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China - Symbol that Hitlerism Still Lives

The economic measures recently introduced by Dictator Chiang Kai Shek in China to ward off catastrophe, prove once again that decay capitalism can not resolve its problems except by resorting to a "closed-in" economy — to the same measures in other words that were adopted by Mussolini and Hitler. The "democratic" lickspittles have always claimed that Hitler's economics were a distortion of the "normal democratic" economics. China shows that this is not so — that, in fact, Hitler's economics will increasingly become the NORMAL capitalist economics as the decay becomes deeper.

China is one of the weakest links in the chain of world capitalism. Like other nations she is starved for American dollars. She needs goods and materials to prosecute the civil war and to maintain the police regime by which a few thousand feudal overlords squeeze out billions in profits from hundreds of millions of impoverished peasants. At the end of the war with Japan, Chinese inflation had reached such proportions that the Chinese dollar was worth only one-twentieth of an American penny. Today, only two years later, it is only worth one-hundred and twentieth of an American penny on the official market and one-two hundredth of an American penny on the black market. Twelve thousand to almost twenty thousand Chinese dollars for one American dollar.

CLOSED-IN ECONOMY

The Chinese nationalist regime, faced with this inflation, is unable to purchase the supplies necessary to prosecute the war. Her economists therefore turn to methods that they hope will stimulate a more favorable balance of trade. Since Chinese goods can not compete with the goods of her imperialist competitors on the world market, Chiang like Hitler in similar circumstances, proposed that the government give each exporter a subsidy of 100% of the price of the commodity. This would make possible, they hoped, to amass some American dollars, and British pounds, in order to purchase much-needed machinery and armaments.

The hundred percent export subsidy was to be made up by imposing a tax of 50% on all imports, thereby raising the cost of living for the Chinese masses.

This plan has now been dropped because of the fact that American law provides that

CLIMBING SKYWARD!

THE COST-OF-LIVING INDEX FOR JANUARY 15 WAS ESTIMATED AT 153% OF THE 1935-1939 AVERAGE; 18% ABOVE THE LEVEL OF A YEAR BEFORE AND 2½% HIGHER THAN IN JUNE, 1920 — THE PEAK AFTER THE FIRST WORLD WAR.

any exports that are subsidized by foreign governments shall automatically face an increase in U. S. tariff. Thus Chinese exporters would still be unable even with their subsidy, to undersell U. S. competitors in the States.

Chiang therefore turns to another method of doing the same thing. From now on no one in China, except the government, may circulate foreign currency or gold; all Chinese who own any property abroad must turn it over to the government and the government will attempt to sell it in order to gain foreign valuta (dollars mostly). Along with these measures the Chinese dollar is "stabilized" at 12,000 Chinese dollars for one American.

The plan merely means that the government will try to sell the property of its nationals abroad (valued at a few billion dollars) in order to purchase machinery and armaments, mainly from the U. S., in order to prosecute the civil war. The Chinese capitalists who turn their property over will be reimbursed in "stabilized" Chinese dollars.

LOWERED LIVING STANDARDS

But where will those extra "stable" dollars come from? Obviously the only source is in-
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UNITY - WHAT KIND?

The unity bug is in the air these days. Messrs. Green and Murray are going through the motions of negotiating for unity of the AFL and CIO.

The word "Unity" is a fraud, by itself. Workers must always ask: "What kind of Unity?" The capitalists are always talking of "labor-management" unity. By that they merely mean the workers and bosses should be "united" in their efforts . . . TO MAKE A PROFIT for the boss.

During the war the imperialist government spoke of "national unity". By that they merely meant the unity of workers with Wall Street to prosecute Wall Street's war AGAINST their own interests.

When Green and Murray, therefore, now talk of unity they are only referring to the unity of the labor fakery on a class collaboration program to more easily control the rank and file. So long as the trade unions are disunited the labor faker finds that he has competition. CIO workers are saying: "look what the AFL got for their members" and AFL workers are saying: "look what the CIO officials were able to get". This competition keeps the labor lieutenants of capital hopping more than they'd like to. Shrewd operators like John L. Lewis recognize the dangers of such competition. The rank and file may some day burst the bounds of both the AFL and CIO labor mis-leadership.

Of course, Green used the present anti-labor legislation in Congress as the excuse to put the squeeze on Murray for "unity". Actually, however, this is merely a maneuver. What Green is really proposing is a stronger united front of the labor lieutenants of capital AGAINST the rank and file.

Marxists are obviously for unity of the AFL and CIO. But such unity must be carried out under the aegis of the rank and file, with full discussion, with a democratic vote, with rank and file participation in all jurisdictional settlements, and above all on the basis of a class struggle program of antipathy to and struggle against the capitalist state. Such unity will be real, lasting, and effective.

The Murray-Green-Lewis form of unity will merely mean a sinecure for the labor skates.

Atlee Saving Profits for British Mine Owners

A BANKRUPT POWER

The British nation today is bankrupt. As a result of war purchases Britain is in hock to the tune of almost 3 million pounds to the colonies alone. The 1½ million troops she keeps armed to police the colonies are a gigantic drain on a nation which has failed completely to increase its exports. Instead of a 75% increase over the 1938 figure, as planned by Atlee, Britain has increased exports to only 3% over 1938. The Labor Party capitalist regime is driven by the same motif that drove Hitler — either export or die. It needs capital for new machinery, for buying out the capitalists in various industries, and for other purposes. The 4 billion dollar loan from the U. S. helped slightly. But that is only a drop in the bucket.

Where is the money to come from?

A truly socialist government in Britain would find a ready answer — EXPROPRIATE THE CAPITALISTS. People are cold and hungry and unemployed. The nation needs new machines and production. Above all it needs higher

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CHINA

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creased taxation of the masses. The average worker and peasant will find, thus, that his plight deteriorates further — he will face greater taxes, and because of the shakiness of the Chinese dollar, despite government "stabilization", he will find most goods disappearing from the market and commanding impossible prices on the black market.

Chiang Kai Shek has not overlooked this point. The decisive portion of his decree provides that there shall be no strikes. The workers are expected to accept a still greater burden on their shoulders and a still further reduction in the standard of living.

The Chiang formula is thus no different from the Hitler formula or the formula of any other weak capitalist nation:

1. Gain foreign valuta by restricting imports, encouraging exports, controlling currency, and organizing a CLOSED IN ECONOMY.

2. Impose the burden of this policy on the working class and prohibit it from rebelling by outlawing strikes.

The next steps in China must be — if the Chiang program is to even partially succeed — the outlawing of Unions and the establishment of concentration camps. So called "democracy" and fascism are thus seen to be not antipodes, but brothers.

ROLE OF STALINISTS

China is unquestionably headed towards revolution. The Stalinists, who long ago gave up the program of proletarian revolution confine their activities to merely lowering rents and interest charges for the peasants and to playing a stooge role for the Stalinist bureaucracy in Russia. There is no doubt that Stalinism is lurking in the background waiting for a call from American imperialism to act as the hangman for the Chinese revolution. When the situation becomes difficult America will have to make some minor concession to Stalinism in order to gain the support of the Chinese wing of Stalinism against the Revolution. Secretary Marshall was smart enough, although he criticized the "extremists" among the Stalinists, not to completely shut the door in their face. He obviously intends to use these gentlemen one day to protect Wall Street's interests.

The Chinese masses are now offered again an opportunity to change the whole social map of the world, as in 1925-27. They must not, however, choose between Chiang and Stalinism. There must be no more "blocs of four classes". The road to liberation in China consists of the establishment of independent soviets, independent workers militia, no truck either with Stalinism or the Kuo-Min-Tong (or any of the liberals), and a definite preparation for armed insurrection against the American-inspired Chiang regime.

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Small Raise Fails to Satisfy Teachers

CHICAGO, FEBRUARY 24, 1947. — The meager raise received by the Chicago schoolteachers last month is already creating repercussions in the ranks of the schoolteachers Union, Local 1 AFT. The raise amounted to \$35 a month for grammar school teachers and \$25 for high school teachers; substitutes received only \$1.00 per day. In view of the fact that the wage scales prior to the raise were almost equal to what the Chicago teachers earned way back in 1922, the raises are really quite pitiful. A schoolteacher in Chicago earns less than most semi-skilled and skilled manual workers in the school system.

The raise will cost the city of Chicago about 3 million dollars. The raise requested by the schoolteachers Union, under the leadership of President Arthur Walz, called for a 13 million dollar boost. The Chicago Board of Education glibly accepted Walz' proposal, with a slight "if" — if Governor Green and the Republican state legislature vote the additional funds as a subsidy to the Chicago Board.

Walz and his cohorts evidently are satisfied with this passing-the-buck scheme. Their whole activity consists not of arousing the Union members, but in playing bourgeois politics. The Kelly machine has spoken: Walz is therefore satisfied. At a high school teachers meeting Walz ruled strike-talk out of order. The same happened at a grammar school meeting.

Three distinct groups are opposing the Walz policy with their own methods. One of them, the Mens Teachers Club, was reported flirting with the CIO. This group called off its threatened strike when the \$35 and \$25 raise was offered. Within Local 1 two groups are fighting to take over Walz' control of the Union in May, when general elections come up.

A demand for a city-wide meeting of teachers was temporarily ruled out at the last Union house of representatives meeting. As the situation now stands teachers never hold a membership meeting. The ruling body is a house of representatives of selected and elected representatives — one for fifty teachers. This system works very poorly since there are practically no school or sectional meetings where representatives report back to the rank and file, and receive instructions. Existence of a machine is thus easily accounted for. The constitution of Local 1 makes the ruling clique self-perpetuating, since nominations for office must be made by a nomination committee selected by the ruling group. For anyone else to be nominated requires petitions and an arduous campaign.

Chicago teachers are tired of the political run around. That is particularly true of substitute teachers, who are guaranteed no tenure rights and are not being given many permanent assignments. They are considered the pariahs of the school system. Even the Union refuses to give them the right to vote. When raises come through they always receive less than others and have no protection whatsoever. Recently the substitute group of Local 1 has been revived under a more active leadership and has already clashed with Walz and his policies on a number of occasions.

So long as Local 1 maintains its no-strike pledge, and so long as it acts merely as an adjunct to the Democratic Party political machine trying to find loopholes in the bourgeois law for the machine politicians to "legally" grant a raise — the teachers Union will be ineffective. Let the politicians worry where the money is to come from — Chicago teachers are entitled to a fair wage. They must insist on being

treated as a Union, with a regular contract, grievance machinery, recognition and a Union Shop.

The present groups in the teachers do not offer a vehicle for a clean sweep in the situation confronting the teacher-workers. A militant progressive group is needed to steer the Union away from machine politics to class struggle Unionism.

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Railroad Rank and File Move Toward Unity

Scabbing by one craft against another has become proverbial amongst the railroad workers. In fact Truman was able to smash the strike of two brotherhoods last year because the other 19 railroad unions supported the government strike-breaking. In the great 1922 strike scabbing of one craft against another caused the worst defeat in railroad workers history. As a result of this defeat the railroad workers, who should be amongst the most powerful in the country in bargaining power, are actually one of the weaker groups of big industry workers.

FORM NATIONAL GROUP

The group set itself up as a national organization of its own, with 32 members on a national board, and two co-chairmen, one from each of the rival unions. The group will attempt to force through unification at the separate conventions of the B.L.E. which meets March 10th, and the B.L.F.E. which meets in June.

D. B. Robertson, president of the B. of L. F. & E. and Alvanley Johnson of the B. of L. E. were both invited to the meeting, but refused to show up. Instead they sent a couple of stooges into the meeting to take notes. Upon being discovered these people were loudly booed by the delegates.

The consolidation committee is composed of working engineers and firemen, some of them with as much as 25 years seniority. They recognize that the piecards and labor lieutenants of the capitalist class who now run the brotherhoods are against consolidation because it will mean the loss of some jobs and power.

With a depression coming, and with many railroads already showing red ink, it will take the present consolidation move and much more of the same to really bring about effective action by the railroad workers. They have been pressed backwards for years now. With 21 craft unions dividing them, and the railroad industry as a whole being crowded by planes and trucks, only militant unity can bring home the bacon for the workers. The Consolidation Committee of Enginemen is a big step forward. It should be supported and extended.

U. S. - Spearhead of Counter Revolution

The American capitalist class is fearful of the unstable conditions existing throughout the world in Europe and Asia. They well know that successful working class revolutions in these countries would not only net them terrific financial losses in investments and markets for their trade, but would have far reaching effects on the struggle of the working class in the United States as well.

American Imperialism has fabricated a complete system for the assurance of "stable" capitalist governments everywhere. It is the main power behind the building of the United Nations Organization, which it plans to use as a gun against the numerous revolutionary situations and workers unrest throughout the world.

To back this up, the U. S. is allocating \$466,000,000 for the International Bank. Various U. N. agencies will bet about \$75,718,000. In addition to this, \$2,129,000,000 is to be allocated for foreign loans to maintain capitalism everywhere.

U. S. Government total loans and grants as planned will amount to \$3,809,000,000. This amounts to 2% of the total U. S. income, and, of course, the American working class will pay for the slaughter of their class brothers overseas by weekly deductions in their pay envelopes in the form of taxes.

FOOD — WEAPON IN CLASS WAR

The far reaching move of American Imperialism to save the world for its own greedy ambitions of pillage and profit is revealing. A fascist military rule is maintained over Germany and Austria. To curb the mass strikes and riots of the Italian workers and to maintain the De Gasperi capitalist regime the U. S. has increased the UNRRA allocations of wheat to 200,000 tons a month, and coal to 500,000 tons a month. The relief shipments to Italy will continue after the UNRRA expires June 30. The U. S. is planning to free \$130,000,000 in frozen assets in American Banks and the Export-Import Bank has earmarked \$100,000,000 for credits to Italy. The U. S. is waving claim to \$5,000,000 in credit, in addition to \$10,000,000 it had formerly been granted. The U. S. has returned Hungarian gold reserves stored in the U. S. valued at \$32,000,000. In Japan, MacArthur has just beheaded a general strike of 2,000,000 government workers. The U. S. has allocated \$315,000,000 to establish "safe" governments in both Japan and Korea. This is aside from the money which will be used for the military occupation of these two countries. Greece is also to receive substantial sums to maintain capitalism in that country faced with Civil War.

Despite the announcement by General Marshall that the United States will withdraw its troops in China, the United States will maintain a new naval force with modern equipment and aircraft in Chinese waters. In addition, a Marine force of 2,000 strong will remain. The U. S. is spending \$5,000,000 to train the Nationalist army troops in the use of modern weapons on both the ground and in the air. \$25,000,000 is being given to Chiang Kai Shek to help disarm the Japanese who ironically enough fight in the Nationalist Chinese army against the Chinese "Communists". A \$500,000,000 loan remains earmarked for China to build a stable army and government that American Imperialism can trust to do its token work.

American Imperialism is dedicated to the maintenance of the capitalist system throughout the world, and the subjugation of the world's exploited and oppressed masses. To this end

it is keeping hundreds of thousands of American soldiers stationed throughout the world. And the American working class is footing the bill through continued high taxation, and various restrictions on its freedom.

WE NEED HELP

The time for idle words and platonic gestures towards the Revolutionary Movement is long past. Politics has become the essence of every individual's life. War, depression, revolution, terror, concentration camps, hate, rage, bigotry, these are the fibers of everyday existence.

The Revolutionary Workers League needs help now to fight against a decadent capitalism.

Soon all the "comforts" of war life will be over. Unemployed demonstrations, Veterans bonus marches, strikes and other manifestations of the class struggle reminiscent of the depression days — only more so — will be back with us. Don't gamble on your future. Help the Revolutionary Movement now. Contribute your money as generously as you can with the understanding that you are only providing for your own welfare. Join the Revolutionary Workers League.

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BRASS HATS and BIG BUSINESS

It will come as no surprise to many workers that the same brass hats, the generals and admirals, who led the war, were none other than the presidents or important officials of some of the larger capitalist industries and banks in this country.

Admiral Ben Morell, the man who organized the "Seabees", has become chairman of the board and president of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation. William Knudson of General Motors was made a General in the army for a period during the war. General Grehon Sommervell, former head of the Army Service Forces has been made president of Koppers Company of Pittsburgh. One of the most direct representatives of Morgan and Wall Street is General Draper of the Army of Occupation in Germany. Countless more could be named.

The war that has just ended was an Imperialist War waged for the interests of the capitalist class. It was paid for with workers lives and blood as well as their money. The capitalists who control the government make doubly sure that their own particular interests were secured by having important representatives of theirs take jobs in the Army or Navy as Generals or Admirals. To see that their interests are further secured, although the government is theirs, they have selected their own men to advance the policies and interests that will be beneficial to their own particular industry.

Whether it is in the army or in the factory, the General or the Boss, the worker is faced with the same enemy.

RUTH FISCHER Stoolpigeon

What happens to people who depart from Marxian theory on the Russian question is aptly illustrated by the shameful acts of stoolpigeoning by Ruth Fischer, famous German Revolutionary leader of the '20s, against her brother Gerhart Eisler.

In the last few years Fischer has developed the concept that Stalinism is an independent force that is a greater danger than the capitalists themselves. This mechanical separation of the capitalists from their major world agent, Stalinism, sounds very "left". Actually — as life has proven — it is a cover-up for support of capitalist "democracy" and for... stoolpigeoning. Fischer is only a late adherent to it; others have used this road before her.

The articles in the Hearst papers by this once famous Marxist against Eisler, who is supposed to be the secret head of the Stalinists in America, are a disgrace. Not one sentence against capitalism! From press reports of her testimony before the committee on un-American activities in Congress, it appears that she even gave some encouragement to bourgeois democracy. Without a transcript of the testimony we are, of course, not clear on this point, but it is obvious that her whole line of testimony is aimed at AIDING American imperialism against the Stalinists at home — and under a cloak of anti-Stalinism, against the real revolutionists.

No one, of course, apologizes for Eisler. The working class will some day deal with the Eislers, Browders, Fosters and Stalins in its own way. But no self-respecting revolutionist will give information to the capitalist government against an opponent in another working class organization, even though that organization is reformist and a disgrace to our principles. Fischer gets around this difficulty by the absurd position that the Stalinists are not a working class party.

The testimony of Ruth Fischer in the capitalist chambers against Stalinism, and her articles, only serve to bolster the struggle of Wall Street against its own slaves. Regardless of her subjective intent, Ruth Fischer is thus stamped as a simple stoolpigeon.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

1. Capitalism can not be reformed. The profit system can only bring more misery, war and depression.
2. We are therefore opposed to all reformist parties, including the Labor Party, which strive merely to patch up the present capitalist system.
3. We are for independent working class action on all fronts, starting from strike action at the point of production and leading up to the revolutionary destruction of capitalism.
4. We are for full equality for all oppressed minorities, for the right of self-determination for all colonies.
5. Defend the Soviet Union. Reestablish a Marxian Party, Soviets, Trade Unions and Armed Workers Militias to accomplish the Political Revolution against the Stalinist bureaucracy. Extend the October Revolution throughout the world.
6. For a Revolutionary Marxian Party in the United States and a New Fourth Communist International on a world scale.
7. For the establishment of workers control of production for use under a workers council government.

Terrorism In Palestine

TWO SEPARATE STATES

Terror is ruling Palestine, the terror imposed by British imperialism in its desperate struggle to keep Palestine under its domination. The recent developments in the Near and Middle East, the slow squeeze that pushes Great Britain into a secondary position in a part of the world where she once ruled supreme, make Palestine a more important stronghold than ever before. Oil is still the great factor, and in addition Palestine has become essential as a military base of operations.

Britain is trying to keep the support of the Arab states against the infiltration of American capitalism, which is using the Zionist movement as a wedge. Therefore, at this stage of the game the Jews in Palestine are more directly hit by British oppression than the Arabs.

The Zionist underground movements, especially the terrorist Irgun Zvai Leumi, respond to British terror with terrorist acts of their own. The main objective fought for by the Irgun, as well as the now almost inactive Haganah, is Jewish immigration. Hundreds of illegal immigrants reach Palestine each week. British soldiers and sailors, often with use of arms, board the ships that bring these people looking for asylum, and send them to Cyprus for internment. On February 17 Jews staged a one hour protest strike against deportation of 800 illegal immigrant to Cyprus. Enforcing a larger immigration is essential for the Jewish capitalists in order to expand their industrial and agricultural enterprises. And for that very reason, Britain is attempting to stop or at least seriously curtail Jewish immigration.

FIGHT POLICE AND ARMY

The acts of individual terrorism of the Irgun are aimed directly against the British rulers, their army, their police. Dov Gruner, a member of the Irgun was sentenced to be hanged for taking part in an attack of a police station near Tel-Aviv. The Irgun threatened bloody revenge if the execution took place; it has been postponed supposedly because of legal difficulties involved in an appeal. Three other members of the Irgun were sentenced to death by a military court for owning and carrying arms. Their execution also was postponed by the new military commander of Palestine, Mac Millan.

On February 13 two government ships were damaged in the port of Haifa by underwater explosions. Haganah took responsibility for this act. On February 20 the Iraq Petroleum Company's pipeline was severed by explosions in several places.

But the Jewish underground organizations are not fighting the British rulers exclusively. On February 11 fighting broke out between followers of the terrorist Irgun and those of the essentially anti-terrorist Haganah. This was the first important outbreak of its kind. Although opposed to terrorism, the more moderate Jewish organizations refuse to side with Britain. The Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Jewish National Council both formally refused to accept the ultimatum given them by the British, to cooperate with them against the terrorists, on the grounds that Britain's anti-immigration acts are the cause for the terrorist activities.

All of Palestine is under virtual martial law. British women have been evacuated, British police are checking Jews in all public places and daily arresting dozens of them. Jerusalem's best residential district has been evacuated of its Jewish residents and taken over by the British army, part of the offices of the Jewish Agency for Palestine has been requisitioned for headquarters for the military police. Jerusalem is divided into four parts by barbed wire enclosures, with communication forbidden between them.

ATLEE SAVING PROFITS

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wages for the working masses. That capital is readily available. A working class government would do what Lenin did in 1917 — expropriate the banks, railroads, and industrial giants, including foreign capitalists.

The Atlee government, however, isn't at the head of the capitalist government for that purpose. It is there purely and simply to SOCIALIZE THE LOSSES OF BIG BUSINESS.

Since the coal operators are no longer able to operate at a profit because of their archaic equipment. Mr. Atlee steps in to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for them. He gives them government bonds and cash for their property WHICH BEAR REGULAR INTEREST INSTEAD OF THE STOCKS THEY FORMERLY OWNED WHICH SHOWED LITTLE OR NO DIVIDENDS.

BURDEN ON MASSES

Who is to pay for the cost of this interest on bankrupt property? The workers, of course. The "socialist" government can not carry out its capitalist program unless it stops workers from striking for better wages. The words "export or die" thus merely mean, "lower living standards so that British capitalists can compete with Wall Street". The British worker is to pay the bill which will permit London financiers to stay in business.

British capitalism is bankrupt. Atlee will never save it; he is merely a momentary office boy assigned to stop the swell of labor's rebellion, while Churchill and others prepare for open fascism. It must be remembered that Churchill and Atlee got along famously during the war, and that Churchill once said that if he were an Italian he would most certainly be a Fascist. The conditions in England today are approximately what they were in Italy at the time Churchill spoke; isn't it safe to assume therefore that Churchill and his clique are preparing British fascism?

The bankrupt British economy can easily be resurrected by a planned economy under workers' control. But such an economy is impossible without a workers council government, a dictatorship of the proletariat. The great British Empire is about to die an ignominious death. If the British people are not to be enslaved and murdered they must now toss aside the illusions of the "socialist" character of the Labor Party and take the road toward Revolutionary Marxism.

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SLOWDOWN STRIKE WINS RESULTS

A variation on the ordinary strike tactic was used with telling effect by militant workers of Local 329 AFL, Chicago, in an effort to gain better wages for 115 candy factory workers.

Variations of ordinary walk-out strikes are seldom used in the United States nowadays. In the thirties American workers perfected the sit-down strike, where employees seized factories but did not produce anything. In the last few years other variations have become popular in Japan, Italy and elsewhere. They include:

Slowdown strikes — concerted action to cut production by so many percent.

Production strikes — where the employer is ejected from the plant, along with the supervisors, but production continues under the control of a workers committee. None of the funds or profits, however, are turned over to the company until it settles the strike.

No-charge strikes — operating public transportation without slowdown, but refusing to collect fares from passengers.

The candy factory workers of Local 329, employed by the Hillman Company, had a Labor Board election in January. Since then their committee met with the Company on three or four occasions but was never able to boost the employer's wage offer to higher than 11c per hour. When the company made the 11c offer it put it down as a "final" proposal — "take it or leave it".

SLOWDOWN STRIKE

The workers, however, had another idea. The next two days all of them in unison cut pro-

duction down to less than half. Frantic appeals by supervisors to raise output fell on deaf ears.

After a couple of days of this treatment the Hillman management suddenly realized that the 11c offer was not "final".

As we go to press we are informed by workers in the plant that they will vote on a new offer by management of approximately 21c per hour — almost double what was offered before the slowdown strike. The 21c offer will probably be accepted. Along with it the Union has negotiated a four hour reduction in the work week, an improvement in the vacation plan, and other benefits.

This little struggle involving only 115 employees is an excellent indication, however, of how much more effective the struggles of American workers would be if they adopted measures such as the slowdown, sit-down or other terms of control of factories.