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DAILY WORKER MUST RECEIVE \$35,000 OR SUSPEND

Protest This Outrage!

THE Michigan State Legislature, sitting at Lansing, Michigan, has passed a bill providing that all foreign born residents of the state must be registered. This, of course, is in reality meant to terrorize foreign born workers, and undoubtedly comes out of the open-shop program of the Employers Association of Detroit, whose official journal, the Industrial Barometer, for May, stresses the importance of "checking the Communists."

But if anyone thinks that the Employers Association is directing their attack solely against Communists, they are very much mistaken. They are persecuting the Communists because the Communists are the only ones who are giving effective leadership to all workers in the struggle against wage cuts and for unemployment insurance. This is clear in the Employers Association's journal in the section headed: "Open Shop Benefits."

Here it is boasted that Detroit electrical workers, pipe fitters and steel construction workers get less wages than those "in another city where the open shop does not exist in the building trades." And a cautious propaganda for wage cuts is put over by saying that "the operation of economic laws requires certain readjustments."

When these "readjustments" take effect, and wage cuts are being put over, it is very valuable for the capitalists to have a law handy with which to terrorize the workers into "accepting" the wage cuts without striking. A foreign born worker who is forced to register and thus to account to the capitalist police power for his every daily action, and frightened with the threat of deportation in case he joins in a strike, is reckoned upon by the employers to be a force against the success of any strike even when most of the strikers are native born Americans.

The obvious strike-breaking character of this Michigan law is, therefore, clear to everyone. More, in practice it will result in direct police supervision over even the native born American workers; for when the capitalist police descend upon a picket line to weed out the foreign born workers and to threaten them with deportation, any American worker whom they seize upon will be required to prove that he is not a foreign born worker. Thus every native born worker will be subjected to a third degree examination and his "freedom" as a citizen be limited by police terror exactly the same as in any despotism of the Old World.

The Michigan bill is the first of its kind passed through any legislature. It has not yet been signed by the Governor. Everywhere workers and workers' organizations must pour in a storm of protest against this outrageous bill being made a law.

A defense of the foreign born worker is a defense of the American worker—a defense of the whole working class! Let the arrogant Employers Association and their lackeys at Lansing, Michigan, hear your protest!

Hearing on Motions for New Trial for Nine Boys Postponed

Judge Sets Case Forward to June 5 As Brother-In Law Dies—Roddy Timed Vicious Attack On I.L.D. Attorney for Day of Hearing

CHATTANOOGA, May 20.—The hearing on the motions filed by the attorneys of the International Labor Defense for new trials for the nine Scottsboro Negro boys has been postponed by Judge J. A. Hawkins on account of the death of his brother-in-law. The tentative date of June 5 has been set.

WALTER WHITE BRANDED AS A LIAR BY PARENT

Mother of Scottsboro Boy Score Tactics of NAACP Head

CHATTANOOGA, May 20.—Walter White, national secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., is branded as a liar by Mrs. Josephine Powell, mother of 14-year old Ozie Powell, one of the Scottsboro Negro boys facing electrocution on a framed-up charge of "raping" two notorious white prostitutes.

Mrs. Powell's letter is addressed to the Chattanooga office of the International Labor Defense. In her letter Mrs. Powell complains that Walter White in his persistent efforts to hamstring the defense deliberately lied to other boys in a letter sent him to Kilby Prison in which White falsely told the boy that he had seen his mother and she had agreed that the N. A. A. C. P. should take over his defense from the I.L.D. Mrs. Powell sends White's letter to the I. L. D. and writes that organization:

"It make no difference what nobody say I am pending on you. I wish you will look after this letter right away so Ozie won't sign for no one else. Walter White is just a liar. I has not even seen him. I just want to let you know how White is posting letters on me, also my son."

Walter White's letter to Ozie, which is dated May 14, is being rushed by air mail to the Daily Worker. In that letter White told the 14-year old boy:

"I was very happy to meet your mother in Atlanta and to talk with her. As soon as I had explained

WIN VICTORY AT WOOL MILL, WEYBOSSETT

Enthusiasm Rises for National Textile Workers Union

Spinners Local Joins Organize Now to End Wool Trust Pay Cuts

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 20.—Under the leadership of the National Textile Workers Union and the N. T. W. mill committee at the Weybossett mill of the American Woolen Co., the workers there have won a real victory.

The company yesterday granted four of the five demands for which the Weybossett workers stood ready to strike. The workers win an increase of two cents per yard. They win day pay for the sample weaving, which means in many cases an increase of \$10 a week. The speed-up is stopped for the loom fixers. Better conditions for the four-loom weavers have been won.

The Weybossett workers' committee also demanded the stopping of fines in the National-Providence mill of the American Woolen Co., and this demand was also won. The committee demanded the return of the 12 1/2 per cent wage-cut, and that demand was not granted.

Fight Soon Over Cut. At a great meeting yesterday of all Weybossett workers they decided to go back and intensify organization work in all American Woolen Co. mills for a strike to rescind the 12 1/2 per cent cut.

The Maynard delegation was present and pledged solidarity and joint action.

There is much enthusiasm for the National Textile Workers among all workers in Olneyville, the mill center of Providence. Many workers of other mills are joining. An independent spinners' local has voted to affiliate with the N. T. W.

The General Fabric mill strike is still going strong. A big delegation of young strikers and other textile workers will attend the National Youth Day in Passaic, N. J.

MIDDLE VILLAGE BREAD STRIKE

Thousand Rally to Fight High Costs

The bread strike of the Middle Village housewives brought over 1,000 workers out on the streets last night in the greatest open air meeting in this community has ever seen. In defiance of the threats of the Weiss bakery, the meeting was held right opposite the store while the bakery boss stood by helpless in the face of the situation.

The first victory of the strike was announced at this meeting, the settlement with the Gershenblatt bakery located at Morton Avenue. The prices of bread were reduced as follows: bread from 8 cents to 6 cents a loaf; rolls from 24 cents to 18 cents a dozen, white loaf from 25 cents to 20 cents and buns and crullers from 20 cents to 15 cents a dozen.

United Council Leads. One of the bakers during the afternoon had declared flatly that he would not give in to the demands but would act "charitably" and contribute if necessary 20 dozen rolls a day to those who were in need. This was flatly rejected by the Strike Committee and the indications are that this boss along with Weiss will either yield or be forced out of the neighborhood.

The mass meeting unanimously adopted a resolution in support of the Scottsboro Defense and shouted approval on the vote to send a telegram to E. M. Miller, Gov. of Alabama, demanding the unconditional release of the 9 Negro boys who face the electric chair.

"Call of Daily Worker for \$35,000 Must Receive Immediate Response"

---Central Committee, C. P., U. S. A.

Yesterday the Daily Worker opened its drive to collect \$35,000. This sum is necessary to make possible the further existence of the Daily. To be successful this Drive demands the energy, enthusiasm and the devotion of every revolutionist.

An economic crisis is shaking the capitalist world to its foundation. Unemployment, misery and starvation are shaking the confidence in capitalism of large masses of workers. The rising structure of Socialism in the Soviet Union is replacing this confidence with confidence in the powers of the working class.

But in spite of all this capitalism is not abdicating. It fights every inch of the road. It fights with every means of government power at its disposal. It cuts wages. It clubs striking and demonstrating workers. It prosecutes working class leaders. It lynches and intimidates the Negro masses. It arms for imperialist and for anti-Soviet war. It suppresses the revolutionary press. It attempts to crush all signs of opposition under the iron heel of its political dictatorship.

Under these conditions the existence of a revolutionary paper is doubly difficult; but it is also necessary. Under these conditions our Daily Worker is a mighty weapon in the hands of the working class. It is the spokesman, the organizer and leader of the working class. Against the lies and forgeries of the capitalist press about the Soviet Union, it shows the facts. Against the voice of profit interests out of the columns of the capitalist press, it raises the voice of proletarian interests. Against the social demagoguery and hypocrisy about the misery of the

working class, it calls for proletarian struggle against this misery. Against the liberal paralysis of democratic phrases which intend to cover up the capitalist dictatorship it proposes an end to this dictatorship by means of the fist of the proletarian revolution.

The more important the existence of our Daily Worker, the greater must be the efforts to guarantee this existence. This is the more necessary because the greater the value of the Daily Worker for the working class, the more persistent become the efforts of the capitalist class to suppress it.

Under these conditions the call of our Daily Worker for help and the demand to organize for the \$35,000 Drive must receive the immediate attention and enthusiastic response from every revolutionary worker. Every Communist must bring this call of the Daily Worker for help to the attention of the workers in his factory, workshop, mill or mine, as well as into the workers' organizations where he is a member. Every revolutionary union or working class organization must constitute itself into an auxiliary force for making the Daily Worker Drive a success. Every unemployed council must organize a canvass in shops and homes for the success of the Daily Worker Drive.

In order to live the Daily Worker must get every cent of the \$35,000 proposed to be raised.

The question whether the Daily Worker shall live we answer with the shout: LONG LIVE THE DAILY WORKER!

Rush funds at once to the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13th Street, New York City.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE COMMUNIST PARTY

Denounce Mich Bill to Register Foreign Born

Detroit Masses Demonstrate City Hall; Give Funds for Hunger March On State Capital; Score City's Forced Labor

Legislature Rushing to Adjourn Before the Jobless Arrive; Passes Registration Bill

Workers In Cities of Western Michigan Are Roused By Hunger March Preparations; Big Support Everywhere; Many Delegates

DETROIT, Mich., May 19 — The Michigan state legislature has passed a bill for registration of foreign-born. Rushing its session to a close so as to be adjourned before the delegates of the unemployed, marching from all the industrial cities and towns of the state can reach the capital at Lansing, the legislature has found time to strike a blow at foreign born workers.

A mass demonstration of Detroit workers took place before the city hall today, protesting against forced labor on the city "welfare work" and the sending of families to soup lines; separate soup lines which breaks up the home.

DOAK BACK OF STRIKE BREAKING

HOUSTON, Texas, May 20.—Secretary of Labor Doak is personally using his influence to "arbitrate" the strike of the building trades workers here into a defeat. The strike is called by the F. L. unions a lock-out; it started over a wage cut of \$2 a day effective on May 1.

The Trade Union Unity League proposed to the workers that they take control of the strike, and particularly avoid the "arbitration" swindle. President H. Winkler and Secretary George Wilson of the Labor and Trades Council persuaded the men to circulate petitions for arbitration, and themselves held frequent conferences with Mayor Monteth, County Judge Spencer, and F. M. Law, chairman of the city "unemployment committee."

Then Secretary of Labor Doak came to the station just after telling the convention of railroad trainmen (of whose union he was a highly paid official and lobbyist before getting his present job) that wages should be kept up (without a struggle of course).

The chance to get the blessing of this big bug was eagerly seized by Winkler and Wilson, who had a long secret conference with Doak on the train.

The demonstration was a mobilization for the hunger march on the state capital, May 27, and denounced in ringing terms the state bill to register, which means to blacklist and deport in many cases, all foreign born workers.

The Workers International Relief made a collection at the demonstration for hunger march expenses, and there will be a big mass meeting Sunday afternoon at Danceland Auditorium, for the hunger marchers and to protest registration. A united front conference is called for May 31, at which delegates from all workers' organizations will take up plans for a further struggle against this bill.

Workers' organizations are sending telegrams to the governor demanding that he not sign the bill. The hunger marchers will make one of their demands on the state government the killing of this vicious registration bill.

Mayor's "Liberalism." Last Sunday Unit 6 of Section A of the Communist Party in Detroit held an open air meeting to mobilize for the hunger march and rally support for the nine framed Negro boys in Scottsboro. The meeting was opened by Esther Rosow and another speaker was just finishing with 50 Negro and white workers listening eagerly and collecting nickels and pennies to send a protest telegram to Alabama, when the police came down.

The crowd refused to tell who was speaking—the police called it "rioting," and the cops in exasperation

300 Block Eviction In Indianapolis; Parade Red Flags

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 20.—Three hundred workers took part in a mass meeting May 15 here to stop the eviction of a man with three children who had been out of work for six months.

A committee of the unemployed branch knocked on all the doors in the neighborhood and called them together.

The constable and three squads of city police tried to chase them away, and failed. The police finally became so convinced of the militancy of the workers that they stated: "We don't care what you do."

What these workers did was first to put the furniture all back in, then to parade the streets with red flags, block traffic, stop a train and generally arouse the town.

'Labor' Minister Henderson Seeks War Alliances for British Imperialism at Geneva Meet

Boss Press Admits That Charge of "Dumping" Against Soviet Is Tissue of Lies

A sharp contrast between the policies of the Socialists and the Communists was brought out in the discussions in Geneva at the Council of the League of Nations. Arthur Henderson, foreign minister in the Labor cabinet, devoted most of his speech on Tuesday to a defense of British imperialism in its rivalry with American imperialism. His attack on tariffs was directly chiefly against the United States and was not made in the interest of the "great mass of suffering humanity," as Henderson tried to make it appear. Henderson made no proposals conflicting with the interests of the British imperialists.

On the other hand, Litvinoff, representing the Soviet Union, attacked the capitalist war preparations, showed the real basis of the present crisis which was due to the deep-going capitalist contradictions.

Privately it is conceded that the industrial development of Russia under the Five-Year Plan does not constitute a dangerous threat to the prosperity of other nations.

It is clear from the actions of Henderson, Briand and other imperialist diplomats at Geneva, that an attempt is being made to form a bloc against American imperialism, in the struggle for world markets.

At the same time, behind phrases of accord, the imperialists are strengthening their war front against the Soviet Union. Litvinoff's proposal for "economic non-aggression" was made to all the imperialist powers, including the United States. The European imperialists, through the

leadership of the British Labor Party, are maneuvering for war.

More proof of this maneuver of the European imperialists is shown by the statement of the Chilean secretary of commerce for a union of the Latin American republics against high tariffs—which specifically hits at American imperialism.

All the proposals made, including those of Litvinoff, have been turned over to a sub-committee, so that the leading imperialists can handle them as they please in secret.

The French protest against the proposed Austro-German customs union, which constitutes a blow at French imperialism, was turned over to the world court for "solution". Briand smoothened the matter but by making various promises, but the real purpose of showing this matter aside were not made clear at the open sessions in Geneva.

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# Local 19 of Amalgamated Votes To Oust Officials

### Meets in Defiance of Edict of Manager and Elects Committee to Take Over the Administration of the Local

NEW YORK.—Five hundred members of Local 19 (knepans makers) of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers met yesterday at 1 p. m. in flat violation of the instructions of Harry Utner, the manager, and in spite of the fact that Utner told the employers not to let the workers go. They closed down the shops and went to the meeting, and there they voted to throw out all paid and unpaid officers, and elected a committee of 25 to take over the administration of the local.

Utner tore down signs announcing the meeting, and declared it would not take place. He did not come to the meeting, and it opened without him.

The workers fully discussed the situation in the local, one after another arising and exposing the treachery of Utner and of the whole Hillman gang, how they are pushing through piece work and all kinds of worse conditions, lowering the wage rates, etc.

The program of the Rank and file committee to fight against all this was brought forward and discussed and enthusiastic applause greeted it.

**Oust All Officials.**

A motion was passed with only two votes against it, to ask all paid officials to resign.

Another motion, with two votes against it, was passed to remove the unpaid officials (the trade board). Both these motions were passed with applause and enthusiasm.

Then a committee of 25 was elected from the floor, to take over the administration of the local. The committee will meet today to organize itself and take over the office according to the decision of the membership.

**Members Must Watch.**

There are on the committee nine outstanding supporters of the program of the rank and file committee, and they were elected by the biggest votes. There are however, some on the committee the membership

should watch, for they are already talking of interviewing Hillman. Some of those who took part in the introduction of piece work, etc., are said to be on the committee.

The meeting of Local 19 today was the largest meeting that local has had in the last two years.

There will be a membership meeting today at 7:30 p. m. at 83 East 10th Street, of all rank and file groups in the Amalgamated.

## Johnstone, Barrisoff Speak Tomorrow at Housewreckers' Meet

NEW YORK.—A meeting of housewreckers will take place tomorrow at 8 p. m. at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St. The conditions of the housewreckers are becoming worse every day. The officials of Local 95 as well as the previous leadership of Zarenko in the Housewreckers' Brotherhood are working hand in hand with the bosses' association against the workers. Already the workers receive as low as 50 and 40 cents an hour. The purpose of this meeting is to unite all the housewreckers in one fighting organization that will clear its ranks from all white guardist and other reactionary element and develop a united struggle against the bosses.

Every housewrecker, regardless of what union he belongs, white or colored, employed or unemployed, should come to this meeting. Among other speakers there will be Barrisoff, the editor of the *Novy Mir*; Jack Johnstone, the secretary of the Trade Union Unity League; Ochytaio, the T.U.U.L. organizer of the housewreckers, and other prominent speakers who are well informed on the situation.

**Fight lynching. Fight deportation of foreign born. Elect delegates to your city conference for protection of foreign born.**

# BARBER OFFICERS RUIN A STRIKE

### Insult Unemployed and Attack Militants

NEW YORK.—One of the ghastliest imitations of a strike even seen is being conducted by the officers of the AFL Barbers Union.

The down town local (No. 752) declared a strike last week "for last year's wages and conditions."

The wages and conditions officially established last year have, during the year, been much worsened without the officials doing anything about it.

At the meeting, Joseph Magliacano, in the name of the Barbers and Hairdressers League of the Trade Union Unity League, presented a program of action: to form a rank and file strike committee, and a rank and file finance committee to control especially the tax of \$5 a member which will not otherwise go to the winning of the strike but will remain a racket of the officials.

All the officials spoke violently against this program; the Representative Merlino of the International Headquarters attacked Magliacano with the absurd charge he was an agent of the bosses, and a business agent threatened violence to the TU member for demanding the floor. The union members walked out of their meeting.

**Part of a Strike**

But the strike started officially on Monday. There are 500 members, and the strike is supposed to cover all Manhattan from East Broadway and Chambers St. to 34th St. east of Fifth Ave.

Just 32 showed up at the strike meeting. A Daily News reporter and the officials concluded as to how they could take a picture of so few, and finally massed all members in a few rows of chairs, to look like part of a big meeting.

It was announced that some 150 had gone back to work, and even if this is true, the others are just working, having no conference whatever in the union or its officials.

The TUUL members picketed Monday and Tuesday morning, and Magliacano at the meeting yesterday proposed again to speak on the program. He was refused the floor, "because you are unemployed."

# Lieut. Gov. Admits Jobless Starve; Refuses Any Relief

### By HARRIET SILVERMAN.

Admitting that "we have right here in this state a weight of necessity, want and suffering" due to unemployment, Lieut. Gov. H. H. Lehman of New York declared before the New York City Conference of Social Work of the Welfare Council, Tuesday night that the "state could not give direct aid" to the unemployed. Lehman's solution for the starving millions of New York is "to study the subject as carefully and as disinterestedly as possible."

The program of the conference is "What can be done to solve the unemployment problem?"

Lehman whom Al Smith points to with pride as an example of Catholic broadmindedness in electing a shrewd Jew to look after the interests of the Jewish bosses of New York, speaks for Tammany Hall while Gov. Roosevelt is off on a vacation resting from his labors in the murderous attack on the hunger marchers which invaded Albany a few months ago demanding unemployment insurance and immediate state relief. The workers' delegation needed no proof then of the "disinterestedness" of the reactionary politicians and does not need convincing now. But the workers on the breadlines, in the flophouses, and in the teeming tenement neighborhoods where fathers and mothers grow more and more desperate where suicides are increasing at an appalling rate, where children are starving for lack of milk and the barest needs of life, these workers must be told what this "disinterestedness" means.

Lehman said the unemployment crisis "cannot be settled by the conference here tonight or by any other conference, and it can never be solved by the state alone because the state is only an administrative agency... pressure must come from the will of the people." The Unemployment Councils will well take the cue. By organizing the fight for Unemployment Insurance with increasing speed and force, in every nook and corner of N. Y., that will compel the bosses state and its "administrators" to cough up Unemployment Insurance—as the least the capitalist class can do in the present crisis.

Lehman declared Gov. Roosevelt had appointed Henry Stebbins, Jr.,

a leading employer of Rochester to "evolve a plan to help stabilize employment." What is the Rochester bosses plan? I was present at one meeting of the Rochester City Council when the Unemployed Delegation appeared demanding Work or Wages. In that one session over one million dollars was appropriated to protect the property rights of real estate owners, but not one penny was granted for Unemployment Relief. The Unemployed Delegation made such a spirited fight on the floor and presented such convincing arguments that the grafters in office were panic-stricken and adjourned the meeting, routed by the workers' representatives. Now Stebbins informs us the city employment committee was appointed in Rochester in 1930 composed of a committee of 33 members, including business men, bankers, attorneys, the head of the Chamber of Commerce, the Pres. of the Labor Council, fascist agent of the A. P., a Judge, a Rabbi, and a Bishop. By some oversight the socialist party representative was slighted in this combination. This so-called unemployment committee engaged a full-time paid secretary, financed by the "Community Chest" the funds raised by the social worker panhandlers and fakers, and funds supplied by the city and county. Eight sub-committees were immediately appointed to STUDY the unemployment crisis, employing 7 statisticians to "prevent hysteria" which means to conduct a campaign of lies as to the actual number of starving jobless workers in Rochester. The committee spent the magnificent total of \$750,000 for so-called emergency work relief and claims to have given work to 6,500 of the 100,000 starving jobless and their families in Rochester. This leading employer declared that two-thirds of those who had come to the city for help, were not known to any of the charity agencies and had never appealed for help before. And also, that 50 to 75 per cent of the money advanced for this so-called relief, was actually returned to the city later through interest and other means, thus proving the whole performance a good business deal for the bosses.

Defend the Alabama boys from legal lynching.

# RALLY 3,000 TO RESIST EVICTION

### Downtown Branch In Big Demonstration

NEW YORK.—While the Downtown Unemployed Branch was holding an open air meeting at 7th St. and Ave. B, where 1,000 listened to the speakers, a worker informed the chairman of an eviction that just took place at 811 East 5th St. The man was 18 months out of work, his wife was sick and they had moved to a neighbor's house. Their three children, from 3 to 9 years of age, were hungry.

**Scare the Landlord.**

The meeting immediately resolved to place the furniture back and marched down in a body. Many joined on the way and the whole neighborhood was aroused.

The landlord was tipped off and he hired men to replace the furniture before the demonstration reached the house. Before a big crowd of some 3,000 that blocked the street, a meeting was held then and there.

Speakers explained that the mass force of the workers had forced the landlord to put the furniture back; that only by organizing block committees and tenants leagues could they expect to effectively fight against evictions and starvation.

Throughout the meeting the crowds cheered and hurrahed the Unemployed Council and when the meeting adjourned the streets rang with calls for the Unemployed Branch.

Use your Red Shock Troop List every day on your job. The worker next to you will help save the Daily Worker.

## WORKERS SCHOOL

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# Bill Dunn Will Speak On Soviet Union at Metal League Meet

### Comrade Bill Dunn, one of the most outstanding leaders of the revolutionary movement in this country, has just returned from Soviet Russia. He will speak this Friday, 8 p. m., at the membership meeting of the New York local of the Metal Workers League on the conditions of the workers in the Soviet Union, especially the conditions of the metal workers. New York metal workers who are not members of the League are also invited. The meeting will take place at 16 W. 21st St.

All members and other metal workers are urged not to miss this opportunity to hear Comrade Dunn on the latest developments in the Soviet Union, in regards to the carrying out of the Five Year Plan.

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## What's On—

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Joe Hill Branch I.L.D. Meets at 6:30 at 13 E. 12th St.

Scandinavian Workers Club Fifth Ave. and 53rd St. (Glass and Lieberman Hall) will hear lecture at 5 p. m. on the "Five-Year Plan and Socialist Construction in the Soviet Union."

Open Air Meeting Of the Yorkville Branch of the International Labor Defense will take place at 8 p. m. at 72nd St. and First Ave.

Manhattan and Harlem Branches Of the Friends of the Soviet Union will meet at Labor Temple, Adm. free.

Plumbers TUUL Important meeting at 16 West 21st St. Final preparations of affair and other subjects of importance will be taken up.

Special Meeting Youth Section Of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union will take place at 8:30 p. m. at 131 West 88th St. All young needle workers are invited.

Workers Ex-Servicemen's League Open air meeting at 24th St. and Eighth Ave.

Council 21 Will have a lecture on "Religion and its effects on the Working Class" at 8:30 p. m. at 261 Utica Ave., Bklyn.

Painters TUUL Meet at 8 p. m. at 1400 Boston Rd. L.S.N. Open Meeting At 140 Neptune Ave., Brighton Beach at 8 p. m. All workers are welcome.

Steve Katois Branch, I.L.D. Is holding a meeting at 8 p. m. at Seventh St. and Avenue B. All members are urged to be there.

Workers Ex-Servicemen's League Br. 2 Harlem, will hold its regular indoor meeting at 8 p. m. at Elythian Hall, 124th St. and Madison Ave. All worker ex-servicemen are invited.

FRIDAY

Bronx Branches, Friends of the Soviet Union Meet at McKinley Sq. Garden, 1265 Boston Rd.

Workers Laboratory Theatre Are planning a Scotsboro Play. Workers, Negro and white are needed. Rehearsals take place Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, at 8:30 p. m. at 131 West 25th St.

Tremont Workers Club At 749 Crotona Park West will hear a lecture on the "Truth About the Scotsboro Case." All workers invited.

Coney Island Workers Club At 2921 W. 52nd St. will hold a lecture on the "Struggle Against Deportations and Lynchings" at 8 p. m. Admission 15c.

Volunteers Are wanted by the I.L.D. National Office, 759 Broadway, room 450. If you can type, or have an hour or two to spare, come up and help in Scotsboro work.

Mass Meeting and Movie On the Scotsboro case at the Harlem Prog. Youth Club, 142 Madison Ave. (162nd St.) at 8:30 p. m.

Young Defenders Will hold an open air meeting at 161st St. and Prospect Ave., at 8 p. m. Voice your protest against the Scotsboro frame-up!

Council 21 Will have a lecture on the "Importance of Organizing Working Class Women" at 8:30 p. m. at 2480 6th St. Brooklyn.

Paterson Section School Banquet The five textile workers just bailed out of jail will speak at the Section 11 Week and School Banquet at 8 p. m. at 205 Paterson St., Paterson, N. J. Interesting program; entertainment.

Metal Workers Ind. League Meets at 8 p. m. at 16 W. 21st St. Bill Dunn speaks on "Soviet Union."

NEW JERSEY

Paterson The five textile workers recently bailed out of jail will speak at the banquet of Section 11, Week and School on May 23, 8 p. m. at 205 Paterson St. Interesting entertainment; all workers are urged to come.

## AMUSEMENTS

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In a recent issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association it is shown how the mortality in Soviet Russia and Ukraine is decreasing by leaps and bounds. We also see there how backward, in this and other respects, the provinces which used to belong to Tsarist Russia and now are under other capitalist regimes, have remained.

How health may be decreed in a workers' republic is seen in a note just published in *Presse Medicale*, a French medical paper: "The Council of Commissars (Soviet Russia) has decided to strengthen the fight against epidemics and suggested to the Commissariat of Public Health to work out radical methods which would quickly suppress typhus, typhoid, malaria and children's contagious diseases. Epidemics must disappear everywhere completely by the latest at the end of 1932."

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In Russia health is an asset and nobody has an interest that people should be sick. The dirty profit incentive is gone. It is not so in capitalist countries. There are important commercial concerns which need sickness. They even suggest illness and then sell unnecessary and poisonous so-called remedies.

Then, the medical profession are brained in capitalist schools and hospitals, think in a capitalist way and have bourgeois aspirations—with very few exceptions. They live from your sickness. The longer and more often you are ill, the better for them, whether they want it or not. In Russia doctors are socialized and do not need to be paid for treatment by the individual worker patient. It is their interest that the latter should be as healthy as possible.

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I also regret the misunderstanding that arose as a result of the disturbance in our restaurant on April 16th, reported in the same article of the Daily Worker on April 20th. I wish to say that in my absence, the manager, considering that the behavior of three customers whom he believed intoxicated, was disturbing others eating in the place, called a policeman to reprimand them since his own requests were ignored.

I regret that all this should have occurred. One of the men concerned came into the restaurant and apologized, expressing his regret at his behavior, which ended so unpleasantly. I first heard of the affair the next morning, when the matter had passed out of my hands because of the police taking charge of the case. I am trying to have the case settled amicably as the whole affair is a matter of small importance and arose purely by chance.

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# JOBLESS WORKERS IN GRAND RAPIDS PAID BY CITY IN SCRIPT

## Forced to Work on Sewer Job in Exchange for Rotten Food

### Must Buy \$3 Groceries at City Store Before They Can Get Milk

Dear Editor:  
Out here an unemployed worker, in order to get relief from the city, must work on some sewer job or some such thing for fifty cents an hour, paid in scrip.

This scrip is redeemable only at the city store for "food." One can get no fresh fruit at this store other than some oranges at thirty cents a dozen, while they retail at some stores for 45 to 49 cents a peck.

**One Day Work A Week.**  
We cannot get whatever we want at the store and the amount that we can get of anything at one time is limited, for instance, they will not sell any milk tickets (formerly redeemable at any store for one quart of pure sweet milk, ticket worth 9 cents) unless you buy \$3.00 worth of groceries. Most workers only work two half days for which they get \$4.00 a week.

Last week they changed the milk tickets, making them redeemable by a milk dealer only. The tickets are now 10 cents each. The reason for

Grand Rapids, Mich.

this is that some people would use these tickets to buy bread with instead of going to the city store each day or else buying up a lot of bread at one time. Others would buy some other articles at stores for regular prices, paying with those tickets, for some of the prices charged at the city store are simply outrageous.

**Build Unemployed Councils.**  
This is only one of the many grievances the unemployed workers working for scrip have. Only by organizing into the Unemployed Councils and putting up a militant fight can the workers better their conditions.

Unemployed workers working for the city for scrip! JOIN THE UNEMPLOYED COUNCILS!  
—E. D.

## Scottsboro Defense Conferences

- May 22. Erie, Pa.—Hall to be announced.
- May 23. Buffalo, N. Y., at the Michigan Avenue "Y."
- May 24. Chicago—Forum Hall, 323 E. 43rd St.
- New Orleans, La.—At Marine Workers' Hall, 308 Charles St.
- Charlotte, N. C. Hall to be announced.
- Rockford, Ill. Hall to be announced.
- Youngstown, O., at 334 E. Federal St., at 2:30 p. m.
- Rockford, Ill. at Viking Hall, 704-7th St at 2 p. m.
- Milwaukee—At Labor Temple, 808 Walnut St., at 2:30 p. m.
- May 25. Philadelphia, Pa. At the Knights of Pythias Hall, 19th and Lombard Sts.
- May 26. Washington, D. C. Galilean Fishermen's Hall, 320 F. St., S. W. at 8:30 p. m.
- May 27. Pittsburg, Pa.—At the Pythian Temple, 2011 Center Ave.
- May 28. Minneapolis, Minn. Hall to be announced.
- Boston, Mass. Hall to be announced.
- May 29. Cleveland, Ohio, at Spiro Hall, 3804 Scoville Ave.
- St. Paul, Minn. Hall to be announced.
- Duluth-Superior, Minn. Hall to be announced.
- May 31. Chattanooga, Tenn.—Hall to be announced.
- Newark—At 90 Ferry St., at 2:30 p. m.
- Elizabeth, N. J. Hall to be announced.
- St. Louis, Mo., at Hibernian Hall, 3619 Finney Ave., at 2 p. m.
- June 5. New Brunswick, N. J.—At the Workers' Home, 11 Plum St., at 2:30 p. m.
- Indianapolis, Ind.—At Odd Fellows Hall, 530 1/2 Indiana Ave., at 7:30 p. m.
- Baltimore, Md.—At Galilean Fishermen's Hall, 411 W. Biddle St., at 8 p. m.
- Gary, Ind.—At 2 p. m. Hall to be announced.
- June 6. Chester, Pa., at Lithuanian Hall, 4th and Upland Streets.
- June 17. Gary, Ind.—At Croatian Hall.

# Starving Harlan Miners Capture Six Machine Guns from Coal Company; Fighting Continues; Death Total 31

**EDITOR'S NOTE**  
This is the first direct news from Harlan than we have received, except what had already been strained through capitalist press sources. Notice that the capitalist press has altogether concealed the extent of the struggle, minimized the number of deaths, and has not given the miners credit for the amount of resistance they have shown.

(By Special Correspondent)  
HARLAN, Ky., May 20.—Civil war is still raging here. Your correspondent has established conclusively that 317 have been killed so far in

the Harlan county strike, of whom 18 were coal miners. Among the dead miners are three Negroes who were shot in the back. One deputy was killed last night, and the miners fired into a troop of militia with casualties unknown. We heard firing today, one mile from the center of Harlan.

The miners are now using six machine guns they captured from a company ammunition depot.

There is a report in Harlan that 9,000 more miners in Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia are out today on sympathy strike. This in addition to the 9,000 striking now in Harlan county against the Black Mountain Coal Co., and other firms in the

Harlan County Coal Operators' Association. Only very few are scabbing.

When the companies evicted the miners who struck, their houses were burned. Seventeen houses were burned one night last week.

**600 Militia**  
There are 600 militiamen in the county, making common cause with the mine guards, whom the coal operators' sheriff makes into deputies. The miners are fighting them both.

**5 Wage Cuts**  
Although the United Mine Workers, which called the strike presents only the demand for the return of union men fired, the basis of the miners'

stubborn resistance to starvation and armed force alike is that they have had five wage cuts in the last three months. They earn, even when working, only \$6 weekly.

The strike was called by District President Turnblazer, who came here as an AFL organizer a short time ago. This Turnblazer was a UMW official four years ago, but left shortly before the disappearance of the union here. He held conferences with the governor and agreed to the sending in of the militia, saying to the miners that they would disarm the deputized mine guards.

Turnblazer has not been arrested;

but the president and secretary of Everts' local (in the heart of the fighting) have been indicted for murder and are in jail, as are also the chief of police, the deputy chief of the police and the city clerk of Everts. Everts was the only "free town" in the surrounding country, the rest of the land all being owned by the coal companies. Everts had the only stores not owned by the companies. Evicted miners came to Everts when they were driven from their homes by company gunmen. Sheriff Blair, the operators' man, is a political enemy of the Everts city administration.



Kentucky state militia, who are now hunting the hills to kill striking miners in Harlan county. They are armed with rifles, artillery, hand grenades, and machine guns. They clashed again with the miners Tuesday, and scattered when a volley ripped into them.



Harlan miners welcoming militia when martial law was declared. They believed the promise of the governor and U. M. W. District President Turnblazer that the troops would protect them. The troops immediately lined up with the company gunmen. President Higlow, of Everts local, led in the welcome to the state soldiers; now he is in jail charged with murder because he said the governor double crossed the miners about disarming the mine guards.

## Green Protects Hoover, Mellon, U. S. Steel in Wage Cut Drive

In various departments of the American Federation of Labor a loud cry is being raised that is supposed to be taken as a "protest against wage-cuts." William Green, president of the A. F. of L., speaking before the convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen in Houston, Texas, again talked about "a conspiracy to reduce wages."

A careful examination of Mr. Green's speech reveals the fact that he actually praises those chiefly responsible for the drastic wage-cutting that Green admits is going on. In his speech, which was loudly applauded when he called for resistance to wage-cutting, Green said:

"On the one hand we behold the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Mellon, and members of the President's Cabinet, large employers of labor, such as Mr. Farrell of the United States Steel Corporation, Mr. Swope of the General Electric Co., many railroad executives, the Associated Employers of San Francisco, and numerous large building contractors and representatives of labor making strong declarations in opposition to wage reductions."

This is a deliberate lie and is Green's method of protecting those chiefly responsible for the wage-cutting drive. Hoover, Mellon, Farrell of the U. S. Steel Corporation, Swope of the General Electric—all affiliated with the leading bankers of the House of Morgan, the Chase National Bank and the National City Bank of New York lead the present wage slashing drive that Green makes a fake attack against.

"Reports have reached the head-

quarters of the American Federation of Labor." Green went on to say, "that some bankers have refused to extend credit to manufacturers unless they reduced wages. This is coercion of a most reprehensible character."

The banks doing this stunt are these connected with Hoover and Mellon; the banks that own and control the U. S. Steel Corporation and the General Electric Co. that GGGreen says are not cutting wages.

Green's speech about "striking" and "resisting" in the event of wage-cuts is a deliberate smoke screen to protect the leading labor exploiters in the United States in their wage-cutting drive by directing attention against the lesser wage-cuts.

This policy of shouting for resistance while crushing real united action of the workers in the shops has been taken up by the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor. On Wednesday this department issued a message to the Metal Trades Council urging "collective action" against wage-cutting and "organizing the unorganized." The American Federation of Labor, through Green, is protecting the U. S. Steel Corporation, the leading company in the metal industry, in its wage-cutting campaign.

On Wednesday, Alexander Legge, of the Federal Farm Board, also came out with a statement that was supposed to be taken as a blow against wage-cuts. But here is what this enemy of the American and Soviet workers actually said:

"Probably some adjustment downward from the wage and price levels we have become accustomed to is inevitable!"

## Support Growers for All-Southern Scottsboro Conference May 31

CHATTANOOGA, May 20.—Negro and white workers throughout the South are feverishly working together to mobilize mass support for the All-Southern United Front Scottsboro Conference which will be held in this city on May 31, as part of the nation-wide fight to save the nine innocent Scottsboro Negro boys from the legal lynching planned by the Alabama capitalists and landlords.

Many organizations and churches have already elected delegates to the conference and pledged their wholehearted support to the movement to stop the mass legal lynching. Mass meetings have been held with great success in many cities of the South. The work of building block and neighborhood committees is being pushed also with great success. Thousands of white and Negro workers have rallied, in a fighting alliance, to the fight to save the boys.

The parents and other relations of the boys, who have just returned from Kilby prison where they went to defeat the attempts of Walter White, together with several local preachers and Ku Klux Klan lawyers to betray the defense of their children, have thrown themselves with the utmost energy into

the work of preparing the conference.

In several other southern cities conferences will be held before May 31: in New Orleans, La., and Charlotte, N. C., on May 24; etc. These conferences will send delegations to the All-Southern conferences in Chattanooga on the 31st. Delegations will also be sent from all the big northern conferences to be held before the 31st. The New York City conference on May 17 elected a delegation. Chicago, Youngstown, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Washington, Pittsburgh and other cities will also send delegations from their local or regional conferences.

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## WORLD STRIKE STRUGGLES ON

### Wage Cuts Rage in Capitalist Lands

Forecasting a rising wave of gigantic strike struggles in all parts of the world, workers in many foreign countries are striking against wage cuts and drastic inroads on their standards of life.

WARSAW.—When the mine owners in the Dabrowa and Cracow coal fields sought to enforce a 10 per cent wage cut upon the Polish miners who receive from 56 to 79 cents a day, 20,000 walked out in strike. The miners had been working on short time, three and four days a week.

Miners in Upper Silesia regard the strike sympathetically and may join in several days.

## COLUMBIAN COFFEE WORKERS STRIKE

BOGOTA, Columbia. — Striking against conditions in the coffee plantations in the department of Cundinamarca, 500 coffee harvesters resisted the importation of strike-breakers.

The Mayor of Viota, in the department, sent a detachment of national police against the strikers.

An attempt to break the strike is being made by the National Labor Bureau of Columbia, in the interest of the planters.

## 100,000 FRENCH TEXTILE WORKERS STRIKE

PARIS.—The textile mills of northeast France and Lille were closed yesterday when more than 100,000 textile workers struck against a 3 to 4 per cent reduction in their wages.

Already 12,000 special police and gendarmes have been rushed into the strike zone in an attempt to break the strike.

## SWEDISH WORKERS CONTINUE STRUGGLE

COPENHAGEN.—The Swedish Employers Union issued a statement that it will press with the full strength of its state power the wages and living conditions of the workers and will make no concessions.

In Herosand, a strike center, the workers have set up their own committees, maintaining order in the town and forbidding the importation of strike-breakers.

At Sollefka, another strike center, the workers demand the immediate expulsion of all strike-breakers.

## TIN MINERS CLASH

LA PAZ, Bolivia.—According to the latest capitalist news sources, unemployed tin miners in the Oruro mining region have clashed on several occasions with troops in their

## JERSEY WORKERS TO RATIFY C P ON JUNE 14TH

### Hold Open Air Meet at Singer

NEWARK, N. J.—Open-air election campaign meeting at Singer Sewing Machine Shop was held in Elizabeth, N. J., where over a hundred and fifty workers gathered around the speakers of the Communist Party and many more listened from the windows of the factory.

The bosses sent out a man with a bible to drown out the words of the Communist Speakers. But these tactics proved futile. The workers listened and applauded the program of the Communist Party. The meeting lasted three-quarters of an hour. Singer Sewing Machine formerly employed 10,000 workers. They now employ 3,500. Every week workers are being laid off. Many are now working part time. The Communist Party has a nucleus in this shop, and issued their first shop paper on May 1. Workers are looking forward to the June issue.

On June 14, in Newark, New Jersey, at 457 Springfield Ave., there will be a State Ratification Convention. It will be the biggest ever held in New Jersey. Hundreds of organizations are sending delegates. The Party has candidates in seven counties, several New Jersey cities, also a candidate for governor. Unions, unemployed councils, fraternal organizations are sending delegates. A concert will be held a day before the convention in the same hall, as an opening to the convention.

## Pittsburgh Workers to Hear Mrs. Wright

### Scottsboro Mother in Steel Town, May 21

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 20.—Indignant over the attacks on the United Front Scottsboro defense campaign by the Pittsburgh Courier, the Negro workers of Pittsburgh are preparing to turn out en masse to greet Mrs. Ada Wright, mother of two of the Scottsboro victims, when she speaks here at the Pythian Temple, 2011 Center Avenue, this Friday evening, May 21.

Mrs. Wright's appearance in Pittsburgh will give added stimulus to the preparations for the local United Front Scottsboro Conference which is to take place on May 27 at the same hall. Many Negro and white organizations and churches have already elected delegates to the conference, and the attacks by the Pittsburgh Courier, instead of serving the southern boss lynchers as intended, have served simply to arouse the Negro masses to the terrible danger of legal lynching facing the boys as a result of the boss terror against the Negro masses and the treacherous support of that terror by such reformist papers as The Courier.

The Joint Committee of the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights last night issued a statement on the attacks by the Pittsburgh Courier. The statement declares, in part:

"The slanderous outburst of Mr. Vann of the Pittsburgh Courier against the International Labor Defense is an attempt to strike a direct blow against the nine young Negro boys of Scottsboro who have been sentenced to burn in the electric chair, after a shameful frame-up and farcical trial."

The statement further points out that "only a broad mass protest movement will save the Scottsboro defendants from legal lynching. If the mass protest organized by the I. L. D. does not continue, the same fate will overtake them as has overtaken dozens of other workers in the South—death at the hands of a lynch mob or legal lynching."

attempts to procure food for themselves.

Unemployment is growing among the tin miners with the smaller mines almost all completely shut down and the larger ones on part time.

## PLAN HUGE WAGE CUTS IN JAPAN

TOKIO, Japan.—A sweeping wage cut, from 10 to 25 per cent, and especially affecting the lower categories of government employees is the scheme proposed by the Wakatsuki government to cover the deficit pending this year.

\$8,000,000 is thus to be lopped from government expenditures.

## BRITISH MARINE WORKERS GET CUT

LONDON.—A flat 10 per cent reduction in the wages of all seamen and wharf workers in its employ was announced by the Peninsular Orient Steamship Line, effective August 1,

## Son of Morgan & Co. Partner Heads War Maneuvres of 672 War Planes

### Why They Called Off N Y Night Air "Attack"

WASHINGTON, May 20.—In order to cover up the gigantic extent of the air war preparations and what they mean to the working masses, the public showing of the "night attack" on New York has been cancelled.

This originally was staged as a big show by Assistant Secretary of War Trubee Davison, son of the late Henry P. Davison, partner of Morgan & Co. Assistant Secretary of War Davison bought his position as war secretary through the funds his father made in the last world slaughter. He is drumming up a new slaughter in order to make more millions.

What imperialist war will mean to the masses was revealed in a report made to the International Red Cross conference at Brussels last October.

## WALTER WHITE BRANDED AS A LIAR BY PARENT

### Mother of Scottsboro Boy Scores Tactics of NAACP Head

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the facts regarding the case she told me very promptly that she wanted the NAACP to defend you instead of the I.L.D."

Ozie wrote his mother on May 17: "Mama, I got this letter today. I am sending it to you so you will know just what to do. I wrote a letter to the people (NAACP) before I have seen you so I will do just what you say. You know the best for me."

Negro workers! Rank and file members of the NAACP! Stop this treacherous hamstringing by Walter White and other NAACP leaders of the fight to save the lives of these nine innocent boys! Support the united front defense policy of the International Labor Defense. Join the fighting alliance of white and Negro workers to smash this hideous frame-up and planned legal massacre of these working-class children! Demand the NAACP leaders stop their treacherous cooperation with the southern boss lynchers who are attempting to legally lynch these boys on July 10! Raise the question of United Front Scottsboro defense in your organizations, in all branches of the NAACP, in the columns of the newspapers! Stop the betrayal of these innocent boys!

## Pittsburgh Workers DENOUNCE MICHIGAN BILL TO REGISTER FOREIGN-BORN

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Mobilize Western Michigan.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 20.—At a meeting Sunday of the Trade Union Unity League and United Front Mobilization Committee of the Western Michigan Division of the State Hunger March on Lansing, the field organizers' committee reported enthusiastic response from jobless workers, poor farmers, and also employed workers.

In Muskegon, two lively branches of the Unemployed Council have been organized, with many Negro workers taking an active part, and three times the quota of marchers lined up. A big send-off demonstration is being organized in Hackley Park Saturday at noon when the Muskegon marchers will leave for Grand Haven, Holland, and go to Grand Rapids, where a big mass meeting will greet them at A. S. Hall, 439 Ottawa Ave. in the evening. On Sunday, a big T. U. U. L. picnic will be held at Cooperative Lake, proceeds of which will go to feed, shelter and transport the marchers. Admission is free and also the transportation which will be from 336 Bond Ave. (T. U. U. L. Headquarters), at 10 a. m.

At Wayland the committee spoke to farmers at a Grange meeting and were well received by all except a rich mortgage holder. Arrangements have been made for a meeting there to greet the marchers; also in Plainwell and Otsego. In Kalamazoo a meeting was held with an A. F. L. union whose leaders have deserted

picked up a spectator who could hardly speak English. Others protested that he was only listening.

"No matter," said the police agents of the liberal-mouthed Mayor Murphy, "he had no right to listen to unlawful sayings."

Rosow immediately began to speak again pointing out the real meaning of capitalist police power and using the present circumstance as proof, and was arrested, with another bystander. They were all held for from 15 to 48 hours.

3 CHURCHES AID SCOTTSBORO BOYS

### Support I.L.D. United Front Defense

ATLANTA, Ga., May 20.—Three of the largest Negro churches in this city last Sunday went on record in support of the United Front Scottsboro defense movement to save the nine Negro boys framed-up on a lying charge of rape. All three churches promised to send delegates to the All-Southern defense conference in Chattanooga on May 31. The three churches are the Zion Hill Baptist Church, with 700 members; the W. Mitchell A. M. E. Church, with 30 present; and the Mount Vernon Baptist Church with a membership of 3,200.

Mary Dalton spoke at all three meetings and was enthusiastically received. Especially responsive were the memberships of the W. Mitchell A. M. E. Church and the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. These loudly applauded the defense program of the International Labor Defense and the points already gained in the fight to save the boys. The Mt. Vernon Baptist Church sent a telegram of protest to Gov. B. M. Miller of Alabama.

The pastor of the church omitted the usual collection, and asked the

congregation to donate instead to the defense of the boys. \$17.00 was collected.

So aroused were the Negro workers members of the W. Mitchell A. M. E. and the Mt. Vernon Baptist that they decide to hire automobile trucks to send a large delegation to the All-Southern Conference. Many members of the congregations stated they would walk all the way to Chattanooga, if they had to, but they would get there.

then and which will support the march. A mass meeting will be held tomorrow to organize an Unemployed Council and elect marchers.

Two new lively branches of the Unemployed Council have been organized in Battle Creek, home of Kellogg's "Six-Hour Day." Good progress is being made in the arrangements to house the Western Michigan Division of the march there over Monday night. A demonstration will be held there at 7 p. m. to greet the marchers. Meetings to greet the marchers will also be held in Marshall, Albion and Jackson. This division will meet the Detroit section in Lansing on Tuesday at 2 p. m.

# Organize City Conventions to Fight Unemployment and Starvation!

NEW YORK—A letter to all district and local Trade Union Unity Leagues, and to all Unemployed Councils and branches has been sent by the national office of the TUUL outlining the next steps and clarifying the policy in the fight against starvation. The letter is signed by Wm. Z. Foster, general secretary of the TUUL. It relates particularly to the city conventions on unemployment which will be held in all industrial cities within the next six weeks. It says:

"It is already an established fact that in the past few months there has been a lessening of even the meagre relief and charity handout hitherto given to the unemployed. But this was not reflected in our recent activities. Unquestionably the little relief given was due largely to the pressure of the masses of unemployed led by our movement. Similarly the attempts to take this relief away from the unemployed and struggle from us is going forward in almost all cities and municipalities. When we first raised the issue of relief and organized huge actions, the bosses either ignored completely the existence of the millions of unemployed or through their spokesmen in the government bodies claimed that they could do nothing because they either lacked the funds or the legal authority. But the pressure of the unemployed led by us in struggles succeeded in making them see things a little different.

"At the present time most of the city relief bodies and charity organizations connected with the cities, state that they have come to the end of their rope. They claim to have had only so much to give and hoped that soon things would be better. Now they pretend to be helpless. What should be our answer. Even bigger struggles can be organized against the taking away of relief than at first to compel this relief. But we have not reacted on this, with the result that everywhere the masses of unemployed are left starving and no voice of protest and struggle is heard. Nor do we react to the fake news about returning prosperity and fake relief proposals let loose by the bosses side by side with their lessening relief. This is a serious indictment of our work. It shows that we have not yet learned how to lead the unemployed movement through the various stages and utilize every situation to advance the interests of the unemployed and the movement generally.

"What is the reason for this situation? Here we will not attempt to review all of our activities in the unemployed work for the last 18 months or to restate the general policy and program sent you in detail only recently. We will only take up recent manifestations of one-sidedness and the failure to properly execute the correct policies laid down.

"When it became clear that all our work was limited to occasional demonstrations organized on a national scale and that this did not result in the steady building of the organization of the unemployed, we, after an analysis of the causes for this, came to the conclusion, that our work must be better organized and that it must become more concrete; that we must fight for the relief of the unemployed on a more concrete basis and not even shrink from organizing relief for the unemployed through the Unemployed Council. This whole program was contained in a document sent you under the title 'Next Steps in Our Unemployment Work'. Now after two months when we examine the work carried on by the unemployed branches and councils what do we see? First we see that the carrying through of the work as outlined in Next Steps is proceeding very slowly; that we are still at the stage of investigations which in many cases are disconnected from the struggle for relief from the government but become isolated investiga-

tions of a census taker. Secondly we find that while investigations are carried through, the workers whom we visit do not hear from us, once we have investigated them. What do they think of us under such circumstances? Certainly not what we aim to accomplish. Also there are cities in which not a single step has yet been taken to carry through the work outlined in Next Steps.

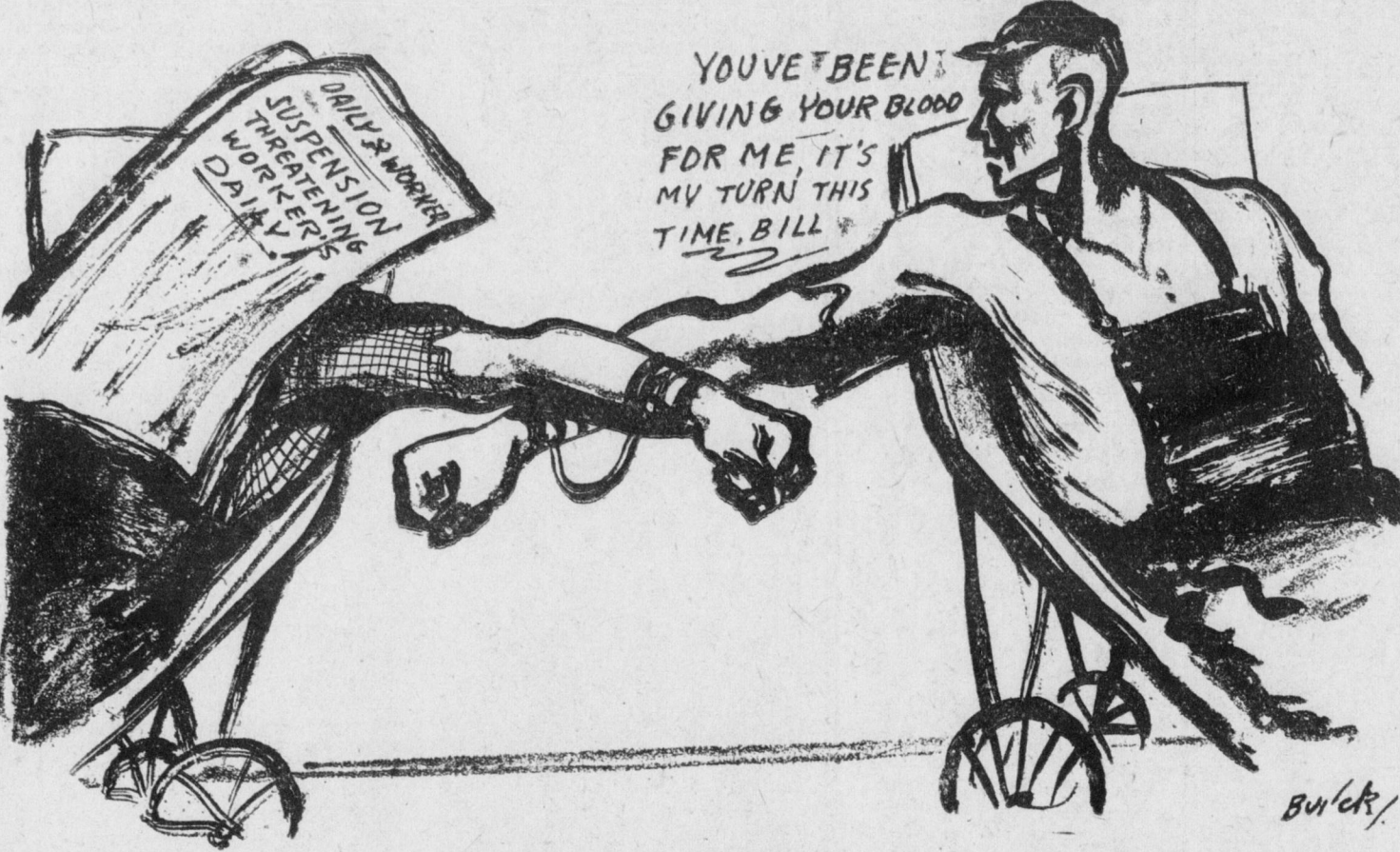
"But from the general failure to react to the lessening of relief, we can draw the conclusion that Next Steps has been interpreted in a way as to give up the struggle for relief from the government and the semi-government charity organizations. Otherwise how can we explain the fact that during the period from February 25 until today only in one or two cities did we organize demonstrations and actions in connection with the lessening of relief. The state hunger marches which are still being carried through by some of the states are part of the program worked out in October long before the Next Steps were sent you. It seems that the Next Steps were understood as a substitute for the broad mass struggle to be organized on each occasion when the interests of the unemployed can be served through such actions, instead of as a means of giving firmer foundation and richer content to these local actions and at the same time through the self-activity of the masses build organization as a result of these actions.

"What is to be done about this? Some will say, 'Let us return to the old methods,' to the methods of the general demonstrations and admit that the work outlined in the Next Steps does not work. This is not correct. In the first place the Next Steps did not eliminate demonstrations and actions. On the contrary, they are to be the basic work that will lead to bigger and better demonstrations, and not merely demonstrations that will take place on a certain day set aside nationally or internationally. But local demonstrations of a mass character that will be the logical result of the diverse local and neighborhood activities and struggles for the relief of the unemployed, for every interest of the unemployed. And as to the work outlined in Next Steps. Can we say that this is not practical? That it will not build the movement? We have not even begun to put it into operation properly. We must make the first beginnings.

"Our policy is correct. But policy not carried out does not build the movement. Let us stop placing the question as one of either day to day work and steady organizational work or mass demonstrations. Let us look at our work as follows: Steady day to day struggles for food for starving families, constant building of the unemployed branches; the development of the self-activity of the masses of the unemployed; the building of the Unemployed Councils on a city basis through the united front policy, the carrying through of mass struggles and demonstrations on every occasion that makes it necessary and possible constantly sharpened by the fighting for food for starving families fighting against evictions. Had we carried on the work on this basis we would have had many militant struggles of the unemployed against the lessening of relief. We could have prevented the taking away of the relief from the unemployed. It is not too late, though there is little time to be lost, for our entire movement among the unemployed.

"To help bring about a sharp correction, and to as well more effectively unite the struggles of the employed and unemployed workers in view of increased slashes in wages the National Bureau of the TUUL, now calls upon all comrades in all cities to organize City Conventions to fight unemployment. These conventions should take place within a month to six weeks from this date. The basis for these conventions is contained in this very important letter to you.

## THE BLOOD TRANSFUSION



## PARTY LIFE

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### Don't Abuse the Worker Who Doesn't Agree With You!

By I. AMTER.

Many Party members are impatient—impatient not only with the boss (which is not always good, for it sometimes leads to hasty, unorganized action), but also impatient with the workers. They think that if workers do not accept Communist ideas at once, they are stupid and therefore useless to the movement, or reactionary and therefore of less use.

This is fundamentally wrong. Most Party members should think back some years and recall the ideas they then harbored. They were not revolutionary ideas, for revolutionists are not born, but developed out of the conditions. Some years back, most of the Party members were average workers, with the ideas of average workers of the bosses, their press, church, schools, movies, and what not. They did not begin to think (with exceptions) in terms of the working class until something happened in their lives—a discharge, a leaflet, speech, etc. Then finding that the new idea explained things that they did not understand, a light went up in their minds.

Many of the unemployed workers who are not afraid today of being called Reds would have punched a worker in the face who dared to call them that a few years ago. But the crisis has caused the workers to do some thinking. The nonsense and lies of the capitalist class—which explain nothing and do not fill the stomach of the worker and his family—are beginning to lose their influence, and the workers are learning what class struggle, class solidarity, mean. They are learning through experience what the Communist Party stands and fights for; they see that the movement led by the Party attacked by the capitalists and their tools. They see that the Communist Party is fighting for the interests of the working class, and therefore if that is what the capitalist does not want, then the suffering worker is on the side of the Communist Party.

But most of the workers are just beginning to think for themselves. They are still in a fog. They still have their old ideas, many misleadings arise to confuse them. They cannot understand and therefore do not yet accept our ideas. And again—many of our comrades are poor interpreters of the Communist position. They are not able to approach the workers in the proper manner. They do not understand how to disarm the workers of their capitalist prejudices, clear up their doubts. The unenlightened worker still voices ideas supporting the capitalist system, for he cannot with one strike throw off the influence of generations. He still has patriotism in his veins, he still believes in the system, he still is influenced by the lies of the capitalist press. While we are talking to him, he is being poisoned by the capitalist press and church, he still has his old attachments, which is not so easy to break.

A Party member is a disciplined worker. He is disciplined not only by the Party, but also by himself. In his work he must conduct himself in such a manner that he is doing the best service for the Party in all contacts with the workers. He must try to convince the workers by word and deed of the correct position of the Communist Party. He must know how to approach the workers, how to convince them. He must understand that a weak current of electricity (his propaganda) will not move the train (the worker). A certain force must be reached before the train begins to move. Anger that the electrical power is not intense enough will not move the train. Only by letting on more current (by adding more arguments through words and deeds) will the train begin to move, and as it moves it gains momentum and then runs at full speed.

This applies in like measure to the Party. Therefore the Party member must be patient with the workers, clear them up, explain their doubts, and above all show them by action and example what a Communist is. But too many Party members have not this patience—revolutionary patience—and if a worker does not agree, the Party member abuses him, thereby estranging him. This is bad, and not only hurts the recruiting of workers into the Party, but also impairs the value of the Party members to the Party. Abuse of a worker does not help—even though it may ease the chest of the Party member. Patience and ever more patience, determination but calmness will win over the workers to the Party—abuse will only drive them away. Don't abuse the worker who does not agree with you!

## May Day in Illegality

By G. H.

MAY DAY in Birmingham has a special significance for the Party—first of all because it was held under conditions of complete illegality, which as a new experience is worth much to the Party in other sections—particularly for the future. Secondly that here in the heart of the Jim Crow-lynch law state of Alabama, where the nine young Negro workers are sentenced to die in Scottsboro—white and Negro toilers gathered in solidarity, in spite of all the oppression and persecution, to demonstrate their working class solidarity, to pledge to carry on the fight for better conditions, and to free the victims of the bosses' lynch law—at Scottsboro—together with the revolutionary millions throughout the world.

The preparations were—issuing of 2 general agitational leaflets throughout the city as well as the "Southern Worker" and other literature, and individual agitation. The spot chosen was a white and a Negro settlement—on the outskirts of Birmingham, in the woods. These both settlements in particular, were well covered with our literature by the Party units and contacts in each one as well as plenty of individual agitation.

In each unit discussions were held, throughout Birmingham, on the significance of May Day and our tasks. All of the units were instructed to be ready to mobilize other workers to come to the demonstration. A few days before the demonstration the units were notified of the time and place, given instructions on how to get there, and every member told to come and to bring their fellow workers, if possible to try to get cars or trucks to come in. Then about two hours before the meeting the immediate vicinity of the meeting place was flooded with half page notices of the time and place of the meeting, which was at 6:30 p. m., giving those who worked a chance to come too. These arrangements left little possibility of the police being notified in time to come and break it up. Comrades were assigned to handle literature, etc.

The meeting started on time—about 100 present, 50 white, 50 Negroes—including 20 youth, a few white women, a few Negro women and some children. There was but one disturbance from a drunk, who was promptly rushed off by the workers present.

Expose Bosses' Lies. The workers, white and Negro, listened very attentively—the speaker explained the meaning of May Day as a revolutionary working class day of solidarity. Especially was there quiet as the bosses' tactics of dividing the workers into white and black—of prejudicing the whites and terrorizing the Negro—and that the boss class was the enemy of all toilers—white and black.

This was proven by a picture of the local situation, the unemployment, misery and starvation—the bosses' militarism and preparations for war in which white and colored would be both sent to defend the bosses' profit system. Especially impressed were the young workers. The exposure of the bosses' lying propaganda about the Reds forcing whites to marry Negroes, about us giving every new member a rifle, and other such lies—and particularly the exposing in all its brutal bloodiness of the legal lynch law frame-up of the 9 boys at Scottsboro—as a blow to all workers—was well received by those present.

Send Protest Telegram. Negro and white unanimously endorsed a protest telegram to be sent to the governor. The bosses' lie in this as in other lynchings about "protecting white womanhood" was effectively exposed by the illustration of white women slaving and killing themselves in the local cotton mills and the women and children starving to death in the city and on the farm, in the midst of plenty.

The Shortcomings. The shortcomings were that few shop leaflets were issued—that every party and league member did not come and bring others—and of course that, owing to the weakness of the party leadership, the units were not sufficiently keyed up and mobilized day to day and checked up on about their preparations—but as is still a bad feature of our party work—preparations were rushed the last few days.

It revealed sharply our good agitational work, but our basic weakness, ORGANIZATION, in not having all of the Communist Party and Young Communist League members present—even though it is true that most are only members a few months—which means that they did not understand its importance and significance,

secondly, sufficient preparations were not made for transportation to the demonstration.

Party Program Proven Correct. Symbolic of the demonstration and the correctness of the party program was the following: After the meeting a white worker of about 40 rushed up to the speaker, shook his hand, and said: "Son, when I came here I was hell set against you, but now I'm 100 per cent with you. I couldn't get the 'nigger' proposition through my head, but I understand it now." He used another peculiar expression on this.

This example of the awakening of the white workers to the necessity for organizing, side by side with the Negro toilers, arises out of the worsening conditions of the workers and the correctness of the party program in dealing with these problems.

The speaker was supposed to leave at once, but he was surrounded by an eager crowd of about 25, mostly whites, who listened and asked questions for about 20 minutes before he could break away and beat it before the cops came. This was a serious mistake and unnecessary risk—the speaker should have in a few words told the workers about the foolishness of risking an unnecessary arrest and that he would be around to see them all later and that our party comrades would get in touch with them and then beat it out.

As a result of the meeting, five whites joined the Communist Party, two whites and two Negroes joined the Young Communist League. The meeting had a very enthusiastic and inspiring effect on the party and league membership—as the coming together of white and Negro—secretly—though—small—in a common meeting showed them that with work we can get results, and the comrades have asked that in the future more neighborhood demonstrations be held.

Some Lessons.

Some lessons to be drawn are: 1. Widespread agitation is necessary as preparatory groundwork. 2. Well organized individual agitation. 3. Well-functioning and check up on organization of campaign, particularly in the units. Well arranged transportation and direction. 4. Preparations for contingencies (if cops are there at start, speaker and comrades do not stop but keep going—if cops come when speaker is speaking—to try to rally workers to resist), comrades instructed beforehand, etc. 5. The holding of more well-organized, snappy (though illegal) neighborhood demonstrations. 6. The winning over of the white workers for our program through a clear, concise explanation of the party program. 8. For other sections to look their ground over and NOW to review their own situation and plans for organization of such demonstrations if driven to illegality. 9. The extreme importance of shop contributions, papers, leaflets and importance of getting workers NOW, even on a small scale, to come to demonstrations directly from the shops. 10. Through a careful analysis of our mistakes and shortcomings, in the party units, we have been able to see how, in the next demonstration we will be better able to mobilize wider masses for direct participation in our demonstrations and growing activities.

## Negro Women Workers Get Lowest Pay

SYBIL PATTERSON, sister of Haywood Patterson, one of the nine Negro boys in the Scottsboro case, works in the house of a coal yard boss, two days a week, and gets \$1.50 a day, or about 15 cents an hour.

She is one of 2,000,000 Negro women workers in the United States—2,000,000 unorganized Negro women working on farms, in mills and shops, or serving the rich. Nearly a million are in "domestic and personal service," over half a million are farm laborers and the rest are in tobacco factories, textile mills, laundries and clothing plants, always forced to do the dirtiest, dustiest, heaviest work for the longest hours, at lowest wages.

How little they earn is admitted by the U. S. Women's Bureau in studies of Negro women in 15 states, giving the median weekly earnings in different occupations. "Median" earnings mean that one half the women were earning less than the amount listed: Tobacco bunchers, \$1.85; boxers and craters, \$3.75; chicken pickers, \$7.75; oyster choppers, \$11.50; tobacco twisters, \$12.60; tobacco feeders, \$14.00.

White women workers earn little enough, as we well know, but Negro women earn far less. The striking difference is clearly seen in the following statements: In Florida, for each single worker, with \$5 additional for each dependent

Red Sparks By JORGE

## Sweet Land of Liberty

We wondered for some time why all the mayors, President Hoover and assorted capitalist crooks turned out to kowtow to the King of Siam.

Of course we know that the United States is the refuge for all counter-revolutionaries, and that any slant-witted pervert with a royal title at whom the rest of the world hurls bricks and stale eggs, can always depend on an official reception by American government officials, accompanied by fanfares of publicity and rotogravure photos in the Sunday supplements.

But we wondered why all the fuss over the King of Siam, who is blind in one eye, can't see with the other and is physically not fit for dog meat. Then we noted that Current History gives us more light on the subject, in advertising its article on Siam, as follows:

"Siam—The only absolute monarchy in Asia. "Siam—Where the law permits a man to have as many wives as he can support. "Siam—Where Americans, exclusively, are the Foreign Minister's advisers. "Siam—Where the state religion is Buddhism, and its defender is at present our nation's guest."

Well, that's a nice list, isn't it. The third item, revealing the fact that Americans, "exclusively" are the "advisers" to his Buddhist, polygamous, despotic majesty, explains all the rest.

Only the apologists for Yankee imperialism who can strut around bragging that it is in charge of and approves of this despotic, polygamous, Buddhist government, ought—at least—to let us up for air before they ask us to get a temperature over the "terrible Soviet Government," where there atheism has the same freedom as Buddhism to agitate, where there ain't no monarchy, where harems are abolished and—ah, there's the rub!—where there are no American "advisers."

## Guess Who?

The N. Y. Sun of Friday, May 15, quotes a famous capitalist newspaper correspondent who has been in the Soviet Union for some years as saying the following:

"The most ridiculous propaganda was spread abroad. My articles from Russia, although they gave the only facts available concerning what actually was happening in Russia at the time, most newspapers in America and Europe believed to be Bolshevik propaganda."

Who is this correspondent? We are sure that some who themselves are all too reliant on the N. Y. Times will jump to the conclusion that the correspondent is Walter Duranty. Well, it isn't. But it is Isaac Don Levine, who once was held in but the same demonstration, as the above quotation states. But now . . . ?

Now Levine's period as an "impartial" reporter is over. Now he is writing a book entitled "Stalin," which Dorothy Day, a fellow scribe, is boosting in an advance review. Now he reveals his own position, through this reviewer's words, as follows:

"Levine . . . shared some of the high hopes which every Russian held, a hope of liberty which was blasted when Russia fell under the sway of one-party rule, under a dictatorship which was to tighten through the years until today it is the dictatorship of one man."

So this is the "Bolshevik propagandist" of yesterday! He also piles in an opinion that the Five-Year Plan is "infantile and insane" and re-discovers, for Trotsky's benefit, the yarn about "Lenin's will." But no book can contradict life enough to make Trotsky anything more than what he is, a disappointed egoist engaged in counter-revolution; no book can deftly successfully the fact that the Five Year Plan is already assured victory.

Levine's book might contribute, however, to the enlightenment of some fuzzy-witted people who think that Walter Duranty is a "Bolshevik propagandist." Such a belief, we hear, is shared by the U. S. State Department, which places reliance on Soviet agents when it hears from its spy agency in Riga in Latvia.

## How the Pope Helps You

You jobless workers in the Pittsburgh district, where the influence of the local duck that wears his collar the wrong way round may be thought to reach—if it reaches anywhere, kindly let us know if you see any difference between being hungry before prayers and being hungry after prayers.

The reason we ask, is the following item from the Pittsburgh Press of May 12:

"Special prayers for unemployed will be said daily at Epiphany Catholic Church in a novena honoring St. Rita, beginning tomorrow and ending May 22."

You ought to know whether the prayers had any effect on unemployment by about 8 p. m. on May 22. If they have no effect, we suggest that you march up to Harrisburg again and ask Governor Pinchot for something real to eat.

## "If Blood Be the Price"

"Dear Jorge—I wish to call your attention to the irony of the recent picture exhibition shown in the windows of the Empire State Building. They are 'art-photos' of the proletarians who constructed the skyscraper. Now they are out of work. And all the benefit and value of their labor goes to Al. Smith and company. Incidentally, over ninety men were killed on the job!"

"Again—a contrast. At 110th St. and Fifth Ave. there is a milk-stand, which is supposed to distribute free milk to the under-nourished children of that locality. It stands at the end of the richest street in the world!"

Less than \$10 weekly	Less than \$5 weekly
State Negro	White
Georgia . . . 90%	21%
Missouri . . . 81%	27%
Tennessee . . . 85%	41%
White women workers	Negro
throughout the South and North, too, have been aroused during this past month by the Scottsboro case to see what mass organization can accomplish. All workers together, Negro and white, men and women, unite in solidarity to demand higher wages, the 7-hour day and unemployment insurance of \$15 a week for each single worker, with \$5 additional for each dependent.	White
	10%
	27%
	12%

# Capitalism Apologizes for Its Existence

By HARRY GANNES.

## IV. From Apologies to Attack.

IT is soon evident to every worker that the capitalists' defense of their dying system quickly turns into an attack against the Soviet Union.

The very same bankers whom William Green, president of the A. F. of L. blames exclusively for the wage-cutting drive in the United States, at the same time make the heaviest attack against the Soviet Union.

The basic reasons are the same. It is a smashing attack of capitalism against the working class in the United States and against the vanguard of the world working class, the victorious workers of the Soviet Union.

After a miserable apology for capitalism, the National City Bank Bulletin for May says that in this most perfect of systems, which is in the deepest of crises, could get by all right if it didn't have so formidable a rival in the Soviet Union.

"The most conspicuous rival of the system existing in the United States is the Soviet system of Russia," is their conclusion after listing the blessings of capitalism.

Why can this imperialist bank talk of the Soviet system as a rival of American capitalism, formerly the hope of world "socialists"? With 10,000,000 unemployed and industry declining, starvation in the midst of plenty, with the parasites gorging themselves while the workers suffer want in the "richest country in the world," while in the Soviet Union unemployment has disappeared, industry flourishes (for the masses), there is no wonder that the leading imperialist bank in the United States considers the Soviet Union the foremost rival of the most highly developed capitalism.

But others, speaking more frankly, consider the Soviet Union as more than a rival. At the thirty-seventh annual convention of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association the Soviet Union was one of the leading topics of discussion. W. Walter Wilson, president of the association, made it the keynote of his main address.

"This Communist experiment," he warned, "is loaded with dynamite and every effort should be made by the members of this association and their business interests against its possible adverse results."

boycott, by supporting counter-revolution and by war.

In order to hearthen the Pennsylvania bankers in their struggle against Communism, United States Senator David A. Reed, of Pennsylvania did a little prophesying for them. He said that the Soviet Union would collapse "utterly" by 1936. Senator Reed has learned by Sir Henri Deterding's mistakes. Deterding used to prophesy the collapse of the Soviet Union regularly every six months. But this finally turned out to be embarrassing. Senator Reed prophesies the collapse far enough ahead so that all his listeners can conveniently forget about it when the event is scheduled to take place. Senator Reed is no "sixty-day" promiser.

At the same time, Reed told the bankers (none of them believed it, but it was supported to make an impression on the workers through the press) that the "nation is now rounding the corner to normalcy without being conscious of the fact." Which is something on the order of Ford's whitticism uttered about a year ago that "prosperity is here but few know it." Certainly, the 10,000,000 unemployed are not conscious that their hunger is lessened, nor are the employed very conscious of any slackening in the wage-slashing campaign. Even the stock market won't believe Senator Reed and continues to be unconscious of "normalcy."

Capitalism's apologies for its existence, which come thicker and faster as the crisis deepens—from the popes to presidents, from socialists to fascists—are intended to revive the dying faith of the workers in the present system. They do not proceed as a mere campaign of ideas, but go along with a drastic attack against the entire working class, especially against its vanguard, the Communist Party, and with the utmost virulence and hatred against the Soviet Union.

## American Imperialism's "Model Colony"

American imperialism boasts of its "beneficial" work in Porto Rico as an example of what it does for those countries which come under its control. This mask of falsehoods is torn off, exposing the real situation, with the intense misery of the masses, in an analysis of this "Model Colony of Yankee Imperialism," in the May Communist.

Another concrete picture of the workings of American imperialism in Latin America is given by Albert Moreau's article, "Blood-stained Nitrites of Chile" in the same issue.