

GENERAL STRIKE AND BOYCOTT OF BRITISH SHAKE PALESTINE AS ARABS RESIST TERRORISM

(Wireless By Impeccorr) CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 4.—Jerusalem reports that the severe sentences of Arabs by the British imperialist courts are adding to Palestine unrest. In Haifa three Arab peasants are sentenced to death, twelve to life sentences and four to ten years prison. Even minors are given long terms. Many Arabian demonstrations are taking place in the different towns against the terrorist verdicts. The political prisoners at Jerusalem, Akko and Jaffa, are on a hunger strike for better prison regime. Arabian school children at Naples, participating in the protest strike of the 26th of October against Brit-

ish imperialism, were flogged by the school management, causing great indignation of the Arab population. A general strike is proclaimed and great demonstrations are bringing conflicts with police. A protest strike in all Arabian schools is declared, and Arabian public organizations are demanding punishment of the child floggers or a boycott of all government schools. The Palestine Young Communist League is appealing to both Arabian and Jewish workers to protest against the mistreatment of the Arab children at Naples. The British government commission which arrived on Oct. 24 to "investigate" encountered a boycott, both of it and of British goods.

Visitors at Funeral of Hungarian Worker Arrested by Horthy

(Wireless By Impeccorr) VIENNA, Nov. 6.—Budapest reports that Irma Lenz, a German subject, fiancée of Alexander Loewy, who died Oct. 28 in Hungary's prison hell from torture and hunger strike, was arrested at the cemetery while attending Loewy's funeral. Others attending the funeral were also arrested on a charge of "Communist conspiracy." The German subject, Irma Lenz, is charged with "espionage," although travelling openly and legally. In the prisons where the many Hungarian workers are being murdered, the prison directors permit no visitors and give no information to friends or counsel of the political prisoners, preserving strict silence on what is going on behind the wall.

CHINESE MAKING NEW ATTACKS ON SOVIET FRONTIER

Invasions Force Red Army to Take Action

(Wireless By Impeccorr) MOSCOW, Nov. 6.—Harbin reports that continued arrests of Soviet citizens are made by Chinese authorities. Inhuman tortures are forcing prisoners to make false statements to be used for propaganda in the imperialist press. The Chinese authorities have ordered the German consul, Stobbe, to discharge the Soviet employes now aiding him settle Soviet citizens' affairs. He has refused, and the Chinese are hindering payment of relief to interned Soviet citizens through Stobbe.



IN THE SHOPS

Union Fakery Aid Railway Express Pile Up Millions

(By a Worker Correspondent) CHICAGO (By Mail).—The worst feature of the whole situation at the American Ry. Express Co. is the fact that the Union is wholly prepared to put up a fight. Seventy-five per cent of the workers are not eligible for union membership on account of being extras. And not over half of the regulars are union members. The rank and file of the union realize the seriousness of the situation, yet the leaders hang to the old trade union appeasement—have a conference with the company officials or tell their troubles to some labor board composed of shyster politicians. It was just such tactics on the part of the leaders that put the union at the mercy of the company and surrounded it by barriers that prevent further organization. The leaders entered into two agreements with the officials that completely doomed the union to failure. The first had to do with the hiring of extras; the second related to so-called "ninety day men." A brief account of these agreements will prove the utter incompetence of these leaders if nothing worse. At the time the union was organized extra men worked 8 hours per day. The union protested against these extras and were told

by the officials that it would be impossible to hire all steady men because of the uncertainty of the volume of business over any great period of time. Extras were first hired during the war because the low wage paid by the company prevented it from getting steady men. These men were paid every night, worked eight hours or more per day, often seven days per week. This practice was continued until the company signed a contract with the union for adding it. The union representatives had suggested the limiting of the extras to six hours work per day. The company was quick to agree to this suggestion. Later on the union proposed a four hour day for the extras and this also was readily agreed to by the company. Nothing was said by either party to the agreement regarding the wages of extras although their pay was 52 cents per hour while the regulars' wages had been raised since the war to 62 cents to 68 cents per hour. Union officials often boast to their membership that they were responsible for limiting the hours of the extras to four. If this is true the company is indebted to them for many thousands of dollars in extra profits each year. (To Be Continued)

DETROIT AUTO PLANTS LAYING THOUSANDS OFF

Hudson, Ford Shops Throw Many Out

(By a Worker Correspondent) DETROIT, Mich. (By Mail).—Well, I am writing our good paper the Daily Worker so as other slaves will know what is going on here in Detroit. Work is so bad at this time that the stores are laying off the slaves from one to two days a week. This is so in Sears, Roebuck and Co., out on Gratiot Ave. Say, by the way, this is how they pay the workers at Sears, Roebuck. They pay them \$20 a week and 3 per cent off on a dollar. Well, many auto shops are closed down. Ford works 2, 2 1-2, 3, 4, 5 days a week, just as he needs parts. Out at the Hudson Motor Co. the other day the wagon was called to get one of the slaves for beating up a slave-driver. Say, have you been inside of that auto shop? They have a bunch of girls paying them from \$15 to \$23 a week and the boss talks to them like this—goddam you, hurry up, and so on. A fine bunch of slaves we are. What's the matter with us? Let's wake up and organize into a fighting union. Will we let our masters starve our wives and children, or will we stick together and go out for a living wage? The slaves surely know why they are being starved, but they must not let it go at that. Don't let us be a bunch of yellow dogs, but wake up and join the Auto Workers Union. Well, will do all I can to wake up the slaves, and all I can for our good Daily Worker. R. G. H.

BLAME UMW FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

(Continued from Page One) coal state, and 10,000 of them were in Illinois. But this is not the whole story. Taking the country as a whole, more soft coal was mined in 1924 than in 1913. And in 1928, more coal was mined than in 1924. Thus far, the output this year has run considerably ahead of the output last year. No, the total demand for coal has not fallen below the pre-war level.

HENDRYX TELLS OF RAILROADING

(Continued from Page One) Trenton mill in Gastonia, and Loray mill in Gastonia. He had been in the Loray mill about a year when the strike started. U. T. W. Fraud. All mills have had conditions. Hendryx joined the United Textile Workers at Canapolis, in 1920. The U. T. W. chief took \$2.50 from each worker and left the country, doing nothing whatever for them. He has no use for that kind of a union. The National Textile Workers stays right in the fight, and that is what the workers want. The Loray mill had the worst conditions of any he had been in—12-hour day, even for children weighing no more than 95 pounds, and \$4 a week for these, in addition to their being "cussed around and kicked and abused."

DECISIVE FIGHT SHAKES AUSTRIA

(Wireless By Impeccorr) VIENNA, Nov. 6.—The workers in the Haid works at Stockerau unanimously refuse to admit fascists into the plant and the workers are locked out. Other factories' workers are staging demonstrations of solidarity with the Haid workers. The Communist Party is appealing to all workers to remove fascists from all factories and proclaim a solidarity strike with the workers of the Haid plant. Stockerau was quiet Sunday, but there were conflicts at Moedling near Vienna between fascist "National Socialists," staging a propaganda demonstration for the municipal election, and the provoked workers. Armed police intervened. The Commander-in-Chief of the German Army, General Heye, is expected to arrive in Vienna on a pretext of participation in the dedication of a monument to Field Marshal Hoetzendorf, but the real reason is to hold conferences between German and Austrian army leaders, looking to military support of fascist movements in both countries.

CHIEF BEAL AS HE LEAVES CELL

(Continued from Page One) seeking the punishment of the murderers of Ella May, while at the same time he knows the names of every person in the Essex car from which the yolley came that killed Ella May in broad daylight on the state highway. Major Bulwinkle appears as defense attorney. These two hirelings of the Manville-Jenckes Co. have had their bond of black brotherhood christened and cemented by the blood of Ella May. The main job of these two procurers of the black hundred band who in return for a few favors will take upon himself the heavy burden of the kidnappings, floggings and murders of revolting workers in this Manville-Jenckes principality. It's Their "Honor." The "honor of North Carolina," the commonwealth of pellagra where licenses are issued for the murder of striking workers such as licenses are issued for big game hunting in other parts of the United States, demands one or more indictments for the murder of Ella May. The mill workers have made their indictment already. They know who killed Ella May, and they know that their class enemies are trying to railroad seven organizers of the N. T. W. U. to prison for 20 years.

LEWIS ARRANGED IT

Miners in the northern fields are idle chiefly because their coal has been largely displaced by non-union southern coal. Kentucky and West Virginia operators pushed their output and opened new mines during the war boom, just as all other operators were doing. Since 1920, the output from these states has continued to rise while the output in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio has steadily fallen. Pennsylvania dropped after 1918, but since 1924 the Pennsylvania output has held its own.

WAGE RATES, VARIATIONS IN THE QUANTITY OF COAL, AND FREIGHT RATES

are commonly considered as jointly responsible for the shift from northern mines to southern mines. But the pressure for low wages and the failure of the U. M. W. A. to resist the southern operators' hostility to union conditions are the most basic factors in the situation. Leading Illinois operators have taken a considerable share in developing the southern fields. Peabody Coal—which mined close to one-sixth of the Illinois total last year—has extensive properties in Kentucky and also operates mines in West Virginia.

Austrian Fascists in Berlin

(Wireless By Impeccorr) BERLIN, Nov. 6.—A local group of the Austrian "Home Defense League" was formed in Berlin on Oct. 29, under protection of the German fascist "Stell Helmet" organization.

Went Back to Work and Boasted of the "Good Job" He Had Done on the Defendants, and the Boss Fired Him for Being Such a Fool as to Talk About It.

A Mill Boss Verdict. Hendryx knows very well who the real prosecutors are: not the law but the mill owners and their state. The very men who came to arrest him the morning of June 8 were: General Night Superintendent of the Loray Mill, Jolly; D. C. Goner, overseer in the spinning room; Overseer Rheinhardt, of the carding room; Chief Engineer Kelly of the Loray mill village, and Kelly persons.

Who Is in the South.

Old Ben Coal Corporation has a West Virginia subsidiary. Old Ben and Franklin County Coal are both tied up with Cassett and Company with a Morgan bank in Philadelphia, and both of these Philadelphia banking houses have other coal interests in the southern fields. Chicago, Wilmington and Franklin Coal Company—owner of New Orient, the largest mine in the world—is tied up with Boston interests, talking it with West Kentucky Coal Company, and with the West Virginia mining subsidiaries of the Massachusetts Gas Companies.

Why He Was Picked.

The reason he was picked out, along with six other innocent men, to be railroaded to sentences up to 20 years in prison by the mill bosses, Hendryx says, was because of his activity in the strike and what he saw. He jumped right into it, and during the first two days, when only about 900 were out, made speeches from the corner of the employment office, and pulled out 900 more. Then he was put in charge of the Workers International Relief Store, and when the masked gangsters destroyed it, he told the world he could identify some of them. They were mill superintendents and bosses. He was in charge of the relief store at the tent colony.

Led by Communists, a New Revolt Breaks in Kwangsi, South China

(Wireless By Impeccorr) SHANGHAI, Nov. 4.—The local authorities at Peking have proclaimed a state of war against the activities of rebels. Severe fighting is going on in Honan, where Chiang Kai-shek leads Nanking troops against the Kuomintang army, Nanking's withdrawal of troops from the villages of Hupeh province for fighting the forces of Feng Yushiang, creates the opportunity of greater Communist activity. The Kwangsi district is rising and insurgents led by Communists have occupied Kwangsi town. The Hankow government is most uneasy and has sent a gunboat with a regiment of troops in an effort to check the movement.

Prisoners Need Bail.

After the verdict, the prisoners were worse treated, Hendryx pointed out. They are no longer allowed to get the Daily Worker, and other newspapers are not brought in to them as before. Their bunks have only thin mattresses over the steel, and no covers. It is cold. Food consists of grits, corn bread and pink beans, and that only twice a day.

But meantime, these larger Illinois producers are driving to protect their Illinois investments, no matter what happens to other companies or to the Illinois miners.

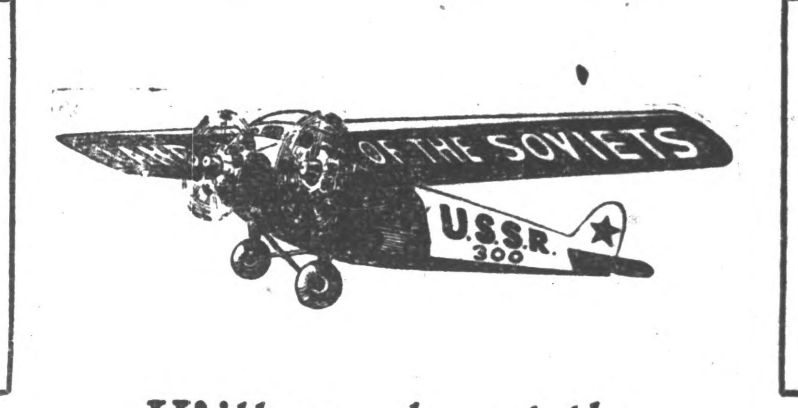
So they are busy consolidating their interests, closing down certain mines, mechanizing and speeding up in other mines, cutting wage scales, continuing intrigues with the U. M. W. A. in Illinois, and facing the militant National Miners' Union with growing hostility. Mechanical loading, which is the latest thing in mechanization for underground mining, has increased in Illinois by more than 50 per cent in the past two years. Illinois now leads all other states in the tonnage of deep-mined coal mechanically loaded, though the percentage of mine output loaded by machine is higher in Wyoming, Indiana, Utah and Montana.

Similar drives for mechanizing and concentrating production have been going on in other states.

Nearly 200,000 men have been frozen out of the soft-coal industry since 1928. And 25,000 of these were in the one state of Illinois. The Lewis and Fishwick answer to this situation was simply to agree to whatever the operators ask, as long as the contract is signed and the check-off goes on. Fishwick's contract call for a wage cut. The National Miners' Union, to which the Illinois miners are rallying now, proposes to recognize the advent of the machine, and since coal per man per hour production has increased sharply, to the great profit of the employers, the N. M. U. demands the six hour day, five day week, and unemployment relief from the operators, administered by the miners. In what the fight is going to be about.—Editor.

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output last year was either strip-mined or deep-mined coal mechanically loaded. This means serious displacement of workers. So in spite of agreements at certain mines for spreading the work around part-time among many, instead of full-time for few, the number of miners employed has decreased far more than the number of tons produced.

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the political character of this strike, although involving only 200 workers, is appreciated fully by the capitalist press. The Charlotte observer this morning carries pictures of the picket line and features this struggle as an event of major importance at this time. The Leaksville Woolen Mill is closed—closed by workers struggling against the stretchout and the tyranny of the mill bosses and their state authorities and struggling under the leadership of the N. T. W. U., which led the Gastonia strike.

GASTONIA, N. C., Nov. 5.—Deputy Sheriff M. V. Wiggins reported that while subpoenaing witnesses to the Ella May hearing he had been warned to get out of town because "we don't want any Bene-dict Arnolds around here."

Another witness, L. H. Baumgartner, an occupant of the truck, identified Haney Thompson, one of those charged, as the man who stopped the vehicle and said: "We got orders to run you Communists out of town."

Ellis was the first witness to identify members of the murder gang today. "I saw the truck coming up the road," Ellis said during the hearing before Judge P. A. McElroy. "An automobile ran in front of it and stopped. The truck hit the car and then he shooting began. There also was some shooting from another car nearby. George Fowler was shooting."

"I saw Yates Gamble, another of those arrested, shoot a man who was running across a cotton field after the folks in the truck jumped off and scattered," Ellis went on, then identified ten others of the men held as present during the shooting. "Troy Jones had a pump gun and was cussing," Ellis said.

George Lingerfelt, driver of the truck in which Ella May and 22 others were riding, identified three of those arrested as members of the gang.

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