

LYNCH PERIL STILL THREATENS GASTONIA PRISONERS

PLAN MASS PICKETING DEMONSTRATION IN FURRIERS GENERAL STRIKE TODAY; LABOR CONFERENCE PLEDGES SUPPORT

Ben Gold Announces That Committees Will Today Visit the Homes of Workers Who Have Not Yet Joined the Strike

'Socialist' Chiefs of Cloak Company Union Begin to Cajole Workers for Cash Even Before Fake Strike is Called

LABOR PROMISES AID TO STRIKE

Hear of Suffering of Fur Workers

A giant mass picketing demonstration is expected to take place this morning at 7.30 in connection with the general strike of the furriers which began last Wednesday.

Not only furriers are called to the picket line, but also all members of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, which is leading the furriers' struggle, and all left wing and progressive workers who want the furriers to win their strike for union conditions.

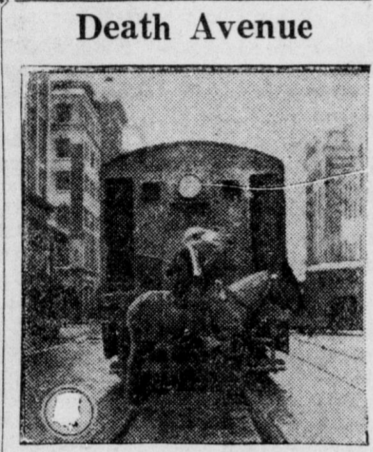
Against the furriers are aligned the bosses and all the dark forces of reaction: the scab "Joint Council", the labor traitors of the A. F. of L., the brutal Tammany police, the boss-serving courts, the "socialists", and the gangs of the underworld.

It is against these forces that the Industrial Union is calling for this mighty demonstration, to show clearly and unquestionably the temper of the fur workers and of the New York left wing.

A large number of delegates representing over 100 left wing and progressive labor organizations attended a conference Saturday at Irving Plaza, 15th Street and Irving Pl., and decided upon specific measures for strengthening the general strike of the furriers which began last Wednesday morning.

Ben Gold, secretary-treasurer of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union and chairman of the General Strike Committee, reported on the progress of the strike and pointed out the necessity of broadening and extending the strike in the next few days.

At the same time Gold announced that a huge picketing demonstration (Continued on Page Three)



The open tracks on 21st Avenue still make that street, in a working-class neighborhood, Death Avenue for the workers' children, who tacking parks, can play only in these dangerous streets on which the New York Central Railroad runs trains.

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST GASTON MILL FRAME-UP

Union Sq. Tomorrow;
WIR Meets Thursday

Memories of the huge Sacco-Vanzetti demonstrations will quicken to life in Union Square tomorrow at 5 p. m. when thousands of New York workers will gather in a demonstration to protest against another attempt on the part of the capitalist courts to send militant workers to the electric chair on framed charges. This time the frame-up is on a larger scale, with 14 textile strikers and organizers in Gastonia, members of the National Textile Workers Union, facing murder charges and eight charged with assault with intent to kill.

Called by the New York District of the International Labor Defense, (Continued on Page Three)

CLOAK WORKERS WILL HAVE SAY

Clique Issues Fake "Referendum" Results

Why the fake stoppage by the I. L. G. W.?

1. So that the right wing of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, which is virtually the company union of the cloak manufacturers, can collect several hundred thousand dollars for distribution among their chiefs, their "boys", the business agents, and among their strong-arm guerrillas. This they hope to accomplish by forcing the workers who hate the I. L. G. W., to pay "back dues" and various assessments. Already the fakers are talking about a \$250,000 fund.

2. Because the company union wants to force more cloakmakers into their outfit.

3. Because the manufacturers want the "strike," not only in order to build up their company union, (Continued on Page Three)

HOOVER'S GROUP START PUBLICITY ATTACK ON LABOR

'Ohio Gang' Man, KKK Senator Sponsor It

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Hoover's gang yesterday developed a second main offensive against workers, designed to assist in placing more autocratic power in the hands of the president, and to fight labor organization.

Hoover's group yesterday announced the formation of a huge fund to monopolize as far as possible editorial and news sources.

Dr. Work, Senator Watson of Indiana, majority leader in the senate; Senator Burton of Ohio and Representative Wood of Indiana, head of the republican party congressional committee, are circulating a petition for financial contributions to back the National Republic, a monthly magazine published in Washington, which for many years was edited and managed by George B. Lockwood of Indiana, former secretary of the national committee of the republican party. The appeal (Continued on Page Two)

Chicago Prisoners Urge All Labor to Support 'The Daily'

Powerful Party and Press Needed to Fight the Gastonia Frame-up

COUNTY JAIL, CHICAGO. (By Mail).—The 27 workers jailed here, behind the prison bars of one of capitalism's most notorious bastilles, because of their mass protest against the frame-up of the Gastonia textile strikers, send their greetings to the Daily Worker and urge all workers to come to its aid in the present crisis confronting it. The greeting follows:

To the Daily Worker: We, revolutionary workers, in the dungeons of the capitalist class, see clearer than ever the necessity of building the Communist Party, the leader of the workers, and its English-language press, the Daily Worker.

"We call upon all workers to rally to the campaign to combat the financial crisis that now faces the Party and its press. The working class needs a powerful mass Party, a strengthened Daily Worker to prepare for the

N. Y. COMMUNIST ELECTION CALL OPENS CAMPAIGN

Convention Is July 14, Points to Intensified Struggles by Labor

Fight for Organization Oppose War; For Worker Government

The New York District of the Communist Party of America yesterday announced the opening of its city election campaign, with an election call to the workers of New York.

It sets July 14 as the date for a great convention to which all units in New York are to send delegates. All unions, factory and shop committees and left wing groups in unions or other workers' organizations are invited to send fraternal delegates. The city convention of the Communist Party will adopt a platform and nominate Party candidates for city office.

The election call is signed "with revolutionary greetings" by the Communist Party of America, New York District, W. W. Weinstein, district organizer. It reads as follows: "The municipal election campaign to take place this year finds tens of thousands of workers in New York City engaged in bitter struggle against the capitalist class. Strikes are on the increase. The intensity of the struggles is sharpening. The capitalist state, with its police brutality against strikers, with its injunctions against pickets and its breaking up of meetings of workers, has demonstrated time and again it is the organized force of the bosses against the workers.

"During the past year there have been great strikes, involving the dressmakers, shoe workers, cafeteria workers, dairy and grocery clerks, iron and bronze workers. At present, a furriers' strike is taking place. There have been spontaneous strikes of unorganized workers in many factories throughout the city. In all of these struggles the workers have found arrayed against them in one solid front, the bosses, the state, the reactionary trade union bureaucracy and the socialist party, who are but agents of the capitalists in the ranks of the workers.

"The struggles of the workers are on the increase, not only in New York City, but throughout the country and the world. In the United States today, besides numerous miners' strikes in Ohio and Pennsylvania (Continued on Page Two)

MacDonald Plays With Recognition of USSR; Plans Half Step First

LONDON, June 23.—It is reported here tonight that the MacDonald regime, pledged to full recognition of Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, will proceed only to a half way step, unless pressure from British workers forces more activity. Instead of an exchange of ambassadors, MacDonald, his friends say, will propose that a charges d'affaires be sent from each capital to the other.

Save the Victims of the Gastonia Conspiracy!

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY APPEALS TO WORKERS OF WHOLE WORLD TO SAVE WORKERS FROM ELECTRIC CHAIR

The American capitalist class, its hands still dripping with the blood of Sacco and Vanzetti, is at this moment conspiring to murder the southern leaders and organizers of the National Textile Workers Union. Fourteen men, women and youth—union organizers and strikers—are in the grim shadow of the electric chair charged with murdering the chief of police of Gastonia, while 58 others face long sentences in the dungeons of North Carolina, charged with assault with intent to kill.

The events that culminated in the battle at Gastonia must be made perfectly clear to the masses of workers in the United States and of the world in order that such storm of fury may arise against the murderous capitalist class of the United States that they will not dare carry out their bloody conspiracy.

ORGANIZE THE UNORGANIZED.

The frame-up against the Gastonia prisoners is an attempt on the part of the capitalist forces to stifle the campaign for the organization of the unorganized workers in the southern slave pens. For years the South has been heralded as a place where there is an abundance of cheap, unorganized labor.

The strike wave in the textile and rayon industry of the South exploded this myth. In practically all the principal textile centers the workers show unmistakable signs of increasing readiness to fight against the miserable conditions imposed upon them by the mill owners. Workers in many other industries of the South are making demands upon the employers. The movement for organization into fighting unions is gaining tremendous impetus. The entrance of the new National Textile Workers Union into the situation gave a determined, fighting leadership to the workers in that industry. Hence the wave of fury unleashed against the leaders of this movement.

The organization of the unorganized workers in the South is of tremendous significance for the whole labor movement of the United States. So long as one section of the country is unorganized it increases tremendously the difficulties of fighting against the employers of labor in any other part of the country. Thus the drive to organize the unorganized masses of the South directly concerns every worker in the United States.

FIGHT AGAINST RATIONALIZATION.

The strike of the workers in Gastonia was against the rationalization process that makes human wrecks of the workers in an incredibly short time. The strike was for a living wage instead of the paltry \$8 to \$10 a week received by the average worker for a twelve-hour day. It was against the frightful speed-up system and for decent living and working conditions.

In two and a half months the workers of Gastonia have been subjected to the most unrestrained violence on the part of the mill owners and their agents. They have been beaten into insensibility. Women, old and young alike, have been assaulted and maltreated. Strikers have been arrested wholesale. The militia has bayoneted scores of workers on the public highways. A masked mob of 200 demolished the headquarters of the union, while the militiamen looked on with approval. More than 150 strikers' families were evicted from their homes, which they had paid for many times over in rent, their furniture was thrown into the street. The union organized a tent colony to shelter the evicted strikers, their wives and children. The very fact that they were able to exist infuriated the mill owners, hence the murderous attack upon the tent colony.

POLICE FIRED ON COLONY.

These comrades, these men, women and youth, who are in jail awaiting trial for mur-

Betrayed by A.F. of L. Porters to Hear Green at Meeting on Sunday

After betraying the Pullman porters last May following a referendum which was overwhelmingly for a strike, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor last night let it be known that he would "initiate an organization drive" of the porters at a meeting to be held in the Abyssinia Baptist

Church, 132 W. 138th St., next Sunday afternoon.

The porters, among the miserably exploited workers in the United States, now get an average of 77.50 a month, or 400 hours of train service with no allowance for overtime or waiting time. Out of this \$77.50 a month, the porter has an occupational expense of \$33 a month.

The present "organization drive" is said to follow a decision of the Executive Council made at its May meeting.

Deportees, Held Under Unbearable Conditions at Ellis Island, Mutiny

A story, kept secret by the authorities until chance made it known last night, tells of 65 held at Ellis Island for deportation, who defied the guards to shoot them and drove some of the gun wielders into a corner, from which they were later rescued by reinforcements.

The treatment of all foreign born

PLAN FOR SMALL ARMED GROUP TO SEIZE THE JAIL

Could Hold Town for 24 Hours and Kill Strike Leaders

Not to Spare Women Labor's Alertness to Save Prisoners' Lives

By BILL DUNNE.
(Special to the Daily Worker.)
GASTONIA, N. C., June 23.—The black shadow of lynching hangs over the National Textile Workers Union organizers and local strikers in jail here. From the most reliable sources comes information checked and rechecked to the effect that orders from the higher ups are to soft pedal open talk of lynching and wait patiently for other instructions.

On the surface all is quiet. Underneath in Chamber of Commerce and the Lorry mill official circles, lynching propaganda stews and simmers. All defendants including Fred Beal, with the exception of George Carter still held in Asheville, are in the Gastonia jail. The hatred of the local ruling class and its hangers-on for these workers has no limits. Especially is there hatred for Beal whom the workers really love and trust and whom even the Chamber of Commerce crowd respects and fears for his quiet energy and obvious sincerity. Louis McLaughlin, steadfast and loyal to the union is another target for the mill owners' venom. All through the bitter struggle he has shown great militancy and ability. More even than that, they resent the coming of capable union organizers from other textile centers especially in the north. The local rulers fear the development of union and strike leadership from the ranks of the native workers.

Not even the women prisoners, Vera Bush, Amy Schechter, and little seventeen year old Sophie Melvin, are safe in the Gastonia jail. The danger does not come from any popular source. There is not the slightest danger of a huge crowd assembling and demanding the heads of the worker defendants. The danger comes from a more or less organized and disciplined group of the middle class operating through the various secret and semi-secret organizations.

An attorney who comes from one of the oldest and most conservative families in this state, whose inclinations towards even philosophical radicalism are nil, but who stands simply for legal procedure as against lynching and who has no reason to magnify the danger, told your correspondent this morning that he fears for the lives of a number of the prisoners if they remain in the Gastonia jail. Much to my surprise he (Continued on Page Three)

LABOR DEFENSE BAILS OUT EIGHT 'ASSAULT' CASES

Strikers Flock to WIR New Tent Colony

(Special to the Daily Worker.)
GASTONIA, N. C., June 23.—Yesterday the eight strikers and organizers held on "assault with intent to kill" charges were released on \$750 bail each, provided by the International Labor Defense. Their trial is set for July 29. They will participate in the organization work of the National Textile Workers Union, and the defense and relief work.

Those released are: Clarence Miller, Ernst Martin, Walter Lloyd, Clarence Townsend, R. F. McDonald, Robert Litoff, C. M. Lell, and J. R. Pittman.

Applications from Lorry mill strikers to live in the new Workers International Relief strikers' tent colony established here several days ago, are flowing into the Gastonia office of the W. I. R. Tents are being erected daily, but not fast enough to take care of all who are in need of immediate shelter. Contributions for this purpose should be sent to the W. I. R., 1 Union Square, New York.

Workers entering the country is bad enough, but the Ellis Island authorities outdo themselves with those being driven out. Bad food and rotten housing conditions brought on the

DIG DEEP! NOW!

Friday the DAILY WORKER was forced to suspend!
Saturday we could only publish in four pages!
The furrier strikers' picket lines on Friday had to go without the Daily!
All news had to be cut in half on Saturday!
Monday we can barely make four pages!
Unless a big response is gotten during the next few days the only militant working class English newspaper may be forced to suspend!
The Gastonia workers, faced with a frame-up murder trial, are in DANGER OF LOSING THEIR STAUCHEST DEFENDER, THE DAILY WORKER!
We must not only save the paper immediately but go on to six pages.

Unless we go back to six pages the DAILY WORKER will be forced to cut down on the amount of workers correspondence published. We will be forced to leave out the daily feature article on page 6. The DAILY WORKER which published the most interesting foreign news in the U. S. will be forced to print foreign news only in summary. The splendid new features that were prepared for publication such as the remarkable document called "Black Haiti" will have to be postponed indefinitely.

Workers! YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE YOUR FIGHTING ORGAN!

We know you are in difficult financial circumstances. But you will be in infinitely worse political circumstances without a militant organ. That means wage cuts, longer hours, persecution, etc., can be more easily carried through.

DIG DEEP AND SEND A SUBSTANTIAL DONATION! Use the blank below:

The Daily Worker, 26-28 Union Square, New York.

After reading the appeal for aid in the Daily Worker I am sending you the enclosed amount, \$

Name

Address

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