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ITALY INSISTS ON SEIZURE OF ETHIOPIA

Workers Rally Against Coolie Pay in Many Cities Today

GROUPS UNITE FOR DEMANDS OF JOBLESS

More Unions Back the Demonstration, Vote for WPA Strike

From New York to Portland, Ore., workers will demonstrate today against Roosevelt's coolie pay on the W.P.A. for increased relief and in support of the growing W.P.A. strike wave.

In several of the cities, including Philadelphia, Cleveland, Portland, united fronts have been achieved for the occasion, bringing together the various unemployed organizations and the trade unions.

A big step was taken toward unity in this city, when leaders of the Workers Unemployed Union, sponsors of the demonstration here, agreed yesterday to assign the north side of Union Square to the unemployed organizations and the trade unions.

That the fight against the W.P.A. wage scales is just beginning—giving the lie to the capitalist press—was evidenced when 1,400 white collar and professional workers voted on Thursday night with a vote-raising enthusiasm for a three-hour stoppage on Wednesday.

Other important developments: District Council 9, Brotherhood of Painters, voted to instruct all members working on W.P.A. jobs to leave the jobs when called out by any Building Trades Union representative. The Council endorsed today's demonstration and called for the unity of all workers in the demonstration.

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Meat Strike Group Goes To Capital

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 16.—Seven thousand housewives and workers from all parts of Detroit met in Perrien Park last night and elected delegations to present demands to Washington, D. C., and to the Chicago packers, for a twenty per cent cut in the price of meat. The workers and housewives arrived in trucks and cars which paraded from various sections of the city to Perrien Park.

Heading the delegation is Mary Zuk, fighting leader of the meat strikers. Others include Mary Henderson, leader of the Negro women and Katherine Mudra, militant leader of the meat strikers on the west side.

The delegates will demand of the federal government an end of the processing tax, prosecution and imprisonment of packers for profiteering, and an open federal investigation of the packers to be held in Detroit and to end within two weeks. These demands were endorsed at the mass meeting.

Last night's meetings were the largest and most enthusiastic held since the strike started three weeks ago. The crowd cheered the leaders of the Women's Action Committees, who called for a determined fight to a finish against high meat prices. Among the speakers was a butcher who expressed full support in the struggle.

The only representative of a political party to accept the invitation of the strikers to send a speaker to express support of the strike was Phil Raymond representing the Communist Party. Raymond is now Communist candidate for mayor. A speaker from the Socialist Party was repeatedly requested but none appeared. Raymond urged the housewives to continue their militant fight. He challenged government officials of other political parties to show one act they have taken against the high cost of living, and against the sales tax. Raymond was greeted with tumultuous applause.

Post, Noted Flyer, Killed with Rogers In Alaska Crash

Both Met Death Instantly When Ship Fell Near Point Barrow—Soviet Ambassador Expresses Condolences

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16 (UP).—Alexander Troyanovsky, Soviet Ambassador to the United States, took official and personal cognizance of the death of Will Rogers and Wiley Post today in messages of condolence to Secretary of State Cordell Hull and to the victims' widows.

SEATTLE, Aug. 16.—The bodies of Wiley Post and Will Rogers may remain at Point Barrow indefinitely, unless arrangements are made to fly them south by plane, the U. S. Coast Guard announced today.

Huge ice packs have formed a barricade cutting Barrow off from civilization by sea, the U. S. Coast Guard cutter Northland radioed Seattle headquarters. The cutter, which left the Arctic port only yesterday, had been instructed to return to Point Barrow for the bodies of the flier and humorist.

By FRANK DOUGHERTY (Copyright, 1935, by United Press)

POINT BARROW, Alaska, Aug. 16.—Wiley Post and Will Rogers were killed at 8:18 P.M. Thursday (2:18 A.M. Friday, Eastern Standard Time) when their plane crashed fifteen miles south of here.

Lost in a fog with the engine missing, Post nosed the plane into the tundra, striking frozen hummocks of moss. Its right wing was broken and the engine driven into the cabin. The crash instantly killed both occupants.

They became lost in the fog about 5 p.m. and landed their Lockheed Orion low-winged monoplane at Walkepi, an Eskimo village. Post made repairs to the plane's engine.

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Sedition Bills Urge New Pact Are Speeded In Yard Strike

Proponents Make Drives in Both Houses Before Adjournment

By Marguerite Young (Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—Congressional proponents of the "alien and sedition" bills are making a determined drive to secure further action upon them both in the House and in the Senate by utilizing the confusion and wariness that grips Congress at the end of a session. This period is notoriously a time for putting things through by parliamentary tricks made possible by the Legislators' disposition to get through, and by the bedlam atmosphere which prevails.

Opposition to the anti-labor bills is increasingly articulate—and this, again, inspires the Congressional henchmen of Hearst and other open shoppers with greater eagerness to secure action at this session of Congress before the campaign against them rolls up any more strength.

The American Civil Liberties Union announced that it has called upon all state federations of labor and Central Trades and Labor Councils to act at once against these bills. It made public at the same time a long summary of quotations from the bills.

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Communists Urge Militant Working Class Policies on A. F. L. Convention

STATEMENT BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, C. P., U.S.A.

To the Delegates to the 55th Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor, Atlantic City, N. J. Comrades and Brothers:

The Central Committee of the Communist Party extends to the delegates to the 55th Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor fraternal greetings.

Your convention meets at a time when the labor movement and workers generally are face to face with many grave problems which require a decisive answer by the delegates to the 55th Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor. We are addressing you on these vital questions and are proposing what we consider to be the most necessary steps in order to develop more effective and united action against the employers, to defend the democratic rights of the workers, to defeat the ceaseless attacks by the employers on the workers' rights to organize, strike and picket, and the attack on our wages, hours and working conditions, and for an organized struggle against the menace of company unionism, fascist reaction, growing fascism and imperialism.

The 55th Annual Convention of the A. F. of L.

POGROM CALL BY STREICHER SPURS TERROR

U. S. May Protest Slur on the Daughter of Ambassador Dodd

VIENNA, Aug. 16.—(U.P.).—Austria broke off sports relations with Germany today.

Immediate rupture of all sports relations was ordered by Prince Rudiger von Starhemberg, vice-chancellor and sports arbiter, because of violent attacks on the Austrian government printed in the official Nazi newspaper Volkischer Beobachter, controlled by Reichsteher Adolph Hitler.

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—Berlin Jews are anxiously awaiting the full effects of last night's lynch rally presided over by Julius Streicher, Jew-baiting czar of the Hitler regime. While the public reception was notably cool notwithstanding the widespread ballyhoo, Storm Troopers immediately took Streicher's pogrom call. "The Jewish problem is not yet solved!" as another call is not yet solved!

Running the resulting anti-Semitic fever a close second, in the opinion of observers here, is the relatively prominent references to American anti-fascist sentiment scattered throughout Streicher's two and half hour pogrom blast. A diplomatic protest at a personal attack on Ambassador Dodd's daughter is considered likely.

Assails Dodd's Daughter

Streicher openly attacked the daughter of United States Ambassador William E. Dodd, mistaking her for the Ambassador's wife, for having expressed her shock on witnessing a Jewish man and girl forced to parade through the streets of Nuremberg bearing signs reading "Racial Traitor." It is recalled that this episode occurred more than two years ago. Only far more recent events could account for this reference.

It is taken to mean here that the continual bombardment of anti-Nazi activities in America, such as the now world-significant demonstration at the sailing of the S.S. Bremen, has so gotten under the Nazi skin that a particularly coarse, blustering pogromist like Streicher could not resist letting the cat out of the bag even at the risk of diplomatic complications.

Refers to U. S.

Another reference to America in Streicher's speech showed the close connection between fascist rule and American lynch rule, even in the minds of the Nazis themselves. Directly addressing himself to Americans, Streicher shouted: "I would like to say to Americans that almost every week we read about Negroes being lynched in America for having assaulted white women. Here in Germany we say that when a Negro is lynched for assaulting a white woman he gets what is coming to him. And as we do not bother about executions of Negroes, you should not bother when we lead a race degenerate through the street."

Inasmuch as Streicher's speech was delivered under the auspices of the National Socialist Party, which is now an official part of the government, Streicher's vicious attack against the Negro people and condoning Southern lynch rule is taken as an indiscreet but nevertheless frank avowal of the effects of fascist rule for the Negro masses.

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CONFERENCE HALL OF THE C.I. CONGRESS



General view of the brilliant meeting place of the Seventh World Congress of the Third Communist International. Huge portraits of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin and slogans painted in sixteen different languages decorate the interior.

World Support for Ethiopia Urged by Ford at Comintern

He Proposes Organization of 'Hands Off Ethiopia' Committees—Says Heroic Actions of Japanese Workers in Defending Chinese Brothers Should Be Model in Campaign to Aid Negro Nation

By VERN SMITH (By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Aug. 16.—To prolonged applause and with the German, Italian, Chinese, American and all delegations at the Seventh Congress of the Communist International saluting him, James W. Ford, leader of the Negro masses in America and member of the Communist Party of the United States, declared that "the struggle of the Ethiopian nation, the last independent Negro state in Africa, in its fight to retain its independence has aroused a bond of sympathy among millions of toilers, black, white, yellow and brown throughout the world."

The strikes and demonstrations led by the Communist Party of Italy are supported by the Italian Socialists; the American Negroes are seething with indignation; the united defense of Ethiopia is going forward in South Africa and other places," stated Ford. "All the great powers, Britain, France, Italy and Japan are maneuvering at the expense of the Ethiopian people, seeking to utilize Ethiopia's defensive struggle for their own ends. The

Ethiopian situation, therefore, is not a separate isolated African question but has world-wide importance. Cites Harlem Action

"The Negroes in America have also raised the cry: 'To the defense of Ethiopia!' The Italian workers participated in a united front demonstration of 50,000 Negro and white people on Aug. 3 in New York."

Ford described in detail the methods of breaking down the prejudice among many Negroes under bourgeois-nationalist influence against working with white Communists, although willingness is shown to work with Negro Communists. The Communist Party was also successful in dispelling suspicion against white Italian workers.

Ford declared that "while we support and aid all sincere movements in the defense of Ethiopian independence, we point out to the Negro masses that the main problem is that all liberation struggles must be connected with a broad movement for the defense of the Ethiopian

people, and that the best practical aid for the Ethiopian people is the broadening of the anti-imperialist front."

"The rulers of Italy fear most a rebellion of the workers and peasants," pointed out Ford. "Therefore to raise the cry of 'All Negroes against all whites' is to play into the hands of the race-hated campaign of Mussolini."

Urges Special Committees

Ford urged the building of "Hands Off Ethiopia" committees. Special efforts should be made, he said, to organize the Italian emigrants in the various countries for the defense of Ethiopia, while the revolutionary workers of Great Britain should unmask the British maneuverers; similarly the activity of the French Communist Party should lie in unmasking its maneuvers of their imperialists. The heroic actions of the Japanese workers in defending their Chinese brothers should be a model in the campaign to support Ethiopia, Ford declared.

In concluding, Ford declared: (Continued on Page 2)

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EDEN, LAVAL 'COMPROMISE' OFFERS FAIL

Mussolini Declares Only Armed Occupation Can Satisfy Him

(By United Press)

NAPLES, Aug. 16.—The steamer Tevere arrived from East Africa today with 308 soldiers and 280 workers who were found physically unfit for the tropical climate.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—The World Committee Against War and Fascism today presented to the League of Nations Secretariat a memorandum signed by Henri Barbusse, Francis Jourdain and Gabrielle Duchene asking that firm measures be taken in the coming special session on Sept. 4 to prevent an attack upon Ethiopia.

"We dare to hope," said the memorandum, "that we may obtain in particular: 'Italy's pledge not to make use of its forces concentrated on the Ethiopian borders.'"

"The recall of all Italian soldiers from Ethiopia. 'The dispatch of a neutral commission to Ethiopia. 'The arbitration of this threatened conflict by the League in accordance with its Covenant respecting the territorial integrity and political independence of all League members.'"

Demands Armed Seizure

PARIS, Aug. 16.—Mussolini today met all French and British proposals for the gradual destruction of Ethiopian independence with the blunt demand for the armed Italian occupation of the entire Negro country and the disarming of the Ethiopian people.

An official communique from Rome, announcing that by Sept. 23 a million men will be under arms, completely belied the pose of being willing to confer taken by Baron Pompeo Aloisi, Mussolini's representative at the conference of British, French and Italian diplomats here.

Captain Anthony Eden of Great Britain and Premier Pierre Laval of France, both posing as advocates for Ethiopia, today offered every shade of economic bribe at the expense of the Ethiopian people to prevent an African war which would enlist the sympathy and support of all oppressed masses on the side of

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7 Challenges Made in 2nd Drive Week

Seven challenges have been made by Communist Party districts throughout the country, as the second week of the Daily Worker's \$60,000 drive comes to a close today.

Heading the list is the competition between New York and the rest of the country—New York's quota is \$30,000.

Chicago and Detroit are two of the largest districts which still have to enter competitions. Detroit has been challenged by Cleveland, but has not yet answered.

This year's competitions should prove the hottest ever held. The need of the Daily Worker for funds is growing constantly greater, and every district must spur itself to the limit! Every Communist Party section and unit, every organization must be mobilized for the task!

Put the Daily Worker \$60,000 drive over the top before Nov. 11

Troops Prohibit Pickets at Plant in Terre Haute

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 16.—National Guardsmen, who were called out against the general strike three weeks ago, prohibited picketing today at the plant of the Terre Haute Malleable and Manufacturing Co. Four hundred men struck at the plant yesterday. The strikers demand adjustment of seniority rights, and no discrimination.

Sixty thousand workers struck here three weeks ago in solidarity with strikers at the Columbian Enameling and Stamping Co., demanding the withdrawal of imported armed gangsters from the plant. Now the Columbian plant is working with scabs protected by national guardsmen.

Farmers Fight Foreclosures

MAYSVILLE, Mo., Aug. 16.—(U.P.)—J. Lyman Andrews and Earl C. McKissick were beaten this afternoon by 200 farmers when they appeared to sell a foreclosed farm.

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Chain Gang Like Death; Herndon Must Be Saved

(Editor's Note: This is the fifth and last of a series of articles on the Georgia chain gangs by Sasha Small, editor of the Labor Defender, official organ of the International Labor Defense. In this installment she describes a "model" convict camp, and makes a stirring call to the masses to save Angelo Herndon from the chain gang.)

By Sasha Small
ATLANTA, Ga.—Harris County has the "model" chain-gang of the State of Georgia.

They have no stocks here. Only chains. They sleep in cages, but the cages are painted silver on the outside. They have a stockade no more than ten yards square, in which 95

prisoners are penned in behind high walls topped by barbed wire, but its sandy floor is swept clean. I saw the men at work, under the broiling sun and the ever-vigilant eyes of armed guards, drenched in sweat in which the red soil dust was becoming en-crusted. The chains between their legs impeded their movements, but not enough to restrict their work.

The youngest on the gang is thirteen years old—a slight, skinny black child. He got six years for breaking into a grocery store. The average age of the others seemed between 20 and 30.

Convicts Can't Eat Food
I saw them eat. One table for the white convicts in a corner, the rest for the Negroes. In the middle of each table there is a tin bucket filled with water. On its sides, in bright red paint, is the word "Colored." None of them finished the mess of food on their tin plates. Almost all of them threw the tiny scraps of their weekly portion of meat on the table.

I walked into the cages in which they sleep—gleaming silver on the outside, black with years of grime and filth on the inside. Twelve bunks in each in three tiers. The bunk above comes about six inches above the face of the man who sleeps below. The bunks are covered with coarse blue woven blankets over dilapidated mattresses. A second suit of stripes hangs near each bunk. It's washed all right, but you can't wash out years of the dust, or the frayed, ragged edges.

I spoke to several of the convicts, alone, with no guards listening to us. They all assumed me that way was really a good chain-gang—way better than most. The doctor was a nice man, too. Tried to help you out. The doctor took me to see one of the prisoners who was sick. He was locked in one of the cages. The heat that rushed out when the door was swung back was like a blow. The sick man lay in the middle lowest bunk on the left side of the cage. His powerful black shoulders were drenched in sweat. After the doctor had looked him over, the door was locked again, to

stay locked until Monday morning, when the doctor would come to take him off to the hospital.

Shushed Misyry
The atmosphere on this model chain-gang is one of hushed misery. You feel the burden of the endless grind, day in, day out—work, eat, work, sleep—work, eat, work, sleep—with the clinking of the chains, the gnawing of the rings that fasten them against flesh and bone, the endless tortured passing of time.

That's the best that the ruling class of Georgia can offer to Angelo Herndon. It is not likely that they will send them to this "model" chain-gang. It just happens that it is situated on the other side of the mountain which is covered by the private property of none other than President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Every word of protest from Angelo Herndon will be recorded as "sassy talk" in the prison punishment record with its fatal toll of hours in the stocks. Every refusal recorded as "insubordination" which must be punished according to the warden's discretion. Any move may be recorded as an attempt to escape—the only official reason for which the guards are "permitted to shoot."

Chain-Gang for Herndon Means Death
There can be no doubt that if Angelo Herndon goes back to Georgia he goes to certain death. The murderers' hands are itching for their prey. Their eyes are filled with a sadistic gleam of anticipation. They must not get him. They shall not!

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Post and Rogers Killed in Crash

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gine, which had been missing badly, and asked natives the way to Point Barrow.

The fog was lying almost to the sundra and they decided to wait for it to rise. Post and Rogers ate dinner with Eskimos camped on a river bank and after the meal decided to take off despite the fog.

Created Into Tundra
It was not long after that the ship plummeted into the tundra, the motor being driven into the cabin by the force of the crash. Rogers

was thrown clear of the plane which looped over onto its back. Post's body was pulled from the wreckage where it had been smashed among the controls and cabin. Rogers' body was placed with that of Post in the whale boat and returned to Point Barrow. Here the bodies were turned over to Dr. Henry Christ, superintendent of the Presbyterian Mission Hospital, where they were taken to await the arrival of the coast guard cutter Northland.

Post, "round-the-world" record holder, and Rogers, the humorist, movie actor and famous air traveler, were on a leisurely trip around Alaska.

Was Ingenious Flier
Willey Post was known as one of

the most ingenious fliers in American history. Handicapped in his early days by lack of adequate flying equipment, the one-eyed Oklahoman, nevertheless rose to the peak of flying achievement.

Followers marveled at the poorly bush-haired flier's apparent indifference to physical odds. His history-making flight of 1931 when, with Harold Gatty, he piloted the Winnie Mae around the world in 8 days, 15 hours, 51 minutes, was exemplary of Post, as was his solo flight over the same course in the same plane two years later in 7 days, 18 hours, 49 minutes.

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Urge New Pact In Yard Strike

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17 days before the latter received naval construction contracts valued at around \$60,000,000. Today, Carl Kaitwasser, executive vice-president of the company and a representative also of Cord, and R. S. Campbell, General Manager from Camden, joined in the conference. Present also were Secretary of Labor Perkins, Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, and the union representatives headed by John Green, president.

It is evident that the Labor De-

partment's acceding to the strikers' central demand, for recognition of their union as a preliminary to all else, is the result of the rocklike firmness of the men, backed up by a sub-committee of the House Labor Committee. The sub-committee wrote to President Roosevelt insisting that recognition of the union must be a "condition precedent" to any arbitration proposal. They informed him that in their opinion the conduct of the Labor and Navy Department officials raised serious questions which they would like to discuss.

Double-Cross Revealed
They referred to the double-cross which government officials sought to foist on the strikers by first promising recognition and later sub-

stituting a company-originated proposal that "arbitration" decide, first of all, whether the union represents the men. The union won an election, in October, 1933, by a vote of 1,800-odd to 100-odd.

The company, it appears, has not yet accepted the new proposal. Nor is the union entirely satisfied, apparently. They are reported to be insisting that recognition be published in black and white, that they be given also a clear-cut, written guarantee against discrimination, and for renewal of the terms of the expired 1934 agreement before returning to work. They are being asked to arbitrate their demands for a preferential shop and for shorter hours, elimination of piece work and higher wages.

Communists Urge Militant Working Class Policies on A.F.L. Convention

STATEMENT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE, C. P. U.S.A.

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Heavy Layoffs In Auto Plants; Output Drops

Entire Ford Factory Is Shut Down—Dodge Closes Today

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 16.—With Ford's entire plant completely shut down this week and a continued decline in auto production in other plants, the number of cars and trucks produced this week in the United States and Canada declined to 47,067 and for the first time to below the 1934 figure for the corresponding period. Last week's production was 69,415 and in the week previous it was 82,894.

The mass layoffs resulting account for an average increase of almost 200 families on the relief rolls every day, according to a statement of John Ballinger, relief director here.

The increase in the case load on relief was more than 5,000 during July. The motor manufacturers, during the same period, have made greater profits than at any time since 1929.

The number of cars turned out this year for the Central Motors group and Ford reached the million mark for each. This was carried out by means of a record pressure upon the workers.

The Dodge plant will close tomorrow, it has been reported.

Fight the Fascization and Militarization of the Youth in C.C.C. Camps—Oust the Army Officers from the C.C.C. Camps!

PROTEST OF TERROR ADMITTED IN NAZI POGROM SHEET

Zob Heyer's Pogrom Sheet

weitere jüdisch-kommunistische Here in Amerika

Juden und Kommunisten fordern Boykott gegen deutsche Waren und Schiffe

Das Hauptziel der jüdisch-kommunistischen Pogrom-Sheet ist die Verherrlichung der jüdisch-kommunistischen Pogrome in Deutschland. Die Pogrom-Sheet enthält eine Liste von jüdisch-kommunistischen Organisationen in Amerika, die den Boykott von deutschen Waren und Schiffen fordern.

The leading role of the Anti-Nazi Federation in rallying mass sentiment in solidarity with the German workers against the terrorist Nazi regime is confessed in the latest issue of the Voelkischer Beobachter, Hitler's swill-sheet. The headlines of the article state: "In spite of the government's increased Jewish-Communist incitement exists in America."

WHAT'S ON

Philadelphia, Pa.

Anglo Herndon Defense Picnic, Sunday, August 25th, at Claus Farm, 1800 W. 12th St., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main speaker, Herndon. A short play to the Georgia Chain Gang. Prizes to winner. Direction: Take Franklin St. Change to Car 35, go to Rhawn St., or take Car 50, change for Car 26, go to Rhawn St.

Joint Picnic of Sec. 3 and Sec. 6 of the C.P. will take place on Sunday, Aug. 18 at Strawberry Mansion, 33rd and Cumberland Sts. The support of all workers and Party members is urged for this picnic.

Local 50 United Shoe & L. W. Union invite all to have Trade Union Picnic Sunday, August 18th at Beechwood Park (Market St. to 12th St. to 13th St. to 14th St. to 15th St. to 16th St. to 17th St. to 18th St. to 19th St. to 20th St. to 21st St. to 22nd St. to 23rd St. to 24th St. to 25th St. to 26th St. to 27th St. to 28th St. to 29th St. to 30th St. to 31st St. to 32nd St. to 33rd St. to 34th St. to 35th St. to 36th St. to 37th St. to 38th St. to 39th St. to 40th St. to 41st St. to 42nd St. to 43rd St. to 44th St. to 45th St. to 46th St. to 47th St. to 48th St. to 49th St. to 50th St. to 51st St. to 52nd St. to 53rd St. to 54th St. to 55th St. to 56th St. to 57th St. to 58th St. to 59th St. to 60th St. to 61st St. to 62nd St. to 63rd St. to 64th St. to 65th St. to 66th St. to 67th St. to 68th St. to 69th St. to 70th St. to 71st St. to 72nd St. to 73rd St. to 74th St. to 75th St. to 76th St. to 77th St. to 78th St. to 79th St. to 80th St. to 81st St. to 82nd St. to 83rd St. to 84th St. to 85th St. to 86th St. to 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Coast Seamen Strike 3 More Freight Vessels

8 Ships Now Tied Up in San Francisco—Pickets Patrol Docks

(By Federated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—Three more ships have been tied up at San Francisco, on instructions from Washington, D. C., by Secretary Randolph Merriweather of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association. Merriweather has been in Washington in connection with the conferences called by Assistant Secretary of Labor Edward F. McGrady.

The vessels, all freighters operated by the Cannel Line, were ordered tied up because the company refused to sign an agreement with East Coast workers.

The new tie-up brings to a total of eight the vessels now being picketed in this port.

Chicago Stockyard Men Call for Firing Of Imported Seab

(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau)

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 16.—Leaflets written by a group of workers in the Wilson Packing yards denouncing the activities of one Raymond Shelton in the beef-kill department are being distributed in the stockyards.

Raymond Shelton, the leaflet states, has openly boasted of his strike-breaking, scab activities in Chicago for Wilson and Company, and urges that the workers demand that Shelton be driven out of the yards.

Pointing to the tremendous increase in profits for the Wilson company during the last months, the leaflet calls upon the stockyard workers to fight for the right to join the A. F. of L. union, the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen.

An organizational drive to build the A. F. of L. union in the yards is now going on with street meetings before the yard gates. Recently more than one thousand workers stopped work in the beef-kill departments of the smaller plants, and returned to work only when their union officials persuaded them to return. Resentment against the speed-up in the yards is growing and the talk of strike is heard.

Support the colonial peoples in their struggle for liberation from American imperialism!

UMWA Chief Attacks IWO in West Virginia As 'Dual Organization'

WELCH, W. Va., Aug. 16.—An impressive mass funeral was held here Sunday for Charlie Barr, late member of Branch 1157 of the International Workers Order, with his friends and members of Branch 1157 and the English-speaking branch No. 605 marching behind the hearse.

As an aftermath of the mass turnout for the funeral and the rapid growth of the I.W.O. here within recent months, the Van Bittern bureaucracy of District 17 of the United Mine Workers of America has launched a move to stop the growth of the militant workers' fraternal order among the miners. Several of the leading members of the order have been called to a meeting on Saturday to answer charges that the I.W.O. is a "dual organization," etc.

Branch No. 1157, I.W.O., is urging its members and all sympathetic workers to attend the hearings, and to defend their right to belong to a fraternal order based on the class struggle.

Down with Chiang Kai-shek. Betray the Chinese! Support the struggle of the Chinese people against the Japanese Militarists!

Lodi Labor Party Protests Sales Tax At Meeting Today

LODI, N. J., Aug. 16.—Protests against the State sales tax will be made at a mass meeting here today sponsored by the Lodi Labor Party.

Among the speakers will be Thomas McMahon, international President of the United Textile Workers of America; Abe Isserman, counsel for the New Jersey State Federation of Labor; Charles Vigorito, president of the Local 1733, Dyers' Federation; Vincent Haiky and Frank Plescia, candidates for Councilmen, and Frank J. Bent, candidate for Mayor.

The Labor Party has arranged an outing at Oakland Beach Sunday. Buses will leave from Nicholson Street, Lodi, at 9 o'clock in the morning. All workers have been urged to attend.

Anti-Jimcrow Parley Called In New Jersey

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Aug. 16.—Many local organizations have rallied to the campaign initiated by the American Youth Congress here against Jim-Crow discrimination in local theatres and have elected delegates to a conference called by the Congress for Monday night at the Sharon Baptist Church, 1430 Throop Avenue. The conference will also serve to mobilize mass defense for Ethiopia against the attack of Italian Fascism.

Organizations which have already elected delegates to the conference and sent protests to the local theatres include the Reducers' Union, Carpet Workers' Union, Republican Club, Re-employment and Social Service Society, Colored Civic League of Franklin Township, Social Chaps and the Community Welfare Society.

The following prominent individuals have also endorsed the campaign to smash discrimination against the Negro people: Rev. Lee of Sharon Baptist Church; Rev. Augustus Clancy, Mr. Howell, president of the Community Civic League; Rev. Palmer, Dr. Thomsen, Dr. Massey and Charles Dunn, vice-president of the Colored Civic League of Franklin Township.

The anti-Jim-Crow struggle is being organized around a test case made by the Congress when two Negroes were refused orchestra seats in the three local theatres, the Strand, State and Opera House. Witnesses to the refusal were two white persons, Rev. Palmer and Alan Silver, secretary of the New Brunswick American Youth Congress, who were sold orchestra seats immediately after the Negroes were refused such seats.

A. J. Isserman, an attorney of the American Civil Liberties Union, is taking legal action against the theatres on the basis of the New Jersey Civil Rights Act, which makes it a misdemeanor to discriminate against any person on account of race, color, religion, etc.

Communist Paper Barred in Mexico; Editor Is Jailed

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 16.—El Machete, organ of the Communist Party of Mexico, has been suppressed and its editor, Velasco, thrown into prison for exposing the factional struggle in the pro-imperialist National Revolutionary Party as the factor behind the attempted assassination of President Lazaro Cardenas last week.

The attack on Cardenas, El Machete showed, was the work of followers of the ousted and openly reactionary leader of the N. R. P., Elias Galles. The Callists are making desperate efforts to regain their power from the ruling demagogic "left" wing of the party. So anxious was the Mexican government to prevent the truth behind Galles' attempt at a coup d'etat from becoming public that it forbade any mention of the attack. Velasco was arrested when the Communist Party paper appeared with a complete analysis of the situation.

The Daily Worker must raise \$60,000 within the next three months! Take up a collection in your shop, among your friends, at your lodge meeting! Stage an affair for the Daily Worker!

Los Angeles Parley Unites Groups Against Nazis

Jewish Anti-Nazi League of South California Is Organized

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Aug. 16.—Magnificent solidarity in the fight against the barbarities of the Nazi regime in Germany, with its brutal persecution of Jews, Catholics, Protestants and militant workers, was displayed in a broad united front conference held in Boyle Heights here, at the call of the Jewish Provisional Committee for the Defense of Foreign Born.

Present were 121 delegates from forty organizations, including the Communist and Socialist parties, trade unions, religious bodies, liberal groups and small businessmen's associations. The conference voted to set up the Jewish Anti-Nazi League of South California,

United Rally Against Nazis Held in Texas

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 16.—William Plamprin, secretary of the Texas State Committee of the Socialist Party, two Protestant ministers and a representative of the Communist Party were among the speakers at a united front demonstration here in protest against the wave of terror and persecutions sweeping Nazi Germany.

The two ministers were Rev. Hiram B. Harrison and Rev. Lawrence K. Brown.

A representative of the Young People's Socialist League also addressed the meeting calling upon the American workers to boycott German goods, demand severance of diplomatic relations with the Nazi murder regime, withdrawal of American sports organizations from the Olympic games scheduled to be held in Nazi Germany in 1936, and the release of all political prisoners from the Nazi concentration camps and prisons.

Samuel Brodkin, N. J. Communist, Killed by Motor

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 16.—Samuel Brodkin, a member of the section committee of Section 10 of the New Jersey District of the Communist Party, was killed Wednesday night in an automobile accident near Chatham, N. J., while returning to this city from a tour for the Daily Worker financial drive.

Brodkin's car had a flat tire, and he had got out on the dark road to fix it. While he was kneeling down beside the car another automobile collided with his car from the rear, fatally injuring him. He died a few hours later.

He leaves a wife and two daughters, both of whom are members of the Young Communist League. The Communist Party is arranging a mass funeral for this devoted comrade and working class fighter who died in the line of duty.

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anti-Semitism that threatens us here, to fight all forms of reaction and fascism."

A. Maymudes of the Jewish United Front of Jewish organizations and the labor movement reflected in the conference, and called for a relentless fight against religion and labor persecution in Nazi Germany, defense of foreign-born workers in this country, and defeat of the sedition bills and other gag measures now before Congress.

Socialist Backs United Front

Chaim Shapiro of the Socialist Party warned of Hitler's plans to propagate anti-Semitism on a world scale, "to fill the world with hatred. To that world which once boasted a great civilization, that gave us Schiller, Beethoven, Heine is now controlled by a clique of

Mexican Mine Union Asks Unity Here

Letter to Lewis Appeals to U. S. Miners for Fraternal Relations

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 16 (FP).—The Miners and Metallurgical Workers Union of Mexico has written to President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America and to the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers to establish fraternal relations with American miners.

It is the feeling among Mexican miners that they ought to know the conditions of work and organization of miners everywhere, but they are particularly anxious to know the conditions of the miners in the United States. They feel that they have many problems in common and that they may be able to get aid to give help toward their solution.

The Miners and Metallurgical Workers Union was organized in April, 1934. In that short period, it has been able to affiliate over 90 per cent of the miners in Mexico. It is organized as an industrial union and controls 54,000 miners and metallurgical workers. Less than 10,000 miners are organized outside of this union and the officers of the union are engaged in negotiations with one of the independent unions whereby 5,000 of them will in the near future affiliate with the M. and M. U.

Led Two Strikes

During the union's brief existence, it has successfully fought two important strikes and a number of minor ones. At its first convention, it established a common strike fund through taxing each member one day's wages. Each member pays about 7 cents a week, of which 30 per cent goes to maintain the central office and 70 per cent is set off with the local to spend as it sees fit.

The union has been able to raise the average wage of miners throughout the country. It has concerned itself especially with raising the wage of the lowest-paid workers. It

A. F. L. Convention Must Answer Working Class Problems

MASS LABOR PARTY, INDUSTRIAL UNIONS, AMONG CHIEF TOPICS

Rank and File Gathering to Be Held at Same Time to Bring Pressure Upon Convention to Endorse Workers' Bill

By Louis Weinstein
(Member Brotherhood of Painters, Local 848)

The 55th Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor is going to be a historical one. Never in the history of the American Federation of Labor has such a great interest been created among the rank and file membership on the issues facing the Convention.

At the close of the 54th annual convention held in San Francisco, it was clear that that convention did not solve any problems facing the American Federation of Labor in particular, and the working class in general. The question of social and unemployment insurance was settled by a blanket endorsement for the Wagner-Lewis Social Insurance Bill. In reference to mobilizing the membership against the growing attacks of the employers against wage cuts, for union recognition, the organization of the unorganized, the dangerous growth of company unionism, all these problems were solved by reiterating the full endorsement of the N.R.A. and the Labor Relations Board, established by the Roosevelt administration.

In reference to the jurisdictional dispute at the 54th convention, nothing was definitely decided and everything was left in the hands of the Executive Council.

Building Trades
The fight between the building trades International was left in the hands of William Green who was instructed to call a convention in the middle of November and at this convention establish harmony in the building trades department. The November convention, instead of solving the situation, aggravated it. Twelve of the Internationals affiliated with the department refused to recognize the convention and did not participate. The other seven held the convention with Wm. Green presiding, and established another building trades department, declaring the one which was elected in San Francisco null and void.

The twelve building trades Internationals refused to recognize the decision of the seven and from then on, two building trades departments functioned side by side. Both of them landed in the courts.

Another attempt was made by William Green on the first of August 1935, but he did not meet with success. Here too, only seven of the Internationals appeared, twelve ignored the call entirely.

The fact that the Roosevelt administration dared to come out with a "security" wage scale of \$19 to \$24 has a lot to do with the inner situation in the building trades department. The government officials very cleverly utilized the inner controversies of the department.

Where the government made a mistake was that it ignored entirely the rank and file membership, and when it came to put the so-called security wage scale into effect, the rank and file of the building trades union—split or no split—united and presented a united front against the attacks of the government, answering the wage cut with general strikes in all parts of the country.

Brewers and Teamsters
The dispute between the Brewers, Teamsters and Stationary Engineers became more aggravated than ever before. The jurisdictional dispute in the Brewery Workers Union concerned not only the brewers, but concerns almost every craft and trade in the American Federation of Labor. Although it is a fight between the brewery teamsters and stationary engineers, it is in reality a fight of industrial unionism vs. craft unionism.

Labor Party
Scores of jurisdictional disputes have arisen in the course of the last twelve months, which must be adjusted. The convention will be confronted with a new problem. The problem which expresses the desires of the great majority of the rank and file membership in the American Federation of Labor, and the sentiment of the millions of unorganized workers. This new problem is the crystallized sentiment for a Labor Party.

The ruling of the Supreme Court in connection with the Railroad Pension Bill, the ruling of the Supreme Court in connection with the N.R.A., which resulted in a wage cut for more than a million workers, lengthened hours and increases in the prices of every-day necessities, the defeat of the McCarran Amendment, which wiped out the prevailing union wage scale laws from the statute books, the use of injunctions, the use of the militia, police against strikers—bring more sharply than ever before the need for a political party based on the organized labor movement.

The policies of the American Federation of Labor Executive Council of "rewarding our friends and punishing our enemies" led to these results. The very same governors who sent troops against strikers, the very same Congressmen and Senators who voted against labor, who voted against the genuine Social and Unemployment Insurance Bill, against the prevailing union scale of wages, were supported by organized labor. State Legislatures, Central Bodies and the leaders of the Internationals.

This false policy is being exposed. Organized labor is not willing to support either of the ruling political parties, and is seeking to establish its own political party—a Labor Party. The rank and file membership in various states—Connecticut, New Jersey, Michigan, Illinois, Montana—have taken the initiative without waiting for the Executive Council to organize such a Labor Party.

Even if the delegates, because of undemocratic elections in the organizations, or because the membership had no direct representation at the convention, do vote against such a genuine Labor Party, the local unions in every section of the country, despite the actions of certain delegates, will form Labor Party Committees, establish union Labor Party tickets with all labor organizations and build a nationwide movement for an independent anti-capitalist political party.

War and Fascism
The menace of war and fascism will be discussed at the convention. The fight between the building trades International was left in the hands of William Green who was instructed to call a convention in the middle of November and at this convention establish harmony in the building trades department. The November convention, instead of solving the situation, aggravated it. Twelve of the Internationals affiliated with the department refused to recognize the convention and did not participate. The other seven held the convention with Wm. Green presiding, and established another building trades department, declaring the one which was elected in San Francisco null and void.

AUTO BOSSES' NIGHTMARE—SCENE AT CHEVROLET PLANT



Chevrolet workers turning down a proposal to return to work during their strike last spring. Now the auto workers are preparing for the coming convention to found an auto workers international union. Their job will be to oust those leaders who helped break their strikes last spring.

General Auto Strike Is Necessary To Build Strong International Union

By George Morris

The issues that will come up at the first convention of the United Automobile Workers International Union, in Detroit on Aug. 25, will in healthy foreshadow the questions that the American Federation of Labor will have to face in October at its convention in Atlantic City. The formation of the Auto Workers International is the first major step taken by the A. F. of L. towards carrying out the decision of its San Francisco convention, for the formation of industrial unions in mass production industries. But with this step, the issues that caused contradictions within the A. F. of L. for many years will flare up more violently than ever.

Among the most fundamental of these are:

(1) Will the A. F. of L. leadership realize that the interests of the workers can be advanced only through a policy of struggle, or will it continue to follow the path of collaboration with the employers?

(2) Will the A. F. of L. leadership permit democracy within the unions, and freedom for the newly organized unions to elect their own officials and build the organizations, or will the present bureaucratic rule, through appointed A. F. of L. organizers, remain?

(3) Will the new industrial unions be permitted to grow with jurisdiction over an entire industry, or will they be condemned to remain skeletons, while the bulk of the workers are scrambled among the various craft unions that claim them?

(4) Will the A. F. of L. leadership try to unite all the existing independent unions in an industry under its banner, or will it continue a policy of exterminating independent organizations?

Industrial Unionism
The bureaucratic regime in the A. F. of L. has never permitted a free discussion on the above issues, nor has it solved the contradictions that forced them forward. After ignoring the workers in mass production industries for decades, the A. F. of L. was finally forced to begin to organize them in the only kind of unions that could take them in—industrial locals. But in this only a small beginning was made. The auto industry, with its

A. F. L. HEADS LIMIT BOSS UNION FIGHT TO 'VERBAL ASSAULTS'

Past Record Spotted with Period of Silence, Fine Resolutions and Efforts to Convince Bosses, That A.F.L. Is More Beneficial

By Robert W. Dunn

Records of the A. F. of L. Executive Council and its Resolutions Committee at various conventions of the federation from year to year show occasional strong verbal assaults on company unionism. But there were many years when the subject was not even mentioned at the convention.

If we start from World War days when the first "employee representation" plans were set up under the direction of various government agencies, we find the first mention of company unions at the 1919 A. F. of L. Convention. In that year nearly 500,000 employees were already covered by "works councils" as the employers often called them. The convention, acting on a resolution introduced on the initiative of the National Committee for Organizing the Steel Workers (it was the year of the great steel strike led by William Z. Foster), declared strongly against the company unions. It resolved "That we disapprove and condemn all such company unions and advise our membership to have nothing to do with them."

Period of Silence
In the following years, and in spite of the fact that by 1924 the number of works councils grew to over 800 involving over 1,200,000 workers, we hear nothing about company unions at A. F. of L. conventions. Finally at the 1925 convention a mild recommendation was made by the Executive Council that it collect data on company unions in order to plan for further "investigation of them!"

Real Position
This was legalistic enough to mean practically nothing at all. But the real position of the officials was brought to the surface in connection with resolution No. 108, introduced by the delegates of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor. This resolution related how the National Labor Relations Board had just declared that the company union of the Kohler Co., Kohler, Wis., was illegally created, and then promptly put its name on the ballot on a status of equality with the A. F. of L. Federal Local No. 18345, in a strategically delayed election for representation at the Kohler plant. The resolution called on the Convention to condemn this act of the N. L. R. B. and set a line for opposing future acts of this kind.

Such a proposal was entirely too hot for the Resolutions Committee under Matthew Woll which recommended "non-concurrence" on the ground that it had already passed the above-mentioned legalistic recommendation for the "clarification" of 7a. Green, Woll and their fellow officials did not care to tramp on the toes of their "liberal" friends of the N. L. R. B. So the betrayed, blacklisted and terrorized Kohler workers got another blow on their heads—administered by the A. F. of L. officialdom.

Then came another resolution (No. 133) that fairly blistered the seats of the bureaucrats. One of its proponents, "Wherases" declared that "These leaders of the American Federation of Labor who are working closely with the N. R. A. are jointly responsible for the growth of company unions, due to their approval of codes, such as the auto code, which contains a merit clause, nullifying the closed shop; the steel code which recognizes representatives from company unions; and due to their compliance with the no-strike policy of the N. R. A. and their aid to the National Labor Board in breaking strikes which resulted in either strengthening already existing company unions or foisting new ones on workers." It called for a genuine mass campaign to fight company unions from without and from within.

Never Carried Out
A brave resolution. But it was never carried out. No assessment was raised, no campaign conducted. Of course there may have been some "study" undertaken. For the following year the sole reference to company unions at the convention was a recommendation that they be studied and investigated further! The Executive Council in its report added that "Union-management cooperation—the joint effort of two equal groups—is more fundamental and effective than employee representation plans for cooperating with management."

A. F. of L. top officials at this period were literally begging for a chance to cooperate with employers. They urged their union-management cooperation formula as more conducive to industrial harmony, employer profits—and laborer comfort—than any of the company plans.

In 1928 again we find no resolutions introduced against the company union. However, the Executive Council's report contended that the "effective way to refute the claims" of the company union was to "submit evidence of the constructive results of union-management cooperation." The Council stated, furthermore, that the E. and O. plan and similar schemes which it was fostering at the time, would result in "elimination of industrial waste, higher quality standards of production, improvements in operating machinery, and constructive suggestions based on experience and reflection."

More Silence
Nothing more is to be found about company unions in the proceedings of the conventions of 1929, 1930 and 1931. Presumably Green, Woll, Frey and the others were still on their knees begging for a chance to display their union-management cooperation and class peace wares alongside of the inferior company union products. But the capitalists, caught in the economic crisis, were paying no attention to the would-be cooperators. At the 1932 convention, one resolution on behalf of the Pullman Porters Brotherhood referred to the company union, but in the 1933 convention all was quiet again while the promised blessings of Section 7a of the N. R. A. (so-called "Magna Charta of Labor") were confidently

Rubber Workers Must Break Green's Domination

A.F.L. Convention Decision Gives Council Dictatorial Powers

By John Burns
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The convention to set up an international union in the rubber industry will be held in Akron on Sept. 12.

According to the decisions of the 1934 Convention of the A. F. of L., the leadership of the International unions organized in mass production industries are to be appointed by the Executive Council. The International will not have autonomy for a period of seven years, but will be run by Bill Green. Certainly such an international would not differ in any way from the present Federal locals, in the leadership, policy and outlook. The only thing that would be changed would be the name. Such an International union would not serve the purpose of the workers and would find it difficult to develop any independent action without the sanction of Bill Green. The rubber workers will not stand for such high-handed methods of forming an International.

The A. F. of L. top leadership wants a dummy convention that will play the role of a yes-man to Green's policies. At the meeting of the Goodrich local on Sunday, July 21, Coleman Claherty stated in so many words that "if you workers send delegates to the International Convention don't bind them with definite instructions." In other words, "send delegates that will be sent to take recognition of the great sentiment prevailing in the ranks of organized labor for H. R. 2837, and they will not be able to ignore the representatives of the rank and file, who will send delegates to the 55th annual convention and address the convention in behalf of H. R. 2837.

What the Workers Need
The following are the main issues which must be clear in the minds of every rubber worker and especially the progressives in order to guarantee an International Union for the rubber workers and by the rubber workers with a class struggle policy, a constitution guaranteeing the democratic rights of the membership and a program that will mobilize the tens of thousands of rubber workers to struggle and build up the organization.

Leadership of the International Union—The leadership of the International Union must be democratically elected by the membership through a referendum vote and not appointed by Bill Green's Executive Council. This leadership must be of rubber workers working at least 6 months in the industry, who have proven themselves to be militant workers, fighting in the interest of the workers. Only such leadership that will have a militant program will be able to organize the unorganized masses of rubber workers and get the confidence of the workers.

Constitution: A progressive constitution with full democratic rights for the membership becomes an important factor in the life of the union. Therefore, the militant

Must Elect Militants to Internat'l Convention in September

progressive elements must fight for a constitution which will give the right to the membership to decide on important issues facing the International Union, such as strikes, special taxes, lower dues and initiation fees, unemployed stamps for the unemployed, an anti-capitalist labor party, based on the trade unions and always a referendum vote must become the method for deciding major issues.

Demands
Economic Program: The International Convention must adopt a uniform economic program around which it will conduct an organizational drive to organize the tens of thousands of unorganized rubber workers into the union. Here we agree with the economic program of the progressive and militant elements in the rubber industry, which follows:

- 1—15 per cent general increase in wages.
- 2—Minimum hourly wage of 75 cents for those now receiving less.
- 3—Guarantee of six hours per day and 30 hours per week work.
- 4—Equal pay for equal work regardless of sex, color, age or nationality.
- 5—Recognition of the Union.
- 6—Four hours pay if sent home after reporting for work.
- 7—Two weeks vacation with pay after one year's service.

This economic program must become the National program of the rubber workers around which to build up the union.

Labor Party
Resolutions: The International Convention should take a definite stand on one industrial form of organization in the rubber industry, on the Workers Bill, H. R. 2837; for an anti-capitalist labor party and against war and fascism.

Newspaper: The rubber workers must demand the publication of a journal by the International Union that will serve as the official organ of the International and will become an organizer of the rubber workers.

The Communist Party has proven to be correct in the past in warning the workers about the agreement and other issues. Again today we appeal to all progressives and militant elements, as well as the members of the Executive Boards and officers who have the rubber workers' union at heart to adopt this program as the only guarantee for victory, for all rubber workers.

Labor Party Is Burning Issue Facing A. F. of L. Convention

A.F.L. Workers Disillusioned In Old Parties

Experience of Past Year Shows Bankruptcy of Green-Wool Policy

By B. K. Gebert

The 55th convention of the American Federation of Labor will be faced with the question of a Labor Party. The movement for independent political action on the part of the American labor movement is already making headway. In the State of Connecticut 186 local unions and seven central labor bodies of the A. F. of L. banded themselves together in a Committee for the Promotion of a Labor Party. In Detroit 30 local unions definitely committed themselves for a Labor Party. The movement for a Labor Party grows in New Jersey, in California, in Chicago and in a number of other cities.

The bankruptcy of the ancient policy of the A. F. of L., "Reward your friends and punish your enemies," has not only been recognized by a large number of local unions, but already a large section of the labor movement is taking definite steps to break away from the traditional policies of supporting so-called "friends of labor" in the Republican and Democratic parties. The trade unions on the basis of their own experience are beginning to take steps towards the formation of a third party, a broad anti-capitalist, anti-fascist Labor Party.

Experience of Labor

The 55th convention of the A. F. of L., when it meets in October in Atlantic City, can strengthen the trade unions themselves and can make a decisive step forward if it will take a stand for such a Labor Party. In the period between the San Francisco and Atlantic City conventions, labor everywhere once more has had practical experience in their daily strike struggles, in their drive to organize, in their struggle for civil rights, the right to strike, picket and organize, in their struggle against company unionism, to demonstrate that the old parties of capitalism, the Republican and Democratic parties, are the instruments of the boss class, that the government controlled by these parties, local, state and national, always acted against labor and in the best interests of monopoly capital, in the interests of Wall Street.

During the year everywhere workers met with police clubs, tear-gas, bayonets and bullets from the police and National Guard directed against the workers by the Republican and Democratic Party heads of the city and state governments. A real social legislation program for labor, such as the Lunden Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, the Un-American Soldiers' Bonus Bill, the Farmers' Relief Bill, which really embody the demands of the toiling population of the country, has met the opposition of the Republican and Democratic parties. At the same time the vicious legislation of Wall Street has passed through the state legislatures of the country and U. S. Congress. The best expression of this can be found in the huge military and naval budgets passed. In many states laws have been passed curtailing the civil rights of the people, freedom of expression, organization, etc. Under the cloak of sedition laws, vicious anti-labor bills have been introduced in Congress.

Fascist Organization

Now in addition to this, there is definite organization-formulations of the fascist and semi-fascist groups taking place, such as the Liberty League, which unites the most reactionary sections of the Republican and Democratic Party; the Committee for the Nation, the top officialdom of the American Legion; the National Civic Federation; Hearst and General Johnson are carrying on a most vicious anti-labor campaign, demanding further suppression of the civil rights of the people of the country, fostering company unionism, particularly in the steel industry where 90 per cent of the workers were driven into the yellow company unions which represent a real menace to the trade union movement as a whole. Semi-fascist demagogues of the type of Coughlin and Long and others, together with the fascist tendencies in the Roosevelt administration itself, as expressed in the Wagner Bill, the Guffey Bill and in the policies of cooing wages on Public Works, denying the right to strike on Public Works, etc., represent a real menace and threat not only to the trade unions but to the toiling people of the country.

The Labor Party, while it should be based on the trade unions and in which the workers must play a leading role, by no means shall be confined only to labor. If the Labor Party is to be a real party that unites all those suffering from the oppression and exploitation of monopoly capital and Wall Street, it should embrace the toiling farmers, Negro people, professionals, intellectuals and the middle classes. It should also embrace organizations of the unemployed, women and youth. In such a party the Socialist and Communist Parties, as well as the Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota, can participate, together with other groups and organizations, without giving up their identity, with complete freedom of criticism and discussion, with the right to advocate their final objectives and aims. Such a party cannot exclude any group or be dominated by any

Toledo Employers Open New Offensive On Labor's Gains

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Toledo employers have opened a drive to destroy gains made by labor in the past two years. Less than two years ago, thousands of Toledo auto parts workers struck. Among their demands was a 5 per cent increase in pay to be granted immediately to all employees of the plants involved. In addition, the Spicer Mfg. Co. made a provision that minimum pay of its employees shall be \$18 for men and \$13.70 for women for a 40-hour week.

Now, the Spicer plant is trying to force a 48-hour week on its employees, with the excuse that it cannot meet competition by staying on the 40-hour week. Yet it reported a quarter-million net profit for the first quarter of 1935.

political group. It should be based on a program of immediate demands confronting the toiling masses of America. That is, all those who are suffering under the iron heel of capitalist plutocracy.

Stand of Woll and Green

What can Matthew Woll and Bill Green say to the Atlantic City convention in defense of their policy of "reward your friends and punish your enemies"? Hardly anything. The N.R.A. as well as the Wagner Bill was supposed to outlaw the company unions. What are the facts? We find growth of company unions, refusal even to collective bargaining on the part of the magnates of industry, such as in auto, rubber and steel especially.

There is no legislation passed in the interests of the toiling people. The A. F. of L. convention must break with the past policies. It must make a progressive step towards the broadest possible united front against the growing danger of fascism and war. This, however, cannot be achieved unless thousands of local unions of the A. F. of L., Central Labor bodies, International unions, will place their demands before the Atlantic City convention in unmistakable terms for a Labor Party. This means election of delegates everywhere must be carried on around this basic question confronting the American labor movement. In addition to this, there should come a demand for a Labor Party from each and every local union in every part of the country—from the Central Labor bodies from the International unions. Demands for a Labor Party shall be raised at Labor Day demonstrations in every city.

We do not have any illusions that Green, who is so much involved with the Democratic Party, or John L. Lewis, who is so involved with the Republican Party politics, or Matthew Woll, head of the scabby National Civic Federation, will break with the ancient policy they pursue; but there is a growing militant movement in the trade unions against these policies, a movement that can and must find fullest expression at the October convention of the A. F. of L.—for a Labor Party as a declaration of independence on the part of labor from the parties of monopoly capital and Wall Street, against the class collaboration policy as expressed in the so-called non-partisan policy of the A. F. of L. bureaucracy, for a party of the toiling people, an anti-capitalist, anti-fascist Labor Party. These are the watch-words of the advancing militant section of the toiling people of America.

Young Workers and Students, White and Negro, Young Socialists and Young Communists, Unite in Struggle Against Fascism and Imperialist War!

Each local union should discuss the problems of youth in its respective trade and industry, and adopt resolutions and practical measures to organize them. Each local union should consider special ways and means of reaching the youth. It is highly desirable that each local develop activities of such nature as will attract the unorganized youth. In this respect, the example of the Paterson Dye Workers' Union can be used as a fine model for all organized labor. That union has organized a Youth Board, whose task it is to carry on activities to attract and organize the youth in the industry. It has sports teams, athletic contests, dances and other activities in which the youth take an active interest. Thus, the Paterson Dye Workers' Union has been able to organize a powerful union, embracing the youth.

Must Oppose N. Y. A.

The rank and file of the A. F. of L. through resolutions should demand that the convention take a definite stand in opposition to Roosevelt's recently announced National Youth Administration. The N. Y. A. does not provide for the overwhelming majority of jobless youth. It proposes to give jobs to youth as "apprentices," engaging them at regular work at "apprentice wages," thus cutting the wages of the entire working class.

Instead the rank and file of the A. F. of L. should request their delegates to fight for the endorsement of the American Youth Congress by the convention. The American Youth Congress, a broad united front of youth, at its Detroit congress has volunteered to assist the A. F. of L. in organizing the working youth. The convention should not only welcome this support, but endorse also its program of organizing the youth into a militant movement against war and fascism, for trade union rates on all C. C. C. and relief projects jobs, for the abolition of child labor, etc.

The Atlantic City convention of the A. F. of L. should be the beginning of a great drive on the part of organized labor to win the legions of industrial youth for the unions, for a defense of unions and conditions against employers' attacks.

Reasons for Sabotage

There are many reasons why the A. F. of L. Council has continually sabotaged the decision. Among them the most important are: 1.—Green realizes that the steel trust is the guiding and leading open shop force in American industry. That only through the sharpest strike struggles within the steel industry and the most active support from the rest of the trade union movement will it be possible to defeat the steel barons. Green and other top leaders being strict adherents to a class collaboration policy, naturally want to avoid strikes, hence sabotage in regards to the organization of the steel workers as well as their desires.

One does not have to go into the whole record of the A. F. of L. and Green to prove this. It is only necessary to recall the actions of Green at the reconvened 59th convention of the A.A. where he pleaded (and succeeded) in preventing a developing strike situation in steel. Likewise there is the failure of Green to support the rank and file movement that stands for a vigorous organization campaign.

2.—The craft interests that dominate the A. F. of L. Council are so strong, that up to now it was impossible for them to reach any agreement or understanding among themselves, with many of the international unions refusing to participate in such a drive unless certain of their narrow craft interests are satisfied.

Steel Is Convention Issue

The problem of organizing the mass production and basic industries will undoubtedly be one of the most important questions raised at the 55th Convention. For more than one reason steel will occupy a prominent role. The sharp struggle within the union precisely around the issue of organizing the unorganized, became so well known within the trade union movement that the convention will have to give recognition to the situation in the steel industry. Of course the report of the A. F. of L. Council to the convention will make an attempt to explain their do-nothing policy, because of the "internal strife" in the union. But this is just an excuse. As a matter of fact, if the A. F. of L. Council would seriously desire to organize the steel industry they would utilize the splendid rank and file forces, that know better than anybody else the problems in the steel industry. It must also be recognized that the illusion that had spread among the

Winning Youth Is a Key Task Facing A. F. L.

Organization of Youth Is Vital Part of Fight to Defend Union Standards

By Leo Thompson

"Organize the working youth into our unions!" This fighting slogan must be made the slogan of every local union in the American Federation of Labor as part of the fight of organized labor against the employers' efforts to smash our unions and beat down our living standards.

The bestial terror resorted to by the employers and their "New Deal" government proves that they are out to smash our trade unions. They seek to reduce us to a miserable living standard through the miserable Works Progress Administration work scale.

To achieve this aim, the employers have made skillful use of the millions of unorganized youth who work in our trades and industries. Thus far, we the organized trade unionists have paid little or no attention to organizing the working youth.

The organization of the working youth into the A. F. of L. should be made one of the main tasks of the coming Atlantic City convention. One of the best ways organized labor has to defend its living standards is by demanding a powerful national campaign to be initiated by the convention to organize the youth.

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The increased influence of the Communist Party in Paterson, the recognition of leading Communists as leaders in the unions and united front activities, the increase in party membership, are a most significant factor, from which many others flow, in supplying the driving force for realizing the slogan of an "Anti-Capitalist Labor Party in Paterson."

The election of a trusted rank and file leadership in the plain-goods department in the silk union and in Dyers Local 1733, the influence of this fact on the entire labor movement in Paterson, the activities and experiences of the rank and file under this leadership, supply a most important source of energy for the formation of a Youth Board.

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Reaction Against Labor Party

The A. F. of L. local bureaucracy, the reactionaries, old guards, conservatives and pure trade unionists and cronies of the Democratic and Republican Parties in the labor movement, left no stone unturned to stab the movement in the back. Some of them raised the cry, "Labor Party on National Scale!" "Time is

A.F.L. Unions Initiate Passaic Labor Party

30,000 Represented at Founding Conference; Communist and Socialist Parties and Other Organizations Included in Movement

By J. Anyon

The first session of the convention for the formation of a Labor Party in Passaic county took place on Aug. 10. The meeting was called by the Central Labor Union and twenty-one unions were present, representing 30,000 workers. The Passaic County Central Labor Union has about 40,000 affiliated unions in all, with a total membership of 40,000. Ten unions with a large membership were present and were the backbone of the convention. The weakest point was the absence of the Building Trades and the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Only A. F. of L. unions were invited to the first conference, but the labor party movement now also contains the Socialist and Communist Parties and many workers' organizations. The slogan for the formation of a Labor Party is a large mass membership organization, grew out of the experience of the Paterson workers: the struggles of the silk workers, the strikes of the dyers and printers. In the struggle against the relief cuts, and the sales tax, the workers learned that they would have to break away not only from the old line politicians but from the old line parties as well.

Program of the Labor Party

The declaration of principles and the resolutions adopted very definitely established the character of the Labor Party in Passaic County. Without any doubt, the Labor Party in Passaic County will unite the workers of Passaic county to act with political independence, and against the bosses and the program of the two old parties. The program is based upon the following points:

- Adequate cash relief—workers unemployment insurance—union pay on all works projects.
- For the defense of democratic, civil rights of the workers.
- Against all forms of discrimination (making it a crime).
- Reduction in utility charges.
- Municipal employment—restoration of pay cuts—right to organize.
- Free, better educational facilities.
- Free adequate medical, nursing, dental and optical facilities.
- Housing and slum clearance.
- Municipal improvements.
- Taxation according to ability to pay—Against the sales tax.
- Charter revision necessary to carry out this program.
- Opposing police power to be used in labor disputes in interests of manufacturers.
- Participation in formation of State-wide and National Labor Party.
- Defend Trade Unions and working class organizations from growing fascism.
- Cooperate with all genuine movements fighting against war.
- Immediate Steps

To guarantee maintaining the platform laid down at the Convention on Saturday and to fight back the attempts of the enemies to disintegrate the movement, the following steps must be taken: 1.—Painstaking, patient clarification to the masses; where favorable action has not yet been gotten—to reach the membership—concentration upon the Building Trades; where favorable action has been gotten, to bring the issue down to the last member at shop meetings, Union meetings; to reach Negro, former veterans, church and every other conceivable organization with a working class membership to endorse the Labor Party and affiliate to the Passaic County Labor Party; to reach the farmer population in Passaic County—to approach their organizations; to get such candidates that have proven themselves in struggle; to prepare a Labor Day parade by the Labor Party.

Tasks of the Communist Party

Involve our lower union, not in mere propaganda work but in organizational work to build the Labor Party.

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Pacific Coast Unions Lead In Fight on War

Militant Policy Is Needed to Block Repetition of World War Betrayal

By Hayes Jones

Organized workers face an alternative of militant action on class struggle lines or conscription and betrayal in the next war. They have the choice of preparing beforehand to develop a strong, militant rank and file leadership, which will fight against conscription, or the official policy of the American Federation of Labor, which means "cooperation" to advance the war aims and war profits of the capitalist class and capitalist government.

The government has already laid its plans to smash all efforts by labor to improve its conditions in the next war. The "War Labor Board" that kept wages down and stopped strikes in the last war is still in existence, and supplementary legislation to control workers who refuse to follow the betrayal policies of the A. F. of L. officialdom is already framed. For the railroads, such repressive laws have already been passed, in an effort to split any struggle for better conditions. These laws were necessary to capitalism, because of the weakness of railroad capital, and the essential nature of railroad service to capitalism.

Seek to Hurtle Seamen

Similar "regulations" of labor relations are contained in a series of laws now before Congress, to lash the seamen hand and foot, to blacklist the militants and to guarantee government control of the unions. These laws are being pushed on specious pretenses of "safety at sea."

General laws for control of labor are stowed away in the War Department safe, ready to be launched in the first wave of "popular enthusiasm" for war when it comes. An effort to put over this labor conscription in the present Congress proved premature. Bill Green and his Executive Council made no protest, but the home town central labor unions and locals halted the Congressmen. The labor conscription law must wait for a strategic moment. But it is on the books—unless the rank and file workers in the unions develop their control to stop it, and other attacks.

The A. F. of L. bureaucracy will try to perform in the next war the same function it served in the last: to stifle all efforts for improvement of working conditions. Woodrow Wilson, America's most accomplished demagogue, understood the reformist type of labor leader perfectly. He knew how cheaply they would sell every interest of the workers under their control. He bought them for a minimum of official recognition: a "labor department" and a few wageless positions on the War Labor Board. In exchange he got, for the capitalist class, almost complete "harmony" and cooperation in the struggle to rescue J. P. Morgan's investments in the Allied armaments. Wilson handed the "War Labor Board" appointments to strategic labor chiefs: Sam Gompers, T. V. O'Connor of the longshoremen's union, Andrew Furuseth of the Seamen's Union, and some others. He also gave them a sort of "section 7a," the right to organize labor without hindrance, except in the very largest of American industries.

In return he got a war period almost free from strikes. Official channels for wage improvements turned the stream back into war production at minimum scales. The seamen raised their wages by an unofficial "shipping strike"—they refused to take jobs until the wages rose. But at that, foreign seamen

Finances Needed

3.—(One of the things that stabbed the 1919 campaign was finances. Especially during the initial stage of the campaign this will be a decisive question. The A. F. of L. here can and must play a leading role. The A. F. of L. does have ample finances to subsidize such a campaign if it really means business.

4.—Because of the stubborn and sharp battle the employers are putting up against genuine trade unions, it becomes more and more necessary to strike heavier blows for the proletariat. Hence we see the growing sentiment in the United States for general strike movements, such as in San Francisco, Terre Haute, etc. If this is true in general how much more true and applicable is this in connection with the struggle in the steel industry. Not only is this a matter of creating general sympathy and support for the steel workers, but it must become part of the whole strategy in the coming strike in steel. For example, it will be mighty hard to carry through a successful strike without

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the support of the railroad unions, especially railroad unions operating on the connecting roads between the steel mills and the main lines. Bill Foster in evaluating the 1919 strike has the following to say: "To avoid the sad and disastrous spectacle of union railroad men breaking the steel workers' strike, avoid the present movement develop into a strike, it is necessary that the following proposals be carried out:

Finances Needed

"a)—All railroad workers employed directly by the steel mills in their own yards should be organized into the A.A.

"b)—The connecting roads should be prepared to strike jointly with the body of steel workers.

"c)—Railroad workers on the main line should refuse to handle scabs and materials and on the part of the union, the union officials sanction such solidarity actions or not."

5.—If any campaign is to be a success it must be national in scope. The highly trusted character of the industry, the closest cooperation between the various steel corporations, when it comes to a struggle against the union, makes it absolutely necessary that the campaign should be carried on in all steel centers.

6.—From the very beginning it must be made very clear that an organization drive in steel must culminate in strike action. The entire campaign must definitely be based on preparations for a mass strike in the steel industry. The progressive delegates to the 55th Convention are duty bound to raise all the above questions and demand certain guarantees that the A. F. of L. Council will finally begin to do something about the steel workers.

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A.F.L. Officials Seek to Stem Rank and File

Trade Union Democracy Essential in Fight for Workers' Needs

By Irving Schurman

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Democracy in the A. F. of L. trade unions will be one of the most important problems which will be raised by the rank and file delegates at the coming 55th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor.

The question of trade union democracy should be considered from the viewpoint of its relationship to the struggle for the every-day needs of the workers.

Under present day conditions, with a permanent unemployed army of millions, with industry highly mechanized, the speed-up system, injunction against strikes, mass arrests of workers on the picket line, the interference of local, state and federal governments in breaking strikes, the intensified drive by the monopoly trusts against the labor unions, the growth of company unions, etc., it is imperative that the broad membership in the A. F. of L. unions react to these problems as they develop. While the rank and file in the local unions, district and central bodies, are ready to propose measures whenever issues arise which endanger the interests of a particular group, craft or the entire labor movement, the top machinery of the local unions as well as the central bodies will find all kinds of legal excuses in order to avoid having this or that question discussed with the usual rule "Out of order."

Existence of Bureaucracy

In many local unions throughout the country, the membership is confronted with the necessity of battling organized racketeering machines which are openly supported by some officials of these locals. In other cases the officials themselves are the

Elect AFL Delegates Who Will Fight for Rank and File Program

GREEN HAS SUPPORTED ALL POLICIES OF ROOSEVELT, DIRECTING CENTER OF THE EMPLOYERS' ATTACKS ON LABOR

THE 55th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which opens in Atlantic City on Oct. 7, is confronted with the solution of problems vital to labor.

Since the last convention of the A. F. of L. the employers' attacks against the workers have grown stronger. At least fifteen millions are still without jobs. The Roosevelt administration has drastically cut relief and has broken its promises to enact unemployment insurance.

The coolie \$19-\$24 work relief wage scale not only cut relief still further, but was an opening wedge to reduce wage scales in private industry. Company unions have grown enormously. Strikebreaking terror has become an everyday commonplace.

Under N.R.A. the wage cut drive against labor was begun. With the Supreme Court decision abolishing

N.R.A. the attack on the workers' wages was speeded up. The Roosevelt government has directed the anti-labor drive at every turn.

William Green and the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. have not made progress in defeating the open shoppers, since the last A. F. of L. convention. Green has not conducted a drive to organize the unorganized workers. Green has furthered the splitting effects of craft divisions by failing to settle the disputes within the building unions and other jurisdictional disputes. The Executive Council of the A. F. of L. has tried to sit on the lid of the growing strike wave instead of preparing the unions for their fight. Green has raised the red scare against militant workers.

William Green has supported all the policies of Roosevelt, the directing center of the employers' attacks on labor. He has fought against the formation of a

Labor Party, and instead has tried to keep the workers in the camp of the two old parties of the employers. Green has indulged in empty talk against Naziism, but has done nothing to rally the unions to fight the growing fascist danger here in the United States. Green talks in generalities against the war danger, but supports the Roosevelt administration which is preparing feverishly for a new imperialist slaughter.

There will be a substantial rank and file delegation at the A. F. of L. convention. This rank and file, representing the membership in the unions, will demand a class struggle policy in the A. F. of L., and an end of Green's collaboration with the employers. The demand for the building of the unions, for the industrial form of organization, for trade union unity, for preparation of strike against wage cuts, will be voiced at the convention.

The will of the membership for enactment of the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill and against Roosevelt's coolie wage scale, cannot be stifled. Green will not be able to silence the demand for a Labor Party, built on the trade unions.

Such a program of struggle against the attacks of the employers and the Roosevelt government should be adopted in resolutions in every A. F. of L. local and in every council. Demand a fight against unemployment and against wage cuts! Demand unity and the building of the unions! Demand a fight against war and fascism! Send these resolutions to the city central bodies and international unions of the A. F. of L., and to the delegates who have been elected.

Elect delegates to the A. F. of L. convention who will fight for the rank and file program.

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Deliver Another Blow!

NO BLOW at Hitler tyranny is wasted. A really big body punch may begin on the docks of New York but it is felt right inside Germany itself. The reproduction of a news article in a recent issue of the Nazi sheet, Voelkischer Beobachter, which we print on another page proves this conclusively.

The heroic seamen who were singled out for victimization from the thousands of anti-fascists who demonstrated at the sailing of the S.S. Bremen must be backed up to the limit! This big blow at Hitlerism delivered by American workers must be followed up!

The utmost pressure is being exerted by the German government working hand in glove with the city and federal authorities to railroad the six seamen to prison with maximum sentences.

Thousands of workers should be present at the trial of the heroic anti-fascist fighters on Monday, 2 o'clock, in the West Side Court, Eighth Avenue and 54th Street. Fill the courtroom!

The Next Step

WHY has the W.P.A. strike been slow in getting under way?

One theory, advanced by a member of the strike committee at the Central Trades and Labor Council on Thursday night, was that the common laborers "are bums—how can you expect such people to come out on strike?"

This ingenious theory was intended to save the face of the building trades leaders.

For these leaders have failed to raise any demand for common labor—such as a \$5 day, four-day week. They have even evaded the demand for skilled labor: a monthly minimum of \$93.50 at trade union rates. They insist instead, that skilled labor is willing to accept any monthly income, no matter how low, so long as it is at the trade union scale.

But this is not all. Despite the failure to raise these demands, a spirit of solidarity, coupled with hatred for the coolie wage, has resulted in the common laborers on many projects voting to strike if the skilled would walk off the job. And the skilled, in turn, have voted to strike if their union delegates would call them out.

But on project after project, the union delegates have stubbornly refused to call them out!

In order to spread the walkout, demands must be raised for all the workers. The union leaders must actually call their members off the jobs and organize the unorganized for strike action along with them.

Build the strike. Join today's demonstration in Union Square against the coolie wage.

Nazis for Lynch Rule

WHAT have the Negro people to look forward to under fascist rule in America?

This question was answered on Thursday night by Julius Streicher—generalissimo of anti-Semitism in fascist Germany—in his speech calling for lynch rule against the Jews. Streicher spoke under the official auspices of the Nazi Party, now by law a part of the German government. This is what he said:

"I would like to say to Americans that almost every week we read about Negroes being lynched in America for having assaulted white women. Here in

Germany we say that when a Negro is lynched for assaulting a white woman he gets what is coming to him. And as we do not bother about executions of Negroes, you should not bother when we lead a race desecrator through the street."

This confirms everything the Communist Party has been saying about the fate of the Negro masses if fascism should come to power in the United States.

Streicher openly supports the lynch rule of the Southern white ruling class by saying that the Negroes "get what is coming to them."

Streicher slavishly borrows the oldest, rottenest, most exposed lie invented to cover up lynch rule. He howls that Negroes are lynched for "assaulting white women." Precisely what the American fascists say.

Under the fascist rule of the biggest capitalists and landowners every national and racial minority suffer savage oppression. Every organization of labor, especially the most militant, is ruthlessly suppressed. The struggle against the Communists is simply the spearhead of the struggle against all progressive forces.

The Negro people will be the victims of the most savage terror under fascist rule. And the time to fight back is before fascism appears! Now is the time to prevent fascism and fight for the complete equality and liberation of the Negro people from lynch rule.

Only by uniting in struggle with the white workers, with all the oppressed, can the Negro people give Streicher the lie!

Fur Workers Have Spoken

THE fur workers have spoken. After ten years of internal strife they have established one unified union in the industry. Now they have voted into office a collective administration with leaders, steered through years of struggle against the bosses, at the head.

The splendid installation meeting Thursday was a clear indication of the determination of the fur workers to safeguard their union and initiate a concerted drive for the elimination of evils prevailing in the trade and to fight for a higher standard of living.

We greet this accomplishment of the fur workers. The Communist Party and its official organ, the Daily Worker, have since the beginning supported the struggles of the fur workers against the bosses and their agents in the ranks of labor.

The growing onslaught of the bosses on the standard of living of the workers and the increasing danger of Fascism in this country make complete unity of all workers, regardless of political opinion, the central task for American labor.

Fur workers, you have made an important step forward in this direction!

The Guffey Bill Report

CONGRESS and the coal operators, with the approval of John L. Lewis, continue to dangle before the 450,000 soft coal miners the false promises of the Guffey Coal Bill. For four months Lewis has played the coal operators' game, boosting this bill to prevent the miners from striking, and extended an unsatisfactory contract.

The favorable report of the House Ways and Means Committee admits that price fixing (which would keep up profits) and "regulation" of output (which would close down smaller mines, throw many out of work and aid the big companies) are important planks in the Guffey Bill.

The Guffey Bill does not fix minimum wages or maximum hours. Even the elementary right of collective bargaining is placed in the hands of a Roosevelt appointed Bituminous Coal Labor Board. This employer-controlled board would be given the right "to conduct elections for determining who are the freely chosen representatives of the employers."

The minority report of the Ways and Means Committee declares the Guffey Bill to be unconstitutional.

The coal miners are once more being told to substitute faith in this coal operators' game for their own organized mass power. When the game is played out and the bad contract extended, the Supreme Court can always declare the Guffey Bill unconstitutional if the operators want to get rid of it.

Party Life

By CENTRAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT

N. J. Unit Analyzes Work Failure to Recruit

Outline of Tasks

UNIT No. 7, New Jersey, agrees with the Resolution of the Section which is in line with the District and Central Committee's Resolutions. Unit No. 7 pledges to carry out its Communist duty to help carry out those tasks and decisions of the higher bodies. Unit No. 7 basing itself on the resolutions of the higher bodies of our Party, has analyzed its own shortcomings to overcome and set a plan of work for the following three months (from July 25 to Oct. 25).

IN analyzing the shortcomings of our Unit, we find that the Unit did not carry out its task in the main. The Unit failed to organize a functioning nucleus in the plant. True it recruited two members from that concentrated plant but the Unit did not follow up the work consistently. However, through the issuance of our Bulletin we indirectly helped the section to make contacts with workers in the plant. The Bulletin was not discussed by the Unit as a whole and was left to a couple of comrades. There was a complete failure of the Unit to sell the Daily Worker or to bring it into the shops. Each member was to recruit a worker into the Party. The Unit has only lived up to 25 per cent of this task.

One of the biggest shortcomings has been the looseness of the Unit Buro which was likewise reflected in the Unit. There was insufficient politicalization of the Unit; lack of discipline especially among comrades of longer standing in the Party. The Unit Buro did not show sufficient initiative to be the leader even though it has the capabilities. Very little literature was sold and not enough reading is done by the Unit members.

The Unit members have shown a great desire to learn; to become educated in the class struggle. The Unit responded fairly well to the distribution of leaflets; it showed a great desire to learn how to function as a fraction in the union, but not sufficient guidance has been given by the Unit Buro, in this respect. The Unit pledges to overcome its shortcomings and herewith sets the following plan of work as a minimum for the next three months.

1. To establish a nucleus in X plant.
2. To publish a Bulletin in Y plant.
3. To establish a nucleus in the Z plant.
4. That each Unit member recruit at least one worker into the Party.
5. That at each Unit meeting, the Unit Buro shall be responsible to have a number of Daily Workers.
6. To change the looseness of the Unit Buro and Unit to a firmer and stricter Unit. That the Unit Buro shall function as the leader of the Unit to develop the Unit as a whole to become a Bolshevik Unit.
7. That each comrade get around him at least five (5) union members, especially young workers and to bring their names and addresses to the Unit Buro. The Unit to call open fraction meetings to discuss with these workers, their shop and union problems. Open fraction meeting to be decided by the Unit.
8. Disciplinary action to be taken by the unit against any comrade especially the "older" comrades for looseness and failure to carry responsibility.
9. That the Unit Buro shall pay more attention to the education and development of the Unit member.
10. Every Unit member who reads English, shall get the Party Organizer and the Communist. L'Unita Operaia shall be read by the Italian comrades and four copies shall be brought into each Unit meeting.

Unit 7, New Jersey.

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Please Send me more information on the Communist Party.
NAME
ADDRESS

"SAVING" ETHIOPIA

by Burck



Letters From Our Readers

The Election Campaign Must Aim for Victories

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Comrade Editor: A couple of years ago, in a primary election campaign, an insurgent democrat, seeking the nomination for Congress, facing a crowd that had just heard a Communist speaker, could find no other reason for his candidacy at the moment than that "the Communists haven't got a chance. Nominate me and get rid of the Congressman who hasn't done anything for you."

Of course that was not only an admission that Communists have a real program, but also an indication to Communists that they've got to get busy and prove their ability to win the election. The Daily Worker should be congratulated on the beginning it has made with the interview with Carl Brodsky by Simon Gerson and Amter's terse statement of the aims of Communism in the coming election. Yours for a workers' voice in the State Capitol.

O. D.

Hitler Celebrates Murder and Enslavement

New York, N. Y.

Comrade Editor: Nowhere in Hitler's inflammatory speech on Aug. 11, in celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Rosenheim Branch of the National Socialist Party, did he make the briefest reference to anything he might be doing or planning to do to remedy the pitiable economic conditions his regime has brought upon the mass of the workers.

This is "evidence" not only that the fascist system in Germany is economically deteriorating, but indicates the terrible moral degeneration that characterizes it. How could Hitler, a perverse terrorist, care about the sufferings of his people?

A. D.

Readers are urged to write to the Daily Worker their opinions, impressions, experiences, whatever they feel will be of general interest. Suggestions and criticisms are welcome, and whenever possible are used for the improvement of the Daily Worker. Correspondents are asked to give their names and addresses. Except when signatures are authorized, only initials will be printed.

Red Builders, This Is Addressed to You

Brooklyn, N. Y.

I am one of the great many people who ride the subways. I am also one of those who are always on the lookout for a subway Red Builder. In most of my subway rides, I never see a Red Builder at all; this in itself signifies an unfortunate lack of subway forces. But it is with the selling technique of the subway workers that I am concerned.

I can't see what advantage the Red Builders find in charging through the train as if there were bullets pursuing them. If I weren't on the watchout for them, I am sure that I could never stop them in time to buy a "Daily." Very often they pass too quickly for even me. When I ask them why they hurry, one answer is that the train shakes too much, another that they are trying to cover territory, but usually the answer is they give me the paper and prepare for a fresh dash until someone is alert enough to sense their presence.

Nor can I see why other Red Builders drift through the trains like so many ghosts, silent, depressed, as if they were ashamed to be selling the paper. Shouting out headlines is the method which capitalist newsboys employ, and it should be the method which Red Builders should use.

W. L.

'Daily' \$60,000 Drive Brings Funds and Greetings

Oak Creek, Colo.

Comrade Editor: There is no question about the "Daily" being our best weapon in the present battle. I think to let it down is just like a soldier laying down his rifle in the most decisive part of the battle. Enclosed is \$5.

COAL MINER.

Chicago, Ill.

Comrade Editor: Enclosed is one dollar in response to your drive. Your courage is worth a thousand times this amount, but it is my best. Four years out of work and no prospects.

Tacoma, Wash.

Comrade Editor: Enclosed is money order for \$1.50. I went to Normal School and one year of the University, but my education began when I started reading the Daily Worker.

A. T.

Harris, N. Y.

At a birthday celebration here we had the bright idea of introducing the Daily Worker campaign. A little speech brought many contributions. Enclosed you will find \$8.

With best wishes for success,

A. H.

A Good Idea—Repeated Here for Benefit of New Readers

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Comrade Editor: I have a suggestion I would like to submit to those people who have a lot of "Dailies" at home, or don't know what to do with their old copies. I leave them in crowded subways, and you'd be surprised at all the people who pick them up and read them. Besides being good propaganda, I think it is an excellent way of increasing the circulation.

J. L.

Foreign Briets

(Harry Gannes, Conductor of the World Front column, is now on vacation.)

British Legion Revolts Nazis To Behold Editor Ethiopia Builds Dams

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The revolt in the British Legion against the hand-picked delegation that went to Germany recently to hob-nob with Hitler was reflected in an unexpected development today, when four rank and file ex-servicemen set off for Berlin to make an independent investigation.

All four are members of the British Legion, and saw service in the last war. All have been wounded and have received numerous military decorations. Prior to their departure the men gave an interview to the press and expressed themselves as being extremely critical of the recently returned officers' delegation. They were particularly concerned at the statement by its leader that more than half of the men in concentration camps were ex-servicemen, and expressed their determination to demand from the authorities the right to examine conditions in these camps.

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—In great secrecy the People's Court of Berlin has just handed down the death sentence against the editor of the Berliner Borsenzitung for violating Propaganda Minister Goebbels' decree prohibiting the handing out censored information to foreign correspondents. On orders from Goebbels the editor, a man known as Schwertfeger, was swiftly indicted on charges of national and high treason, and the death sentence was pronounced immediately. The date set for the beheading of the victim of Nazi barbarity is known to be fixed for some day next week.

SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia, Aug. 16.—Regiments of special military police are being mobilized throughout Rhodesia against preparations for a strike of copper workers. The British overseers have organized "punitive expeditions" whose frank aim is to lynch the leaders of the Negro miners. Arrests without warrants are taking place in all copper mining centers of the colony; those seized are labelled "agitators."

The drawing of British troops from all portions of South Africa to Rhodesia has greatly embittered the brutally exploited miners and feeling for a general strike of copper workers in Rhodesia is running high. MILAN, Aug. 16.—Mussolini's fear of the impression created abroad by the race-hatred demagoguery of his African campaign today explained why the publication of his jingoistic speech at Eboll on July 6 was delayed for more than a month. The fascist dictator, addressing 5,000 soldiers before their departure for Africa, spewed the vilest words of racial hatred. "The Italian soldiers," he shouted, "will always beat the colored people in any fight." This formulation of the fascist invasion of Ethiopia was suppressed in the Italian press, on British advice, it is reported. The broadcasting of the speech, Mussolini and his imperialist allies feared, would have not only angered the British, European and American masses but would have raised a storm of protest among the millions of Negro workers in the vast colonies owned by Britain and France.

ADDIS ABABA, Aug. 16.—In resisting the coming Italian attack, Ethiopia will build several dams on the country's rivers to divert the water into the desert and make an Italian offensive from Mogadishu, Italian Somaliland, impossible. It was announced here. Belgian military advisers serving in Ethiopia have experience in this sort of work, which was attempted in Belgium against the German army during the World War.

Farmer-Delegate Back From U.S.S.R. to Speak At Picnic in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 16.—

Ted Furman, of the Wisconsin Milk Pool, one of the delegates who returned recently from the Soviet Union, will report on his tour of the U.S.S.R. on Sunday at the State Picnic of the Wisconsin district of the Communist Party at Old Heidelberg Gardens here. Dick Harrington, national chairman of the Unemployment Council, will speak on the question of the Labor Party.

U. S. S. R. and Struggle for Peace

"What has the U.S.S.R. relied on in this difficult and complex struggle for peace?"

"a) On its growing economic and political might.

"b) On the moral support of millions of the working class in every country who are vitally interested in the preservation of peace.

"c) On the common sense of those countries which for this or that motive are not interested in disturbing the peace, and which want to develop commercial relations with such a punctual client as the U.S.S.R.

"d) Finally—on our glorious army, which is ready to defend our country against attack from without." (Stalin, Report to the XVII Congress of the C. P., S. U.)