

MILL THUGS IN MURDER RAID

Stop the Murder Conspiracy

The murderous attack upon a group of organizers of the National Textile Workers Union at Gastonia on Sunday was followed by the kidnapping and torture of union organizers by a posse of business men and thugs and gunmen of the mill owners as soon as the mistrial was declared on Monday. The ruling class has decreed the death of the strike leaders and union organizers who are leading the resistance of the workers to the stretch out, wage cuts, lengthening of hours, child slavery and all the effects of capitalist rationalization.

The gunmen and the infamous "committee of one hundred" failed because of the heroic defense of the strikers in the Gastonia tent colony, to achieve their murderous aim on the night of June 7. They then resorted to an attempt at legal murder of those who dared defend their lives. Neither the attack on the tent colony nor the attempt at legal murder could stop the determined drive against the slave system in vogue in the textile mills.

The sudden interruption of the trial and the dismissal of the jury showed that the special machinery of the capitalist state for the legal murder of the strike leaders was not working to the satisfaction of the ruling class. In view of declarations of several jurors that they believed the defendants all innocent it is quite evident that the fit of insanity on the part of one juror was not welcome to the prosecution.

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The blood-thirsty posse of Gastonia is challenging the whole working class. The working class must answer their insolence with more determined resistance than ever. The workers of Gastonia and the South must be aided by the workers of the United States and of the world so that they can continue to defend themselves against the capitalist jackal pack. The workers must display a determined solidarity in this fight to defeat the murder conspirators. Only the mass action of the working class can save the Gastonia victims now in jail awaiting the next stage of the attempt to legally burn them to death in the electric chair. Only a determined defense will avert the mill owners' carrying out their dastardly plans either in court or on the public highways.

The War on the Soviet Union.

The attack of the Chinese armies and the Czarist White Guard troops against the Soviet Union on its far Eastern border, forcing the Red Army to retreat and disperse the attackers, is the climax of the increasing war danger of the past two months.

The war of imperialism against the workers' and peasants' government of the U. S. S. R. is immediately threatening.

During these two months the Chinese hirelings of world imperialism, so far from responding to the determinedly peaceful policy of the Soviet Government, have utilized the time to mobilize their troops, to enroll their divisions of Czarist White Guards and to make their preparations for a launching of war.

During these two months the hirelings of imperialism have flouted every effort of the Soviet Government at peaceful negotiations. Every proposal of the Soviet Government, including its latest concession with regard to the chief of the railroad, has been taken to be a sign of weakness.

Insulted by eighteen separate unprovoked attacks of Czarist and Chinese troops upon the Red Army, this last week end saw a climax in the provocative acts.

It is clear that the Chinese bourgeoisie would not have launched these attacks unless they were carrying out the policy of the imperialist powers. What is this policy?

It was clearly revealed in the Stimson diplomatic note of July 22, which proposed that the great imperialist powers should establish an "international control" over the Chinese Eastern Railway, with the obvious intention of creating there a military base from which the Soviet Union could be attacked, as it was, in the rear, once the mobilization of the forces of capitalist Europe against the U. S. S. R. (one of the aims of Aristide Briand's "United States of Europe") was nearer completion.

The renewed attack of world imperialism on the Soviet Union is the signal for the workers of the world to rally to the defense of the Soviet Union.

In this movement the proletariat and all the toilers of the United States must be called upon to fight for the victory for the Soviet Union, for victory to the Red Army, for the defeat of American imperialism, for the transformation of the imperialist war into Civil War.

Under these general slogans of mass mobilization, the Communist Party of the United States must carry out its practical tasks as set forth in the August First theses of the Central Executive Committee.

While the organs of the so-called "left" opportunists, ("Contre Le Courant" etc.) take up a counter-revolutionary position in support of Chiang Kai-shek, while the Lovestones commit treason to the working class by their attack on the Party's call to strike on International Red Day, the response of the workers assembled in the Trade Union Unity Convention at Cleveland to the slogan of "Defend the Soviet Union" demonstrates that in carrying out its tasks against the danger of war that is now facing us, the Communist Party can lead the broad masses of the proletariat in their struggle against the danger of imperialist war.

International Red Day, by the wide response of masses of workers to the Communist Party's call, by the demonstrations held in many cities and places for the first time, was a first attempt at a test mobilization of the proletariat and a successful attempt. A greater test mobilization approaches. Every Party member, every worker, every toiler should be prepared.

Attention!

At this moment of approaching war on the Soviet Union, every Party member should read the thesis of the C. E. C. of the C.P.S.U. on the War Danger and the Tasks of the Communist Party, published in the Daily Worker Aug. 1 and 2, 1929.

War Danger.

Comrades should also read the resolutions on war of the Eighth Plenum (May, 1927) and of the Sixth World Congress as well as Comrade Lenin's instructions to the delegates to the Hague conference (1922).

SOVIET UNION IN NOTE TELLS OF 19 BORDER RAIDS

Chinese Militarists' Attack Part of Big Imperialist Drive

Invaders Are Defeated Reported to be Taking Retaliatory Action

BERLIN, Germany, Sept. 10.—The press reports a note from the People Commissariat of Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union to the German government, relating details of 19 separate invasions or bombardments of U.S.S.R. territory, against the Executive Committee of the Communist International. The note stated:

"The Soviet Government, as previously, considers that the only way of avoiding additional serious consequences is by immediate measures to terminate these new assaults on Soviet territory."

The note also gave instances of the terrorism against Soviet workers, particularly those formerly employed on the Chinese Eastern Railway, including the arrest and maltreatment of over 2,000 of them, continuous executions as "spies" and executions without trial or any excuse offered at all, starvation of children whose parents have been arrested, and other similar acts by the Chinese war lords.

The German foreign office is reported to have answered in a tempering manner, casting doubt on the worst atrocity stories, and declaring that the German consulates are doing all that they can to care for the Soviet workers.

A "Rear Front." The attacks on the Soviet frontier, which have increased greatly in number and seriousness during the last few days, accompany and form a part of the series of encirclement measures going on against the Soviet Union in the League of Nations Assembly and by means of notes from the U. S. State Department.

They indicate that a military front is being built up against the U. S. S. R. in the East, while all preparations are going on among the imperialist powers of Europe and America for attack in the West. These preparations include the

LYNCH THREAT BY ZIONISTS

Bronx Workers Are Beaten Up

A mob of Jewish fascists attacked several left wing workers in Crotona Park Sunday afternoon because they are opposed to the imperialist role of the Zionists in Palestine. One of the militant workers, L. Brody, was told that the next time they "will lynch him."

When police saw the fight, not knowing what was going on, arrested one of the fascists named Sam Slierer, and a left wing worker, Max Rosenblatt. Rosenblatt, who had been attacked several minutes previously, had his baby in his arms when taken into custody.

When Rosenblatt and Slierer were

Union Misleaders in E. St. Louis and Vicinity Betray Wiremen Strike

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. (By Mail)—About 200 electricians who went on strike in East St. Louis, Belleville, and Granite City, for a wage increase were betrayed by reactionary union officials into returning to work at the old wage scale. They had been striking for two weeks. They demanded an increase to \$1.75 an hour, instead of \$1.50. "Increases may be granted later," the union misleaders said.

Expel Pepper from the C.I. for His Frauds

International Control Commission Acts

(Wireless By "Imprecor") MOSCOW, U.S.S.R., Sept. 9.—After hearing John Pepper's explanations and studying the material, the International Control Commission of the Communist International records:

1. That fractional reasons induced Pepper to refuse to obey the order of the Executive Committee of the Communist International that he should leave America for Europe and place himself at the disposal of the E. C. C. I. Instead Pepper remained in New York, or in the neighboring vicinity, with the object of incensing the majority faction of the Communist Party of America against the Executive Committee of the Communist International.

2. To deceive the E. C. C. I. and the American Communist Party, Pepper, with Lovestone's assistance, invented a story about a trip to Mexico and for several months assured the E. C. C. I. and the International Control Commission that he was returning to Mexico according to instructions, but owing to uncontrollable circumstances was compelled to return to New York from Mexico. Pepper was really never in Mexico, as he admitted to the International Control Commission, July 11.

3. Conducting factionalism, not only in the American Communist Party, but also against the Communist International. Pepper, together with Lovestone, swayed the Communist Party of America Convention, which consisted mostly of followers of Pepper and Lovestone, against the basic line mapped out by the Presidium of the Communist International and incensed congress delegates against the E. C. C. I. delegation.

4. For two months Pepper failed not only to admit his impermissible attitude towards the Comintern before the I. C. C. I., but also persistently maintained that he wasn't in New York during the Fifth Party Convention, and that he didn't lead the majority faction, although the falsity of these statements is proved by numerous comrades: Green, Hannes, Stachel, Minor, etc. Pepper admitted his guilt only when his lies were completely exposed and Lovestone was already expelled from the Party.

5. Pepper's intolerable behavior, failure to carry out the instructions of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, and manner of fooling the Communist Party of America and the E.C.C.I. is expounded in the report.

During the inquiry over Pepper, a further case revealed where Pepper lied to the Executive Committee of the Communist International. In 1928, Pepper submitted to the E. C. C. I. a bill for a journey to Corea, although he never went there.

Right Wing Opportunist.

PARIS, Sept. 10.—King Alexander of Yugoslavia interviewed in Belgrade by a correspondent of Le Journal denied today that his government was a military dictatorship. He said, however, that "energetic measures were necessary to remedy conditions previously neglected."

Manville-Jenckes Tries to Put Over an Expensive Act

"The Trial of Mary Dugan" Makes Impression on Mill Bosses' Legal Array

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (By Mail).—"The Trial of Mary Dugan," a melodrama which had a successful two weeks' run at the Carolina Theatre here recently, evidently left a sharp impression upon the minds of the legal battery in the hire of Manville-Jenckes of Pawtucket, R. I. For so weak is their case upon which they hope to convict the 16 Gastonia strikers and their leaders that when the prosecution formally

2,500 STRIKE AT AM. METAL CO. PLANT ALL OUT

T.U.U.L. Metal Bureau Secretary Addresses Mass Meeting

Men Fight Fake Bonus Also Attack Intense Speed-Up

CATARET, N. J., Sept. 10.—Secretary Overgaard of the Metal Industries Bureau of the T. U. U. L. last night addressed a meeting of the 2,500 men who deserted the mills of the United States Smelting and Refining Company here, striking for a ten cent raise, time and a half for Sunday and holiday work, weekly pay, and the recognition of a shop committee elected by the workers.

Only a handful of men are left inside—foremen, superintendents and a couple of old workers who have been with the company so long that they wouldn't have a chance getting a job elsewhere—and the strikers haven't even tried to get them to come out.

Company Made Big Profits. U. S. Smelting and Refining is a subsidiary of American Metals Ltd., the big German trust. The American branch of the concern netted profits of over two and a half million dollars last year.

The dispute began in the rigging department at 11 a. m. Saturday, culminating in the discharge of five of the riggers. Immediately the whole department walked out—150 men. When the mechanical department went to lunch at noon they joined the strike immediately they heard of it.

Councils of war were held Sunday, with the result that the whole mill is now shut down.

A half dozen guards, town police and state cops sacked patrol the entrance to the plant and gruffly refused to let anyone in.

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NEW ANGLO - U. S. SHARE WAR NEAR

Since Britain Suggests Electrified Railways

LONDON, Sept. 10.—Possible recurrence of the Anglo-U. S. share war in the electrical industry is threatened with the announcement that the General Electric and other American firms are in the running for an expected contract to electrify the British rail industry.

Fear of U. S. influence in the British General Electric precipitated the discrimination against American shares led by Sir Hugo Hirst, chairman of the British concern, early this year.

A government committee is considering the electrification scheme, which experts suggest would reap greater profits for the companies at reduced wage bills. Wages are being cut in any case through rationalization measures to be effected by J. H. Thomas, reactionary official of the National Union of Railwaymen.

Thomas is now in Canada—partly to spread British imperial propaganda and partly to plan for dumping British unemployed on the Canadian labor market.

GUNMEN LED BY LORAY ATTORNEY AND OFFICIAL HEAD OF THE GASTONIA CASE PROSECUTION; FLOG ORGANIZER WELLS

Attack W. I. R. Tent Colony; Kidnap Three Union Leaders from House; Try to Lynch Defense Lawyers, Hugo Oehler and Bill Dunne

300 Mill Owners' Thugs in 105 Autos Continue Murder Campaign While Trial Halts Temporarily; Wells, Facing Death, Defiant

By SENDER GARLIN. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 10.—Fascism, black and bloody, swept over North Carolina's greatest industrial center last night.

Led and organized by Major Bulwinkle, special counsel of the Manville-Jenckes Co., and solicitor Carpenter, both members of the prosecution in the trial of the 16 Gastonia strikers, an armed posse of about 300 Manville-Jenckes superintendents, foremen, etc., last night demolished the headquarters of the National Textile Workers' Union both in Gastonia and Bessemer City, raided the Charlotte headquarters of the International Labor Defense, and kidnapped 24-year-old Ben Wells, C. D. Saylor and C. M. Lell, organizers of the N. T. W. U.

In addition to Bulwinkle and Solicitor Carpenter, the others recognized in the armed posse were Charlie Ferguson, a Gastonia policeman who accompanied Aderholt on the raid June 7; Morehead, superintendent of the Loray mill; Dewey Carver, assistant foreman of the Loray mill; Carl Holloway, bossman and notorious stool pigeon; Morris Ling, overseer of the Myers mill of Gastonia, and Tom Gilbert, another state star witness who accompanied Aderholt and took part in the attack of June 7.

1ST TUUL BOARD SESSION TODAY

Lumber Union Joins New Center

The first session of the National Executive Board of the Trade Union Unity League tomorrow, will register considerable progress although it convenes only a week and two days after the Cleveland Convention adjourned.

Application to become part of the League's new industrial National Lumber Workers Union from the International Woodworkers Union has been made through George Pitkin, its secretary. At the Cleveland Convention, lumbermen from the northwest and mid-west laid the first plans for the industrial union, and established three districts as bases for the union's expansion.

Three Districts. District One will include Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin; District Two, Washington, Oregon and Idaho; District Three, the state of California. The International Woodworkers Union will become the foundation for District Two. Its headquarters are in Aberdeen, Wash. Pitkin was elected provisional secretary of the lumber division of the Trade Union Unity League at the special conference held in conjunction with the convention. J. C. Miller is the provisional secretary.

Draft programs presented by the Washington delegation and the Michigan group were thoroughly discussed and a joint program agreed upon tentatively and has been presented to the Bureau of the League and will be taken up at tomorrow's session. A national committee of five lumbermen, including a secretariat of three made up of Pitkin, R. Sandstrom and Jack Lowrie whose headquarters will be in Seattle, was elected by the conference.

New Bulletin. A monthly bulletin, the "Lumber Worker," will be inaugurated immediately. The job of organizing locals preparatory to establishing district machinery in the other sections of the country, is already under way. District conferences will be called in the near future, Pitkin said.

The question of expanding Labor Unity circulation and building it up as an organizing factor of the new trade union center was deliberated at length. Decisions arrived at promise real gains in this direction.

The tentative constitution of the new industrial lumber union follows the line laid down by the convention, (Continued on Page Two)

FISHERMEN, DOCKERS STRIKE

PARIS, (By Mail).—Fishermen along the Breton coast declared a three days strike in sympathy with dock workers on strike in the harbor of Saint Nazaire.

BOILERMAKERS MAY STRIKE

WILMINGTON, Cal. (By Mail).—The 75 boilermakers of the Consolidated Steel plant here will strike if the 44-hour week is not granted them.

Led Mill Thugs



These two men led the Manville-Jenckes thugs and officials who kidnaped and attempted to lynch three textile workers and organizers.

Above, Carpenter, a leader of the Mill bosses' and State of North Carolina's army of attorneys which is trying to railroad 16 strikers and organizers to electrocution.

Below, Major Bulwinkle, mill bosses' lawyer.

ENDORSEMENT OF THOMAS SCORED

Shows Bosses Know SP Is Safe Tool

The endorsement of Norman Thomas, majority candidate of the socialist party, by the Citizen's Union, in its statement made public Monday morning, as one who "would bring dignity and character to the mayor's office," is new evidence that the socialist party has lost every vestige of working class character and is considered by the spokesmen of big business in New York as a safe tool of capitalism, the Election Campaign Committee of the Communist Party, New York District, declared in a statement issued last night.

The so-called Citizen's Union, the statement continues, is a New York Committee composed of big business men and corporation lawyers. It has functioned for years as a "non-partisan" organization in the interests of "clean" and "efficient" government, that is, government that would function more economically.

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GARAGE WORKERS STRIKE

ROCKFORD, Ill. (By Mail).—Mechanics at the Black Hawk Central garage here are striking for better conditions.

Provided With Autos.

Wells, Saylor and Lell returned to Charlotte this morning about six o'clock.

Travelling in 105 automobiles, the posse invaded the city of Charlotte and began a feverish hunt for all active members of the N. T. W. U., including Vera Bush, Amy Schechter and Sophie Melvin, defendants out on bail, and Caroline Drew of the Workers International Relief.

A section of the posse in 25 automobiles stormed Walton Hotel in their search for Hugo Oehler, southern organizer for the textile union and Bill Dunne, shouting, "Lynch them!" Roused to fury because they were unable to find the two men, they tore up the hotel registers before leaving.

Hardly had the order of mistrial in the Gastonia case been made when the Manville-Jenckes murder crew, fully organized and prepared in advance, swooped down upon the Gastonia headquarters of the National Textile Workers' Union and the Workers International Relief, kidnaped Wells, Saylor and Lell, and then proceeded to Bessemer City where they demolished the headquarters of the union there. Wells, the most severely beaten, is today under a doctor's care, suffering from wounds and lacerations on the head and body.

Thugs Sing Hymn. The organizers were seized in the home of Mrs. Helen Lodge in Gastonia by the mob singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" as they rushed in. The lodge home at 512 Gastonia Ave., is the headquarters of the southern

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NEGRO WORKERS FIGHT RENT HOGS

Also Denounce Group of Lovestoneites

Richard B. Moore, Communist candidate for Congress in the 21st District and president of the Harlem Tenants League, at a meeting at the Public Library, 103 W. 125th St., last night, assailed the leaders who are raising the rents in Harlem and called for an energetic campaign under leadership of the League.

Moore also denounced a group of Lovestone supporters headed by Morris Nemes, Edward Welsh and Anna Thompson, who were present.

Welsh took the floor and attempted to defend his position. He was followed by many rank and file Negro workers who supported the remarks made by Moore when he opened the meeting.

HATTERS STRIKE

FERTH AMBOY, N. J. (By Mail).—Ninety hatters at the Stratford Hat Co. here are on strike for better conditions.

Soviet Trust Buys Two U. S. Clock Plants; To Produce Millions of Watches Annually

WILL BOSS GANG RAIDS UNIONISTS; TRIES TO LYNCH

Prosecution Lawyers Lead Murder Attack

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section of the Workers International Relief, with Caroline Drew in charge. Many organizers live there.

The leaders of the gang seized Wells, dragged him out of the house, placed a small American flag in his hand and ordered him to make a speech denouncing the N. T. W. U. Defying the lynching crew, Wells told of the determination of the N. T. W. U. to organize the pellagra ridden mill workers of the South, and amidst the jeers and threats of the Manville-Jencks thugs, declared that this work will continue despite fascist drive of the mill owners against the increasingly growing N. T. W. U. Probably no greater courage has ever been displayed in the face of imminent death.

Yelling, "enough! we'll take care of you," the raiders seized Wells, Saylor and Lell and threw them into separate automobiles, announcing to Mrs. Lodge that they were being taken "for a ride to the river and you will never see them again."

The organizers were all gagged and beaten, Wells into a state of insensibility. A few minutes after the mill thugs started on their lynching excursion, he was black-jacked and remained in an unconscious condition for over one hour.

Especially venomous against the young organizer because of his union activity among the mill workers of Gaston County, his captors told him that they were going to lynch him and flaunted a rope in his face.

Throughout the entire ride of 20 miles, the mill bosses' gang was violent against the National Textile Workers Union announcing that they will "fill with lead anyone who joins the union." They announced that "we will go to that jail and get that red-headed bastard Beal."

After leaving Charlotte, the raiders stopped about eight miles from Concord where they beat the organizers once more. Only the fact that a number of cars were seen coming and the knowledge that Saylor, one of the union organizers and a native of Gastonia had recognized a large number of the posse, prevented the planned lynching from actually taking place.

The black-hundred gang tried, by a flimsy ruse, to lure Oehler to a point in Charlotte where they could seize him and lynch him, thus following out threats they have made since he first arrived to take charge of the Southern work of the N. T. W. U.

They forced Wells, at the point of drawn revolvers, to call the office of the union on the telephone and speak to Oehler asking him to come to "the corner of College and Trade Streets in 20 minutes." This is in the neighborhood of Walton Hotel. With remarkable presence of mind, Wells gave the address as "corner of College and Tryon Sts."

Wells' deliberate, unnatural repetition of the single statement, and his continued refusal to amplify it, easily conveyed to the experienced Oehler the lynching plot being prepared against him.

The Manville-Jencks gang, in 105 automobiles, invaded Charlotte about 11 o'clock. Warned by Wells' telephone call, the staff of the N. T. W. U. and the I. L. D. had left the office. Part of the posse made its way to the Walton Hotel where a feverish but unsuccessful hunt for Dunne and Oehler was made, and then it rode to the office of the I. L. D. in Charlotte where they forced an entry and ransacked the place.

The Manville-Jencks gang then gathered near the home of Attorney Tom Jimison of the defense where they shouted, "Come on, let's get Jimison! Get him and lynch him!" Jimison had earned the deadly enmity of the mill owners in this vicinity because he stepped into the strike situation immediately after the Lory struggle began, defending members of the N. T. W. U. from the legal offensive of the bosses.

Papers in League.

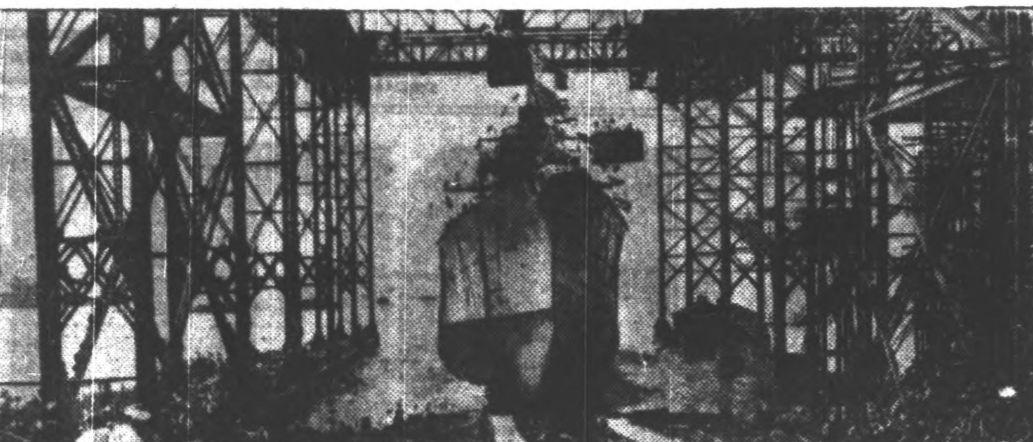
John Voorhees, correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, who was evidently acquainted in advance with the prearranged plans of the gang, wrote in this morning's issue of his paper that "Gastonia police professed to have no knowledge of the actions of the crowd."

Although Charles Ferguson, Gastonia policeman who was with Aderholt on the night of the June 7 raid was one of the leaders of the posse last night and other policemen were also recognized, Ferguson was to have been one of the star witnesses in the trial of the Gastonia defendants.

It was just learned that Houston, staff photographer of the Associated Press, went to Gastonia just before the raid on the union headquarters. Asked how he happened to get there, he replied that he got a tip in the afternoon from the Gastonia Gazette.

Two counties, Gaston and Mecklenburg, constituting the center of the cotton spinning section of the Southern textile industry, were taken over by an unofficial army. The

Launch New Wall Street War Cruiser for Imperialist War



The nearness of the imperialist war is indicated by the speeding up of the cruiser construction program by the imperialist powers. Above, Wall Street's latest war cruiser, the 10,000 ton Houston, being launched at Newport News, Va. The Houston is one of a series of eight such 10,000 ton cruisers, three having been built in the past eight months before the Houston was launched.

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stressing the organization of every worker in the industry regardless of color, race, etc., into the union whose basic unit will be the mill committee. "No official of this union shall receive more pay than the average wage in the lumber industry," the by-laws specify.

Child Labor.

Commenting upon the tremendous job of organizing the thousands of workers in the saw, paper mills and lumber camps now under way, Pitkin pointed out the extremely low wages and almost unbearable conditions.

"For the men with families in the lumber industry, it has become impossible to make both ends meet," he said. "In this desperate struggle for existence not only the wives but also the children under ten years of age have been drawn into the lumber work."

"A very common sight in the lumber camps of Michigan today, is scores of families, men, women and children, cutting and peeling pulp wood and railroad ties from four o'clock in the morning until eight at night during the summer, and from dawn to dark in the winter."

"These families are compelled to buy lumber and build their shacks at their own expense. A man and wife are able to earn this way up to \$4 a day. A family of five or six earns \$5 to \$6 a day. When they are located far from the road, there is no schooling for the children. When the camp closes down, the workers have to dispose of the shacks as best they can, or leave them to rot—and on to the next camp. Workers in the lumber industry are more than ready for a union."

Negro, White Workers United Against Scabs' Terrorism in Chicago

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 10.—Developments in the militant strike being carried on under the leadership of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union have once more demonstrated the united front between the police department and the right wing of the reactionary I.L.G.W.U. and the bureaucrats of Zaritsky's fake union.

Within the last two days there have been more than twenty arrests on Market Street. The right wing gangsters stand around and point out to the police pickets they want arrested. The machine that carries the scabs and the patrol wagon usually arrive together. In spite of the slugging tactics the hired gangsters and the police terror the workers reform their picket lines and will not be intimidated.

In all of the cases the International Labor Defense has given full support and has secured the release of the strike pickets on bond, pending trial by jury.

The solidarity of Negro and white workers has again been proven in this strike. The Negro workers take their place along with the white in the picket line and not only daily face the attacks of the police, but are thrown into prison along with the white workers.

city and county authorities cooperated with the terrorists and gave them a free hand. All pretense of ordinary legal procedure was abandoned following the declaration of mistrial in Judge Barnhill's court where for two weeks the state has been demanding the lives of 13 working men who defended themselves and their union against an attack on a smaller scale, but similar in its murderous purpose to that staged during the night of Sept. 9.

After Organizers.

The invasion of Charlotte, a city of 100,000 population, by the Manville-Jencks gang who rode in and searched high and low for Oehler, Dunne and Garson, the youth organizer of the N.T.W.U., and all other workers on the staffs of the N. T. W. U. and the I. L. D., is a brazen terrorist act, union organizers pointed out.

The local press plays up the attack as a fight on the Communists carried in an eight column streamer, "Communist Offices Raided By Anti-Reds."

Lost Air Liner Found in New Mexico; Crash Killed All 8 of Crew

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 10.—All eight passengers aboard the Transcontinental Air Transport Company monoplane City of San Francisco were killed when the plane crashed into the side of a 10,000 foot mountain and burned last Tuesday, according to the T.A.T. said yesterday. The crash occurred in one of the most desolate sections of New Mexico.

The wreckage was discovered on the south slope of Mount Taylor at 11:30 yesterday morning by a Western Air Express passenger plane. Transcontinental is one of the several groups specializing in coast-to-coast plane transport. The system can easily be adjusted—in line with its real purpose—to the war office scheme for militarization of air lines in preparation for the next imperialist war.

2,500 STRIKE AT AM. METAL CO.

T.U.U.L. Metal Bureau Secretary Speaks

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fuse admittance to any but scabs, or bosses. Daily Worker reporters were told that the strike was none of their business; and that the bosses had no statement to make.

Completely unorganized, rationalization and intense speedup had the men ready to strike on any excuse. The strike started under the leadership of an inexperienced but determined strike committee of some sixteen men—two from each department.

One of the chief bones of contention is the so-called "bonus system." In April 1928 the bosses introduced a five cent wage cut, simultaneously offering a five cent "bonus" for those workers who lost no more than seven working hours during the two week pay period. The result has been that any worker who through sickness or injury lost a day's work, on top of that day's pay he was robbed of five cents an hour for every other hour he had worked during the pay period.

Many Accidents.

Strikers complain that the in-make for many accidents, that, aware of its high accident record, the company follows the policy of giving a man hell every time he gets hurt, often forcing him to remain on the job when he should be home in bed or at least resting his injury, and often firing him as soon as he has recovered.

Due to the large amount of lead used in the manufacture of brass—one of the principle products of the company—lead poisoning is frequent. Each worker must be examined for its monthly, and if lead is found in his blood he is sent home and his bonus is divided among the stockholders of the company. If the poisoning clears up he may get his job back; if not, and if he is a foreign born worker, he dies and the company denies responsibility.

Long Hours, Low Wages.

Over 1,500 of the men have been receiving the unskilled labor rate, 40 cents. Work for the smelters is seven days a week, 62 weeks a year. One worker on a regular nine-hour day recently was forced to work 44½ hours overtime within a space of five days. Continuous processes, working a regular eight-hour day, are forced to do the double shift sixteen hours every two weeks when the shifts change, and seven days a week throughout the year, although Christmas and the Fourth of July are holidays.

T. U. U. L. Active.

The fact that the T. U. U. L. is already on the job shows how seriously the line laid down by the T. U. U. L. convention is being taken. Overgaard will emphasize, giving the recent Murray Body strike as an example, the necessity of developing a real organization before returning to work. The workers of the Murray Body Corporation (manufacturers of bodies of Ford cars) successfully resisted a 20 per cent wage cut imposed by the company, only to find that because they returned to work without a sufficiently powerful organization, their leaders had been sacrificed.

A real shop committee must be established, deriving its authority

GREETTS TWELFTH YEAR OF SOVIET

Workers Send Message Thru Labor Defender

The November issue of the Labor Defender, which will contain 48 pages of working class life and activity in the Soviet Union and in other countries, is to be a message of solidarity from the American working class to the Russian workers and peasants, on the 12th Soviet Anniversary edition.

The Labor Defender has opened the pages of its November issue for greetings from working class organizations and individual workers to the Soviet Union. Organizations may send greetings thru the Labor Defender at the cost of \$5.00 per inch, \$25.00 per quarter page, \$40.00 per half page and \$75.00 per full page. Individual greetings will be forwarded to the Soviet Union thru the pages of the Labor Defender at \$1.00 per name. All copy must be in by October 10th, it is announced. The office of Labor Unity is at 80 E. 11th Street.

Greet Russians.

During this trying period, when the Chinese and white-guardist war provocations are molesting the Soviet Union from the East, while other imperialist intrigues continue from the west and south, the Soviet workers are expecting powerful messages of solidarity from their class brothers all over the world.

The October issue of the Labor Defender, which will be off the press by September 21st, will contain first hand accounts of the trial of the 16 Gastonia strikers and Union organizers as well as many pictures of the Cleveland TUEL Convention and other important workingclass activities.

POSTPONE TRIAL OF JOE JACOBS

When the trial of Joe Jacobs, member of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union came up yesterday morning in Jefferson Market Court it was postponed until Sept. 30 on recommendation of his attorney.

Jacobs was severely cut up more than a month ago by thugs of the scab International Ladies Garment Workers Union when he was on his way to work. He was then arrested charged with felonious assault, although he did not even have an opportunity to defend himself against the right wing gangsters. After he was cut up he was on the point of death for several weeks and is still in a very serious condition from the loss of blood. The trial was postponed yesterday so he could enter Hunts Point Hospital for further treatment.

from the mass of the workers; a dues system set up and a shop bulletin issued. The demands of the workers, in addition to the wage increase, weekly pay, time and a half for all overtime, must include "no discrimination against any strikers" and a six-day week.

SOVIET UNION IN NOTE TELLS OF 19 BORDER RAIDS

Reported to be Taking Retaliatory Action

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Stimson notes of July 22 to all imperialist governments, proposing joint "investigation" of the seizure of the Chinese Eastern Railroad and events following it, and the Henderson speech in the League of Nations assembly last week proposing incorporation of Kellogg pacts in the league statutes, and furnishing of finances to "any country which is the victim of an aggressor's attack" (In practice, the imperialist power or its agent, for example, Chiang Kai-shek, is always represented as being attacked). The preparations for war on the U. S. S. R. also include the Briand proposal for a confederation of European imperialist powers and those in their orbit, recognized by the European press as an Anti-Soviet move.

Firing at Paganitchnaya.

Japanese official reports, the Nanking government's Kuomin News Agency, Reuters (European) telegraph agency and American news services report a heavy battle at Paganitchnaya yesterday and Monday, in which the garrison of the Chang Hsueh-liang government was driven from the city by the Red Army's artillery fire and air-attack, and the city looted by bandits in the absence of the troops. The Mukden government states that it lost 500 men, including deserters, in the first attack, and more afterwards. The stories refer to the Manchurian town of Paganitchnaya, not the railway station on U. S. S. R. territory.

This is interpreted here as the Chinese militarist government's version of the repulse of one of their raiding parties into the Soviet Union, and the fighting that followed when the raiders sought security behind the entrenched positions of the Chang Hsueh-liang troops massed along the border.

Warlords Lose 100.

A report from Tokio sent by the United Press states that the Mukden government's losses in a five-hour border fight at Manchuli (a town near the western border of Manchuria) was 100. The story yesterday, contrary to the version given Monday, does not speak of any advance of Red Army forces across the line, but apparently refers to the results of heavy artillery fire, from 150 field pieces, located on Soviet Union territory. This is undoubtedly the result of the dispersal of the Chinese and white guard Russian mercenary troops to penetrate into the Soviet Union, and of the bombardment of U. S. S. R. positions by Chinese artillery and machine guns which accompanied the raid.

The United Press correspondent at Manchuli repeats a Mukden official report that the six Soviet workers arrested last night are to be immediately executed as "spies."

The same news service's correspondent at Harbin wires a report of three Soviet government airplanes boarding Paganitchnaya again at 7 a. m. yesterday.

Use Effigy in Attempt to Electrocute 16



This is the effigy of the Police Chief Aderholt which the mill bosses' lawyers composing the prosecution for the state of North Carolina, used in an attempt to play on jurors' emotions and thus facilitate railroading of 16 Gastonia strikers and National Textile Workers Union organizers to the electric chair.

Roosevelt Named by Hoover to Rule Porto Rico for Wall Street

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 10.—Among the latest batch of nominations sent by President Hoover to the Senate are included Leland Harrison, Illinois politician, now en route to Sweden, to represent Wall Street in Uruguay; Theodore Roosevelt, republican political leader in New York, to be governor of Porto Rico and several republican local politicians to be circuit judges in California and Pennsylvania.

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Workers Driven from Union for Exposing A. F. of L. Attack on the Gastonia Strikers

WILL BOSSES TRY TO PUT OVER AN EXPENSIVE ACT

Prosecution Impressed by "Mary Dugan"

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The leading lawyers of North Carolina to help burn 13 men.

Dr. H. R. McConnell of the Gastonia Sanitarium is the first witness called by the prosecution. (His attention refused to admit a dying man striker several months ago less it first received payment in France.)

"You treated Chief Aderholt here he died?" "A—I did."

"Can you illustrate the place here he was shot?" "A—I could better if I had the name of a model. (But where will you get a model on such short notice? I have no such model on my shelves. But just leave it to the ingenuity of the prosecution; they'll get a model that'll make 'em all set up and take notice!)"

His eyes turn to the door opening from the counsel room. A stout attendant is trundling in a jimmy, covered by a long, black shroud. Drama... Suspense... The show these union people! Defense lawyers jump to their feet and object to this tawdry spectacle, intended to keep alive the lust for blood of the textile workers and their leaders.

Further objections, but the shroud nevertheless removed by Solicitor General, and there, before a thousand eyes, stands the life-like figure of Chief Aderholt, who died in the office of the mill owners. The dummy is toggled out in a natty, blue uniform; there's the shiny edge of authority, and, cocked at an appropriate angle of "the law," the black felt western hat. Blood appears to be dripping from the white collar.

Finally, after the ghost has been solemnly pushed into the faces of the 12 jurors, the judge finally dismisses the objections of defense counsel and the model is dragged out, while spectators whisper their disgust at this cheap exhibition.

The examination is continued. The doctor testified this morning that the shot which killed Aderholt was directed into the back. McConnell of the defense questions him: "But a few days ago, when counsel for the defense questioned you in Gastonia, you said that the shots may have come from an angle. Now, when were you telling the truth—then, or now? (The dignified doctor, an M. D. from the University of Maryland, squirms in his witness chair.)"

"Well, you, uh, see, at that time I was not under oath, but now... This was but the beginning of a flood of contradictions which prosecution witnesses got themselves into during the course of the day.)"

The procession of prosecution witnesses—all willing to swear to anything—began early, and continued during the entire day. Names included: Otto Mason and his wife, whose house is adjacent to the union hall Dr. H. R. McConnell, Gastonia, who testified, among other things, that the chief was kept by A. J. Roach, the drunken lawyer who was shot and wounded; he said his companions had attempted to massacre the workers in the union hall and tent colony on the night of June 7th.

Johnston D. McCall, the round, bespectacled lawyer for the defense is questioning Mason, a prosecution witness who knows his facts by heart (as they all did), but doesn't save from from contradicting himself time after time.

"I ask you," McCall demanded, "is not a fact that the first shot fired there that night was a bullet shot fired by one of the strikers and that the bullet struck the union hall?"

More questions, the full implications of which will become even more clear when defense witnesses begin to tell what they saw, heard, experienced: strikers—men, women and children terrorized; murderously beaten, choked; company thugs, "Committee of 100," throwing rocks and rotten eggs at speakers at the tent colony. And above all, the destruction of the previous union headquarters by an armed mob, and his determination of the strikers to build their new headquarters, which they had built with their own hands, at all costs.

Dr. A. J. ROACH, a star witness for prosecution, is called to the stand. Heavy-set, brutal red face, short-cropped hair. The gentleman is later cross-examined by Arthur Harfield Hays:

"Do you drink?" "A—Not for eight years now."

"When you drunk on June 7th?" "A—No, sir."

"Where were you on June 7th?" "A—At home in Gastonia."

"All Day?" "A—Well, sir, no, not all day. I was in Charlotte about four o'clock."

To Direct Butchery



Sir Herbert Samuel, former High Commissioner of Palestine, a prominent Zionist, darling of the Anglo-Jewish capitalists, who may be sent by the British imperialist government to direct the slaughter of the Arabs in revolt against British imperialism.

Q.—Did you stop anywhere on the way back? A.—No, sir, went right back to Gastonia.

Q.—Didn't you stop at this barbecue joint between Charlotte and Gastonia, near the Catawba River? A.—Yes, I did stop there for a while.

Q.—You had some trouble there, didn't you? A.—Yes, there was a little tanglement there.

Q.—How did it happen, Mr. Roach? A.—Well, the fellow that owns the place, Pedro Melton, threw bottles at Mr. Gilbert, the other officer that was along with me.

Q.—Is it not a fact, Mr. Roach, that you had been drinking heavily all day, that you chased Pedro into the Catawba River because he refused to sell you more liquor? Is it not a fact that you were drunk when you drove over to the union headquarters that night with Mr. Gilbert and Chief Aderholt? Is it not a fact that you were later disarmed by officers of Mecklenburg county? (As a result of Roach's little "tanglement" he is now under indictment for murderous assault with a deadly weapon.)

The star witness for the state is questioned further: Q.—When Policeman Gilbert came for you at the Franklin drug store in Gastonia—and deputized you then and there—didn't he say: "Let's go over to the union headquarters and beat up those sons of bitches?"

A.—I don't remember. Q.—Mr. Roach, were you ever convicted of a crime? A.—Well, I paid a fine of \$25 about thirteen years ago. (The lawyer waves a typewritten document.)

Q.—Were you not convicted of violating the prohibition law in 1917 and again in 1920; also in 1922, and were then sentenced to serve six months at hard labor and pay a fine of \$500 for manufacturing, distilling and distributing spirituous liquors?

A.—You must have been reading the Daily Worker. (The thug snickers, pleased with his brilliant witticism.)

The defense counsel will enter the record as evidence the court records showing that Roach was convicted as charged by Hays, as well as the affidavits of Pedro Melton and others that he was drunk on June 7, only two hours before the raid on the W. I. R. tent colony and N. T. W. U. headquarters.

God's servants upon earth are called by the prosecution to testify that Mr. Roach bears an excellent reputation in the community in which he has his domicile.

Rev. Dr. Whitney, pastor of the Loray Baptist Church of Gastonia, takes the stand. A quiet, god-fearing man. The operation upon him is speedy and incisive: Q.—How long have you known Mr. Roach? Attorney Hays asks.

A.—About four years.

CLASS IN LABOR JOURNALISM AT THE 'SCHOOL'

Members of the 'Daily' Staff Instruct

W. Chambers, News Editor of the Daily Worker, and N. Honig, Worker Correspondence Editor, will be the teachers in the course "Labor Journalism and Workers Correspondence," to be given at the Workers School this coming term on Thursdays, at 8:30 p. m. As the term is scheduled to begin the week of Sept. 30, all are urged to register at once.

Last term this course developed many workers correspondents whose articles were accepted by the Daily Worker for publication in its Workers Correspondence Department. Many articles were also prepared in this class for the various shop newspapers being published by the Shop Nuclei of the Communist Party in different factories in this city.

In this course, the instructors aim to train workers to report the day to day news in the class struggle from shop, mill and office. Special emphasis will be placed on the writing of simple, clear and short accounts of the events and problems in workers lives. It is the intention to have students prepare actual material for shop papers, which will be corrected in the class, students joining actively in the discussion. It is hoped in this way to stimulate old shop papers and develop new ones.

Members of Shop Nuclei in the Communist Party are urged to register for this course, also those working in factories where shop papers are being issued. Workers Correspondents, who wish to improve their writing, should also take this course. For details regarding other courses that the Workers School is offering, secure a copy of the 1929-30 Catalogue at the office of the Workers School, 26-28 Union Square, fifth floor.

6 Seamen Endangered

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 9.—Six of the crew of the small Gloucester schooner Edith N. Cooney, narrowly escaped drowning today when the ship sank off Sambro, Halifax County.

The schooner had been leaking for some days, but the owners persisted in using it till the last moment. Twenty minutes after Captain Carriagan ordered the crew to the boats she sank. All the men lost their belongings, saving only the clothes they wore.

Q.—Is he a member of your church? A.—No, sir.

Q.—What do you know about his reputation and character? A.—Well, I have never heard anybody say anything bad about him.

Q.—Have you heard anybody say anything good about him? A.—Well, sir, I can't say that I have.

Q.—That's all, Dr. Whitney! Mr. Roach has many friends and admirers. Solicitor has a long list of them, so he calls Mr. S. Silverstein of Gastonia to the stand to speak up for the character and reputation of the drunken deputy.

Q.—What's your business, Mr. Silverstein? Hays questions. A.—Men's furnishing store.

Q.—You don't like the defendants, do you? Strikes are bad for business, aren't they? You may step down!

When court adjourned, Silverstein, fearing a sudden slump in his trade with the mill workers, walks forward to the table of the defense counsel, and whispers: "I want to be friends with everybody!"

Worker Crushed Under Freight Elevator; Use Torches to Get Body

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Sept. 9.—

The body of Paul Hillick, 17, of 182 Cator Ave., Jersey-City, was found today crushed between the floor of a freight elevator and the shaft wall in a building at 340 Claremont Ave.

EXPULSION FOR ACTIONS

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plained, firstly, by the fact that Pepper is a right-wing opportunist whose line differs from the basic line of the Communist Party. He tried to organize an opportunist faction within the Communist International. Pepper's double dealing aimed to conceal his factional scheme. Pepper submitted a statement to the Executive Committee of the Communist International (with reservations) accepting the E. C. C. I. decisions on the American question but persisting in saying that he wasn't in New York during the Fifth Convention of the Communist Party for the purpose of carrying out the opportunist line in America.

Considering these facts, the International Control Commission resolves to expel John Pepper from the Communist International for refusing to submit to E. C. C. I. instructions, for deceiving the American Party and the Communist International, and for his role in the Communist Party of America where, together with Lovestone, he led a majority faction and instigated his followers to carry on factional work, with the object of enforcing this opportunist line.

Zionists Threaten to Lynch Bronx Workers

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arranged in West 54th St. night court before Magistrate Gottlieb, the judge immediately asked which of those arrested was a Zionist supporter and which was opposed to Zionism.

Brody, on the witness stand, was given a severe examination by Gottlieb. He asked him if he is a Communist, whether he reads the Morning Freiheit, also if he is a member of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League. Gottlieb's attitude showed plainly that he is a staunch supporter of the Zionists and their socialist allies.

Dismissal Charge. Altho it was proven that Sliester had led the attack on Brody the charge against him was dismissed. Rosenblatt was also let go, for even with the crudest frame-up methods he could not be guilty of disorderly conduct when he was holding his baby.

The Jewish Daily Forward and the Jewish Day are continuing their provocative campaign against the Daily Worker and Morning Freiheit. The Day publishes a two column editorial denouncing the Daily Worker, and many cartoons. It also republishes a cartoon from the "Daily" which shows the suppression of the Arabian masses by British imperialism and the Jewish fascists.

Ship Believed Sunk Off of Massachusetts

BOSTON, Sept. 9.—An unknown ship was apparently sunk when it and the steamer Emile Franqui collided about 160 miles southeast of Cape Cod between 7 and 8 p. m. today. Desperate attempts to locate the unknown ship were being made without results at a late hour last night. High speed in the fog was the cause.

Our own age, the bourgeois age, is distinguished by this—that it has simplified class antagonisms. More and more, society is splitting up into two great hostile camps, into two great and directly opposed classes: bourgeoisie and proletariat.—Marx.

CITIZEN UNION ENDORSEMENT OF THOMAS SCORED

Shows Bosses Know SP Is Safe Tool

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and more efficiently in the interests of capitalism. Its "non-partisan" character consists in endorsing and supporting candidates for office, irrespective of which party label they run under, who are most likely to promote such "clean" and "efficient" government.

The Citizen's Union has been striving to accomplish for capitalist government what capitalist rationalization is doing for industry. In the past the Citizen's Union endorsed such republican or "fusion" candidates as John Purroy Mitchell, the war mayor, Frank D. Waterman, the vicious open shop employer of the Waterman Fountain Pen Co., Nathan L. Miller, corporation lawyer, and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

The Citizen's Union can be judged by the character of its leading lights. To mention but a few, its Executive Committee includes the following: William Jay Schiefelin, chairman, is a director of the Druggists Supply Corporation, American Kitchen Products Co., Druggists Importing Corporation, president of the National Association of Wholesale Druggists, and is connected with many other companies; Henry Fletcher, vice chairman, is a director of the Irving Bank and Columbia Trust Co. and from 1915 to 1922 was chairman of the Board of Directors of the Swan Road Finch Co. (a subsidiary of Standard Oil); Sam A. Lewishohn, treasurer of the Citizen's Union, is a member of Adolph Lewishohn & Sons, Investment Bankers, vice president and treasurer of the Miami Copper Co., Tennessee Copper and Chemical Co., Kerr Lake Mining Co., South American Gold and Platinum Co., and director of the Bank of America. The City Committee of the Citizen's Union includes such men as Chas. E. Hughes, Standard Oil lawyer and former secretary of state, John Davis, candidate for president of the democratic party in 1924 and counsel for J. P. Morgan & Co. and other corporations, and George W. Perkins, partner of J. P. Morgan & Co. from 1901 to 1910 and later director of the U. S. Steel Corporation, International Harvester Co., International Mercantile Marine Co., etc.

It is significant that the socialist party glories in the approval given its leading candidate by this big business outfit. The Jewish Daily Forward in its Monday issue plays up the endorsement of the Citizen's Union under a three column head on the top of the first page. The Forward attempts to conceal the real nature of the Citizen's Union, speaking of it as a "non-partisan body" and "a very moderate civic organization" but the workers will recognize this endorsement for what it is, a reward for the strike-breaking activities of the socialist party in the struggles of the workers in the needle trades, textile, mining, and other industries, a recognition of the services of the S. P. to the rationalization and war plans of American imperialism.

The Communist Party and its candidates take pride in the fact that the Citizen's Union statement contains no reference whatever to the Communist ticket. It could not praise the Communist candidates. And it would not condemn them, knowing that the workers would consider condemnation from such a source a testimonial to the revolutionary and working class character of the Communist Party. The militant, class conscious workers will rally in the coming election to the support of the Communist Party as the only Party which truly represents the interests of the working class.

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WORKERS CALENDAR

PENNSYLVANIA

Benefit of Section 3. Hedgerow Players will stage "Lillian" on Saturday, Sept. 21, for the benefit of Section 3, District 3, Communist Party of U.S.A.

Phila. Anti-Fascists Aid Strikers. An entertainment arranged by the Anti-Fascist Alliance to help the textile strikers of Gastonia, N. C., will be held Saturday evening, Sept. 14, at Progressive Institute, 1208 Taylor St. All comrades invited.

Show "Visit to U.S.S.R." "A Visit to U.S.S.R.," a film showing the life of the workers and peasants under Soviet rule will be shown at the New Rivoli Theatre, Portage, Pa., under the auspices of the Workers International Relief for the benefit of the Gastonia strikers and the blacklisted miners. E. P. Cosh, member of the United States rank and file delegation to the U.S.S.R. will speak.

ILLINOIS

Chicago Banana Stalk Ball. The Joint Defense and Relief Committee of the International Labor Defense and the Workers International Relief will hold a banana-stalk ball Sept. 14 at Ukrainian People's Auditorium, 2417 W. Chicago Ave. A feature of which will be a display of bloody banana stalks used on workers' heads by police at the August First demonstration.

MARYLAND

Gastonia Tag Day. A tag day to aid the Gastonia defense will be held by the Philadelphia Joint Gastonia Defense and Relief Committee in Baltimore Sept. 14.

CALIFORNIA

San Francisco W. I. R. Moves. The W.I.R. has moved into its new office at 966 Market Street.

CONVICT FOUR Y. C. L. WORKERS

Girls Had Distributed Leaflets to Soldiers

The four girl members of the Young Communist League arrested Sunday when distributing leaflets in front of the 369th Infantry armory were convicted yesterday afternoon by Magistrate McQuade in the 12th Magistrate's Court and held without bail for sentence tomorrow. They are Ray Leventhal, Georgia Kaper, Lillian Roth and Ray Levine.

After their conviction they were finger-printed and taken to their cells where they will be held until tomorrow. McQuade said he wanted more time to investigate the case before meting out sentence.

Charge Against Workers. The charge against the four young workers were breach of the peace, annoying members of the Na-

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NEW JERSEY

Workers Defense Picnic. A joint defense picnic will be given by the Anti-Fascist Alliance of North America at Zimans' Park, Hackensack Plank Rd., North Bergen, N. J., Sept. 15.

OHIO

Celebrate Party Anniversary. The Tenth Anniversary of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. will be celebrated Sept. 14 at 8 p. m. at Grading Hall, 4611 St. Clair Ave., under the auspices of Section Two of the Communist Party and Branch Two of the Young Communist League.

Cleveland Picnic Winners. Winners of prizes at the District Picnic in Cleveland on Labor Day were: first prize, J. Killis; second prize, Kucharski. Winners are requested to call at the District Office of the Communist Party, 244 E. Fourth St., to claim the prizes, which will be kept for three days after published notice.

INDIANA

Gary Picnic. A joint picnic of the International Labor Defense and the Trade Union League of the Calumet District will be held Sept. 15 at the Workers Platform, East Gary. Delegates from the steel mills to the Cleveland convention will speak.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Collect for Gastonia Strikers. A house-to-house collection will be held in Washington by the Joint Gastonia Defense and Relief Committee September 14.

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national Guard; distributing inflammatory literature and causing a crowd to collect. Jacques Buitenbant, attorney of the International Labor Defense appeared in court for the Y. C. L. members.

The sentences were denounced in a statement issued last night by the New York District of the Young Communist League, which pointed out that it is an attempt on the part of the authorities to stop the anti-imperialist activities of the League. It also said that the League has been giving out leaflets to the National Guard regiments all summer when they left for camp, and added that the arrests will not stop the work of exposing the war plans of American capitalism.

Two Women Discharged.

Mary Drowkin and Olga Klodin, who were arrested more than a month ago when distributing leaflets in the Bronx, were discharged yesterday when arraigned before Magistrate Vitale in the 168th St. court.

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EXPOSE GREEN'S LETTER AT GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

Rank and File Made Appeal on Labor Day

GREAT FALLS, Montana, Sept. 10.—A new onslaught against the rank and file has been organized by the American Federation of Labor officials following a distribution of leaflets which appealed for support of the International Labor Defense in its fight for the release of the Gastonia textile strikers and which exposed the anti-labor activities of William Green, A.F.L. president.

The leaflets were distributed at Gibson Park on Labor Day. Referring to Green's circular letter in which A. F. of L. unions were "instructed" not to contribute to the I.L.D. for the strikers' defense, the appeal declared:

"Brothers, fellow-workers, comrades! Are you with William Green and the Executive Board of the A. F. of L. in their endeavor to hand over the Gastonia strikers to be judicially murdered and imprisoned by the master class because they struck against unbearable working conditions and starvation wages, who dared defend themselves when attacked by drunken gunmen?"

Since then, the Committee of organized Labor which distributed the leaflets points out, the Green officialdom has demanded the names of those who circulated the leaflets so that they can drive them from the unions and force them from the job for exposing the A. F. of L. treason.

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THE RIGHT DANGER IS A MONSTROUS REALITY

By MAX BEDACHT.

When decisive action is most imperative then the danger of antagonistic influence in our revolutionary movement is greatest. This is not only so because a mistake at a critical moment is of more serious consequences than ordinarily; it is so primarily because in the events of the class struggle the most critical moment brings with it the greatest pressure of subconscious illusions; the most critical moment prepares the most favorable ground for the reawakening of the influence of bourgeois education to which everybody was subjected. It is precisely the critical hour in which the apparatus of bourgeois propaganda plays every conceivable tune that is calculated to reawaken old prejudices and recreate old illusions.

A glaring example of this is shown in the attitude of some non-Party writers recently connected with the Communist "Morning Freiheit." Menachem Borshina, H. Levick and Abraham Reisin declared "fearfully" that they cannot any longer cover the revolutionary position of the "Freiheit" with their names. Why? Because "innocent Jewish blood" has been spilled in Palestine and the "Freiheit" (after some serious mistakes in the beginning) refuses to blow into the horn of bourgeois propaganda, but raises the class issue instead.

For centuries the so-called holy land, because of its importance on the commercial road from the west to the east, has been the coveted prize of imperialism. All of the struggles for the possession of the holy land from the early battles of the Mohammedans to the crusades and to the expedition of Lord Allenby during the World War were conveniently cloaked with religious phrases and high sounding principles. But behind these principles and religious pretensions are concealed economic and imperialist purposes. The religious pretensions merely supply the means of setting one against the other to the benefit of the third, to the benefit of imperialism. "There is no sanctuary," wrote Marx in 1854, "no chapel, no stone of the church of the holy sepulchre, that has been left unturned for the purpose of constituting a quarrel between the different Christian communities."

For decades British imperialism attempted to establish its colonial rule over Palestine. During the world war it began to utilize the Zionist movement for this purpose. In a declaration issued by Balfour British imperialism, first, pronounced the inalienable right of the Jews to a national state; second, pronounced British imperialism as the chosen instrument of God to establish that Jewish national state; third, pronounced the Arabs of Palestine as the chosen sacrificial lambs who had to be shorn of their belongings in order to make possible the establishment of a Jewish national state.

It was clear all along that the Jewish national state was merely the convenient cloak for the imperialist aggression of Great Britain in Palestine. The activities of British imperialism on behalf of the establishment of this Jewish national state were not, were never intended to be, and will never be, a Jewish national state in Palestine. The only tangible result was a British "protectorate." British imperialism alone got what it set out to get. The Jewish nationalist movement, the Zionist movement, not only lent itself as an excuse for the establishment of colonial rule of British imperialism but helped in the systematic exploitation of the Arabian masses in Palestine. It helped in and profited by the systematic expropriation of the masses of the Arabian peasantry. Together with the British, the Zionist colonists exploit the thus impoverished Arabian masses as wage-slaves under the most miserable conditions imaginable. At the same time, however, the Jewish Zionist capitalists have no nationalist scruples against the exploitation of the poor Jewish immigrants in Palestine. In fact, they exploit and feed mutual religious and racial prejudices of Jews and Mohammedans so that, together with the British imperialists, they can keep wages of both at a minimum by playing one nationality against the other.

Against this system of expropriation, exploitation and oppression the Arabs recently began to revolt. The rise against British imperial-

The International Situation and Tasks of the Communist International

Report of Comrade Kuusinen

AT THE TENTH PLENUM OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COMINTERN

The Law of the Collapse of Capitalism.

Why do I speak here about these apologists of capitalism? Because it is particularly important at the present juncture to give through our propaganda a clear picture of the accentuation of the contradictions of capitalism. This is the point on which we must concentrate our sharpest criticism. Of course not only criticism of Sombart, Kautsky, Hilferding and Co. Even our self-criticism must be wide-awake in regard to this, to prevent us making even the least concession to a tendency which might land us in the belief in a gradual "decay" of capitalism. A warning example is the mistake made by such a great revolutionary as Comrade Rosa Luxemburg who, in her desire to construct a simple, purely economic law of the collapse of capitalism, was diverted into the wrong channel. I do not know if I am mistaken when I assume that "the tendency of the decreasing number of workers" brought forward by Comrade Varga (which he connects with the process of the final conversion of peasants into farmers and with the process of the industrialization of the colonies) contains the germ of a new theory of the gradual decay of capitalism. The desire to find a consistent, unequivocal and terse economic motivation of the inevitable collapse of capitalism, is a perfectly legitimate desire. In order to satisfy this desire in our propaganda, I advise the comrades firstly, to make an even more careful study of our program than before and secondly, to study Marx more than before. Why should we want new laws re the collapse of capitalism, when Marx has formulated this matter consistently and clearly. I ask your indulgence in order to recall this Marxian law.

In the foreword to the "Critique of Political Economy" Marx brings forward the general law which applies to the capitalist as well as to the older modes of production:

"At a certain stage of their development, the material forces of production in society come in conflict with the existing relation of production, or—what is but a legal expression for the same thing—with the property relations within which they had been at work before. From forms of development of the forces of production these relations turn into their fetters. Then comes the period of social revolution."

The collapse of capitalism is especially referred to in the well-known passage at the end of Volume I, "Capital."

"The monopoly of capital becomes a fetter upon the mode of production, which has sprung up and flourished along with, and under it. Centralization of the means of production and socialization of labor at last reach a point where they become incompatible with their capitalist integument. This integument is burst asunder. The knell of capitalist private property sounds. The expropriators are expropriated." ("Capital," Vol. I, p. 837.)

Can this more than 60 year old statement by Marx concern us now? Very much so! It fits exactly the present situation. Now is the time Marx has predicted. The monopoly of capital has become "a fetter upon the mode of production, which has sprung up and flourished along with, and under it." The centralization of the means of production and socialization of labor have reached the point "where they become incompatible with their capitalist integument." The development of the social forces of production is already out of harmony with the capitalist property relations.

The professional falsifiers of Marxism, such as Kautsky and Cunov, have falsified here too the Marxian dialectic just a little. Their interpretation is as if Marx had asserted that the end of capitalism will not come until a further development of the forces of production is utterly impossible. Cunov then makes the deduction: Consequently, capitalism has still a long lease of life. But Kautsky, who wants to appear more clever and even more "socialistic" than Marx, asserts: Marx was mistaken: "The end of capitalism" will come sooner" (i.e. already during capitalism). Marx, however, has never prognosticated an absolute stagnation of the further development of the forces of production.

In his law, Marx does not take either the social forces of production or the capitalist property relations as static entities, but both of them in their destined, inevitable historical development. According to Marx, the development of the capitalist property relations is in the direction of monopoly, of an evergrowing centralization of capital. This centralization means "expropriation of many capitalists by few;" it leads to a constant reduction of the "number of magnates of capitalism" (not of workers, Comrade Varga, and also not necessarily of all capitalists, but of those magnates of capitalism) "who usurp and monopolize all the advantages of this transformation process" (of the socialization of labor, the technical development of production, etc., K.). This fits admirably the present epoch of finance capital. Marx does not mean by this that capitalist monopoly develops in a manner to eliminate completely capitalist competition. He puts the matter exactly, "The monopoly of capital becomes (it has already become—K.) a fetter upon the mode of production, which has sprung up and flourished along with, and under it." Which mode of production? The capitalist. Thus, the monopoly of capital was to become a fetter upon the capitalist mode of production, does this tally? Certainly. This is expressed in a twofold manner: (1) The monopoly of capital acts as a fetter upon free competition and (2) as a fetter upon the free development of the forces of production. As to the development of the forces of production, it is described by Marx as follows:

"Hand in hand with this centralization, or this expropriation of many capitalists by few, develop, on an ever extending scale, the cooperative form of the labor process, the conscious technical application of science (thus there is not absolute prevention but rather absolute development of production technique—K.), the methodical cultivation of the soil, the transformation of labor into instruments of labor only usable in common, the economizing of all the means of production by their use as the means of production of combined, socialized labor, the entanglement of all peoples in the net of the world market, and with this, the international character of the capitalistic regime." ("Capital," Vol. I, p. 836.)

How, according to Marx, does the conflict between the thus developing social forces of production and the simultaneously growing monopoly of capital, find a solution? Through the revolutionary class struggle of the proletariat. The most important of the "social forces of production," human labor power, which, under capitalism, is the exploited wage proletariat, is educated by capitalism itself to be its grave digger:

There "grows the mass of misery, oppression, slavery, degradation, exploitation, etc., but with this too grows the revolt of the working class, a class always increasing in numbers, and disciplined, united, organized by the very mechanism of the process of capitalist production itself." ("Capital," Vol. I, p. 836.)

Through this working class the expropriators are expropriated, capitalist private ownership is abolished, the capitalist integument of the economic and entire social development is burst asunder. This is the law of Marx on the collapse of capitalism, already completely con-

firmed by the great revolution of the Russian proletariat. In the present epoch of imperialism, this law has set in throughout the imperialist world. Our task must be: to carry on a sharp ideological struggle against all attempts to revise these Marxian doctrines, to explain them to the mass of the workers not in an abstract fashion and not by merely repeating Marx' words, but by a concrete presentation of his law in the light of the present glaring contradictions of capitalism.

The Necessity of Leninist Concretization.

In this connection, we must make our point of departure the concretization of the Marxian doctrine which Lenin has given us. The main feature of Lenin's concretization is the prominence he gives to the unevenness of development during imperialism, in various spheres, in town and country, in various countries and parts of the world. There is, on the one hand, accentuation of the economic and political struggle between the individual imperialist powers, and, as the world is divided among the imperialists, inevitably of imperialist wars for colonies and world hegemony. On the other hand, there is the special role of the peasant and national questions in the class struggles of the present epoch, as well as the important role of the colonial liberation struggles. But the greatest "concretization" of the Marxian doctrines is the existence and role of the Soviet Union as the basis of the proletarian world revolution.

All that Leninism has contributed as concretization of the Marxian doctrine, does not change the Marxian law in the least. On the contrary. All the glaring contradictions of imperialism in the present epoch have their root in the fundamental contradiction laid down in the Marxian law. For does not, for instance, the accentuation of the Anglo-American antagonism show that the monopoly of capital has become a fetter upon the capitalist mode of production? This fetter is felt now distinctly in both countries by the capitalists, as well as by the workers and the unemployed. The British capitalists seem to think that the American monopoly of capital is becoming a fetter upon the British capitalism, whereas the bourgeoisie of the United States thinks that it is the other way round. Hence, the struggle. Or let us take the development of the productive forces of India: is it not fettered through the monopoly of capital of the British imperialism? Is it not the same with the development of China through the British and Japanese monopoly, etc.? This is certainly the case. The capitalist environment, on its part, is an impediment to the full development of the productive forces of the Soviet Union.

We must not even for a minute leave out of account what Lenin said: "This accentuation of differences constitutes the most powerful driving force of the historical transition epoch"—the epoch of imperialism. This was the view of the great revolutionary Marxist, and this has never been so true as in the present epoch of imperialism.

II. THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTUAL ANTAGONISMS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS.

The Soviet Union and the Capitalist World.

Parallel with the socialist development and consolidation of the Soviet Union, its international influence, the activity of the proletariat and support for the Soviet Union on the part of the toiling masses of the oppressed peoples, are increasing. All the more, however, is the predatory aggressiveness of imperialism against the Soviet Union increasing. Owing to the growing imperialist appetite of the capitalist environment of the Soviet Union and to the aspirations of this environment as a result of internal economic difficulties, to open up the biggest potential sales market, the differences between the capitalist states and the Soviet Union entered upon a new acute phase after the first years of the relative stabilization of capitalism. Not only the hostile encirclement policy and finance blockade, but also direct war preparations against the Soviet Union are being relentlessly pursued.

The feverish armaments of the border states of the Soviet Union, the various military agreements between Poland and Rumania, the active leading participation of the French General Staff in the organization of the Polish and Rumanian armies, Great Britain's machinations against the Soviet Union on Afghan territory (frontier raids of the White-Bukhara and Chinese gangs, the police raid on the Soviet Consulate in China, etc.), bear witness of this.

In the Anglo-French anti-Soviet bloc, the role of French imperialism as organizer of war against the Soviet Union has become very prominent lately. Through this war, French imperialism—by utilizing its eastern vassals, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Rumania—would like to make a decisive step towards the subjugation of the whole European continent to its direct or indirect domination.

Does not of course mean that they are united in the so-called Russian does not of course mean that they are united in the so-called Russian question. These are two different matters: there can be no complete unity among robbers, as Lenin has pointed out.

There is a MacDonald government now in Britain; what will this mean in regard to the war policy against the Soviet Union? I think, only a step backward in order to make two steps forward. Even the British bourgeoisie was not quite united in its policy towards the Soviet Union. Chamberlain and Baldwin enforced the war policy as much as they could, but they were not very successful. MacDonald's mission is to continue this policy in a roundabout way.

The parties of the Second International are certainly more aggressive towards the Soviet Union than some capitalist circles. This is directly connected with their role of agency of the bourgeois counter-revolution in the labor movement. Their whole political existence is threatened by the revolutionization process of the workers in the capitalist countries, on which process the socialist constructive work of the Soviet Union has a direct influence. The seemingly considerable difference between the "pacifist" policy of the labor government, and, for instance, the frankly social-fascist policy of the S. P. of Germany, is after all only a small temporary "transitional" difference. But more of this later on.

The International Position of the German Bourgeoisie.

The foremost general tendency in the foreign policy of the German bourgeoisie is the sharpening of the anti-Soviet policy. But if one takes into consideration not only this side of the question, but the entire international situation of the German bourgeoisie, one can see that it finds itself at present in a very conflicting situation. A sign of this is the division of German fascism in two camps: social-fascism and German nationalists, between whom an expedient political division of labor has taken place. The so-called "understanding policy" of the new German imperialism in regard to the Anglo-French bloc which was represented in the last years by the S.P.G., the Centre Party, and Stresemann, aims at a certain internal stabilization of German capitalism, even at the price of recognizing French hegemony on the European continent. As compensation for loyal carrying out of the most important conditions of the Versailles Peace Treaty and support to the general reactionary European policy of the Anglo-French bloc, Germany can claim later on certain colonial mandates, etc. But as it is already perfectly clear that the hope of obtaining colonial mandates from the Entente rests on no foundation, the "fulfillment policy" alone cannot satisfy the German bourgeoisie. It is not content with the role of squeezing the enormous war contributions for two or three generations out of the German proletariat and of handing them over to the Entente; it is interested in union with Austria, in the rectification of the eastern frontiers, and especially in obtaining the right to armaments. It is very interested in the conquest of the Russian markets, but only for itself and not for the benefit of Poland and France. It is not interested in further French and Polish expansion which would place Germany between hammer and anvil.

The conflicting situation of the new German imperialism was very evident in the recent discussion of the reparations questions in

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JON GRECEA'S CONVERSION.

JON GRECEA was an untaught peasant. He knew nothing of the great social problems, nothing of what went on outside the little patch in Rumania where he lived and toiled. His parents and his parents' parents, from times immemorial, had always worked on the estates of the Boyars. And from times immemorial he thought that like the lands, he was owned by the Boyars.

When Grecea reached conscript age, he became a marine in the navy. It was war-time. But he did not know what war meant. He only knew that tiny part of it which concerned him directly. He obeyed the orders he was given, he did what he was told to do. A command of others, and for ends that he did not know, he handle a rifle just as in former days he handled the plough and the hoe. And little progress did his education make in those gloomy days; he was compelled, like his peasant brothers in uniform, to drill, to try to kill, and try, as well as he could, to avoid being killed!

One day a workman came up to him, handed him a bundle of leaflets and asked him to distribute them among his fellow sailors on the ship. Grecea did as he was asked, without knowing what was written on the sheets, because he could not read and had not learned to be inquisitive.

On these sheets was printed an appeal to the marines, "Brothers, soldiers of the navy. Comrades in uniform, don't fire on your brother in the red army. If the Boyards of Rumania send you to fight against the Soviets of Russia, for Russia is the only country in all the world where the people govern themselves!"

THESE tracts, passing from hand to hand, were discovered by the authorities. Grecea was arrested. Like all political suspects, he was flogged till he bled, and tortured. For a year and a half, he underwent detention in prison, and much brutality. After that he was brought before a court-martial.

Before the military court, Grecea spoke of his childhood and youth. He told what his life had been up to the day when he put on uniform. He explained that till that day he had worked like a beast of burden, as his own people had worked around him or had worked before him, to the end, as he said, that "our sweat should turn to gold." He explained how he had thought that the labor to which he had so far given all his working life was a law of life; that there was a mighty decree whereby he was chosen, so that the sweat of his brow might bring in gold to those who reap golden harvests on earth. He had never thought, any more than his father and mother, as his brothers and sisters, of questioning this great law.

Then he spoke to the presiding officers about the manifestoes; he did not know at the time what he was doing. Not only was he unable to read what was printed on the pamphlets which he had agreed to distribute, but he had not even—such the cloud of passive obedience which had always hung over him—tried to find out.

Socialism and Communism in those days were like words in a foreign tongue, utterly beyond him. He was not even sure that he had heard them mentioned as yet. Grecea then explained that in prison he had been with men "who are called Communists." These brothers in chains had taught him the meaning of the cause which he had worked for in innocence. They told him of the workers' lot, of the monstrous folly and injustice of a social order which turns the army of productive workers into a sort of cattle, owned by a handful of rich scattered among the crowd. They had made him see that Communism would mean the end of these barbarous conditions, the dawn of liberty, of light, of life, for a host of downtrodden slaves.

"JUDGES of the court," said this little peasant called Grecea, "I have told you what kind of man I used to be. But now I am a changed man. And while I suffered I have learned the meaning of these things to which I never gave a thought, and at last I have become a man indeed."

It would have been so easy for him to have avoided sentence by pleading the obvious defense that he was an involuntary agent at the time of committing the act laid to his charge. But here he was, standing before the military tribunal, boldly inculcating himself on a fresh count. This simple peasant deliberately called down a congn punishment upon his head, and, like an apostle, he cried, "Communism is a glorious thing, and if God had ordered the things of this world, this is the Order He would have willed and none other."

Let us record in all piety the actual words that Jon Grecea boldly uttered in that court, knowing that they would pass over the judges' heads and find their way into the hearts of the throng of his fellows:

"Every son of the people of Rumania, every peasant and workman, every soldier and laborer, all who win honest bread, must come together and join the Rumanian Communist Party, must strike down the vampires, and proclaim the new government by the people!"

He was condemned to five years' detention in a house of correction. But when I spoke just now of "congn punishment" I did not use the words inadvisedly. In Rumania, where the death penalty is abolished, there are several ways of reinforcing it behind the official seat of Justice.

WHEN M. Bratiaru, the prime minister, was informed of the words spoken by Jon Grecea before the court-martial, he was seized with great fury. And, of course, to please him, they tried to do away with Jon Grecea by the stock device—"attempt at escape." The success of this method is well known; the prisoner is simply taken out of his cell and shot in the back out in the fields. Then it is explained that he had attempted to escape.

For once, however, the trick was tried and failed. Then they tried poisoning Grecea. But by some extraordinary chance this failed too. The only thing left was a daily course of torture. They deprived him of food; they loaded his arms and feet with chains, and thrust him into that damp, constricted dug-out which is known as the *ghetto*. There for some months he stayed, doubled in two.

Then he began hunger striking. This was exactly what his torturers hoped for; their only wish was to find the way to make him die. But the other prisoners all made common cause with him and hunger-struck too. The prison governor had to give way, especially as the news had got abroad and great bands of workmen and even a section of foreign opinion were showing indignation. The governor then used promises to put an end to the hunger strike and sent Grecea to the infirmary. The little building known as the *infirmeria* in Detana prison is a kind of family vault; men have been known to enter alive now and then, but no one has ever seen anything but corpses coming out. It is the custom of the prison doctor, indeed, to tell the prisoners as much, "with a frightful smile," as one witness told me. Grecea is not dead yet. But he has gone mad. This man who faced his blood-stained judges on a day, and loudly proclaimed before them the truth that he had evolved in his noble peasant mind, is now nothing but a restless phantom that trails his murdered reason about.

But even so, he was once a living voice, testifying to the growth of the Communist International on the face of the earth.

(Continued: The Worst Torture of All.)