

Chicago City Hall Picketed By the NAACP

By Bert Deck

CHICAGO, Oct. 25 — A mass picket line of 1200 was thrown around Chicago's City Hall today to demand action from Mayor Daley (Democrat) on the Trumbull Park racist terror.

Pickets were mobilized at eight union halls and numerous churches throughout the city and were transported to the demonstration point.

The marchers formed a double line around City Hall which occupies an entire city block. Many carried posters which described the facts about Trumbull Park and demanded immediate action.

Although a number of local unions participated in the demonstration, no union banners appeared on the line.

The advance publicity for the march was handicapped by the complete silence of the daily press which "killed" the story.

Govt. Pursues Kutcher Eviction to High Court

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The attempt to evict Kutcher's family started Dec. 30, 1952. At the time Hyman Kutcher received a letter from the Newark Housing Authority informing him that under the Gwinn law, passed in July 1952, he was required to sign a "loyalty" oath.

While the elder Kutcher was in no way sympathetic to socialism he couldn't sign the oath unless he first evicted his son. Barring that he was "guilty" of associating with his son.



JAMES KUTCHER

Foxholes in the Street



National guardsmen man the foxholes at Perfect Circle plant gates. Machine guns were to be used against pickets to allow free entree of scabs into the strike bound plant.

MARTIAL LAW IS ENDED IN INDIANA BUT TROOPS STILL PROTECT SCABS

By Henry Gitano

Oct. 20 — Indiana's Gov. George Craig ended martial law today in the area of the Perfect Circle strike.

The Perfect Circle strikers in New Castle, who have been out since July 25, are standing firm despite the 14-week drive to smash their union with bullets, national guardsmen, scabs, injunctions, police brutality and Taft-Hartley decertification moves.

It is obvious that the Perfect Circle bosses are eager to carry through their offensive and break the strike — thus establishing the 1955 model of the Mohawk Valley formula used in the Thirties to smash strikes.

The Perfect Circle bosses, headed by Lothair Teetor who is "on leave" as Assistant Secretary of Commerce in Washington, have responded to this national interest in their open shop "crusade" by hiring the

services of the public relations firm of Selvage and Lee. This is the same firm that represents Kohler Co., of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where another UAW-CIO local is waging a 19-month old strike against that union-busting firm.

"RIGHT TO SCAB" LAW William Prosser, general manager of Perfect Circle, expressed the objective of the company in a letter to the scabs posted on the bulletin board inside the foundry.

Socialist Publications Fund Opens Drive at a Brisk Pace

The Socialist Publication and Press Fund got off to a flying start on Oct. 15. A total of \$1571.50 was received in the first two weeks of the campaign.

The need for a broad publications program is felt by militant workers all over the country. One cannot participate as a class-conscious fighter in the daily struggle of the working class without a hunger for more socialist literature which can explain in a simple and popular fashion the socialist goals we are fighting for.

Eugene V. Debs, whose birthday centenary is celebrated in this issue, understood thoroughly the power of ideas in the fight for socialism. In 1904 he wrote in The Metal Worker, "The most vital thing about this world movement is its educational propaganda — its capacity and power to shed light in the brain of the working class, arouse them from their torpor, develop their faculties for thinking, teach them their economic class interests, effect their solidarity and imbue

them with the spirit of the impending social revolution."

BEGINNING IS MADE

The Socialist Publication and Press Fund will provide the means to publish the socialist analysis of many current issues. They will appear as rapidly as the building of the fund makes possible. An advance copy of the first pamphlet to appear under the auspices of the Fund has just been received in Pioneer Publisher's office.

In addition to the treatment of current struggles in the American labor movement, important historical works will appear, including Twenty Years of the CIO by Art Preis, a collection of the

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Till Verdict Encourages Terror Against Negroes, Unions Throughout South

Democrats Decide To Squash Fight On Civil Rights

A contemptuous slap in the face has been given to the Negro people and the labor movement by the Democratic Party. Negro and labor leaders have been demanding that the coming session of Congress immediately pass legislation to counteract the racist terror raging in Mississippi and other parts of the South.

As reported in a front-page article in the New York Times (Oct. 27), the Democratic leaders of the Senate have "agreed in principle on the main program for the second session of the 84th Congress opening in January in a presidential election year."

Even more ominous — since sellouts of the Negro people and of labor are to be expected from capitalist politicians — is the report that top labor leaders have acceded to the dirty deal.

The callous attitude of the Republican administration to the pleas of Negro leaders for some sort of federal intervention against Mississippi terror was again demonstrated on Oct. 24. A delegation of 50 Negroes from Chicago came to Washington in an attempt to get the FBI to investigate the Till refusal, or if not, at least to investigate the kidnaping which preceded the lynching.

The meeting was part of a drive to organize the thousands of underpaid Negro citrus fruit workers. All attending the meeting, except one union organizer were Negro. Prior to the shooting KKK-signed leaflets had been distributed in the region threatening violence against attempts to organize the citrus workers.

The union called these leaflets to the attention of Lake County Sheriff Willis V. McCall. McCall is a notorious Negro killer and spokesman for the racist Association for the Advancement of White People.

The event which more than any other impelled Debs to adopt revolutionary conclusions was the Pullman strike of 1894 which he led. Throughout the country 125,000 workers battled the united railroad corporations supported by the banks.

Debs then quit the Democratic party and proclaimed that only the abolition of the wage system could win for the workers their emancipation.

After more groping and struggling with various utopian socialist schemes he announced his definitive creed: industrial unionism, a revolutionary socialist party armed with the program of Marxism, stern and relentless opposition to the capitalist system.

At the same time he helped found the Social Democratic Party (later the Socialist Party). Thus he jumped from the greatest class battle U. S. workers had waged up to that time to its political generalization in the

He had embraced and rejected

Guns Blast CIO Rally; Negro Desegregation Leader Flees for Life

By George Lavan

Exultant over the freeing of Emmett Till's lynchers, white supremacists throughout the South are engaging in ever bolder assaults on Negroes and unions.

In Florida, union-hating racists donned their Ku Klux Klan-type hoods and broke up a CIO Packinghouse Workers union meeting with shotgun fire.

In South Carolina, Rev. J. A. Delaine, Negro leader in the school desegregation fight, barely evaded vigilantes and a police dragnet to escape to New York. Racists recently burned down Delaine's church and then threatened his life.

HOODED MEN

The attack on the Packinghouse Workers meeting took place on the night of Oct. 19 in the central Florida town of Umatilla. As the meeting was beginning, a car with covered license plates circled the hall four times. Then it stopped and four white men got out and put on hoods. They fired their shotguns four times through the windows of the Negro Masonic Hall, where the union meeting was being held.

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miraculously recovered from his wounds. Lee is still in the Florida death house, victim of a Jim Crow frame-up.

The Groveland case originated in the labor unrest of Negro workers in a local sawmill. To meet their demands the white supremacist bosses decided on a reign of terror and some frame-ups to put the Negroes "back in their place." Accordingly a "rape" case was invented and immediately followed by the invasion of the Negro district of Groveland by racist gangs, the beatings of all Negroes and the looting of their property.

MCCALL'S ROLE

Possibility of Sheriff McCall's cooperation with the shotgun terrorists is indicated by the fact that a few hours after the attack on the union meeting he suddenly left on a boat trip and was "unreachable" for three days.

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The Heritage of Eugene Debs

By Daniel Roberts

"During the lifetime of great revolutionaries," Lenin once wrote, "the oppressing classes have visited relentless persecution on them and received their teachings with the most savage hostility. . . . After their death, attempts are made to turn them into harmless icons, canonize them and surround their names with a certain halo for the 'consolation' of the oppressed classes and with the object of duping them, while at the same time emasculating and vulgarizing the real essence of their revolutionary theories and blunting their revolutionary edge."

This certainly happened to Eugene V. Debs. Imprisoned twice in his life for his service to the working class, target of the most bitter outcry against a labor leader this nation has ever witnessed, his memory is now "honored" as that of a saintly reformer.

It is very easy to portray Debs as a saint. He was such a warm and loving human being with immense compassion for the oppressed and exploited! He had unbounded faith in the great potential for happiness lodged in every man and woman. And he fiercely hated the system whose injustices robbed the majority of happiness and transformed so many people into crushed, helpless and bitter individuals.

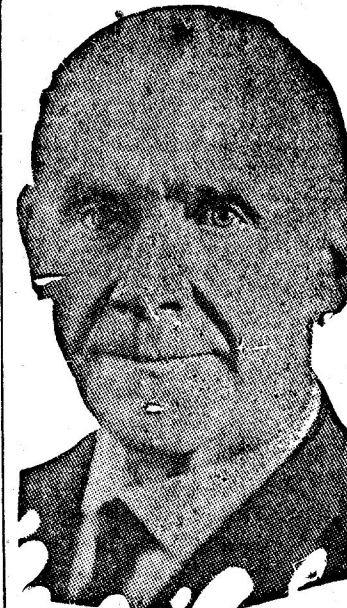
"While there is a lower class, I am in it; while there is a criminal element, I am of it; while there is a soul in prison, I am not free," said Debs in the magnificent speech he delivered just before Judge Westinghouse sentenced him to ten years in prison for denouncing World War I.

That was the great heart of Eugene Debs speaking. Sixty-three years old at the time, he spoke with the idealism he had acquired in youth and never relinquished.

The detractors of Debs who canonize him while emasculating his revolutionary teachings want us to believe that only his humanitarianism is of any account today. They say in effect: We who work for reforms through support of the Democratic Party are helping to realize Debs' dreams.

To remain true to his heritage, they say, it is not necessary to uphold intransigently the revolutionary struggle for socialism as Debs did for the last 25 years of his life. Debs himself would have changed his program if he were alive today.

That is what the fakers of the "Socialist" Party — the Norman Thomas' and Harry Laidlers' who claim to carry on in Debs' tradition — say in their messages on the occasion of the Debs centennial. That will also be the line the Stalinists will take.



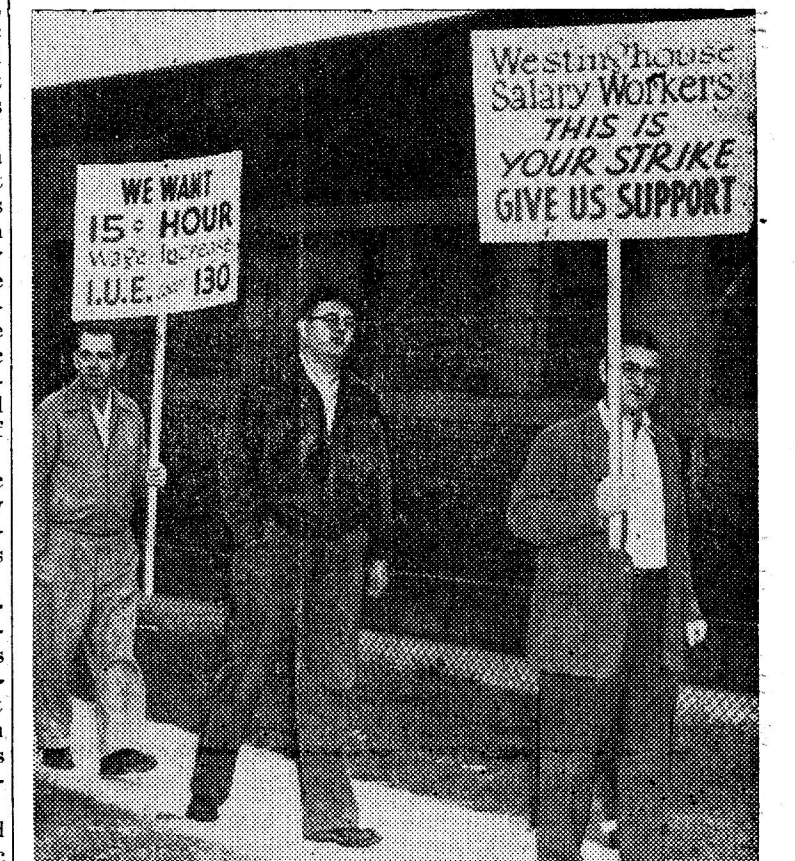
EUGENE DEBS (1855-1926)

But the heritage of Debs will not mix with the rotten policies of class-collaboration practiced by the "Socialist" and Stalinist fakers.

HIS PATH TO SOCIALISM

It is true that hatred of injustice did not prompt Debs to accept Socialism all at once. It took years of painful groping plus the experiences of great working class battles he led to bring him to revolutionary conclusions at the age of 40.

Picket Westinghouse Plant



For the second time in five weeks, the Int'l. Union of Electrical Radio and Machine Workers (IUE) shut down 29 Westinghouse Electric Corp. plants in a company wide strike. The union struck Oct. 16 for wage increase and against speed-up. Here IUE members picket plant in Baltimore.

