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## Expose the Liars!

EVERY worker should be warned against the unprecedented flood of falsehood now pouring out of Washington through the capitalist press. Each department of government is engaged in what might be humorously termed a competition for prizes in hypocrisy. Seriously, every worker must understand that the reason for this is an attempt to cover up with beautiful words and tricky statements, the wholesale, brutal and relentless attack being made by the American capitalist class on three fronts; the working class, the poor and middle farmers, and the oppressed people of the colonial and semi-colonial countries dominated by American imperialism.

Take the first, Secretary (liar) Doak, finding it necessary to cover up the frontal attack on workers' wages, especially speaking of the railroads, says "there is nothing to it." Which is a lie. But he tries to shelter this lie by saying that "only the bankers" want wage cuts and that "the administration has done everything to prevent it." This ridiculous hypocrisy would have us believe that the bankers have no influence, whereas the fact is they give the capitalist government its orders and, further, they are determined to cut wages.

Then take the second offensive—against the farmers. The lie here turns around the dumping of 275,000,000 bushels of wheat on the market. Secretary (liar) Hyde says it is not dumping. Everybody else in the whole wide world, correctly, says it is dumping.

Secretary (liar) Hyde says it will not harm prices here, but prices promptly sink here and all over the world, and they will fall still more.

On Wednesday Secretary (liar) Hyde who has been given \$67,000,000 for alleged "relief" to supposed "farmers" among the 6,350,000 individual farms, announces that only 296,128 loans have been made—this small number being due to his own restrictions upon loans—and that the remaining amounts, totalling some \$36,000,000 are "available to bankers!" This is the hypocrisy of "helping the farmers."

Thirdly, the attack on peoples subjected to American imperialism: Secretary (liar) Stimson, under the pretension of "withdrawal of marines" from Nicaragua, launches an increased and intensified war of invasion and slaughter covered up with the further lie that it is against "bandits."

Again, the "protection of American lives" in Honduras is made the hypocritical excuse to conceal the invasion of its shores and the establishment of an equally hypocritical "neutral zone"—which is precisely how imperialist domination of Nicaragua was begun in 1912 and concealed again in 1926.

Again, all the bellyaching hypocrisy of Secretary (liar) Stimson about "protecting lives" has no application to Chinese lives. For American imperialism in China on April 8th at the City of Ichang, shot down—murdered—no less than 25 soldiers of the very government recognized and supported by American imperialism. And U. S. Gunboat Commander Bischoff, the agent of Secretary (liar) Stimson responsible for the massacre, haughtily rejects the Chinese demands for an apology, punishment and compensation.

Workers and farmers of America must realize that this astounding flood of lies and demagoguery does not fill the capitalist press merely by accident. Its purpose is to shield the capitalist class, owners of the United States government, from a counter attack of the workers, farmers and colonial masses against its intensified robbery and plunder.

And, realizing the clear necessity of common struggle against the common foe, the American workers and farmers should demonstrate in united protest on May Day, and unite in struggle—together with the colonial oppressed—after May Day to overthrow the capitalist-imperialist system of banditry and murder!

## The Fight of the Miners

IN recent weeks the miners have taken first place in the struggle against the wage cuts, speed-up, starvation program of the bosses. In the anthracite about 25,000 miners struck despite the treachery of the Lewis Boylan leadership. They fought courageously but were defeated because they did not take the strike into their own hands. They relied upon the Malloney Davis leadership of the Glen Alden Grievance Body who sold them out at the first opportunity to Lewis and the operators.

Now over 10,000 miners in the Shamokin section of the lower anthracite are fighting against the same starvation program of the mine operators. Again they fight not only against the operators but also against the strikebreaking activity of the Lewis-Brennan machine in this district. Again the strike faces defeat because of lack of militant policy and organization. Again a group of local leaders not elected by the miners either willingly or through ignorance, inexperience and cowardice on the part of some are leading the miners by the nose preparing the defeat.

Strikes have taken place also in W. Va., Ill. and in the Pittsburgh region. Only in the Pittsburgh District did the miners have real militant leadership despite the many mistakes made by the N. M. U. leadership that led the strike. In all other places the Muste Howatt type of leadership only led the miners to defeat.

The miners are in a fighting mood. But they have no effective leadership as yet to lead the fight against the operators and Lewis. They are learning to ward off the Muste Howatt type of attack that they face in every struggle. The miners are expressing this dissatisfaction though not yet clearly and still very feebly. In Illinois the Fishwick Lewis unity has resulted in many miners seeing the need for building up their own power for the fight. The recent Howatt convention was an attempt to further fool the miners and keep them from rallying behind the National Miners' Union. Though the convention was not a great success for the Muste Howatt misleaders it nevertheless did represent a growing activity among the miners, a grouping for militant leadership.

Much of the lack of leadership the miners are facing and the possibility of Muste Howatt leaders to fool the workers is due to the weakness and mistakes of the N. M. U. The National Miners' Union has for a long time stopped functioning as a national union. The N. M. U. did not use the powerful weapon of the united front from below in the fight for the interests of the miners. Now many of these mistakes are being corrected. In the strikes in Pittsburgh recently the N.M.U. has shown that it is learning how to defend the interests of the miners. In the anthracite strikes it has come forward with a program of struggle and united front with the rank and file miners. This is establishing the N. M. U. as a fighting force among the miners. In the St. Louis Howatt convention the voice of the N. M. U. and its united front policy caused consternation in the Muste Howatt camp and was the one ray of hope for the miners.

The N. M. U. must now reorganize all the forces that were at one time behind it. New elements can and must be drawn in. The N. M. U. must come forward with a program of struggle for the industry and particularly give leadership in every struggle of the miners. The present strike in Shamokin must receive full support and energetic work of all the forces of the N. M. U. The N. M. U. is already working in Shamokin trying to lead the fight of the miners to victory.

## FOSTER DEBATES MUSTE SUN. MAY 10 To Expose Reformist "Left" Outfit

NEW YORK—William Z. Foster, General Secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, will debate A. J. Muste, head of Brookwood Labor College and of the League for Progressive Labor Action, at New Star Casino, Park Ave. and 107th Street, on Sunday, May 10, at 2:30 p. m. The subject of the debate will be:

"Trade Union Policies of the Trade Union Unity League versus the Policies of the Progressive Action." The debate will be held under the auspices of the John Reed Club, a New York organization of revolutionary writers and artists. An overflow meeting is expected when Foster, a leader of militant, class conscious workers for more than 20 years, will face the misleader of labor, whose policies are back of the sell-out of the Elizabethton strike in 1929, the Danville strike this year and of many other smaller strikes. Muste and his group are fighting the Trade Union Unity League and its affiliated unions with all their strength and that of the bosses who work with them.

## SMASH ALL OBSTACLES TO DEMONSTRATIONS AND HUNGER MARCHES, MAY 1

Ohio Mayor, "Friend of Labor" Tries to Stop March Meeting

Aroused in Indiana Protest Frees Jobless Leader, Youngstown

ALLIANCE, Ohio, April 26.—Mayor Hari of Alliance, who was elected by the workers because they thought he was for them is showing his colors now. He absolutely refuses to give any co-operation to the delegation of Youngstown marchers who are due there on the second of May. He denied the marchers a permit for a street meeting. But the workers of Alliance want to greet the marchers whether the Mayor likes it or not. The delegation will have a meeting in Alliance, police or no police.

Free Jobless Leader. YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, April 26.—John Andrews of the Young Communist League was given 60 days in jail for fighting an eviction case here two weeks ago. Mass protest led by the International Labor Defense has forced his release and he is now again carrying on the struggle against wage cuts and speed-up.

The news of impending general wage cutting in the steel mills has aroused the workers here. They will be out in mass demonstration on the First of May against the cut, against the capitalist system, and demanding unemployment insurance. Hunger marchers will go from Youngstown to the state capitol at Youngstown soon after the demonstration.

Overcome Obstacles. Reports from Ohio are that some of the towns along the five lines of march, concentrating on the state capital at Columbus, are willing to give food or lodging or both, while others viciously attack the attempt of the jobless to save themselves from starvation. The chambers of commerce are being mobilized to crush the hunger marchers by all means. Big capital wants these men to suffer until they are willing to cut wages. But the jobless will march.

The Ohio marchers start at Youngstown, Toledo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Steubenville just after the May First demonstrations and reach Columbus for a state conference May 10. On the 11th they present demands for unemployment insurance to the legislature.

Police Overseers. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 26.—Burlay policemen are set to watch the jobless on the charity gang work, and where formerly the jobless got \$2.20 weekly and a small dose of groceries for a week on the gang, from now on they are to get only the groceries. All men must have at least three small children to get any charity work at all.

In mass protest against such treatment, which is common in all cities of this state, mass demonstrations will be held May First, and on May 3, hunger marches start at widely separated points: Mammoth (through Gary); Evansville (through the farming section) Terre Haute (through Greencastle); Clinton (through Rockville) and all reaching Indianapolis for a state conference May 4, and a demonstration that afternoon at 4 o'clock and presentation of demands.

Not only have united front conferences for the May Day demonstrations been held in hundreds of cities, but detailed plans have been worked out for parades and marches. The May Day demonstrations in each city are putting forward local demands for immediate relief for the unemployed, against wage cuts and are tying up these demands with the international struggle against capitalism and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

ERIE, Pa.—May Day will be celebrated this year in the heart of the city at Perry Square, 2:30 p. m. The workers of Erie will concentrate at three different points of the city and march to the Square. One

group will form at Columbus Park (16th and Poplar), another at Fourth and German, and the third at the head of the Unemployed Council, 1116 Peach St. These three groups will start their march at 2:15 p. m. and reach the main demonstration at about 2:30 p. m. A mass rally will be held at the headquarters of the Unemployed Council at 7 p. m. following the demonstration. In Public Square, Youngstown, O. YOUNGSTOWN, O.—The United

## Browder Exposes War Plot Against USSR By US Bosses

In tomorrow's issue of the Daily Worker there will appear a complete and smashing expose of the war preparations by American capitalism against the Soviet Union. "War Against the Soviet Union!" by Earl Browder is the most complete analysis yet made of the part of American imperialism in the daily war mongering against the workers' republic. Read about the Federal Farm Board's part in preparing for war on the U.S.S.R.: Learn how Fish, Hillquit, O'Neal, Cannon and Loveston are linked up in laying the ground for an armed attack on the Soviet Union. No worker can miss this article. Order your copy of tomorrow's issue of the Daily Worker now!

## CALL OTIS MEN TO FIGHT CUT Demonstrate At Noon On First of May

YONKERS, N. Y., April 26.—The Communist shop nucleus in the Otis Elevator Co., has issued a bulletin calling on the workers there to fight the wage cut which runs from 5 to 15 cents per hour. The nucleus urges the workers to organize a grievance committee and present demands against the cut.

The company claims that it made \$2,000,000 less profit than the year before, and whether this is true or not, the company is plainly out to get about \$2,000,000 out of the workers in the shape of wage cuts and harder work. Demands proposed by the nucleus are:

1. Withdrawal of the cut.
2. Recognition of the grievance committee.
3. Against the bonus system.

The nucleus announces the May First demonstration against cuts, for unemployment relief, at noon, Larkin Plaza. The mail address of the nucleus is P. O. Box 131, Yonkers.

## Nice Young Ladies Teach Jobless How To Live On Fodder

BOSTON, Mass., April 26.—Two college girls here, loyal to the profit system and anxious to show the Reds that a worker can and will have to live on almost nothing, left their nice apartment, and with plenty of meals in the past, proceeded to live for a limited time on \$6.25 a week. They spent \$2.15 a week of it for food, and a grateful college will give them class room credit for the experiment.

The experiment is worthless, for there are some millions of men who have been "living" on a dollar's worth of charity soup a week—only they turn green and die by inches and are now being cut off from even the soup. The girls escaped pellagra and scurvy by going back to heavier meals when the "class room exercise" ended.

The New Bedford Times hails this victory over the greedy workers who seem to want something better all the time, and says "The girls believe their findings will be useful to the Massachusetts legislature in connection with operation of the old age pension law, when, as and if funds are found for the same."

For full political and social rights and self-determination for Negroes! Against imperialist war!

## NEGRO, WHITE WORKERS IN PARADE PROTESTING LEGAL LYNCHING OF 9



Mrs. Janie Patterson, mother of one of the Scottsboro frame-up victims. She is now in New York helping to mobilize mass support in the fight to free the nine Negro boys.

## MINERS CONVENE MAY 23 IN MIDST OF STARVATION

Shoeless Children Run in Ice; Live on Weeds

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 26.—Several hunger marches of the starving Avella miners have forced the capitalist press of Western Pennsylvania to give wide publicity to the starvation prevailing in that section. One of the Pittsburgh papers says:

"The little children are running about barefoot in the icy mud of the barren hillsides. They have been shoeless since last fall. The nursing mothers are trying to keep up their strength and nourish their babies on a diet of dandelions gathered on the hillsides. For months none of the little children have had milk."

"There is immediate need for clothing for children of all ages, from 2 years to 14; shoes, stockings, underwear and outer clothing for both girls and boys. Clothing for the women is needed too. The men are shabbily and but sufficiently clad. Few of the women can venture out, especially when there are visitors in the camp. They have not enough clothing to cover them."

The Penow miners were robbed of 6 weeks of their pay. The company owes them about \$300 a piece. Similar conditions prevail throughout the mining industry.

The United Mine Workers of America is doing absolutely nothing to organize the starving miners. The preparations for the District Convention of the National Miners Union are being carried out on the basis of a determined struggle for immediate relief to all the starving miners and their families. The miners throughout the Pennsylvania coal fields are requested to send their delegates to the District Convention that will be held on May 23-24 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Five workers were badly beaten up by cops who swung clubs and bills freely. The workers are being defended by the International Labor Defense. Another defendant, Jack Speiser, was arrested when he stepped out of a subway exit and was beaten up. He was given one day.

The workers of New York, colored and white, will answer this brazen co-operation with the southern boss-lynchers with a tremendous demonstration on May First, which will mobilize at 12:30 at Madison Square Park, Madison Avenue and 23rd St., and march to Union Square, arriving at the latter point at 4 o'clock.

(Additional News on Page 3.) GIVE YOUR ANSWER TO HOOVER'S PROGRAM OF HUNGER, WAGE CUTS AND PERSECUTION! FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET UNION!

## Cops Ambush Workers and Attack Parade; Workers Resist Onslaught of Clubs and Blackjacks

## Tear Down Placards Calling For Smashing of Scottsboro Frame-Up

## Workers to Answer in Mighty Demonstration May 1; Mobilize in Madison Square

BERLIN, April 24.—Shop meeting street car workers Berlin terminal ten protest most sharply against execution of 8 Negro workers. Demand immediate release. CHAIRMAN.

NEW YORK.—That Northern Negro and white workers are no to be permitted to protest the murderous frame-up and mass legal lynching of nine Negro children planned by the landlord and capitalist class of Alabama, was the edict laid down by Wall Street and its Tammany police on Saturday when a parade in Harlem protesting the Scottsboro lynch verdict was viciously attacked and broken up by police.

The parade followed a meeting at 140th St. and Lenox Ave., at which speakers from the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights had exposed the legal lynching nature of the Scottsboro verdict sentencing 8 of the 9 Negro youths to burn in the electric chair on July 10. The meeting was attended by hundreds of white and Negro workers, determined to wage a united struggle against this murderous frame-up and for unconditional equality for the Negro masses.

Application for a permit for the parade had been made and denied by the police. The white and Negro workers unanimously voted to voice their protests against the Scottsboro outrage, permit or no permit. As the parade reached a point midway between 138th and 137th St., police reserves who had been concealed nearby, rushed out and began murdering, clubbing and mauling the Negro and white workers. Negro cops were used to tear down the banners calling for "Death to Lynch Law," "Smash the Scottsboro Frame-up," "Save the Lives of Nine Innocent Negro Youths," "Down With Jim Crowism and Segregation," "Unconditional Equal Rights for the Negro People."

Negro and white workers heroically defended their banners, and in spite of the police terror made their way to 110th St., where a mass meeting was held denouncing the co-operation of the northern bosses and their Negro and white police agents with the southern boss lynchers.

The following workers were arrested and charged with felonious assault in the Harlem parade Saturday protesting against the frame-up and attempted legal lynching of the nine Scottsboro youth: John Tsernorius, Phillip Spector and Demetri Paulas, all arrested at 4:15 at Lenox Ave. and 139th St. Their case came up before Magistrate De Luca yesterday and the case was postponed until Tuesday, April 28.

The letter goes on to list several other serious instances of actual starvation and sickness and makes concrete demands upon the borough. Among the demands the Unemployed Branch puts forward are: (1) That the President, Mr. Hesterberg, at once open lunch rooms in every public school and give free food to all children of the unemployed. (2) Free clothing for the children of the unemployed to be provided by the city authorities with medical care and dental clinics to be instituted in every public school. (3) Immediate cash relief to the amount of at least \$10 per week per family with an additional amount of \$3 for each dependent.

The Borough Hall demonstration will start with a mass meeting at Jay and Johnson Sts., before the State Employment Agency. There a delegation to present the demands to the Borough President will be elected. The assembled workers will then march down to Borough Hall at Court and Fulton Sts., to present the demands.

Need Vehicles for May Day All Party members and sympathizers who have trucks, cars or motorcycles which can be used for May Day should register at the headquarters of the United Front Committee, 16 W. 21st St., Telephone Chelsea 3-0962.

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## May Day Marches Have Been Planned in Scores Of Cities by United Front May First Conferences

Erie, Pa. Workers to Answer Gov. Pinchot's Refusal of Jobless Relief; All Out to Youngstown, Public Square

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Nine May Day demonstrations have been arranged in District Nine as follows: Minneapolis, 5 p. m., Bridge Square; St. Paul, 4:30 p. m., Tenth and Washburn; Duluth, 5 p. m., Courthouse Square; Virginia, 2 p. m., Mesaba and Chestnut; Superior, 5 p. m., Broadway and Tower; Ironwood, 2 p. m., Farmers Market Square; Negaunee, 1:30 p. m., Labor Temple; Newberry, 1:30 p. m., Finnish Workers Hall. About 40 mass meetings will be held to the city limits. The hunger marchers will march on to Columbus, O., to present their demands for unemployment insurance.

Front May First conference in Youngstown, O., has laid a good basis for the demonstration. The May Day demonstration will start at 11 a. m. at Basin and East Federal St. Marching on Federal St. to Himrod Ave., to Hines St., to Oak St., to Aayen Ave., to Walnut to Wood St.; it will then go down Wick Ave., to the north east corner of the Public Square, at 12 noon. After a meeting on the Square the demonstrators will accompany the state hunger marchers



Paterson May Day Conference Plans Huge Demonstrations

PATERSON, N. J.—A conference of working class organizations to plan the May Day preparations and to mobilize the workers of Paterson for the unconditional release of five militant textile workers...

Twenty-five delegates, representing 18 organizations, which included 2 unions and one shop, with a total membership of 912 workers, were present at this united front conference.

The reporter to the conference, E. Vafiades, section organizer of the Communist Party, pointed out the conditions under which the workers here are forced to live. He brought forth the fact that wage cuts are sweeping the whole city, that incentive systems are being introduced which transfer the workers into actual slaves, that a huge lay-off of 300 workers from the Wideman Dye Company took place the other week...

It first proposed that the demonstration be held at City Hall, at 12 noon. Secondly, that the main issue

THE ADVENTURES OF BILL WORKER



DEPORTATION METHODS ILLEGAL

Lawless Officials Are Slapped on Wrist

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Methods by which the U. S. Government is carrying on its vicious campaign against the foreign born workers were admitted to be illegal and in violation of the constitution in a report by an expert of Hoover's own Commission on Law Observance and Enforcement. At the same time the report was being presented, Chairman Wickersham of the Commission, speaking in Cincinnati, blamed the lawlessness of officials for the increase of crime.

The report declares that thousands of foreign born workers have been illegally arrested without warrants and deported without a fair hearing; 100,000 immigrants trying to join their families in this country have been illegally barred; the cases of deported workers have been "reviewed" by the immigration bureau of the Labor Department which ordered their deportation and they have been victims of arbitrary decisions.

The report, dealing with legal lawlessness, has not been made public. It is known, however, that it criticizes the government's position in the case of Guido Serio, who was refused the right to voluntary departure to Soviet Russia; the government having agreed with Mussolini that Serio should be delivered over to the fascist murderers.

Secretary of Labor Doak in replying to the rising protests of the working-class, of which the report is an outcome, excuses the holding without warrants of 19 workers arrested in a raid on the socialist Finnish dance hall in New York on the "ground" that they would have gotten away from the immigration officials otherwise. He said that the situation did not call for kid gloves.

Workers! Intensify your protest against the persecution of foreign born. Demonstrate May Day against deportations, lynching, wage cuts, starvation and imperialist war preparations!

Firing and Wage Cuts in Sacramento, Calif.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 26.—On April 15 the Southern Pacific railroad shops here laid off 400 men in all departments and started to work on a three-day week basis.

The C. P. cannery has cut wages from 35 cents an hour to 25 cents.

What's On—

MONDAY—May Day Pageant rehearsal at 8:30 p.m. at 131 W. 28th St.

Young Defenders Open air meeting on Scottshero case and May 27 at 9 p.m. at 188th St. and Prospect Ave.

Bronxville Branch, I. L. D. meets at 315 Bristol St., Brooklyn. Members are urged to attend. Important matters will be taken up.

Councils 1 and 2 of Harlem will have a lecture at 8:30 p.m., at 143 E. 193rd St. on the "Role of the Woman in the Soviet Union."

"Origin and Significance of May Day" A lecture at 8 p.m. at 110 Elder Ave. Sponsors: Women's Council No. 30.

TUESDAY Attention Perth Amboy! The International Labor Defense is holding a mass protest meeting against the deportation of foreign born workers, at 7 p.m. at the Washington Hall.

Wednesday Eugene V. Debs Branch, I. L. D. meets at the Workers Children's School, Cooperative House, 2709 Bronx Park East, at 8:30 p.m.

Furniture Workers' Indus. League will hold a May Day Mobilization Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the T.U.U.L. Headquarters, 16 W. 21st St.

MEMBERS REVOLT IN AMALGAMATED

Rank and File Score Bureaucracy

NEW YORK.—Two meetings of Amalgamated Clothing Workers members Thursday night showed how revolt is growing against the bureaucracy.

Local 19 (the knee pants makers) met at 151 Clinton St., with two right wing cliques trying to throw out the Hillman (also right wing) manager.

Rank and file speakers, I. Grill, Jenny Lieberman, Louis Dickstein and others exposed Hillman and the cliques and pointed out that the labor bureau is an agency of the bosses.

They made a motion for the rank and file to take over the leadership themselves, and tremendous applause greeted the motion. There were 300 to 400 in the hall. A motion to hold a mass meeting and take action on the suggestion was adopted. The right wingers had the police there.

The rank and file is called upon to meet in the new center of the Rank and File Committee, 83 East 10th St.

Thursday also, a meeting of unemployed cutters of Amalgamated C. W. Local 4 met in Manhattan Lyceum, and the jobless exposed the corruption in the Amalgamated bureaucracy, and condemned its policies.

A resolution was adopted to be sent to the general and local officials. It demands the following:

- 1.—40-hour five day week with no pay cut. 2.—Abolition of the temporary card system. 3.—Equal division of work. 4.—No boss allowed to work at the table but cutters to be hired instead. 5.—Taking into consideration that the present ten per cent tax for the unemployed is not used in their interests, the tax should be abolished. 6.—Distribution of jobs to be through a rank and file committee, and jobs given according to strict rotation.

WORKERS SCHOOL OFFERS RUSSIAN METAL WORKERS PREPARE MAY 1

NEW YORK.—In addition to the important political courses like the Fundamentals of Communism, Political Economy, Leninism, etc., the summer term of the Workers' School will also give two classes in Russian, elementary and intermediate, and a class in Spanish.

For the first time in its establishment and expansion, the school conducts a summer term this year to meet the increasing demands of the workers for training in the summer.

Registration for the courses (a few now open at the school office, 50 E. 12th St. Classes will be conducted from 7 to 8:30 in the evenings.

Correspondence courses will be also given, beginning this summer, to benefit workers in various parts of the country who cannot attend the Workers' School. Further information regarding these courses may be obtained upon writing to the Workers' School.

Jerry Dress Strikers Praise Aid Given By W I R in Strike

NEW YORK.—The strikers of the Jerry Dress Company sent the following letter to the Workers International Relief yesterday, thanking that organization for its aid in the militant fight of the Jerry Dress workers.

"We, the strikers of the Jerry Dress Co., wish to express our thanks and appreciate for the solidarity and material help which your organization has given us, in granting the picture, etc., to raise funds for the continuation of the strike.

"We feel that the W. I. R. is of great help to strikers and workers generally in these hard times of struggle."

JOBLESS COUNCIL ACTS IN NEWARK

Forces City to Pay a Month's Rent

NEWARK, N. J., April 23.—The Newark Council of the Unemployed tell show it organized a systematic registration of needy families, picked out the most acute cases of distress and sent a committee with the facts to the overseer of the poor. This official sent the committee to a charity station, where the committee was not allowed to see the responsible head.

The council organized a mass meeting in a few blocks from the home of this destitute family, exposed the city and the charity and started a collection of food.

Recently a sick woman and her two children were evicted. A committee was sent by the council, along with the son of the evicted woman, and, after much arguing, got the city to promise to pay one month's rent in another flat. The city would not move the furniture, which the constable had simply thrown into the street, so a moving van was called, the furniture moved and the bill sent to the constable. All the workers in the neighborhood were mobilized and some new members gained for the council.

NEGRO JOBLESS DEMAND CITY AID

Walker Tries His Wise-Cracking

NEW YORK.—A delegation of 10 Negro workers, including members of the Harlem Unemployed Council and destitute workers from 134th St., visited the Board of Estimates yesterday to demand relief and stoppage of evictions of unemployed workers.

Mrs. Anderson, one of the spokesmen, told the Board of the terrible conditions in Harlem, where tens of thousands of Negro and white unemployed workers are starving, with hundreds being evicted each week. At this the famous wise-cracking mayor told her that she could get a job by going to the State Employment Agency. Mrs. Anderson answered the wise crack by telling Walker that she had been several times along with hundreds of other Negro workers and had received no job.

Following the usual boss line of trying to divide the workers, the mayor ordered Davis, a white worker, thrown out when he supported the demands of the Negro workers for relief. Davis, however, returned and insisted on his demand that the state appropriate unemployment insurance of \$15 a week for the unemployed. Walker's reply to this was that the state could not tax the bosses "to feed 700,000 unemployed workers in New York City."

Two of the Negro workers of the delegation are about to be evicted. Mrs. Harris, one of the two, has a family of four, none of whom have been able to secure work for several months.

The Negro and white workers will answer this cynical attitude of Walker and the bosses by militant demonstration on May Day when they will gather at 12:30 at Madison Square Park, Madison Ave. and 23rd St., and march from there to Union Square, reaching Union Square at 4 o'clock.

N Y Veterans Urged Join United Front May Day Demonstration

NEW YORK.—The Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League calls upon all workers who served in the World War or in any military forces to join our Division in the United Front May Day demonstration on May 1.

NEIGHBORHOOD THEATRES EAST SIDE—BRONX

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TO PROTEST U.S. INTERVENTION

Stop Murder of Latin American Workers!

NEW YORK.—The New York branch of the Anti-Imperialist League is preparing mass demonstrations in support of the revolutionary forces in Nicaragua and Honduras and against the imperialist slaughter.

A provisional committee of 15 was elected at a meeting held Wednesday of the national officers of the league and secretaries affiliated to organizations of the Anti-Imperialist League.

This committee, together with the national officers, will proceed to organize an Anti-Imperialist Conference in New York City in the early part of June. The committee also acts as the leadership of the New York branch of the league. A working committee of three, with T. H. Li as chairman, M. Cullen as secretary and M. Oberlander as treasurer, was elected.

It was decided to organize a mass protest meeting against U. S. Imperialist intervention in Nicaragua and Honduras on May the 8th in the Harlem Casino. An appeal was issued to workers and anti-imperialists in New York to demonstrate against imperialism on May Day.

The committee will start an immediate membership drive to build up a strong anti-imperialist organization in New York. A Sajona, president of the Philippine Anti-Imperialist League of the United States; Robert Dunn, of the Labor Research Association; Harry Raymond, of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, and Mary Adams, of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, are among the members of the provisional committee. A full committee meeting will take place on this Wednesday evening at Room 535, 799 Broadway.

"Labor Unity" May Day Edition Out

The special May issue of the Labor Unity, official organ of the Trade Union Unity League is off the press. All organizations that have placed their orders should call for their bundle and those organizations that did not as yet place their special order, the secretary or labor unity agent should do so at once. The price for this issue is two cents a copy. Order it from the district office of the Labor Unity, 16 W. 21st St., N. Y. C.

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Downtown Jobless Branch May Day Eve Ball to Aid Work

NEW YORK.—Preparing an intensive campaign to organize tenants and block leagues, to investigate the neediest cases of striving families, the Downtown Unemployed Council is arranging a May Day Eve Ball and Rally at 131 West 28th St. to raise the preliminary funds for their work.

The Council has already started investigating cases nearby and found conditions ripe for organization and much work. Arrangements are being made to place a list of the neediest cases and demands for their relief before the city authorities.

Tickets for the ball are 25 cents and 35 cents at the door. The Workers Laboratory Theatre will present a skit.

LEGION OFFICIAL BOASTS FRAMEUP

Tells of Packed Jury in Imperial Valley

NEW YORK.—"A Strike Is Criminal Syndicalism—in California" is the title of a new pamphlet issued by the American Civil Liberties Union, which gives some recent facts of the conviction of the eight Imperial Valley prisoners and their sentencing to terms ranging up to 42 years.

Forces behind the prosecution were clearly revealed, the pamphlet shows, in a speech made shortly after the trial by Commander P. A. Thaanum of the American Legion Post in El Centro. Thaanum said in San Clemente:

"The way to kill the red plague is to dynamite it out. That's what we did in Imperial County. The judge who tried the Communists was a Legionnaire; fifty per cent of the jurors were war veterans. What chance did the Communists have?" Sheriff Charles L. Gillette, who handled the arrest and was prominent in the raiding of these workers; is characterized as follows: "This sheriff is a tough character. It is he who rounds up agitators and breaks up union efforts. He was twice tried for embezzling \$35,000 of the funds of Imperial County, but escaped conviction through political influence. . . The legend he prints on the upper corner of his official envelopes is appropriate: 'The low-down sheriff's office in the world. (57 feet below sea level).'"

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JOBLESS WORKER COMMITS SUICIDE

Is Another Victim of Capitalism

NEW YORK.—Jobless and discouraged by ill-health resulting from starvation, John Kulop, 37 a window cleaner, committed suicide by jumping from the roof of the five-story tenement at 135 Norfolk St., where he lived with his wife and three small children.

Mrs. Kulop collapsed when informed of her husband's death. She said the family was destitute and starving.

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### First May Day Demonstration Was General Strike in U.S.A.

By VERN SMITH

The demands of May First, particularly those center around the shorter work day, and the events which caused that particular date to be selected by an International Workers Congress in Paris, in 1889 to call for international demonstrations on May Day, are of American origin.

Though the AFL refuses to recognize the First of May as International Labor Day, and celebrates the first Monday in September instead, and more than that, unites with the capitalist government to try and turn May First into a capitalist social workers' holiday called "Child Welfare Day," the AFL itself had something to do with the events that made that day International Labor Day.

When the AFL was just getting started, and seemed to be losing out to another organization that has since died, the AFL placed itself at the head of the eight-hour day movement by hitting in a resolution that there should be a general strike for this demand on May 1, 1886.

The workers took the AFL up on the matter, and pulled off a strike of nearly half a million workers on the date set. Says Trachtenberg, in the pamphlet, "The History of May Day."

**Center in Chicago**

The strike center was Chicago, where the strike movement was most widespread, but many other cities were involved in the struggle on May First, New York, Baltimore, Washington, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Detroit, and many other cities made a good showing in the walkout. The characteristic feature of the strike movement was that the unskilled and unorganized workers were drawn into the struggle, and that sympathetic strikes were quite prevalent during that period. A rebellious spirit was abroad in the land, and bourgeois historians speak of the "social war" and "hatred for capital" which was manifested during these strikes, and of the enthusiasm of the rank and file which pervaded the movement. It is estimated that about half of the number

### AMBRIDGE FIRES WORKERS; REFUSE "BONUS" GRAFT

#### Lose Half Wages; Do 8-Hr Work in Five

Daily Worker:

The American Bridge Co., a subsidiary of the U. S. Steel Corporation, located in Ambridge, is one of the most crooked organizations existing today. For the last 8 months we have been forced to work only 5 hours a day, not for resting, but because they take away a half day's wages and the bonus. Besides this, we are forced to do 8 hours' work in five as a result, which is a slave-driving, brutal way of treating any worker.

The so-called bonus system is nothing more than another form of the worst kind of speed-up. A worker thinks that he is going to make a few dollars extra, but when you get your pay you don't find the promised increase. However, if you don't make the so-called bonus, you are fired and another man takes your place. The superintendent of the mill gives orders that no one is to put down his tools on the company's time, but that he will give the notice on his own time. He fired those who tried to do it.

The workers of the American Bridge Co. and the workers of Ambridge are urged to join the Metal Workers' Industrial League, which fights against these slave-driving tactics.

**YOUNG WORKER IN BIG MAY 1 ISSUE**

Features for the First Anniversary Number

May Day, 1931, marks the first anniversary of the Young Worker, the official organ of the Young Communist League, as a weekly. Because of the fact that the Young Worker has actually become a paper of struggle for the working youth, the bosses' government has selected it as one of the papers on which to begin its campaign of terror. As a result the Young Worker has been banned from second class mail. In spite of the added difficulties of having to send the paper through first class mail, which adds to the financial burden, the Young Worker is still going strong because of the support that the workers have given it since the ban.

The anniversary May Day issue of the Young Worker will be a special 16-page edition, sparkling with interesting articles of the life of the working youth. Every article in this issue will be a feature article, every picture and drawing will be original and taken especially to make this the best issue the Young Worker has ever put out. William Gropper, world famous artist, writes for us "May Day in the Soviet Union." "Forty-Five Years of May Day," by Mac Weiss, tells the story of May Day, illustrated with actual photos of the leaflet put out by the Chicago workers after the Haymarket massacre. We are also producing a capitalist paper of 1886 with the story of the murder of the workers. These are printed for the first time. Walter Trumbull continues his intensely absorbing article on the U. S. Army.

All this for a nickel! Buy your copy! Rush your order for bundles to Young Worker, Box 38, Station D, N. Y. C. Special price 2 cents in bundles.

### RUSH ORDERS FOR TWO MORE MAY DAY SPECIAL EDITIONS

Last day preparations for monster May Day demonstrations cannot be effectively organized without the best marshaling force of the working class, the Daily Worker. Last day mobilizations in the shops and factories, and among unemployed workers, cannot be successful without the widest distribution of the best organizer of workers' struggles, the Daily Worker. No rallying of Negro and white workers for mass protest to save the nine Scottsboro Negro youths can be successfully achieved without a broad circulation of the only daily paper which fights against legal lynchings, the Daily Worker. These opportunities for gigantic mass demonstrations yet remain for those districts receiving the Eastern and New York City May Day editions: Dist. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 16. There is still time to order extra bundles of copies for closer contact with masses of workers still in the shops and those unemployed. Still time—but not too much. Wire your orders immediately!

**District, Single Orders.**

Orders from the large districts are as follows: New York, 60,000; Philadelphia, 30,000-35,000; Detroit, 15,000; Chicago, 8,000; Buffalo, 8,000. Chicago shows poor record. A larger district than Philadelphia, it should order 35,000 instead of as small an amount as Buffalo.

Individual extra orders, though smaller, indicate action. B. H. of Newberry, Mich., orders 100, as does S. N. of Iron River, Wis. Thomas E. M. of Wynneld, British Columbia, sends 60 cents for 20 copies "to pass around amongst several people who should like them," he writes. J. L. G. in Salt

### GERMAN JOBLESS CLASH WITH COPS; MANY ARE JAILED

Berlin, April 24.—Unemployed fought today with the police outside the Parliament at Wellington. Police clubbed the workers, while the latter stoned the police. A section of the demonstration rushed past the gates, others climbed over the wall, attacking the police in the rear. Many were arrested, including a member of the deputization which was to interview the labor minister.

Seven delegates, elected by British factory workers, left London on the Soviet ship "Kooperativ" yesterday, to participate in the May Day celebrations in Moscow.

Railwaymen at Nineelms depot of London have ended a successful strike. Five hundred of them struck yesterday against their deteriorating working conditions. The company fired all the strikers, whereupon the whole staff of the Nineelms depot completely their objectionable instructions and reinstated the dismissed strikers.

Yesterday evening there were spontaneous women's demonstrations in South Berlin, against the reactionary Bruening government. Police clubbed and arrested many women.

Police confiscated all Communist newspapers in Ruhr yesterday, because of articles dealing with the Hamm bloodbath.

Weltam Abend reports that the Bruening government has drawn up a sweeping reactionary program with the intention of carrying out the program with emergency decrees. The program includes: First, increased duties on foodstuffs and agrarian products, etc.; second, changes in the unemployment insurance, which extends the waiting period ten per cent, and makes the length of the support depend on how long workers have contributed to the fund; third, radical cuts in other social services, as pensions, workers' accident insurance, ex-soldiers' allowances; fourth, direct or indirect wage cuts for the lower and middle officials of the government; fifth, the introduction of the 40-hour week without compensations in wages. In addition to these, the government intends to make the Reichstag give the government greater independence, thus strengthening the power of President Hindenburg. The government also intends to create a reactionary second chamber, with the power of vetoing Reichstag bills.

### Yankee "Civilizers" Enslave Nicaraguan Masses; Fill Jails

How American officials in Northern Nicaragua are paid \$700 a month to organize the Nicaraguan police force to terrorize the workers is told in a letter received by the Daily Worker from Nicaragua.

A Nicaraguan worker, writing to inform the American workers about the conditions imposed on Nicaragua by the American imperialists, states: "The police force in the northwestern part of Nicaragua has been recently reorganized. American officials supervise it. They also supervise the jails. These Americans receive a salary of \$700 per month. The Nicaraguan teachers get \$15 to \$25 a month."

"In Chinandega there are about 15 sugar mills owned by Yankee 'civilizers.' In the San Antonio mill more than 600 workers toil for 30 to 60 cents a day.

"The port and customs house of Corinto, which is the most important port on the Pacific Coast of Nicaragua, is supervised by Americans. The dock workers and longshoremen receive a wage of 25 cents a day. The boss of the docks, who is known as captain, robs these workers of 50 per cent of their wages; that is, the workers finally receive only 12 cents a day."

The letter goes on to tell about the jails being filled with peasants. These peasants are accused of being Sandinistas because they are fighting against the robbery of their land.

### Ambridge Pipe Workers Get 35c An Hour for Two Men Job

Comrade Editor:

In a few lines I would like to write about the conditions in my department, the pipe shop. We have different wages, such as 35 cents and 46 cents an hour.

Some of us young workers get only 35 cents an hour while doing a man's job who used to get 46 1/2 cents an hour. The boss figures he can pay us youngsters less so he can throw the men out on the street.

The bosses of the National Electric Co. are very clever in making more profit.

We work different hours here.

Some work 10 1/2 hours and some work from 6 in the morning to 6 at night. But this is not all. We workers are not allowed to sit down even for a minute. If we do and get caught we are fired immediately. We must keep on working and not think of speels.

"Our boss always yells out at us 'Hurry up!' and all the time he is standing by our machine holding his watch and timing us to see if we are working fast enough to suit him. As a result there are plenty of accidents like chopped up fingers, cut hands and often fingerless hands. This is what we workers get for slaving to make a living.

We only work three days in a week. I guess our factory is just as bad off as other factories are.

Workers, let's not wait for the last minute, but prepare ourselves to fight these rotten conditions by joining the Metal Workers' Industrial League.

—F. H.

### AFL Allows Garment Factory to Break Wage Scale

New York City.

A girl applied for work at the Heller Bros. garment factory at 550 Seventh Ave. The forelady, Mrs. Brown, gave her a job at \$20 a week, though the union scale is \$28. She worked at different things, but on pay day she was given only \$15.

Conditions in this factory are very bad; the girls are sped up, abused, and are not allowed to talk to each other. It is supposed to be a union shop, but when girls complain to the union about conditions they are told that the union can do nothing for them.

The bosses discriminate against colored and foreign-born workers. One Italian girl, a cutter, is paid only \$12 a week, although the union scale is \$20. These are the tactics in all the shops where the A. F. of L. union is supposed to do something for the workers. Workers—join the fighting T. U. U. L.!

—A Worker.

### Landlord Fails to Evict Jobless Worker

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

New York City.

To the Daily Worker:

As I was out of work for practically seven months and had become behind in my rent, the landlord had given me a dispossess in November. I went to the relief agency at the Journal building, to the police station, but they didn't help me. I was sent to a Catholic organization.

I gave them a labor debt of \$30.50 that a boss had beat me out of and which the Catholic man said he could collect. But he didn't collect it, so I called on the Unemployed Council.

They went to court with me and presented a petition that we be allowed to remain in the house until March, when my trade picks up, signed by everyone in the house. After this the landlord gave us ten days more and then another five days to stay in the house.

On the day we were to be evicted he Unemployed Council demonstrated in front of the house and

stopped the eviction. The same morning I was notified there was a check waiting for me at the police station. The relief man told me to use it for my rent, but I spent it for food for my family.

The next day a messenger from the Catholic organization came to me, and said it appeared bad for me, for the meeting had it look as if I might be a Communist. He said he would pay one month's rent for me, but told me to have nothing to do with the Communists.

The landlord tried several times to get us to move into a smaller house, but we refused to move into some dog shanty. The next morning he was forced to give me a job in order that I could pay rent. The Catholic organization again called on me and tried to get me to move out, so the landlord could get me fired off the job and put one of his faithfuls in my place.

But we stayed in the house and the landlord was forced to keep me in a job.

—H. M.

### Int'l Labor Defense Adopts Sentenced Cal. Workers

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The Russian Section of the MOPR has sent a communication to the International Labor Defense of California district, offering co-operation in the defense of the Agricultural Organizers of Imperial Valley now serving in San Quentin and Folsom prisons and have adopted them as their charges.

### Worker Finds Only Party Is the Communist Party

Sioux City, Iowa.

Daily Worker:

After 31 years of struggling individually under this diabolical system of capitalism, to seek out an existence, I have at last found a solution of

### AMNESTY MEET DEFENDS ALA. 9

Denounces Terror Against Workers

STAMFORD, April 26.—At an amnesty meeting held Tuesday night at the Workers Center, Stamford, nearly a hundred workers, Negro and white pledged their support to the nine Negro youths about to be legally lynched in Scottsboro, Ala. A telegram of protest was despatched to Governor Mille of Alabama, demanding the stoppage of this boss murder, and holding him responsible for their lives.

Nat Richards, just released from the Hartford County jail, through the intense activities of the ILD and under one year's probation, was the main speaker. He will also address amnesty meetings in Bridgeport on Thursday and in New Haven on Friday night, also other cities in Connecticut during the next few weeks. The campaign to save the lives of these innocent jobless Negro youngsters, constituting at this moment the highest point in the fight against lynching and the oppression of the Negro masses, will be integrally linked up with the important class demand for the release of all political prisoners.

A resolution condemning the vicious drive against the foreign-born masses, and against the mass deportations now in full swing was approved by the Stamford toilers and sent to Secretary of Labor Doak. This will be similarly carried out in other cities.

### Workers in Many Organizations, Cities Join Scottsboro Protest

NEW YORK.—With increasing vigor and determination workers throughout the country are thundering their protests against the hideous frame-up and planned mass murder of nine Negro youths in Alabama and rushing the preparations for tremendous May First demonstrations against the Scottsboro lynch verdict and all persecution of Negro and foreign born workers, against starvation, wage cuts, growing mass misery, and imperialist preparation for war on the Soviet Union.

In New York City, a mass meeting of 700 white and Negro workers on Friday night protested the murder of these innocent Negro boys. On Saturday, a parade in Harlem brought out hundreds in protest.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 26.—A mass meeting of white and Negro workers here denounced the bloody intention of the Alabama landlords and capitalists to legally lynch nine innocent Negro children. The meeting unanimously adopted a telegram to Gov. B. M. Miller, Montgomery, Ala., demanding a new trial for the youths with a jury of workers, at least half of them Negroes.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 26.—The following organizations yesterday wired protest to Gov. Miller: Minnesota District Convention of the Women's Sections of the Finnish Workers Clubs, with 186 delegates representing 62 organizations.

Women's Section of Finnish Workers' Club of Palisades, Minn.; National Conference of the Workers' and Farmers' Co-operative Alliance, held in Superior, Wis.

A number of mass protest meetings have been arranged by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights in co-operation with other organizations.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., April 26.—Two outdoor meetings protested the Scottsboro legal lynching and sent protest telegrams to the governor of Alabama. Another meeting is being held tonight. These meetings are also preparatory meetings to mobilize the workers in gigantic protest on May First, when we will demonstrate in the streets and on the square in Youngstown against lynching, wage cuts, and for unemployment insurance.

MADISON, Wis.—A protest meeting held under the auspices of the International Labor Defense sent a telegram to the governor of Alabama vigorously protesting the court room lynching of nine innocent Negro boys planned for July 10.

CLEVELAND, O., April 26.—In mobilizing the workers behind the defense of the nine Scottsboro victims of boss court lynch verdict, the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights with the co-operation of scores of white and Negro organizations have named May 2 to May 8, Scottsboro Defense Week. Street and indoor meetings will be held on every day and evening of that week protesting the Scottsboro frame-up.

Polish Branch No. 1 and Russian I.L.D. branch have arranged a three-act play for Sunday, May 10, at 1061 Auburn Ave., at 5 p.m., all proceeds of which will go for the Scottsboro defense.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 26.—An active Union Front Campaign is under way to save the lives of the nine Scottsboro victims. Protest telegrams to the governor of Alabama have been sent by the Ukrainian Toilers, the Young Communist League and

### Down Tools May Day Says Labor Defender in Excellent New Issue

The May Day Labor Defender is a splendid edition, with a cover design which is one May First poster, with "Down Tools" prominently displayed, and a mass demonstration with plenty of placards: "Work or Wages," "Defend the Soviet Union," "Build the I. L. D.," "Join the Communist Party," displayed above heads of the crowd.

"Judge Lynch Goes to Court" is the leading article, by W. L. Patterson, and headed by a half-page picture showing the nine Scottsboro victims, with a thick belled militia officer and a squad of militiamen with rifles standing over them to see that they go to the electric chair.

May Day as a central rallying point for the fight for amnesty for all political prisoners is the topic of the second article, by Joe Pass.

The attempt to frame-up five textile workers in Paterson and kill them in the electric chair is described by Melvin Levy. There are excellently illustrated articles on the Kassay case, the third degree methods of the police, the wage-cuts, the Portland criminal syndicalism and deportation cases, on the suspending of students who edited "Frontier."

The two center pages are filled with pictures contrasting the building of socialized industry in the Soviet Union with the breadlines of the capitalist world.

### Latest USSR Census Shows Population Is Increasing Rapidly

MOSCOW.—The first congress of the reorganized Metal Workers Union which has 800,000 members, has been opened here. Four hundred thirty delegates are present. Amongst the delegates are representative of the German and American workers engaged in the Soviet engineering industry. In the first session of the congress the reports from the factories were heard.

### ALBANY WORKERS HIT LYNCHING Demonstration May Day

ALBANY, N. Y., April 24.—Albany police attempted to break up a street meeting called here last night by the Trade Union Unity League to protest the legal murder of the nine Negro youths in Alabama.

The workers militantly defended their right to free speech and use of the streets and insisted on voicing their protest against the murderous court room lynching planned by the Alabama bosses. A patrol wagon which was called to intimidate the workers, was finally used by the police to effect a retreat.

The workers endorsed defense work of the International Labor Defense and pledged whole-hearted support in the mass campaign to free the nine Negro youths. They also endorsed the unemployment relief demands of the T.U.U.L. and the demonstration on May Day against starvation, wage cuts, boss persecution of Negro and foreign born workers, and against boss preparations for war on the Soviet Union.

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### Penna. Hunger March Boosts DW

The Philadelphia District increased its daily order by 100 and Trenton bundle to 80, because, according to M. Silver, Daily Worker representative, many hunger marchers are now selling the Daily.

The Philadelphia May Day edition, Wednesday, April 29, will include the regular district page, since copy arrived too late to be used for last Thursday's issue. They order 30,000.

Two days left for orders for Eastern and New York City May Day issues. Rush them in by wire and double the thousands of May Day demonstrators!

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# Racketeering--A Capitalist Government Institution

By I. AMTER.

**B**ILL THOMPSON, the ex-mayor of Chicago, has failed of reelection, and no doubt if he had not been so clever, his relation to Al Capone would have shown up the corruption of the republican machine in Chicago and its very close relations to the underworld. Jimmie Walker is still mayor of New York, and the charges that have been hurled at his Tammany Hall machine unfold in only small measure the graft and corruption that are part not only of the Tammany Hall machine, but part of the entire capitalist system, so that it has become a fixed institution of capitalism.

To the unknown worker it may appear that there may be good and honest capitalist politicians, and dishonest men, and that the removal of the latter will give the people honest administrations. That is not only the attitude of many workers, but the excuse of Jimmie Walker and of Norman Thomas. "Bad men in office" today are supposed to be the cause of maladministration of office, and therefore the republicans and the socialists in New York City, working through the "City Affairs Committee," headed by two reverends, John Haynes Holmes and Rabbi Stephen Wise, are howling to heaven about the corruption in City Hall.

Is there graft and corruption in City Hall? Mayor Walker denies it, although he made feeble, well covered pretences of investigating the situation. His investigations resulted in nothing, for a real investigation would have shown the rotten corruption of the entire Tammany Hall machine, as the ruling machine of Wall Street finance capital in New York City.

Can there be an honest capitalist administration? To answer this question, one must ask whether honesty is possible under capitalism? Not only honesty as the worker understands it, but honesty according to the capitalist "moral code." Capitalism is based upon private property, and competition. Out of this grows the spirit of greed, based upon the motto "get rich." In getting rich, the private property owner cannot consider the method employed, but necessarily resorts to any channel that will bring him to the goal. This results in unscrupulousness, greed, pillage and plunder.

The history of the great American fortunes is a history of the worst plunder, murder, corruption and resort to all kinds of crime. Rockefeller, Morgan, Gould, Vanderbilt, Astor, Harriman—all of them have built their fortunes on this foundation—robbery of the Indians, stealing of land and its resources, corruption of public officials, etc. This is the history of the country of capitalism.

Or let us look at the stock exchanges—a recognized institution of capitalism. Is this a so-called "honest" method of acquiring fortunes—and of losing them? This is gambling exalted to an "honest" profession. That this has become the method by which men are judged, let us look at the men who have built America, the engineers, technicians and the millions of workers who actually have participated in the building of the country, and we find that they are "respected" and "stand high in the community" not in proportion to what they have accomplished, but to what they have amassed in fortunes for themselves. Could they not build railroads—the men they call? Nothing of the kind. Public office is the easiest form of graft. What is the lobby in Washington for, representing the billions of American capital and the various interests in the country? What are the lobbies in every state capital for, fighting for their special interests? What are most of the U. S. senators and congressmen, but representatives of the corporations and trusts, to protect and further their interests? How else are they nominated and elected but as representatives and agents of the dominant groups, whom they represent in public office? How else then can

one explain their accepting office, except that in office they will continue the practice of capitalism generally—the practice of corruption and graft—the racketeering that is part of the capitalist system?

Let us but look at the oil scandals of the Harding administration, with half of the cabinet involved, and the other half, with Coolidge and Hoover, shielded. Look at the Kelly charges of the defrauding of the U. S. government of forty billion dollars of oil lands in Colorado—charges, which were "investigated" by the same department against which the charges were preferred and rejected! Look at the war material supplied the government during the World War, not only not meeting specifications, but showing the worst form of graft, and exposing the soldiers at the front not only to the danger of death but of the worst kinds of disease. What was done? Nothing, for the government was too deeply involved in this matter. One could go on endlessly, but the above suffices.

Capitalist government is but a reflection of the corruption and graft that pervades all capitalist society, which is based upon private property, with the goal for each man and woman "get rich"—no matter by what means!

Perhaps the best example of this corruption in the Tammany Hall machine is that of District Attorney Crain. This noble gentleman is the representative of "law and order" in the city of New York, a man who is supposed to embody all the fine principles of capitalism, who in his solemn manner and conduct is supposed to represent the highest qualities of the defender of the purity of the present system. This is the man who was especially brought to the court to prevent the Unemployed Delegation of March 6th of last year from getting bail—to prevent the representatives of the hungry unemployed from returning to the outside world to continue the work of organizing the unemployed workers in the demand for unemployment insurance. This is "law and order"—and for a while it persisted.

But this same district attorney is now accused of having known of 160 rackets and of not obtaining indictments in even ten cases! And whether even these ten were prosecuted we do not know! One hundred and sixty rackets—and what part did the district attorney play in all of them? What was his graft? How much did he get out of this capitalist plunder—whether plunder of the capitalists themselves or of those who plunder the capitalists in the same manner, like the underworld, the fascist leaders of the A. F. of L. unions of the millinery, music, building, barber, needle, food, etc., trades? How much tribute did District Attorney Crain get from each of these rackets, is the question?

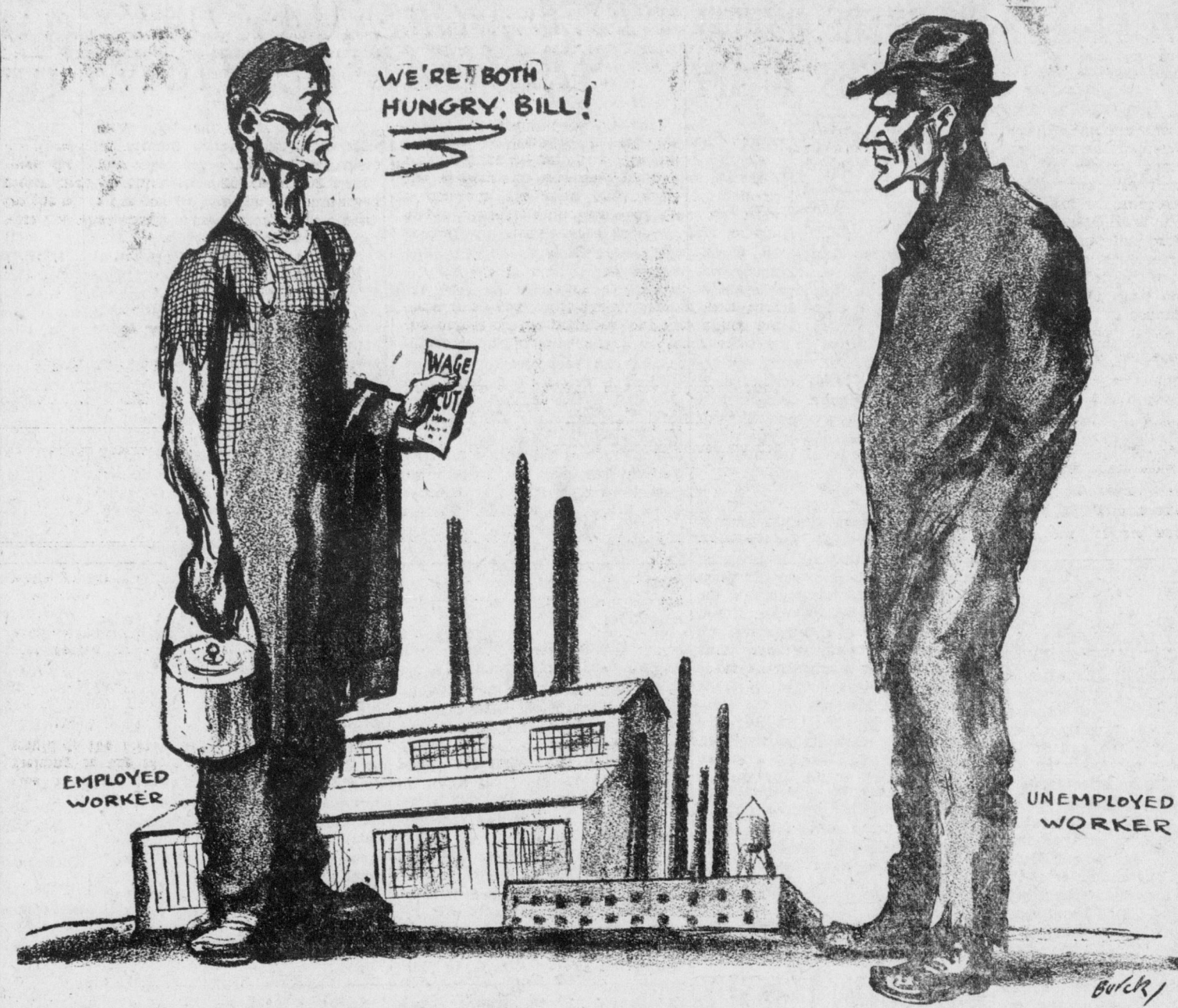
If 160 rackets are known—how about the many that ostensibly are not yet known? How about the innumerable injunctions under Paragraph 600 and otherwise? What is the graft in giving protection to the bosses and keeping the workers from striking and picketing for decent conditions?

Why do we select Crain for the first examination? Because his is one of the most striking cases, with which Walker is connected. If Crain is part of the racket, what is the part of the entire Tammany Hall machine? What is the part of Mayor Walker? What are the connections of the entire Tammany Hall machine with the underworld and racketeers of the American Federation of Labor? What is this graft and corruption that permeates every department not only of the capitalist administration of the cities, states and the country, but of capitalism itself?

It is the capitalist "moral code"—get rich, cover your steps, share your booty with the public officials—"keep in good" with the gang, for when there is a proper understanding and peace, then the fleecing of the workers can continue without interference! This is going on in every American city. But sometimes there is a slip. Somebody is peeved; groups begin to struggle for power, and an exposure is made. That is what is taking place in New York at the present time and some of the corruption is being laid bare.

In the next article we shall deal with further features of the graft scandal.

## Get Together! Against Wage Cuts! For Unemployment Insurance!



## MR. PICKENS JOINS THE FIGHT

We print in this issue of the Daily Worker an article written by Dean William Pickens, Field Organizer of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People. Mr. Pickens wrote the article after the first newspaper reports, some of which, as he correctly says, are not to be trusted for the final facts. But the value of the article is not diminished by the later and more reliable news that the nine boys were not even in a fight with the white boys.

Our opinion is that it would be a mistake to place any reliance whatever in the government of Alabama, if Mr. Pickens means to imply such faith. That governor is one of the ruling class of "White Supremacy"—capitalism. He is, indeed, the official head of the state machine which has railroaded these innocent boys through a framed-up trial and condemned them to death. And, as for an "investigation" by the governor's own machinery—we have SEEN that kind of investigation already, too often. In fact, the framed-up trial was exactly that kind of an "investigation."

We believe that we can rely no more on the cold-blooded, loaded-dice "justice" of landlord-and-capitalist-ruled Alabama. We believe that the masses of the Negro people, and the advanced elements of the working class, both black and white, can rely only on their own MASS STRENGTH, putting pressure upon the heartless ruling class of Alabama, to save our boys from the foul murder in the electric chair to which they have been condemned.

We are glad to have Mr. Pickens strive for a united front which will build a mass movement to save these innocent victims of capitalist class justice.

### By William Pickens

The "Massacre of Gadsden!" That is what it will be called in the indifferent future, if the state of Alabama proceeds to put to death eight Negro boys on the ostensible charge that they "assaulted" two white girls, but really out of revenge because they liked the mischief out of a gang of white youths. People forget that the newspapers have not given us one word from these boys; that the "court" in Alabama was set to legally lynch these youngsters; that the mob was there to see that the lynching was done either by the court or by themselves; that a great yell, like that of triumphant savages, went up from the mob when the verdicts of the "juries" indicated that the court was yielding to the mob pressure and would do the dirty work.

These boys have had no trial—eight sent to the electric chair in three days. They have had no defense. They have seen no colored people, no attorneys of their people's choosing. They have been convicted on the testimony of two hobo girls who were pals of the white youths whom they licked.

An yet an apparently glib and idiotic public seems to think that there is some truth in the charges against them.

I am a southerner. I have had to engage in such racial fights in the past. Let me reconstruct for you what, in all reasonable probability, happened. Nine white youths were "hobbing" in a convenient empty and open freight car. Nine colored lads entered, and wanted to enter, the same car, also as hoboes. (You will notice that our newspapers, even in the north, refer to these colored children as "Negroes," saying nothing about their being mere children, and leaving the impression on the ignorant public that they are men. That is part of the scheme to get them murdered without waking up public sympathy. As a matter of fact, they are all children in their early teens, one being only fourteen and only one being above twenty.)

But on with the story: The white hoboes wanted to deny equality to these young black hoboes. In the south where "jim crow" is the system, even a white hobo feels superior to a black one. They have

been taught that by the system: even in jails black criminals are segregated, as if inferior to the white ones. Even the graveyards are segregated. The whites, who were stealing a ride, did not want to steal it in the same company with Negroes who meant to steal a ride.

A fight ensued and the nine Negro youths licked the nine white youths, all of whom were dressed in hobo clothes and overalls. But two of the whites turned out to be girls. When the whites were all whipped, five having been chased away and the other boys kayoed, who in forty-eight states, being acquainted with the south and the small chance of self-defense which colored people have to defend themselves there, will ever believe that the colored lads then tarried to "assault" the girls?

They knew that the boys whom they had chased from the scene would be back immediately with a mob to lynch them. The blacks doubtless made their get-away as fast as they could go. You could hardly get nine Negro boys in Alabama to do anything else except hurry away, after they had licked nine whites and had found two to be girls, unless the whole group of Negroes had just broken out of an insane asylum.

Sex assault after such a struggle could hardly even be thought of, unless all nine were not only fools but hopeless degenerates. And that is not likely in a group of nine persons who were not carefully picked out of some asylum for the feeble-minded.

Nevertheless the defeated white youths held the boss trump card. Who would expect them to fail to use it? Two of their hobo crowd were girls and a cry of "rape" would bring all Alabama to their aid. The colored lads would be hunted to the death by every officer and every idiot of the state. It is a great thing of disgrace to a southern white to be licked in any fight, fair or foul, by a black—and here was an easy way to get even. They used it. To one who knows the possibilities of this pretext in the south, it is a wonder that it is not oftener used. It is used often enough.

If the governor of Alabama is as wise as he is eminent, he will not send these homeless Negro children to their death until he has thoroughly investigated the whole affair through his own agents. All civilized people everywhere should urge him to that course.

It should not go unnoticed that the law which executes men for sex attack in the south, is only enforced against Negro men and boys, has never been enforced against a white man, although at least one hundred sex attacks are committed in that section by the whites against blacks, for every one that is attempted by blacks against whites.

The law is a subterfuge to be used only against Negroes. If it were not for the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments, which forbid (expressed) racial discriminations by the states, the law would say "black men" or "Negroes," instead of saying that men are to be executed for this offense. But because of these amendments, the law, in order to stand up constitutionally, must be written as if aimed at all men, and is then enforced only against colored men. That is one method of discrimination which it is hard to combat—administrative discrimination. Improvement in such a situation must involve improvement in morals and civilization—social evolution.

Colored lads in the south are seldom the aggressors in these inter-racial fights; they cannot afford to be. Small wonder, then, that these colored boys in Alabama, finding themselves so hopelessly trapped, become anti-social maniacs in jail, tore up their beds and bedding and everything else that would yield to their bare hands. They yelled their futile and impotent curses against the white race and all its works.

No wonder that they went mad with HATE—hate of society and civilization, hate of their country, hate of the world in which they were born, hate of life and of the forces that gave them birth. I wonder if they even refrained from hating God!

# Daily Worker Leads Fight for May Day

By B. D. AMIS.

**T**HE capitalist class is making broad attacks on the living standards of the workers. It musters together all the forces of the State to poison the minds of the workers with deceit and lies. The poverty of the Negro workers and Southern poor farmers is nearing its limits because of unemployment, starvation, lynching and deportations hang over the heads of millions. The working masses look to the revolutionary organizations to give leadership and devise new plans for a counter attack against the increasing terror of the boss class.

The fast growing militancy of the workers and farmers, the increasing unity of Negro and white toilers has met with a new, savage and brutal attack of the capitalist bosses. The legal lynchings of the nine Negro youths in Scottsboro is an answer of the Southern landlords and capitalists to the growing spirit of resistance and unity among the Negro and white masses. To meet this new wave of terror, the Negro and white toiling masses turn to those avenues of revolutionary leadership which give them an outlet of struggle, which cannot be found in the Negro press nor the capitalist press, nor in organizations whose leaders are allied with the reactionary press policy.

The leader and organizer of the struggle to fight against the increased terror of the native and foreign-born, the Negro and white workers, is the only English working class daily, the Daily Worker. It is a powerful weapon in the hands of the workers and can be best utilized by them to mobilize masses of workers to raise a thunderous cry of dissatisfaction and discontent, to organize the masses, to carry on an energetic struggle against the terror of the oppressors. It calls upon the oppressed working class to build a gigantic mass movement under revolutionary leadership in order to take the streets which are systematically denied the workers, to demonstrate on May Day, and to carry on

a consistent and merciless struggle against the exploiters and oppressors.

To bring about an extensive mobilization of the working masses for May Day, to strike greater fear into the boss class, to break down all illusions held by the working masses of the "socialist" party and other would-be leaders of the workers, the conscious fighting weapon of all workers, the Daily Worker, must be distributed in the shops, in the factories, in the mines and on the farms. To build up greater confidence among the Negro masses, to convince them that the leader in their struggles for Negro rights and for the right of self-determination, and the leader to save the nine Scottsboro defendants who are on the verge of electrocution, to cement the unity of Negro and white workers, to assure successful May Day demonstrations throughout the country, the Daily Worker is the organ that must reach these masses of unorganized and oppressed people.

It speaks in a clear, plain, fearless voice. It sharply exposes the treacherous moves of the ruling class and the misleaders. It mobilizes the workers to struggle on all fronts against boss oppression and persecution.

Every worker must purchase and read the Daily Worker to obtain the information so necessary to successfully prepare for May Day. You must pass the paper on to your shop mates and unemployed comrades. Wrap your lunches in the paper, put copies in your lunch box, and at noon time give these to the workers. When you attend fraternal meetings, take copies and distribute them. Talk to the workers about the paper; get their ideas; have them write short, snappy stories about their work, grievances and experiences in the shops, fields, mines.

Systematic and energetic work, carried on to its logical conclusion, will win and convince thousands of new workers of the vitality and importance of their working class paper. It will win greater numbers to support and fight in the struggles of the workers and to demonstrate and fight against their wretched conditions.

## PARTY LIFE

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### How to Use the Daily Worker As a Lever for Recruiting

By J. D. SPIEGEL. (Section 5, Chicago.)

**I** WANT to deal here with one or two phases of the election campaign conducted in our section, and the reason the organizational results were not what they should and could have been. On the whole the comrades in our section worked pretty hard in this campaign, collecting signatures, distributing leaflets, arranging for mass meetings, auto parades, etc. In this work, however, one could notice more emphasis being laid on the spontaneous and dramatic (so to speak) than on the daily routine little tasks which when done properly bring more lasting results for our Party. The work of calling meetings, parades, etc., although necessary, will not achieve what following up individual workers daily in a systematic way can.

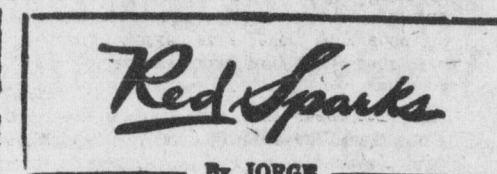
At the beginning of our campaign, the units were instructed to copy all the names of the workers who sign our nomination petitions and save them, particularly names of workers who

express sympathy to our Party and movement. These workers were to be followed up with literature, be called to our meetings, and generally be drawn to us. Most nuclei did not do this simple task. Why? Because they either did not foresee the need of utilizing the names of these workers for further concentration, or else did not understand how contacts are made and followed up.

One or two units, however, did copy some of the names off the petitions, but they either laid them away and forgot about them, or when they did send out comrades to visit these workers, there was no system of how to go about this work, and therefore no results, particularly organizational results, were gotten. Here for example is how one nucleus went about this work. A comrade was given the names of some of the workers who expressed themselves favorably when signing the petitions. He was to visit them and bring a report to the next meeting. At the next meeting he brought back a "report" that no use, these workers are not willing to join the Party and that's that! So of course, what is the use of visiting these workers? These are actual facts. We can readily see that with this approach to contacts, no results can be obtained. Still these workers who expressed themselves sympathetically cannot be dropped just because they are not ready after a "visit" to join our Party. A way must be found to follow up and develop them systematically and thus bring them nearer to our Party.

To bring to these workers our leaflets and occasional handbills advertising our affairs and meetings will certainly not do. A better way must be found—a way of reaching these workers and speaking to them daily on issues that interest them. And from the experience of comrades here and there in some units (although done in a haphazard and unsystematic way) still some lessons can be learned. These comrades "found" the Daily Worker and learned that our "daily" can accomplish fine things. In coming to these contacts and later following them up, they first acquainted these workers with our paper and spokesman. And when bringing them the paper daily, the comrades did not just drop the D. W. in the mail-box but brought them into the house and suggested to the workers what article they might find of interest that day, thus laying a basis for the worker to ask any questions not clear to him when the comrade came the next evening, and in general discuss questions not clear to the worker. At the end of the week, during which time the workers got the Daily free of charge, the workers were persuaded to have the paper delivered to them for another week and at the end to pay as much as they could.

In this manner, weekly routes for the Daily Worker were built up and at the same time these workers were kept in daily touch with. When bringing our leaflets and generally approaching such workers, the results were of course entirely



## No Couzen of Ours

Senator James Couzens, Michigan republican, busting into print "warning the capitalists," it's our job, but he horns in. He says:

"There is food for thought in the anti-capitalist system devised by Soviet Russia. It is significant that both the anti-capitalist and capitalist systems now are running at full speed and that both can be observed in operation at the same time. Which of the two is the better is a matter of opinion. From my own experience, I much prefer private initiative, but I am about convinced we can't rely on it any longer."

So there is "food for thought" in Soviet Russia. Yep, and food for workers, too. But only "food for thought" in capitalist America. He "forgot" that.

Then he says that "both systems are running at full speed"—which is only half true. Capitalism isn't doing so, otherwise why all the row? Also, it is decidedly not a "matter of opinion," but a matter of fact, as to which is "better." The Soviet is certainly better for workers, but rough-on-rats for capitalists, such as Senator Couzens himself is.

We are forced to write these remarks to warn workers against falling into the notion that such demagogues are "going Bolshevik." He says he is "about convinced" that "private initiative" can't be relied on. That don't mean that he is going to apply for membership in the Communist Party. It does mean that we can expect him to come out for fascism as a "compromise."

## No Puzzle At All

Every barnstorming Fish in the country is continually trembling with indignation because the Communists of the Soviet Union say extremely impolite things about capitalism.

And they—the Fish family—"view with alarm" the fact that the Soviet wants to trade with the United States. This the Fish regard as impossible while the haughty Bolsheviks firmly refuse to be civil in their language and respectfulness of the "superiority" of capitalism, particularly the Fish part of it.

But American capitalism finds no difficulty in lying about the Soviet while seeking to sell its machinery. For example, Tuesday night the radio brought us the most godawful melodrama over WEAF from the National Broadcasting Company, with "Soviet spies, Cheka executions, sobbing widows and ravished maidens."

But that came along with a speech of James D. Mooney of the General Motors, also from the National Broadcasting Company, and over the same WEAF, plainly declaring that "none of the hysterical discussions of the Russian problem" had a lick of sense.

And he coldly informed every fool who thinks that the Soviet just has to trade with the United States because, according to such fools, as "we" have "the best" machinery and the Soviet can't get along without us—that they are all wet. In fact he adds:

"Nowhere I went, did I see machinery that could not be duplicated by European countries, and these European countries would be glad to sell to Russia if we should not."

Let the arrogant Fishes take due note that Bolsheviks are not at all humble petitioners at the gates of Uncle Sam. And any who get all excited and want to stop doing business because the "Russian Reds" are confoundedly rude to Secretary Stimson, just remember that American capitalism finds no contradiction in lying like a Fish against the Soviet, but just the same wants to sell its machinery.

## For Nature Worshippers

Concerning the backwardness of village life as it existed in India a century ago, Marx, writing on June 10, 1853, said:

"These little communities were contaminated by distinction of caste and slavery, they subjugated man to external circumstances instead of elevating man to the sovereign of circumstances, they transformed a self-developing social state into never changing natural destiny, and thus brought about a brutalizing worship of nature, exhibiting its degradation in the fact that man, the sovereign of nature, fell down on his knees in adoration of Kanu-ma, the monkey, and Sabbala, the cow."

We were reminded, by this, of the comrade out in California, who some time ago became quite angry with us for caring more about starving workers than dogs in distress. It also reminds us of the "Be kind to animals week" in the midst of mass misery for workers on one hand, and luxury as usual for the capitalists on the other.

Still more, we are struck with the analogy between the ancient slave society described by Marx, where man worshipped the monkey, and the slave society of today, from which we get such things as the following in the day's news:

"London, April 7.—Dodo, a monkey, was buried in a coffin costing \$200."

Again: The fortune of Ella Wendell, New York multi-millionaire, was spent at the rate of \$1,000 per day to keep up a house on Fifth Avenue, because, explained Miss Wendell, "The dog must have a place to run about in."

different.

It's true that to follow up each individual worker in this systematic way is a little harder than just paying him a visit and asking him to join up, but still, the very immediate results aren't always what counts. We must learn to work in an organized manner, step by step and not try to rush on all at once.

Another example of obtaining results might be in place here. One nucleus after following up a number of workers whose names were copied from the petition lists in the territory of the North Western Car Shops in the manner above mentioned for a period of a few weeks and thus "fertilizing" that territory for further work, they decided to establish an open forum where these workers could get together once a week and after listening to our speakers, ask questions and discuss subjects which are of interest to them. A regular attendance of 30 to 40 workers can now be seen at this open forum every week, and some of these workers are now ready to join our Party.

What this shows concretely is (1) that by using the Daily Worker as a lever, very good results can be gotten; and (2) that by not by spontaneous and spectacular ways, but by little routine and concentrated asks our best organizational results can be obtained.