

Steel Trust Concessions Are 'Illusory,' Foster Asserts

Mill Barons Seen Trying To Stem Drive

Magnates Will Withdraw Concessions, 1919 Strike Head Says

The Steel Trust is up to its old tricks again in granting "the illusory basic 8-hour day" to the steel workers in an attempt to head off the union drive, William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party and leader of the big steel strike of 1919, declared yesterday to a representative of the Daily Worker.

Foster charged that "the same concessions were given to the workers in the 1918-1919 campaign," in referring to the announcement that the United States Steel Corporation would revive overtime pay and the basic 8-hour day. He pointed out that "the workers were not fooled in 1918-1919 by these illusory concessions and will not be fooled now." He also emphasized that the "Committee for Industrial Organization is much better equipped to carry through a successful campaign than the organizers of 1919."

"Illusory"
When shown an announcement by the United States Steel Corporation of the granting of the overtime pay and the basic 8-hour day, Foster said:

"The granting of the illusory basic 8-hour day by the United States Steel Corporation and its allies of the Steel Trust is for the sole purpose of attempting to stop the organizing drive of the Committee for Industrial Organization."

"The Steel Trust is up to its old tricks in announcing these alleged concessions to the workers," he continued. "The same thing was done in 1918 and with the same intent. We began that campaign on August 1 of that year, and the union began immediately to sweep the big steel mills in the Chicago area. The Steel Trust, seeing that the campaign was threatening to succeed, introduced the basic eight-hour day nationally on October 1. In addition, four national wage increases were granted by the companies during the same period. The whole purpose of these concessions was to pacify the workers and thereby defeat the campaign."

Withdrew Concessions
"As soon as the steel corporations felt that the threat of unionization was at an end," he emphasized, "all of these concessions were immediately withdrawn. That fact speaks for itself and shows clearly the reason for the making of these alleged concessions."

"The Steel Trust," Foster continued, "has exactly the same idea in mind in granting the so-called

Steel Drive Spurred By 'Overtime' Pledges

Committee for Industrial Organization to Speed Drive in Answer to Illusory Promises—Minneapolis Labor Raps A.F.L. Splitters

1. Steel union drive will be pressed, as answer to Steel Trust's "grant" of illusory overtime pay and basic 8-hour day, in effort to head off unionization.
2. Minneapolis central body unanimously protests against "suspension" of Committee for Industrial Organization unions.
3. Eight hundred union steel workers win strike at Hubbard and Company in Pittsburgh, with cooperation of C.I.O.
4. Organizational mass meetings proceed in Pittsburgh, Cleveland and in other steel areas.

To Intensify Drive
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—Intensification of the big union drive in all steel towns will be the answer of the Committee for Industrial Organization to the "overtime pay" and the "basic 8-hour day" announcements of the United States Steel Corporation and other steel companies, the C.I.O. offices indicated today.

The overtime pay announcement is clearly a maneuver on the part of the Steel Trust, in an attempt to head off the union drive, C.I.O. representatives declared. It is largely meaningless, Chairman John L. Lewis pointed out, as the workers in the steel mills are not working even forty hours per week at the present time. The "overtime pay" is to be allowed when forty-eight hours have been worked each week.

Time and a Half Pay
The plan, announced simultaneously by the U. S. Steel offices in New York and by the Republic Steel Company in Cleveland and the Inland Steel Company in Chicago, provides for the payment of time and a half for overtime for all work in excess of eight hours per day or forty-eight hours per week.

The American Iron and Steel Institute, in figures covering March, 1936, has admitted that the average number of hours per week worked in the steel mills is 37.2.

Reports from steel centers—from Chicago to Pittsburgh—show that the men in the mills look upon this gesture of the steel companies as an attempt to head off the union drive by a "grant" which means very little at the present time. Steel organizers pointed out that similar "grants" were made by the corporations at the time of the 1918-1919 campaign, but that such "grants"

Minor to Tour For Browder

Will Go to Home State, Texas, Where Workers Know Him Well

Corps of Communist leaders who will speed across the country...

Relief Funds Are Withheld

600,000 Dependent on Aid Hit as Legislators Fail to Act on Bill

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 24.—

Black Legion Killer Tells Of More Slain

Bodies Thrown in Pond Where Negro Victim's Body Was Found

(Sunday Worker Michigan Bureau)
DETROIT, Mich., July 24.—Dayton Dean, Black Legion trigger man told William Dowling, assistant prosecutor and Detective Sergt. Jack Harvil that if the mill pond near Pinckney, Michigan, where the body of the Negro Silas Coleman was found would be drained, seven more bodies of the Legion's "thrill" victims would be found.

This startling information came from the office of the Sheriff at Howell, Livingston County, now drawn into the war against the Black Legion, and where the pond is located. The pond may be drained, Livingston County officials announced today.

Silas Coleman, a Negro hodcarrier was lured by Dean and a group of five night-riders to a weekend drinking party at a cottage near the scene of the crime, and was murdered for a "thrill." Dean related how "Colonel" Davis in charge of his Black Legion squad ordered him to bring a Negro he "didn't care where he came from as long as he was black," and "he wanted to feel what it was like to kill a Negro."

More Evidence
Dean's story was corroborated in every detail by James Roy Lorence, another one of those who took part in the killing and now held. From Dean's latest disclosures it appears that the cottage at Strawberry Lake, which belonged to Davis, was the scene of many parties at which the sadist, fascist terrorists would satisfy their lust to lynch and torture.

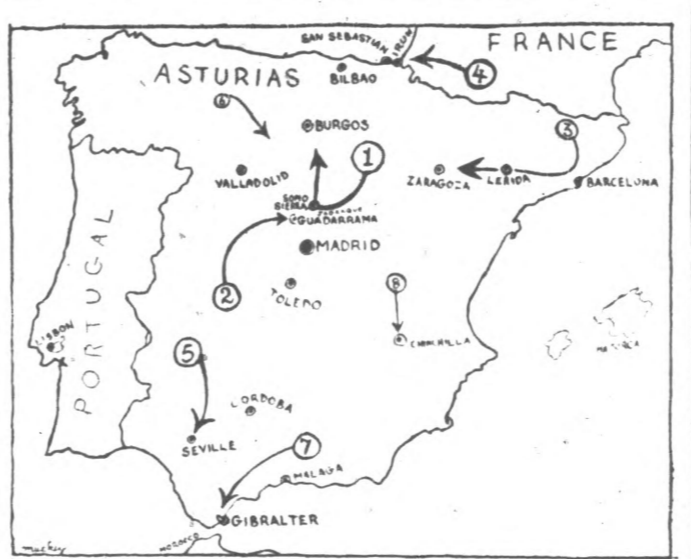
The cynical skepticism with which newspapers here greeted Dean's disclosures was absent today as in addition to the complete corroboration of Dean's story on the Coleman killing, the office of Prosecutor McCrea was today building a chain of evidence that will make escape impossible for the Black Legionnaires.

Mrs. Grace Bannerman, wife of John Bannerman, one of the "thrill" killers, furnished Prosecutor McCrea several important links for the chain of information. She corroborated Dean's story on the men and

ERB Investigators Ordered to Stop Relief to 12,000

All Home Relief Bureau investigators have been ordered to close at least five families off the relief...

MAP OF VICTORIOUS MARCH IN SPAIN



The latest moves in the struggle of the People's Front against the fascist uprising can be seen on the map above as follows: (1) Fascist forces under General Emilio Mola defeated on Wednesday at Somo Sierra, situated in the mountain ranges north of Madrid; (2) Fascist columns split at Guadarrama and Jadraque as government forces advance against Burgos and Zaragoza, fascist bases; (3) Four government columns advance from Barcelona through Lerida to the fascist base at Zaragoza; (4) People's Front forces hold frontier towns of Irun and San Sebastian after hard fighting; (5) Fascist rebels hard pressed in Seville region, with Seville reported in hands of People's Front with fascists pushed into outskirts of city; (6) Miners arm in Asturias region and come to aid of Madrid; (7) Fascist planes bomb British ships near Gibraltar; (8) Latest government victory reported at Chinchilla in Albacete province.

5 Nations Send People's Planes Ships to Spain Bomb Mallorca

Italian Cruiser Threatens to Bombard Barcelona Fascist Columns Split—Are Pressed Back From Madrid

PARIS, July 24.—Foreign warships from five nations have virtually encircled the eastern and southern coasts of Spain in unprecedented fashion.

British refugees at Marseilles said today that an Italian cruiser threatened to bombard Barcelona on pretext of looting in the city.

Another steamer, Principessa Maria, left Naples at full speed last night for Barcelona ostensibly to evacuate Italian subjects. It was also reported that five other Italian cruisers are on their way to Spanish waters.

Germany's Nazi government has ordered at least two pocket battleships, Admiral Scheer and Deutschland, to the Spanish coast.

The British ships Verity and Veteran, both destroyers, arrived at San Sebastian today adding to previous British naval concentration in Spanish waters.

Four American vessels, Oklahoma, Cayuga, Exeter and Quincy are expected off the eastern and southern

People's Front Sure of Victory Over Fascists

Only Reactionary 'Nests' Remain, Mundo Obrero, Communist Organ, Wires—Syndicalists Urge Unconditional Support to Government

(By Cable to the Daily Worker from Mundo Obrero, Central Organ of the Spanish Communist Party)

MADRID, July 24.—Magnificent victories by the forces of the People's Front are annihilating Spanish fascism throughout the country. The victory of the People's Front is assured.

Fascist nests remain only in small centers. The Government is in power in Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Cordoba, Cartagena, Malaga, Seville and in other important cities.

The syndicalist National Confederation of Labor (CNT) has issued a manifesto to the people of Zaragoza, still in the hands of the rebels, requesting everybody unconditionally to support the Government.

CABALLERO, IBARBURI, AT FRONT

Largo Caballero, left Socialist leader, and our Dolores Ibarburi, the famous La Pasionaria, have gone to the front.

The rebel generals captured thus far are Goded, Varela, Barrera, Fanjul. Among the slain rebel chiefs are Generals Garcia, Sanjuro and Herran. The last-named was killed by his own deceived soldiers.

The fascist chief, General Francisco Franco, has been sending messages in an effort to get a plane to facilitate his flight.

Hidden radio stations are broadcasting lying news to the effect that Spain is in the power of the fascists. One of their most fantastic claims was that Madrid itself is held by the rebel General Emilio Mola.

A NATION IN ARMS

All the people of Spain are under arms with a Workers Militia and many young workers at their head. A real army has sprung up from the masses.

In Madrid, the biggest fight took place before the Montana barracks. Yesterday, the garrisons at Alcala and Guadalajara surrendered. Thousands of fascist officers and civilians lie dead or have been captured.

Mundo Obrero and President Manuel Azana's political organ were both today for the first time issued from the presses of the reactionary Catholic journal, El Debate.

Iturbi Protest Nazis Plan

By Lester Ziffren (United Press Staff Correspondent)

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eight-hour day at the present time—to stop the union drive. The establishment of the eight-hour day, however, did not fool the workers in the 1918-1919 campaign and such a maneuver will not fool them now. The 'concessions' did not stop the campaign then and will not stop it in 1936.

"The Committee for Industrial Organization is much better equipped to carry through a successful campaign than the organizers of 1918 and 1919. The committee has vastly more funds than were available then. It works on the basis of twenty-four unions, in the steel industry. It has the solid backing of at least one-half of the trade union movement. Beyond all these things, it has the advantage of the experiences of 1919 to guide it in its present work.

"The C.I.O. could do well to reply to this granting of the basic eight-hour day by a greater intensification of its organizing work on all fronts. If this is done, the steel workers will understand that any concessions that the steel corporations may give them are due to the activities of the union. Those workers will then take the logical action by flocking into the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers."