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## Fight Against the Fish Proposals!

HAMILTON FISH, chairman of the Congressional Committee to investigate Communist activities in the United States, last Friday in Carnegie Hall in New York, made his official report to the assembled reaction. The outstanding points of his report were:

1. The Fish Committee will recommend to Congress the outlawing of the Communist Party.
2. The Fish Committee will recommend to Congress the passage of an anti-alien law which will permit the deportation as a "red" of any foreign born worker who dares to object audibly to starvation wages and who refuses to let Morgan, Woll and Fish do the thinking for him.
3. The Fish Committee will recommend to Congress the granting of an appropriation which will enable the Department of Justice to establish a labor spy section.
4. The Fish Committee will recommend to Congress the immediate and complete prohibition of import of any and all Soviet goods.

These proposals are no surprise. It was clear from the first that the purpose of the Fish Committee was to prepare a basis for new anti-labor laws. It was always clear that its aim was to feed the anti-Soviet war preparations of American and world capital. The lack of intelligence of the chairman of the committee prevented any attempt to cover even with capitalist "decency" the nakedness of this attempt. The origin of this committee was a contemptible forgery. The work of the committee was a shallow pretense. The recommendations of the committee are atrocious attacks on the working class.

The outlawing of the Communist Party is an attempt to hogtie the working class. To fight against capitalist unemployment and starvation shall be made impermissible. To organize and struggle against speed-up and for a living wage shall be made a crime. To reject capitalism as the last word in social development shall become high treason.

The anti-alien laws are designed to divide the working class. The foreign-born worker shall be reduced to the status of a helot. Over his head shall be suspended the threat of deportation to prevent him from organizing, from fighting, and even from thinking.

The demand for a special appropriation from Congress to establish a labor spy agency within the Department of Justice, is another step to reduce the American working class to the status of mechanical robots. The American worker shall not only sell his labor power to the profit-making boss, but his whole being. Some governmental stool pigeon shall be placed beside him to watch every breath escaping his mouth and to subject this breath to the scrutiny of the boss. Should the boss detect any anti-capitalist ingredients in this breath, the worker shall be subjected not only to discharge, but shall be liable to criminal persecution by some capitalist judge and to incarceration in some capitalist prison.

In the proposal to outlaw the importation of Soviet-made goods, the Fish Committee not only performs the job of anti-Soviet propaganda but also reveals its close connections with the anti-Soviet forgeries which stood at its cradle and with the counter-revolutionary Czarist Russian spy organizations in the United States.

Mr. Fish in his speech in Carnegie Hall did us the honor of defending the socialist party against the Communists and the Communist Party. We appreciate this honor. But we think that no Congressional investigation was necessary to establish the pro-capitalist principles and activities of the socialist party. The betrayal of the interests of the working class by the socialists the world over, has been written into the history of the class struggle with the blood of thousands of proletarian victims of socialist treachery.

Mr. Fish, if he is able to ever learn anything, may yet learn that the absolutist Czars of Russia have tried for decades to outlaw and to deport the proletarian revolutionary movement. He may yet learn that the last Czar of Russia has deported and murdered thousands and tens of thousands of revolutionists, until he himself was deported and ignobly buried by the revolution.

The revolutionary proletariat is irrepressible. The fate of capitalism is sealed by the fact that it cannot exist without the workers. The suppression of revolutionary ideas and revolutionary movements is impossible as long as there is a working class. At the same time, the revolutionary workers must keep in mind that capitalism will not voluntarily abdicate its power. It is just such proposals as made by the chairman of the Fish Committee which endeavor to maintain the capitalist class in power. It is the mobilization of the workers against such measures that will drive home to them the class consciousness and revolutionary understanding. Therefore the task of the hour is to mobilize the workers of the United States for struggle against the proposals of the Fish Committee.

## Demand What the Government Says You Must Have!

AT THE request of President Hoover's so-called "Employment Committee," which was formed to allow Hoover to pretend that something was being done for the growing millions of unemployed and starving workers and their families, the Bureau of Home Economics at Washington has put out a food guide.

This Government "food guide," it must be noted, is meant "to furnish the maximum of health and energy from a minimum of expenditure," and was outlined particularly with a view to "prevention of malnutrition"—or, in plain English, starvation.

It must be noted by all jobless workers especially, that the following recommendations of the United States Government, are the very least it thinks you can live on without starving. Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth, the chairman of the women's division of Hoover's "Employment Committee," in making the following recommendations public on January 8, warned that—"Our food standards must not be lowered or adults will suffer and the children may be handicapped for life."

Obviously, therefore, all unemployed workers particularly, must insist that they be given the following supplies from any relief agency now or in the future pretending to supply food relief to the destitute:

- "For every meal, milk for children, bread for all.
- "Bread every day, cereals in porridges or puddings, potatoes; tomatoes or oranges for children; a green or yellow vegetable; a fruit or additional vegetable.
- "For two to four times a week, tomatoes for all; dried beans and peas or peanuts; eggs, especially for children; lean meat, fish or poultry or cheese.
- "Where fresh milk costs more than 10 to 12 cents a quart, the Committee (Hoover's "Employment" Committee) suggests that unswetened canned milk or dry skimmed milk be substituted for the great part of the milk allowance."

Workers! Jobless! The United States Government, with Hoover at the head, appointed this "Employment Committee" supposedly to give you relief in this "emergency." Its recommendation is that unless you are getting—no matter how—the above foods, you are starving and your children may be "handicapped for life!"

Jobless workers! If you are not getting these foods, demand them, fight for them—and keep fighting till you get them! Otherwise you will starve! Don't starve, fight!

## Call Daily Worker Readers to Editorial Meet

Every reader of the Daily Worker who is interested in bettering the paper is invited to participate in a meeting called by the editorial staff to discuss the editorial problems of the Daily Worker. This meeting will be held Saturday, January 17, at 8:30 p. m. on the second floor of the Workers Center, 35 East 12th Street. A family will report for the editorial staff. The floor will then be

thrown open for discussion, and every reader who has suggestions to make will be given an opportunity to speak.

This is the first meeting of its kind and is not called for the collection of funds. All working-class organizations are urged to send representatives to take up the problem of establishing better connections with the editorial staff of the Daily Worker.

# BIG UNEMPLOYED CONFERENCE TONIGHT

## BOSS SYSTEM IS ON TRIAL FISH ADMITS

But Asks Jail, Terror to End Fight on Starvation

NEW YORK.—Making his first report against the Communist movement to the leading fascist organizations in the United States, whose representatives were at Carnegie Hall Friday night, Hamilton Fish launched into a vicious attack against the Soviet Union. Among the fascists present were Matthew Woll, who pledged the aid of the leaders of the A. F. of L. in the same fashion as the dozens of strikebreaking organizations who were represented.

Admitting that "capitalism was on trial," Fish stated that Communism must be rooted out if the workers were to be kept content within the present system of starvation. He advocated sterner deportation laws; secret police against all revolutionary working class organizations; a ban on Soviet imports, as a prelude to actual war, and the outlawing of the Communist Party.

Carnegie Hall was surrounded by hundreds of police. Every leading enemy of the American workers was present and most of them spoke. The list of organizations present at the mass meeting include the foremost groups in the United States urging more vicious oppression of the workers here and war against the Soviet Union.

While saying that "capitalism must clean its house of some of its abuses," Fish proposed this should be begun by a reign of terror against the militant workers who lead the fight against wage cuts and starvation.

He took special occasion to praise the socialists, saying that the socialists were among the worst enemies of the Communists, and therefore were good friends of Fish and those who stood behind him. Fish praised the New York police for slugging and murdering workers who were on strike or who demanded unemployment relief. "We owe a debt of gratitude to the police of New York City," exclaimed Fish. He urged more brutality against workers who organized for relief.

The meeting at Carnegie Hall was the first big mobilization of the fascist forces to back up the Fish proposals.

## Woll Admits Wages Cut Over \$700,000,000—With His Aid

Tells Bosses Dividends Went Up While Wages Went Down, and Wants Recognition for His Strike-Breaking Service

Fresh from his collaboration with Hamilton Fish to strengthen the hunger-system, Matthew Woll made a speech Saturday night before the National Republican Club, admitting that wages were cut \$707,000,000 in 1930 while dividends increased by \$350,900,000.

Woll, however, did not reveal his part in the wage-cutting drive. He did not tell his bosses that he, together with Green, and other A. F. of L. fascist leaders signed the "no strike" agreement with Hoover and

## Unemployed Seize Food, Beds in Youngstown, Toledo, Cleveland

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Jan. 11.—Jobless and part time workers, all of whom are either suffering from wage cuts now or will suffer in the general cuts announced by the steel mills, seized the city flop house yesterday, and established a Workers Council to administer the relief.

The city officials had put the Salvation Army in charge. When the well paid Sallies came down to operate the affair Saturday morning, they were astonished and terrified to find the workers in control of their "Friendly Inn," and ready to give some real relief instead of make a pretense at it as the Salvation Army does.

Alfred Walton, head of the Workers Council, refused to let the Sallies, "Captain," James Hepburn, into the place.

The mayor and the chief of police came down and finally the police succeeded in ousting the workers. The city authorities then placed on guard an individual named N. E. Wilson, a former marine.

Demand Restaurant Feed. TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 11.—Led by

## 1 DEAD AS SCAF-FOLD COLLAPSES

Other Badly Injured; Victims to Speed-Up

NEW YORK.—Another working-class victim to speed-up, John Ruhl, 32 years old, of 495 East 152nd Street, Bronx, died last night in the Hospital for the Crippled and Ruptured, two hours after he had fallen 70 feet to the sidewalk when a scaffold on which he and another worker were working at 42nd Street and 5th Ave. collapsed.

Rerier Stip, 35, of 852 East 163rd Street, managed to save himself by making a desperate grab at the iron railing along the top of the sign at which they had been working. He severely sprained his back, however, and is in the hospital. Ruhl, who was working on the end of the scaffold which collapsed had absolutely no chance of saving himself.

TAKE A LIST TO WORK WITH YOU FOR JOBLESS INSURANCE!



of the Council of the Unemployed the jobs here are demanding food in unmistakable terms. The council and a large crowd of starving jobless marched into a restaurant here and declared they would stay until they had something to eat.

The police came down in force, and made 17 arrests, charging them with "making a disturbance."

There will be a mass protest meeting against this forcible starvation

Cleveland Protest. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 11.—Three women and eight men, leaders of the jobless who marched on the Woodland Ave. market Friday and seized the food they needed to prevent themselves from starving to death are still held by the police. It took three squads of police to disperse the unemployed.

## Angeles Cops Smash Up Party Office; Revenge for Protest

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 11.—In revenge against a successful mass demonstration on the Plaza yesterday, the Los Angeles police raided the Communist Party headquarters and the local office of the Daily Worker and smashed up everything. The walls were broken, the furniture destroyed, literature was confiscated, and other literature destroyed. There were many arrests.

The demonstration was held to protest against the criminal syndicalism laws, under which agricultural workers organizers in the Imperial Valley were given 42 year sentences.

## FIGHT GREEK FASCIST TERROR

Demonstrate Today at Greek Consul

Two Greek Communist soldiers were sentenced to death by the Greek fascist government, because they dared to protest against the atrocities of the military officials in the military camp of "Kalpaki" and to "organize the soldiers for the defense of the Soviet Union. Two others sentenced to life imprisonment and six members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Greece are now on trial, charged with treason. The fascist Venizelos government, is determined to send also these six leaders of the working class to death.

Only with a mass protest of the world proletariat these brave fighters will be saved. A mass demonstration before the Greek consulate at 63 Park Row will take place today at 12 o'clock sharp. The Communist Party of District 2 calls upon all workers of New York, employed and unemployed, to demonstrate before the Greek consulate today against the white terror and to demand the immediate freedom of the Communist soldiers. Demonstrate your solidarity! Demand the release of all class war prisoners.

Workers are the eyes of the workers' press. Join your local Worker group and help fight the bosses.

## Over 4,000 Workers Celebrate Seventh Anniversary of Daily Worker in N. Y.

A campaign of conscious and deliberate lying to hide the facts of the crisis is now being carried on by all capitalist papers. Paul Warburg, one of the initiators of the Federal Reserve System, through which more bank crashes have been reported than ever before in the United States, takes the lead in this campaign of lies.

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However, the New York Times latest index is unable to hide the fact that the crisis is worsening. For the week ended Jan. 3rd the index was at 78.3 as against 78.8 the previous week. Compared to last January, when the crisis was severe the Times index shows a drop of 22 points in freight car loadings; a drop of 13 points in electric power production; a drop of 20 points in steel mill activity, and a decline of 14 in automobile output.

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## WORKER ORGANIZATIONS SEND DELEGATES AT 7:30 TO IRVING PLAZA HALL

Another A. F. L. Carpenters' Local Endorses Insurance; Drive for Signatures

Unemployed Council Blocks Eviction and Will Support Evicted Man In Court

NEW YORK.—Tonight in Irving Plaza Hall, at 7:30 p. m. what is expected to be the largest and most representative united front conference of workers' organizations on unemployment will be held.

After reports by Sam Nesin, secretary of the Councils of the Unemployed of New York, delegates of unions, including A.F.L. locals, and every variety of workers' defense, sports, fraternal, educational organizations will take up the amendment of the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill, the direction of next steps in the campaign for more signatures for it, the holding of 200 open air mass meetings during the next three days, the holding of six indoor mass meetings to ratify the bill on Jan. 16, and the demonstrations to be held here on Feb. 10, when the bill and signatures are presented to Congress in Washington.

The second large A.F.L. carpenters' union to support the bill is Local 1194. They were the more interested in insurance because of the fact that 60 to 75 per cent of the carpenters here are unemployed.

A drive is being made to enlist still more A.F.L. locals in the unemployment campaign, especially by committees from those which have already endorsed the bill.

Stop Another Eviction. Though the unemployment offices were closed yesterday and the usual daily meeting at Lafayette and Leonard at 10 a. m. was not held, the Down Town Council of the Unemployed kept right on fighting for the jobless.

Committees from the council came down to 226 Clinton St., where Paul Novak had been evicted because he hasn't had a job for a long time and can not pay his rent.

The Down Town Council put the furniture back in the house. Thereupon the landlord had a summons issued for Novak to appear in the magistrate's court at Second St. and Second Ave. today at ten a. m. on a charge of "malicious mischief."

The Down Town Council calls all workers and jobless to be there at the trial in support of the evicted unemployed worker.

Walker for Eviction. Yesterday Mayor Walker gave a public interview to the press in which he highly praised Justice Cotillo's ruling Saturday that when a magistrate issues an eviction order, the marshal must serve it and throw out the unemployed man. The case across cut of instructions to the marshal by the Mayor's own unemployment relief committee not to evict a family of eight because the man was unemployed for months and the family "would become public charges" if put out of their home. Walker said this was the best reason for eviction, and added:

"Judge Cotillo's decision is good law. After all, we cannot expect a landlord to pay taxes on property if we tie his hands in the matter of renting his apartments."

Thus Walker, as well as the city manager of Cleveland express openly and frankly the business of capitalist government—to always aid the rich against the poor, the landlords and capitalists against the workers.

When Milton Welch began to speak to the crowd outside, the police rushed him and roughly placed him under arrest. Nathan Liss then started to speak, and was arrested, and the meeting outside was dispersed. Trial of the two jobless leaders is set for this morning.

The Yonkers jobless are calling for another hunger march on Thursday.

Will Starve. In Yonkers the mayor, J. J. Fogarty, has issued a public statement declaring that \$150,000 will be enough for all the jobless because "there will not be so many by April." If they

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## Big Bosses Say Facts of Crisis Must Be Stopped; Favor Lying

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## Lenin Edition Orders Growing

Philadelphia has ordered 10,000, Chicago, 5,000 extra copies of the Lenin Memorial edition to be published this Saturday, January 17. Rush orders for this edition, excellent for propaganda purposes, 60,000 drive news page 2.

# Husband and Wife Driven By Starvation to Suicide Pact

## Wife Leaves Note Telling of Torture of Seeing Her Children Hunger Daily Before Her Eyes

NEW YORK—The cost in misery to the working class arising out of the bosses' cynical determination to make the workers carry the full burden of the crisis rather than give up one cent of their huge profits continues to express itself in figures of human lives.

An unemployed worker today lies at the point of death in the prison cell at Fordham Hospital, his wife lies dead, their two small children, twins, 5 years old, are in grave danger, as a result of the bitter discouragement which drove Harry Druker, 31, and his wife, Rose, 25, into a suicide pact which they attempted to carry out by turning on the gas Thursday night in their tiny flat at 889 Fox St., Bronx.

There was a note in Hungarian on the table from Mrs. Druker with an original poem describing the misery and suffering which drove them to the suicide compact. Life was not worth while, with her husband out of work and her children daily starving before her very eyes, she wrote. There was also a note from Druker telling of the hopelessness of his job hunt and ending: "Good-bye, this is by mutual consent."

Suicide, as every militant worker knows, is not the way out. We must fight for our right to live. But even suicide is against the bosses' law, though they have no law against the slow misery of starvation. So, there's a cop at Druker's bedside waiting to take him to place a charge of homicide against him should he live.

This is only one of countless instances of the misery of the 10,000,000 workers sentenced to starvation by the damnable capitalist system. Workers! Don't stand for it! Don't let them starve your families! Organize and fight! Join the hunger marches! Open the stores of the capitalists! Defend your right to live!

And because Druker sought to spare his wife any further suffering by mercifully strangling her before he turned on the gas, Druker is under arrest in his hospital cell.

When neighbors smelled gas in the building yesterday morning they traced it to the Druker flat. Breaking in, they found Mrs. Druker lying on the bathroom floor, face downwards, Druker on the kitchen floor and the two twins in bed.

# THE ADVENTURES OF BILL WORKER



U.S. CHINESE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT



SOVIET CHINA

# CLEVELAND CITY PROTECTS BOSSES

## Tries to Worm Out of Giving Relief

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 9.—Demands for immediate relief made on the city government are impossible of fulfillment except under a Communist government, members of the unemployed delegation were very frankly informed yesterday by the city manager. The principal duty of the city is to protect private property, the holders of its bonds, and the gas, electric, water, and transportation companies to whom it has given franchises. Starving workers can not expect any help beyond a few odd jobs from the city government.

"I grant you that our form of government has not shown great ability to avert crises and to come out of them speedily. It is not a credit to our government to have falling prices caused by the surfeit of goods on the nation's markets," said city manager Morgan to Benjamin, of the delegation, and Morgan continued:

"What you have brought before us represents not so much a demand for a certain type of relief as it does an expression of the fundamental difference between the kind of government we now have and the kind of government you people want for the class you represent."

# "BIG SIX" SMASHES OFFICIAL TRICK

## Votes Down Scheme to Slip Over "Stagger"

NEW YORK.—By 984 votes against and 343 for, the members of Typographical Union Local 6 ("Big Six" of New York) turned down a treacherous tentative agreement for the introduction of the stagger system, disguised as a split shift, and still more disguised on the printed ballot.

The tentative agreement had been made behind the backs of the members by a scale committee of 24, with the assistance not only of local president Rouse and his officials, but of the international president, Howard, who met with the bosses and the committee.

The local met yesterday afternoon, with Rouse speaking for the publishers' proposition, and recognizing as speakers in the discussion mostly those he knew were in favor of the plot, like the members of the scale committee.

**Looked Harmless.**

The ballots carried this description of the proposition:

"Do you favor acceptance of the offer of the Journal of Commerce of 81-2 hours, \$71 per week for shifts that may be called in between the hours of 2:30 and 6 p. m.?"

In spite of Rouse's tactics, the members realized that this is a split shift plan, made without regard to the convenience of the workers, and made by Rouse and gang without consulting the membership. They voted it down.

Now the publishers may carry out their previous threat to start open-shop. The typographical workers must begin to take over control of their union, form real fighting committees of action and run their own union.

# SAN ANTONIO WORKERS GREET TUUL PROGRAM

SAN ANTONIO, Texas.—Workers in San Antonio, Texas, are very enthusiastic about the program of the Trade Union Unity League.

In the Negro neighborhood a permanent headquarters has already been secured, where an open forum will be conducted, a library opened and study classes held.

The hall will also be used as a headquarters for the unemployed council, which has outlined a plan of work for the future that will include hunger marches and demonstrations before the city hall and county buildings.

The first of a series of mass meetings will be held on Jan. 15 at the new headquarters, Hubert Hall, 404½ Nebraska St. Speakers will be I. C. Craft, Ethel Craft, Negro workers; B. H. Cogdall and Alma Polkoff. All workers are invited to be present.

# WOODS ALSO ADMITS CAUSE IS CAPITALISM

Colonel Arthur Woods, head of President Hoover's Committee on Unemployment, admitted Saturday that the misery of jobless is due directly to capitalism. His statement, couched in demagogic language, says:

"It is not the fault of the people who are out of work that they are out of work. If the derangement of an economic system, which they are not responsible for, puts them in a position where they cannot earn an honest living, the system of which they are a part must assume its share of responsibility in mitigating the distress."

# READY TO FIGHT BUTCHER GANGS

## Hebrew Trades In Big Sign Selling Rampage

NEW YORK.—Calling on the hired butchers to resist the hired gangs of the United Hebrew Trades to fight with the Food Workers Industrial Union for real gains for the workers and for the six-day week, the F. W. I. U. has issued a leaflet on the proposed "organization strike" of the Hebrew Butcher Workers, which says:

"The Izzy Leffs and the Sussmans, who had themselves later re-elected, are now preparing another of their famous organization strikes, whereby they will be able to make a few dollars by taxing the members heavily, and not giving any financial reports, as usual."

"These fakers are not at all interested to better the conditions of the workers. Leff and Sussman are still carrying around full pockets of injunctions against the members of the militant Food Workers Industrial Union, and this is what they need your money for. It's about time for the butcher workers to wake up and put a stop to these damnable conditions."

# HAS METHODIST CHURCH GONERED?

## Methodists Make Statement on Revolutions

The Methodist Church has just issued a statement which is a very obvious attempt, on the one hand, to check the growing disillusion of the masses with religion and the church as an open ally of the ruling class; and, on the other hand, to put itself at the lead, in order to side-track into "safe channels," the mounting militancy of the workers and farmers now suffering from unemployment and starvation.

The statement, which is full of pious well-wishing that poverty and war be done away with, is based on the tactics long practiced by the Catholic and other religious sects, of coupling the most reactionary actions with the most sympathetic phrases for "the downtrodden and the poor." For, we ask the M. E. Church, what about the hundreds of ministers it supplies to the Southern cotton mills, and that are paid by the companies to preach the doctrine of love-your-bosses, and pie-in-the-sky? And there are many more embarrassing questions which could be put that the gentlemen in black frock coats would find it hard to answer.

There are also certain admissions in the statement which shows from what quarter the wind is blowing that has ruffled the sky-pilot's hair. "Russia... is proclaiming herself a champion of the rights of those who toil," while in India and China, there are revolutionary ferment, which the Methodist brothers hope against hope will follow Gandhi's folded hands policy. The oppressed peoples are rising up against white domination, there is "the gathering wrath of millions at poverty," and other facts which the statement says, presage future struggles. "Little as we enjoy the prospect, mankind must shortly reckon with them."

# FINE SPEECHES AND WAGE CUTS

## Program at De Garoy Underwear Shop

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK.—I am a worker in a silk underwear and negligee house, De Garoy Underwear Company, 136 Madison Avenue.

Our shop is ruled by a father and three sons. Our boss is a very liberal man. In his last speech he said, "I have been very good to you" (meaning the coffee we get lunch time at a cent a cup). But he forgets to mention the 25 cents he takes off from pay every time we forget to punch the time clock when we go home.

It seems that he has the knack of speech-making. Every time he starts to cut wages or speed up his shop he comes up with a nice speech all made up. He always tells us that he keeps the shop running for our welfare and we must help turn out more work so that he will be able to keep the shop going. But the way we have already reached the 44-hour week and the 15 dollar a week. I suppose that is also for our welfare.

Lately the old kid is not seen around the shop often. His oldest son is taking over the speech-making. Just to prove that the son is just as liberal as his father a little while ago he gave us a beautiful speech about the business depression and the crisis now at hand and subtracted \$2.00 from our wages.

Our manager has also learned the art of speech making. He is always dressed in a black suit like an undertaker and struts around the shop like a peacock.

I also want to mention that the pins that the girls get to pin the garments are of the cheapest quality. They are always rusty and the girls are always in danger of getting blood poison.

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**ORGANIZE TO END STARVATION: DEMAND RELIEF!**

# VOLUNTEERS WANTED

## for Lenin Memorial pageant. Rehearsals every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 131 West 28th St., at 8 o'clock sharp. All comrades willing to participate come tonight.

Workers Laboratory Theatre.

# MORGAN LEAVES FOR TROPIC CRUISE AS JOBLESS STARVE AND FREEZE

## Hungry Negro Sailor Collapses on Water Front; Suicides of Unemployed Grow; Bosses Press Suppressing News

NEW YORK.—Leaving the cold weather to the starving and poorly clad unemployed workers, whose numbers continue to grow, with many of them collapsing daily on the bread lines and with others seeking relief from their misery through suicide, J. Pierpont Morgan, one of the biggest of the 59 rulers of America, has ordered his palatial yacht the "Corsair" made ready for a pleasure cruise to the Caribbean where he will get a close up of several American slave colonies. He has invited a party of other parasites to accompany him.

In the meantime, the misery of the masses is increasing by leaps and bounds. Yesterday Otwell Peterson, a colored jobless seaman, collapsed on the waterfront of starvation. He is a native of St. Thomas, one of the Caribbean slave colonies which Morgan will visit.

In Chicago yesterday, John Rapp,

# Needle Workers Out Early This Morning!

## NEW YORK.—All active members of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union are called to meet this morning at 7:30 a. m. in the union headquarters, 131 West 28th St. They will go from there for active picketing of struck shops.

# YONKERS JOBLESS MOBILIZE TODAY

## Demonstration Jan. 10 Attacked; 2 Jailed

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go without food much longer the mayor is probably right, a lot of them will be dead.

This \$150,000 is being raised by taxing the already poorly paid workers. The Yonkers Electric Light and Power Co. has raised \$4,325.86 of it by such a tax and other big companies do the same. Many carpet mill workers get from \$6 to \$8 per week.

Half the Yonkers workers are unemployed. The Yonkers Herald itself recently admitted that hundreds of children go around in the midst of winter without underwear.

Yonkers jobless demand half the city budget of \$15,000,000 for relief, and more from the reduction of Fogarty and his officials to \$2,500 a year. They demand \$20 a week for each jobless worker and \$25 for families.

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## KANSAS CITY.—On January 13, the workers of Kansas City will come out in a gigantic mass demonstration in protest of the brutal murder of John Donlan by the capitalist lackies who are responsible for the horrible and unbearable conditions which exist in Kansas City's chain-gang; to which militant political workers are railroaded on charges of vagrancy or almost any charge that can be trumped up.

## Unemployed workers of Kansas City may be the next to go the rock pile on a charge of vagrancy! Show your solidarity!

# NEW ORLEANS.—Unemployment and cold weather have given New Orleans its biggest prison population in many years," said Eugene Staley, district attorney. Thousands are out of work, and these homeless workers are looking for nightly shelter in the jails.

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## "I consider it our national duty," declared Moffet, speaking for the U. S. imperialists, "to build up to the treaty strength allowed." He also demanded a huge building program for the aerial forces.

## 81ST STREET.—To Tuesday: Owen McGivney; Tom Patricia with the Pearl Twins; Mills and Shea, and Sylvia Froos; Marilyn Miller, in "Sunny" is the feature film. Wednesday to Friday: Dave Apollon with Danzi Goodell, and his International Orchestra; Danny Small and Harry Mays; Joe May and Dottie, and Homer Romaine. Screen: Bery Lytell, in the film version of "Brothers."

## HIPODROME.—Screen: "Mothers Cry," with Dorothy Peterson, Helen Chandler and David Manners. Vaudeville: Larry Rich and Pests; Tyler Mason, Marcellus Dancers, Everest's Monkeyland Revue, Phil Rich and Company, Lloyd and Bryce, Ewing Eaton and Dack Shing's Chinese Wonders.

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# Party Activities.

**MONDAY**

F.S.U. Stalin Branch and I.L.D. Ella May Wicketts Branch

Lecture by Len Harris on U.S.S.R. in Construction at 7:30 at Manhattan Lyceum, 65 E. Fourth St., N. Y.

English Speaking Section of the Bronx Workers Club, newly organized, meets at 7:30 p. m. at the Headquarters, 475 E. 18th St.

Joint Meeting at Brownsville and E.N.T. I.L.D. tickets at 116 Bristol St., Brooklyn.

# LETTERS FROM THE SHOPS

## BOSS GOV'T SPY SYSTEM VICIOUS ON POSTAL MEN

### Organize to Break This Espionage!

Chicago, Ill.

Daily Worker, Dear Comrades: We are three workers who after being out of work for some time, filed application for temporary work in the post office. When finally we got the jobs we found that the work will only last for a few days until Christmas time.

We worked from three to eight hours at night, some of us as postal clerks and some as laborers. The pay was 65 cents an hour for clerks and 55 cents for laborers, so you can imagine how much our pay checks amounted to. To work as clerk in the main post office on Clark and Adams St. is real hell. Slave driving foremen are all around you, and constantly urging you to speed up more and more. All kinds of peep holes are placed in the ceilings and walls of the work-room through which stool pigeons, known as "inspectors," are constantly watching the men, to see that nothing is taken. We saw some arrested by these inspectors.

We were informed by those working regularly in the post office that anyone caught taking something even if only a two cent stamp, gets a severe sentence in jail by the federal government. Even the toilets are not free from inspectors as above each toilet is a hole in the ceiling for them to look through.

Register Jobless. A few days ago the writer went to register at the fake employment office that the village fathers have established and when he asked the clerk in the office that he would like to get a job, the clerk said that he was sorry, that he had 300 workers registered but that he couldn't register any more. Well, I asked him how many workers do you think there are out of work. Here, he said, oh, about a thousand or more.

On Short Time. The E. J. Corp. is only working 4 and a half days per week and most of those that are working make \$4 to \$12 per week. The employment offices are crowded with workers looking for work. Conditions are so rotten in the home of "square deal" that the hall owners are afraid to rent us the hall. The police told the owners not to rent the halls to any workers organization. The E. J. Corp. knows that the workers are beginning to wake up.

Spy System. Besides inspectors, there are numerous other pests. The post office maintains a powerful spy system to weed out radicals. These spies are sent to work among the men, and keep their ears open reporting anything against the interest of the money masters of the city. We found out from the regular man that favoritism is in full sway in the post office. If a person takes an examination for a regular carrier or clerk or laborer, even if he passes, he may have to wait many months or even over a year or two, unless he has some pull to get in sooner. After getting in, your name is put on a list in the office and presumably all names on the lists go in rotation until your name is next to graduate from a sub to a regular. However, some names way down the list jump up to the top of the list in miraculous fashion. The reason is plain, they know some grafting politicians or prominent business men, who use their influence with the officials of the post office.

Albany, N. Y. Editor Daily Worker: I would like to ask the readers of the Daily Worker or anybody who might know if there is any working class movement in this fair city of Albany, the capital of New York State? For if there is, I haven't seen any of its movement, if any. Not that there isn't any reason for action, there is plenty and here is some of them. The Salvation Army (read Starvation Army) waters and I mean water, between 700 to one thousand men one day.

Water Soup Served. Then there's another joint which the fat rich charity ladies called the Lotus Club that makes the pretense to feed the women and children and what a feed it is a bowl of hot water called soup and a cup of hot water called coffee. What a great feed to learn the kids to salute the flag on and that is not all, to get this slop you have to go through a third degree of the police.

There's half a dozen of them standing at the entrance to these joints and they ask you all kinds of questions and you can hear them for a block laughing at the hungry workers. Talk about humiliation. The legendary Christ never went through the humiliation that these workers go through every day to get that stinking slop. Don't you think it's about time to put an end to this mockery? Well, let's organize and demand unemployment insurance at once.

## FEEDS ROTTEN MEAT TO JOBLESS

### Hands Out Elk's Meat Found in Woods

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 11.—A column headline in the Aberdeen World proclaims to its readers that the needy unemployed of the Grays Harbor will get a feast of elk meat. Two men were arrested by the game warden for the possession of elk meat and were fined \$250 for the possession.

There was nothing to show that the men had killed the elk, they had no firearms with which to do the killing. The men swore that they had found the meat in the woods and that the birds were eating it and because they needed it they took it. The game warden, Winslow, ordered the most confiscated and turned over to the county charity officer, John Troup, to be distributed to the needy families, without knowing whether or not this meat was fresh. The meat from whom the meat was taken swore that the meat was found in the woods, yet it is good enough for the hungry unemployed of Grays Harbor. Workers of Grays Harbor, do not allow these lackeys of the capitalist class to feed you and your families on rotten food! Join the Unemployed Council and fight for its demands!

## E. J. Shoe Corp. On Short Time: Many Are Jobless

Endicott, N. Y. Here in Endicott, the Endicott Johnson Corporation of the largest shoe corporations in the world tries to tell the workers that they have no breadlines like they have in the larger cities, and that their line is a refined soup line. Yes, we unemployed workers that are out of a job do not have to stay out in the cold to get our bowl of soup but we get the same soup that other workers in other cities get. Only they let us go into the Endicott Johnson restaurant in Endicott and Johnson City. And, of course, some of the company stools who write on the E. J. page of the Binghamton Sun (controlled by E. J. Corp.) try to cover up the horrid word soup line by saying that there isn't any such thing in Endicott, Binghamton or Johnson City. But you can see hundreds of workers flocking into the restaurants for a free bowl of soup, a cup of dish water known as coffee. The workers are beginning to wake up to the fake unemployment relief.

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## JESUS ARMY REAL ESTATE "RELIEF"

NEW YORK.—Under the deliberately misleading headline, "Harlem to Get \$170,000 From Army-Navy Title," the Pittsburgh Courier, which has a circulation in Harlem, published in its current weekly issue a story based on figures released from the Salvation Army to the effect that \$170,000 from the Army-Navy benefit game will be used for relief to starving Negro unemployed workers in Harlem. In spite of the fact that the figures released by the Salvation Army, as quoted in the article, shows that \$125,000 will be used by this bunch of fakery to further increase the tremendous real estate holdings of the Army by buying the former Telephone Exchange on 124th St., abandoned by the telephone company since the installation of the dial system, the Negro petty bourgeois press makes not the slightest attempt to show this trickery against the Negro unemployed workers, but instead negatively help the Salvation Army, which several days ago denied that any of the Army-Navy game money was being used to buy real estate, is now shown up as liars by its own figures. There is a fight in Concrete Work-

## 300 JOBLESS, KIDS LIVE IN OAKLAND R.R. DUMP LANDS

### And Bosses Boast No Slums Here

OAKLAND, Cal.—This city boasts of having no slums. True. Yet the city and the Southern Pacific R. R. dumps on the bay shore are alive not only with rats and vermin, but human beings, who make their homes here.

Men from all stages of life are here together. Middle-aged worker from heavy industry, who has his three fingers cut off by the lathe in Toledo; another with a stump of a foot deformed in smelting plant in Pittsburgh; then husky, red-faced lumberjacks, against pale-faced, near appearing in spite of the dump environment-office workers; down to waifs not over 16. Hundreds of these are claiming the dumps of the city "jungles" as their homes. They have dugouts among the tin cans and rubbish, salvaging boards, barrels and tins for improvised houses. As many as 300 men are living now on the S. P. dump. They build fires in the evening to warm themselves. When rainy, they manage to sleep in box-cars or under them.

Snaphshots show: No. 1, homeless waif of not more than 16 years of age. This is in U. S. A. in the state of California, "the golden state," and not in Soviet Union, about which such a cry was raised not long ago, of the roaming waifs.

No. 2, a group of Negro workers, who built a wall to shelter them from sharp winds. There is a large number of Negroes here and they are segregated to the farthest end of the dump. But this life will bring the workers to understand that unity and not separation will bring about a change.

No. 3, a worker who just completed his home. He hails from Milwaukee, where he left a starving family. He thought that beyond the Rockies the work is more plentiful, but found it same as in his home city.

"LABORITE" PLAIN CROOK. LONDON, England.—A "labor" town councillor of Harwich came out in his true colors recently. He was found guilty of robbing the workers of the city of \$67.92 over a period of three months.

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## Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill

The Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill proposes: 1.—Unemployment insurance at the rate of \$25 a week for each unemployed worker and \$5 additional for each dependant. 2.—The creation of a National Unemployment Insurance Fund to be raised by: (a) using all war funds for unemployment insurance; (b) a levy on all capital and property in excess of \$25,000; (c) a tax on all incomes of \$5,00 a year. 3.—That the Unemployment Insurance Fund thus created shall be administered by a Workers' Commission elected solely by employed and unemployed workers. All who sign the lists now being circulated by the Workers National Campaign Committee for Unemployment Insurance or its subsidiary organizations, demand that congress shall pass the bill, in its final form as (possibly) amended by the mass meetings which raise it and elect the mass delegation to present it to congress, or as (possibly) amended by the mass delegation itself. The final form of the bill will follow the general line of the three points printed above.

## 11th Red Builders News Club Organized in Philly; Promise to Double Order

"We are organizing a Red Builders' Club here in Philadelphia," writes John Begone. "Tomorrow we are holding a meeting. We will soon increase the order over 100 per cent additional to the regular issue we are getting. The Daily Worker is being well advertised here in Philadelphia by the Red Builders' Club. We always take the old copies with us and give them to fellow-workers who are unable to buy a copy. Also we go through all the flop houses and give away the old copies so we can build up the Unemployed Council of Philadelphia. The Daily Worker can't be beat with Ryan Walker's cartoons, Jorge's columns, the Red Sparks, etc. The paper is worth \$5 a copy to me today. In a few hours yesterday I sold 25 Daily Workers. This morning in one hour's time I sold 20 Daily Workers and I am not finished for the day yet, as we go out again at 3 o'clock. We get as high as 10 cents for some copies of the Daily Worker."

STOCKTON CLUB SELLS BUNDLE OF 75 DAILY S. Dean and Manuel Cardenas of the Stockton Red Builders' News Club write: "In Stockton we have only a small hall at present, but our membership is growing fast. We have now a Philippine comrade as speaker, also Spanish comrade and an English speaker. Our Daily Worker sales are going on every day and we are selling 75 papers per day. We also expect our membership to increase immensely in the next few months."

UNIT 4, BUFFALO, ASKS FOR 25 COPIES DAILY J. W. writes: "Send 25 copies of the Daily Worker daily to Unit 4, Buffalo, N. Y."

BORROWS MONEY TO RENEW SUBSCRIPTION "Enclosed you will find my renewal for the Daily Worker for one year," writes R. C., Los Angeles, Cal. "I know it has been overdue for some time, but I was out of work. In fact

Ward Kepler, Daily Worker agent in Dayton, Ohio. "I would also like to make a suggestion that comrades in charge of selling Dailies should buy rubber stamps and stamp the back numbers to be given away, with the location of the news stands that handle the Daily Workers."

WHEELING, W. VA., WILL BUILD UP ROUTE "Send 15 copies of the Daily Worker to my address every day," writes Wm. Kammer, Daily Worker agent. "The Party nucleus of Wheeling is going to build up a route for the Daily in our section. Send at once."

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## GERMAN, BRITISH STRIKES TENSER

### Miners Call for a General Strike

Reports from Britain and Germany showing the growing tenseness of the coal and textile strike situation. Over 25,000 Burnley textile workers have been locked out already by the bosses for refusing to accept wage cuts and speed-up. Very soon more than 500,000 Lancashire textile workers will be locked out, facing a long, bitter struggle.

A resolution was passed by the Lancashire and Chester Miners' Federation calling for a general strike to support the 150,000 striking Welsh miners was passed Saturday. "It is not fair to let the South Wales miners fight alone," says the resolution. They demand the calling of a general strike against the wage cuts.

In West Wales tinplate plants are closing down, due to shortage of coal. The effects of the strike are also being felt in other parts of England. MacDonald is conferring with both the coal and textile bosses, planning a sell-out agreeable to the employers. A wage-cut of 6 per cent is the verdict of Dr. Braun, official arbitrator, in the Rhur coal fields. Under pressure of the Communists and the workers who have shown their spirit of fight, the reformist trade union leaders say they will reject the six per cent wage cut. They hoped to get a smaller wage cut than would be agreeable to the bosses so that a struggle could be averted. The Bruning government intends to put the wage-cut through, since the bosses state they are not satisfied as they wanted a bigger cut.

Stones and shouts of "Down with the hunger minister" greeted Bruening during his recent tour of East Prussia. A cordon of soldiers and police surrounded Bruening's automobile to keep back the violence of the hungry masses. Despite this the windows of various cars in Bruening's parade were smashed. The walls of the palace of the archbishop of Breslau, where Bruening was scheduled to stay Sunday night, was daubed with red-paint signs reading: "Death and hunger dictator!"

writes R. T., of South Bend, Ind. "I will renew my subscription as soon as I am able."

"Conditions here are bad. Workers are starving. The charities are open here. They give spoiled food to hungry workers. The city hires unemployed to sell apples. In the factories conditions are getting worse. Lay-offs, wage-cuts and speed-up are common here."

THE CITY HAS MONEY FOR COPS; MAKE IT FEED THE JOBLESS!

## FIVE-YEAR PLAN SUCCESSFUL BEYOND GREATEST EXPECTATIONS

### Over-Fulfilled in Most Industries, Says Valery I. Meslauk, Arriving in N. Y.; Planned Out for 1931 Far Above Original Schedule

NEW YORK—Valery I. Meslauk, acting Chairman of the Supreme Economic Council of the Soviet Union, which is in charge of all state owned industry, has just arrived in this country in connection with the purchases of American equipment for Soviet industries and contracts for technical assistance to Soviet industry by American firms.

Meslauk yesterday gave out figures showing Soviet industrial production for the past Soviet fiscal year, 1929-30, ending September 30, 1930. It was 101.9 per cent in excess of the production in 1913, the last pre-war year. The Five-Year Plan was over-fulfilled for most branches of industry. During the past year a total of 3,200,000,000 rubles was invested in Soviet industry as compared with the Five-Year Plan schedule of 2,331,000,000 rubles. An even more intensive development of Soviet industry is expected to take place in 1931, when, according to plans of the Supreme Economic Council, total investments in industry will be 6,050,000,000 rubles as against the Five-Year Plan's schedule of 3,165,000,000 rubles.

"The successful carrying out of the Five-Year Plan," stated Meslauk, at the offices of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, "is clearly indicated by a comparison of the original program for the first two years with the actual fulfillment in the most important branches of industry. The production of steel, for instance, for the two years was 10,300,000 tons as compared with the schedule of 9,900,000 tons. Coal production amounting to 86,600,000 tons was only 1,100,000 tons, or one per cent, below the program. The iron ore production of 17,400,000 tons was 100,000 tons above the program, while the oil output of 30,300,000 tons was 2,200,000 tons above the plan. The output of tractors was 12,800 units as against the plan or 8,800 units."

"As a result of the achievements to date the revised program of the Supreme Economic Council for 1931, calls for an output far above the original schedule for the third year of the plan and is practically on a level with the original program for the last year of the Five-Year Plan. The total value of the output of large-scale industry during 1931 is scheduled, according to prices of

1929-30, at 25,194,000,000 rubles, as compared with the five-year program for the fiscal year 1930-31 of 14,476,000,000 and for 1932-33 of 26,287,500,000 rubles. The schedules of the original Five-Year Plan for 1932-33 and the present estimates for 1931 are, respectively, as follows: oil, 21,700,000 and 25,300,000 tons; pig iron, 10,000,000 and 8,000,000 tons; wheel tractors, 33,000 and 54,000 units; shoes, 80,000,000 and 84,700,000 pairs; power, 17,100,000,000 and 13,600,000,000 kilowatts; general machine building, 2,659,000,000 and 2,483,000,000 rubles. "A significant aspect of the industrial development in 1931 will be the huge amount of new constructions to be completed during the year."

## ATROCITIES STIR WEST INDIAN ISLE

### Resentment Over British Brutalities

ROSEAU, Dominica, B.W.I., Jan. 9.—So deep is the resentment of the masses here against the savage atrocities inflicted by armed forces from the British cruiser Delhi upon scores of workers during a hunger demonstration here some months ago, that the question cropped up yesterday in the puppet Legislature, when representative Shelling Ford, a native reformist manouvering for the support of the masses, introduced a resolution demanding investigation of the circumstances. Ford brought out the fact that after the demonstration had been broken up with the landing of armed forces from the Delhi, the Carib women and children had been subjected to a reign of terror. On the advice of the Attorney General the resolution was ruled out of order on the grounds, typical of capitalist justice, that since the government was prosecuting several workers for participation in the demonstration, the puppet Legislature could not criticize the murderous actions of the government's forces.

## MAYOR FLEES AS 200 HUNGER MARCH

### JERSEY WORKERS SCORE ARRESTS

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (By Mail).—With opportunity to circulate only 300 leaflets announcing the hunger march here, 200 jobless and workers came out Wednesday to demand food or work. They marched two miles to reach the city hall. The mayor fled to the back door, leaving the police to attack the parade. Only one member of the committee was able to penetrate the police cordon and he was immediately arrested. The police tried to intimidate him, but had no luck. This worker told the chief of police he would not get out of town, as ordered, and would continue organizing the 30,000 jobless, most of them from the steel mills here. Demands were for \$10 a week relief, with \$2 a week additional for each dependent, this to be paid out of the \$500,000 park fund. There were demands for free rent, gas, light, and against mortgage foreclosures on workers' homes. The demonstrators also demanded a permit for the demonstrations at the city hall arranged for Feb. 2 and Feb. 10. There will be another hunger march Jan. 14 or Jan. 15. Here the jobless are beginning to invade restaurants and seize food.

## Elizabeth and Newark Mass Meets Wed.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Jan. 11.—Mass protest meetings under the auspices of the International Labor Defense are being held here and in Newark on Wednesday. The Elizabeth meeting will be in Ukrainian Hall, 214 Fulton St., at 8 p. m. The Elizabeth meeting denounces the arrests in front of the court house on Dec. 31, when a committee was sent in by the jobless to demand relief items be inserted in the county budget, then being voted on. The board of freeholders held their meeting illegally, previous to the advertised time, and jammed for all sorts of luxurious trills and flouting the starving unemployed. When the jobless leaders spoke on the street outside, exposing this, their meeting was attacked and Veronica Kovacs, Sol Harper of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and K. Novich, Daily Worker agent, were jailed. Anti-Lynching. Kovacs and Harper, with Fried Biedenkapp of the Independent Shoe Workers' Union, will be speakers at Wednesday's meeting, in which Harper will also bring up the Lynch gang activities following a fake "rape" charge against Negro workers, on Dec. 30. The three arrested Elizabeth workers will be tried Jan. 16 at 10 p. m. at Magistrate Brown's Court. The place and hour of the Newark meeting have not yet been reported to the Daily Worker. Thirteen jobless leaders are held for trial there after arrest at the hunger march on the board of commissioners' meeting on Jan. 7. Of these, John Casper, district organizer of the Trade Union Unity League, and J. Ludin are charged with assault and battery and held on \$500 bail, and the others are charged with loitering and held on \$250 bail.

## Newsboy Collapses From Hunger on Job

(By a Worker Correspondent) PHOENIX, Ar.—Rudolph Jackson, a 21-year-old boy, homeless, unemployed until a wee kago, collapsed on his corner at Central Avenue and Washington Street where he was selling papers. He was suffering from malnutrition and influenza. Jackson was employed by the Arizona Publishing Co. who are well known in the intense exploitation of their workers. There are about 5,000 workers unemployed in this locality of a population of 93,000. Under the bridges of the Salt River, our waterless river, these unemployed men, women, and children are living and eating what slop they manage to beg from house to house canvassing. Fortunately the climate is mild, and sleeping in the open does not do as much harm as compared to the northeastern sections.

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# A. F. of L. Czar Robs Foreign Born Workers; Calls 4 Strikes in Attempt to Collect Graft

(This is the 11th in a Series of articles on A. F. of L. and political corruption in New Jersey. By ALLEN JOHNSON Jim Smith, a worker, pushed around, knocked about, exploited, getting wages that keep him on, and sometimes under the borderline of starvation, forms a union with some fellow-workers so they can fight the bosses better. The bosses are organized against the workers, why not the workers against the bosses? The union is formed. After a hard and bitter fight, Jim and his comrades win higher wages, shorter working hours, better working conditions. Pretty soon, Tom Jones, a slick, smooth oily guy, gets elected as business agent. The fellows in the union grow careless. Jones starts sporting fancy clothes and in a couple of months rolls around to union headquarters in a shiny roadster. Things start to go bad for the workers in the union. Hours are lengthened, working conditions begin to get pretty bad. Then a wage cut. The men want to strike. Jones, the delegate who has just bought an automobile, says no, it won't do us any good. Let's not rush things, he says, let's arbitrate! It doesn't pay to fight. Jim and some of the more experienced workers know better. They have learned that a boss won't yield an inch without a damn stiff fight. But some of the fellows are taken in by the Business Agent's smooth gab. They vote against a strike and get win. So do the Business Agent and the boss.

Boss and A. F. of L. Delegate. The boss sizes up the situation and begins a general attack on the union, and Jim and a few other militants are fired. In a short time the union is completely crippled. The delegate buys a bigger car. The workers are temporarily crushed. The boss declares a bigger dividend. Here, briefly and somewhat oversimplified, is the history of the average A. F. of L. local. Is the picture overdrawn? Look at the following incidents, all of which happened recently and all of which are typical of A. F. of L. union leaders all over the country. There is a fight in Concrete Workers' local 325, Jersey City. Ted Brande, "the boss," has made a company union out of the local. James Cullon is leading the fight against Brande. He is running for the position of business agent against Brande's candidate. Those who wouldn't taste Brande's penalties—beatings, police attacks, discrimination in getting jobs, possible expulsion from the union or being shot—but they vote for Cullon anyway. Cullon is elected. Brande telephones the chief of police, telling him that he may need some cops soon. He tells the members of the union that Cullon will not act as business agent—election or no election. Brande's man is business agent and that's that. He is still business delegate, and Cullon is out of the local. Soon after, a Brande henchman proposes that all the fellows chip in and buy Brande a car—a Rolls Royce. Brande tries hard to blush and look shy. No, a Rolls Royce is really too much, boys; I know times are bad and I know most of you aren't working. The henchman insists. Brande says, well, if you fellows insist on buying me a car, all right. But I won't take a Rolls Royce. Make it a Lincoln, that's a pretty good car too. And a Lincoln it was, even though many a loan shark was visited during the time that the members of the union contributed their share towards the purchase of the car. Exploits Foreign Born Workers. The Seaboard Terminal Corp. recently built a warehouse in Jersey City. Brande, of course, arranged to supply the workers. He did in the following way. His strong arm squad went to New York City employment agencies and hired 38 foreign born workers who could afford to pay \$100 to join the union. Glowing promises of high wages and steady jobs were made. The workers were overjoyed. Imagine a union man coming after you to join the union, no less, and offering you high wages and steady jobs! It seemed almost too good to be true. Of course, there was the matter of getting \$100 to join the union. That sort of put a different complexion on things. Most of the work-

ers could no more have dug up \$100 than they could a million. But some had saved for years and what better investment was there than a good job? Accordingly, dozens of foreign born workers went to work at the Seaboard construction job, that is, after Brande had obtained \$100 each one of them. They worked for exactly one week before they were fired. Their hundred dollars? Well, it takes a great deal of money to keep up Brande's Lincoln. Week after week Brande hired different groups of foreign born workers, taking \$100 from each other of them and then casting them aside when their week was up. And the building, a huge structure, took a long time to erect. Apprentices who enter Brande's unions do so on much the same basis. No youth can join without paying Brande a "fee" ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, depending upon how much the traffic will bear. Once they pay tribute to the A. F. of L., the apprentices wait for jobs. And they continue to wait. When Brande meets a corporation which insists on exploiting its workers without first "taking care" of Brande, trouble follows. Needless to say, the trouble is born by the workers affected. Here is a case in point.

Calls Strike for Graft. A few years ago, the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company had its headquarters and some of its largest warehouses in Jersey City. The truck drivers were all members of the A. F. of L. Teamsters' Union. They were overworked, needless to say, and underpaid, but no more exploited on the whole than 95 per cent of the workers enrolled in the A. F. of L. Brande became a little restive at the A. F. of L.'s refusal to recognize his "right" to strike insurance and determined to make an issue of the matter. He informed the A. and P. that unless the graft was forthcoming immediately he would call a teamsters' strike. The A. and P. didn't reply and Brande called the strike, which, of course, the workers lost, as Brande intended they should. Brande was simply trying to throw a scare into the A. and P. A few weeks had elapsed, Brande again demanded that he receive the

graft he was in the habit of obtaining. Again the A. and P. refused and again Brande called a strike which the workers lost. Brande repeated the procedure a third time with the same results. Once more he told the A. and P. he would call a strike if his demands were not met. The A. and P. replied that if he called another strike it would move its headquarters out of the city within a week, and throw from 3 to 6,000 men and women out of work. Brande, notwithstanding, called his fourth unsuccessful strike. The A. and P. kept its word. It lost nothing by moving to New York. Neither did Brande. But a large majority of the families of the 5,000 workers who lost their jobs feel it to this day. An executive of the National Biscuit Company was asked why his company didn't build a plant in Jersey City, with its excellent truckage and wharfage facilities. The executive shook his head and said, "No, Brande charges too much for his services. We don't want strikes but neither do we want to put Brande in Rockefeller's class." How like a breath of clean, sharp air it is to be reminded of the Trade Union Unity League. There is the Zelgreen affair, for example, in which the A. F. of L. succeeded in displacing restaurant workers for whom the T. U. U. L. had won the eight hour day, with men who were willing to work 12 hours a day. How the T. U. U. L. local fought, leaders as well as rank and file, against clubbing cops who attempted to break up the picket lines with the T. U. U. L. established after the A. F. of L. obtained an injunction for the boss. And how clear it becomes that A. F. of L. leadership is thoroughly corrupt and anti-working class when the T. U. U. L. policies are compared with it; policies which include fighting for a 7-hour day and a five-day week, for higher wages and no wage cuts, for social insurance and against speed up, for militant industrial unionism and against A. F. of L. craft unionism, for full social and political equality for Negroes, against a bosses' war, for the defense of Soviet Russia, for the only workers' republic and for the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government in the United States!

# THE TRIAL IS ENDED--INTERVENTION DANGER GROWING

By BELA KUN.

**I.**  
THE trial of the sabotage, espionage and traitor organization, the trial of the Industrial Party is at an end. The proletarian state, which is conscious of its unvanquishable power, has spared the lives of the five counter-revolutionaries, who had been condemned to death. The expression of "repentance" of the representatives of the bourgeois intelligentsia, the sins of the former ruling classes of Tsarist Russia which were continued in the Soviet Union, have faded into insignificance in face of the enthusiastic work and the triumph of the masses who are building up Socialism.

In the trial of the leaders of the sabotage organization, of the Industrial Party, there were revealed three of the main driving forces of capitalist restoration of capitalism, military dictatorship and intervention, and which aimed at slaughtering the advance-guard of the proletariat not only in the Soviet Union but on an international scale. These forces are: 1. The representatives of very small sections of the bourgeois intelligentsia, of the town petty bourgeoisie and of the kulaks who are being liquidated as a class namely the Industrial Party and its brother organization, "The Party of the Working Peasants" (Kondratiev, Chayanov), as well as their Menshevist allies (Gromann, Suchanov, Barasov); 2. The remnants of the former ruling classes in Russia (the big landowners and the big capitalists) living in emigration, headed by the Paris Trade and Industrial Committee (Torgprom), various monarchist organizations, among which is the group of the "Democratic Republic," the Milukov people, the social revolutionaries (Kerensky) and the emigre groups of the Mensheviks (Abramovitch, Dan); 3. "French imperialism as the leader of international imperialism on the European Continent, the political and military organizer of the war bloc of Poland and Rumania as well as the states of the Little Entente and the Baltic countries, supported by the socialist fascist II International.

The first group of the driving forces of the counter-revolution, just as the second group, is no longer an independent force. The source of power of these two groups is international imperialism, before all French imperialism. Those "actual privileges," to use Lenin's expression, which the Russian bourgeoisie was able to retain for some time after the revolution, the "money," realizable capital, etc., has for the greater part slipped from their hands in the course of the revolution. The inner connections of the Russian bourgeoisie became almost completely disorganized in the course of the revolution. From the confessions of all the leaders of the Industrial Party it is quite clear that the counter-revolutionary sabotage organization was driven to the path of intervention, of preparatory espionage and treason, precisely owing to the lack of a social basis in the Soviet Union itself. It was not owing to the growth of its attractive power for the masses, but on the contrary, its growing isolation even from the masses of the engineers that caused the "Union of Engineers' organization," on the instructions of Poincare and the French General Staff, to convert itself into a "political party," the Industrial Party.

The second group of driving forces of the counter-revolution, the remnants of the former ruling classes now living in emigration together with the menshevist and social revolutionary followers, are still more lacking the support of any living social forces.

The first and second groups of driving forces of intervention had that which according to Lenin constitutes in the first place the force of every defeated bourgeoisie: "the force of international capital, the strength and firmness of the international connections with the bourgeoisie."

The victorious building up of Socialism in the Soviet Union--and this is one of the most important lessons of the trial--is seriously threatened by only one counter-revolutionary force; by the armed power of international imperialism which is now, under the leadership of France, organizing intervention in the states bordering the Soviet Union, from the gulf of Finland to the mouth of the Danube.

**II.**  
The trial compelled Poincare to resort to more complicated methods of lying in face of those facts which were already brought to light at the open proceedings at the trial regarding the preparatory work for intervention and the direct and indirect role of Poincare in this work. Poincare, the most aggressive representative of bellicose imperialism, was compelled to defend himself in face of the facts which were revealed by the accused and the witnesses. He declared in his defense that he had already in 1920 drawn the lesson from the fate of the counter-revolutionary war of Koltschak and Denikin and from the fate of the French and English intervention. He stated that already in 1920 he was personally opposed to the recognition of Wrangel by the French government and opposed to his being supported by the French government in the fight against the Soviet government.

The facts, however, cannot be got rid of by complicated methods of lying any more than they can by the method of simple lying.

These facts are the following: According to the unanimous evidence of all the accused, France first fixed on the year 1928 as the date of intervention and then postponed it to the year 1930. Finally, intervention was postponed to the year 1931.

The year 1928 was preceded by Doumergue's visit to London, when a Poincare government was in power. During this time Poincare was engaged in stabilizing the franc and securing the continental hegemony of France. Doumergue gave a powerful impulse to the Anglo-French rapprochement. The result of his visit to London was to smooth out a whole number of differences between the two leading imperialist states, and in 1928, that is in the year for which Poincare had fixed the intervention, the Anglo-French Entente celebrated its rebirth. This Entente was, of course, directed against the Soviet Union.

The rebirth of the Anglo-French Entente was accompanied by a number of naval and military conventions. And thus France, as a result of Poincare's initiative, became the leader of intervention preparations against the Soviet Union.

The year 1928 did not see the realization of intervention, but in this year the preparations for intervention received a powerful impulse.

From the winter of 1928 onwards the preparations for intervention have been systematically conducted. The Anglo-French agreement gave France a perfectly free hand to secure its military influence in the states bordering the Soviet Union while safeguarding the English influence at sea.

The year 1928 was the year of the formation

of a political bloc from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea. In this year French influence was extended in all the states bordering the Soviet Union, and the military conventions with Poland and Rumania assumed a more definite shape. In this year Pilsudski visited Rumania and the Rumanian general staff officers visited Warsaw. In this year the military cooperation between Poland and the Baltic States was further consolidated. In this year General Le Rond again began to pay visits to Warsaw and Bucharest and General Charny visited the Baltic States. In this year the French military attaché visited Latvia and Estonia and in the same year the visit of the chief of the Polish General Staff created a general sensation in France.

From the confessions it is equally clear that in this year the "Union of engineers' organizations" was taken over completely by the Jeanin Commission of the French General Staff and by their Moscow representatives, MM. K. and R. In this year the Industrial Party began to turn its activity in a military direction, and together with it the Kondratiev-Chayanov group and the group of the Menshevist remnants under the leadership of Gromann.

In the year 1929, shortly after the stabilization of the French currency, French capital granted to Rumania a loan of 72 million dollars for the purpose of increasing its armaments.

In the year 1929, under the leadership of France, there was undertaken the provocative attempt on the Chinese-Eastern Railway which ended in a victory for the peaceful policy of the Soviet Union and with a miserable bankruptcy of international imperialism.

In the year 1929, not only the Comintern but also far-seeing politicians of the bourgeoisie, Poincare among them, foresaw a fresh accentuation of the post-war crisis of capitalism, a shaking of the stabilization.

It is true, the intervention was postponed, thanks to the success of the Five-Year Plan, but the aggravation of the crisis of capitalism and the victory of the Five Year Plan caused a forcing of the preparations for intervention. This year, 1929, saw the speeding up of the concrete military preparations on the part of the Industrial Party and its brother organizations in the Soviet Union under the guidance of MM. K. and R.

At the same time the French General Le Rond and Franchet d'Esperey carried through the following military-technical operations in the Western Border States of the Soviet Union:

Strengthening of the Polish naval base of Gdynia, construction of a strategic railway line between Gdynia and Upper Silesia, in the financing of which the French armament firm of Schneider-Creuzot played the leading part; construction of a whole number of chemical factories for military purposes in Poland; increase of the output capacity of armament factories and strengthening of the "security triangle" (the triangle of fortresses, Radom-Przemysl-Ternow); erection of branches of the Skoda works in Poland, and finally, the reorganization of the Rumanian army.

In the military-political sphere the most important event is the final strengthening of the military influence of France in Latvia, Estonia and Finland, as well as the realization of the closest connection between the two largest armament undertakings: between the French Schneider-Creuzot factory and the Czechoslovakian Skoda works.

At the same time we see: diplomatic endeavors on the part of France, aiming at a German-Polish rapprochement in order to strengthen Polish influence in the Baltic States; conclusion of an agreement with Denmark regarding the straits; attempts to make use of the Scandinavian bloc in the interest of French imperialism; attempts to organize points of support for French influence in Turkey.

The year 1930, the second date decided on for intervention, brought an aggravation of the economic crisis of capitalism, including a crisis of French capitalism, and in this year the preparations for intervention were advanced from the stage of diplomatic and military preparations to the stage of preparing the mind of the general public. This year was the year of anti-Soviet campaigns under French leadership, the year of the Papal crusade, of the chase after the allegedly missing General Kutjevov, of the Besse-dovsky campaign, of Loucher's journeys in order to prepare for Carol's ascent to the throne of Rumania, of the organizing of the East-European agrarian bloc in Bukharest and Budapest, and finally the campaign against Soviet "dumping."

That which Ramzin and his colleagues confessed to the Soviet Court is only a pale, and incomplete reflection of that which the government circles and the General Staff of French imperialism have carried out since 1927 in preparation for the war of intervention in 1930.

Against the lies of Poincare the stock exchange figures speak an eloquent language showing how business circles estimated the prospect of an intervention in the year 1931. At the very time when the crisis of world capitalism caused the shares of the soundest capitalist undertakings to fall ten to twenty points (in the period from July to October, 1930), the shares of the three largest armament concerns of the world constantly rose. In the period from July 1st, 1930, to October 7th, 1930, the shares of Vickers & Co. rose from 6.6 to 7.5 Pound Sterling, the shares of the Hotchkis firm rose from 1980 to 1994 Francs, and the shares of the Schneider-Creuzot works from 1934 to 1945 Francs.

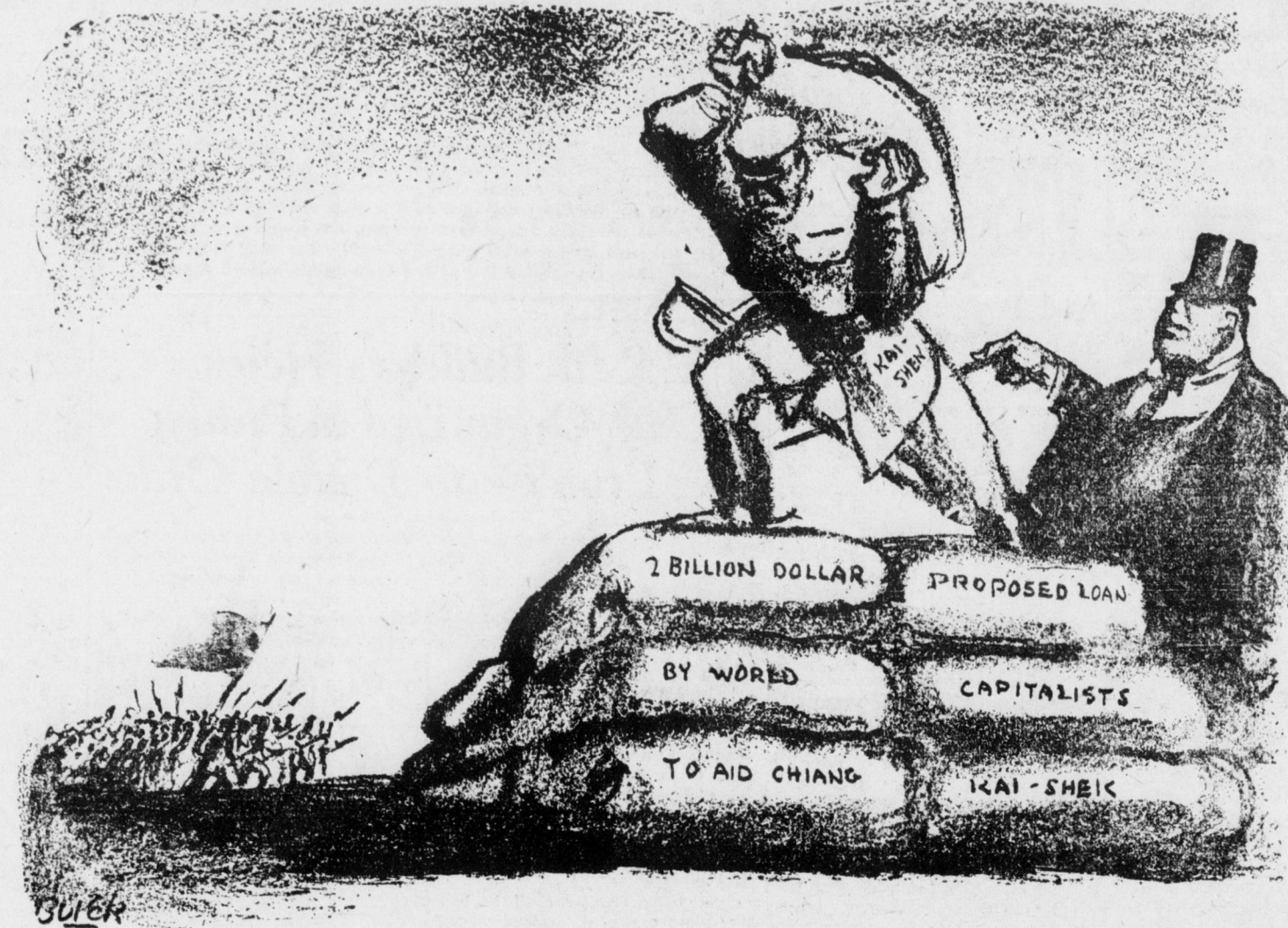
Millions and millions are rendered unemployed as a result of closing down of works; the strongholds of imperialist capitalism, the banks are shaking. Banks are collapsing, but the shares of the armament concerns are rising. They are rising because the output of the war industry is being increased at a feverish rate for the purpose of war of intervention against the Soviet Union.

In the French Chamber it was charged against Tardieu that his announcements regarding prosperity were a pure swindle. The French big bourgeoisie is calling for Poincare, who stabilized the French currency in order to be able to accelerate the preparations for intervention. Poincare, if not elsewhere, shall at least in the war industry secure high profits for French capital at the cost of the blood of the proletariat and of the poor peasants of the Soviet Union.

At Geneva, where French imperialism hardly allows any talk of disarmament, the pacifist Lord Robert Cecil, the delegate of the English Labor Government, against the motion of Count Bernstorff that the Disarmament Conference should be convened in the year 1931, proposed that it should not meet until 1932.

The rise in the quotations of the shares of the armament firms of Vickers, Hotchkis, and Schneider-Creuzot shows that the confessions at the trial, according to which the intervention

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planned for 1930 was postponed to 1931, is based on exact information. It is based on information coming from the best informed circles of French imperialism. Poincare and Co. have fixed 1931 as the year of war.

The System of the Versailles Peace upon which French post-war capitalism was based is already shaken. The forces which are keeping this system of imperialist peace under fire, can only be paralyzed at least for a time, if they are offered the prospect of a redistribution of the world by intervention against the Soviet Union.

The world crisis of capitalist economy is increasing. The capitalist solution of the world crisis of capitalism can only take place at the cost of the working class, and the precondition to the crushing of the working class is intervention against the Soviet Union. In a number of countries, including France, the economic crisis is developing into a political crisis. Fascism can bring a temporary salvation of capitalism only if the Soviet Union, this stronghold of the revolutionary movement of the international working class, is shattered.

War was an urgent necessity for capitalism already in 1928, when at the beginning of the third period the crisis first began to develop. In 1930 it became still more urgent, when with the development of the crisis Stalin pronounced the historic words: "We are entering the period of Socialism", when the hope that socialist construction could be prevented by means of the inner forces of counter-revolution disappeared. For capitalism it is still more urgent that war be commenced in 1931, when the general offensive against the standard of living of the working class has only resulted in an increase of the output and extension of the market of the armament industry.

That which the spies and diversion agents of Poincare stated at the trial has been confirmed a hundredfold by all the events of the world economic crisis and world politics.

(To Be Continued.)

## The Twilight of Capitalism

By G. T. GRINKO  
People's Commissar of Finance, U. S. S. R.

The leaders of the modern bourgeoisie are worried over the fate of post-war capitalism, and they write a great deal about it. It is enough to mention the lively discussion in the German press at the end of 1928, raised by the report of Professor Schmalenbach at the Vienna Congress of representatives of scientific societies and the report of Werner Sombart at the general meeting of the Social Science Association at Zurich. Both of these reports are filled with a spirit of deep pessimism, not to say with the decrepitude of senility. It is the twilight of capitalism. This is no longer only the scientific prognosis of the international revolutionary proletariat raised on the great teachings of Marx and Lenin; the same realization is beginning to dawn upon the advanced minds of the modern European bourgeoisie.

Werner Sombart, venerable prophet of capitalism, concluded his report with this statement: "The domination of capitalism is nearing its end. A new economic system is arising. Capitalism is the most remarkable creation of the human spirit. It is the greatest wonder in the history of mankind, a miracle which we never understand fully. We are merely amazed at its colossal forms and the splendor of its technique. This capitalism has now entered the age of a man in his forties, the age when he is still in the possession of great strength and all his abilities but when he is nevertheless no longer in a position to conceal his stolidity and the fact that he is becoming increasingly quiet and moderate."

We may grant Sombart the privilege of old people to profess to be younger than they really are--which also belongs, apparently, to declining social institutions. It is also unnecessary to debate with him the grandeur of capitalism. It cannot be denied that his entire report sounds like a solemn obituary on capitalism.

It is indeed of the greatest significance that the tried representatives of the European bourgeoisie are beginning to feel the approach of the twilight of capitalism. One of the opponents of Sombart, Alfred Weber, had to divide the economic system of the world into two sectors, the pre-capitalistic, the capitalist and the anti-capitalistic. Said Weber:

"What relationship is there between these three spheres? We are in a state of mutual struggle in the widest sense of the word. We are the immediate opponents of the anti-capitalist sphere (that is, apparently, the U. S. S. R.). . . . This anti-capitalist sphere has lately attempted to exert an anti-capitalist influence on the pre-capitalist sphere (apparently he was speaking of the Chinese revolution) and it is my opinion that here lies one of the fateful questions as to the future of capitalism."

As correctly noted by the editor of the Russian edition of this interesting discussion, Alfred Weber, in his division of the world economic system into three spheres, speaks "about the yesterday, the present day and the tomorrow of the history of the world. An economic regime different in principle from the capitalist system has already been created," he says. "Tomorrow is knocking at the gates of capitalism, which is making feverish efforts to strengthen its position." No reformist theorist of "organized capitalism" can delay the victorious course of the international proletarian revolution and the socialist order that is arising with it.

The Five-Year Plan of the U.S.S.R., that program of great projects, and the developed socialist offensive are striking decisive blows at the foundations of international capitalism. The question: "Whither the U.S.S.R.?" may be answered in the words of Comrade Stalin in the conclusion of his characterization of the first year of the five-year period, which is justly designated by him as "the year of the great transformation." He says:

"We are going full steam ahead through industrialization toward socialism, leaving behind the age-old Russian backwardness. We are becoming a land of metals, of automobiles and tractors; and when we put the U.S.S.R. into a motor-car and the mullah upon a tractor then let the revered capitalists who pride themselves on their "civilization" try to catch up with us. It is still to be seen which country will then have to be considered backward and which advanced."

These words reflect the proud revolutionary self-consciousness of the peasants and workers of the Soviet Union 150 million strong, who have been freed by the October Revolution from the yoke of capitalism, who have started out on the great road of socialist construction, and who see all oppressed humanity preparing and rising toward its own October. The mighty socialist ship "Soviet Union" is cutting the waves of the capitalist elements on its way toward the World's October.

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This attack against "Vida Obrera" very clearly proves to the workers that the American bosses through their state apparatus are ready to use any violence against the working class; against the millions of unemployed workers who are asking for work or wages; against their demands of unemployment insurance. In addition to being the organ of the Spanish speaking workers in the United States, Vida Obrera is also the link between the workers of the United States and the exploited working masses of Latin-America. Yankee imperialism which supports the bloody regimes of Machado in Cuba, Gomez in Venezuela, Ortiz Rubio in Mexico, etc., wants to cover up the crimes of its agents and tries to break the unity of the workers and farmers of the colonies with the proletariat of the United States in their joint struggle against imperialism.

This is not an isolated attack on one revolutionary paper only. The attempt to suppress the "Young Worker," the same issue as the Vida Obrera, is a step towards attempting to suppress all revolutionary papers fighting in the interest of the workers and is part of the whole attack upon the working class. (Fish Committee investigation, deportations, jailings, police attacks, etc.) To defend Vida Obrera means therefore to defend the entire revolutionary press and the

## The Post Office Department Against "Vida Obrera"

UNDER date of December 15th, the Post Office Department sent a communication to "Vida Obrera" advising that this paper was "unmailable," which means that it is a publication with a "seditious character."

After demanding that Vida Obrera fill out an application for the second class privilege three consecutive times, and after presenting all classes of difficulties which have been met with all the requirements necessary, the Post Office Department has taken a step through which the circulation of the paper is practically suppressed.

**The Pretext.**  
The Post Office Department states that "Vida Obrera" has published articles that cannot go through the mails. The contents of the November 3rd and November 17th issues of this paper which they consider "unmailable" deal with the bloody regime of Machado in Cuba and with the campaign led by the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League for unemployment insurance. In other words, the government of the United States through its post office department attempts to suppress "Vida Obrera" because it is the organ of the Spanish speaking workers; because it fights for the Unemployed Insurance Bill, against the deportations of foreign born workers; against the murders of Machado and all the agents of imperialism in Latin-America; against the white terror in Spain and

for the defense of the Soviet Union.

**Ten Million Unemployed Workers! How many of them are collecting signatures for Unemployment Insurance in your city?**

## Red Sparks

By JORGE

**The Self-Righteous "World"**  
The morning N. Y. "World" of Jan. 9, in an editorial commenting upon the assertion of Senator Robinson of Arkansas, that the food "riot" of farmers at England, Ark., was "not the first" and that "news of the others has been suppressed," tries to strike a pose as champion of the truth at any cost:

"Who has been suppressing news? Why should anyone do or attempt such suppression? Are not the facts essential to an informed discussion of relief? Let there be no policy of suppression."

So wrote the editor of the N. Y. Morning World. But the same editor suppressed two Associated Press dispatches telling of the Hunger Marches of tens of thousands of workers in Minnesota and California, which were left lying on his desk at the identical hour he was rushing into print to pose as the banner-bearer of the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Now, will the N. Y. World editor answer some of his own questions?

### Simon Legree Supports Stimson

"Red Sparks"--Seen' as how Mistah Stimson done took pen in hand to castigate the Niggah republic foh carryin' on with slavery, an' bein' as how Mistah Firestone kum along totin a powerful prectes of the same karacter, Ah done ris from the graveyahn' t' jine mah potes.

"We-uns tuk a lot' s'ass frum thuh kussed Abolishunists foah we-uns found out the hirin' Niggahs by the day of kontracting 'em foh share koppers vuz a mighty lot cheaper than investin' so darn much munny in their karkasses.

"Ef Ah hadn' bin so fond uv appel-jack thet hed sich moughty authority, Ah woodn't has chased Liza krost thuh ice. Ah'd durm site better lit her go an' simply brought sum stock on thuh factory whar she got a job uv Noth. An' ez foh Unkle Tom, Ah done bin kickin mahself tuss think thet so much good munny war lost before we-uns got wise enuf tur kwit destroyin' property an' jest linchin' free Niggahs what kosts us aqhin'."

"We-uns heah wuz a-havin' uv a argumint with Abe Linkum about thet Liberia situashun. Ah done larned a powerful lot frum Abe, whuz rite smart on internashunal law. An' Abe an' Ah wuz discussin' jest how thuh fokes on Washingtun vuz goin' tur eksplain matters.

"Yoh see, hit's this away: Thuh Huver admistrashun sez thet anything made on the Soviet territory ez forced labor products. An' the goverment hed tuh lay daoun an embargo on hit. Abe he ez moughty suspicious thet England got thuh Leeg uv Nashuns thuh make trouble foh Unkle Sam on Liberia, seen' as how Mistah Stimson kent kwite stretch thuh Munro Doktrine akross thuh Oshun an' tell the Leeg tuh keep hanz off thuh Firestone investimints on rubbah plantashuns thar.

"So Mistah Stimson hed his hanz tied an' thuh bess he kud do wuz thuh prtentr thet hit war thuh just time he evah heerd uv slavery on Liberia, an' git turribel het up about hit an' giv thuh Big 'Jiggah ovah-see' that a kalin-daoun, speshully tellin' 'em thet the Leeg instruckshuns were kerried out--but with fun eye shet.

"Ah rased thuh pint thet ef thuh Niggah Mistah Firestone bin usin' thuh plant thuh yung trees in his plantashuns air slaves, then all thuh rubbah frum them thar trees ought tew be barred frum thuh United States jest like the products frum th' Bullshives.

"Abe he sed thet thet wuz jest why Mistah Firestone spoke up at wunce on support uv Mistah Stimson, thuh exhibit thuh gud intenshuns about England an' thuh ress uv them Leeg uv things skware with Stimson, sed Ah, but what about England an' thuh ress uv them Leeg uv Nashuns?

"Abe he jest chukeled, in sed, sez he, Simon, yohah doan no nuthin' about slavery. What's Niggah tur hapin ez thet they'll git sum free Niggahs tuh tuk ez thuh Holy Water frum the Pope out thuh sprinkle on them rubbah trees an then they kin giv England thuh wurd thet Unkle Sam mought mak a fuss about sumthin England dun an enyhow they kin git togethah with Pope's blessin roh war on thuh danged Bullshives.

"Ah reckon thet Ah'll he, tuk agree thet, Ah doan kuo nuthin about slavery. Theez nuz fangled ovah-seers got ole Simon Legree skined alive--Yours truly, SIMON LEGREE."

For the benefit of readers who don't know who Simon Legree was, we state that he was the principal villain of the book on American slavery before the Civil War, an over-seer on a slave plantation.

### Higher Mathematics

Question: If a Tammany grafter gets \$50,000 for giving a steamship company a lease on a 500 foot pier in New York Harbor, how much should he get if the city government can persuade the Federal Government to permit the building of 1,000 foot piers? Answer: We give it up, as it's a question of higher mathematics. We suggest that it be referred to a Committee of Experts, consisting of Jimmy Walker, Professor Einstein and the "socialist," Texas Guinan.

fight against the terror campaign of the ruling class.

**Our Answer To This Attack.**

The answer of the Spanish speaking workers to this attack of the government through its post office department must be to build up the unemployed councils of the T. U. U. L., organize and participate in hunger marches; for the Unemployment Insurance Bill; organization of committees for the protection of and against the deportation of foreign born workers, and also organize a more energetic support to the revolutionary movement in Cuba.

All workers must demonstrate that they are ready to support their organ of struggle, "Vida Obrera," against all the attacks of the bosses. To the decision of the post office department we must answer by intensifying the campaign in favor of "Vida Obrera," multiplying our efforts in securing new subscriptions, and defending by all means our paper.

Forward to the struggle for Unemployment Insurance!

Organize the protest against the post office department!

Organize the committees of Aid and Defense of "Vida Obrera"!