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## BIG JOBLESS DEMONSTRATION AT COLISEUM TOMORROW

### The Paris Commune--First Dictatorship of the Proletariat

Fifty-nine years ago today, on March 18, 1871, the first revolutionary workers' government arose in the City of Paris--the Paris Commune, first example of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The traditions of past struggles of our class have immense value for the struggles of today, and for nearly half a century the heroic deeds of the Paris Commune served as the most powerful light for all of the working class that was loyal to its cause. It was through the historical lesson of that great struggle of Paris that Karl Marx, the founder of the Communist movement, was able to define the character of the revolutionary workers' state which would replace the dictatorship of the capitalist class. And it was through these lessons, as studied by Marx and applied to the further experiences of the Russian revolution of 1905, that Marx's successor, Lenin, was able to define the form of the Soviet state which would arise in the proletarian revolution of October, 1917, and its triumph. The establishment of the present victorious Union of Socialist Soviet Republics is the "continuation of the Paris Commune," and this alone can serve as the still more brilliant beacon light of our class.

Never before was it so necessary for our class to understand and honor the glorious revolutionary traditions of our class as today. Today--when the "second Paris Commune" spreads its crimson banner from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific Ocean, and the new, free Socialist society is being built up with a power and a rapidity beyond the boldest hopes of men! When the counter-revolutionary forces of capitalism are feverishly mobilizing for the bloody onslaught intended to destroy the workers' revolutionary state! Today!--when the capitalist world system faces a crisis--when 20,000,000 workers in capitalist countries are facing starvation in unemployment and, with other tens of millions, are learning that only revolution can bring abolition of their misery! Today--when the whole of Asia, which is half of the world, smolders and flames with colonial revolt against imperialism, our common enemy!

The traditions of the Paris Commune must be cherished this year as never before.

The workers of New York should attend en masse the commemoration of the anniversary of the Paris Commune at Central Opera House tonight.

### The Battle With the Bishops

Bishop Manning had 3,000 or so of the capitalist and petty-capitalist class in the cathedral, and Cardinal Hayes had a similar number.

At the same hour of the same day the counter-demonstration of the workers gathered 25,000 of our class in the Coliseum, New York. Even the capitalist newspapers, the most venomous enemies of the working class, could not avoid acknowledging that the workers' counter-demonstration overshadowed the church demonstrations and was the biggest thing of the kind ever seen in the United States. This is as far as New York is concerned. Undoubtedly reports from other cities would show something of the same sort.

We can say that the workers won the first round of this fight.

But the mobilization of the forces of religious superstition, in support of capitalist greed, for the preparation of the minds of the masses for the coming imperialist war against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, will not subside, but will proceed at a more rapid pace.

Religious freedom? The Union of Socialist Soviet Republics has established, for the first time in history, complete religious freedom. That is precisely what these holy men are crying against. They, who never in their lives favored religious freedom, but always depended upon religious compulsion, are shouting against the workers' Soviet Republic precisely because all forms of compulsion in matters of religion have been abolished in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. This is the meaning of the cry behind which the finance capitalists are building up their war plans. History has shown that religion dies when "religious freedom" begins. Religious superstition is inseparable from human slavery, and freedom of man in questions of religion can only be established together with the emancipation of man from economic and political slavery. The church was one of the main instruments of the class oppression of the landlords and capitalists in old Russia as everywhere, and was maintained by a thousand forms of compulsion used against the masses to force them under the control and to the support of the priest. (Manning and the pope said nothing for "religious freedom" then.) The overthrow of the political rule of the capitalist and landlord classes was naturally accompanied by the destruction of all of these measures of compulsion which had been forcing the masses into the stupefaction and tyranny of the church. Then the process of socialization of the economic system has advanced far in the complete destruction of wage slavery. The tremendous building of the new free society without exploitation, without wage slavery, without compulsory superstition, has inevitably resulted in the complete abandonment of the "opium" with which the masses had been satiated when in slavery. The hypocrites and liars of church and synagogue try to make this appear as "denying the right of religious opinion!" But it is the establishment for the first time in history of the full and unrestricted right of opinion on the question of religion. It is the proof in real life that religious superstition, when no longer sustained by police compulsion and when no longer instituted as a social opium in connection with a form of slavery--either chattel slavery, feudal slavery, or wage slavery--inevitably passes out of existence, giving way to a scientific attitude toward life in which there is no room for the ancient sorcery of the priest.

These holy men, the voices of Wall Street, seeking war for the destruction of the workers' revolutionary republic, show their own hypocrisy, when they complain that the Soviet Republic does not permit immature children to be forced into the tender mercies of the priesthood, submitted to the systematic degradation of mind thru medieval teachings of hellfire and superstition. Is there anything conceivable more necessary than the protection of children from this perversion by magicians of the dark ages? But, while the priests, if they are not permitted to impose their mental diseases upon children, "the church will die," because no person can be influenced by them unless he is taken under their control during helpless childhood! So we see what Bishop Manning and Cardinal Hayes and Rabbi Wise really want is not religious freedom but religious compulsion. These parasites who enjoy the results of a great measure of police compulsion in the United States today exercised against the children of the masses, in order to inculcate superstitions of the dark ages in their minds, pretend to imagine that the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics can be persuaded to restore some of these forms of compulsion. They wish to have the masses of the free workers' republic again submitted to the 2,000-year-old bleeding of the masses in taxes for the support of a parasite priesthood. These American holy men, whose institutions, profiting from tax exemption and a hundred other privileges, possess hundreds of millions of wealth (and we have not forgotten that at least until recently some of the properties were in the form of houses of prostitution in New York)--know perfectly well that the workers' revolution will be the end of the parasitic system they represent.

Even now these hypocrites are moving for the suppression of all working-class freedom of political and other opinions. This, however, is not due to an abstract interest in theological questions. What they are interested in is the conservation of the system of wage slavery by which they live and profit and whose agents they are.

The reason for the church drive against the workers' republic is

### 31 WORKERS OF MEXICO JAILED, HUNGER STRIKE

Solidarity Protests Is Asked by Mexican Working Class

U. S. Workers Protest Wall Street Rules by Murder and Torture

(By Special Wire.)

MEXICO CITY, March 17.--On Saturday, Valentin S. Campa, general secretary of the revolutionary trade union center, the Confederación Sindical Unitaria de Mexico, and thirty other revolutionary workers imprisoned by the fascist government of Ortiz Rubio, declared a hunger strike until they attain liberty.

We urge solidarity of the workers of the United States with the revolutionary workers victimized by the Mexican governmental lackeys of Yankee imperialism.

The International Labor Defense yesterday issued a call to all its sections to appeal to the workers attending the anniversary meeting of the Paris Commune, to protest the white terror persecution against the workers of Mexico by the Mexican government.

Wall Street Admits It.

The situation in Mexico as regards the savage white terror being used against the workers, including the outlawing of the Communist Party, the red trade unions, the Anti-Imperialist League, the Red Aid and all genuine workers' organizations, is brazenly admitted by no less an authority than the Wall Street Journal in an editorial of March 17, speaking as follows: "In Mexico, an unavowed but actual counter-revolution has alone saved the people from anarchy. So far as the masses are concerned, they have gained no more real freedom to govern themselves than they enjoyed under the repressive but orderly rule of Diaz, while their living conditions are no better. The shift of power from a single hand to changing groups of political adventurers supported by hands of armed parasites upon the country, has done less than nothing for the proletariat."

We see that from the above even the Yankee imperialists detest the boot-licking lackeys of Calles, Portes Gil and Rubio, who carry out Wall Street's attack on the Mexican workers, and that Wall Street itself admits that all the bank about the regime of these lackeys

the capitalist class' growing fear of the workers' world-wide revolution against capitalism. Their program is not "religious freedom," but an orgy of political reaction and preparation for the imperialist war against the Soviet Union which, if it is not destroyed, means the doom of wage-slavery throughout the world.

But the working class is already showing that it is also capable of campaigns. It is not accidental that this matter arises at exactly the same time as the economic crisis and unemployment. It is not an accident, either, that just at the time when 1,250,000 American workers have newly come under the leadership of the Communist Party of the United States, it is possible to mobilize the American workers to a counter-demonstration against the drive of the churches. The movement of the workers, and the leadership of the Communist Party over this movement, must be made to rise to greater heights, greater militancy, and greater consciousness every day. This movement must be made powerful and must be prepared to throw itself into the defense of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics by every means, when the imperialist war which Hayes, Manning and Wise are now preparing, is precipitated by the Wall Street government.

### Leon Lewis, Arrested Worker, Tells of Whalen's Slugging

Capitalist Government Cannot Stop the Fight of the Unemployed

Leon Lewis, who was arrested at the March 6 mass unemployed demonstration for "striking a cop," when interviewed by the Daily Worker said:

"I was at the demonstration and after the speakers had finished I joined the march to City Hall to help in the demand for work or wages. At the corner of Seventeenth and Broadway, when the police on horseback were scattering the crowd, a cop walked up to me and said 'keep going,' and raised his club to strike me."

"I grabbed the cop to block his blows, and he fell on top of me. Then four or five more cops rushed up to me and started kicking and hitting me. After this beating, I was pinched."

"First I was pinched for having supposed to have hit a cop with a

### Rob Berlin Workers of Their Dead

(Wireless By Inprocorr)

BERLIN, March 17.--The funeral of Frischmann and Karkovski, two victims of the murderous attack by the police under the "socialist" police chief Zoergibel, was due to be held today. Although the order of the Minister of the Interior which prohibited demonstrations expressly excepted funerals, Zoergibel prohibited the funeral procession arranged for the two murdered workers.

Upon this autocratic action, the Communist Party appealed to the workers to line the streets on the road to the cemetery. But yesterday evening this "socialist" police chief, Zoergibel, ordered the confiscation and seizure by police of the corpses of the two murdered workers.

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### NTW WINS THE VANITY STRIKE

Reinstatement of Shop Committee; More Pay

Workers of the Vanity Knitting Mills, 140 West 25 St., voted to strike today and already the boss has given into their demands and the workers return tomorrow. The strike was led by the National Textile Workers Union.

On Friday, March 14, the chairman and two other workers, members of the shop committee of the union were fired. Already the boss had policemen at the door and handed the three workers their weeks' pay and told them not to come back anymore. Immediately the boss tried to split the union. He called a meeting of some of the workers, promised them a raise provided they break all connections with the union, also promised them time and a quarter for overtime after they "proved their loyalty" to him. The shop committee and the union (Continued on Page Two)

having "benefited" the workers is false.

Latin American Labor Protests. The Latin American Trade Union Confederation, with headquarters at Montevideo, Uruguay, uniting the revolutionary unions of all Latin America, including the ones of Mexico headed by the hunger striker Campa, has called upon its adherents to protest and demonstrate against the Mexican white terror. After relating the numerous crimes of the Mexican government, (Continued on Page Three)

### JOIN DEFENSE AS HONOR TO COMMUNARDS

Mass Meeting Tonight at Central Opera House, 8 p. m.

"Fight! Don't Starve!"

Commune Inspiration in Struggle Period

(Wireless By Inprocorr)

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R., March 17.--The Executive Committee of the International Red Aid, has issued an appeal on the anniversary of the Paris Commune, March 18, pointing out that the anniversary occurs in the midst of a rising revolutionary wave of the world proletariat and an increasing crisis which is shaking the foundations of capitalism.

There are twenty million unemployed throughout the capitalist world engaged in constant collisions with the armed forces of the capitalist governments, peasant risings in colonial and semi-colonial countries. Faced by such a revolutionary struggle, plus the rapid building up of socialism in the Soviet Union, capitalism attempts to save itself by intensified exploitation of the masses and a crushing of the revolutionary movement in blood.

The I.R.A. appeal calls upon work-

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### TO ELECT LABOR JURY AT 4 MEETS

Also Select Delegates for Jobless Conference

Today there will be four meetings of unemployed workers called by the Unemployed Council, under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League, to elect members of the Labor Jury to sit in the trial of the representatives of the mass unemployed demonstration on March 6, and to elect delegates to the New York City Conference on Unemployment, which will take place in Manhattan Lyceum, March 29.

These meetings are as follows: 136 15th St., South Brooklyn, at 2 p. m. Columbia Hall, Lake and Stone Sts., Brooklyn, 1 p. m. 1330 Wilkins Ave., Bronx, 1 p. m. Broadway and 37th St., Astoria, L. I., an open-air meeting.

Another general meeting of all unemployed workers is scheduled for the central office of the Unemployed Councils, 13 West 17th St., for Wednesday, at 2 p. m.

### RALLY SUPPORT FOR 'LIBERATOR'

Plan to Build Mass Circulation

Under the leadership of the new industrial Negro proletariat the Negro masses of America have entered the struggle for liberation. Tens of thousands of Negro farm hands have deserted the farms with their wives and children and have entered industry where, faced with capitalist rationalization and discrimination in ages, etc., they are rapidly becoming radicalized. Millions still on the plantations are ripe for organized opposition to the brutal rule of landlordism, which uses peonage, convict labor, lynching, etc., to whip its Negro victims into submission.

Because the exploitation of the

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### Today in History of the Workers

March 18, 1871--Paris Commune, first workers' government in the world, proclaimed. 1835--Dorchester, England, farm laborers exiled to Australia for forming an union. 1919--"Pravda," official organ of Russian Communist Party, reappeared in Petrograd. 1919--Unemployed in Toronto, Canada, marched to city hall to demand work. 1922--General strike of Italian harbor workers. 1925--Employers of Denmark began general lockout to compel wage cuts.

### Today Is 59th Anniversary of the Commune

"Dictatorship of the proletariat! Do you want to know how this dictatorship looks? Then look at the Paris Commune. That was the dictatorship of the proletariat!" Forty years ago, when the first permanent workers' and farmers' government had not yet been victoriously established as in the Soviet Union today, Frederick Engels correctly pointed to the Paris Commune as the first example of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

For two whole months, from March 18 to May 29, 1871, the workers of Paris, those "heaven stormers," as Marx called them, fought heroically to maintain themselves against the parasites and their armies.

For two whole months the workers of Paris fought against the greatest odds to establish a workers' republic free from oppressors and exploiters.

"After six months of starvation and ruin," Marx wrote just before the Commune was drowned in the blood of over 14,000 workers, "they arise beneath the Prussian bayonets, as if a war between France and Germany never existed and the enemy were not standing before the gates of Paris."

The France of the Second Empire, of Louis Bonaparte, had collapsed like a house of cards in the face of the Prussian onslaught. On January 28, 1871, starved-out Paris capitulated before the Prussians.

After the capitulation, Thiers, the new head of the bourgeois republican government, which had been established after the fall of the Empire, made every effort to disarm the Prussian workers organized in the national guard, for the rule of the landlords and capitalists was in danger as long as the Parisian workers held on to their arms.

On March 18 he sent troops to steal the artillery belonging to the national guard. "The attempt miscarried," wrote Engels 20 years later. "Paris armed itself as one man for resistance, and war was declared between Paris and the French bourgeois government sitting at Versailles. The 26th of March, the Paris Commune was elected; on the 28th it was proclaimed. . . . On the 30th, the Commune abolished the conscription and the standing army and declared the national guard, to which all citizens capable of bearing arms were to belong, as the sole

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### POTASH, WEISS BAIL IS \$10,000

Furriers Attacked By Thugs to Trial Friday

The case against Irving Potash and the furrier pickets arrested after an attack on them by hired thugs of the International Fur Workers Union, which supplies the furs for B. Abel, where the picket line was attacked, came up in Jefferson Market Court yesterday, before Judge Dodge.

Potash has been held without bail. He is charged with felonious assault, though he was the one assaulted, and cut by the gangsters, Moratzky

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### Letters to Boss Press Show Workers Not Fooled by Lies

One Writes School Principal Steals Food From Jobless; Other Smashes Lies on Soviets

The following are quotations from letters written by workers to capitalist newspapers and other capitalist agencies, on unemployment and the "Work or Wages" demonstrations:

Courts Steal Food From Jobless. "To The Principal of P. S. No. 19: "I hope that you, the principal of P. S. No. 19, are now satisfied. "You took the 'whole pound of meat' from the unemployed parents that kept their children away from school at their unemployed demonstration on March 6, making them go to court and pay their dollars, which reduced the bread of the unemployed parents' children for another few days.

"Yes! You are satisfied! You are the cause of another breadless

days for the hungry children! But, I am not satisfied yet."

Morris Shikman, An unemployed father. "Rotten Lies About the Soviet Union. Royal J. Cunningham, an American of American parents, writes to the Evening World against the 'rotten lies about the Soviet Union. Cunningham says, in part: "I arrived back in New York after spending four months in Moscow, Russia, and I am amazed at the lies your newspapers have been quoting about the Russian people. . . . "The Russian people today are a healthy, athletic race. I know because I have seen them with my own eyes. . . . I have hundreds of photographs of Russia as it is today, and

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### DELEGATES OF 110,000 AGAIN DEMAND WORK OR WAGES FROM CITY GOV

Mass Protest Meetings Tomorrow Will Hear Report of Fight Against Starvation

Paris Commune Meetings Plan Their Defense Workers Pick Labor Jury, Build Convention

"The fight goes on," says the Committee elected to represent 110,000 unemployed demonstrators in New York City. The full committee: William Z. Foster, Robert Minor, I. Arter, Joseph Lesten and Harry Raymond, will appear before the great crowd of workers and the unemployed gathered at 7 p. m. tomorrow in Bronx Coliseum, 177th St. and Bronx River, to report on the progress of the unemployment movement, and the attempts of the bosses' government here to check the protest against starvation of the jobless workers. The meeting tomorrow is a great protest against the railroading of the elected representatives of the unemployed to jail. Their trial is set for next Monday.

The committee continues to carry out the task assigned to it, and for which it was arrested. While Foster, Arter, Minor, Raymond and

Lesten are before the masses of workers at the meeting tomorrow there will be before the Tammany city government's board of estimates a formal set of demands, sent today, and signed by the whole committee, in confirmation of the resolution and demands of the Union Square Demonstration, which they presented in person to the same board Friday, as soon as they were out of jail.

In the Name of 500,000. The communication states: "In the name of the 110,000 workers who assembled in demonstration in Union Square on March 6 on the call of the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League, and who there elected the undersigned delegation, and on behalf of the 500,000 unemployed workers in New York City, and in view of the state of emergency existing in New York City as a result of this unemployment which has assumed the proportions of a national catastrophe for which the proposed building programs and other fake remedies promise no relief of any substantial character but, on the contrary, will be used against the entire working class, we demand:

"1.--Work or Wages; the government shall guarantee every worker regardless of race, sex, age or creed, ordinarily engaged in industries located in New York City and now a resident thereof, a job at his usual rate of pay, or, if unemployed, insurance compensation equal to full wages; all workers partially employed shall receive compensation sufficient to bring their income up to the amount of full wages. This unemployment insurance shall be financed by a tax on all profits, inheritances (which were greater in 1929 than any time in history by billions of dollars), by reducing in the salaries of all high officials, beginning with Mayor Walker, who now receives \$40,000 per year, and by the removal of the tax exemption now enjoyed by the churches on their tremendous properties; and shall be administered by representatives elected directly by the workers, both workers in the shops and the unemployed through their councils.

"2.--Until the unemployment insurance is operative, the city shall make an emergency appropriation for emergency relief equal to the insurance of full wages, and administered as in point 1.

"3.--The sum of 200,000 shall be immediately appropriated as an initial sum for building workers' dwellings, which shall be rented by the city to workers, preference being given to the unemployed, without discrimination against or segregation of Negroes, at the rate of ten per cent (10%) of their income. All evictions of unemployed workers for non payment of rent shall be prohibited.

"4.--In order to reduce the amount of unemployment there shall be established a seven hour day and five day week without reduction of wages for all employees of the city and all workers in public works (Continued on Page Three)

### FACTS BLAST BOSSES LIES

Expose New Campaign of 'Prosperity' Bunk

Precisely at the time that the sharp economic crisis in the United States is worsening, the capitalist press has started a new campaign of perversion and lying about unemployment and the growing of the depression.

It is very evident from the uniform manner in which this propaganda appears in nearly all the capitalist sheets, that the hand of Hoover, Lamont & Co. is behind this new maneuver.

A special section on the front page appears in all the Hearst papers shrieking about "returning prosperity." Nor are the Hearst dope sheets an exception.

In New York, where the Commissioner of Labor has repeatedly contradicted Davis's lying statements about improving employment, we now find Governor Roosevelt revomiting the exploded lies of Hoover, Lamont and Davis.

Roosevelt cannot say that there is an improvement in unemployment. The latest figures of his own Labor Department for February showed an increase in the jobless army. What does he do? He repeats the outworn and blasted promises of Hoover. He says, "The coming spring months will relieve the stress," etc., etc.

What are the facts? All along the line the crisis is worsening, deepening, sharpening and with it unemployment is growing.

Steel and auto production are dropping fast at the most favorable (Continued on Page Three)

### FOUR VASCONCELISTAS HANGED.

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 16.--Four men, all reported to be followers of Jose Vasconcelos, petty-bourgeois candidate for president of Mexico in the last election, were found hanged along the Topilejo road near here the other day. Who killed them has not been revealed as yet.

### USHERS WANTED FOR WEDNESDAY

All comrades who acted as ushers in the Coliseum on March 15, are requested to report for similar duty at 6 P. M., Wednesday, March 18, in the Coliseum.

### FURRIERS MEET THURSDAY.

There will be a meeting of furriers, members of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, Thursday, in Irving Plaza Hall, right after work. All should come.

# FLOCK OF LIBERALS TRY TO RE-HANG FIG LEAF ON CAPITALISM

## Telegram Columnist Offers a Job "Till June," Board of Trade Prefers Fancy to Fact Civil Liberties Against Liberty Minus Permit; Ask Stuffed Clubs to Beat the Workers

Now that the 7,000,000 or more jobless workers in the United States have warned the bosses and their government that the working class will not starve to death quietly, all the hole and corner "remedies" are being trotted out by those whose petty-bourgeois world seems slipping under their feet.

Yesterday, Heywood Brown, a liberal who found out once before in some slight misunderstanding with his boss on the New York World, that capitalism uses the liberals as a fig-leaf and not as a mustard plaster, and who consequently landed on the "Telegram," brought forth a "remedy" for unemployment—the stoutly denying that it was suggested as a solution for anything.

Brown suggests that everybody follow his example, which is: "Give a job till June." He is, he says, going to give one person a job at \$20 a week until June, and he urges everybody to do likewise. But he goes on and invites everybody out of work to write to him stating what they are fit for and what they'll do "in a pinch." Then he invites those who will "give a job till June" to tell him about it. We suggest that those out of work who haven't the money to buy paper and stamps to send letters, simply go down to the Telegram and ask Mr. Heywood Brown about that \$20 a week job.

According to Brown, "prosperity," and other jobs, will be available in June. But that's where he exhibits a child-like faith in Hoover's lies. As to his motives: He says: "If you are satisfied with your present economic status" (speaking to the bosses) and want the current arrangement to continue, please have the foresight to do a little to preserve it." The fig-leaf is as plainly seen here as that which it fails to conceal. The middle class, Brown's god, is getting anxious.

Also, yesterday saw a new lie sprung by the New York Board of Trade. Agreeing with Brown, it "reported" to Governor Roosevelt that conditions have shown "a decided improvement" since February and that there would be more jobs

# JOIN DEFENSE AS HONOR TO COMMUNARDS

## Commune Inspiration in Struggle Period

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ers of all countries to celebrate the anniversary of the Paris Commune, by joining the ranks of the I.R.A., thus strengthening proletarian solidarity and relief work internationally.

Meeting Tonight.

"Don't starve, fight!" is the slogan of the Paris Commune Meetings taking place everywhere this year, today. The heroic class warfare of the Communards over half a century ago, retold at these meetings in a period of rising working class struggle, will be an inspiration to the present day fighters.

The New York meeting will be held tonight at 8 p. m. in Central Opera House, 67 St. and Third Ave., under auspices of the International Labor Defense.

A central point in all the speaking will be the necessity of defense for the more than a thousand workers arrested in the vain attempt of the police to save the greedy bosses from the demands for immediate unemployment relief, and work or wages, during which brutal assaults were made on the hundreds of thousands of demonstrators, and the vast number of arrests made.

Speakers.

Speakers at the Central Opera House meeting tonight will be J. Louis Engdahl, general secretary of the I.L.D.; M. J. Olgin, editor of the Morning Freiheit; Herbert Newton, of the American Negro Labor Congress; Irving Potash, needle trades worker recently knifed by Harold Raymond, and Victor Gyer.

The chairman will be Sam Nessin, N. Y. district organizer of the I.L.D.

A feature of the meeting will be the play, "The Paris Commune," by the Workers Laboratory Theatre, and music by the Workers International Relief Band.

# Haitian Workers Back Liberator-Labor Ball Saturday, March 22

Haitian, American, West Indian and white workers will demonstrate their solidarity with the Haitian workers' struggle in one of the greatest international solidarity demonstrations ever seen in the city. The Liberator-Labor Unity Ball will be held in Rockland Palace, 280 West 155th St., Saturday, March 22, and promises to be a big event in the history of the mobilization of the workers for solidarity struggles and organization.

The Committee on Arrangements for Liberator-Labor Unity Ball announces that there will be some unusual features at this dance together with an elaborate program. Duke Ellington's orchestra, the best jazz players in Harlem, have been engaged for the dance.

Workers of all nationalities are urged to come to the ball and join their voice in solidarity demonstration with the Haitian workers.

Tickets are on sale at the office of the Anic, 799 Broadway, Room 338, New York, and the T.U.U.L., 2 West 15th St., or at the box office.

# JOBLESS, DISEASE FOR PORTORICANS UNDER U. S. RULE

## Imperialism Brings Misery

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico.—Unemployment, along with disease and actual starvation, are the "benefits" conferred upon Porto Rico by Yankee imperialism. Neither the much-touted new imperialist overlord, Roosevelt, nor Santiago Iglesias, the slimy trickster of Yankee imperialism's "labor department," the so-called "Pan-American Federation of Labor," who masquerades as a socialist and betrays the Porto Rican workers to Wall Street, can hide this fact.

Not being able to hide it, both the imperialist Roosevelt, and the imperialist lackey Iglesias, are having to admit it, but in doing so they act as though the miseries of the Porto Rican workers are, so to speak, inevitable as "acts of nature," of something outside the realm of preventable things.

Yet the fact is that Porto Rico has been bled to death by Yankee imperialists, who have robbed the toiling masses of wealth a dozen times greater than the present total valuation, only to leave the workers and peasants who produced all the riches the robbers have taken to Wall Street, in the most abject morass of misery, of pestilence and starvation.

Much effort is made to lay the blame for the misery upon the tornado, and the tornad unquestionably added to the already existing poverty. But Yankee imperialism rule has been more devastating than a hundred tornados, and all the soothe palaver of Governor Roosevelt and the hypocritical lamentations of Iglesias, nor any other imperialist "remedy" will solve the crisis. This must be solved by the revolutionary action of the Porto Rican masses, led by genuine revolutionary workers—the lawyers and capitalist politicians—such as Iglesias and Barcelo, must be thrown overboard.

# ALICE BRADY IN SATIRICAL COMEDY FROM THE FRENCH

## "ARSENAL" AT THE ACME THEATRE

The "Arsenal" is shown now in the Acme Theatre, 14th St. and Union Square. It is a portrayal of the revolution in the Ukraine, of a gigantic struggle between two forces, the Bolsheviks and the reactionary forces of Petlura.

The satire is concerned with showing that while women are supposed to be the weaker sex, actually it is the men who belong in that category. As proof we find buried in a certain cemetery, next to one another, three men, for whose death a certain woman is responsible. The play opens with the three bodies or whatever you desire to call them, holding a counsel of war in which they discuss the female who sent them to an early grave. The first, a youth, tells how when the woman found out that he was penniless gave him the air and how he then committed suicide.

The second man tells the other two, how he married her two months after the boy took his own life. The shock of armours caused the death of this man from heart trouble.

The third of the trio states that as soon as the funeral was over the woman came to live with him, but after a period of time he found out that although he was unusually healthy in the beginning, the demands she makes on him sexually taxed his health. The woman broke him down physically so that he also dies.

In the final act the mother falls in love with the sweetheart of her daughter, but the man repulsed her! The curtain falls with laughter coming from the three graves.

Full of sparkling satire and amusing situations it is a play well worth while seeing.

Miss Brady, of course, plays the woman, while the three men are portrayed by Robert Williams, Mark Smith and Clark Gable.

# Strike-Breakers Hail Whalen's Brutality Against Unemployed

Chief Gunman Whalen, it is rumored, will resign his present job, and return to exploiting workers at Wanamakers. At the same time Whalen's rumored resignation is reported, two enemies of labor make statements approving the boss-ordered slugging of unemployed workers on March 6.

Joseph P. Ryan, president of the Central Trades and Labor Council, Tammany cohort and chief New York strike-breaker in a letter to Jazzy Mayor Walker, praised Whalen's police murderous attack on the unemployed. Along with Ryan, U. S. Department of Labor Commissioner Wood, who collaborates with the shoe bosses against the workers also praised Whalen's brutality against the jobless.

# UNDER MUSIC AND CONCERTS

On Sunday afternoon, March 22, Miss Nadya Chilkovsky and an ensemble of children from a Non-Partisan Schools will give a dance recital at the Civic Repertory Theatre. It is the first theatre of its kind in this country.

# Shoe Workers Holding Important Meeting at Irving Plaza, Thursday

It is now more than six months since the Metropolitan Shoe Manufacturers Association in agreement with the United States Department of Labor locked out 3,000 members of the Independent Shoe Workers Union because they refused to accept wage reductions and open shop conditions," the union states.

"It is the duty of shoe workers that are employed in Union and non-union shops to send financial assistance to these workers by contributions to the Independent Shoe Workers Organization so that help may be given to those in dire need."

Thursday, March 20, at 8 p. m. sharp a membership meeting of the Independent Shoe Workers Union will be held at Irving Plaza, City, 15th Street and Irving Plaza, City. Important business will be transacted and nominations for union officials will be made.

# Rally Support For Liberator

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Negro workers is not only industrial but radical, it is imperative that the Negro masses have their own newspaper, which exposes every form of Negro oppression in this country and links it up with capitalist exploitation of all races throughout the world.

The Liberator is the only Negro newspaper which fearlessly exposes the capitalist system as the Negro's arch enemy, and call him to struggle and organization side by side with his white fellow worker against the system which exploits and oppresses white and black workers.

The instrument for this is the Liberator. Support the Liberator! Send in your contributions at once to the Liberator, 799 Broadway, New York City.

# GO IN GROUPS TO PROTEST MEETING

## Tens of Thousands Are Expected Tomorrow

Calling attention to the fact that tens of thousands of workers and unemployed workers will be at the Bronx Coliseum, 177 St. and Bronx River tomorrow at 7 p. m., to carry on the fight against unemployment, for work or wages and for the immediate release of the workers' delegates elected at the Union Square March 6 demonstration, the Agit-prop department of District 2 of the Communist Party says:

"Only the greatest mass mobilization of workers against the attempt to railroad our heroic comrades members of this delegation, to long terms of imprisonment, will succeed in stopping Whalen and the Tammany administration from its purpose. All militant labor organizations, trade unions, fraternal organizations, cooperatives, Women, Youth, and Negro organizations, etc., are urged to go to the meeting in a body, bringing with them placards carrying their slogans and demands.

Organization Protest.

"Already now information has been received at the headquarters of the Communist Party, New York district, that many organizations have adopted resolutions to protest against the arrest and imprisonment of the delegation. The list of these will be published in a few days. A greater number of resolutions must yet be adopted, copies of which should flood the court where the trial is taking place, the newspapers, etc. Duplicates should also be sent to the Daily Worker for publication. In this way can the working class in New York free the comrades who are facing long terms of imprisonment, that can also defeat the attempt of Norman Thomas, the Socialist Party, and the liberals to turn the attention of the New York workers from the struggle against unemployment and the arrest of the New York delegation and towards the cheap maneuvering which Thomas is conducting with the city officials in order to get more publicity for the next election campaign.

"All out to the Bronx Coliseum!

# All Painters Called to Meet at 73 Ludlow St.

All painters, whether organized or unorganized, employed or unemployed, are called by the Trade Union Unity League painters' section to a mass meeting at Grand Mansion Hall, 73 Ludlow St., at 8 p. m., tonight. The regular membership meeting, to which all are also invited, is held every Friday at 1400 Boston Road, at 8 p. m.

A regular Manhattan membership meeting is held every Thursday at 13 West 17th St., at 8 p. m.

# N.T.W. Wins the Vanity Mill Strike

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were immediately on the job. On Saturday at a meeting of the shop committee the members decided to strike if the three union members are not taken back on their jobs. Yesterday morning the boss agreed to take two back but not the chairlady of the shop, and the strike was on, 100 per cent. All were members of the union.

The boss' brother then came to union headquarters and offered to take all three back if Sarah Chernov would not be chairlady. Again the workers refused.

At five o'clock the boss reported that he accepted all of them, and agrees to Sarah Chernov as chairlady. He also agrees to the demand for an increase in wages, and promises to pay for overtime.

The National Textile Workers Union, New York District, had a representative on the job all the time.

Previously these workers had compelled the boss to stop discriminating against Negro workers, giving them lower wages or longer hours. The police were present when the picketing started.

The union continues its drive to organize all knit goods workers in New York.

# Labor and Fraternal Organizations

Paris Commune Mass Meeting, March 18, at Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave., 8 p. m. Speakers: Engdahl, and others.

Dance Recital.

Nadia Chilkovsky and ensemble of proletarian children, Sunday, March 22, at 3 p. m., at Civic Repertory Theatre.

Harlem Revel Solidarity Dance, Saturday, March 22, Rockland Palace, 155th St. and 8th Ave., Duke Ellington's Orchestra. Tickets \$1; in advance, 75 cents.

Harlem Grand Ball.

Of Italian Workers Club, Saturday, March 22, 8:30 p. m., at Clairmont Hall, 62 E. 106th St. Concert, dance, jazz. Admission 50 cents.

Eighth Annual Dance.

Tendered by Followers of the Trail, Saturday, March 22, at the Carlton, 6 W. 111th St. Admission 75 cents.

Harlem Solidarity Dance.

T.U.U.L. Groups, Unions and Fraternal Organizations should reserve boxes or buy blocks of tickets to be sold to their members for the Harlem Revel Solidarity Dance to be held next Saturday at the Rockland Palace. Proceeds for Labor Unity and the Liberator.

Women's Council No. 14.

Wednesday, 8:30 P. M., 1 Fulton St., Brooklyn. Lecture by Morris Taft on the Paris Commune.

Borough Park I.L.D.

Wednesday, 1:30 43rd St., Brooklyn.

# Communist Activities

Unit Meetings Tonight

Unit 2, Section 4, 8 P. M., 142 E. 103 St., Room 6, Unit 1F Sec. 4, 48 Whipple St., Unit 1, Sec. 4, 8 P. M., 236 Lenox Ave., Unit 8 Sec. 7, 8:30 P. M., 291 Merrimack Ave., Coney Island; Unit R3 Sec. 1, 8 P. M., 27 E. 4th St.

Yorkville Unemployed Meeting

Wednesday, 3 P. M., Hungarian Workers Home, 350 E. 81 St.

Bronx Coliseum Mass Protest Meeting

Against unemployment, for work or wages, for the immediate and unconditional release of the delegation, elected by 110,000 workers, at Bronx Coliseum, Wednesday, 7 P. M., 177th St. and Bronx River.

Unemployment Demonstration

Discussions to be held between March 17 and 22. Get material at District Office.

# ARMS RACE MEET DIES BY INCHES

## But Naval War Plans Go On Rapidly

LONDON, Mar. 17.—MacDonald, speaking for British imperialism, under the disguise of "official spokesman" today said that nothing can be expected from the race-arms conference this week. The delegates from the imperialist bandit powers have been squirming about for an excuse to close the conference doors and go ahead with their naval arms building, which is the real purpose of the capitalist powers.

The "spokesman" for British imperialism said nothing would be done until Premier Tardieu returned to London. Whether anything will be done, outside of what has already been done, namely, a flood of pacifist propaganda to hide the war preparations, is out of the question.

As a maneuver, Lord Alexander of the British Admiralty, announced that the submarine building program would be "temporarily suspended." The cruiser and battleship building program, as well as increasing the air fleet, goes right ahead, and so will the submarine program, just as soon as the propaganda effect of the move satisfies the British imperialists.

# 'Socialists' Rob Berlin Workers of Their Dead

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workers, and their transport to the cemetery secretly, to prevent the workers lining the streets.

The Berlin workers are furious at this hideous seizure of their dead comrades' bodies. The workers' press declares that Zoergiebel's latest chicanery puts Czarism in the shade, as even under the Czar revolutionary burials were always immune from persecution.

United Press dispatches late Monday stated that three persons were injured and twenty arrested in Berlin when Communists clashed with police in a cemetery in the suburb of Friedrichfelde, during the funeral of two workers, Erich Frischmann and Georg Karkovski, who died recently from injuries received in the unemployed demonstrations of March 6. The dispatch states that the Communists defied a police order against having a funeral cortege, and the police attacked the cortege with clubs.

TENANTS RESIST RENT HOG.

The Yorkville Tenant League won its first fight against greedy landlordism today when it successfully resisted a \$18 rent raise. The landlord had attempted to increase rents from \$29 to \$42 per month.

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# BULGARIA, SIGNER OF KELLOGG PACT, JAILS ANTI-WAR COMMITTEE

### Court Refuses Workers Who Demonstrated 1st of August Right Even to Read Kellogg Pact

### Fears Workers Who Don't Trust Capitalist War Makers to End Wars, Who Mobilize Masses

SOFIA, Bulgaria (By Inprecoor Press Service).—The trial of 10 members of the anti-war committee commenced here today. The accused represent the legal mass organizations of the Bulgarian workers, the workers' party, the independent trade unions, the young workers' league and a number of large factories, and have already been in prison awaiting trial for over six months.

They are accused of having conducted an action against the existing order of society on the August 1st last year at the instructions of Moscow. Under paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Law for the Protection of the State they are liable to form five to eight years hard labor.

Their crime is that they organized anti-war demonstrations which took place despite prohibition and despite police terror.

One of the chief accused, Petkov Napokov, the secretary of the Workers' Party, marched at the head of the demonstration in Sofia carrying a red flag.

Another of the accused is Assen Boyadyen a member of the executive committee of the independent trade unions and chief editor of their official organ.

The accused demanded that a number of prominent witnesses should be called in order to give evidence as to the real danger of war and to the fact that the August 1st demonstration against war was international.

The court rejected the demands and also refused a motion that the Kellogg Pact should be read. Comrades Ganka M. Masheva, the editor of the "Working Woman" and N. W. Lenkov, the editor of the "Amnesty," are also amongst the accused.

## Luise Michel—Heroic Fighter of the Paris Commune

(1830-1905)



"I give my heart, my life to the revolution." Luise Michel has been called the soul of the Paris Commune. Ever fighting at the head of the masses, Luise Michel joined the 61st battalion of the National Guard, when the Commune was proclaimed. Side by side with her fellow workers, Luise Michel fought heroically on the barricades of Paris.

## NEW LIES TO KID THE UNEMPLOYED

### Expose New Campaign of Prosperity Bank

(Continued from Page One) period of the year. This is contradicted by capitalist statisticians and economists.

During March the steel industry usually reaches its highest point of production. What is happening now? For the past three weeks there has been a constant drop averaging from four to five per cent of capacity! Auto production is dropping below 50 per cent of last year's production? Are these signs of "prosperity?"

The Journal of Commerce, Wall Street mouthpiece, in an article headed "Declining Tendency of Steel Output Still Noted," (March 17, 1930) says:

"It is probable that the figures pertaining to the rate of ingot production in the United States at the middle of next week will show further declines. It is reported from Youngstown, for instance, that starting this week operations will be 4 per cent lower, to a general average for the district of 65 per cent."

What about the building industry? During 1929 there was a drop of 13 per cent in building activity below 1928. During 1930 the drop is continuing, in spite of the low money rates, in spite of the extraordinary efforts of all the state and national government agencies, and in spite of the thousands of promises by railroads and public utilities to increase their building programs.

Building contracts for February, 1930, show a drop of 50 per cent below last year, according to S. W. Straus & Co., from reports from 572 principal cities and towns in 48 states.

The Journal of Commerce thinks it is "distressing to note from these data the continued downward trend of building operations."

No amount of lying by Hoover and the entire capitalist press can hide the fact that the crisis is sharpening and that unemployment will grow.

It is no accident that these lies increase in number and degree immediately after more than 1,250,000 workers demonstrated on March 6, under the leadership of the Communist Party and Trade Union Unity League, demanding Work or Wages. This campaign of perversion and illusion is the bosses' attempt to fool the unemployed workers and quiet them down with empty words. But it will feed none of them. With the worsening of the crisis and the growth of the unemployed army way beyond the 7,000,000 now existing, the fight for Work or Wages will grow sharper, more determined. The militant workers everywhere must expose the new lies of the bosses and their government.

**• Greek Unemployed in Battle**

ATHENS, Greece (By Inprecoor Press Service).—In Salonika this morning a crowd of unemployed tobacco workers collected in front of the tobacco factory Vix and forced their way into the workshops. Hurling stones and shouting, they were fired upon by the police. In the end police reinforcements ejected the workers from the building.

In the afternoon about a thousand unemployed workers collected in front of the factory of the Austro-Greek tobacco company. Police arrived and were stoned by the workers when they tried to disperse the crowd. Only after the police had used their revolvers did the workers disperse.

Later on similar scenes occurred in front of the Hadjigeorgiou tobacco works where a number of police were badly mauled. Mounted reinforcements attacked the workers and a bitter struggle took place during the course of which a number of police were dragged from their horses and thrashed. Thirteen workers were arrested and maltreated.

WORKERS: CORRESPONDENCE - FROM THE SHOPS

## MUSTEITES PLAN SELL-OUT, ABERLE STRIKERS FIGHT ON

### Strikers and Sympathizers in Kensington Section of Phila. Battle Scab Gunmen and Police

### Pay No Attention to Full Fashioned Hosiery Fakers Appeals for "Law and Order"

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

PHILADELPHIA.—While the treacherous officials of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers, Muste controlled U.T.W., are making a hard attempt for "peaceful" settlement with Aberle and other bosses, the disorders in Kensington and Germantown continue unabated. The scabs by their use of guns have aroused the entire working class of Kensington.

On Monday, March 10, battles occurred throughout the entire north-eastern and Germantown sections.

Monday evening at about 5 p. m. the Director of Public Safety, Schofield, himself, derby hat and all came up to see the pickets at the Aberle plant. Thousands of workers, sympathizers of the strikers had gathered to watch the 200 police "protect" the scabs. Two private detectives probably hired by Aberle started a fist fight to impress the great man. Immediately a riot in which 5,000 people participated took place, even the director being shoved about. The scabs were jeered and hissed by the strike sympathizers. The police immediately got into action for the scabs, and the strikers and their sympathizers

had to fight in self-defense against the scabs and police. Many arrests of innocent workers were made.

At the same time a battle took place at the Rodgers Hosiery Mill in Germantown about eight miles distance. Here 80 additional arrests were made.

In a battle Tuesday night, at Eighth and Venango Sts., between scabs and sympathizers of the strikers at the Aberle plant, 15 were injured and 10 were shot by a scab, Peter Marpone.

The police did not get the best of it until many patrols full of reserves arrived. These reserves brutally attacked the workers, whose number had now grown to 1,000.

The workers are not being intimidated by the scabs and gunner's guns or by the "impartial" brutal tactics of the police against them.

Neither are they listening to the statements issued by Emil Rieve, president of the union, for "law and order." They are determined to win the strike and already many scabs have quit working for the speed-up kings and wage-cut dukes of the hosiery industry, Aberle, Rodgers and others.

—PHILADELPHIA WORKER.

Free The Streets.

"7.—The streets and squares of the city shall be declared open and free for all workers' meetings and demonstrations.

"8.—Free unemployment agencies shall be established under the control of the workers.

"9.—All workers arrested for representing the unemployment movement or for participating in unemployment demonstrations shall be immediately and unconditionally released.

"In presenting these demands, which the delegation will report to the council of unemployed at the mass meeting in Bronx Coliseum, March 19, at 8 o'clock, the delegation warns the workers to have no illusion that the city government will grant these measures of partial relief, although they are well within the material possibilities now existing. Only by the way of revolutionary mass action can the workers fight for these immediate demands, as well as fight against the whole capitalist system with its inevitable consequences of crisis and unemployment. Only by the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government, a Soviet state, such as now is successfully building socialist society in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics can the workers finally solve the problem of unemployment."

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## Phila. Jobless Workers Kids Starving

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

PHILADELPHIA.—In the Kensington and Port Richmond sections, where unemployment as well as low wages and speed-up and part-time work are severest, parents are forced to send children to school without breakfasts, and also without luncheons after the noon recess.

Also many children come to school

without sufficient clothing and shoes worn out.

This section of Philadelphia is the center of the textile industry and also contains large metal plants and tanneries.

The capitalist press of this city has as yet not seen fit to print anything at all about these investigations now being conducted.

—WORKER.

## Firing Hundreds, Sears-Roebuck Profits Soar

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

PHILADELPHIA.—Amongst the 23 chain store concerns showing an increase on the average of 7 per cent in the month of January, 1930, over the month of January, 1929, is Sears, Roebuck & Co., conducting a national business.

A short while ago the Philadelphia branch of this colossal concern fired hundreds of men who had been working seven and eight years in various departments and were about to receive the company bonus. Sears, Roebuck & Co., therefore, saved

huge sums of money, as in nearly all departments they retained only new employes working at lower wages and under the speed-up system.

These men are now walking the streets, unable to secure work of any kind. In discussing the matter one of them referred to the discharge as a "dirty trick," "No, this is not a dirty trick, this is efficiency," replied an alert-minded worker. Mail-order workers must organize into the Trade Union Unity League.

—PHILADELPHIA WORKER.

## Newspaper Merger Hits Phila. Newsboys

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

PHILADELPHIA.—The Curtis-Martin Company, owners of the Philadelphia Public Ledger and the Philadelphia Evening Post and the New York Evening Post have now purchased the Philadelphia Inquirer, the largest morning paper in the city of Philadelphia.

Newsboys have been informed that in the future the sale of both the Inquirer and the Ledger will be in the hands of just one newsboy at each corner. Thus hundreds of newsboys selling the Inquirer separately will be deprived of the \$6,

\$7, \$8 and sometimes \$9 a week they make working in rain, snow and cold as well as on sweltering summer night, yelling their throats out for bigger circulation through the early editions of these papers.

They are required to work seven days a week for these miserable pittance.

Most of these boys come from workers' families to whom even these small amounts of money help to feed large families, where from these families many of the parents are unemployed or working at very low wages.

—PHILADELPHIA WORKER.

## 31 Workers of Mexico Jailed; Hunger Strike

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the assassination of twenty-five revolutionary worker and peasant leaders throughout the country, beginning with the murder of Jose Guadalupe Rodriguez and Hipolito Landeros, the jailing, exile and torture of dozens of the best leaders of the workers, the manifesto of the Latin American Trade Union Confederation states:

"Confronting these facts, we ask that all workers stand up and fight for our brave brothers of Mexico. In all countries, you should carry out mass demonstrations in defense of the persecuted workers and in protest against the reactionary and criminal work of the social fascist and traitorous government of Mexico.

"Send telegrams and notes of protest to all the embassies and representatives of the fascist Mexican government from abroad, in order that the proletarian protest from all countries may be well documented and may echo throughout the world.

"Comrades: For our brothers of Mexico, all into the streets, all into action!

"Down with the traitorous Chiang Kai-sheks of Mexico, Calles, Portes Gil, Ortiz Rubio! Death to imperialism and its lackeys! Long live the revolutionary and anti-imperialist proletariat of Mexico! Long live the Unitary Trade Union Confederation of Mexico!"

backed by American imperialism in the "election" last November, was en route here today for Central America, where, he said, he would await a "call from the Mexican people" to cross the border and lead a revolt against the government of Ortiz Rubio.

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## DELEGATES OF 110,000 PLACE THEIR DEMANDS

### Huge Protest Meeting Tomorrow at Coliseum

(Continued from Page One) whatsoever. No overtime work shall be allowed. A general law providing for the seven hour day and five day week shall be proposed to the State legislature.

"5.—All city officials and police officers responsible for and participating in the brutal and bloody attack upon unemployed demonstration on March 6 shall be dismissed and punished, beginning with Whalen who was personally responsible for the attack.

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## Wall Street Bankers Start Big Rail Merger; More Jobless R.R. Men

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has not been asleep on the job since it recently proposed a giant merger of United States railroads into 21 unified systems. The commission authorized the New York Central Railroad to acquire control of the Federal Valley Railroad Co. of Ohio. The Federal Road is only one of a number of short lines which the New York Central was to take over as part of its own merger program.

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# ON WITH THE DRIVE FOR A COMMUNIST WEEKLY NEWS-PAPER IN THE SOUTH

Note:—Every Tuesday this chart will appear in the Daily Worker and Party language press regularly. Individual contributions or contributions from any organization will be appreciated and listed in a separate column. The main emphasis is placed on the support given through the influence and leadership of the Party press on the language field.

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THE drive to establish a Communist Weekly Newspaper in the South is now open. The importance of such a newspaper cannot be exaggerated. The working class in the South, one of the most brutally exploited sections of the American proletariat, is rapidly awakening to revolutionary consciousness. The class struggle is now raging in the South with ever increasing intensity. The names of Gastonia, Marion, New Orleans, Elizabethton, and other centers of the struggle in the South are hailed not only throughout the American continent but the whole world as the symbols of a great rising working class movement.

But so far, our Communist Party work in the South still left much to be desired. Among the many important problems that we have to tackle, in regard to the South, one of the most important questions, is the establishment of a newspaper which will serve as a center for agitation as well as organization among the southern workers. Our first difficulty in this work, of course, is the question of money. The Organization Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. A., therefore, decided to call upon 23 of our larger language papers to conduct a drive for a fund to establish a Weekly Communist Newspaper in the South. The language papers, in carrying out this important task must rally around them all fraternal organizations and the non-Party masses to the support of this drive. The total amount that we plan to secure is \$5,790, with different quotas allotted to the different papers. This sum will enable the Party to start a weekly in the South. Once started, the southern workers will certainly be able to maintain it.

The results of the drive up to March 15 are listed in the following table. The Lithuanian paper, *Laisve*, stands on top of the list with 50% of the quota already in. The Finnish Weekly *Pennikki*, follows up a good second, with 48% of its quota fulfilled. The Finnish Daily, *Eteenpain*, stands third, with a result of 24%. The results so far are not bad, but there are still 15 papers which have not yet

handed in any sums. We hope the next week's results will show a marked improvement.

Language Papers	Quota	Results to Mar. 15	Absolute Sum	Percentage
Finnish—Tyomies	\$550	—	—	—
Finnish—Toveri	200	—	—	—
Finnish—Eteenpain	300	72.52	217	24%
Finnish—Toveritar	100	—	—	—
Finnish—Punikki	50	24.06	12	48%
Lithuanian—Laisve	400	200.00	200	50%
Lithuanian—Vilnis	400	—	—	—
Jewish—Freiheit	700	25.00	17	3.5%
Ukrainian—Daily News	650	25.00	16	3.8%
Czechoslovak—Obrana	50	—	—	—
Czechoslovak—Rovnost	—	—	—	—
Ladu	600	—	—	—
Hungarian—Uj Elore	500	—	—	—
South Slav—Radnik	500	—	—	—
Russian—Novy Mir	300	14.00	4	4.6%
Scandinavian—Ny Tid	250	—	—	—
Greek—Empros	100	10.00	10	10%
Italian—Il Lavoratore	50	—	—	—
Bulgarian—Saznanie	50	—	—	—
German—Arbeiter	50	—	—	—
Armenian—Nor Ashkar	50	—	—	—
Letish—Amerikas Ziina	50	—	—	—
Esthonian—Uus Elm	30	5.00	16%	
Negro—Liberator	60	—	—	—
Total	\$5,790	\$375.58	6.4%	

Hand in your contributions to the Language Department, C. C., every Friday before 3 p. m. Contributions handed in after this time will be considered as the result of the following week. The result of every week's drive will appear in the Daily Worker and the other language papers every Tuesday, and the weekly papers every issue. Comrades, the struggling millions of the southern workers are in great need of a paper of their own. The pressing events in the South are making this need very urgent. The trial for the Gastonia strikers will come up in April. We must try to get the paper out before that time. You must show your revolutionary enthusiasm and Communist efficiency in this drive. If you want the name of your paper to be on the top of the list every week, hand in your contributions promptly!

Comrades, activate every comrade and sympathetic workers in your Party fractions as well as all fraternal organizations connected with your paper and win for your paper the first place in the Revolutionary Competition in this drive!

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT, COMMUNIST PARTY OF U. S. A.

## LONG LIVE THE PARIS COMMUNE!

By Fred Ellis



The revolutionary spirit of the Paris Commune lives on in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

# The Paris Commune Lives Again

By J. LOUIS ENGDALH.

THE 59th Anniversary (March 18, 1930) of the immortal Paris Commune, more than any other annual commemoration of this historic event, has a special significance for the toiling millions of America, now in the period of ever-sharper class battles with their oppressors, struggling against hunger, unemployment and the growing imperialist war danger.

Not only mighty inspiration but practical lessons in revolutionary class struggles can and must be drawn by American labor from the history-making days of March, April and May, 1871, when the courageous and daring workers of Paris, blazing new struggle trails for their class, took over the powers of government for the triumphant masses.

### Labor Learns Commune's Lessons.

It is exactly in these days of marching millions of hungry jobless, militantly raising the slogan of "Men Fight, Cowards Starve!", that workers readily reflect on the previous struggles of their class. New masses this year will therefore rivet their attention on the Paris Commune's anniversary, learning the significance of this tremendous event.

During the few weeks from March 18th to May 29th the Paris Commune endured against all its foes. Then it was finally drowned in the blood of massacred workers, slaughtered by the tens of thousands by the French bourgeoisie, who were only able to carry out their frightful wholesale murder with the aid of the Prussians at the gates of the city.

The tradition of the French proletariat, to honor the memory of the fallen fighters for the revolution, has become world-wide.

### The Commune Is Immortal.

Lenin correctly said: "The cause of the Commune is the cause of the social revolution, of the complete political and economic liberation of the working class, the cause of the proletariat of the entire world. And in this sense it is immortal."

The ill-starred war with Germany, the sufferings during the siege of Paris, unemployment amongst the workers, the ruin of the petty-bourgeoisie, the indignation of the masses against the upper classes and the authorities who had proved their complete incompetence, deep ferment in the working class, the dissatisfaction of the workers with their situation and their efforts for the establishment of a new social order, all these factors and more combined to drive the population of Paris to the revolution of the 18th of March which placed the power in the hands of the working class.

### Began Decades of Struggles.

The Commune, the flaming example that the workers of Paris gave to the oppressed of the world, in spite of its defeat, continued to live on in the decades of revolutionary struggles of the international working class.

The final goal which the Paris Commune set out to achieve is reflected in all the revolutionary struggles of the toiling masses. It found its heritage in the Bavarian and the Hungarian Soviet Republics, in the Canton Commune of the Chinese revolutionary masses, in the defeat of which American imperialism assumed a leading role.

Thirteen years after the overthrow of czarism in Russia, the mighty, victorious successor of the Paris Commune not only still lives but grows more powerful in the Proletarian Dictatorship of the revolutionary workers and peasants in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, that includes one-sixth of the territories of the whole world.

### Workers Loyal to Commune.

The workers alone remained loyal to the Paris Commune to the last and it is the workers alone who are uprooting the last remnants of capitalism in the Soviet Union and carefully building their classless society. It was Karl Marx who wrote:

"Workingmen's Paris with its Commune will be forever celebrated as the glorious harbinger of a new society. Its martyrs are enshrined in the great heart of the working class. Its exterminators history has already nailed to that eternal pillory from which all the prayers of their priests will not avail to redeem them."

Today the flames of revolution spread over the world. All races are mobilized for decisive struggles. The yellow and brown workers and peasants of China and India press forward to more acute struggles against their imperialist oppressors; Black Africa is in rebellion in Madagascar, along the Congo, in South Africa. In Black Haiti workers and peasants died heroically before the guns of Yankee imperialism, that also faces stubborn resistance in Nicaragua, Colombia, and other Latin-American countries. Thus the colonial and semi-colonial resistance of the plundered peoples everywhere is linked up with the ever fiercer battles waged by labor, jobless and hungry, in the capitalist homelands of imperialism. The revolutionary world front of labor moves forward ceaselessly in its growing offensive against the weakening capitalist social structure.

### Capitalism's Last Blows.

In its last extremities world imperialism does not stop short of every violence against the workers. Mass slaughters in China (more than 80,000 revolutionaries murdered during the first nine months of 1929); wholesale exile of workers and peasants from Indonesia, the colony of Dutch imperialism in the East; mass persecutions and trials in India, Korea, Indo-China, Japan; fascist dictatorships wading knee-deep in workers' blood in nearly every European capitalist country; in the United States nearly 6,000 arrests in the two-year period, 1928-1929; nearly 1,500 arrests during the months of January and February, 1930, with new efforts being made by the so-called Hoover "prosperity" government to legalize the Communist Party and the new industrial unions through the use of revived "war emergency laws," while increasing numbers of workers are being sent to prison for long terms of years. These are all signs of the growing weakness, not of the strength of the waning capitalist social order that seeks to breathe life into its own decaying carcass through the misery that it continues to inflict upon the suffering masses.

World labor today profits by the experiences of the Paris Commune. Many factors contributed to the downfall of the Commune. The French worker and peasant masses did not give it sufficient support. They were not united in a strong disciplined organization schooled in proletarian revolutionary struggles. The revolutionary unity of city and country, that was also absent in the short-lived Hungarian Soviet Republic, but which was fully realized in the Bolshevik seizure of power in Russia, was lacking in the Commune. In spite of the vast efforts of Karl Marx, there was also absent the practical solidarity of the international masses. The Parisian fighters for working class liberation were thus quite isolated. This made easier the victory of the bourgeoisie.

### Build the Unity of Labor.

Here are lessons for the American working class. On this 59th anniversary of the Paris Commune, the toiling masses in the United

# SHARP CLASS STRUGGLE IS WORKERS' ANSWER TO WAGE CUTS

ONE of the most dastardly and hypocritical lies peddled about by the bosses' press is the belly-aching lie that the capitalists have refrained from cutting wages following their "promise" to Hoover four months ago.

"When the President last fall called industry into conference upon means of controlling depression," yesterday's "Wall Street Journal" informs us, "he forcibly recommended a moratorium in wage adjustments either way. Employers and labor leaders alike accepted the idea with a facility which suggested that a delicate question had been tacitly ignored rather than settled. Yet this offhand agreement has so far been observed on both sides. Whether this fortunate condition will last out the depression is, of course, beyond prediction."

It is true that "labor leaders" agreed to Hoover's proposal not to ask for wage increases during the economic crisis,—albeit they knew full well that the bosses had no intention of keeping their sham promises. But it is a lie that wages have not been cut!

The wholesale cutting initiated by the bosses all over the country immediately after the conference only shows up more sharply the throat-cutting and disastrous policy of collaborating with the bosses and the treachery of the A. F. of L. misleaders. It shows the workers who are suffering from wage-slashes, part time work, unemployment and speed-up that the bosses follow only their own class interests; that they haven't the slightest scruple in shifting the burden of the economic crisis on the shoulders of the working class, of forcing millions to starve when their labor does not bring profits to the bosses.

The "Wall Street Journal" tells of an electrical workers' union in Cleveland that "quickly assented to a request that they forego a ten per cent wage increase actually conceded." "Already," the Journal continues, "their lead has quitted an incipient movement to force wages upward throughout the building trades of that city, the consequence of which must have been more than usually disturbing."

This is the "fortunate condition" (for the capitalists) to which the "Wall Street Journal" refers. It is very fortunate for the bosses that there are labor "leaders" ready to tie the workers hand and foot in the interest of the capitalists' profits. It is fortunate that there are bosses' agents in the ranks of the workers who undertake to hold them while the bosses plunder them and cut wages left and right.

Have the bosses cut wages? The Daily Worker has already compiled hundreds of wage cuts since last November. Thousands have not even been reported. The bosses never tell such facts. But it is the working class that is suf-

fering from the wage cuts; it is the employed workers who are having the threat of a vast unemployed army held over them if they will not take the cuts. It is the workers therefore who have a tale of wage cuts to tell.

Even Edward F. McGrady, one of the fat-salaried boys of the A. F. of L. was forced to admit last January that "forty-nine industries in this country have broken their agreements with the President of the United States."

Here are a few cases of wage cuts not mentioned by the Daily Worker in its summary of March 6. The Wright Aeronautical Corporation of Paterson, N. J., fired the 1,600 men on its force, receiving 50 cents an hour when working, and later reopened with women at the rate of \$14 a week. The State High Commission of Montana announced a wage cut for all its workers effective February 21, and amounting to \$1.75 a day, according to the Butte Engineers' Union. The Lynn Shoe Manufacturers Association proposed a 20 per cent wage cut for its workers. Lake Stages bus drivers in Cleveland struck against a cut of one cent a mile. In Philadelphia, the Barrymore-Wilton Rug Co. cut wages 15 per cent. The Chalton Mill in Fall River, Mass., cut wages 38 per cent. The Delgad Cotton Mill of Wilmington, Delaware not only introduced two additional looms for each worker but also reduced the piece rate from \$4 to \$3.15 a million picks. One hundred leather workers employed by the Kirstein Co. in Peabody, Mass., struck against a 10 per cent wage cut last week. The number of cases could be multiplied by similar cuts in every part of the country.

In the face of facts like these, the "Wall Street Journal" concludes that the absence of wage cuts "is one more striking difference between present conditions and those following the 1920 debacle. Employers who then sought and obtained wage reductions were legion... but (they) came face to face with the fighting determination of organized labor that its gains of the war period must be retained in toto."

The differences seen by the "Wall Street Journal" are the product of its own brain, with one exception. It is not the working class, but the A. F. of L. agents of the bosses who have attempted to tie the hands of the workers. The A. F. of L. bureaucrats have openly betrayed the workers. The working class, under the guidance of the Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party will fight before they starve. Ever larger sections throwing the policy of class collaboration overboard. Not class peace, but the sharpest class struggle will be the answer of the American working class.

## Unemployment in India

THE crisis of unemployment that has arisen in India and has become especially acute during the last year is a direct result of the intensification of imperialist exploitation since the war. The problem has become particularly serious among the educated and half-educated middle class, and wide public attention has been attracted to their position by the increasing cases of suicide among the unemployed during the last few months.

Before the war when India was mainly a source of raw materials and food-stuffs and a market for British manufactured goods, the chief object of the imperialists in their educational policy was to create a sufficient number of educated men to occupy positions as minor employees in the Government service and in the commercial companies. The whole school and university system was based on this imperialist need, and the education given was of a more or less literary character, no attention being paid to industrial, technical or agricultural subjects. But even before the war, there was an overproduction in men of this type and there was not sufficient room for them in the imperialist administrative machinery. During and for a short time after the war, there was a sudden development of industries primarily for the supply of Great Britain's war needs, and there was a temporary outlet for the products of the schools and colleges.

But the situation has changed during the last eight years, and industrial and agricultural conditions have worsened. The already heavy pressure upon the soil is increasing owing to the influx of the unemployed and of industrial workers on strike from the towns. Neither the quantity nor the methods of agricultural production have improved, industrial development has been only as rapid as was needed for British capitalist interests but has not been rapid enough to provide employment for the surplus population of the agricultural areas or for the educated middle class, and the depression in the existing industrial and trade situation has led to the dismissal of large numbers of commercial employees and to reductions in wages.

The economic and political situation is best reflected in the textile industry—the leading industry of India. The Indian Textile mill-owners have made fortunes during the last three decades by the direct plunder of their workers, but they are now faced with the serious crisis in the industry. Their ignorance, the inefficiency of their factories, the disproportionately high salaries paid to their managers and agents, the absence of an efficient sales organization and their inability to compete with Lancashire, Japan and America, in spite of the low wages paid to their workers, are forcing the millowners to seek ways and means of enhancing the profits. As these profits must naturally be squeezed out of the workers directly and the broad masses of the consumers indirectly, the millowners have been resorting to rationalization, to attempted reduction in wages, to legislation against the trade union rights of workers, to attempted anti-strike legislation and to demand for increased protection against foreign competition.

The inevitable conflict between the workers and their employers has found expression during the last two years in the historic strikes of hundreds of thousands of textile workers under the leadership of the Girni Kamgar Union. In addition, thousands of employees have been thrown out of work. A further increase in unemployment is bound to result in the near future because of the fact that the U.S.A. capitalists, who suffered a very serious blow owing to the recent collapse of the New York stock market, are expected to go in for a wholesale dumping of their textile and other products.

The result is that hundreds of thousands of employees in the industrial concerns, in commercial companies, in government service, are being dismissed, while the employers are exploiting the unemployment situation to reduce still further already miserable wages of their employees.

Unemployment is most intense among the educated middle class in the provinces of Madras, Malabar and Punjab, but it has also become extremely acute in Bengal. The political consequences of the worsening condition of the middle class are of considerable importance. The intelligentsia, which is either unemployed or extremely ill-paid, has become radicalized during the last few years and is taking an active part in the struggle against imperialism and for national independence. Whereas formerly they were more closely identified with political programs of the bourgeoisie, they are now being attracted increasingly to the organization of workers and peasants with whose interests they to some extent feel that their own are bound up. The rapid growth of Youth Leagues and Student Associations, the active part played by them in workers' strikes, in the trade union movement, in the Workers and Peasants Parties, in the cooperatives, in the Peasant Unions, etc., are results of this increasing radicalization. The unemployed middle class youth are beginning to form themselves in unions. An appeal issued by the B.U. Y.E. (Bengal Unemployed Youth Union) tells them that they "should remember that they have not been born to creep and crawl, wallowing in the deep mire of penury, but to revolt against all tyrannies. It is a revolutionary age they are living in."

But the middle class youths, notwithstanding their growing unemployment and their radicalization are still unclear in their aims. They are clamoring for industrial and agricultural development, they are appealing to the Indian capitalists to build more industries and pay more attention to the educated middle class, they want the government to establish a ship-building industry, to employ them in the army and navy, etc. These appeals to the government, to the Indian capitalists and to the Nationalist leaders, are accompanied by the threat that "the problem, if it remains unattended for a further period of time will compel the youths of the country to oscillate between poverty and revolution."

Another aspect of Indian unemployment is that large numbers of Indian educated and half educated middle class youths emigrate to Burma, Ceylon and the Malay States in search of employment, in the belief that the rubber and tea plantations, the tin-mines, etc. offer lucrative employment. But the unemployment problem in those countries is just as acute as in India, and the competition with Indians in their own countries is leading to a growing anti-Indian feeling finding expression in the slogans of "Burma for the Burmans," "Ceylon for the Ceylonese," "Malay for the Malaysians."

At a meeting of the Bengal Unemployed Youth Union recently held in Calcutta it was resolved to organize an "Unemployment Day" with demonstrations, public meetings, etc., throughout the country. Steps have been taken that the "Unemployment Day" shall be the sixth of March, so that the unemployed in India may demonstrate simultaneously with their comrades all over the world on the International Day set apart for that purpose.

will crumble before the alertness of the world's working class in the face of imperialist dangers.

Build the I. L. D. and Workers Justice. The growing economic crisis, signalled by the crash in Wall Street, and now spreading to all capitalist countries, with its new attacks on the workers, places huge responsibilities upon the International Labor Defense, "The Shield of the Working Class."

The National Executive Committee of the International Labor Defense has decided to carry on an intensive propaganda, recruiting and collecting campaign through March 23, the end of the Anniversary Week of the Paris Commune.

The National Executive Committee calls upon the entire membership and all supporters in affiliated organizations to work energetically during this period for: (a) Millions of workers to be mobilized for the counter-offensive against the employers' attacks and to save workers from prison throughout the colonial and capitalist world. (b) 30,000 new members, including 12,000 Negroes; (c) \$50,000 for the Defense Fund—legal, protest, publicity, literature, organization. This includes assistance to oppressed labor in other countries; (d) 5,000 new affiliated organizations; (e) 50,000 readers for the Labor Defender including 25,000 individual subscriptions. The climax in this campaign will be the Paris Commune Anniversary Meetings in every city and town, mine and mill village, carried out as demonstrations of international solidarity against the ruling class terror in all countries. The two days, March 16 and March 23 will see tremendous mobilizations in district and sub-district conferences everywhere against the criminal syndicalism laws, for the protection of the foreign born against the attacks of the employers and the persecution laws being rushed through congress.

The Paris Commune inspires and rallies the workers of the world to greater and more decisive struggles. Defend the Communist Party, the new industrial unions and all class-struggle workers' organizations against the employers' effort to outlaw them and legalize their activities. Support the new unions in their self-defense struggles, in their efforts to organize the unorganized, in the campaign to build the unity of the employed and the jobless against unemployment, for work or wages.

Carry out the Paris Commune Anniversary campaign of the International Labor Defense, transforming the I. L. D. into a mass organization of the working class rooted in the shops and factories. Build the I. L. D. that will help smash all capitalist's bastilles!

For the unity of the American working class with the oppressed colonial and semi-colonial masses! Fight against the terror regimes in China and India, Japan and Indonesia; against the fascist dictatorships in Europe and against the Young Plan of Wall Street; against the tyranny of Yankee imperialism in Latin America, especially Mexico, Cuba, Haiti, Columbia, Nicaragua and Porto Rico!

Organize against the imperialist war danger! Build the defense of the Soviet Union! Strengthen the revolutionary solidarity of the world's workers!

Avenger the martyrs of the Paris Commune! Smash capitalist class justice and tyranny!

Fight for the liberation of all class war prisoners: Free Mooney and Billings; the Centralia victims; the woodlawn prisoners; Harry Carter; Franklin and Malkin and all others!

For the unity of Negro and white—of workers of all races! Battle against lynching and segregation!