellor put on with such effort in his speech of May 12."

"The things which Hitler did not say outright in his speech, Chas explained with true high-born frankness. The covering before German fascism is evidently so great and the hopes for its mercy have so strongly disturbed the spirit of the leading circles in Warsaw that every word in the arguments of the press discloses it. The speech of the 'Pusher' is looked upon ecstatically and is applauded louder than it was by all the German fascists combined."

Center of Polish Foreign Policy "Chas declares that the Polish-German pact of January 26, 1934, is the central point of Polish foreign policy. Thus it admits that ever since the conclusion of the pact, it is this pact which primarily determines Polish foreign policy and not the alliance with France. It also tacitly admits that the pact of Jan. 26, 1934, replaced the alliance with France by an alliance with fascist Germany for war in the East and attack upon the U. S. S. R. This affords very valuable recognition that the Polish-German military alliance is directed against the countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe."

Pravda points out that Radzwill is not sure that the program of revenge of German fascism will not be directed against Poland itself. "To prevent this from happening," says Pravda, "Chas proposes that England and France recognize the priority of interests of Germany and Poland in Eastern Europe, leaving Western Europe for themselves. France in particular must break its pact with the U. S. S. R. and all treaties of alliance with its allies in Central Europe. It must not interfere in the affairs of Eastern Europe and must submit itself to the mercies of Germany and Poland, who themselves will attend to the security of France and to the 'organization' of this part of the continent."

A Robber Program "This is not only the program of the neutralization of Britain and the conversion of France into an appendage of German imperialism," warns Pravda. "This is a robber program for the re-division of Europe for the benefit of German fascism. Radzwill hopes that Polish fascism will get something out of such a re-division."

"Hence the remarkable plan of 'sidetracking' the plundering policy of German imperialism. Radzwill proudly states that Poland alone has performed real services in this work." "We will leave the Count to occupy himself in this work—gloating over the splendid role of Poland in the Polish-German alliance. We will let Polish fascism have this high honor—chief garbage inspector in the economy of German imperialism. The significance of this highly odorous sentiment of Poland's role is that Eastern Europe and later all of Europe must be given over for plundering by the German-Polish imperialist bloc. For this reason Chas so warmly supports Hitler's plan of the 'localization' plan of the destruction of Ger-

ANOTHER PLANT JOINS CANTON STEEL STRIKE; FUR UNIONS MEET TODAY TO WORK OUT UNITY

'Truce' Report Blasted—Another Striker Shot by Thugs

(Special to the Daily Worker) CANTON, Ohio, May 30.—A total of 400 more workers struck today in the Canton Stamping and Enameling steel mill here in sympathy with the 4,000 Republic Steel Company strikers. The 450 workers in the Republic Stamping and Enameling mill took a strike vote and gave the Executive Committee of the local union power to call the strike. Lodges of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and other A. F. of L. locals called the strikers. Only an unwelcome company intimidation and maneuvering prevented the Massillon Republic and the Timken Bearing plants from voting to strike last night. In the face of the company intimidation the Massillon Republic voted 350 for strike and 900 against, and the Timken workers 500 for strike and 1,400 against.

Another Striker Shot Steady and severe clashes occurred all day yesterday on the picket lines. Charles Minor, a striker, was shot by company thugs.

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Ford 'Pay Raise' Turns Out To Be Signal for a Shutdown

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau) DETROIT, Mich., May 30.—With the first pay envelope including the increase of minimum wages to Ford workers from \$5 a day to \$6 due this week, all workers of the Ford Motor Company were told Tuesday not to report to work until Monday. The five-day layoff came as a bombshell to the 81,000 workers which the company claims are employed in Detroit, as for weeks the workers were urged to buy cars and not to fear a layoff for at least four more months. Although giving the excuse that this was extending the Memorial Day holiday, most workers take it as a sign that the main production period is over. Great bitterness was expressed at the hypocrisy in the announcement that the minimum wages will be increased, as it is now clear that only a few of the company favorites will remain on jobs to benefit by the raise. Although Memorial Day is on Thursday, the plant was to close from Wednesday on.

During the past two weeks reports have increased of departments going on short time basis and of layoffs. The Ford Local of the United Auto Workers' Union, A. F. of L., has issued a leaflet to the workers pointing out that the increase granted was in a large measure due to the continual fight of the local for higher wages. The workers were called upon not to be satisfied with the \$6 rate, but to intensify the struggle for a 30-hour week at \$35. Pointing to the huge surplus of \$500,000,000 accumulated by the Ford Company, as made public this week, the union called upon the workers to demand half pay for each worker during the time he is laid off.

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Joint Resistance to New Attacks by Bosses Called Urgent

Unity in the ranks of the workers is the crying need of the moment today more than ever before, a statement released yesterday by the International Independent Fur Workers Industrial Union declared. Attempts of fur manufacturers as well as the manufacturers' associations in the various branches of the needle trades to take advantage of the nullification of the N.R.A. for an attack on the conditions of the workers is a signal for the welding together of all forces of the workers in a united struggle against the bosses, the statement declared.

Unity Conference Today A conference for the establishing of one union in the fur industry has been set for today between the Industrial Union and representatives of the International Fur Workers Union, A. F. of L. It was learned yesterday. "The outlook for the establishing of one union in the fur trade," leaders of the Industrial Union said, "has taken on a more promising character by the fact that the committee of seven set up by the To-

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COOLIE PAY SCALE FOUGHT BY WORKERS

Newsboys for Hearst's Capital Sheet Strike Against Low Pay

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau) WASHINGTON, May 30.—Newsboys for William Randolph Hearst's national capital sheet, the Washington Herald, are on strike against wages running as low as 50 cents a night, the Daily Worker learned today. The red-baiting publisher, a notorious anti-union industrialist, just this morning issued an advertisement declaring that workmen have a "duty" of "cooperating" with business men, who should in turn "cooperate among themselves to see that all the beneficial objects" of the N.R.A. are accomplished.

The newsboys' strike served to dramatize, right here in the capital, what labor can expect from such business men's voluntary cooperation among themselves. This suggestion is put forward by devious industrialists throughout the country as the logical substitute for the dead N.R.A. There are indications here that many important Roosevelt Administration figures already are preparing to attempt to force it through, with additional legislation.

Paralysis Victims Keep Two-Day Vigil At Door of Knauth

Six men and women, their bodies twisted by infantile paralysis, have kept vigil since 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the main office of the Home Relief Administration, 902 Broadway. They came to see Relief Director Oswald W. Knauth in behalf of 200 members of the Unemployed League of the Physically Handicapped, to demand jobs.

Late yesterday, Knauth had not seen them. They had slept one night in the waiting room. They said they would stay until their demands were granted. They are Sarah Lasoff, Harry Friedman, Morris Dubinsky, Pauline Portugal, Florence Haskell and the president of the League, Hyman Abramowitz. They picketed outside the building, with twenty others, from early Wednesday before they were even admitted to the relief office.

THOUSANDS CHEER GROUPS IN PARADE

New York City Youth Take Pledge Against Imperialist War

"We Honor the Dead by Fighting for the Living." This was the keynote of the United Youth Day parade and demonstration yesterday. These were the words on the wreath which militant youth placed on the Eternal Light at Madison Square park. More than 30,000 participated in the parade, while thousands of others crowded the sidewalk along the line of march, cheering the various contingents as they passed. Various Y.M.C.A. and church groups participated, including one Boy Scout troop.

Marchers filled five streets on both sides of Second Avenue, and contingent followed contingent as the parade blended into one of the most impressive demonstrations of youth ever held in New York.

Sponsored by Youth Congress The march was sponsored by the American Youth Congress, an organization originally formed by Viola Ima as a Fascist "Youth League," but which was taken over and transformed into a fighting weapon against war and fascism.

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Lumber Locals Buck Muir Deal

Reject Cut in Demands, Meet to Form Joint Strike Committee

(Special to the Daily Worker) SEATTLE, Wash., May 30.—The revolt among the lumber strikers against the sell-out policies of A. W. Muir of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and other union officials, will come to a head today when delegates from ten Saw Mill and Timber Workers' locals meet in Everett to set up a Joint Northwest Strike Committee.

This move springs from the resentment of the strikers, against the changing of the strike demands by Muir from 75 cents an hour, a 30-hour week and union recognition, to 50 cents an hour, a 40-hour week and an open shop.

It was previously reported, on the basis of statements in the capitalist press, that the change in the demands had been sanctioned by the Northwest Council of the union. It is now clear that this was a lie concocted by Muir and the press. The change in the demands was made by Muir himself. The Council was told that it had no authority to do anything but listen.

Today's conference in Everett, which is expected to be the first step in putting control of the strike into the hands of the rank and file, was organized by the Aberdeen local of the union.

Strike Reply Urged to Troop Threat

Japan Threatens Invasion As Chinese Partisans March

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) SHANGHAI, May 30.—Foreboding the Japanese domination of all northern China, a Japanese ultimatum handed yesterday to General Ho Ying-Ching threatens to seize even the Peking and Tientsin regions if the Jacky Kuo-mintang administration did not put a halt to the powerful anti-Japanese movement now sweeping those areas. Northern Chinese provinces are seething with resistance to the daily encroachments of the Japanese imperialist troops, newspapers here reported. Two thousand partisan rebels are marching on the town of Chengteh, capital of Jehol, a northern Chinese province, with the intention of occupying it. Violent battles have taken place between the rebels and detachments of the

Brooklyn Area Sets Example in 'Daily' Drive

First New York Communist Party Section to Pass Its Quota in Campaign for Daily Worker Has Adopted Detailed Concentration Plan

Drawing up thirty measures to be immediately put into effect in the drive for 50,000 new readers of the Daily Worker, the Crown Heights, Brooklyn, section of the Communist Party in New York has advanced a program which should be followed by every section in the country. The Crown Heights Section was the first in New York City to fill its quota in the circulation drive. It plans now a call for widening the influence and circulation still more.

The immediate goals are to double the circulation of the paper in the section, to have every Communist Party member a Daily Worker reader, to have every Party member take at least one assignment a week for the paper.

It has been decided to organize Daily Worker Clubs, reading and discussion circles; to organize two special groups to get new readers, to advertise the Daily Worker on every leaflet issued in the section; to organize special Daily Worker open air meetings, to arrange for the systematic distribution of the "Daily" in barber shops, poolrooms and candy stores where papers are sold or workers gather. Street units are to organize regular sales in front of factories. A miniature one-page Daily Worker is to be issued once a month. A regular display of the "Daily" and agitational material on the paper is to be made in all headquarters and centers of mass organizations in the territory.

Who can doubt that if such measures are carried out all over the country, the rise in circulation will be enormous? As experience after experience has proved, the first and major solution to our cir-

Report Nazis And Bulgaria In War Pact

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) LONDON, May 30.—Persistent reports that the German Air Minister, Goering, has succeeded in forming a secret agreement with the Bulgarian dictatorship were published in nearly all papers here today.

The Sophia correspondent of the Daily Telegraph wired that a big change was about to take place in Bulgarian foreign policy. He also stressed that Goering was attempting to draw Bulgaria into the anti-Soviet front by offering to supply her with airplanes, heavy artillery. It is emphasized in all papers here that the extreme hatred of the Bulgarian masses for Goering and the purpose of his visit was in marked contrast to the cordial welcome given by the oppressors of the Bulgarian workers to the fascist German emissary.

Telegraphers Win Luckenbach Strike

The strike action of the American Radio Telegraphists Association against the Luckenbach Steamship Company has ended in a complete victory. Wednesday night the company signed an agreement for a basic minimum wage of \$125 a month, an 8-hour day and union recognition.

Asks Rights For Krumbein

R. M. Lovett Writes to Bates Against Ban of Labor Press

Robert Morris Lovett, in a letter yesterday to Sanford Bates, director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, urged that Charles Krumbein be permitted to receive the Daily Worker and other working class publications.

The contents of the letter, made public by the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners of which Professor Lovett is a member, read in part: "I am taking the liberty of writing to ask if it will not be possible to allow Charles Krumbein, now under sentence in Northeastern Penitentiary, to receive 'The Daily Worker,' 'The New Masses,' and other publications representing his political faith. As a believer in democratic institutions, I feel it important that Communists should not be cut off from the usual privileges accorded to prisoners. Surely the lot of the prisoner is hard enough without any aggravation."

Charles Krumbein, New York District organizer of the Communist Party, is serving an 18 months sentence in Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., for a technical violation of the passport laws.

Scottsboro Jail Rights Demanded

Steps to bring about the removal of Haywood Patterson, one of the nine Scottsboro boys, from the death cell at Kilby Prison, at Montgomery, Alabama, where he and Clarence Norris are held, have been taken by attorneys for the International Labor Defense, Anna Damon, acting national secretary of that organization, has announced.

Although the Alabama Supreme Court, following the decision of the United States Supreme Court reversing the Scottsboro verdicts, ordered indictments against all nine boys quashed on May 16, Patterson and Norris are still held in the death cell.

The prison officials at Kilby are continuing their persecution of Haywood Patterson by withholding his mail. Letters and money sent him by the Prisoners' Relief Department of the I. L. D. have been returned, marked "Refused by Mail Clerk." Following the first Supreme Court decision in the Scottsboro case, in 1932, all nine boys were removed from the death cells at Kilby and taken to Jefferson County Jail in Birmingham—although not until repeated demands had been made by the I. L. D. on the Alabama officials.

200 Strike In Carolina

From all parts of the country come reports of lowering of wages and lengthening of hours following the Supreme Court decision declaring the National Industrial Recovery Act unconstitutional.

Under cover of assurances to the contrary and of hypocritical appeals by the Roosevelt administration, the employers have unleashed a nationwide assault against the living standards of millions of workers.

That the workers will not take these attacks lying down is indicated by the action of 250 workers, mostly women, of the Piedmont Shirt Co., Greenville, S. C., who struck when the company announced a 25 per cent wage cut and lengthening of hours from 36 to 40 and 44. Being unorganized, they were persuaded to return on the promise that the company would reconsider the changes if they would finish out this week.

Key Centers Report

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared he had received messages from Detroit, Atlanta, New Orleans, New York and other cities, telling of wage cuts and increase of hours. He stated he was instructing all union groups to "mobilize their economic strength and to resist the lowering of wage and hour standards and the efforts again to introduce child labor in their industries."

Seek to Check Strike Sentiment

In the meantime the administration threw all its energies into efforts to divert the seething resentment of workers all over the country and prevent strikes. After two secret conferences with Roosevelt, Gen. Johnson went on the radio with a speech in which he came to the defense of the employers who were cutting wages and lengthening hours, while he sought to stall off the workers by feeding them with hopes about the possibility of enacting a revised N. R. A. At the same time neither soft-

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Meat Strikers Net First Gain

Poultry Dealers' Group Agrees to 9-Cent Cut in Price

Striking meat consumers scored their first victory in the meat-buying stoppage yesterday when they negotiated an agreement with the Retail Poultry Dealers of the Bronx, Inc. to reduce the price of chickens from 35 cents a pound maximum to 26 cents per pound.

The agreement involves 120 poultry stores and public markets in the area of 138th Street to 212th Street, Bronx, all of which are members of the poultry dealers' organization.

Meanwhile, the fight of the housewives is being intensified against meat and chicken dealers throughout the city who have refused to cut prices. Picketing was carried on in front of the shops in the Bronx, Harlem and Brooklyn.

Ten Cent Cut Demanded

The main demand of the consumers and small butchers, put forward by the City Action Committee Against the High Cost of Living which is leading the stoppage, is for a 10-cent per pound reduction in the price of native beef. Harlem consumers are demanding a flat 25 per cent cut in meat prices.

Chiseling Charged

After the poultry men made the agreement, however, it was learned that several chicken dealers affected by the negotiations were chiseling and were continuing to sell at the old prices. Pickets were at once placed in front of these stores and another conference was held with Mr. Belsky, who promised that he would immediately get in touch with the chiseling stores and compel the owners to abide by the agreement.

The agreement, Mr. Belsky said, was reached on the basis of the retail poultry men getting conces-

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Relief Workers Picket Projects In Strike Against Coolie Wage

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau) FLINT, Mich., May 30.—All Federal Emergency Relief projects in Genesee County employing 1,500 workers remained completely tied up today as the strike which started Monday morning was maintained through mass picketing.

The workers who are forced to work at 35 cents an hour to make up a little above the equivalent of direct relief, demand 90 cents an hour, forty hours a week in place of the "budget hours," and no split workweek. The walk-out was chiefly under the leadership of members of the Unemployed Workers Association and quickly took complete effect. Local F.E.R.A. heads have issued statements to the local newspapers that the projects will be discontinued, and the strikers placed on direct relief. They make all efforts to break the solid walk-out of

the workers. Several agents and detectives were sent to two of the mass meetings held Tuesday night, with the object of causing a rift in the workers' ranks and to demoralize the movement. An attempt was even made to arrest the leaders. The obviously premeditated speeches of these disrupters were thoroughly exposed by the strike leaders. In one meeting the plan was so crude that after they finished their unsuccessful attempt, they walked out in the company of the detectives. One of agents of the relief authorities, told the workers that it is futile to ask 50 cents an hour, as private jobs pay less. To this, they were answered that it is the low wages on public projects that pulls down wages on private work and that Roosevelt has now set a 25-cent hourly rate.

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Youth Mass At Central Relief Office

Roused by the rough handling of a delegation of seven young workers by police, a crowd of more than 3,000 which had been participating in the Youth Day demonstration at Madison Square, yesterday surrounded the Central Office of the Welfare Department at 906 Broadway. The delegation had called upon the officials of the Welfare Department to present their own demands and to give support to six disabled workers who have been in the office of the Relief Administration since Wednesday afternoon, refusing to leave until their demands are met.

Strikes Against High Food Prices Must Involve the Unions

Struggle Must Be Directed Against Trusts

Experience in New York Shows Readiness of People for Fight

By Jack Stachel

The ready response of the working class housewives, women of the middle classes and sections of the working class generally to the fight against high meat prices in New York City clearly indicates the great possibilities in this phase of the working class struggle against the attacks of the capitalists. That this fight is not only limited to New York City or to only meat is obvious both from the comparison of wages and prices throughout the country and the development of movements similar to New York in other cities.

For a long time this struggle has been neglected by the Party and the left wing movement generally. Undoubtedly this neglect was the expression of an erroneous and well-entrenched feeling in the left wing movement that such a struggle was not of great importance.

Starting from the correct premise that labor is exploited at the point of production, there was left out of account entirely a secondary form of robbery of the masses in the form of high prices, especially playing an important role in the present stage of monopoly capitalism, the control of prices by the big trusts. It is largely for this reason that we have given little attention to the struggle against high rents, high gas and electricity rates, high prices and the sales taxes.

Possibilities for Development

There was perhaps one more factor that militated against the development of the mass struggle against high prices. This was the fact that those struggles that were developed from time to time were in the main directed not against the wholesalers, the big trusts and the chain stores, but rather against the small corner storekeeper, who was in many cases himself not far removed from starvation, and who also suffered as a result of monopoly prices.

The New York experience in the meat strike, which is now in the process of being spread throughout the city, shows the great possibilities of developing the broadest united front of all strata of the toiling population including working farmers and the middle class in the struggle against monopoly prices. It further shows the possibility of engaging the small storekeepers in this struggle on the side of the people in common struggle against the wholesalers and big chain stores.

Must Get Trade Union Support

What is necessary in New York and in all other places where such struggles are being developed, is to mobilize the support of the trade unions in this struggle. The trade unions by being drawn into this struggle, which is the struggle of the whole working class, can give this movement its real firm character which will lead it to success. Failure to draw the trade unions into this struggle runs the danger of allowing the capitalists to turn the fight against high prices into a new method of attacking the wages of the workers. Our task is to fight against high prices at the expense of the monopoly and big chain store profits and not at the expense of other workers who likewise suffer from the high prices. Only if the struggle is conducted in this manner will it result in securing higher standards of living for the masses, lighten the burden of the masses.

It is indeed high time that this fight be undertaken in all serious-ness by the Communist Party organization in the selection of specific commodities such as bread, meat, etc., and also those sections of the cities and population where there is special discrimination, as for example, the Negro masses.

Another Plant Joins Steel Strike

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and is in a critical condition today. The Republic Company, city police and city officials maneuvered to establish a "truce" after a conference with local union leaders. Following the conference at which the union leaders refused to agree to scale entering the mill, the newspapers of Canton, Akron and Cleveland headlined false statements that such a "truce" had been agreed to. This false report created confusion, but the local unions today issued a counter-statement, calling for continued militant mass picketing.

Wide A. A. Support Sought

The Central Strike Committee has sent wires to all Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers lodges calling for support to the strike.

The International Workers Order here is active in aiding the strikers in the picketing relief and food.

The Daily Worker is being distributed on the picket lines.

The Communist Party is calling a mass meeting in support of the strike and is distributing leaflets in its support.

Communist Party Again Calls on Socialist Party for United Front

LETTER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., TO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SOCIALIST PARTY

National Executive Committee, Socialist Party of America, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Comrades:

The working class is facing a new general attack its living standards, the signal for which has been given in the decision of the Supreme Court on the sick-chicken case of the N.R.A. It is clear that the N.R.A. was not abolished because of its anti-working class character. It was abolished because the most reactionary sections of the bourgeoisie, especially in the basic industries, now feel, precisely because of the results of the N.R.A., strong enough to go over to a new and broader offensive against the workers.

Now more than ever the necessity for united action to defend the economic interests and civil rights of the toiling masses is the key problem of the day. The Central Committee of the Communist Party, meeting in plenary session May 25 to 27, decided to make another and more urgent appeal to you, to confer with us on the possibilities of united action in this critical hour.

Coming Attacks Must Be Fought

The wiping out of the N.R.A. legislation has now eliminated an obstacle in the way of united action, the obstacle of sharp differences of opinion as to whether labor should support the N.R.A., as an aid, or fight it as a menace. This issue stood not only between the Communist Party and the Socialist Party, but, in a less clear form, divided the Socialist Party leading circles also, as evidenced by the recent call of Norman Thomas to defeat the renewal of the N.R.A., while the needle trades leaders and the New York Committee of the Socialist Party called and supported a general political demonstration strike on behalf of the N.R.A. and Roosevelt. But no matter what differences may have existed between us as to the role of the N.R.A., we certainly can at least agree that the decision of the Supreme Court is the signal for the unleashing of a new and sharper attack against the living standards of the masses. No one can dare now to deny the necessity of fighting against the coming attacks. Nor can anyone evade the necessity in the fight to gain a greater unity of Labor's ranks.

We must, of course, expect that Roosevelt will bring forward new plans and new "new deals" as a cover for the more intensive attacks on the part of the capitalists. Such schemes at present can only have one result—to paralyze and weaken the resistance of the workers to the attacks of the capitalists. Certainly the lessons of the last two years should not be in vain. We cannot rely in any way on new Roosevelt promises. Today so one can deny that the working class can rely only on its own forces and the forces of its natural allies—the toiling farmers and broad middle class strata—and not on labor boards, Wagner Bill, Guffey Bill, etc.

New Laws Attack All Labor

Already a flood of new legislation against civil rights has prepared the general offensive of capital. These new laws, usually directed especially against the Communists, will surely be used also against the Socialist Party and the trade unions. The mounting number of frame-ups and illegal violence against workers, sounds another warning signal. We are glad to note that Norman Thomas recently declared for support for the defense of the Gallup miners, framed on a murder charge, and denounced the kidnaping and beating of Minor and Levinson. We were glad to see his unconditional espousal of the Herndon defense. We put the question: Would it not be a thousand times more effective if the two Parties conducted a joint, planned campaign, which united our forces and the broader forces that would be encouraged by this unity, in a great united front for civil rights?

The great strike struggles now maturing will require a militant leadership, a rejuvenation of the trade unions. It will need a concentration of the best union leaders who, no matter what their mistakes were in the last two years, are ready to learn the lessons of the last two years. In each industry they will require the rise of a broad rank and file movement, composed of non-party union militants together with Socialists and Communists, like that which leads now the big majority of the organized steel workers in the Amalgamated Association. But the steel workers face not only the Steel Trust, but also the Tighe machine, which expelled the majority of the members, excluded

the delegates from the mass lodges from the 60th Convention, including the leading Socialist, Rasmussen. Surely, the trade unions would be enormously strengthened if Socialists and Communists were working together in a planned way for fighting policies and trade union democracy.

The Fight on Relief Wage Scales

Employed and unemployed workers are equally attacked by the infamous \$19 wage scale for relief work. The millions of relief workers are now facing the necessity of organization and struggle. The unemployed organizations more than ever are now finding the necessity of all coming together, amalgamating themselves into one united system of unemployed councils or leagues. The mass fight for the Workers' Bill, H.R. 2827, which we note the Socialist Party endorsed at the Congressional hearings, must be brought to a new height. We must defeat the attempts of the most outspoken fascists to lead the war veterans against the working class. Again we ask: Would not all these common objectives be achieved quicker and more thoroughly, if the Socialists and Communists would fight for them in a united front?

The whole struggle against fascism and imperialist war, expressed in issues within and outside America (we note in particular the fight for the freedom of the anti-fascist fighters in Germany and Spain, Communists and Socialists, on the international side, and support for the Cuban revolution), could be enormously strengthened by a planned united front between our two parties.

The United Front in France

Additional evidence of the tremendous value of the united front is shown by the recent municipal elections in France, in which both Communists and Socialists made advances precisely because of the united front. In France fascism has been given a definite check by the united front of Socialists and Communists. Contrary to the predictions of some, this united front has drawn around it wide circles of the middle classes, and greatly enthused the workers' ranks. This lesson can also be seen everywhere in this country where the united front was established. The argument that the united front between Social-

ists and Communists would weaken the support among the A. F. of L. unions can in no way be sustained. On the contrary. Not only have we Communists in the A. F. of L. unions many thousands of members, sympathizers and important officials, but the united front of the Socialist and Communist forces in the trade unions would surely make possible at a more rapid tempo the impregnating of the trade unions with the best class-conscious working class spirit and make the unions more capable of drawing new sections of the workers into the unions and defeat the new offensive of the capitalists.

Unity the Most Burning Issue

Contrast the French events with the elections in Czechoslovakia, where the united front was refused by the Socialists, and where, although the Communists gained, the fascists also showed sharp increases. Experience everywhere is emphasizing that only through the united front can the working class stop its retreat, begin to win victories, to put a check on fascism and imperialist war. This means first of all the united front between the Communist and Socialist parties, in the U.S.A. as well as in Europe. It is the common front established between our two parties which can revive, encourage and enthuse the working masses to struggle.

We again raise the whole issue of the united front before you with all earnestness. We place no conditions to preliminary discussions with your spokesmen on these problems. We are ready to discuss the united front from the most elementary issues of civil rights and economic demands up to the problems of a mass Labor Party. We are ready to explore the situation with you, to establish how far such a united front can go in its initial stages, and work out the ways and means as well as the program for such united action. We urge that you encourage all the lower units and committees of your Party to initiate, as we are doing, similar action on a local scale.

Hoping for quick and favorable action, we are,

Yours for working class unity,
CENTRAL COMMITTEE,
Communist Party, U.S.A.

Striking Negro Stevedores Repel Police Onslaught

KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 30.—Striking Negro longshoremen last night effectively repelled a police attack and attempt to break their strike. In the fighting which resulted, police bullets flew about the city's west end, and many workers, including a woman, were wounded.

Government authorities and the banana companies were forced to admit today that the strike is one hundred per cent effective, despite the terror they instigated against the strikers. The banana export trade is at a complete standstill, with the strikers barring the use of the port to shippers.

The workers are striking against starvation pay and inhuman speed-up.

30,000 March On Youth Day

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Against War and Fascism marched in a body. The American League of Ex-Servicemen provided an impressive contingent. As they swung into Second Avenue from East Ninth Street, they were greeted by a wave of applause. A veteran who lost one leg in the "war to end all wars" led the contingent, symbolizing the needless sacrifice of imperialist war.

Thousands of Students

Then came the students, and there were thousands of them. They came from practically every high school and college in the city, proudly carrying their banners and placards. They came from Columbia University, the College of the City of New York—fortresses of struggle for student rights and academic freedom—from Hunter College, from Pratt Institute, and from scores of high schools in the city, including Wadleigh, George Washington, Stuyvesant, Evander Childs, Brooklyn Tech and others. Prolonged cheering greeted a contingent of medical students from New York University as they shouted: "We want scholarships, not battleships!" "Down with Boss Wad."

After marching through the downtown streets, the paraders moved north to Madison Square where various youth speakers, including Angelo Herndon, spoke on the struggle against war and fascism.

After the wreath was laid on the Eternal Light, the thousands assembled took the following pledge:

"We, the youth of New York, assembled here on National Youth Day, have not forgotten, we will not forget our brothers and fathers who fell on battlefields in past wars. Honoring their memory, we declare that we have closed ranks and have begun an unrelenting struggle against war. This is our promise to the dead—this we vow to the living."

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coal operators, backed by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, speeded plans for re-drafting the Guffey Bill and pushing it through Congress in order to prevent a threatened strike when the present agreement expires June 18. Administration forces and A. F. of L. top leaders are also trying to push the Wagner Labor Disputes Bill, which would hamstring labor with compulsory arbitration, as a means of checking the strike sentiment.

Some Wage Cuts

Following are a few instances of the results of big business' new offensive against wage and hour standards: At Lincolnton, N. C., the Boger & Crawford spinning mill raised hours from 40 to 50 a week, with a \$18 minimum wage.

In New York 20,000 workers on the staffs of the 400 code authorities have been fired.

Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, New York State Compliance Director, declared she had received reports through the Cotton Garment Code Authority that workers in some southern mills had their wages slashed to \$3 a week for 48 hours.

Even in Hawaii

In Hawaii, colony of American imperialism, widespread reduction of wages and increases of hours have taken place, according to Allen W. Cullion, N.R.A. administrator. At one restaurant waitresses are now receiving \$4 for a seven-day week.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., retail automobile dealers have begun lengthening hours and firing workers.

The Independent International

Fur Workers Industrial Union, in which the majority of fur workers are organized, has elected its secretary, Ben Gold, has instructed its local shop chairmen to take immediate action and call strikers wherever the slightest attempt is made to cut wages or lengthen hours.

Joseph Catalano, general manager of the coat section of the New York Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, declared that sixty business agents were being sent to visit 400 shops in the metropolitan area, employing 40,000 workers.

"Any violations in wages and hours," he said, "will be answered with strikes which we will continue to the last of our resources."

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sions from representatives of the commission merchants, the Aeme Poultry Company, represented by Mr. Lewis Spatz, and Kastin and Company.

No Wage Cuts

In addition the agreement made said that the reduction in price will not be made at the expense of the workers' employed in the poultry shops—in other words, no wage reductions.

"We do not consent that this reduction shall in any way affect the farmer," said the agreement.

Brooklyn consumers pressed forward with greater activity yesterday, closing three market places on Prospect Place near Howard Ave. Fifteen open air meetings were held in Brooklyn in the morning and afternoon. Husbands of the striking housewives, who were out of the shops on account of holiday, added strength to the picket lines in all sections of the city.

More Stores Close

Following three mass meetings, attended by 700 persons, stores closed on Sutter Avenue, Douglas Street, Saratoga Avenue and Barrett Street in Brooklyn. Not a single store that has closed in Brownsville during the stoppage has opened its doors. In the Borough Park section and Bath Beach a large number of stores are closed. It was estimated that 5,000 meat stores were not operating in Greater New York.

The latest closing of stores was reported on the East Side of Manhattan. Fifteen markets on First Avenue, between 17th and 18th Streets, are said to have joined the stoppage.

Striking Workers Aided

Striking housewives joined striking market workers at the New Liberty Meat Market on First Avenue, where the Food Workers Industrial Union has called a walkout for higher wages, shorter hours and union recognition.

Fifty stores were reported closed in Harlem, the strike being chiefly effective in the Spanish section on Lexington and Madison Avenues, from 100th to 118th Street.

A truck parade, which moved along 137th Street, St. Ann's Avenue, Tiffany and Fox Streets in the Bronx late Wednesday, helped to spread the stoppage in that part of the city. Three open air meetings were held in the neighborhood.

Butchers and consumers, meeting in Royal Palace, Bath Beach, Wednesday night pledged to "fight until we win." The Cohen and Levin Market, cited in this section, was closed yesterday, despite protesta-

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tions of the owner who said at the outset of the stoppage, "This shop will close only over my dead body."

Seek to See LaGuardia
Butchers in this part of the city are supplying trucks to transport pickets to the open stores.

Mrs. Clara Shavelson, Mrs. Sarah Licht and Miss Rose Nelson, members of the executive of the Action Committee, announced that they will seek an interview with Mayor LaGuardia today to place the grievances of the consumers before the city.

Plans for a united consumers conference to be held at Irving Plaza Hall on June 8 at 10 o'clock in the morning were speeded by the Action Committee.

Additional support to the stoppage was promised the Action Committee by the Women's Conference Against the High Cost of Living.

Mrs. Esther Friedman, leader of the conference, in her office in the Rand School Building, stated that her organization would support the fight against the high cost of meat.

Arrest of Dealer Foreed
"We must succeed in this meat strike as first step in our campaign to reduce high living costs," Mrs. Friedman declared.

Mrs. Frank, owner of the Frank Chicken Store, 361 Blake Avenue, was arrested on a charge of assault yesterday afternoon. Three hundred pickets had massed in front of the Frank store and urged Mrs. Frank to join the fight against the rich packers and poultry dealers. She refused and threw a piece of iron at Mrs. Frank, one of the pickets. Consumers thereupon crowded around police and demanded that the store owner be taken to jail. Pressure of the pickets forced the police to arrest the dealer.

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MARIENBURG.—A Communist worker who has just escaped from the Marienburg concentration camp is related in descriptive conditions at the camp, how the former Socialist Prefect of Police for Altona, Eggerstedt, was handled by the Nazis: "... A dog kennel was specially constructed for him, where he remained night and day attached by a chain around his neck. Every S.S. (Schutz-Staffel) man who passed did not fail to aim a kick at him or strike him with a whip. He was reduced to the state of an animal in the full sense of the word.

"When his health no longer permitted the continuation of this treatment he was transferred to the dormitory. . . . But the chain was not taken from his neck—it was fixed to the bed. Eggerstedt being forbidden to lie down on it. His high spirit and effectiveness with icy concrete floor. . . .

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Anti-Nazi Propaganda

STUTTGART.—The heroic courage of anti-Fascist propagandists in a single medium-sized town in the south of Germany bears out the documents together are a program of war of the German-Polish imperialist bloc against the peoples of all Europe.

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Socialists Murdered

BERLIN, May 30.—The political sharpening of the campaign of revenge against anti-fascists is shown also in the new attacks on Social-Democratic functionaries. In connection with the killing of the miners' leader, Fritz Rusemann, it is stated that he had refused to speak on Socialism before leaders of the "Labor Front." The arrest of the former President of the Metal Workers Union, Albin Brunes, is also confirmed. Like Rusemann, he was a Social-Democratic member of the Reichstag. He was accused of trade-union work outside the Labor Front. The murder of the Social-Democratic members of town councils and of the Landtag in Munich and Leipzig, which have already been reported, also belong to this list.

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tonic convention of the International Fur Workers Union, A. F. of L., broke down all the red tape and resistance and has accepted the proposal of the International Independent Fur Workers Industrial Union for a direct conference on the question of unity.

The following correspondence between the two groups lays the basis for the conference.

The letter sent by the committee of seven over the signatures of M. M. Mandl, chairman and Harry Simon, secretary, declared:

Letter of Committee of Seven
"The Eleventh Convention of the International Fur Workers Union of the United States and Canada, held in Toronto, Canada, devoted most of its time to find a way of uniting all the fur workers in one powerful militant labor union. The unfortunate struggle of worker against worker destroyed the very conditions that the fur workers gained through years of strikes and sacrifices. Every possible effort to stop the division of the fur workers and bring about one union under the American Federation of Labor must be used.

"Our convention adopted a resolution on 'Unity in the Ranks of the Fur Workers,' which speaks for itself. We are enclosing an exact copy of the same.

"The convention elected a Committee of Seven directing it to immediately proceed to New York and commence to carry out the intent of the resolution. This Committee arrived and is hereby calling upon you to comply with the plan embodied in the resolution and thereby enable the Committee to carry out the mandate of the Convention.

"Trusting that you will act favorably and concur with this request, we are . . ."

Reply of Ben Gold

The following reply was sent by Ben Gold, chairman of the General Executive Board of the Industrial Union:

"I received your letter of May 28th and the enclosed unity resolution of your convention.

"We wish to convey to you that our General Executive Board designated a committee to meet with you for the purpose of considering all matters pertaining to unity and to work out jointly with you the practical plans for the establishment of one union. We therefore suggest that we jointly meet at any time and place most convenient for you.

"Permit us to assure you that our committee is fully aware of its responsibilities and of the great

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task it has been entrusted with by our convention and by the thousands of fur workers, members of our union. It is our sincere hope that both committees will meet in the spirit of unity and will make every possible effort to realize the wishes of the fur workers, and thus also fulfill the desire of the general labor movement."

Meeting Arranged

The Committee of Seven replied: "Your letter of May 29th received. Our Committee is ready to meet the Committee of Five of your organization on Friday, May 31 at 10 a.m. at the McAlpin Hotel, Room E, second mezzanine. "Hoping that your Committee will act in the spirit as displayed in your letter, we are . . ."

The committee designated by the General Executive Board of the International Independent Fur Workers Industrial Union to meet with the Committee of Seven for a practical plan for the establishment of one union in the industry consists of Ben Gold, Irving Fagan, Joseph Winogradsky, Sam Burt and Emmet.

To Resist Any Attack

In view of reported attempts of numerous fur manufacturers to take advantage of the nullification of the N. I. R. A. for worsening of the working conditions the Industrial Union issued strict instructions yesterday to all shop chairmen to take immediate action and declare a strike against any fur manufacturer who will make the slightest attempt to reduce wages or increase the hours of work.

"The N. R. A. didn't give anything to the furriers and can't take anything away," the union statement read. "The union wage scale and the 35-hour week were won by the fur workers through bitter struggle against the N. R. A. and the manufacturers who worked hand in hand against the workers.

"The fur workers, steeled in the fight against the N. R. A. and the fur manufacturers during the last two years, are prepared to resist any attempt to reduce their standard of living.

Ready to Struggle

"Unlike many other needle trades workers who have been coaxed by David Dubinsky and other leaders of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union to depend on the N. R. A., the fur workers stand ready to fight for the maintaining of the conditions won through these years of struggle and to carry a determined battle for the improvement of these conditions and the elimination of contracting, speed-up, and other evils in the trade.

"The International Independent Fur Workers Industrial Union, the membership of which has gone through years of struggle for unity of all workers in the industry, urges all needle workers regardless of affiliation or political belief to unite in a common struggle for maintaining and improving their working conditions."

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Youngstown Girds to Fight Coolie Wages

Mass Meeting to Launch Drive to Organize for Union Rates

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, May 30.—Labor in this city is gearing for a final fight against the Roosevelt \$18 to \$24 coolie wage decree. The first major step in the campaign against the hunger wage plan will be taken at a mass meeting to be held at the Central Auditorium, 225 West Boardman Street, on the evening of June 7, under the auspices of the Unemployment Council.

The primary purpose of this meeting will be to launch a powerful organizational drive for mass action for trade union wages on all F. R. A. jobs, with a 24-hour minimum week and a government compensation on the job. A drive is being launched by the Council for a 50 per cent increase in direct relief.

Due to militant struggle the Mahoning County Unemployment Council has won small increases in relief, but the amount received by the workers is criminally below the requirements of the unemployed.

The meeting on June 7, will be addressed by A. R. Onda, State chairman of the Unemployment Council, who will outline the necessary steps to build a relief workers' organization on the F. R. A. Program. Ben Gray, organizer of the Mahoning County Unemployment Council, will expose the graft and corruption that exists in the top apparatus of the County Relief Administration, and the connection of the Administration with the City and County officials.

High Court to Hear Case of Burlington Six on August 27

RALPHIGH, N. C., May 30.—The appeal of six textile workers of Burlington, N. C., against their conviction on a framed charge of "gambling" during the national textile strike last September, will be heard August 27 before the North Carolina Supreme Court here.

The six mill workers are John Anderson, at the time of his arrest President of the Piedmont Textile Council, who was sentenced to 3 to 10 years at hard labor; J. P. Hogard, sentenced to 4 to 6 years; Thomas Blalock, and Howard Overman, both sentenced to five to six years; and Tom Canipe and J. F. Haraway, both sentenced to two years.

The defense is being conducted by the Workers Defense Committee of Burlington, aided by the International Labor Defense.

WHAT'S ON

Boston, Mass.

Anti-War Mass Meeting, Friday, May 31, 8 p.m. at Ruggles Hall. Mother's Day, June 1, at 45th Street, N. Y. C. L.

Roxbury, Mass.

Nickel Supper for the benefit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Saturday, June 1, at 20 North Street, N. Y. C. L.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Herbert Klein, editor of New Theatre will speak on "The Future of the American Theatre," Sunday, June 2, 8:30 p.m. at the New Theatre Auditorium, 211 No. 16th St.

Homestead, Pa.

Picnic to be held by I.W.O. of Homestead, Sunday, June 2nd at Locust Street, Homestead, Pa. Music and refreshments. Adm. 3c.

Detroit, Mich.

Tom Mooney Sr. I.L.D. is celebrating his 40th year of existence with a huge banquet at Finnish Hall, 5099 14th St., on Saturday, June 1, at 8 p.m. Good music, refreshments and speakers from out of town. Dancing, refreshments. Come and meet the charter members. Adm. 3c.

Chicago, Ill.

Meet Ye! Habeas Corpus Ball. Bring your bodies to the dance given by the I.W.O. of Chicago, Saturday, June 1st at 309 So. Dear St. 3rd Floor. Interesting program arranged. Tickets on sale at above address, 184 W. Washington, Room 705, 2425 N. Roosevelt St. 17th W. Madison, Rm. 8 and 2122 W. Division St. Appearance fee 3c.

South Bend, Ind.

The South Bend Section of the Communist Party and the Y. C. L. are giving the party's 7th centennial in honor of the Section's 25th Anniversary. Tickets on sale at above address, 184 W. Washington, Room 705, 2425 N. Roosevelt St. 17th W. Madison, Rm. 8 and 2122 W. Division St. Appearance fee 3c.

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12,000 DENOUNCE COOLIE PAY SCALE



Roosevelt's decree of coolie wage rates for workers on relief projects brought immediate protest from labor throughout the country. More than 12,000 workers turned out in Union Square, New York, and shouted their determination to fight the President's pay scale.

St. Louis Gas House Strikers Face Terror in Eighth Week

Leaders Fail to Build Up Mass Support, Act to Isolate Strike

ST. LOUIS, May 30.—The gas house workers' strike against the Laclede Gas Light Corporation is now in its eighth week. The outstanding error being made by the strike leadership is that they concentrate upon the hope of dickering with local politicians for settlement instead of broadening the strike and strike support.

Because of failure to broaden the mass base and support, the strategy of the Wall Street corporation is now to further isolate the strikers by a campaign of terror. Dozens of strikers have been brutally beaten, shots have been fired and stink bombs thrown into their headquarters. The police and the Ahner detective agency are carrying out this dirty work for the corporation.

As a result of pressure by the strikers, the Central Trades and Labor Council passed a resolution against this terror and agreed to organize a mass demonstration at City Hall. Arrangements were left in the hands of the officials of the Central Trades Council, and they eventually reported that a permit had been denied. The demonstration was not held. Many strikers are wondering why the city was forced to grant a permit for May Day and just recently for a children's parade, organized by the American Workers Union, the local organization of unemployed, while the more powerful A. F. of L. failed to secure a permit.

The local A. F. of L. officials indicated to the strikers that the meeting called to demand two more years of life for the N. R. A. would constitute the demonstration for the gas house strikers. This meeting was held in carpenter's union hall. The strikers marched there in a body. Here the gas house strikers were gassed by the N. R. A. and the Wagner Disputes bill. President Wagner of the gas house strikers' union neither committed himself for nor against the N. R. A. and Wagner bill.

Firemen Refuse Aid. At the meeting of the Central Trades Council on Sunday, Wagner spoke, stating that the strikers had received aid from the Communist Party, Socialist Party, American Workers Union and many other organizations and complained against the Firemen and Older's Union which has its members still on the job. He stated further that when he visited this union he had been insulted and informed that the union had a contract with the Laclede corporation which does not expire until January. Filmmaker, president of the Central Trades Council, declared his helplessness to call out this union in view of the contract it has.

Further isolation of the strikers occurred several days ago when the strike leadership induced the rank and file to vote to sever connections with the American Workers Union. The A. W. U. had been mobilizing pickets, also supplied all pickets for the office of the corporation in the center of the city, had aided in other ways. This action was taken as a result of pressure by the local A. F. of L. officials, and because the A. W. U. is critical of these officials. At the same time announcement was made Sunday at the Central Trades

announced after the interview with the mayor, that the complete show will be given Saturday, June 1, at 3 p.m. at Sokol Hall, 358 Morris Avenue, near Springfield Avenue, and called on all workers' organizations and groups to defend the freedom of the workers' theatre.

Leavenworth Jobless Ask Relief Aide's Ouster. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 30.—A petition signed by 160 members of the American Workers Union, an organization of the unemployed, was presented to the Leavenworth county commissioners asking the removal of Edgar P. Schmidt, county poor commissioner, and Mrs. Helen Doty, case supervisor. The union members charged that Mr. Schmidt and Mrs. Doty did not provide proper medical treatment for Miss Anna May MacWilliams, when in need of an operation for appendicitis.

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Theft Charged To Treasurer Of Cook County

Sweitzer, Who Helped Starve Jobless, Took Half Million

By JACK MARTIN (Daily Worker Midwest Bureau)

CHICAGO, May 30.—A long expected explosion that has been threatening to blast the local political powers could not be staved off any longer, and Robert M. Sweitzer has been revealed as having put into his own pocket \$414,124 during his term as County Clerk. Sweitzer is now County Treasurer.

It was an especially hard blow to the Democratic Party, coming in the midst of the still unsettled relief crisis. Sweitzer is a leading member of the Democratic County Committee. The unemployed recall that the Democratic Cook County Board of Commissioners refused to appropriate more than \$1,200,000 and then only for the purpose of meeting food orders. They took this stand even though \$16,000,000 of an authorized bond issue for relief purposes remain unappropriated, and even though thousands of families in Cook County had been without any food for days.

Pockets Nearly Half Million. An audit made public after a long delay revealed the following: During his 25 years as County Clerk Sweitzer has appropriated \$55,725 of county funds.

That in March 1922, Sweitzer as County Clerk received a check for \$200,000 from the County Treasurer's office, which Sweitzer never deposited. Five years later he covered this shortage existing in the general fee fund by withdrawing that amount from the redemption fund. He never repaid the redemption fund.

Twice Ran for Mayor. That he owed \$75,797 allowed him in settlement of the affairs of a defunct bank, but which he failed to pay in.

That he failed to account for \$70,000 in interest which banks had paid on county funds deposited with them. Sweitzer has been twice nominated for Mayor of the Democratic Party ticket, and has been the high vote-getter for a quarter of a century.

Politicians knew since last Fall what was coming. Some of them raised \$40,000 to replace the funds taken from the daily cash drawer. But although special meetings of the leaders of the Democrats were held they finally decided to let Sweitzer sink or swim.

Silk Workers Union Demands Nazis Free All Labor Prisoners. PATERSON, N. J., May 30.—Following the resolution of William Green and of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor which condemned German fascism for the murder of Fritz Ruefmann, president of the German Miners' Union, the Joint Board of the American Federation of Silk Workers (United Textile Workers) yesterday concurred in the resolution of the A. F. of L.

The Joint Board resolution urged the national officials of the Federation to use their offices to communicate with President Roosevelt to ask for official diplomatic pressure through regular state channels that Hitler release all trade unionists held as prisoners and grant the immediate amnesty of all other class-war prisoners.

The growth of Nazism in the United States, the Joint Board stated, is a grave danger to the American Federation of Labor and all preparations should be carried effectively to stamp out the menace of fascism in America, in order to safeguard the trade unions of the United States.

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Textile Workers Seized in Effort to Break Militant Strike

Union Attacked

By WALT PICKARD (Daily Worker Midwest Bureau)

CHICAGO, Ill., May 30.—More than 4,000 union milk drivers rose in revolt against their reactionary officials in a mass meeting of the Milk Drivers' Union of A. F. of L. Local 753, held at the Ashland Auditorium on Monday, to fight for better conditions in the trade as the contract with the employers expired.

The assembled workers raised the demand for a strike for an increase of \$5 a week from the present \$40 scale. In addition the demand was raised among the workers for the establishment of a five-day week, with no cut in wages, in order to provide for the return to work of the hundreds of workers who have lost their jobs.

The proposal of the officialdom of the local, headed by R. J. Fitchie, president of the local, for a so-called "secret ballot" was, despite the lying reports in all the local capitalist newspapers, overwhelmingly voted down by the membership, which experienced the trickery of such a "secret ballot" on earlier pay cut proposals. Instead, the membership demanded a standing vote on strike action for the increased pay, a demand which Fitchie refused to agree to in the face of the open sentiment for immediate strike action.

The officials have been pursuing a policy of expulsion, working hand in hand with the employers in getting militant drivers out of the industry. A recent flagrant example was the firing by the Western Dairy Co. of seven militant drivers. The Progressive rank and file of the union calls for a boycott of the Western Dairy and for struggle to reinstate these men. Mass action forced the reinstatement of George Racey of the Capitol Dairy recently. He had been fired because he ran for public office on the workers' ticket.

Build the International Labor Defense.

The Developing Crisis in the American Federation of Labor

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE

ARTICLE II [The first article on the situation in the American Federation of Labor dealt with the factions in the Executive Council and among the chief officials of the national and international unions on the issue of industrial unionism versus craft unionism. It also gave outstanding facts concerning the past years in the last Executive Council meeting by John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers of America, and the labor-management cooperation unionism, under government supervision, that he advocates under the guise of industrial unionism.

The article showed by quotations from the agreement signed with the coal operators by Lewis under the former coal code that it is an anti-strike contract and leaves the control of working conditions and the lives of the coal miners in the hands of the operators. This is the type of industrial unionism that many employment concerns are willing to accept since they believe it a more effective means of controlling workers.]

Effect of Crisis. The building trades and other craft unions are no longer able to dominate the A. F. of L. as they once did, or even play a really decisive role. (The exceptions to this are the electrical workers, carpenters and bricklayers who have considerable sections of their membership—especially the electrical workers and carpenters in other industries—public utilities, municipal employees, lumber, industry, factory maintenance, etc.

The split in the building trades department and the elimination of some twelve smaller unions from it following the San Francisco convention, the recognition by the A. F. of L. Executive Council of Electrical Workers, Carpenters and Bricklayers and a few other unions as the "regularly constituted" building trades department was the organizational result of this state of affairs.) The five and a half year crisis with its permanent mass unemployment in building and construction (it has almost disappeared during the crisis as an important industry) bringing with it great losses of membership for all the purely building trades unions, ended their domination of the A. F. of L. At one time—1928-29—the building trades unions made up more than one-third of the total membership.

The unions that have grown during the crisis, and this growth has been in the last two years, due to wages and working conditions that had become intolerable (the organization and strike movement had started before NRA and clause 7-A became law) are those in basic industries where the highly skilled workers are in a minority—where the majority are semi-skilled and unskilled (motor transportation, truck drivers and taxi drivers, textile workers, aluminum workers, garment trades, longshoremen, seamen, coal miners, metal miners, oil workers, rubber workers, steel workers, etc.) The Brewery Workers Union has also grown due to the repeal of prohibition but repeal was also an effort to mitigate the effects of the crisis.

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HOME LIFE

— By —
Ann Barton

ACCORDING to the papers... Dr. Alfred E. Cohn of the Rockefeller Institute says that 15,000 school children are "irrevocably doomed to death within fifteen years." At some time during their life they have contracted rheumatic fever, he says, which results in a heart weakness, which results in death within fifteen years. "It is not known," says the report, "why the children of the poor are about ten times more susceptible than the children of the well-to-do..."

It is not known, but working class mothers can guess. If Dr. Cohn cannot tell them, they can tell Dr. Cohn that it probably has something to do with going without things every child needs. Dr. Cohn speaks for support of one hospital that cares for cardiac children. He does not speak of the solution for the 15,000 who will die within fifteen years. What about these suffering thousands throughout the city? What about the hundreds of thousands of these children throughout the country? Certainly the doctor who believes in health for the people, not for a privileged class, cannot be content with the stating of the fact "it is not known." It is not enough for working class mothers that an insignificant number of these diseased children shall be saved through incidental hospitals such as the one Dr. Cohn is interested in. All mothers and increasing numbers of doctors are realizing that preventing child disease is the basic problem. The Communist Party is fighting to save the children, by mobilizing for the fight for the immediate needs of the working class, and by abolishing poverty forever. The effect this will have upon child health is clear.

THERE are now 25,000,000 more inhabitants in the Soviet Union than ten years ago, says Pravda. The increase last year was 4,500,000, having previously averaged 3,000,000 a year. There is no reason why women cannot have the children they desire in the Soviet Union. "The Soviet Union contains enough wealth," says Pravda, organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, "to support new hundreds of millions of people. The higher our birth rate, the more rapidly can we put our potential wealth at the service of the people, who have thrown off forever the age-long slavery of the capitalists, landlords and kulaks." The New York Times states that at a conference of the Academy of Sciences of the U. S. S. R. at Moscow, a statement was made saying that it is possible "by scientific methods to produce harvests eight to ten times as large as were now grown, and thus to support an enormously increased population." Capitalism can offer no such inducements to motherhood. Under capitalism, motherhood is something to be feared. In the Soviet Union, woman takes up this function happily, secure in the future for herself and her family, provided by a Workers and Farmers government.

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Iron, Factory, Mine, Farm and Office

I.R.T. Worker Bares Hypocrisy In Murray's Slanderous Leaflet

By an I. R. T. Worker Correspondent
NEW YORK.—Last Saturday, as the men employed by the I.R.T. left the shops, each was handed a leaflet signed by Thomas E. Murray, Jr., receiver for the I.R.T.

This shallow hypocritical statement consisted of a barrage of slander and lies calculated to act as a brake upon the growth of the Transport Workers Union (Independent), and to pave the way for future provocation and violence on the part of the I. R. T.

I can truthfully say that the reaction of the workers to this leaflet was the complete reverse of what Mr. "Wage-Cut" Murray hoped and expected. I will quote from this sheet which elevates falsification to a science and answer some of the points raised by our \$5,000 a month receiver:

Unrest and Discontent
"Certain elements in the city are trying to create unrest and discontent among the rank and file of Interborough employees." True, Mr. Murray, true as light,—and those elements are yourself, Hedley, Keegan, F. J. Connolly and your banker bosses. You are the ones who have inflicted degradation and poverty upon I. R. T. employees. We, on the other hand, are unalterably opposed to your method of robbery by long hours, low wages and company unionism.

"These agitators have gone so far as to suggest the use of violence." Here we have a lie out of the whole cloth and no one knows this better than Thomas E. Murray himself. The direct opposite of this statement is the truth. Some of our leading members, and even their wives and families, have been threatened with assault. Mr. Murray should tread softly when he speaks of "violence" and "threats," the very foundations of this company rest upon intimidation, threats and bloody violence.

Murray's "Patriotism"
"Violence is an illegal method of seeking any goal under the American form of government." It has been truly said that "patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel," and this professional flag waving by the I. R. T., via Murray, serves to remind of a statement of another "patriot." Here it is word for word from his pen: "Bolshevism is knocking at our gates. We can't afford to let it in. We have got to organize ourselves against it, and put our shoulders together and hold fast. We must keep America whole and safe and unspoiled. We must keep the worker away from red literature and red ruses; we must see that his mind remains healthy." (Al Capone).

From the pen of America's leading thief, gangster and social degenerate comes this earnest plea to keep America "unspoiled" and the worker's mind healthy. Robbery is robbery—the method does not change the fact. At the point of a gun, or through starvation, long hours, low wages—the result is the same, and if anything, the latter method is more cruel and inhuman.

Generosity of the Courts
"Your company is in the hands of the federal courts. Your rights could not be better protected." Whose rights,—Mr. Murray? Are these not the same courts who have kept Tom Mooney in prison for eighteen years? The same courts that are sending Herndon to a chain gang for 20 years for the crime of organizing Negro and white workers in one union? The same courts that ruled the railway pension act unconstitutional? The same courts that put the O. K. on the fake "receivership" of the I. R. T.? Your talk of courts will not hold water, Mr. Murray. The men of the I. R. T. choose to depend upon their own organized strength.

In your next attempt, at a leaflet please talk about the twelve-hour day, seven-day week, your phoney pension, the ten per cent cut, etc., etc. These are the things in which we are interested, and we will continue to build this union for the purpose of collective bargaining, legally, peacefully and very energetically.

The Ruling Classes

by Redfield



"Junior here wants to work himself up from the bottom of the ladder—he's starting as vice-president."

Telegraphers Exhibit Militancy In Local Boss Union Assemblies

By a Telegraph Worker Correspondent
NEW YORK.—General assemblies of the Association of Western Union Employees (company union) have come and gone. Ten, to be exact, but the eleventh meets in Denver in June under such circumstances that denote ill to the officialdom of both the company union and the company.

The Telegraph World in its May issue carries a resume of the various divisional assemblies held in April. Reading this carefully one cannot help but see the growing militancy of the telegraph workers. It is astonishing to read of the various resolutions passed by the assembled delegates that were first brought forward in the Daily Worker. For example, in the assembly at New Orleans they demanded the return of the last 5 per cent wage cut, full disability, full work week, Sunday premium day and pay for holidays.

At St. Louis they demanded that the company abide by the seniority agreements, messengers, should be given a regular weekly pay day, payment for traveling time, and an investigation of the company's school at Bloomfield, N. J. for new employees while so many of old employees are still on the furlough list. This last is a very delicate question with the company and indicates that even the company union officialdom could not prevent the adoption of this resolution. They

protested also against regular employees being used as janitors instead of persons being employed for this type of work. They demanded that all furloughed lists be made public.

All of the other divisional assemblies passed similar resolutions. They must be brought up on the floor of the General Assembly in Denver. To fail to do so would further expose the impotency and the traitorous role of the A.U.W.E. This, of course, should hold no illusions to the members because the resolutions will not be worth the paper they are written when the conferees meet with the company officials later in the year. The conferees who are the salaried officials of the A.U.W.E. will hold the final word as to their being presented to the officials.

Role of Daily Worker
The fact that the Daily Worker has played so great a role in the type of resolutions that were presented on the floor for the first time in any assembly indicates the wonderful potentialities of a real mass movement to break the stranglehold of this company union. Immediate steps should be taken to further the spread of the valuable paper among more workers. At the same time efforts should be made to have the members join the Commercial Telegraphers Union of America which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Onward to a strong telegraph union!

Docker Scores Ryan's Speech On Democracy Within the I.L.A.

By a Marine Worker Correspondent
NEW YORK.—At the Madison Square Garden labor meeting on May 23 our I.L.A. president, Mr. Joseph P. Ryan, acted as chairman.

Well, the men on the docks want to know what the "big boy" had to say. First he said that he had just come back from the Gulf where he had to attend a district conference on a wage scale matter. What Ryan really did was to go down there and see that the right "delegates" would be sent to the National Convention to be held in Cleveland in July, where the West Coast Delegates are coming with instructions to fight to oust Ryan and for one uniform agreement for the Pacific, Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

Speed-up Cuts Railroad Jobs

By a R. R. Worker Correspondent
NEW YORK.—Our conditions on the Long Island Railroad, which is owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad, are continually growing worse. The bosses have their high-salaried efficiency experts working day and night figuring out ways of cutting down on the jobs.

They have cut out many jobs and added work that was being done on these jobs onto those that are working. So much work has been added that to complete the work these workers barely get their twenty minutes lunch period which our agreement calls for.

Some workers cannot complete their work on time and are worked three and four hours overtime. In doing this the company saves the cost of adding another crew to finish the work.

Many of us who report out on the extra list for work go home again without work, and many of us are so desperately in need of work that we report out three times a day on the list looking for work, but don't get any.

We don't get paid for reporting on the extra list. This has opened my eyes to the need for unemployment insurance. By this I don't mean the Wagner unemployment insurance bill which the bosses and the government are trying to put over on us. This bill does not provide insurance for us railroad workers. The Wagner Bill states that all employees of common carriers (railroads) are excluded. The bill that we should fight for is the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill, H. R. 2827.

This bill gives unemployment insurance to all workers without discrimination and it also provides for those of us on part-time work. It provides for no less than \$10 a week for all unemployed workers, and \$3 a week for each dependent, for the total length of unemployment, and it does not make us take jobs as scabs if we are unemployed. The funds to pay for this insurance are not taken out of our wages, the funds are raised by the taxation of the big companies and incomes of over \$5,000 a year. This bill was drawn up by the Communist Party and presented to Congress by Congressman Lundeen, who is not a Communist.

When this bill was brought up for a vote in Congress fifty-two Congressmen were compelled to vote in favor of it. Not because they personally liked the bill, but because the workers brought pressure to bear on them through their trade unions and their fraternal organizations and churches.

All of us railroad workers must bring this up at the brotherhood meeting and get our lodge's official endorsement of this bill.

NOTE:
Every Friday the Daily Worker publishes letters from workers in the transportation and communications industries: marine, railroad, taxi, traction, telegraph, telephone, etc. The Daily Worker urges workers in these industries to write us of their conditions and efforts to organize. Please get these letters to us by Tuesday of each week.

man and are not paying dues. The bureaucratic steam roller: methods and the absence of democracy is undermining the top leadership's control.

However, nothing can stop the men from achieving their object and that is: ONE POWERFUL UNION that will improve conditions.

YOUR HEALTH

— By —
Medical Advisory Board

Doctors of the Medical Advisory Board do not advertise.

Because of the volume of letters received by this department, we can print only those that are of general interest. All letters are answered directly and are held confidential.

Capitalistic Methods of Solving Health Problems

In a report of the Joint Committee on Bathing Places, the American Public Health Association and the Conference of State Sanitary Engineers, the following is noted: "In the case of swimming pools it was entirely fair to set up a high standard of bacterial quality, since effective methods were available by which such quality could be maintained, at a reasonable cost. The BATHING BEACH problem is distinctly different. In certain instances it may be feasible to treat the water at the beach satisfactorily with chlorine or other disinfectant. In the majority of instances, however, to set up and attempt to enforce a high standard of bacterial quality would mean that we would be forced either to condemn many waters now used for bathing, or to attempt to reduce the pollution by elimination of the sources or by treatment of sewage discharged therein. As in many cases there has been a considerable capital investment at these beaches, not only in bath houses and bathing equipment, but also in amusement facilities, any attempt at condemnation except following an epidemic traceable to the pollution of the waters, would meet with strong opposition both from the public, who have been accustomed to bathe regularly at these beaches, and from persons whose investment would be wiped out by their closing."

The above paragraph is part of a report presented to the American Health Association at the 58th annual meeting at Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 1, 1929. And a child can easily see that the important thing that these health engineers were concerned with, was the cost to the owner of the beach or pool. They come out clearly to say that only after an epidemic that is traceable to the pollution of the waters should anything be done.

Communist Methods of Solving Health Problems

The Communist engineers would be assigned to find out the source of pollution. And when located the factories sending out the sewage would have to find another method to get rid of the sewage. The factory director would not pay graft to the engineers because the director of the factory is a government worker, as all the factories belong to the government. Now that the sources of the bathing beaches along the river would be in a healthy condition. And even if it were impossible to immediately discover the sources of the pollution, then the government would close up the beaches until they were in an excellent condition. No Communist health engineer would allow people to go bathing in a beach where he definitely knew the amount of the bacteria was too high for good health. Under Communism all beaches would be kept in the highest state of purity so that no one would have to worry about catching diseases there. This is possible because there are no capitalists to worry the government engineers Red Hook, claiming they represent us, but these delegates will be nothing but self appointed thugs. Will they be officially seated and recognized?

Old Docker Suicide After Withdrawal of Pension

By a Marine Worker Correspondent
NEW YORK.—Pop, better known as "Strangler," a longshoreman on the United Fruit docks and a former wrestler, took gas and killed himself because his war pension was taken away from him and he could not live on what he made on the bananas.

He was a man with guts, always leading in the fight for unionization and workers' rights. "Strangler" was a former strike leader on the United Fruit docks and a strike committee man in the last strike we had here.

Organization in Plant and Auto Strikes Forced Ford Wage Increase

By GEORGE MORRIS

DETROIT, Mich., May 30.—While national broadcasts and newspapers throughout the country featured prominently Henry Ford's latest "spurt to prosperity" in raising the minimum wage scales to \$6 a day, Ford workers present an entirely different picture. They point out that wages at Ford's are lower than in any of the other motor companies, and that Ford is setting the pace for such a terrific speed-up in the industry that thousands of workers are being thrown on the scrap heap before they reach middle age.

"Ford never gives you anything" is a common saying among the workers. Beginning this week, all Ford workers who received \$5 for an eight-hour day will receive \$6 a day. The company claims that 124,000 throughout the country are on its pay roll. "Ford wages" at \$7 a day in 1934 were brought down to \$4 a day by 1933. The \$5 a day rate was set in March, 1934, when a strike threatened the entire industry.

cause the expenditures of the rich cannot support any basic business." Ford Surplus Increases
Meanwhile, it was made public this week, that the Ford company's surplus was increased to \$580,276,392, according to the balance sheet filed by the company with the Massachusetts State Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.

This is by no means the entire fortune of the Ford family. A large part extracted from the company has been undoubtedly placed in other fields not directly listed in the company's assets.

veys in almost all cases are reported speeded up by at least 50 per cent. The production schedule of 4,000 cars a day in February was formed up to 5,000 a day in March without increase in the number of workers.

Market Stale
Ford is not increasing the market for cars, most workers will point out, but he is setting a pace that forces a similar speed-up in the plants of his competitors, and throws more out of jobs.

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Change the World!

By MICHAEL GOLD

WILL ROGERS has a million dollars and rides in limousines and luxury airplanes. He rushes off to Europe and Asia every few months, and always travels first-class with the swells. He has a valet or two, several chauffeurs and probably a flock of other flunkies. He maintains an expensive wife and daughter, and several estates. He owns a string of polo horses, and is the personal friend of Herb Hoover, Charlie Schwab, the Prince of Wales, Barbara Ten Cent Store Hutton, Andy Mellon, Queen Marie of Roumania, Phoney Fetter Coughlin, at least 65 leading bankers and 156 Wall Street brokers, Charles Lindbergh, Al Smith, Governor Fuller, who killed Sacco and Vanzetti . . . Oh, well, the list is too long. If you read Will Rogers every day, or listen to him over the radio, you will discover who this "hill-billy" friend and beer-brother are. He has nibbled roast duck and quaffed Napoleon brandy with the creme de la creme. Will Rogers will soon crash the pages of the Social Register. He has hoisted himself by his own proletarian suspenders into the society of the richest and most refined of the racketeers.

Success! The self-styled "hill-billy" and quarter breed Cherokee cowboy from Oklahoma has surely made good, financially.

But all through the southwest, which is Will's former home, the farmers are still hungry, ragged, and beaten to a pulp. Capitalism has made a desert of the country, travelers report. Will must have seen some of it. He returns to that country now and then. But he always finds laughs there, it is all a rosy Ziegfeld Follies picture.

Doesn't his million dollars sometimes seem to him like blood-money, paid to him to make the nation forget the bitter truth? Doesn't he occasionally feel like a traitor to his class, that is, if his people really were poor farmers, and not bankers?

Flat on His Belly

WILL is slipping, anyway. As an amateur psychologist I would say that he is showing some of the signs of a split personality.

His career is based on his successful impersonation of a poor farmer, a sort of Poor Richard of our day. He is supposed to represent the rugged common-sense and homespun philosophy of the man in the street.

However naive and ignorant this American man in the street may be at times, he does carry about with him a residue of something that goes back to the American Revolution.

It is the instinct of democracy. The man in the street may be temporarily on a breadline, but he still has his pride, and thinks he is as good as the Prince of Wales.

Americans don't get off the sidewalk and tip their hats humbly when a swell in a top hat passes by, as I have seen workers do in England. Americans don't kiss the hands of their landlords and bosses, as one sees in Italy or Poland.

It is true that this is a plutocracy, where wealth has taken over the privileges that once went to blue (and dissipated) blood. But no American truck-driver hurries out of the way of a Rolls-Royce; instead, he curses the funny fat boys inside, and their dead-pan flunkies.

Will Rogers used to know this, and he built up his stage success on a democratic knowledge of how to flatter the man in the street.

But too much of the high life seems to have made Will lose his contact with the American masses. This was evidenced by his recent radio speech to England on little George's jubilee.

Will gave himself completely away. No American in public life ever spoke such sickening and fulsome words of subsjection to a British king as did Will Rogers. It just isn't done outside of Boston, where all the withered snobs of both sexes affect the Oxford accent, and ape the British aristocracy.

Imagine it! A prominent American beseeching the British king to take America back as a colony of the crown, "on about the same terms as Canada." It was made seriously, this offer; Will can joke about unemployment, and war, and droughts, and bank failures, but this time his voice quivered with all the emotion of a prize flunkie. Will Rogers wants to have a king over him. He thinks democracy is a failure.

Take Off the Disguise, Will

WHEN a Will Rogers pulls a boner like that, he is slipping. No starved Oklahoma "hill-billy" longs for a return to England. That's not a problem with him. Will stepped out of character and revealed himself as the four-flusher he is—a wealthy Back Bay snob who is ashamed of his country and his people.

Only a man leading a double life, and losing control of himself, would have damaged his career by such a slip. Myself, I hope Will continues, tipping off his hand more often. This man is always lined up with the rich against the poor on every political issue. He does it in the draw and character of a poor farmer—and it is all the best at demagoguery and deceit. Let the people know who their enemies are; take off the overalls and draw, Will Rogers, and let's see more often that smug face of a million dollars which is your true face.

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Nine Old Men Crack Whip of Banks and Trusts Over People

OFFER SHARP CONTRAST TO SOVIET UNION WHERE 180,000,000 WORKERS AND PEASANTS ARE BUILDING HAPPY, PROSPEROUS SOCIALIST LIFE FOR THEMSELVES

FOR the third time within a few weeks, nine gray-haired old men, in the country which boasts of being the stronghold of democracy, have declared that the will of the rich and powerful must be the law of the land.

First, the Supreme Court decision nullifying the Railway Retirement Act, depriving more than 1,000,000 railroad workers of old age pensions.

Next, the refusal to act in the Angelo Herndon case, thereby condemning this heroic young Negro worker to 18 to 20 years on the Georgia chain-gang because he organized Negro and white workers to fight for relief.

And now the decision to sweep away all N.R.A. debris after it has served its purpose, and to clear the

decks for an unhampered and intensified drive against the living standards of millions of workers.

In other words, nine men never elected by the people, over whom the people have absolutely no control, can at the dictates of the big banks and trusts, declare null and void laws passed by those who have been elected supposedly as the representatives of the people.

What a mockery of democracy!

Under this "democracy" steel workers are being shot down in Canton, O.; Tom Mooney is spending his 19th year in jail while the Supreme court refuses to act; Angelo Herndon is condemned to a living death on the chain gang; the nine innocent Scottsboro boys

are told they must burn in the electric chair; the Galup kidnapings are whitewashed; federal and state anti-labor bills are introduced to abolish all democratic rights; the Coughlins, Hearsts, Longs and all the forces of fascist reaction grow bolder each day!

What a contrast to REAL democracy, to the democracy enjoyed by the 180,000,000 people of the Soviet Union.

No Congress there to make a pretense of legislating in behalf of the people, while carrying out the bidding of the handful of exploiters—but everywhere Soviets, consisting of workers from the factories and farms, that collectively take up the problems of the people,

collectively solve them, collectively legislate in the interests of the toiling millions over one-sixth of the earth's territory.

The Supreme Court of Russia is the will of 180,000,000 workers and peasants that are building a happy, prosperous Socialist life for themselves. There is no conflict there between the legislative, executive and judicial departments of the government.

Here is real democracy—for the first time in history democracy of the people, for the people, by the people. Soviet democracy, as Lenin pointed out, is a million times more democratic than the democracy in the freest bourgeois republic.

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A New Effort

TODAY on Page 2 we carry the text of a new proposal by the Communist Party to the Socialist Party for united action.

The urgent need for a united front of labor at the present moment cannot be denied. The Supreme Court's act in voiding N.R.A. legislation, which until now has served as the club of the big capitalists in beating down the workers' living standards, can only mark the beginning of a still fiercer and more unrestrained offensive against the workers. Already wage cuts, lengthening of hours and the speeding up of production has begun. Further attacks will be made on the workers' civil rights. The tempo of fascism will be sharply increased.

These attacks can only be countered and defeated through a solid, united front of all workers. Such a broad, mass united front can be furthered most rapidly by the realization of a united front agreement between the Communist and Socialist parties. This would inspire many thousands of workers not associated with either party, and result in the drawing in of hundreds of trade unions and other workers' organizations.

The Central Committee calls upon every Party district, section and unit to make this letter to the Socialist Party the basis for a new approach to the Socialist workers and to the Socialist Party branches, locals and state organizations. With the greatest patience and persistence our comrades should try to convince the Socialists in their own neighborhood, union or city of the urgent need for united action and of the immediate possibilities of successfully achieving united action. Try, with more tact and determination than ever before to realize the united front in dozens of localities.

Mass Picketing Will Win The Steel Strike

THE Republic Steel Company and the city governments of the Ohio steel district are resorting to the greatest pressure to break up the mass picket lines of the Republic strikers. They had lying statements printed in the Akron, Canton and Cleveland papers that union leaders had agreed to a "truce" to limit picketing.

The Central Strike Committee has given the lie to these false reports aimed to confuse the strikers. The Strike Committee has called on the strikers to strengthen their mass picket lines and keep out the scabs.

There is no "truce" to limit picketing. The workers should continue with militant mass picket lines.

In every steel town, A. F. of L. locals and other workers' organizations should call immediate conferences to rally support to the steel strikers.

SPREAD THE STRIKE OF THE CANTON STEEL WORKERS TO OTHER REPUBLIC MILLS.

Mass picket lines will defeat the strike-breaking terror and win the strike.

The Coal Operators Attack

A COMMITTEE of coal operators was yesterday redrafting the Guffey Coal Bill, declaring if it passed, "ability to pay existing wages" would be preserved. The coal operators, in other words, are preparing further attacks on the miners' living standards.

The four biggest trusts in the coal industry are the American Coal & Coke Co., the Consolidation Coal Co., the Pittston Coal Co. and the Wheeling Steel & Coal Co. They are all controlled by the same few hands. They are all controlled by the same few hands. They are all controlled by the same few hands.

is unsatisfactory to the coal miners. They demand the six dollar day scale, the thirty-hour week, and the closed shop. Under the present agreement prices of necessities have gone way up while wages were kept down.

The coal miners should beware of John L. Lewis, as they go into battle for a new contract. Lewis, threatening strike, is following the lead of the coal operators, in demanding the Guffey Coal Bill as his main demand.

But this is not the demand of the miners. The Guffey Coal Bill will worsen conditions, increase monopoly, cause unemployment, and give the employers' government greater control of the unions. It sets up a government board to dictate conditions to the miners.

The local unions should prepare their strike now. Lewis will repeat his betrayal of April 1.

For Strike Action

WILLIAM GREEN, president of the American Federation of Labor, declares that "conditions are already swinging back to longer hours, lower wages and disregard of other conditions embodied in the codes."

Statements of Gen. Johnson, Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, New York State Compliance Director, and others, also show which way the wind of the Supreme Court decision is blowing.

The wolves are on the loose, tracking their prey!

What is to be done?

Green declared that he is advising the unions "to mobilize their economic strength and to resist the lowering of wage and hour standards and the efforts again to introduce child labor in their industries." He said he expected strikes.

If these words are not to remain so much sword-rattling on a stage, as has been the case often in the past, the workers everywhere, and first and foremost, the members of the A. F. of L. unions must take immediate steps to organize their forces and prepare for action—for strike action—to defend their living standards.

This means that every A. F. of L. local must at once set up rank and file committees of action, representing unorganized workers as well as organized, that will negotiate directly with the company and unite ALL the workers, regardless of nationality, color, religion or political belief, in the common fight for their common demands.

Workers: don't allow your ranks to be split by those who raise the "Red scare," or who ask you to put your faith in the Wagner or Guffey bills. This only plays into the hands of the employers.

Answer the united offensive of the employers by the UNITED ACTION of the workers.

PREPARE TO STRIKE!

The Cloakmakers' Tasks

THE agreement of the International Ladies Garment Workers, with the employers affecting thirty-five thousand cloakmakers, expires today. The employers refuse to meet the demands of the union. The union is faced with a general strike in the industry in order to win its demands in a new agreement.

The locals of the I. L. G. W. U. should prepare immediately for the struggle.

David Dubinsky, Socialist president of the union, on the eve of the fight, has made an attack on the united front proposals of the Communists, at the very moment when unity is necessary to defeat the intensified attacks of the employers. Dubinsky has tried to divert the struggle of the needle workers to a fight for extension of N.R.A. and for the Wagner Bill instead of mobilization of the union for an effective fight for their own demands.

The cloakmakers' union was born in struggle. The union made gains in 1933 and won better conditions. Why? Because the union carried through a fighting policy, because the left wing in the union, with its program of struggle, was strong. Whenever the cloakmakers relied on government boards and commissions they did not win their demands. The fight now is

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Party Life

By CENTRAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT

Poor Training of Recruits Suggestions for Improvement Akron on Its Toes

I WOULD like to call attention to the poorly conducted new members class, which, in my opinion, accounts for the dropping out of these new members from the Party. I will give two examples of the New Members Class failing to give these recruits a proper understanding of the Party.

1.—After many weeks of contacting and inducing my contact to read the Daily Worker, he began to read it regularly. My next step was to get this Negro worker to join the Party. He signed an application card and attended four sessions of the New Members Class; then came once to a unit meeting and no more. Then followed a period of visiting and some talking with no results. How can this be explained? This worker attended the New Members Class, but he did not learn what the Communist Party really is. He came out of the class without any understanding of the duties of a member of the Party, and since he did not see anything to be gained personally from joining the Party, he was unwilling to put himself under Party discipline.

2.—A friend of this worker in a mass organization induced him to sign an application card. He joined the Party, attended the New Members Class, came to one unit meeting, and no more. Although it is true that we haven't got the best unit in the section, yet it is average. After visiting this worker many times, we found out why this happened. He claims that he didn't understand what they were talking about in the class. His understanding of what the Communist Party is was no clearer to him now than it was when he entered the class. At the unit meeting which he attended he listened to our talks, watched the different collections being taken up, and comrades being assigned as salesmen. He didn't consider this revolutionary work. He was also against the discipline, and didn't believe this was a means of bringing workers closer to the Party.

MY SUGGESTION is, on the basis of this experience, that we reorganize the New Members Classes, and that we carry on a thorough investigation of every New Members Class, to see how they are conducted. This investigation should include: The relationship between the teacher and the recruit; whether the subject in the class is the proper one; is it explained simply enough; are the new members involved in every discussion. Then, it is my opinion, that four weeks of this is not sufficient. There should be another four weeks of practical work, and a thorough discussion of their experiences.

W. W. UNIT 5, SECTION 5, New York, N. Y.

THE members in the city of Akron at a fully attended membership meeting adopted many important decisions concerning the fulfillment of their control tasks in the Daily Worker sub-drive and recruiting new members. The following is the summary of these decisions.

The last membership meeting of the section had adopted unanimous "propaganda" quota for the month of subscriptions by June 8. Let us make this decision a reality. Let all Party members make last minute efforts in order to see all people we know and get subscribers for the Daily Worker.

The sales of the Daily Worker must be radically improved if we want to fill our quota by the Section Convention. The following are the decisions of the Section Committee which must be put into effect immediately:

1.—Each Unit must select streets and concentrate on them, with the wrappers, in order to establish definite routes. 2.—Each unit must settle their bills for bundles weekly. If this will not be done then those units will be expunged in the columns of the Daily Worker. 3.—Each unit must take definite steps to pay up their debts. 4.—Each unit must get newstands in their neighborhood and place the Daily Worker on them. 5.—Concentration units must sell the Daily Worker in front of the shop daily and at local union meetings.

Recruitment: In our general membership meeting a motion was passed unanimously to bring our Party members to the 200 mark by our Section Convention. This means that we must have 200 new members by June 8. We must emphasize this goal to all members. We will make special efforts to bring in new members. DAILY ORGANIZER, OHIO DISTRICT C. P.

"WE STICK BY OUR CODE!"

by Limbach



Letters From Our Readers

Cops Break Up Chinese Youth Meeting—Fear 'Mixing'

New York, N. Y.
Comrade Editor:

With the help of American comrades, the Chinese mass organizations have been holding open-air meetings in Chinatown. Last Sunday, an open-air meeting was held there to rally the Chinese masses for the May 30 demonstration. Seeing the small number of Americans present, the cops tried to break up the meeting by force. A Chinese comrade was forced to go down to the police station. The captain shouted to him, "It's all right for Chinese alone to hold the meeting, but why you people mix up with Reds?" He threatened to arrest this comrade if he would not stop the meeting. The meeting lasted for more than thirty minutes, despite the police pressure. We must learn one lesson: what the police fear is precisely the "mixing up" of the Chinese and American workers.

Set this answer the police interference by a bigger meeting and have more support from American comrades!

A CHINESE WORKER.

'Defenders of Capitalism' Agree 'In Principle'

Baltimore, Md.
Comrade Editor:

In the current issue of "America," Catholic review, dated April 13, there is published under the title, "Senator Long on Father Coughlin," an article which discloses facts that are very enlightening to Daily Worker readers.

The Washington correspondent of this Catholic review tells of his interview with Long.

After questioning Long as to his views on, and relations with, Coughlin, the Kingfish replied: "Father Coughlin is a good friend of mine. I like him. I won't say we work together, because that would denote an alliance or combination. But I will say that he is fighting for the same general objectives that I am. He believes that in this world of depression and business stagnation, the emphasis should be placed on social justice. So do I. I believe in social justice

Lock-Out, Not Strike, At Beth Moses Hospital

New York, N. Y.
Comrade Editor:

In several instances in the capitalist press gross injustice has been done the employees of Beth Moses Hospital, Brooklyn, who on Saturday, May 18, were discharged from that institution for participating in a two-hour protest meeting. The meeting was called following the firing that week of seven other employees because they had aided in the organization of the Beth Moses Hospital Workers Council.

Despite the fact that more than 100 employees were locked out from that institution, news stories have repeatedly referred to them as "strikers." The situation at Beth Moses Hospital also has been referred to as a "strike."

It seems to be important that the reading public know the true facts of the matter. Employees of Beth Moses Hospital are not striking; they are the victims of a lock-out ordered by the authorities of that institution.

BETH MOSES HOSPITAL WORKERS COUNCIL.

Trial "Sub" Makes Constant "Daily" Reader

Cuttingsville, Vt.
Comrade Editor:

Please renew my sub for one del. I am unemployed and find it very hard to scrape up any money, but let me tell you this, the Daily Worker is the only paper that I would put my last pennies into. My folks get the Finnish Socialist paper, Raivaava, or Pioneer. I never could accept the Raivaava as a real friend of the workers, although I have had nothing definite to go by until I subscribed to your paper, a while ago for a trial. Now I would be lost without it. What I have read in your paper about that traitor and reactionary, Harry Lang, and his paper, the Daily Forward, are true of the Raivaava, which never loses a chance to slander the U. S. S. R. and support the Roosevelt government. Of course not too openly.

NOTE: There is a revolutionary Finnish paper, Esensu, at 50 East 13th Street, New York, N. Y.

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Step war mongering and the armament of German imperialism. Halt the new terror war against all forces of freedom and peace.

World Front

BY HARRY GANNES

steel—U. S., U.S.S.R. Surpassing Them All German War Profits

ON the day that the Daily Worker published some startling news of Soviet steel production cabled from Moscow, the New York Times, hidden away in its financial columns, printed some news on American steel production.

Now the Roosevelt regime is making very great efforts to advance steel production. The United States has a gigantic steel industry. But figures for steel ingot production for the current week averaged 42.3 per cent of capacity, a slight drop from last week. Last year the steel mills were running at 56.1 per cent of capacity.

In short, during the past year steel production in the United States dropped nearly 14 points. More than half of the steel producing units are idle.

Confronting this situation, American capitalism is putting a stop to new blast furnace construction. As a result, the Soviet Union, which has already surpassed the present British, French and German steel production—and has outstripped the highest figures ever reached by British and French capitalism—is now very rapidly approaching the gigantic American steel industries and is ready to surpass even them.

THE Daily Worker cable from Moscow pointed out that the average annual increases in capacity of steel furnaces in the United States from 1920 to 1931 comprised 94,000 tons.

In the U.S.S.R. in 1931 the annual increase in capacity was 575,000 tons; in 1932, 790,000 tons; in 1933, 1,420,000 tons; in 1934, 1,170,000 tons, and in 1935 the increase will exceed 2,000,000 tons!

Not long ago when A. Bogdanoff, former head of Amtorg, now in Moscow, proposed importing some American technical experts, Mr. Hearst immediately belittled the help of the American capitalists. Hearst seemed to think that the American technicians were the brains of the world's industry.

However, that may be in the most basic industry of modern technique, the steel industry, American capitalists, if they want to learn of improvements in steel production (which, of course, in their present stage they do not wish to do), should send their technicians to the Soviet Union.

"In former years," says the cable to the Daily Worker, "Soviet engineers came to America to study the building of big blast furnaces. Now the American engineers—and not only the Americans—who wish to learn the latest and best methods of blast furnace construction must visit this, Makeyevka or Krivoy Rog in the Soviet Union."

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Lenin on the Role of the Banks

SOME three or five of the biggest banks in any of the most advanced capitalist countries have achieved a personal union of financial and banking capital, and have concentrated in their hands the control of billions upon billions which form the greatest part of the capital and revenue of an entire country. A financial oligarchy, creating a close network of dependence upon all the economic and political institutions of contemporary bourgeois society without exception—this is the most striking manifestation of this monopoly. From "Imperialism."