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Workers Slain by Boss Forces

Thugs Slay Worker in Chicago Police Murder Two in N. Y. C.

The murder of one militant worker in Chicago and two in New York City, all in one week, has stirred the working class movement of both cities.

In Chicago, H. Weizenberg, a member of the Trade Union Unity League, was murdered by paid gangsters in the service of the bureaucrats of the Painters Union, because of his work for the left wing. He was viciously attacked and died in the hospital.

In New York City, Alfred Levy, a Negro Communist, was killed by a policeman's club as a result of the attempt of the police to break up a Communist meeting in Harlem. Hardly two days later, Gonzalo Gonzalez, a Latin-American Communist, was shot down by a policeman in Harlem for marching thru the streets on the way to a meeting.

The offensive of reaction is growing more and more furious, more and more vicious, more and more murderous. The answer of the workers must be: *A united front of labor against the capitalist reaction!*

New Agreement For Anthracite Lewis Prepares Miners Betrayal

The representatives of the Anthracite operators and the Tri-district officers of the U.M.W. of A. in the hard coal fields are negotiating a new agreement to take the place of the one expiring on September 1st.

Judging by the recent betrayal of the strike in the Pittston field, nothing at all can be expected from the miners' "representatives," in the way of putting up demands and fighting for the improvement of the wages and conditions of the coal diggers.

Instead of resisting a wage cut and demanding an increase, the union bureaucrats are haggling over seniority rights and the check-off. Lewis and his crew are seeking to exploit these two demands for the purpose of insuring their hold on the union machinery. The operators are hard-boiled in their refusal to grant even such small improvements as free safety appliances and free air for operating the jack-hammer and other machines. Lewis is prepared to make all sacrifices of the workers' standards and conditions provided he can get from the operators even a modified form of the check-off written into the new agreement.

Wages have fallen heavily in the hard coal fields within the last two years. The operators have resorted to all sorts of subterfuges and tricks to get around the agreement just about to expire and to lower the agreed-upon wage scale. But, judging from the negotiations today, the union officers are paying practically no attention to the insistent demands of the coal-diggers that this insidious wage-cutting campaign cease.

It is expected that the negotiations now going on at the offices of the Anthracite Institute in New York City will not end before August 1st at the earliest.

Mad Lynch Outbreaks in South

Within three days four Negroes have been lynched or shot in Alabama and Mississippi. One of the latest victims of this "great" American democratic institution is a Negro woman who was shot to death because her husband was not fast enough in stopping, under orders of white "law-defending" hooligans, a car he was driving. Another Negro was shot defending himself against a band of gunmen, armed by the State of Mississippi, to hunt down Negroes.

The clash was precipitated by an argument over an old battery in a garage at Emelle, Alabama. The Negro, Jacob Robertson, standing up for his rights, was lynched. His brother John was shot. In the course of the fight during which the Negroes ably defended themselves, Grover Boyd, the white garage owner who tried to cheat the Negroes,

and Charlie Marrs, a white posseman on a spree to murder Negroes, were killed.

As we write this, an armed hunt of several hundred lynchers are searching the Alabama and Mississippi country in the vicinity in a desperate effort to lynch the father and the two remaining brothers of the Robertsons.

This shameful lynching and murder outbreak is proceeding under the full protection and inspiration of both State governments.

Recent months have seen a marked increase in the number of admitted or registered lynchings of Negroes in the U. S. Since January 1st the number of Negroes lynched has doubled in comparison with the same period of 1929. This murderous outbreak is causing deep resentment among the Negroes and the class-conscious workers throughout the country.

The Fight Is On! Rush Funds!

The U. S. Post Office has refused to mail the July 15 issue of *Revolutionary Age*! It will not allow it to be sent thru the mails in any form!

This is the latest development in the persistent attempt of the U. S. government to suppress the *Revolutionary Age* as "treasonable" and "seditious" because it is the most courageous and effective Communist paper in this country.

As we announced in the July 1 issue, we issued a direct challenge to the Post Office by republishing the January 15, 1930 (No. 6) issue of the *Revolutionary Age* which the Solicitor of the Post Office Department had already declared "unmailable" as the July 15, 1930 (No. 17) issue of our paper and then bringing it to the Post Office to be mailed. When the bundles of the July 15 issue were brought to the New York Post Office, accompanied by a representative of the office of Arthur Garfield Hayes, counsel for the *Revolutionary Age*, the Post Office authorities informed us that the paper could not be mailed. Legal action was taken by our counsel immediately.

The fight is on! The life of our paper is at stake! Act now and act quickly! Party comrades! A Communist paper is threatened with suppression as a first step in a concerted attack of reaction upon the whole Communist and militant labor movement! Why the silence of the Party bureaucrats and the Party Press? Comrades! Show your Communist solidarity! All together in defense of the freedom of the labor press against the capitalist government!

Trade unionists! Workers! The *Revolutionary Age* is being attacked because it valiantly defended the cause of labor, because it has stood for your interests. Now defend it! Defend the freedom of the press for labor and the whole labor movement against the attacks of reaction!

Pass resolutions protesting against the attempt to suppress the *Revolutionary Age*, in support of the struggle of the *Revolutionary Age* against the Post Office Department!

Help us financially! This struggle is impossible without plenty of money. We depend upon you to help us! Raise money—and rush it to us!

Altogether! For the freedom of the labor press against capitalist reaction!

India Struggle Grows

During the last few days comparatively little news about the Indian revolutionary movement has been appearing in the American press but it would be a mistake to imagine that there has been a lull in the struggle against British imperialism. On the contrary, the events of the last few weeks point to an all around sharpening of the struggle on all fronts, to the broadening the base of the nationalist movement and to a certain approaching differentiation in the nationalist united front. The most important developments in the Indian situation may be grouped under the following heads:

1. There has been a great increase in strikes among industrial workers and a spread of the no-tax campaign in the North (United Provinces, Bengal, Behar and Orissa). The petty bourgeois youth leagues of Punjab and the North-West
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The Nat'l Conference

One of the most enthusiastic and productive Communist gatherings ever held in this country took place in New York City on July 4, 5, 6 as the first National Delegate Conference of the Communist Party of the U.S.A. (Majority Group).

Over sixty workers from the most important centers of the Communist movement were present as elected delegates and many more as alternates, fraternal delegates, and guests. Most of the important industries of the country were represented: mining, metal, needle trades, shoe and leather, textile, building trades, electrical, etc. The big majority of the delegates were organized in the trade unions. All in all the conference showed in its composition a cross section of the best Communist functionaries our movement in this country has so far developed.

The report of Comrade Jay Lovestone on "The Present Situation and Our Tasks", in
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No Freedom For Mooney

Cal. Supreme Court Refuses Release of Militants

The Supreme Court of California in a statement on July 5 refused to recommend the release of Warren Billings, who along with Tom Mooney, has been serving thirteen years in prison on a life sentence, for a crime which everybody knows they never committed. This was followed, a few days later, by the recommendation of the Advisory Pardon Board of California against the pardon of Tom Mooney. So it seems that Mooney and Billings are to remain jailed...

The frame-up against Mooney and Billings is one of the most impudent ones in American labor history. They were convicted on the charge of having thrown a bomb at the Preparedness Day Parade in San Francisco in 1916. A flimsy case against them was made out thru the perjured testimony of professional criminals and other corrupt elements. Since then the frame-up has been laid bare, so that all jurymen who once convicted Mooney and Billings have now declared that they are convinced that these two militants are innocent and wrongly convicted.

Mooney and Billings were condemned to death but the tremendous protest movement that developed in this country and abroad saved their lives and they were sent to life imprisonment. Now only a revival of the mass protest movement of labor can save these two martyrs of labor from a living death to which they have been condemned by the "justice" of the murderous capitalists.

Fish Committee Comes to New York Anti-Labor Committee Opens Sessions

The House Committee to investigate Communism in the U. S. has moved from Washington to New York.

This committee consists of a select pack of the bitterest open-shoppers in Congress. So far such notorious enemies of the progressive labor movement and the workingclass as a whole as Father Walsh, notorious foe of the Soviet Union; Wm. Green of the A. F. of L. and Mr. William S. Walsh, chairman of the National Defense Committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution, have been heard. In New York, Grover Whalen, former Police Commissioner who was put on the payroll at an extra salary of \$65,000 a year by the banker and stock-swindler Jules S. Bache; Chas. G. Wood, master deportation agent of the U. S. Dep't of Labor and known especially for his strikebreaking activities in the recent Independent Shoe Workers' strike; and Matthew Woll, of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. now kept on the payroll of the National Civic Federation, a vicious strikebreaking outfit for years denounced by the A.F.ofL., are among the "impartial" authorities on Communism to be called.

The whole "investigation" is a star-chamber proceeding to frame a federal criminal anti-syndicalist law which will help the bosses frame-up militant workers and send them to jail for years. This committee, headed by Congressman Fish,

French Tool on Rumanian Throne Opens Way to French Capital and Attack on USSR

After an absence of five years Prince Carol has returned to Roumania to become King Carol II.

Ripping off the veil of personal intrigue in this thoroughly degenerate royal family, we can see the class forces at work in this latest development of Balkan politics. The hand of French imperialism striving for undisputed leadership in the Balkans is behind the scenes. The notoriously reactionary Liberal Party (under the leadership of the rich capitalist Bratianu), which was at the helm until recently, was hostile to the investment of foreign capital. The growing opposition to the cruel persecutions and repressions of the Bratianu regime soon brought big support to the so-called Peasants Party (the party of the big farmers) headed by Maniu, which generally speaking favors the entry of foreign capital. Carol's policies have always been friendly to foreign capital and against the Bratianu regime. The strengthening of the royal power could find its best base on the rich farmers at home and upon French imperialism.

The French imperialists saw the situation very clearly and threw in their forces behind Carol. One of the first correspondents "of his intention to devote himself, thru the new government . . . to the economic development of the country with the aid of foreign capital." The timber, oil and agriculture of France are now at the disposal of French capital.

Carol II is already on the job reorganizing the government and strengthening the army. He has already made a number of speeches emphasizing "the need of a strong army." Carol will go a long way towards strengthening Roumanian Fascism. Especially improved and close relations are now looked for between Hungary and Roumania. A still more war-like policy against the Soviet Union can now be expected from the Roumanian imperialists who are today primarily in the sphere of French imperialist influence.

And Wall Street has already given its blessing to the new Fascist regime. A prominent finance organ hastened to say: "If the Roumanian people are satisfied with the return of Carol as their King, there is no reason why the rest of the world should not acquiesce in their decision and wish the new sovereign a happy reign."

UNEMPLOYMENT AND VULGAR "MARXISM"

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a "new drive for foreign markets" to relieve unemployment would "simply increase the forces which have produced the crisis." And on the heels of this Browder makes the very same recommendation for the very same reason. He might have said: "Trade with the Soviet Union is needed by the Soviet Union itself in order to build up its economy. And that building up the Soviet Union means striking a blow at capitalism and strengthening the workers' cause thruout the world." But no, he does not say this, he says that the reason for demanding recognition is that increased trade will alleviate unemployment.

Such a position supposes, furthermore, that unemployment can be received within the confines of the capitalist system. Again Browder falls into the reformist position of attacking the partial manifestation, not capitalism itself. And again in this passage, we must point out, that not a word is said about the attacks against the Soviet Union, not a word for the defense of the Soviet Union against imperialist war. But no wonder, since Browder considers the "normal" relationship to be that of recognition, with Socialist and capitalist countries existing peacefully side by side. He seems to see not at all the bitter, irreconcilable conflict which ultimately must tear the world in two.

In conclusion we can only say that this pamphlet is written by one of the fore-

Finnish Fascist Danger Grows

In Finland, as in most other countries of Europe, fascist reaction is moving forward at a rapid rate. On July 8, at 4 a. m. a fascist march upon Helsinki, the capital of Finland began. The workers quarters are deserted. The government has closed the workers clubs and ordered the arrest of Communist deputies.

The first object of attack of fascist reaction is the Communists. Already attacks have been made upon the Communist deputies; several have been kidnapped and all are in danger of their lives.

The Fascist menace in Finland has been growing very acute in the last few weeks. There exists a very close relation between the fascist organizations in Sweden and the Finnish fascists. The number of fascist demonstrations have been increasing greatly and at the same time the fascist outrages and terror is growing more universal. Svinhufvud, the notorious fascist white-guardist, has returned to Finland and is in close touch with prime minister Kallio. The formation of a "strong" fascist government is expected very shortly.

BLACKMAIL AS A MEANS OF ENLIGHTENMENT

One of the first to come out in open resistance against the present Party line was Comrade Razimovich, particularly against its application in the Suitcase & Bagmakers Union, where the Party is trying to split the existing organization and establish a "new" paper, industrial union. Thus far the members of the CP-Majority Group have effectively prevented the Party from taking any decisive steps in this direction and have succeeded in arousing considerable resistance to the policy within the Party fraction. The Party bureaucrats have now decided to resort to another method—long the resort of the most corrupt officials in the labor movement—the method of frame-up and blackmail.

Some days ago, Razimovich was approached by a member of the Freiheit staff. He was told that the Freiheit was in possession of an article presented by B. Miller, charging that Razimovich was a spy and an agent of the right wing, and that this article would be published shortly, unless Comrade Razimovich submitted a statement of capitulation to the Party. Of course he was told to go plumb to hell.

The loyalites then tried to frame up Arenoff, the chairman of the White shop, inducing a worker to charge that Arenoff was responsible for his discharge. This charge was openly repudiated by the workers, who supported Arenoff. Incidentally the hand of a loyalite, responsible for the entire frame up, was exposed before the workers.

Such methods can only destroy what little influence the Party still has among militant and progressive workers.

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most "leaders" of the C.P.U.S.A., and that it has evoked no criticism either from other leaders of the Party nor from circles higher up. We can only appeal to the Party membership to investigate further into the situation in the Party and the Comintern which permits this swamp of opportunism to exist unchallenged, and this ignorance to pass for leadership.

The Big Fight Is On! Help Us Win!

You have not received the July 15 issue of REVOLUTIONARY AGE. Why? Because the Post Office Department has carried out its threat and has refused to mail this issue of our paper. On July 16, 1930 we were informed by John J. Kiely, Postmaster of New York:

"Referring to your letter of July 3, 1930, which was sent to Solicitor of the Post Office Department with a copy of the July 15, 1930 issue of 'REVOLUTIONARY AGE', I have to inform you in accordance with advice from the Solicitor that the July 15, 1930 issue, Volume 1, Number 17, of REVOLUTIONARY AGE is unmailable under Sections 470 and 472 of the Postal Laws and Regulations 9924."

The Paper Is Banned!

The fight is on! If the blow against the REVOLUTIONARY AGE is not challenged every labor paper in the country will be in danger! We must not allow this to happen! We must fight and fight hard—and fight now. For fighting we need ammunition and ammunition in this fight is MONEY! For this we have established our WAR CHEST, the REVOLUTIONARY AGE FIGHTING FUND.

The response to the FIGHTING FUND has slowed down! What is the matter? Speed up! We must have money, immediately! RUSH! RUSH! RUSH!

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IRISH-AMERICANS HOLD INDIA MEETING

As part of their campaign to familiarize the Irish American workers of the city of New York, with the details of the atrocities and despotism which have been instituted against the Indian people by the British Imperialist Government headed by Ramsay MacDonald, the Irish American Friends of Indian Independence have arranged a mass meeting to be held in Columbus Square, 59th Street and Broadway, on Saturday evening, July 26 at 8.30 P. M. sharp. Among the speakers will be: S. N. Ghose, chairman of the Indian National Congress of America, Shane Conway, William J. White, A. Rodgers and Peadar Onunain, secretary of the Irish American Friends, who will act as chairman. This meeting is to be the first of a series of meetings organized for the purpose of mobilizing the Irish American workers behind the struggle of the Indian masses for freedom from the iron heel of British rule.

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