







Editorial Note

The Minneapolis Strike

After the Minneapolis General Drivers Union conducted such a splendid fight that the whole labor movement of the city is resounding with praise of its magnificent leadership...

New Attacks on The Unemployed

The relief situation which is now becoming clarified as a result of the City's current policy makes it more evident than ever that the New York City administration is very little concerned with the problems of the unemployed...

At this moment the essential issue is working class organization—trade union organization—as preparation for the much greater class battles to come.

The Minneapolis strike was not a revolution. It fell short of being a revolution. To this we plead guilty.

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New Youngstown Bellussi's Reply to Drivers Union The I.L.D.

The Youngstown, Ohio, general Drivers have learned a valuable lesson from the Minneapolis general drivers organization campaign and militant strike.

On July 17, 1933, Attorney E. White came to see me in Wilkes Barre county jail and said he was conducting an investigation on orders from the I.L.D. I heard nothing more from him or the I.L.D. until August 10 when I was called for a hearing.

A strike of short duration settled the issue. But the fight became particularly embittered when one of the bakery owners fired a worker for being active in the Union.

From August 10 until November 28 I had no word from the I.L.D. or its lawyers. Their next letter asked me to keep the Communist League from interfering in the case.

While this may only be a small beginning it had the effect of reviving the union. It put pep into its membership and gave some added prestige to the militant workers.

A New Type of Strike Leaders

Minneapolis, Minn., May 28.—The day after the Minneapolis truck drivers' strike ended, a group of railroad workers were discussing the different phases and aspects of the struggle.

The correct answer to the questions posed are to the effect, that the leaders were not imported. They are men who make a serious study of all labor struggles in this country and elsewhere in an effort to draw the proper conclusions from them.

Workers by the thousands will draw valuable inspirations and lessons from this strike and the way it was organized and directed throughout those ten memorable days.

Good leadership always produces good followers. The Minneapolis truck drivers' union can be congratulated upon having both.

—RELIEF WORKER. —RAILROADER.

Outlawing Strikes The Wagner Bill Dispute

The much talked of Wagner "Labor" Bill has been finally reworded to the satisfaction of the class collaboration section of the exploiters, and is to be rushed through this session of the House and the Senate in order that it may become law and a part of the NRA structure before Congress adjourns.

The Wagner Bill, when introduced, was heralded as a means to settle the disputed questions over interpretations of Section 7a of the NRA. Under this Bill labor would be placed in its highest status.

Under the cloak of checking company unions the Wagner Bill will legalize the company unions. The Labor Board to be established will define the difference between "good" and "bad" company unions.

Most Sinister Aspect of the Bill The Wagner Bill presents nothing new to the American way of handling class warfare. It only extends the methods that have been used by the employers for some time.

The facts about the habeas corpus are these: On December 15 the hearing was called and Attorney Mullen of the I.L.D. showed up without the minutes and papers necessary.

Now the I.L.D. seemed to forget me entirely. On December 3 I wrote Stern, Philadelphia organizer of the I.L.D. as follows:

Why Labor Leaders Support Bill While it is true that a large section of the advanced capitalists are in favor of the Wagner Bill it is equally true that a very large section are opposed to the Bill.

New York United Front In Support of Strikes

Further proof—if further proof is needed—of the possibility of establishing genuine united-front action for concrete workingclass struggle was afforded by the enthusiastic mass meeting, held in Germania Hall, New York City, in behalf of the class struggle fighters of Toledo and Minneapolis, and in protest against the use of militia, vomit gas and bullets to terrorize the workers.

The meeting was under the auspices of a genuine united front committee, comprising official representatives of the Communist League of America, the American Workers Party, the Communist Party Opposition (Lovestonites), the I.W.W., the Left Poale Zion, the Socialist Party, and the Provisional Committee for Non-Partisan Labor Defense.

Resolutions were passed in support of the class-struggle fighters in Minneapolis, Toledo and the West Coast. A collection was taken towards supplying much needed defense funds in these struggles.

New York Youth Demonstrate

New York City.—Against the common menace of imperialist war and Fascism, the militant youth of the city demonstrated on May 30th, under two competitive banners. The Stalinist National Youth Day parade and mass meeting on the East Side had about 10,000 participants.

Perhaps it was a united front demonstration against war and Fascism? A united front it was—not with the youth organizations of the United Youth Committee Against War and Fascism, the "Socialist-renege committee"—but with the reactionary fanatic, "Father" Devine.

The other Youth Demonstration In contrast the demonstration, held in Harlem, showed a militant youth spirit. The shouts of "Down with bosses' war", "Down with Fascism", the enthusiastic singing of workers' songs, the entire conduct of this small but united demonstration of youth showed the will and determination of the demonstrators for common action against war and Fascism.

The Harlem demonstration was only a partial united front. The Stalinists had rejected united action of youth organizations for May 30th. Their proposal was that either the non-Stalinist youth groups join their "National Youth Day" or be damned as disrupters.

But more than a few Stalinist youth are ashamed of the so-called "National Youth Day" demonstration. They are reconsidering the actions of their leaders in disrupting the genuine united front. They are eager for real common action with all militant youth organizations.

The Spartacus Youth Clubs will not stop at a partial united front. They will continue their efforts in the building of a genuine common action of youth against war and Fascism.

Strike on Pacific Coast Extends

There were serious clashes in other cities, in Oakland, San Pedro, Portland and Seattle.

In answer to these vicious attacks upon their demonstrations and picket lines in San Francisco the strikers have declared for a fight without quarter against the police. They have sent delegations and telegrams to the acting governor, Merriam, demanding the right to bear arms in protection of their picket lines and against the bloody attacks upon them.

General Strike Sentiment Growing The I.L.A. unions are preparing over the heads of their reactionary international officials to issue a call to all other unions asking them to join in a general strike.

The sentiment for such a general strike grows steadily. A united strike committee has been set up and the union militants are calling for the formation of a General Waterfront Workers Federation to include all unions on the water front and in the marine industry.

The main danger to the strike front comes from the reactionary international officials and such lieutenants as they have. They are working might and main to stop the further development of the strike. One of their methods is to single out the most outstanding militant elements for attacks and for individual removal from their positions in order to weaken their influence and paralyze this growing strike wave.

Toledo Workers Record Gains

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factory had been shut down, unable to operate, the scabs cowed completely. The Edison company was offering the electrical workers a 20% increase in pay, but was holding out on union recognition.

Twenty thousand workers turned out for the torchlight parade Friday evening, the largest labor demonstration in the history of Toledo.

The torchlight parade was thoroughly disorganized. One band, almost no banners, no marshalls; the workers, without music or slogans, marched in straggling rows finding it difficult to keep step.

Socialist Party Does Its Part

The chief speaker of the evening was Leo Krzycki, just re-elected national chairman of the Socialist Party, and Milwaukee organizer of the A. F. of L. The issue of the hour was general strike: Krzycki gave the workers an educational speech on the NRA and socialism.

ANTI-WAR ISSUE OF YOUNG SPARTACUS

A special anti-war, anti-Fascist issue of Young Spartacus was distributed at the United Youth Demonstration on May 30th. It contained a popular analysis of bosses' Memorial Day, the capitalist war plans and the advance of Fascism, as well as the statement of the New York City Committee of the Spartacus Youth Clubs on "Why Two Demonstrations?"