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## JOBLESS DELEGATES CALL TO ACTION FEBRUARY 25

### Two Spontaneous Dress Strikes Anticipate General Walk Out

#### Something for Veterans

YOU veterans who are workers, but without work; you who are starving to death in the country you "made safe for democracy"—we want to let you read a few lines about cash payment of the bonus, written by a certain national political leader. They run as follows:

"It is probable that so great a bond and tax program as this sum would require, would create certain financial difficulties and perhaps slow up business recovery."

Now who do you think wrote that? Doesn't it sound like the republican Secretary of the Treasury, Andy Mellon? Isn't it exactly like Owen D. Young, partner of J. P. Morgan, "expert" slave driver of German workers and possible democratic candidate for president in 1932?

Isn't it the model of capitalist class propaganda such as could come from the pen of any big banker?

Well, it is neither Mellon, Young or any big banker who wrote that, but nobody else than the Rev. Norman Thomas, leader and presidential candidate of the so-called "socialist" party—the party which under cover of the name "socialist," carries on among the workers discontented with the republicans and democrats, the same capitalist policies as the other openly capitalist parties. It was written in the "socialist" paper, the "New Leader," of Feb. 7.

But there is more. Listen to this:

"But the great objection to the cash payment to veterans is that if the government makes that payment, it will do nothing for the unemployed."

This is something like the tricky propaganda of the fascist leaders of the Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who turn it the other way round and pretend to "fight" for the cash bonus and oppose any fight for Unemployment Insurance. This is putting the question as if it were "either" the cash bonus "or" Unemployment Insurance. And anybody who puts it that way is really against both.

But Norman Thomas, the fake "socialist," who by playing the other end of this game with the fascist V.F.W., illustrates what is meant by the term "social fascist," goes further. He thinks that the veterans have been well treated. He says:

"So far as money can compensate...our government has not done badly."

You can put the "socialist" stuff in your pipe and smoke it, and it can't be told from the republican or democratic brand. But he adds, "What we want is jobs." Not for himself, of course. Thomas is getting \$100 a week writing for a racketeer magazine "Unemployed."

Take notice that Rev. Thomas does not even propose Unemployment Insurance. He says not a word in favor of that, but he proposes the following:

"What we ought to be working for is a bond issue to begin a great program of public works."

Well, so does Hoover chatter about "public works"—but he does nothing but chatter. And the Rev. Thomas, the "socialist," chatters alongside—the 10,000,000 jobless and their families starve.

Thus you see, worker veterans, that the social fascist "socialist" party is against both the cash bonus and against Unemployment Insurance. Thus you see that the "socialist" party is only another party defending the interests of the capitalist class!

Understand that, workers! And understand that the Communist Party, fully supporting the demands of the veterans for cash payment of the bonus does not peddle the capitalist—"socialist" bunk about it "slowing up business recovery" just as it rejects the idea of the V.F.W. demagogues that it would "bring back prosperity." It supports the program of the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League for cash payment of the bonus, which, holding that it is insufficient to meet the needs of worker veterans, urges them to join in the struggle for Unemployment Insurance for all workers.

Shoulder to shoulder with other workers, the veterans should fight, class against class, for the cash bonus, and Unemployment Insurance!

## DEMONSTRATE AGAINST CUBAN SLAVERY SAT. IN BATTERY PLACE

### Workers To Hit Enslavement of Class Brothers in Cuba and Guatemala, Etc., By U. S. Imperialists—Protest Attacks on U.S.S.R.

NEW YORK.—The White House has put an embargo on Russian lumber coming to this country on the lying pretense that Soviet lumber is being cut by "forced labor."

But Messrs. Mellon, Hoover and all American imperialists, particularly the reactionary press in the United States keep silent on the system of peonage maintained in Cuba and Guatemala by the native rulers and American bankers.

The Daily Worker has reproduced authentic pictures of the system of slavery and forced labor in Cuba under the fascist government of Machado.

The workers in the United States must not remain silent when the same bosses that exploit them, are preparing war against the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union and enslaving our own class brothers in Cuba and Guatemala.

The bloody puppet President of Cuba, the tropical Mussolini, General Machado is kept in power by the will of the American Sugar Barons and the National City Bank. Why does not the American Congress put an embargo on the Cuban Sugar? Because the Congress represents the slave owners of Negro peons in the South. They are the co-partners of

Cuban slave holders. The Cuban dictator, having the support of Hoover and Co. C'rects a fierce attack upon the working class and peasantry of Cuba. More than 1000 fishermen are striking today against the inhuman conditions of exploitation. Cuban and American capitalists, in the attempt to crush the strike, are importing fish from the United States. The government is deporting strikers the majority of whom are Spaniards. Machado who is eager to obtain additional support by American imperialists and encouraged by the pernicious report of Fish, tries to divert the struggle of the workers in Cuba in a blundering statement that "Moscow" is trying to attack the U. S. government by seething trouble in Cuba." In this he registers the support of Mr. Wollis allies in Cuba, the yellow leaders of the Cuban Federation of Labor.

The workers of New York must give their active support to the workers and peasants of Cuba. We must demand the immediate release of all political prisoners; we must demand the right of the revolutionary unions to organize the workers for the immediate economic demands; we must help the Cuban workers in their struggle for immediate unemployment relief. The New York workers must rally in a huge demonstration next Saturday, February 14th, at 1 p. m. in Battery Place before the Cuban Consulate.

**MOORE SPEAKS AT FORUM SUN.** Richard B. Moore, well known to the workers of Harlem as well as the entire state, will lead the discussion at the Forum at 308 Lenox Ave. at 4 o'clock, Feb. 12.

**ATTENTION**  
The Hunger Marchers to Albany need shoes, rubbers, and overcoats. Send in men's shoes, rubbers, and overcoats to the Workers International Relief, at 131 West 29th St., New York City. If you know of places where these necessities can be gotten, phone Lackawana 4-0640.

## 8 SHOPS NOW ON STRIKE; SPECIAL DRIVE IN FEW DAYS LEFT BUILDS FUND

### Support - the - Dress - Strike Committees To Be Built in Worker Organizations

### Negro and White Dressmakers to Parade in Harlem, Hold Rally Tomorrow Night

NEW YORK.—The immediate response to the strike vote on Wednesday night of 4,500 dressmakers was a spontaneous walkout yesterday in the shop of Cohen and Rosen, 159 W. 25th St., because a worker was discharged; a strike in the shop of the G. and K. Dress Co. and imminent walkouts in many other shops. Conditions of the dressmakers have become so unbearable that they are going on strike even though the strike date has not yet been announced.

The most unusual feature of the strike in the Cohen and Rosen shop is that the place was an open shop with many I. L. C. W. members. Every dressmaker in the shop, including the "International" members, walked out when it became known that a general dressmakers' strike would soon become a reality. Needle

**WORKERS TO FIGHT ANTI-SOVIET WAR CAMPAIGN, FRIDAY**

### Central Opera House Will Be Packed

"Hands off the Soviet Union!" This will be the demand thunders by hundreds of workers at a big mass meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in Central Opera House, 67th St. near Third Ave. Called by the Friends of the Soviet Union, tonight's meeting will rally the working masses of New York and vicinity to defend the workers' fatherland from the feverish war campaign being carried on by the American capitalist class as part of the international conspiracy for armed invasion of the U. S. S. R.

The meeting will launch a vigorous protest movement, enlisting thousands of workers and sympathizers throughout the country, against U. S. imperialists' latest anti-Soviet war measure, the Treasury Department's embargo on Soviet lumber and pulpwood. It will be followed by other meetings that the Friends of the Soviet Union is organizing all over the country.

Speakers will be Robert Minor, leader of last year's huge March 6 demonstration; M. J. Olgin, editor of the "Freiheit"; Richard B. Moore, National Negro Organizer of the International Labor Defense; and I. Amer, New York District Secretary of the Communist Party.

The famous Hall Johnson Negro Singers will appear in a program of Negro labor songs and spirituals. A hilarious satire on the Fish Committee, written by Joseph R. Brodsky and presented by the Workers Laboratory Theatre, will be an additional feature.

Members and sympathizers of the United Councils are urged to turn out in large numbers to Steve Katovis meeting on Sunday next by Gordon, secretary of the Councils, in a statement today. "We must carry on the fight for which Steve Katovis gave his life with the same courage, determination and militant organizations of the working class which will successfully resist the attack and terror of the bosses and win for the workers the right to organize and strike and improve working conditions.

## FUNDS NEEDED AT ONCE FOR "DAILY"

Will we make the capitalist laugh or will we make him happy? Ryan Walker puts the question right to us.

Due to the fact that large paper houses, printing plants and banks were closed yesterday it was not necessary to make any payments on bills that are due. However, these will accumulate for today. These next few days will be very hard ones for the management in the Daily Worker. Notes that fall due and other bank obligations must be met. Response from the field and close attention to the appeal to send in the Red Shock Troop lists will pull us through.

The only way we can be sure the Daily Worker appears in the streets, every day, in front of shops and factories and in the homes of the workers, is by immediately sending in funds and mailing the Red Shock Troop lists. Send funds to the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13th St., New York City. Don't delay! Send funds today—now!

**PARTY FOR SHOE WORKERS.** NEW YORK.—A house party will be given Sunday at 4 p. m. at Henkin's place, Apartment 51, at 1791 Prospect Ave., Bronx. Shoe workers are asked to attend and help the organizational committee of the Independent Shoe Workers' Union to build the union. The committee will be there.

## Westinghouse Plant Slashes Wages; Go Up in Soviet Union

### 18,000 Workers in Pittsburgh Get 10 Per Cent Cut; While All Soviet Miners Gain 20 Per Cent Raise

Two important wage actions took place yesterday—one in the Soviet Union and one in the United States. In the Soviet Union, wages for all underground miners are to be increased 20 per cent, beginning February 15th. The Supreme Council of National Economy said this was to raise the standard of living of the workers, and is just one step in the process of constantly increasing the wages of the workers.

But in Pittsburgh, in the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company's plants quite the reverse took place. The capitalist owners of this huge factory, employing 13,000 workers cut wages 10 per cent. To keep up their profits, the capitalists unload on the workers, lower their standard of living. As an excuse, the workers do not work half day on Saturday any more. They will be speeded up the other five days to make up for the lay-off. A lot of the workers will have to work Saturday too.

This 10 per cent wage cut beginning in Pittsburgh will spread to all other factories of the Westinghouse.



Just as the 20 per cent wage increase for the miners in the Soviet Union will spread to all other factories in the workers' republic so the wage cuts multiply in this "richest capitalist country in the world."

The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. is owned by the General Electric, a Morgan-Young concern. This wage cut is of tremendous significance as it will effect ultimately hundreds of thousands of workers and shows the policy of the Morgan interests who control some of the most important basic industries in the United States.

## 7,000 Demonstrate in Boston Awe Court Into Light Terms

### Unemployed of 13 Cities in 3 New England States Demand Insurance; Huge Police Mobilization Breaks Lawrence Meet

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 12.—Mass pressure of the unemployed here had its effect in the municipal court today. The 12 who were arrested in yesterday's demonstration of 7,004 workers were discharged on minor sentences. Two charged with assaulting the police were fined \$10 each. Owners were fined \$5 on city ordinance charges. Two liberal ministers who were arrested as on-lookers were released. This action was in accordance with the plan of

Governor Ely to keep the masses quiet by proposing a bond issue for future public work while he viciously fights all proposals for cash relief.

The committee representing the 7,000 demonstrators clearly exposed the demagoguery of Governor Ely in his office yesterday. "The over 300,000 jobs in the state can't eat future state roads," said Keith, one of the committeemen. "They demand an immediate 300,000 jobs or cash relief," said Cantré, another committeeman. Ely refused to support the federal unemployment bill, refused to turn over the \$1,700,000 unexpended in the state of public works for the immediate feeding of the jobless, or give guarantees against evictions and shutting off of gas and electricity for the unemployed.

**Smashed At Lawrence**  
LAWRENCE, Mass., Feb. 12.—The most complete police mobilization since the great 1923 textile strike here prevented jobless the demonstration yesterday. The City Hall was closed down between 11 and 1 p. m. and masses of police on horses, motorcycles and cars kept all workers moving down the main streets. Edith Berkman, local organizer of the N.T.W.U. and another union member were arrested. Pat Devine,

## INTENSIFY 'DAILY' DRIVE IN BRONX

A Daily Worker conference, to which all workers' organizations of the Bronx are requested to send delegates, will take place this Sunday, 2:30 p. m. at 569 Prospect Ave.

The conference is called to discuss wages and means of spreading the Daily Worker in the Bronx, and to rally the workers around the Daily Worker.

Representatives of the editorial staff will be there to discuss with the delegates, as to how to improve the contents of the Daily Worker.

Delegates have already been elected, those organizations who have not already done so, do so immediately.

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## Labor Government Is For Mass Wage Cut To Save Capitalism

How "socialist" ministers become the most valuable instruments for the preservation of capitalism is strikingly shown by the speech made in parliament Wednesday by Chancellor of the Exchequer Snowden. After making a gloomy survey of British finances and industry, stating that the country was in a "grave crisis," Snowden began to lay the basis for using all the forces of the labor government against the workers to save the capitalist system in Britain and with it the profits of the bosses.

In order to do this, Snowden said, "a temporary suspension" of all socialist principles is necessary—as if Snowden or MacDonald ever had any other principle that conflicted with the preservation of British imperialism.

Then Snowden proceeds to the drastic plan of doing the job. First he proposes cutting down unemployment insurance for the rapidly in-

## Snowden's Speech Is Opening Wedge to Slash Pay

The workers will have to suffer, he frankly states, in order that capitalism can get on its feet again and so that the bosses can go ahead reaping profits at the expense of the workers.

The labor cabinet members, who get fat salaries for the service in preserving the British empire and initiating the wage-cut drive, are quite willing to set the example of permitting their "incomes" to be cut, as it makes it easier to tear bread out of the mouths of the poorly paid mass of British workers. Snowden, MacDonald and company will not suffer. MacDonald will get another automobile "a block long." The profits that the capitalists make out of the wage-cut will be shared in some way with the noble labor ministers who turn the trick of a national wage-cut.

But here in all its glaring brutality is shown the function of a socialist government. This is social-fascism in practice.

## GOVERNMENT PROVES THAT IT IS WORKERS' ENEMY, ORGANIZE AND FIGHT!

### National Capitol Still Armed Camp On Day After Jobless Visit It; Bachman of Fish Comm. Demands Exile of Wagenknecht

### Congressmen Call for Suppression of the Workers' Organizations, Deportations

### Delegation of Unemployed Hurries Back to Masses to Show Up Congress' Program of Starvation, Mobilize Demonstrations

While the national capitol was still an armed camp, "in a state of siege," as the capitalist press itself declared, even on the day after the appearance there of the national delegation of the unemployed, and while congressmen were simply foaming at the mouth demanding the deportation of American citizens on the delegation—a

whole day after the delegation's visit, the chairman of that same delegation issued a statement which is a ringing call to all workers to organize, and to all jobless to organize, and carry on a united struggle for unemployment relief and against wage cuts.

The delegation has separated, and is rushing back to those who sent it to mobilize the biggest demonstrations this country has ever seen, on Feb. 25, International Fighting Day.

The statement to the 12,000 unemployed in U. S., and to the other millions facing wage cuts and many of them working only part time, is as follows:

"Supported by the signatures and votes of a million and a half workers, by the ringing demands of several hundred thousand workers mobilized in 75 hunger marches upon city hall and state capitols, by the ayes of tens of thousands of workers in mass meetings, organization meetings, street demonstrations, bread

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## WORKER KILLED IN LEIPZIG

### Hamburg Dockers On Strike Against Cuts

(Cable By Inprecor)  
BERLIN.—Early in the morning police raided the fascist headquarters confiscating much material. The search was allegedly conducted with the recent fascist murders.

Last evening armed fascists attacked six workers in Charlottenberg, firing rapidly. A twenty-eight-year-old worker, Erich Weber, was fatally wounded. Others less seriously. Police arrested four fascists.

Last night collisions occurred in Leipzig at three fascist meetings. A twenty-one-year-old worker was shot and killed, three were seriously injured.

Four hundred fascists broke up an anti-fascist meeting in Chalottenberg yesterday evening. The hall was wrecked, and many workers were injured. The police batons were spontaneous in the protest demonstration.

Yesterday in Hamburg, the Altona Wilhelmshurg dockers struck against wage-cuts under revolutionary leadership without waiting for the reformist ballot. The Bremen dockers decided to join the strike. The police raided several strike offices and arrested twenty-five dockers.

## HUNGER MARCH TO ALBANY FRIDAY

### Greet 500 Thurs. Nite at New Star Casino

Workers and delegates from many working-class organizations have expressed their intentions to mass into New Star Casino, 107th Street and Park Avenue, Thursday night, Feb. 19th, to give a rousing send-off to the 500 unemployed workers who will march to Albany to present the demands of the unemployed workers of New York and the Unemployment Insurance Bill to the State Legislature in session there, on February 24th.

The meeting will give the workers of New York an opportunity of greeting the delegates of the jobless and hearing their plans of march.

A Wagenknecht, secretary of the National Campaign Committee for Unemployment Insurance will give a report on the Washington delegation, which he headed. Other T.U.U.L. and W.I.R. leaders will address the workers present.

The Albany marchers will leave the morning of the 20th, and follow the Hudson Valley route to Albany, where they will be joined by delegations from other New York industrial centers. W.I.R. food and medical trucks will accompany the delegation all the way. The entire feeding and sheltering of the delegation will be taken care of by the W.I.R.

The National Offices of the W.I.R. and the T.U.U.L. ask all workers to earnestly continue their collecting of funds every day until February 14th.

## Sells Opossum to Get "Daily"

There are various ways of digging up money for Daily Worker subscriptions. Farmers have sent in the price of a gallon of cream; hog-raisers send the proceeds of their animals; one worker walked to and from work for miles in order to save carfare for his subscription. Here's the latest: "Find enclosed two checks for \$10.15. Set me ahead one year for the balance for the good of the Daily. My sub expires Feb. 28, 1931. I SOLD OPOSSUM HIDES FOR THIS" R. E. J., Tommoien, Miss. (60,000 Circulation news on page 3.)



# MILITANT PICKETING GETS RESULTS FOR 150 FIGHTING A WAGE CUT

### Three Other Mines Still On Strike Against Twenty and Ten Per Cent Cuts

### Tomajko Strikers Will Give Relief to Others But More Is Needed; Rush Funds at Once

WEST MORELAND, Pa., Feb. 12.—A victory has been won for the 150 miners on strike at the Tomajko mine. This one of four mines here struck against wage cuts. The strike is lead and the strikers are organized by the National Miners Union. Saturday there was extremely active picketing by men, women

Funds and donations should be rushed to the Workers International Relief, 611 Penn. Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. The Pennsylvania miners came out of the 1927-28 strike of the United Mine Workers not only with their strike sold out by Lewis and a big wage cut, but also with no food or money. Since then they have been starving along on a few days a week and with periods of no work at all. They were starving before this present strike started, their families are starving, they are without fuel. In spite of all this, they have to strike against wage cuts that mean starvation even though at work. They are putting up a fine fight, and if they get relief will win.

(Editor's Note.—The Mine, Oil and Smelter Workers Industrial Union held a referendum recently, and decided to change its name back to the it had when formed, "National Miners Union.")

Coal companies are always trying to make the miners carry in their own supplies, and are always trying to make them do the dead work (Cutting that does not yield coal, such as deepening the bottom of the working place or cutting to reach coal, etc.) for nothing. Miners are paid per ton for the coal they produce.

The company tried in every way to demoralize the strike through stool pigeons but failed. Miners are returning to work today here in Tomajko mine.

Others Need Relief. The Tomajko miners pledge financial support to the strikers in the other three mines. But more relief is needed at once in order to win.

## What's On—

- FRIDAY—**
- Metal Workers Industrial League.** N. Y. Local meets at 8 p. m. at 16 W. 21st St., top floor. Plan of action for the coming month presented by exec. board. Lecture, "Lessons of the Flint Strike," Stachel. All must be present.
- Jersey City, N. J. Attention!** John Reed Youth Club meets at 6:55 Newark Ave. Lecture, "Negro Problem in America." All invited. Admission free.
- All Workers' Organizations.** In the Co-op are urged to be represented en masse for the Co-op Gym at 8:30 p. m. at the end-off of Emerson Musical Program. Proceeds to Daily Worker.
- Harlem Prog. Youth Club.** Membership meeting at 1522 Madison Ave. All comrades are urged to be on time.
- Printing Workers Industrial League.** Meets at 7:30 p. m. at 15 W. 21st St.
- Nat. Turner Branch I. L. D.** Important meeting at 8 p. m. at 204 W. 136th St.
- Steve Katozis Branch I. L. D.** Holds a special meeting in preparation for the banquet at 7:30 p. m. at E. 14th St.
- Last Meeting of Bazaar Committee.** Takes place at 7:30 p. m. at district office of the I. L. D., 799 Broadway, Room B, 410.
- Workers Ex-Servicemen.** Meet at 15 E. 3rd St. (Ukrainian Workers Home) at 8 p. m.
- SATURDAY—**
- Attention! Newark.** Daily Worker Conference of all unit reps at 3 p. m. at 93 Mercer St. All units must be present and should elect Daily Worker reps if they have none.
- Concert for Benefit Daily Worker.** Takes place at 1622 Bathgate Ave. at 8 p. m. Interesting program. Covered tables and comradesly atmosphere. Admission 35 cents.
- Entertainment and Dance.** Given by the Czechoslovak Branch 9 and the Yorkville Branch I. L. D. at Czechoslovak Workers' Home, 347 E. 72nd St. Lecture: "Persecution of the Foreign Born." Free. Free film on the International Labor Movement will be shown, followed by dancing. Admission 25 cents.
- Council No. 18 Boro Park.** Entertainment and dance at 1273 42nd St., Brooklyn, at 8 p. m. at 25 cents. Proceeds I. L. D.
- Perth Amboy, Attention!** A Grand Dance will be given the Workers' A. C. Girls at the Workers' Home, 508 Elm St. Tickets may be secured at the door or from a club member. Good program.
- Hard Time Dance.** Given by Unit 9, Section 5, at the Co-operative Auditorium, 2709 Bronx Park East. Admission 35 cents.
- Newark! Attention!** An International Concert and Dance has been arranged by the I. L. D. to take place at 8 p. m. at the Ukrainian Hall, 57 Beacon St. Proceeds to Winter Relief Campaign. Admission 50 cents.
- Bronx Unit 10.** Vetcherliska and Concert at 8 p. m. at 1645 Grand Concourse (enter on Mt. Eden Ave.). Refreshments.
- English-Speaking Section.** Bronx Workers' Club. Entertainment and Dance. Good program and fine band. Takes place at 8 p. m. at 1472 Boston Rd.
- I. L. D. Dance.** Nat. Turner Branch I. L. D. at 8 p. m. at 305 Lenox Ave.
- Office Workers' Union Third Annual.** Dance at New Harlem Casino, 160 E. 116th St. Negro jazz band and refreshments. Ten per cent of proceeds to coming dress strike. Admission 50 cents.
- I. L. D. Dance.** At 8 p. m. at 305 Lenox Ave.
- Medical Workers Industrial League.** Calls upon all members to come at 2 p. m. to distribute leaflets until 5 p. m. for the meeting to take place at Stuyvesant Casino Thursday.

## THE ADVENTURES OF BILL WORKER



## PASSAIC JOBLESS FREE DELEGATES

PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 12.—Once more the Passaic unemployed and employed have shown their determination to fight for immediate relief when three hundred of them marched thru the streets with songs and placards down to the city hall.

There were about two thousand at the demonstration there, standing for two hours in a heavy snow storm. While the delegation of six headed by Robert Pace left for the City Hall to present the demands of the unemployed to the city commissioners the workers stood listening to the speeches of Al Steel, chairman, L. Goldberg, Evelyn Blacker, Pelkom, Taft, J. Rubin, Lafadiis.

## “By Rocket to the Moon” in Second Week at Cameo

“By Rocket to the Moon,” the UFA production at the Cameo Theatre, is to be held over for another week, beginning today. Directed by Fritz Lang, the producer of “Metropolis,” “By Rocket to the Moon” is a fantastical picture of space navigation. Gerda Maurus, Willy Fritsch, Fritz Rasp and Klaus Pohl fill the leading roles.

## EDDIE LEONARD AND BEN BLUE AT HIPPODROME

At the Hippodrome, starting this Saturday, the vaudeville show is headed by Eddie Leonard, the noted minstrel, and his blackface players, and Ben Blue, the dancing comic, with Lynn Dore. Others on the bill include: Spanish clown, Joe Weston and Collette Lyons, Elyde Hager, Barson and Kharum, Luster Brothers, and the Six Franklins.

## WORKERS SCHOOL IS NOW OPEN

NEW YORK.—The Workers' School opened its Spring Term last Monday, with hundreds of workers taking many vital courses offered by the school. With the new facilities in the new school headquarters, 50 E. 13th St., second floor, the classes in the early period start promptly at 7 p. m. and those in the later period at 8:30 p. m. Students must attend classes on time.

## Amter Speaks at NTW Forum Sunday, 3 p. m.

NEW YORK.—Israel Amter will speak at the open forum Sunday, Feb. 15, at 3 p. m. at 131 West 28th St. He will speak on Revolutionary Trade Unionism. These forums are organized by the Youth Department of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union.

## ESTHER'S SCIENTIFIC VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT

1606 MADISON AVENUE  
Between 107th and 108th Street, New York, N. Y.  
HAS DECIDED TO GIVE 15% OF THE WHOLE INCOME OF SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TO THE DAILY WORKER  
This restaurant is serving home made vegetarian meals for proletarian prices.—60 CENT MEAL SERVED IN FOUR DISHES—No Tip  
All workers and sympathizers are asked to patronize this restaurant and help support the DAILY WORKER!

## RUG MILL SHUTS DOWN

ENGLISHTOWN, N. J.—The local rug mill, employing about 75 to 100 persons, was shut down and machinery is being moved to Philadelphia.

## BEDACHT SPEAKS AT BRONX CLUB

NEW YORK.—The intensive war preparations against the Soviet Union, the fight of world capitalism against the five year plan, has found an ally in the right wing renegades from Communism. The rapid industrialization of the Soviet Union, the building of socialism, is a challenge to world imperialism.

## WIFE OF GONZALES GOES TO U. S. S. R.

Fresh in our minds there lives the memory of the loss of our Comrade Gonzales, shot to death last year by the murderous New York police during a Harlem demonstration. Comrade Gonzales lives not only in the minds of the ranks of our Party, but of the class conscious workers of the United States.

## CONCERT AND DANCE FOR COMRADE N. AMRON

Friday, February 13 at 2700 BRONX PARK EAST INTERESTING PROGRAM REFRESHMENTS  
Auspices:—Unit 22 with the cooperation of Units 21 and 23.  
All Proceeds to the Daily Worker

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Saul Shorr, Prop.

## 8 NEEDLE SHOPS NOW ON STRIKE

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trades bosses sent three cops to the N. T. W. I. U. headquarters to get the strikers to go back to work, but the strikers laughed at them.

## Strike Committee Meets

Tomorrow, at 2 p. m., there will be a meeting of the Strike Committee, which now comprises 215 members elected from the shops and at meetings. This strike committee, consisting as it does of non-union members, N. T. W. I. U. members and members of the I. L. G. W., the company union, is truly representative of rank and file dressmakers and is the first really united front committee in the history of the needle trades.

## Philadelphians Prepare

A gigantic mass meeting was held last night in Philadelphia, where the dressmakers will go on strike simultaneously with their fellow-workers in New York.

## Tour for Fund

The collection of the strike fund is such a vital matter in a successful struggle against the wealthy needle trades bosses that the National Support-the-Dress-Strike Committee has decided to send three dressmakers to tour the country for it.

## NEIGHBORHOOD THEATRES EAST SIDE—BRONX

**JEFFERSON**  
RKO ACTS  
Harmon & Sands  
Otto Gray & Cowboy Han  
Claude de Carr  
others

**FRANKLIN**  
RKO ACTS  
Burns & Allen  
Hollywood  
Peaches  
Monroe Bros.  
others

**WED. 7:30 P.M.**  
TOLSTOY'S  
Great Drama of  
Human Love

**REURRECTION**  
with  
LUPE VELEZ  
JOHN BOLES

**'LITTLE CAESAR'**  
EDWARD G. ROBINSON  
NICOLAS FAULKNER, JR.

## PATERSON WOMEN MEET TONIGHT

Plan Working Women Conference  
PATERSON, Feb. 12.—Working women of Paterson and Passaic met tonight to plan a campaign for International Women's Day tonight at 8 o'clock. Delegates from shops and organizations in Paterson will meet in conference at 205 Market Street and 287 Monroe St., Passaic, to plan a mass campaign for International Women's Day.

## Paterson Women Plan Working Women Conference

The conference will work out plans for mobilizing the working women for the unemployment demonstration on February 25th, and for International Women's Day, March 8th, which will be celebrated for the first time in these cities at an indoor demonstration. Working women from shops and factories, and from working women's organizations are urged to send delegates to the conferences in their respective cities to fight to improve the conditions of the working and unemployed women.

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# Washington Delegation Militant in Face of Armed Forces on Visit to Capitol

## U. S. Steel Corporation Finger-Prints Workers In Futile Effort to Smash the Organization of Men Into Metal League

### Bosses Mobilize Spies, Detective Agencies and Regular Police to Fight Unionization

#### But Workers Goaded By Sharp Wage Cuts and Bad Conditions Go On Organizing

Pittsburg, Calif.

Dear Editor:

The U. S. Steel Corporation is known already to all steel workers for its notorious spy system and blacklisting system, which are being ruthlessly used against every attempt of the steel workers to organize and to struggle for better conditions.

In recent months we had plenty of experience in this respect here in Pittsburg, Cal. Company spies, private detective agencies and the regular police force were used by the organization campaign and the appearance of our shop paper.

In addition to this they are now using a new, and, from the viewpoint of the bosses, probably a better system of blacklisting.

## FRENCH WORKER DEFIES BOSSES

### Will Carry on in Spite of Deportation

(By a Worker Correspondent)

IN JAIL, Feb. 8.—Well, it seems that I'll have a free trip to France. They may deport a Communist, but Communism remains right here in the U.S.A. and I am confident that tens of thousands of American workers will take my place in the ranks of the only revolutionary party of USA.

They may deport an unemployed worker, but they cannot deport unemployment either, because as a fruit of the darn system, it will only disappear with the system itself.

I shall tell the French workers about this "free" country of "prosperity" where workers have to eat dogs and cats in order to escape starvation, where workers are killed, clubbed and jailed because they refuse to starve.

As a Communist, leaving this country does not mean leaving Communism. Hell, No! But on the contrary, I shall double my activity in the ranks of the French section of the Communist International.

I appeal to all French comrades to double their activity for the organization of these thousands of French workers.

I am fully confident that our Party, now cleared of all rotten elements, of the bourgeoisie, is becoming the real Party of the American working masses—the Party which will smash this system of starvation and establish a Soviet system.

Long live the American working class!

Long live its vanguard, the Communist Party of the United States!

Be ready for the defense of the Soviet Union!

Down with this system of exploitation and starvation!

## Government Proves That It Is Workers' Enemy, Organize and Fight!

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me meetings, the Workers Unemployment Insurance Delegation arrived in Washington, D. C., on Feb. 11, and formulated proposals for a federal law which would give every unemployed worker \$15 a week, \$3 for each dependent, and two months immediate winter relief.

These proposals, together with the demand for immediate passage of an unemployment insurance bill and the demand that the delegation secure a floor of Congress to voice the needs of the ten million unemployed, were carried by the delegation into the halls of the national capitol.

**Guns Instead of Bread.**

"And how" is the delegation received by the capitalist law makers when it demanded the passage of our bill to stop the immense number of deaths by starvation? We were faced with mounted machine guns instead of getting bread. We were threatened with gas bombs instead of getting bread. We were given a display force of a thousand government police and secret service agents. We were held to be enemies of fighting armies of this whole gang of exploiters, from Wall Street to Hoover down. Many of them actually thought we had come from Washington, D. C., to capture the capitol by force. They fear the workers in action. They know that their armed force saves their hides, yet.

The delegation elected by masses workers in large and small industrial centers, most of them just beginning to fight wholly upon the side of the working class, left Washington thoroughly convinced of one thing: that enemy met enemy in the Capitol grounds and halls. Yes, we are enemies, class enemies who will fight on and on and fight to defeat all these representatives and senators and the capitalist class they loyally serve. Here there can be no compromise. We will fight for all we can get while our enemy still rules, we will fight to abolish our enemy and its incubator of misery, hunger, back-breaking work, starvation wages, a life that condemns all workers to suffering and pain, a slow and early death.

Let All Hear Of It.

"This lesson must reach all workers. What your Washington delegation experienced must now be told to all workers, all employed and unemployed who signed our unemployment insurance bill, all workers in the organizations who endorsed the bill, all the thousands upon thousands who fought in our hunger marches. Washington has refused to feed the starving, has refused to save the thousands that are dying from hunger and disease. Washington offers bullets instead of bread. It prepares for war against the Soviet Union where workers rule and are happy. It threatens to suppress workers' organizations and deport the foreign born. It mobilizes its forces to save its own neck.

Our answer must be: We workers will live and we will eat. We will eat and we will fight. We will organize our forces into unemployed councils and class struggle unions of the Trade Union Unity League. We will go into battle and we will win.

**Fight on Feb. 25.**

On February 25, International Unemployment Day, the day upon which we will again demonstrate in powerful numbers. Tell all workers about Washington. Workers, unite!

**To Deport Wag.**

Wednesday Bachman of the Fish Committee in the course of a long hysterical assault on the "Communists who come here and who do not represent the unemployed," declared that "it is time Congress begins to pay some attention to an organization composed of aliens who are trying to overthrow this government."

One thing Bachman meant, he ex-

## WORCORN BRIEFS

### Red Cross Refuses to Aid

Oakland, Cal.

Daily Worker:

Nearby, in beautiful, healthful California, lives a molder who had gone out on strike, lost all his money on strike fees to the AFL officials, who helped the boss blacklist the strikers.

He and his family were evicted a short while afterward, and arrested by a deputy sheriff the next day for sleeping on the sidewalk. In this fair country, if it isn't a brutal cop it's a yellow cur of a deputy sheriff—it won't be long for these defenders of the boss class. The evicted molder went to the Red Cross three times for help, and got no help.

Again an eviction and an arrest for living on the sidewalk. The detective arresting him cursed him out and asked why the hell he didn't go to the Red Cross. The Red Cross said they could not give the two-bits a day because he only had a wife and one child dependent. The workers in Oakland are becoming certain that they are doomed to starve to death unless they fight with the Council of the Unemployed.

—J. Thomas

### Misery Grows In New Orleans

New Orleans, La.

To the Daily Worker:

The crisis here is growing steadily worse and worse. Misery and hardship are multiplied daily.

Many families have already been thrown from their homes because of failure to pay rent. Hundreds of others are facing evictions.

Many others also are without food, clothing, fuel or any of the ordinary necessities of life.

Join the Unemployed Council and fight.

—J. C.

### More Lumber Wage Cuts In NW

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Eastern and Western Lumber Mills made a 15 to 20 per cent cut on workers who have just returned to work after a month lay-off. The mills are running four days.

The McCormick mill at St. Helens is making out after cut, the latest being 10 per cent. On every hand lumber workers are finding increased speed-up and actual wage cuts. The ties of the lumber barons as to keep "promise with the workers," are being exposed on every hand.

### Cleveland Graft Chief Called to Stop Talk; Jobless Still Hungry

The breaking of a juicy political murder scandal has crowded all thought of the jobless out of the capitalist press in the last few days, and the February 10th demonstration was practically boycotted by it. Workers with empty stomachs have been given pages and pages about the "murder" of William E. Potter, local republican party leader involved in many municipal graft scandals, and are tantalized with the oft-dreamed hope that at last the grafting higher-ups who rule this city will be exposed.

But they may be sure that a different press report will ever follow the trial of guilt right up to its source in the rotten capitalist rule that hires politicians and press to lie to the workers. Does not haste to hire murderers for the Potters when they threaten to squeal on their masters, and turns all its powers of suppression against the jobless when they protest against starvation.

### 7,000 Demonstrate in Boston Awe Court Into Light Terms

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acting sec'y. of the N.T.W.U. was ordered out of town by the police.

**500 At Worcester**

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 12.—Over 500 workers gathered in Salem Square here behind the City Hall. Max Lerner spoke to the crowd while the committee of the demonstration went in to see Mayor O'Hara. The mayor demagogically offered the committee of three work for a few days shoveling snow. "Just as I expected," declared Lerner to the workers assembled, when the committee made its report. "There are over 12,000 unemployed in Worcester and the representatives of the local rich men offers only three of them jobs as bribes. The fight for immediate cash unemployment relief must be continued."

**500 In Lynn**

LYNN, Mass., Feb. 12.—Inspired by the call of the Trade Union Unity League about 500 unemployed workers in this shoe town invaded the City Hall demanding work. In the absence of Mayor J. Fred Manning another official by the name of Dan answered their appeal for work with the cry: "Get out! The whole damn crew of you and stay out!" This official was too dumb to use the stall about "future public works."

**125 At Maynard**

MAYNARD, Mass., Feb. 12.—A meeting of 125 employed and unemployed workers here voted yesterday to completely support their unemployed delegation in Washington and to demand local relief.

**Haverhill Told to Starve**

HAVERRILL, Mass., Feb. 12.—The city council here yesterday voted down the demands of the unemploy-

## Buffalo District Adopts Measures to Correct the Negligence in Campaign

From K. Ilmoni, newly-elected district Daily Worker representative of Buffalo, we received a report showing the inactivity of the Party membership in the Daily Worker drive and steps taken to remedy the situation. He writes:

"Our Daily Worker apparatus has broken down, due to neglect.

**GALVESTON ON THE UPGRADE**

"We are starting to get weekly subs," writes Al McBride of Galveston, Texas. "We are putting all our time on the Daily Worker six days a week. Send a dozen subscription blanks."

**SENDS YEAR'S RENEWAL, \$5**

From the pine hills of Montana we received a letter from J. M. of Hysham, enclosing a year's renewal. He writes:

"Will be pleased to have Daily Worker Calendar, also the 'Five Year Plan.' Am enclosing \$5 more, as I want to help Harry Esman and the fund for the Gonzales widow to take them to the U. S. S. R."

**"SURE AM WITH YOU IN THE FIGHT"**

"Enclosed find renewal of my subscription. I sure am with you in the fight to educate the masses, that is the best way to build up our cause."—W. A. W. Centerville, Iowa.

**MINER WORKING PART TIME SENDS \$3**

R. B. of Bellaire, Ohio, writes: "Enclosed find a check of \$4 for a renewed sub. I was short with money so I'm late with the sub. The works here are poor, 1 to 3 days a week and \$1 to \$3 a day."

**SWIFT & CO. TRY TO STOP "DAILY"**

"Daily Workers sold in Swift & Co. in So. St. Paul were confiscated by a dick there, also the sign advertising the sale of the shop paper," writes a Worker Correspondent. "In spite of this confiscation, the sale of the Daily Worker and the shop bulletin will be carried out the next day. The right to the streets belongs to the workers."

**FRANK SELLMAN ON THE JOB AGAIN**

From Spokane, Wash., Sellman writes:

"I send in a challenge to the comrades all over to bring in 10 more new subs or renewals in a month, beginning Feb. 10. Who will take me up on it and do better?"

Sellman thus far has secured 19 subs for the Daily, and is agitating District 12 for a special district page. Keep it up, Sellman!

**WINONA, MINN., SHOWS ACTION**

"Rush bundle of fifty per day here after" writes P. S. G. of Winona, Minn. "Very important bundles start immediately."

**SENDS EVERY CENT FOR SUBS**

N. Busio of Tacoma, Wash., sends two 3-month, one 6-month and one yearly subscription plus \$1 donation, saying:

"Enclosed you will find a money order for \$12. I am sending you every cent without taking any commission, because I understand the conditions of our Daily. Yours for Communism."



Arthur Allen, aged 10, youngest member of the N. Y. Red Builders' News Club, sells Friday afternoon and Saturday. When glibed at by a Daily News vendor for selling the Daily Worker, Allen retorted: "If I had your papers, I'd throw them in the ash can before I had them."

We have had difficulty in getting responsible comrades to handle the Daily Worker on the routes, much less to act as District D. W. Agent. The Daily was discussed seriously by our District Bureau two weeks ago and a decision was made to place me in charge of the district D. W. apparatus.

Following this, Ilmoni reports that out of a daily bundle of 150 only 50 copies are sold, irregular payments for which will be checked up.

"I'll send in regular reports every week," he continues, "but for a time at least they will be incomplete, as the comrades out in the district fail to send in reports. I am laying plans for the establishment of a Red Builders' Club, and also a Boosters' Club. I believe the Boosters' Club, when it is established, can help financially."

From the letter we see that the Party membership in Buffalo has shown an irresponsible indifference to the Daily Worker campaign and has not realized that Buffalo, one of the important auto, metal and steel centers in the country, has great possibilities for organizing workers with the help of the Daily Worker by systematic factory sales, house-to-house canvassing and street sales. Ilmoni himself shows commendable initiative in calling a meeting of comrades handling the Daily, about which he says: "There are only four or five comrades taking any interest in the sales, and they are bothered to some extent by pessimism. I believe I'll have to go out myself and build up routes for them."

Such detailed reports, giving concrete facts in the district, are very helpful in correcting organizational weaknesses, and all other districts are urged to follow the example set by Buffalo so that the maximum assistance and direction can be given to weak districts from the national office.

## Yankee Colony Uses Forced Slave Labor

By HARRISON GEORGE.

WILL Mr. Fish please consider an embargo, such as the U. S. has established against Soviet lumber, against Cuban sugar and Guatemalan coffee, the forced labor in the production of which has previously been exposed with documentary proof in the Daily Worker?

We venture to state that not a word will be uttered on the subject, even by those great "humanitarians," Matthew Woll, Andy Mellon and Norman Thomas. But today, we wish to ask if imports into the United States from Santo Domingo should not also be barred, if Mr. Fish is to be taken seriously about "forced labor?"

Santo Domingo is supposed to be an "independent" republic, yet it was occupied by U. S. marines from Nov. 29, 1916 until July, 1924 and is virtually a protectorate or vassal state of the U. S. A., as shown by the "advisory commission" to organize its finances, headed by Daves in 1929.

The government is a mere pawn in the hands of Yankee imperialist investors. And when the past president, Vasquez, was no longer to answer their purposes, a revolt was arranged and a military dictatorship under General Trujillo set up a year ago, with which Washington is in perfect relations.

To show how much an appendix is Santo Domingo to the U. S. A., we may merely state the fact that it has no national money of its own, and uses United States money. American investments a year ago totalled \$29,948,000.

Yet what do we hear about forced labor—not in the Soviet Union—but right here at America's doorstep and under its control?

The workers' defense organization known as the Caribbean Red Aid, in a recent statement on conditions in Santo Domingo, protests at the terror against the Dominican working class, and says:

"The troops stop and question workers in the streets of all the cities of the country and after brief questions and replies declare the passers-by 'vagrants' and take them off under arrest. Each one of those arrested awaits the most terrible prison regime and FORCED LABOR."

Perhaps Secretary Mellon of the U. S. Treasury will now put an embargo on all sugar, cocoa and tobacco coming into American ports from Santo Domingo? Perhaps he will decree that "the burden of proof" rests on the various Yankee imperialist corporations and the National City Bank which finances them, to prove that Dominican sugar, cocoa and tobacco are not produced "in whole or in part by forced labor?"

This is the bar put against Soviet lumber this last Monday. Ah, how vigilant the Washington officials are! They can see "forced labor" in the distant camps of the Murmansk peninsula in far-off Soviet Russia. And their hearts throb with humane pity at the tale of elsinfors "refugees."

But they have not a quiver of sorrow for the tens of thousands of lumberjacks of the Pacific Northwest who are submitted to the blacklist of the lumber trust and are forced (by hunger) to labor under the vilest and most abject conditions, long hours at starvation wages, under the Weyerhaeuser foremen!

And, of course, the poor starving agricultural worker of Santo Domingo, jobless and searching for bread or work in the cities of this country, under the iron heel of a military dictator, is less than nothing to the imperialist powers at Washington. He may be forced to labor for American plantation owners as a "convicted vagrant" or be shot for refusal—it is a matter of indifference to Washington.

But the soft spot in the heart of American imperialists is touched by the fact that in far-off Murmansk there might be "forced labor" out of which Wall Street finds it impossible to extract a cent of profit!

dollars for immediate cash relief to the jobless.

The speaker at the demonstration was Jack Rosen.

**4 February 10**

**PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 12.**—A group of 75 workers speakin' in the interests of the thousands of jobless went up to the state house here demanding immediate relief and support of the federal unemployment bill.

**150 At Gardner**

**GARDNER, Mass., Feb. 12.**—This chair factory town was not to be left behind in yesterday's nation wide demonstration of the jobless. Over 150 workers gathered indoors and applauded the program for immediate cash relief. Abe Harfield, district secretary of the T.U.U.L. spoke at this meeting and then went to Fitchburg where he spoke to another meeting of 100 jobless workers.

**Hamden Friday.**

**HAMDEN, Conn.**—The situation of the Hamden unemployed workers is becoming desperate, and the town authorities are doing absolutely nothing to give them even the meager and inadequate relief that other cities are. The Trade Union Unity League is issuing a leaflet for a mass meeting to form an Unemployed Council in Hamden, Friday afternoon.

## DEMANDS RIGHT TO PRESENT BILL AND REFUSES TO BE ARGUED DOWN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Amidst guns and ready gas bombs, armored trucks from the military forces mounted with machine guns, five uniformed and secret police to every workers' delegate, the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Delegation mounted the national capitol steps at noon on Feb. 10 to make its demands for cash relief for the unemployed of \$15 a week and \$3 for each dependent from the capitalist government at Washington, D. C. It marched through this armed camp with firm step knowing that it was backed by the power of nearly one million and a half workers who had voted for and signed the workers' relief bill.

The smaller delegation of 15 which went to demand the floor of the house was flanked with three armed police to every delegate. Inside the capitol building swarmed with secret service men, many dressed like workers, trying to hide their identity. The office to which they were led was crowded with police. Congressmen and senators were present. These the delegation engaged in rapid fire and militant conversation. One congressman tried to third degree Sam Nesin, wanting to know whether he was a citizen, how large his family was, when he had last worked and at what. Wagenknecht interjected, demanding to know when he had last worked in a coal mine or steel mill, when he had last missed a meal, whether he had ever done a day's useful work in his life. He failed to answer and sneaked out of the room.

**No Worker Congressmen.**

In presenting the demands of the employed and unemployed workers for the floor of congress and through constant interruptions by the bosses' law makers, Wagenknecht said: "There is not a single representative of the working class in the capitol. Not one of you law makers have taken a single step to give cash relief to the unemployed upon the basis of unemployment insurance. Instead you dilly-dally in this law factory with fine phrases, trying to soft-soap and fool the workers, while thousands of unemployed workers and their children are dying all over the country, in the mining camps, steel mill towns, in the poor farming areas. You vote money to feed the horses, mules and pigs of the more well-to-do farmers, you give hundreds of millions in tax rebates to the corporations, you grease the road to more wealth and easier profits for the wealthy, but you have failed to give a single red cent to the 10,000,000 unemployed, to the starving thousands.

**Demands the Floor.**

"This workers' delegation is here because it considers itself more important than all the congressmen and senators in this capitalist law factory. It demands to occupy the floor of the house to read its statement and proposals for a bill which will give every unemployed worker \$15 and \$3 additional for each dependent. It demands that this bill be passed today. It demands that the wealthy who have coined millions and billions out of the blood of the workers shall be taxed and that all war funds be used to create a fund for unemployment insurance. You state that you refuse us the floor, refuse even to place our demands before the speaker of the house. We answer that we shall go back to the workers and mobilize additional millions for this demand, for struggle, and eventually shove you all off the backs of the workers."

**Want Action.**

One congressman began to plead with the delegation, saying that congress moved slowly, that it had already done something, passed a construction program, voted two million dollars for medicine for farmers, whereupon the delegation interjected, saying we are here to make congress move fast and move today, not tomorrow, for even today, according to your own Senator Caraway, another thousand unemployed workers have starved to death.

Nesin spoke up and said: "We represent a million and a half workers and farmers who signed and endorsed our demands for insurance and elected us to present them in the name of 10,000,000 unemployed workers in the U. S. A. In spite of all the talk on the part of congress about unemployment, there has been nothing done to relieve the starving millions of workers and their families. Billions of dollars are spent for battleships, poison gas and grafting politicians, and we demand that this money shall go for the relief of the unemployed workers and starving farmers."

The sergeant-at-arms answered: "I have been authorized by the speaker of the house to accept your petition and it will be properly recorded."

Nesin answered: "The constitution of the United States says we have a right to petition congress in person and we want to exercise that right."

**Eating Garbage.**

Lillie May West, delegate from Youngstown, said: "Conditions in Youngstown are horrible. We're eating sludge work for four years now. We average about \$4 a week."

A congressman said: "You won't get anything as long as you demonstrate with the Communists."

West answered: "I know people who get less and nothing, who don't go with the Communists."

**Negro Speaks.**

Sol Harper, Negro ex-serviceman,

said: "The starving farmers must give a first mortgage to the federal government and to the local bankers to get the loans. The majority of the bankers already have first mortgages, so the farmers get nothing. Tens of thousands of children stand in the breadlines, children are in the breadlines in Oklahoma City, where the richest oil fields of the Rockefeller are."

A congressman from Alabama told Harper: "Why I have always been interested in your people."

Harper replied: "Why, last June 10,000 white women, men and children were walking the streets, looking for jobs in Birmingham. The interest of the congressmen is to help lynch Negroes into submission to slavery."

**Congressmen Wild.**

During the entire time the situation was very strained. Word had gone out that the Reds were about to capture the national capitol, that they intended to occupy the house and senate chambers by force. The entire capitol building was in turmoil. In the senate a member began referring to the Communist menace which would some day over ride them, while a congressman demanded that the Reds be chased out of the city, that they be "not allowed to dirty even the first steps of the capitol with the bums whom they lead and who would not take a job if it was offered them."

**"We Demand Relief."**

After the small delegation that had gone to the house through the armed camp of the capitalist law makers at Washington, D. C., had been ejected, the house of representatives was suddenly interrupted by Kearns, a workers' delegate from Pittsburg, who shouted: "Our delegation has been ejected. We demand relief—!" He got no further. Police jumped on him, one shoved his fist into Kearns' mouth, the members of the house, who were heatedly debating free speech for congressmen in the house, jumped up in their seats and for five minutes the house was in turmoil, the speaker wrapping his gavel without effect.

Five delegates who sat in the gallery were arrested, but later released. Congressmen commented upon the lack of decency, that a worker should dare to interrupt the august body.

All delegates reassembled at their headquarters hall at 5 p. m., to decide upon next steps. It was resolved to empower the small delegation to draft a statement embodying the sentiments of the delegation and based upon their experience with the capitalist legislators. It was decided that all delegates return to their cities, mining camps and factory towns, there inform all workers and workers' organizations that not a single congressman or senator in the capitol is interested in the starving and dying unemployed workers, their children and babies. It was decided that Feb. 25, International Unemployment Day, be a day upon which employed and unemployed workers will fight and demonstrate by the hundreds of thousands for immediate relief, for immediate food, for unemployment insurance, at the same time exposing the entire capitalist system and all its greasy law makers.

**Shows Up Government.**

Wagenknecht and Johnstone addressed the delegates. Wagenknecht reported upon the occurrences of the day, exposing to them the character of city, state and national governments and how all capitalist politicians fight against everything that the workers fight for; that the only recourse the working class has is to amass its power in more and stronger unemployed councils, in strong class struggle unions affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League; that all politicians, whether republicans, democrats, socialist or farmer-labor are yellow and reactionary, interested only in lining the pockets of the wealthy with more gold and profiting thereby themselves through graft and fat subsidies and jobs.

**Mass Power Next.**

Johnstone told the delegates that it certainly is apparent to them now that when workers ask for bread the national government gives them machine guns and gas bombs instead. "Next time we will not come with signatures, we will come with organized mass power," he stated. "If the boss of the house, Longworth, thinks that workers are going to do any bellycrawling before him he makes the mistake of his life. If these fakery in the capitol think that they will longer fool the workers by calling them Reds and Communists, they will soon experience a rude awakening. We now go to our cities to organize for International Unemployment Day, Feb. 25. Let this be the day upon which we resolve to organize the employed in the shops, mines and mills into fighting unions of the Trade Union Unity League, into fighting unemployed councils."

The delegates gave three cheers for building the class power of the workers to fight against wage reductions, to fight for unemployment insurance and immediate bread for all who are hungry. They sang the "In-lie pigs." My man, he's been out of steady work for four years now. We average about \$4 a week."

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ALL SUPPORT TO THE COMING NEEDLE TRADES STRIKE!

(Statement of the District Committee, Communist Party, District New York.)

THE coming dress strike will be a real struggle to improve the conditions of the workers in the dress industry, who are working under the most miserable conditions.

In this struggle, the whole force of the bosses' machinery is being mobilized against the workers. Only recently the manufacturers association circulated a letter to its membership, calling upon them not to tolerate a radical worker in their shops and to line up their workers in the right wing union (Schlesinger company union).

The manufacturers and the American Federation of Labor are deeply interested in the hoped for defeat of this strike. The conditions in the company union and open shops are equally miserable. The workers are kept from struggling for an improvement in conditions by the officialdom of the union in the shops of the I. L. G. W. U., who are open fascists or social fascists.

What are the tasks in the coming strike? 1. The workers in the open shops, of all sections of the trade, must be brought out on strike. The demands put forward by the union will rally them.

2. The workers in the ILGWU shops—the company union shops, which are no better than open shops—must be brought into the struggle. The terrorism against these workers both by the bosses, the company union bureaucrats and their slugs, is intense, but these workers suffer as much as the workers in open shops, and must be drawn into the struggle.

National Textile Workers Union Prepares Great Struggles

By PAT DEVINE. (Acting Secretary, N. T. W. U.)

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Feb. 12.—Forward to the New England Conference! Prepare to lead immediate strikes in New England and particularly in Lawrence! This was the keynote of the National Executive Board meeting of the National Textile Workers' Union held in Providence, Sunday, Feb. 11.

Delegates representing Lawrence, New Bedford, Providence, Pawtucket, Paterson, Passaic and Philadelphia were present and pointed out how the N. T. W. U. was not only leading struggles but winning victories as evidenced by the stopping of wage cuts and speed-up in Lawrence, Print Works and Wood Mill; Pawtucket, Royal Silk Mill; and Paterson, Metal and Columbia.

Every representative emphasized that today the slightest infringement on conditions of the workers brought about an immediate strike situation.

New England Conference. Jim Reid, chairman of the Executive Board, in summing up the discussion on New England, drew attention to the wage cutting campaign of the American Woolen Co., largest woolen combine in the world, with 25 mills in New England, which had already enforced a 12 1/2 per cent cut in many mills, and has intimated a flat 12 1/2 per cent cut in all the mills this spring.

Philadelphia Storm Center. Bill Murdoch, national secretary of the union,

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be induced to give full support to this struggle, which will be an historical one for the needle trades.

What are the tasks of the Communists? Here as everywhere, the Communists must be the leaders. As much as the needle trades workers suffer from the miserable conditions in the trade, unquestionably the Communists suffer still more, owing to the persecutions in the open shops, the sacrifices for the union, etc.

The Young Communists, who up to the present have been negligent in the work of the union, must wake up to their serious responsibility. Many of the Negro and Spanish needle trades workers are young workers, who can best be approached and rallied by the Young Communists. But even were the situation in the industry not as outlined, the Young Communists must recognize not only that their duty is clear, to intensify all activities before, during and after the strike, but that just such struggles enable them to exert a wide influence, to heighten the militancy and revolutionary understanding of the workers.

The Communist Party is fully aware of the significance of the coming dress strike. All of the needle trades workers in the Party are conscious of its meaning. The Party will throw not only its needle trades members into the battle. The entire Party and all the organizations sympathetic to the Party will be mobilized for the struggle. The Trade Union Unity League will rally all militant workers for the strike, for this will be a class battle of great importance not only to the needle industry, but to the entire working class. In this strike, the base of the union will be widened. Thousands of the workers of the country will see that the "Reds" are not only sincere, but have fighting ability. The winning of this struggle will be the signal for the workers not only of the needle industry, but of many other industries, to raise the banner of struggle against the horrible conditions that exist in practically every industry of the country.

The duty of every Party and Young Communist League member, every member of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union, at the present time is to throw himself or herself completely into the work of mobilizing and organizing the workers for the strike. The task is big, the duties and responsibilities many. But the Communists, not daunted by difficulties and responsibilities, are fired all the more to give all their energy to the work. Every Communist, and every class conscious worker must and will give his best to make the dress strike led by the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union, a victorious struggle.



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EXPERIENCE IN ORG WORK IN CHICAGO DISTRICT

Under this heading a series of short articles will be printed, giving experiences in the Chicago District, as well as suggestions and opinions developed in the course of the work, that will be available for all districts.

Functioning of Section Departments

EVERYTHING written in the previous article concerning the status of District Departments, holds true for section departments with two qualifications, (1) on a section scale we generally did not even make a pretense at departments, and (2) we have made less progress in improvement on a section scale.

During the period we did not organize departments of the District Committee, it is not surprising that departments on a section scale were not established or where attempts were made, with no uniform policy or guidance given. At one time, only a few months ago, not every section committee even had a full complement of leading functionaries such as Industrial Organizer and Agitprop.

This lack of Section Departments brought complete bankruptcy to the nuclei and is an explanation of why the nuclei were not a political factor in their shops and neighborhoods, of the low political level of the membership and of why new members were not kept in the Party. It is a non-contradictory fact that there were a majority of nuclei functionaries who, between the time they were elected and then succeeded by someone else (a period of several months) they were never called to a meeting, never given directives and seldom participated in mobilizing the membership for a campaign.

The problem to decide was how to constitute the Section Departments. There were two prevailing conceptions, one, organize a department of three to five comrades, a majority from the ranks of the Section Committee and a minority from the nuclei; the other, constitute the department from the Section head of the department, plus the nuclei functionary of the same department. There were feasible arguments for one and against the other, but we decided on the second choice, and insofar as our limited experience goes, it shows itself to be successful.

The reasons we decided on this method of constructing the Section Departments were: 1. To involve those comrades who were responsible for the same kind of work in the nuclei. 2. To make a drastic step in overcoming the gulf which separated the nuclei from the sections. 3. To insure a more uniform understanding and carrying out of all plans.

Once the departments are well established and functioning, in the larger sections it may be necessary to revise this, and create Section Departments of a smaller size, which will be more collective in the preparation of the work—since at present it is the head of the Section Department who bears the main responsibility for preparing all the work. Of course, under this system, it will also be necessary to have regular meetings at least once a month and twice of all nuclei functionaries of each Department.

Not all sections in the city have as yet functioning departments, and those who have, are still in their infant stage, but three to four regular meetings (meetings are held twice a month) have been held. In the out of town sections, St. Louis is the only one making an effort to carry through this system. Other sections still trail behind.

In organizing these Section Departments on this base, some comrades thought they must wait until they got 100 per cent attendance before considering it a department. This is wrong. Even if 50 per cent of the nuclei functionaries show up at the first meeting, the Department should be organized and then work for improvement.

On the Eve of Election in Chicago

By E. GARDOS.

RIGHT on the eve of the elections, Chicago is again in the throes of a serious financial crisis. Threats of complete withdrawal of all support by bankers, talks about a tax-payers' strike, the warning of Col. Randolph, the president of the Chicago Association of Commerce, about the "need of calling in the militia," using various building funds to cover the pay-roll by the Thompson administration—all show the bankruptcy and corruptness of the capitalist politicians and the efforts of finance capital to secure full control of the fascist city government. In spite of the averted of the break down in 1929 by the bankers, the wolf of collapse is again at the door.

When the Strawn Committee of Citizens (big bankers) delivered last year the city treasury to the bankers by securing a loan of 74 million dollars through the sale of the 1930 tax-warrants, the bosses' press spread the illusion that Mr. Thompson will take better care now of the city's money. So he did—for his bosses and for himself and his machine. Mr. Sam Insull got his present of \$100,000,000 through the traction steal, 5,000 more politicians were given city jobs at a cost of about 15 million dollars. Contracts for public works were not given to the least bidder and Mr. Wolfe, Commissioner of Public Works has been exposed of giving out contracts to his business associates at extra cost of 300 to 500 per cent more to the city. In one word, according to Mr. C. B. Barnes, 200 million dollars were stolen during the past year and the city is again faced with bankruptcy.

Bankers Again "Save" the City

The saviors of 1929, the bankers of Mr. Strawn, this time are standing pat. They refuse to buy out the tax warrants, not only because they know that it is one thing to have it and another to get the cash, but because they want to secure now complete control of all government agencies. Mr. Strawn, Traylor, Randolph and others are coming out with an ultimatum, which the city has to accept or bust. Their conditions the embodied in Bill No. 28 pending before the Illinois legislature, which demands the drastic reorganization of the administration. According to the bill the County Board of Assessors, the Board of Review and the 30 Township assessors in Cook County are to be consolidated in a new board of three members. Instead of having 417 independent tax spending bodies (townships, towns, park boards, school boards, etc.) 417 sources of graft, 417 petty politician strongholds, the entire government must be consolidated. The argument is more efficiency, less waste, less opportunity for graft—admitting themselves that because of these "overlapping" bodies 156 million dollars were wasted last year, and only 60 per cent went for "what it was intended for." In spite of all opposition by the various political machines, the bill has the full approval of all "civic" leaders and the entire press, and it is natural that it will be passed by the legislature.

The real purpose of this bill is, of course, not better government, or better economy for the people. It is for better government for the bankers. These gentlemen want to secure the full control of all governmental bodies. They don't want to rely on the 38 elected officials to assess the taxes, but to a board of three which they can control much easier. They want to eliminate the 417 independent governmental bodies and have only one. They want to have a unified police system in place of the 103 independent city, town, township, and park board police departments, in one word: behind the proposal we can see the characteristic trend in the American politics—the fascistization of the government, the elimination of all "unnecessary" democracy, and the open control of the government by finance capital.

Sheriff Sales and Tax Payers "Strike"

These gentlemen, of course, don't say a word about what will happen to the hundreds of thousands of small tax payers—not to speak of the one-half million starving, unemployed workers. At present, according to Mr. Albert, candidate for mayor, 332,000 real estate parcels out of 3,300,000 in Cook County are to be sold for taxes on the 1928 levy only. Because over 70 per cent of the budget is covered by taxation on real estate, it is natural that the ever-increasing budget, 227 million dollars in the Chicago City alone, including the Board of Education, is to be paid primarily by the small property owners. As a result of the crisis, the price of property has dropped—in many instances 30 to 60

per cent. It is very hard to sell now real estate, in spite of all the "Own Your Own Home" propaganda of the bosses. In spite of this, Thompson-Cormack and Co. raised the recent revaluation of property considerably, and the tax rate was also raised from 1.12 to 1.37. Property owners have to pay taxes for 1931, at a time when even the 1928 levies are not fully paid, and the delinquent taxes amount to \$2 million dollars.

The protest of the various tax payers' associations, asking for moratorium and for a review of all revaluations, has been ignored by the bankers' tools in the City Hall and Courts. County Judge Jarecki ruled out the other day protests on a technical basis and we are sure that the decision on the remaining 30 million dollars will be the same. The economic crisis is hitting not only the workers very badly, but also the store keepers, small property owners, who are faced with sheriff sales, with the complete loss of their savings.

Petty-Bourgeoisie Cannot Fight

The petty-bourgeoisie in the leadership of the tax-payers' movement is, of course, getting "very militant." Besides pulling their aldermen and ward leaders by the coat tails, and getting at least empty promises, they are threatening with a tax payers' strike. Unless the city will reconsider its present excessive revaluation, reduce the tax rate, and issue bonds to cover the deficit due to the moratorium, they will refuse to pay the 1929 taxes! So they speak at meetings and resolutions. This threat, which, of course, will not, and cannot be carried out under the leadership of the petty-bourgeoisie, is, however, an indication of the discontent of the middle class and the narrowing down of the social base capital.

The threat of the tax payers' strike brought forth quite a consternation in the bourgeoisie camps. The Civic Federation issued a manifesto to the tax-payers, begging them not to strike because it will only lead to chaos, by undermining the police and fire departments, schools, hospitals etc., and because in the long run they will be forced, even at the price of sheriff sale, not only to pay the full amount due, but also the penalties, ranging from 12 to 50 per cent. This panic stricken warning was echoed by all the capitalist newspapers. It is natural that under the leadership of the capitalist politicians, the interests of the small property owners will be betrayed, and the workers and small business men, and not the big corporations will be forced to pay the costs of the crisis.

Communists Have Only Program

The Communist Party is making the fight against high taxes, graft, corruption an issue in its election. We demand that the cost of the crisis be paid by the big capitalists, by special taxation of corporations who made profits of over \$50,000 a year and persons having an income over \$5,000, besides slashing by 50 per cent the appropriation of the police department, courts and many other municipal offices and big job holders. We demand the appropriation of the nearly 60 million dollars provided in the budget for bond redemption and bond interest, and traction fund, for unemployed relief. We demand the stoppage of all sheriff sales, and moratorium in taxes to all workers who own property and the complete exemption from taxation of all unemployed workers. The Communist Party is calling on all workers to vote NO on the various referendums for bond issues and for reorganization of the government, which can and will only lead to further fascistization and further dictatorship of finance capital. Boycott the capitalist primaries! Vote Communist!

Workers! Join the Party of Your Class!

Form for joining the Communist Party, U.S.A. with fields for Name, Address, City, State, Occupation, and Age.



"Other Live Stock"

We are now convinced that the democratic party believes that the farmers are jackasses. In fact we have their own words for it. After appropriating \$45,000,000 for Secretary Hyde to play with by dangling it in front of the farmers' noses with conditions that make it utterly impossible for poor starving farmers to get a "loan" as scheduled "for feed, fertilizer and work stock," the democrats became aware that most of their votes were dying.

So they got very humanitarian, and Senator Caraway wanted a congressional appropriation to buy his brother some clothes so he could go to church, and Senator Robinson proposed \$25,000,000 should be raised to feed farmers who are starving. Then it shrunk down to \$20,000,000 after Robinson had a chat with Watson, the republican leader. But that wasn't all.

The provision that the money be spent for human food was cut out, and in its place the following was proposed, by agreement between the republican and the democratic leaders:

"Any money appropriation pursuant to the authorization contained in this section, may be used in the purchase of feed for other live stock, upon the same terms and conditions as such money may be used for the purchase of feed for work stock."

We ask you to notice especially, that the only new thing in this "compromise" that "other live stock" may be fed from loans as "administered" by Secretary Hyde, in addition to the "work stock" already provided for in the \$45,000,000 "loan fund."

And the democrats, led by Senator Robinson, say that this means that farmers will be fed "when necessary!" That is no escaping the fact that the democratic party thinks that farmers are "live stock," simply "other live stock" than horses or mules used as "work stock" on the farm.

No greater cynicism and downright dastardly indifference to the starvation of at least a million people was ever seen under the brutal and bloody czars! And like the czars they will be thrown into the garbage of history by a fighting alliance of poor farmers and wage workers of country and city!

"Farmers are cattle! But cattle nobody owns, so let them die!" That is the essence of the attitude of the criminals who sit and rule over the toiling masses of this country!

To top it all off, comes Hoover's "assurance" that Secretary Hyde, the great humanitarian, will be "sympathetic"—but only to those who "have credit."

Alas, And Also Alack!

Summarizing Tuesday's events in this benighted land, Hearst's New York "American" gives "event No. 3" as follows:

"3.—Circulation of reports from Russia of a counter-revolution which sent wheat prices up in the grain market and stimulated the bull advance on the stock exchange."

Gentlemen of the Farm Board! How could you? Even a school boy can figure out your trick. For it was none other than you, Mr. Legge and Secretary Hyde, with your 120,000,000 bushels of wheat with which you are "stabilizing" something, who started that rumor!

We defy anybody to find exactly where the "report from Russia" came from. It will remain a mystery. And for the excellent reason that the market price was falling on that 120,000,000 bushels, and the "reports from Russia" lifted the price long enough to allow the Farm Board to unload a chunk and get out from under that much. But you can't have a counter-revolution in Russia every day! And, alas and alack for those who bought—it wasn't true.

About the Stock Exchange: That ought to sink into the workers' minds. Why is it that the price of stocks in American corporations goes up at a report that there is a counter-revolution in Soviet Russia? Just like wage cuts here, eh? The answer seems to be—what is bad for workers is duck soup for the capitalists and vice versa!

The Demoreps

Mr. Raskob has gone down to Washington, it is said to interest all the democrats in Congress on the side of the Wets. But that story is all Wet. Raskob, as admitted in the democratic, most of the time and capitalist all the time) N. Y. "Times," has virtually bought the democratic party.

And it is Raskob, dear reader, talked about "food for farmers" without asking the boss. He is also the one who sat down hard on any loose talk about a cash payment of the veterans' bonus. It is the "angles" of both republican and democratic parties who have put the kibosh on "human food," and put, also, Senator Robinson and Co. in the delightful position of classifying farmers and their families as "other live stock than work stock."

You don't have to take our word for it. Ray Tucker, the N. Y. Telegram reporter in Washington blandly admits in that paper of Feb. 11, 1932, this:

"Despite the attack on the settlement, members who would otherwise oppose it are responding to demands of conservative interests that they take no step which will force an extra session. This is true of both the republican and democrats. It is understood that some of the advisers and 'angles' in both parties have given such counsel to the respective leaders."

This is why, boys and girls, the democratic senatorial leader, Robinson, is only using it blackjack in the lobbies, while Watson, the republican leader, is not even answering the fake "pro-gressives" and is letting them spout demagog for personal ends as they please, because the capitalist class has cinched the votes and a little windy argument will still give the "nation," the "New Republic" and part of the masses the idea that this is a "democracy."