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May Day!

Workers!
On this May Day you are gathering your class forces. You are stretching your muscles, testing your strength!
You are entering the preliminary battles now going on, in order to prepare for the mightier battles yet to come.
Today we fight for unemployment insurance, for work or wages!
In the not far distant tomorrow we will fight for state power, in order that the working class shall itself control its economic life.
Today we fight for a shorter work-day and higher wages.
On some near tomorrow we shall fight for control of the factories, for their nationalization by the Workers' Government.
Today we fight for the streets.
Tomorrow we shall fight for working class power in every phase of social life.
May Day is a day of struggle for our immediate demands, against the capitalist class. At the same time it is a mobilization for the future overthrow of the capitalist class.
On his May Day we fight against imperialist war; for the freedom of the oppressed colonial peoples; for the defense of the Soviet Union; for the international solidarity of the working class.
On this May Day we greet with enthusiasm the tremendous achievements of our brother-workers in the Soviet Union, who are building a mighty socialist economy under the dictatorship of the proletariat.
On this May Day we send our message of solidarity to the rising toilers of India and China, who with unprecedented heroism are blasting out the imperialist rule from their lands, and laying the foundations of the Soviet Power.
We send our greetings of solidarity in struggle to the workers and peasants of the Philippines, and of Latin-America, who suffer especially from "our own" imperialism, which we are pledged to destroy.
To the workers of Germany we send greetings, and our hand of solidarity in their struggle against the fascist and social-fascist bandits who forge the fetters of the Young Plan upon the millions of German toilers. Hail the struggle for a Soviet Germany!
To the workers of the whole world, the revolutionary working class of the United States sends its flaming greetings on this May Day.
Forward to the struggle against unemployment, against the policy of the capitalist class, against the degradation and starvation of the workers!
Smash the "socialist" traitors and aids of fascism. Smash the treacherous leadership of the American Federation of Labor!
Forward to the overthrow of capitalism!
Forward to the Workers' Government!

Capitalism Burns Its Prisoners

Wholesale burning alive of 320 prisoners in the Ohio State Penitentiary has occasioned a deluge of hypocritical disapproval from the capitalist press. It is inconvenient to have such things happen. Such events expose too much the whole system of society to re-examination by hundreds of thousands. But not one comment has so much as hinted at the relation of cause and effect between the capitalist system and the Ohio holocaust. This connection, however, should be sharply clear to every worker. The victims of Columbus were the victims of capitalism.
It is no accident that precisely the United States, country of the most highly developed capitalism, is at the same time the land of the most vicious prison system of any so-called civilized nation. That is logical.
Only in the United States is there such permanent features of the "machinery of justice" as the systematic over-crowding, with every prison containing from fifty to a hundred and fifty per cent more inmates than the prison was constructed to hold; such intolerable conditions of housing, feeding, and treatment generally, that prison revolts of the unarmed convicts in the face of all the state's murder-machinery, have become a regularly recurring event throughout the land.
The desperation which drives convicts to these revolts is a measure of the horrible conditions out of which they arise.
Capitalism knows only one incentive—profits. The only way to make profits out of a prison, is by graft. The whole machinery of "justice" is honeycombed with this graft, but nowhere more than in the prisons. It is impossible for capitalism to eliminate this, for this would require that it no longer be capitalism. This putrid cesspool can only be cleaned by the proletarian revolution.
In the Russia of the Czar, there were also horrible prisons. Since the Workers' Republic was established, the proletarian dictatorship, prisons are still retained, with the difference that now they are mainly occupied by exploiters and counter-revolutionary remnants of the old aristocracy and their lackeys. But the character of the prison regime, even for these enemies of humanity, has been completely transformed. Even in the midst of its most terrible poverty and privation, in its early years, the Soviet Government completely transformed its prisons from the old instruments of torture and vengeance, into factories for producing useful citizens and at the worst to the minimum of social restraint necessary for social control.
We are interested in the evidence of the degenerate individuals responsible for the immediate situation in Columbus—the cravenly Warden, who ran from the prison and thought only of calling the military to "prevent an escape," the degenerate guards who refused to open the cells, the "Warden's daughter" who became excited only when her jewels were endangered (O, what a collection of "jewels" of capitalism they are!)—not because any fixing of "individual responsibility" has any significance. On the contrary, the search for the "responsible ones" is merely the frantic efforts of the capitalist class as a whole to find a goat upon which to load its sins and drive forth into the wilderness.
Capitalism burned the 320 victims in Columbus!
Columbus is only another example that capitalism corrupts and poisons and destroys society; that society can only be healthy when capitalism is destroyed. And only the revolutionary working class can destroy capitalism.

MARINE WORKER UNION ADOPTS ACTION PROGRAM

Proletarian Convention Hammers Out Details of Fighting Union
Foster, Hon. Chairman
On Class Struggle Base International Outlook

"Here we come, the New Red Union of Marine Workers", read a slogan on the hall of the Marine Workers League, 140 Broad St. Approximately over 140 delegates, who won their way through bad weather, and the starvation barrier to the Marine Workers Convention met yesterday and Saturday. And they formed there the Marine Workers Industrial Union.
The delegates came from ship and dock meetings mass meetings of longshoremen and seamen in various parts, from locals of the League, from meetings of the International Longshoremen's Association branches which had revolted against their misleaders.
They were all workers, many in their working clothes. Over half, by actual count, had been members of the I. W. W. in the days when that organization represented the revolutionary union movement in America. They had dropped out of this and the A. F. of L. organizations, confident that the old unions had nothing to offer to improve the conditions of marine workers today.
Adopt Program
On the first day of the convention, it adopted unanimously a program of action, which really formed the union, though late yesterday details of the constitution were still being debated. The union is based on the class struggle, and the constitution will specifically state that it is for all workers in the industry without regard to race, creed or color.
(This program will be printed in full in a coming issue of The Daily Worker.)
Throughout the convention, delegates were still coming in; two delegates arrived from Buffalo on the second day. Over 200 delegates were elected to the convention.
Seat Beal, Foster
In the first session, Fred Beal, Gastonia defendant facing 20 years in prison greeted the convention, and was enthusiastically cheered, assured of support, and support for.
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Lenin on May Day



"Throughout the year the workers, first in one place and then in another, continuously present a variety of partial demands to their employers and fight for these demands. In assisting the workers in this fight, Communists must always explain the connection it has with the proletarian struggle for emancipation in all countries. The first of May must be the day on which the workers solemnly declare that they realize this connection and resolutely join in the struggle."

GILDING STABLES

9 New York Socialist Locals Ask Forwards To Be Progressive
Nine locals of the socialist party in New York have criticized their city and national organization for taking all the class struggle out of the program and statutes of the party.
The new turn seems to be a kind of Americanized Maxton movement, the discontented section realizing that it is necessary to keep up some kind of radical camouflage to fool the workers, who now that under Hilquit and Norman Thomas the S. P. has assumed a too open role of reaction, are not falling into its trap.
The new group assails the Communists the same as the old. But it quaintly enough, asks the yellow Forwards to keep "kowtowing to reactionary labor leaders and adopt a progressive labor attitude!" This is the Forwards, the organ of the party that got the injunction under which they killed Katovis on the picket line, the spokesman of every gunman and gangster who stabs or clubs pickets in every trade fight!

JAIL CARR AND POWERS; BOSSES FEAR MAY FIRST

Death Threat Trial Is Put Over to May 6; Bail Denied
Follow Gastonia Case
Southern Exploiters Dread United Workers

ATLANTA, Ga., April 27.—M. H. Powers and J. Carr, the two Communist organizers who were to be tried on April 21 for "attempt to incite insurrection" and "circulating insurrectionary papers," which is an offense carrying the death sentence in the state of Georgia, are now incarcerated in Fulton Tower Jail. At the special plea of Solicitor-General Hudson, who is prosecuting for the State, the trial was put off until the 6th of May so that Powers and Carr will not be able to take part in the May Day Demonstration.
And Now They Are Refused Bail!
Capitalist interests in Atlanta are fearful of class-conscious workers who for forty-four years have observed their international holiday, May Day. These same interests look with dread upon an organized working-class of the South. They have carefully studied the methods employed by the ruling class of the State of New York, who have just recently meted out long prison terms to the leaders of New York's 110,000 unemployed demonstrators. They are following the methods used in the State of North Carolina against the Gastonia workers.

NEW GANDHI MOVE AGAINST REVOLT

Imperialists Let Him Free to Help Them
BOMBAY, April 27.—After issuing a statement in which he invites the "labor" government to use its imperialist troops against the revolutionary workers and peasants, faked Gandhi is trying to win support from the wide section of Indian masses who are losing faith in his "non-violence" campaign of co-operation with British imperialism.
Gandhi wants to be arrested in order to prove his opposition to the British. But the imperialist masters have found his activity so helpful to them in their fight on the masses that they have scrupulously permitted him to remain at liberty, even though he technically violated the salt tax laws. Gandhi's newest stunt is to stage a showy raid on the government's salt depot at Dharsona, hoping the British will do him the favor of arresting him so that he can keep a stronger hold on the masses, who are fast deserting his betraying outfit.
LAHORE, April 27.—The total rebels killed by the "labor" government imperialist troops at Peshawar totalled 65, with 150 wounded.

ANTHRACITE WORKERS TO DEMAND USE OF STREETS

SCRANTON, Pa., April 27.—Anthracite miners, textile workers in the silk mills and all employed and unemployed workers will demonstrate in spite of the fact that police of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Minersville have refused permits for May Day meetings.
The entire Scranton police force is to be mobilized for May Day. Meetings are arranged at Court House Square, Scranton; Public Square, Wilkes-Barre; Fourth St. Minersville.
The Communist Party calls on workers to demand the use of the streets on the International Day of Struggle.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS RALLY FOR WORK OR WAGES, DEFENSE OF SOVIET UNION; UNITED FRONT IN BIG CITIES

Prepare Defense Against Fascist Attacks; Denounce Boss Attempt to Make it Day of Hypocritical Church Sermons "For Children"

Detroit Workers Smash City Deadline; Illinois Mines to Strike; Big Conference in Paterson and Erie; Factory Gate Meetings

Strike May Day! Picket the shops and factories May First, and call all workers out to demonstrate with the jobless for work or wages! Fight for unemployment relief and employment insurance, paid for by the governments, through taxes on profits and inheritances, and administered by the unions and the Councils of the Unemployed! Fight for the seven-hour day and five-day week! Fight against the speed-up, against imperialist war! Defend the Soviet Union, menaced by the capitalist governments of the world because it is the workers' state, where unemployment has been abolished and wages continually rise, where the workers and farmers, united, are building a new world order.

LABOR DEFENSE, SPORTS, IN CALL

Special May 1 Appeal to Chemical Workers

The May Day Manifesto of the International Labor Defense points out that when May Day was first celebrated in 1886, the working class was militantly struggling against the employers' persecution.
Nearly half a century has past, it continues, and we find the world's workers mobilized against the imperialist war danger, for the defense of the Soviet Union, for "Work or Wages" for the unemployed, for social insurance, for the release of all the class war prisoners, and for the unity of Negro and white workers.
The demand for the release of all class war prisoners is a basic demand on May Day. It is of special importance this year due to the many militant workers now in prison, especially the leaders of the unemployed demonstrations in all parts of the country.
The manifesto reminds its leaders that since last May Day, many workers have been killed by bosses' agents in the class war, including Ella May, the six Marion textile strikers, traction strikers in New Orleans, Steve Katovis, and Gino Mazolla in New York.
At the present time, three militant workers are held on charges that can bring them to the electric chair. They are M. H. Powers and Joe Carr in Georgia, and Leonard D. Doherty in Boston. The statement warns that the Doherty frame-up is another Sacco-Vanzetti case.
International May Day calls for greater resistance against the capitalist offensive on the part of the workers. The workers' right to picket and strike must be defended.
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Demand Release of N. Y. Jobless Delegation

PLYMOUTH, Pa., April 27.—To demand and fight for the release of the Unemployed Delegation, a meeting was held here Sunday, April 13, of the local branch of the International Labor Defense. A collection was taken up to be sent to the national office of the I.L.D. A collection was also taken for the defense of the Cheswick miners.
There are now ready 250,000 copies of a new May Day leaflet which must be distributed today and Tuesday. Wednesday must be left free for a general sale and distribution of 100,000 copies of a special edition of The Daily Worker.
"Organizations affiliated to the United Front May Day Conference are urged to aid in these tasks. Practical detailed tasks energetically performed by every class conscious worker are most important to assure maximum success for our May Day strike and demonstration."
All orders for banners must be turned in not later than Tuesday, 3 p. m. Workers Center, Room 601.

LEAVE VETS STARVE

Vets Unite with Workers May 1st!
WASHINGTON, April 27.—Hoover, who is very quick to give anything to the bosses, and nothing to the unemployed or war veterans, threatens to veto the sop war veterans bill passed by the House yesterday, known as the Johnson-Rankin bill. The bill provides for some increase for a chosen few of the disabled war veterans, but is so full of red-tape that the victims of the last imperialist war would receive the same treatment under it as they receive today from the Veterans' Bureau.
During the debate on the bill it was brought out that Hoover and Mellon gave in tax returns to the big corporations not \$160,000,000 as originally announced by the capitalist press, but \$190,000,000. During the past three years the government has handed out to various big corporations over \$3,000,000,000 in tax returns. Now Hoover will veto a measure which is the merest sop to the ex-servicemen.

MUCH TO DO YET PREPARING MAY 1

Fix Places at Square; How to Get There

With all workers' forces mobilized today and tomorrow for distribution of leaflets, with a mass distribution of Daily Workers on Wednesday, with dozens of factory gate and open-air meetings going on, the May Day preparations drive forward in New York.
The workers here are determined to make this political strike and mass demonstration the greatest ever held, more impressive than March 6.
Find Your Places.
All workers' organizations have their places assigned at Rutgers Square by the United Front May Day Conference. The Daily Worker is preparing a map showing these mobilization points in a coming issue.
The conference gives directions for reaching Rutgers Square as follows:
Take 14th St. cross-town car, off at Delancy St., walk over 3 blocks, or
From West Side, take Grand St. cross-town to Essex St., or
R.-M.T. to Delancy St. and Essex St., on the Canarsie and Jamaica line, or
Third Ave. "L" to Chatham Sq., or
Second Ave. "L" to Canal St., or
R.-M.T. to Boverly station on Coney Island express.
The District Bureau of the Communist Party and the Executive committee of the United Front May Day Conference state:
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All Out to Distribute Leaflets, Daily Worker

INJUNCTION FIGHT IS FAKED ISSUE

Try to Fool Workers About Boss Courts

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Growing out of the fake fight against yellow-dog contract Judge Parker, whom the vote-catchers on the Senate Judiciary Committee rejected, a recommendation has been drawn up by a sub-committee limiting the granting of injunctions against labor organizations by Federal courts.
While the measure has very little chance of passing in the Senate, petty-bourgeois senators such as Blaine, Norris, Shipstead and their ilk, make use of their shadow-boxing attack on injunctions in order to win working class votes in the coming election.
There is a united front between Hoover's friend, William Green, president of the A. F. of L., and the so-called insurgent senators in the question of the anti-injunction bill. Even if passed, the measure would not affect the ability of the bosses to obtain injunctions in their state courts, and does not do away with the Federal court's granting injunctions against the workers. At best, it is an attempt to spread the illusion that the workers can receive "fair" treatment from the capitalist courts.
WRITE about your conditions for the Daily Worker. Become a Worker Correspondent.

The Daily Worker Is Your Fighting Weapon

When engaged in a fight, it is always the part of wisdom to use your strongest weapons.
But how many workers really understand that their strongest weapon is a militant class consciousness, with full understanding of all facts in the struggle, and a fighting working class solidarity? How many workers know that the most effective instrument for creating and developing this fighting solidarity of the workers is the Daily Worker?
This is a truth that must be made a guide to action.
It is impossible to build our workers' organizations without our daily newspaper.
It is only with the Daily Worker that we can mobilize our full strength.
That means, we must build the circulation of the Daily Worker.
Are you doing your part to get new subscribers? Are you helping to build up a house-to-house circulation by carrier? Are you participating in the sale and distribution of bundles of our paper?
And also, are you contributing your small share of money to help cover up the deficit of the Daily Worker until its circulation has grown big enough to pay all its bills?
If you cannot answer "yes" to all these questions, then you are not yet doing your full duty to your class.
All together to boost the Daily Worker circulation.

CZARIST GENERAL SAYS HE AWAITS CALL FOR WAR ON SOVIET UNION

The Moment the Imperialist Bandits Say the Word Will Attack

World Proletariat and Red Army Is Also Ready for Czarist Scum

PARIS, April 27.—That a czarist, white Russian army numbering 175,000 is at the beck and call of the imperialist powers to attack the Soviet Union, was the announcement made yesterday by General Eugenie Karlovitch Miller, worthy successor to the "disappeared" General Koutepoff.

"Our supreme and only aim," said the bloodthirsty czarist murderer, "is to overturn the dictatorship of the Communist Party. We are preparing without fanfare and bugle playing, but when the happy day arrives, and we are called to cross the Russian frontiers, then all our

trained soldiers, our officers, young and old alike, will grab arms and fly to their appointed posts."

Miller's army is composed mainly of the degenerate nobles, land owners and other exploiters, which the Russian workers and peasants shed like so much vermin. Miller and his gang are awaiting the call of the imperialist bandits to attack the Soviet Union, but his joy will not be so unconfined when he meets the vigorous Red Army and the mighty force of the world proletariat who will rush to the defense of the Workers Republic against the czarist and imperialist rats.

Department Store Heads Argue for Harder Work

ALBANY, N. Y., April 27.—Committee hearings on the Mastick amendment to the state labor law has brought a delegation of owners and managers of the biggest New York department stores. The bill is a political bluff, intended never to be enforced, but Bernard F. Gimbel and others thought it better to appear. The provision they fight is

one allowing a full half day off in addition to Sunday once a week for women workers. The department store slave masters argue that a girl ought to work especially hard on Saturday to keep her out of mischief, and that even if the half holidays are scattered through the week, "we'll have to hire more workers."

Capitalists Crow Over Clubs for Paris Labor

Capitalist press dispatches from Paris, France, tell of police plans to use airplanes to direct gangs of uniformed clubbers against May Day demonstrations. If the workers try to move out of the cordons of police thrown around them, say the re-

porters, the "bravest will receive bruised heads as a reward."

Paris workers will soon realize what a capitalist police is for, and Paris workers have made some revolutions, in the past, when they became convinced by tactics such as these.

Hoover Transmits His Master's Voice

WASHINGTON, April 27.—After a luncheon with republican leaders in congress several days ago, chief imperialist Hoover announced that everything was greased to pass the tariff in the form desired by Wall Street.

booming him for presidential nominee of the Democratic Party in the next presidential election. Here we have the complete united front openly exposed of the Tammany clubbers of the unemployed and the petty-bourgeois who in phrases "deplore" the clubbing of the jobsless.

Wheeler Lauds Tammany Clubber

ALBANY, April 27.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, who carries on sham fights against Wall Street, showed his true colors at a banquet given to the Tammany tool, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York. Wheeler made a speech lauding the Tammany governor and

secret conferences were held with the hoodlums in the organization, as well as the Russian czarist white guards, who are going to march for "Americanism."

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Fascist War Vets Hide Real Plans

A braggart statement from the Veterans of Foreign Wars on their plans for May Day were issued Saturday by George William Duggan, chairman of the committee on arrangements. "There will be no flaunting of banners with anti-Communist or other messages," said Duggan. But he did not tell what

secret conferences were held with the hoodlums in the organization, as well as the Russian czarist white guards, who are going to march for "Americanism."

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Police Parade Provocation of the Workers

A regiment of police equipped with steel helmets and each man carrying a rapid fire rifle or light machine gun formed the center of display in the annual police parade Saturday in New York. Near it came the "riot wagons," trucks with high sides, and laden with tear gas bombs and more machine guns.

lice made no secret of the fact that all this preparation was to kill workers if they should "become unruly." Any starving unemployed worker who refuses to die quietly, or any worker on the picket line is considered unruly by the police—agents of the bosses.

But then, the Czar had his police too, rifle regiments, and all.

Whalen Wants Breadlines Plus Blackjacks

In order to carry out the policy of "blackjacks and breadlines" of the Tammany grafters regarding the unemployed, Grover Whalen, chief blackjacker, is actively supporting the Salvation Army drive for \$525,000 to supply the breadline. Most

of the money, if collected, of course, will go to feed, cloth and provide luxurious living quarters for officers of the Salvation Army. Such enemies of the workers as Tuttle and Crain support the starvation army drive.

Beg Hoover to Ditch Parker

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Senator Watson of Indiana and other close Hoover supporters have warned the imperialist chief to withdraw Judge Parker of North Carolina as nominee for the U. S. Supreme Court, as the vote-catchers in the

Senate who heartily favor the Hoover anti-working class and anti-Hoover policies will defeat Parker in order to get support at the coming elections. Watson told Hoover that at the most Parker could get only 40 out of 96 votes.

N. Y. TEXTILE WORKERS FILL PICKET MILL MAY 1

The New York District of the National Textile Workers' Union is calling upon all the workers in the textile industry to be out of the shops and mills on Thursday, May 1.

union, such as "For the 7-hour day, 5-day week, 'equal pay for equal work, regardless of color, age or sex,' 'fight against the speed-up and stretch-out system,' 'fight against wage-cuts,' etc. These stickers have been placed on many mills and factories where textile workers are employed.

All textile workers are called upon to assemble on the corner of East Broadway and Jefferson St. at 11:30 on May 1, from which place they will form lines and parade with the hundreds of workers to Union Sq.

May 1 Call in French, English in Montreal

MONTREAL, Canada, April 27.—There will be a mass demonstration at 10 a. m. May Day at Place Viger Square, and a mass meeting and concert at 8 p. m. at the Gayety Theatre. "Protest Against Starvation, Wages and Unemployment," says the May Day Conference, calling for the demonstration. Leaflets are printed in French and English.

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All textile workers, out of the mills, fall in line and parade from Rutgers Square to Union Square on Thursday, May 1.

ILLEGALIZE SYMPATHY STRIKE

BOSTON, Mass.—Workers in Massachusetts may not legally strike to obtain the union shop. The state senate, by vote of 21 to 7, killed a house measure legalizing such strike

Claude Brohn, who the police charged with throwing a brick during the unemployment demonstration, drew the six months sentence, which he is now serving in Lincoln Heights jail. He was also fined \$500. Vartin Jallalin, accused of pasting stickers, was given 10 days in the same jail. The other worker, Fannie Relin, charged with blocking the sidewalk, was let go. The International Labor Defense defended the three workers.

LABOR AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Notice, May Day Demonstration. All organizations participating in the May Day Demonstration must have their orders for banners turned in not later than Tuesday at 3 p. m. at 24-28 Union Sq., Room 601.

Barbers and Hairdressers T. U. U. T. Tonight at 15 W. 17th St. at 9 p. m.

Women's Council 15 and Furriers' I. M. Mass Day meet tonight at 8:30 p. m. at 727 Allerton Ave. Good speakers.

Women's Council 2. Tonight, 8:30 p. m., 1400 Boston Rd., Bronx. May Day, Harry Eisman.

Women's Council 18. Tuesday, 1275 42nd St., Brooklyn. May Day, Harry Eisman.

Women's Council 21. Tuesday, 8:30 p. m., 239 Schenectady Ave., Brooklyn. May Day, Harry Eisman.

Women's Council 4. Tuesday, 8:30 p. m., 68 Whipple St., Brooklyn. Lecture, Proceeds Workers' School.

May Day Eve Dance, Entertainment. By Upper Harlem Unemployed Council, Wednesday, 1800 Seventh Ave., Admission 25 cents.

MOBILIZE MAY 1 IN PHILADELPHIA

Distribute 25,000 Daily Workers to Workers

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 27.—Workers are circulating 150,000 leaflets and 25,000 copies of the special May Day edition of the Daily Worker to mobilize the greatest mass demonstration and political strike in the factories that has ever been seen here. The main demonstration will be in City Hall Plaza to which will come large detachments of striking workers and jobless mobilized at preliminary demonstrations around the city.

WIN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The conference, besides demanding the release of the New York committee of the March 6 demonstration, voted for the following:

To appeal to all organizations that all their members strike on May 1 and participate as a body in the demonstrations. Those organizations which did not attend the conference shall affiliate now. The various organizations shall raise between them a fund of \$300, to pay for leaflets and Daily Worker, etc.

A committee of 25 was elected to co-operate with the Communist Party in the May Day preparations by sending out speakers to organizations which were not represented arranging meetings before May 1, raising finances, etc.

CONFERENCE ENDORSED THE DAILY WORKER DRIVE

The conference endorsed the Daily Worker drive for a circulation of 60,000 and instructed all organizations to elect a Daily Worker representative to attend the Builders' Conference, the first one to be held on Tuesday, May 20, at 8 p. m. at 1124 Spring Garden St. Please send in the name of the representative to the office.

ARRESTS CANNOT STOP NEGRO WORKERS MEETS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 27.—Police broke up a street meeting held by the Communist Party in the Negro section in Minneapolis, Thursday, and arrested two of the speakers, D. Moses, district Negro worker director, and an organizer of the Trade Union Unity League.

This was the third arrest in the Twin Cities during the last week, a street meeting in the Negro section in St. Paul and a shop gate meeting at the South St. Paul meat packing plant having been broken up and the speakers arrested.

All of these meetings were held in preparation for the May Day demonstration, which takes place in Minneapolis on Bridge Square, 4 p. m.

The meeting at Sixth and Aldrich was attended by over 500 Negro and white workers who cheered the speakers as they were led away to the police wagon, crowding around in demonstration against the police.

Other meetings are being arranged on the same corner.

PROTEST FREES CUBAN WORKER

HAVANA, Cuba, April 27.—Higinio Ordoqui, leader of the strike of 800 chauffeurs, who was secretly arrested by agents of the fascist Machado, was released when the workers militantly demonstrated in his behalf. The strike lasted for one week and was partly successful. The attempt of the bosses to have only one man on each bus was defeated, and a driver and conductor will be assigned to each bus as in the past.

Jail Yetta Stromberg for School Meeting

LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 27.—Yetta Stromberg, who was convicted under the vicious California Criminal Syndicalism law, was arrested yesterday while speaking at an open air meeting in front of Roosevelt High School here.

The meeting had been called preparatory to May Day. Three members of the Young Communist League and one member of the Workers Defense Squad were held on suspicion under the Criminal Syndicalism Law. No bail has been set. The meeting was brutally broken up by student spies and the police.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

Sec. 2 Daily Worker Campaign Dance Saturday, May 10, 25 Union Sq. Jazz band, international dance music.

Union 4. Sec. 4. Tonight, 6:30 p. m., 72 Myrtle Ave.

Section 1. Units 1, A and 3 meet this week at 1800 Seventh Ave.

Y. C. L. Needle Trades. All League members in N. T. W. U. Mass Day meet tonight at 8:30 p. m. at 131 W. 25th St. for important special work.

Section 1 Emergency Task. All unemployed comrades must report to section headquarters. Special work in connection with May Day.

3 Convicted in Los Angeles for March 6

LOS ANGELES, Cal., (By Mail).—Three workers arrested during the March 6 unemployment demonstration were tried and two convicted. They are now serving six months and ten day sentences. The charge against the third worker was dismissed.

Claude Brohn, who the police charged with throwing a brick during the unemployment demonstration, drew the six months sentence, which he is now serving in Lincoln Heights jail. He was also fined \$500. Vartin Jallalin, accused of pasting stickers, was given 10 days in the same jail. The other worker, Fannie Relin, charged with blocking the sidewalk, was let go. The International Labor Defense defended the three workers.

LABOR AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Notice, May Day Demonstration. All organizations participating in the May Day Demonstration must have their orders for banners turned in not later than Tuesday at 3 p. m. at 24-28 Union Sq., Room 601.

Barbers and Hairdressers T. U. U. T. Tonight at 15 W. 17th St. at 9 p. m.

Women's Council 15 and Furriers' I. M. Mass Day meet tonight at 8:30 p. m. at 727 Allerton Ave. Good speakers.

Women's Council 2. Tonight, 8:30 p. m., 1400 Boston Rd., Bronx. May Day, Harry Eisman.

Women's Council 18. Tuesday, 1275 42nd St., Brooklyn. May Day, Harry Eisman.

Women's Council 21. Tuesday, 8:30 p. m., 239 Schenectady Ave., Brooklyn. May Day, Harry Eisman.

Women's Council 4. Tuesday, 8:30 p. m., 68 Whipple St., Brooklyn. Lecture, Proceeds Workers' School.

May Day Eve Dance, Entertainment. By Upper Harlem Unemployed Council, Wednesday, 1800 Seventh Ave., Admission 25 cents.

72 STRIKERS IN BOSTON TO TRIAL

Workers Enraged at I.L.G.W.U. Tactics

BOSTON, Mass., April 27.—Seventy-two strikers belonging to the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union are coming up for trial on Monday in the Superior Court on Monday. Fifty are charged with obstructing traffic, eight with disturbing the peace, thirteen with assault and battery and one for loitering.

The fines imposed in the lower court amount to over \$1,200; and in the case of Morris Sarkowitch, a thirty-day jail term. The entire labor movement is enraged against the provocators of the Schlesinger, I.L.G.W.U., clique who are responsible for railroad Jack Gorvine and Leonard Doherty to jail.

BOSSSES BRIBE THE CLEANERS CLIQUE

The Effrat machine in the Cleaners & Dyers union has promised the bosses to force the drivers to sign individual contracts. This would mean that each driver is tied to the shop, and that if he is forced out of the job he cannot work anymore in the trade, at least not in the same territory.

\$40,000 BAIL AGAINST 12 IN EL CENTRO, CALIF.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (By Mail).—Of the 87 leaders of the Imperial Valley workers arrested April 14 in El Centro and Brawley, 75 have been released and the other 12 indicted under the criminal syndicalism law. They are held in \$40,000 bail each and are now confined in the El Centro jail.

Plot to Deport Toiler to Death in Hungary

GARY, Ind., April 25.—Frank Vukikel, a member of the Hungarian Bureau of the Communist Party, is faced with death upon his deportation to Hungary by the U. S. immigration authorities. Comrade Vukikel was arrested last Monday, and is out on bail of \$10,000 pending deportation proceedings. He was arrested at a meeting called against Hungarian fascists. The U. S. bosses are cooperating with the Horthy regime in attempting to murder this Communist fighter.

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Eisenstein's New Film Coming to Cameo Friday

"Old and New," the new Eisenstein film, will have its American premiere at the Cameo Theatre next Friday.

This film was previously known as "The General Line," and is the directorial work of S. M. Eisenstein, known here for his earlier films, "Potemkin" and "Ten Days That Shook the World." Associated with Eisenstein in the direction was G. W. Alexandrov and the photography was by Edouard Tisse.

The Amkino, representing in the United States the Soviet film industry, and the organization releasing the film, announced that the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures has selected "Old and New" as an "exceptional motion picture." Eisenstein's previous films were also so honored by the board.

The film is especially interesting now as it deals with the subject of "collective farming," a topic which has attracted so much attention in connection with news from Soviet Russia. The film is as unique as the other Eisenstein efforts and its pioneering aspects are assured by the description from Moscow which declares that the stars of the film are "a cream separator, a bull and a tractor."

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"GARRICK GAETIES" TO OPEN IN JUNE

A group of young people who have been connected with the Theatre Guild are now assembling material and a cast for a new edition of "Garrick Gaeties" and the stage of the Guild is being used for auditions. Philip Loeb, Sterling Holloway and Hildegarde Holliday of the previous "Garrick Gaeties" are interested in the new edition.

Dr. Edmond Pauker, acting for the Georg Martin Verlag of Vienna, has purchased the Central European rights to Philip Barry's new play, "Hotel Universe," which will be produced soon in several mid-European cities.

thrown out and scattered in the street.

Units 1, A and 3 will meet at 1800 Seventh Ave.

Harlem Landlord Evicts Section 4

The latest addition to the many evictions by greedy capitalist landlords in Harlem has been the eviction of Section 4 of the Communist Party from their headquarters in 336 Lenox Ave. All furniture was

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DEMONSTRATE MAY 1 AGAINST THE ROTTEN CAPITALIST SYSTEM

Worker Writes of How Bosses Aid the Slimy Salvation Army

Welfare Societies Are Trying to Bolster Up Decaying Capitalism

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK CITY.—The other day I read in a newspaper that the Salvation Army had been granted permission to enter 1,200 places of big business and collect from the workers for the cause of unemployment, etc.

Truly this is how these people who claim to be direct representatives of the capitalists' Jesus try to bolster up their civilization which is fast crumbling, take from the poor, underfed, struggling workers to help the rich roll in luxury. I hope every class conscious worker will show his fellow workers how this rotten system works. It is also interesting to note the various so-called welfare societies who are entering the field to try and save capitalist society. One group will re-educate the middle-aged worker to be a better slave to capitalism. It can't be done. Capitalism is rotten at the core and its parasites such as the churches and politics are also rotten at the core.

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AFL No Good; Chester Worker Wants TUUL

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHESTER, Pa.—Something about conditions for the workers in Chester, Pa. The Baldwin Locomotive Works are only hiring first class patternmakers. The General Steel is building a new plant here with members of the A. F. of L. working at 60 cents an hour on carpenter work and 10 hours a day. The union rate is supposed to be \$1.25 an

Labor Defense, Sports Union, Call for May 1

(Continued from Page One)

This struggle must be linked up with the jobless workers. Another important question is the building of the International Labor Defense into a mass organization. Twenty thousand new members, including 5,000 Negro workers and 50,000 circulation for the Labor Defender, the official monthly organ of the I. L. D. are the aims.

Come In Uniform

"The duty of all worker sportsmen is to come to the May Day demonstration in uniform and to fall into the line of march with club banners and workers' sports signs and slogans, to defend the march and demonstration against the attacks of the fascists and other black reactionary elements mobilized by the bosses against the workers," says a proclamation by the Labor Sports Union of America.

Members and all sympathizers are urged to strike May 1, and come in line of demonstration, to join the defense corps.

Chemical Workers

The International Committee of Propaganda and Action of the Chemical Workers has issued a May Day proclamation, just received in America. It is particularly addressed to the papermakers and sugar workers of our countries, and says:

"In chemical plants everywhere, in the factories producing explosives and poison gases, the most refined methods of rationalization and super-exploitation have become a common feature. Steadily, bit by bit, your already miserable wages are being cut down while you have to work nine and ten hours a day.

"Employed and unemployed! On this May First demonstrate you will further develop the struggles of the masses against capitalist rationalization, the maintenance for the unemployed, for the 7-hour day and the 6-hour day in all harmful occupations, for higher wages, for suitable special labor protection for women and young workers, for the full maintenance of the victims of accidents in work and factory which have become such a regular occurrence in the chemical industry especially.

"Desperate efforts will be made by the social-fascist, T. U. bureaucracy to paralyze and weaken any First of May manifestations. The International Committee of Propaganda and Action calls on you to prepare in organized fashion to give the set-back to these social fascists, to down tools in all plants on that day, and to march out in joint demonstration with the other workers under the fighting slogan of the First of May Committee; organize your Workers Defense sections."

The proclamation calls on all paper and sugar workers to join the unions of the Red International, and to fight ceaselessly to defend the Soviet Union and against imperialist war.

FACE YEAR IN JAIL FOR UNEMPLOYMENT PROTEST

STAMFORD, Conn., April 27.—The cases of Abraham Mackovitz, Louis Goodman, Herbert Newton, Isador Wolfay and Charles McMahon are in court tomorrow morning. These workers are charged with breach of peace and disorderly conduct. They were arrested on March 6 for mobilizing and speaking to 5,000 workers gathered in Atlantic Square.

These five workers face a sentence of one year imprisonment and \$500 fine.

Pacific Coast Workers! Forward to Mass May Day Strike!

By Fred Ellis



MASSES MOBILIZE FOR MAY FIRST

Detroit Workers Smash Barrier to Streets

(Continued from Page One) National Textile Workers' Union, Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union, Food Workers' Industrial Union, and dozens of workers' sports, cultural, educational and other bodies.

Fascist preparations, such as the March of the Jingos in New York, the U. S. government and A. F. L. proclamation to turn May 1 into "National Child Welfare" day, a day of sermons and addresses by city politicians (who support every scheme of increased child slavery ever put forward) will all fail to distract the attention of the workers, who drive on in their fight for Work or Wages.

Smash Detroit Deadline.

DETROIT, Mich., April 27.—The workers of Detroit will demonstrate on the streets on May Day. The city authorities have been compelled to grant a permit. Despite the vicious city ordinance which prohibits all meetings within one mile of the City Hall the Communist Party and the striking and jobless workers will demonstrate by tens of thousands at Cass Park, opposite the Masonic Temple and within the one-mile limit.

This victory was gained by the heroic battles of the 100,000 March 6 demonstrators, in the face of police terror, and is guaranteed by such militancy as has been shown by the 30,000 jobless demonstrating before the Ford plant.

The Communist Party notes: "This victory will not fool the workers. The terror of the bosses, which is expressed every day in the arrest and brutal beatings of workers, will not disappear. On the contrary, they are increasing, as does the militancy and fighting spirit of the workers and the growth of the workers' organizations, particularly the Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party. We will intensify the building workers' defense corps to protect the workers from the attacks of the police and the bosses' fascist bands."

In the evening at 7:30 p. m. there will be held an indoor mass meeting at the large Danceland Auditorium, Woodward at Forest. The admission to the evening meeting is 25 cents, unemployed free. In addition to good speakers there will be revolutionary music.

All workers' organizations should come in mass with their banners, both to Cass Park and to the Danceland Auditorium in the evening.

Illinois Miners Strike.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 27.—There will be a great demonstration

Jailed Leader Calls for Mass Circulation Drive

By I. AMTER (Written In Prison)

Never was there a better situation for making the Daily Worker a mass paper—a paper of and for the masses. The workers know the Daily Worker and with the increased pressure put upon them by the bosses recognize the need of it.

The Daily Worker is fast becoming a paper meeting the needs of the working class. More and more shop workers are writing for it—and more would, if we could make the workers understand what shop correspondents are, and that the Daily Worker is looking for cager to publish news from the shops. This will make the Daily Workers a living, vital thing in the lives of the workers—and they will work it.

Now is the time, as never before, for taking the Daily Worker to all shop gates, to sell, distributed and get subs. There is great discontent in the shops and the Daily Worker is the only paper (outside of the other Party papers) which expresses this discontent.

Now is the time for the whole membership to participate in the Red Sundays—but also making these Sundays every day. A comrade who was put in jail a few days ago told me about getting subs for the Daily Worker a week ago. He went from door to door, here and there getting a rebuff, being told by one old wo-

man that "I never heard of it" and later "I know all about it". But he broke down her opposition and after talking to her husband ten minutes got a sub. Or another case—a group of young Spanish workers, several unemployed among them. After a short conversation, a sub from one of them to "see what it is like" and then they would talk about subs for the others.

Workers are willing to risk 18c a week and if this method is pushed everywhere, the Daily Worker will reach its mark of 60,000 and at last be on the highroad to becoming a mass paper.

Only one thing can prevent it—indifference, neglect or improper organization of Party forces—or failure to utilize the unemployed. This indifference must be swept away. Making the Daily Worker a mass organ is a first-class job for the whole Party—not something to relegate to a few members. It is a political job, connected up with all Party and working class activities. The Daily Worker has vegetated for only one reason—Party neglect, Party indifference.

Today the Central Committee regards the Daily Worker drive as a major political task of the Party—to make it the organ of the masses of workers. The membership of the Party must win this recognition and then, properly organized, proceed to make it reach this goal.

Under the leadership of the conference factory gate meetings are being held and street meetings. The conference demanded the release of Foster, Minor, Amter, Raymond and Lesten. The committee of the New York March 6 demonstration, and voted to build a defense corps to defend future demonstrations.

Shop Meetings Prepare May 1.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 27.—Over 100 workers gathered at noon on Thursday at the Milwaukee railroad shops in Minneapolis, employing 600 workers, and cheered the delegation from the Unemployed Council and the Trade Union Unity League, which came with banners to the gate and held a meeting calling upon the workers to down tools and demonstrate on May Day.

This was the most enthusiastic shop gate meeting yet held at the Milwaukee shop, where the T. U. U. L. is carrying on a campaign to establish a shop committee. With only one-half hour for lunch, the workers listened until the very last moment, reluctant to leave when the whistle blew. The speakers were N. Hurwitz of the T. U. U. L. and M. Carson, a field organizer for the National Miners' Union, Metal Work-

DIG NAVY ARMS RACE IS NOW ON

Anglo-U.S. Rivalries Brought Out

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Expressing the sharp antagonisms between American and British imperialism at the London race-for-arms meet, which Stimson and MacDonald tried to hide, Congressman Britten, chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee, yesterday announced that he would propose the immediate building of ten additional 7,000-ton bruisers with six-inch guns.

Britten will try to broaden the "escape" or "escalator" clause by presenting a bill providing for the building of more than eighteen 10,000-ton cruisers.

This is a perfect example of how the "escape" clause makes the rest of the treaty not worth the paper it is written on.

ers' Section. Daily Workers and the pamphlet, "Out of a Job," were sold. The meeting is one of a series to mobilize the workers in the Twin Cities for May Day. Others are in the Soo railroad shop, the Moline Power Implement Co., the flour mills in Minneapolis and the American Hoist and Derrick, the Dale shop in St. Paul.

The Minnesota District of the Communist Party has arranged four street demonstrations on May Day, as follows: Minneapolis, Bridge Square, at 4 p. m. St. Paul, Rice Park, at 3 p. m. Duluth, Court House Square, at 3:30 p. m. Hibbing, on the iron range, Bennett Park, at 3 p. m. Other indoor May Day mass meetings are being held in various sections of the district.

United Front In Erie.

ERIE, Pa., April 27.—Calling on all workers to participate in the May Day demonstrations, a conference of working-class organizations met here April 23 at 315-Plum St. to arrange plans for the May Day mass political strike.

A fight will be carried on for the right to hold a demonstration in Perry Square. There was a large working-class audience and representatives of working-class organizations present.

"We demand the unconditional release of Foster, Minor, Amter, Raymond and Lesten," read a resolution which was passed unanimously. "Despite the reactionary forces, the Communist Party has made all arrangements for May Day and the workers will demonstrate for the demands of the Communist Party."

TIGHTEN FASCIST GRIP IN FINLAND: ARREST MILITANT WORKERS

Fascist Group Holds Congress and Threats More Severe Measures

Last Remnants of Bourgeois "Democracy" Are Being Wiped Out

HELSINGFORS, Finland (I. P. S.).—The devastation of the printing establishment of the workers' newspapers in Vasa by the fascists, already reported, was the culmination of a series of insolent fascist provocations and acts of violence. During the district meeting of the working youth organizations in Northern Finland the fascists attempted to prevent it by violence, attacking the visitors, tearing their clothing and damaging automobiles, etc. Encouraged by the fact that the authorities did nothing to punish them, they organized fascist "civic meetings" in various parts of the country, at which provocative resolutions were adopted and demands put forward, for instance, for the suppression of the revolutionary working-class movement and the re-introduction of the death sentence in the struggle against Communism. The centre of this fascist movement was Lapua, where for the most part rich landowners and well-to-do peasants are in the majority.

The coalition party (the most reactionary party and the representative of large-scale capital) demands in parliament that the members of the parliamentary fraction of the Workers and Peasants' Party should be arrested and expelled from parliament, that Communist lists should be prohibited at all elections and that workers' newspapers should be suppressed and their printing works confiscated. With the active support of the social-fascists the government has altered the combination act and thus abandoned the workers' organizations to the arbitrary will of the authorities. The new law has already resulted in the suppression of over 200 cultural organizations of the working-class youth and the confiscation of their property. Numerous workers have been arrested. At present proceedings are taking place against 50 workers and 30 workers are in prison for inquiries. The editors of working-class newspapers are being prosecuted and two newspapers have been suppressed for two months.

In March the fascist organizations and the delegate of the "civic meetings" held a national congress which demanded severe repressive measures against the working-class movement, "the expulsion of the Communists from parliament inside 24 hours," the dissolution of parliament, the suppression of Communist electoral lists and the calling of a new parliament to work out more effective laws against the Communist movement. The new fascist organization, "Finnish Burg," was also founded at this congress. This new organization carried out the destructive raid on the workers' press in Vasa.

Fascism is making rapid progress in Finland and the last remnants of bourgeois democracy are being wiped out. One of the main reasons for the present situation is the steady growing economic crisis. Unemployment is increasing and the process of radicalization is going on rapidly amongst the workers and poor peasants. The bourgeoisie is increasing its repressive measures and taking resort to fascism, whereby the social-fascists are rendering assistance. The strengthening of fascism means the strengthening of the danger of war against the Soviet Union.

Bloody Terror in Indo-China

The French Criminal Commission in Indo-China has just passed 39 death sentences, 33 hard labor sentences for life and 9 sentences of 20 years hard labor each. The bloody terror in the Hinterland is still proceeding. A series of villages have been bombed from the air as an ex-

ample and a punishment and many natives, men, women and children have been killed. Jabouille, the French Governor of Annam declares that 400 Communists were arrested prior to the revolt and 2,200 afterwards in Annam alone. The conditions under which the prisoners are being held are frightful.

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PREFACE TO THE PAMPHLET "MAY DAYS IN KHARKOV"

By V. I. LENIN.

The present pamphlet contains a description of the celebrated May Day demonstrations in Kharkov in 1900, drawn up by the Kharkov Committee of the Russian Social-Democratic Labor Party on the basis of reports sent in by workers themselves. It was sent to us as correspondence, but we consider it necessary to publish it as a separate pamphlet because of its bulk, and also because it will be possible to secure wider distribution. In another six months, the Russian workers will celebrate the first of May of the first year of the new century, and it is time we set to work to make the arrangements for organizing the celebrations in as large a number of centers as possible, and on as imposing a scale as possible, not only by the number that will take part in them, but also by their organized character, by the class-consciousness they will reveal, by the determination that will be shown to commence the irrepressible struggle for the political liberation of the Russian people, and consequently, for a free opportunity for the class development of the proletariat and its open struggle for socialism. It is time to prepare for the forthcoming May Day celebrations, and one of the most important measures of this work of preparation must be to get acquainted with what the social-democratic movement in Russia has already achieved, to examine the shortcomings of our movement in general and of the May Day movement in particular, to devise means for removing these shortcomings and obtaining better results.

The Kharkov May Day celebrations illustrate how the celebration of a labor holiday can become a great political demonstration and they reveal what it is we lack to make these celebrations a really great All-Russian demonstration of the class-conscious proletariat. What made the May Day celebrations in Kharkov an event of outstanding importance? The mass participation of the workers in the strike, the huge mass meetings in the streets, the unfurling of red flags, the presentation of demands indicated in leaflets and the revolutionary character of these demands—eight-hour day and political liberty. The legend that the Russian workers have not sufficiently grown up for the political struggle, that their principal duty is to conduct the purely economic struggle, and only slowly and very gradually supplement it by partial political agitation, for partial political reforms; that they must not take up the struggle against the whole of the political system of Russia—that legend has been totally refuted by the Kharkov May Day celebrations. But we desire to draw attention to another aspect of the matter. Although the May Day celebrations in Kharkov have once more demonstrated the political capacities of the Russian workers, they have revealed at the same time what we lack for the complete development of these capacities.

The Kharkov Social-Democrats tried to prepare beforehand for the May Day celebrations by distributing pamphlets and leaflets, and the workers drew up a preliminary plan of the general demonstration and of the speeches that were to be delivered in the Konnyaya Square. Why did this plan break down? The Kharkov comrades say because the forces of the "general staff" of the class-conscious socialist workers were not evenly distributed; there was an abundance in one factory and a lack of them in another; because the workers' plan "was known to the authorities," who, of course, took measures to divide the workers. The conclusion to be drawn is obvious: we lacked organization. The masses of the workers were roused and ready to follow the socialist leaders, but the "general staff" failed to organize a strong nucleus able to distribute properly all the available forces of the class-conscious workers, maintain proper secrecy, i. e., to arrange things in such a way that the plan drawn up beforehand should be kept secret, not only from the authorities, but from all those outside the organization. It must be composed of men and women who clearly understand the tasks of the social-democratic labor movement, and who have absolutely resolved to take up the determined struggle against the present political system. This organization must combine within itself the socialist knowledge and revolutionary experience which has been acquired from the activities carried on for decades by the Russian revolutionary intelligentsia and the knowledge of working class environment and ability to agitate among and lead the masses, which is characteristic of the advanced worker. Above all we must avoid drawing an artificial distinction between the intellectual and the workers; we must not form a "purely labor" organization, but strive to unite the workers with the intellectuals. To illustrate our point we quote the following words expressed by G. Plekhanov: "A necessary condition for this activity (agitation) is the consolidation of the already existing revolutionary force. Circle propaganda can be conducted by men and women who have no mutual contact with each other whatever and who do not even suspect each other's existence. Of course, the lack of organization always affects propaganda, but it does not make it impossible. However, in a period of great social excitement, when the political atmosphere is charged with electricity, when now here and now there, on the most varied and unforeseen pretexts, outbreaks occur with increasing frequency, heralding the approaching revolutionary storm—in a word, when it is necessary either to agitate or remain in the rear, at such a time only organized revolutionary forces can seriously influence the progress of events. Individuals then become impotent; the revolution can then be carried forward only on the shoulders of units of a higher order: Revolutionary organization." (G. Plekhanov, "The Tasks of Socialists in the Fight Against Famine," p. 83.)

Exactly such a period is approaching in the history of the Russian labor movement, a period of excitement and outbreaks on the most varied pretexts, and if we do not wish to remain "in the rear," we must direct all our efforts towards establishing an All-Russian organization, capable of directing all the separate outbreaks and in this way causing the approaching storm (to which the Kharkov workers also refer at the end of the pamphlet) to become, not an elemental outburst, but a conscious movement of the proletariat, taking the lead of the whole people against the autocratic government.

In addition to demonstrating the lack of sufficient compactness and preparedness of our revolutionary organizations, the Kharkov

May Day celebrations also point to another and no less important practical matter. The first of May festival and demonstration," we read in the pamphlet, "was unexpectedly linked up with various practical demands which were presented without proper preparation and which consequently were doomed to failure." Take, for example, the demands put forward by the workers employed in the railway workshops. Of the fourteen demands put forward, eleven represent demands for minor improvements, which can quite easily be obtained under the present political system, as for example increased wages, reduction of hours, removal of abuses. Included among these demands, as if identical with them, are three other demands as follows:

- 4. Introduction of an eight-hour day; 7. Guarantee against victimization of the workers in connection with May Day events; 10. The establishment of a joint committee of workers and employers to settle all disputes between the two.

The first of these demand (Point 4) is the general demand put forward by the proletariat in all countries. This fact that this demand was put forward indicates that the advanced workers of Kharkov realize their solidarity with the international Socialist labor movement. But precisely for this reason a demand like this should not have been included among minor demands like better treatment by foremen, or a ten per cent increase in wages. Demands for wage increases and better treatment can be and ought to be presented by the workers to their employers in each separate trade, for these are trade demands, put forward by separate categories of workers. The demand for the eight-hour day, however, is the demand of the whole proletariat, presented, not to individual employers but to the government as the representative of the whole of the present day social and political system, to the capitalist class as a whole, the owners of all the means of production. The demand for an eight-hour day has assumed special significance. It is a declaration of solidarity with the international Socialist movement. We must make the workers understand this difference, and prevent them from reducing it to the level of demands like free tickets, or the dismissal of watchmen. Throughout the year the workers, first in one place and then in another, continuously present a variety of partial demands to their employers and fight for these demands. In assisting the workers in this fight, Socialists must always explain the connection it has with the proletarian struggle for emancipation in all countries. But the first of May must be the day on which the workers solemnly declare that they realize this connection and resolutely join in the struggle.

Take the tenth demand calling for the establishment of a committee for the settlement of disputes. Such a committee composed of representatives enjoy complete freedom. What may, of course, be very useful, but only if the elections are absolutely free and the elected representatives enjoy complete freedom. What would be the use of such a committee, if the workers who oppose the election of the nominees of the management, who sharply criticize the management and expose their tyranny, are discharged. Consequently, in order that such a committee may be of use to the workers, the delegates must be absolutely independent of the factory management. This can be the case only when free labor unions, embracing many factories having their own funds, and prepared to protect their delegates, are formed. Such a committee can be useful only in the event of many factories, and if possible all factories in the given trade, being organized. Secondly, it is necessary to secure guarantees for the personal safety of the delegates, i. e. that they will not be arrested by the police or the gendarmery. This demand was put forward: 7. Guarantee of the inviolability of the person of the workers. But from whom can the workers demand guarantees for the inviolability of the person and the freedom of the labor unions (which, as we have seen, are necessary for the success of the committee)? Only from the state, because the absence of inviolability of the person and freedom of labor unions is due to the character of the fundamental laws of the Russian state. More than that; it is due to the very form of government in Russia. The form of government in Russia is that of an absolute monarchy. The Czar is an autocrat. He alone passes laws and appoints the higher officials, while the people and the people's representatives have no say in the matter at all. Under such a system of government, there can be no inviolability of person; citizens' associations and particularly working class associations cannot be free. For that reason, to demand guarantees of the inviolability of the person (and freedom of association) from an autocratic state is useless; for such demands are tantamount to demanding political rights for the people, and the autocratic government is called autocratic precisely for the reason that it implies that the people are deprived of political rights.

It will be possible to obtain guarantees for the inviolability of the person (and freedom of association) only when representatives of the people will take part in the passing of laws and in the whole administration of the state. Even if the autocratic government does make certain petty concessions, it will always nullify them by some means or other, unless a body of people's representatives exists to check it. The May Day celebrations in Kharkov proved this again and again. The governor concealed the demands of the masses of the workers, and released the workers who had been arrested. But within a day or two, receiving an order from St. Petersburg, he again arrested scores of workers. The provincial and factory officials "guarantee" immunity for delegates, while the gendarmes seize them and fling them into jail in solitary confinement or banish them from the city. Of what use are such guarantees to the people?

Hence, the workers must demand from the Czar the convocation of an assembly of the representatives of the people, the convocation of a national assembly. The manifestoes distributed in Kharkov on the eve of May 1 this year contained this demand, and we observe that a section of the advanced workers fully appreciated its significance. We must make all the advanced workers understand clearly the necessity of this demand, set them to spread it not only among the masses of workers, but among all strata of the people who come into contact with the workers, who eagerly desire to know what the Socialists and the "city" workers are fighting for. A factory inspector once asked a group of workers what they want-

"DAMN — !"



By FRED ELLIS

Struggle Against Unemployment

By PAT DEVINE.

National Secretary Unemployed Councils. No revolutionary worker requires propagandizing regarding the great importance of the unemployed movement today. On all sides one hears talk about the crisis of capitalism being sharpened because of it. Eight million unemployed and untold other millions of part time workers are literally facing starvation at the moment. This huge army is not docile or afraid but is composed of the most militant sections of the working class who are prepared to fight for "Work or Wages."

This was clearly seen on March 6th when over 1,250,000 workers demonstrated and fought against the oppression of the bosses and their police. Never before had the United States seen such demonstrations.

The capitalist class from the President downwards realized the tremendous potentialities of this movement. They commenced raising all kinds of "will o' the wispis" about prosperity returning within 60 days.

The 60 days have passed and unemployment instead of abating has become more and more accentuated. The unemployed situation today is much worse than it was on March 6th.

Soup kitchen organizations, the Salvation Army, Mr. Zeros, the little Churches Around the Corner and the various governmental institutions are working overtime trying to fool the workers that the unemployment problem can be settled by other means than militant struggle.

Before, and on March 6th the entire force of the revolutionary movement was engaged in the various unemployed councils. Factory gate and street meetings, mass leaflet distribution and intensive activity at the various employment exchanges was the order of the day. Revolutionary workers were devoting a major part of their time to the work inside the various unemployed councils. All seemed to realize that without regularly functioning Councils no real work could be accomplished.

What is the situation in most places today? The Unemployed Councils still exist. However the functions are not going on as

smoothly as before. There is no stable leadership existing. Most of those who were the and blood of the movement before March 6th have picked up their caravans and gone to some other field of activity. They seem to feel that a good job (March 6th) has been well done and that they no longer need to give their attention to the unemployed.

This is a fatal error. Today more than ever it is necessary to give time and energy to the unemployed. Responsible revolutionary workers must work continuously in the councils. If they don't, then the splendid sentiment of March 6th will be concretely organized, not for the revolutionary movement but for the reactionary movement.

A cadre of workers must be built up among the unemployed who will be able to carry on work more or less independently, although always under the general guidance of the Trade Union Unity League which sponsored the first preliminary national conference in New York City. This concrete example of the unity of the employed with the unemployed must be maintained.

Chicago on July 4th and 5th has been set aside for a huge mass unemployed convention. Thousands of delegates from unemployed councils, revolutionary unions, American Federation locals and fraternal organizations must gather at this convention to lay down definite plans for a sharp struggle for unemployment insurance; "Work or Wages" and the establishing of a well functioning National Unemployed organization.

This can only be done with the active and energetic participation of all who made March 6th such a splendid and militant demonstration.

Every city must immediately assign some of the best fighters from their ranks to the unemployed movement. Permanent and well functioning councils are necessary pre-requisites for a successful convention.

Away with the underestimation of the unemployment movement. Forward to the building of a powerful organization, which will guide it into the only channel that can solve the problem, namely, a struggle against capitalism and for a Workers' Government.

ed, and only one solitary voice was heard to say "a constitution," and this voice sounded so isolated that the correspondent communicating this writes humorously: "One proletarian blurted out. . . ." Another correspondent writes, "Under the circumstances," this reply was "semi-comical" (see Labor Movement in Kharkov. Report of the Kharkov Committee of the Russian Social-Democratic Labor Party, published by Rabocheye Dyelo, Geneva, September, 1900, p. 14.). As a matter of fact, there was nothing comical in the reply at all. What may have seemed comical was the disproportion between this lone voice demanding a change in the whole state system and the demands for a reduction of half an hour in the working day and for the payment of wages during working hours.

There is, however, an indubitable connection between these latter demands and the demand for a constitution, and if we can get the masses to understand this and we shall undoubtedly do so, then the cry "constitution!" will not come merely from one solitary voice, but from the throats of thousands and hundreds of thousands, and then it will not be comical, but challenging. It is related that a certain person driving through the streets of Kharkov

during May Day celebrations asked the droshky driver what the workers wanted, and the driver replied: "They want the eight-hour day and their own newspaper." That droshky driver understood that the workers are no longer satisfied with mere doles, but they want to be free men, that they want to be able freely and openly to express and fight for their needs. But the reply did not yet reveal the consciousness that the workers are fighting for the liberty of the whole people and for their right to take part in the government of the state.

When the demand that the tsar convene an assembly of people's representatives is repeated with complete consciousness and indomitable determination by the masses of the workers in all the industrial cities and factory districts in Russia, when the workers have reached the stage when the whole of the urban population, and all those rural people who come into contact with the towns, understand what the Socialists want and what the workers are fighting for, then the great day of liberation of the people from the tyrannical autocracy will not be far distant.

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COLONIAL MASSES AND MAY FIRST

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On May 1 the streets belong to the proletariat! For decades before the last imperialist war this used to be true practically only in Berlin, Paris, London, New York, Chicago and such other big cities in Europe and America. But since the war and the November Revolution in Russia the situation has radically changed. Amidst the rumbling voices of protest and the roaring war cries of revolution in the last fifteen years or so the message of May Day has been carried to the remotest cottages in the "darkest" corners of the colonies.

In the period of the general crisis of capitalism, of wars, of revolutions and colonial revolts, the significance and rallying power of May 1 has greatly increased with the tremendous growth of the revolutionary movement throughout the world. In this period May 1 is a rallying point, not merely for the working class in the imperialist countries, but merely for the proletariat of the whole world, but also for the toiling masses, the city poor and peasantry in the colonial and semi-colonial countries.

Colonial Masses Fight.

As the colonial masses fight for emancipation directly under the leadership of the colonial proletariat, and indirectly under the inspiration of the successful Socialist Construction of the Proletariat in the Soviet Union, they also consider May 1 as their day. On that memorial day in the last few years demonstrations were staged with unbounded enthusiasm in Shanghai, Hankow, Peking, Canton, Calcutta, Bombay, Manila, Havana, etc., as well as in the villages in Hunan, Hupei, Kwangtung, Kiangs and on plantations and in peasant huts in other parts of Asia and Africa.

The extraordinarily brutal white terrorist measures which the imperialist powers hurl against the revolting masses in the colonies is well known to the world. May 1 in the colonies has become an occasion for the oppressed masses to review and test their strength. It has also become an occasion upon which the imperialists exhibit their talents for brutality and degradation. Each year in the last few years not infrequently the imperialists and native authorities in the colonies greet May 1 with a declaration of martial law, wholesale arrests and imprisonment or execution of working-class leaders, and attempt to break up demonstrations by firing into the masses, mass arrests and mass executions. But the revolting colonial masses are dauntless as their imperial oppressors are brutal. Strong op-

pression only engenders a stronger protest. The colonial masses have defied law and order of the oppressors and torture and death for themselves on many previous occasions on May Day. They will continue to do so until, steeled in battle, they finally emerge as victor in the struggle.

Boss Terror.

But white terror as a customary gift of the capitalist class to the workers on May 1 is a feature no more limited to the colonies. As the class struggle is becoming increasingly sharpened in the imperialist countries, the ruling class draws out its last reserve, the social-fascists, and more and more brutal measures are used against the workers. The workers' right to the streets on May Day, a right fully established by more than forty years of practice, have flagrantly been violated. The shooting of workers on the streets of Berlin last May 1 by the socialist chief of police, Zoergel, is a glaring example of this tendency.

In the face of police provocations in connection with May Day and under the shower of the oppressors' bullets, the workers in the imperialist countries are taught by experience to realize how close their fates are to that of the colonial masses. The history of May Day in the last few years has shown that the white terror in the colonies is merely a warning of more white terror in other parts of the world. The Zoergel shooting of May Day demonstrators in Berlin was foreshadowed a few years earlier by similar incidents on the streets in Shanghai and Hankow. This fact is a direct challenge to the workers in the imperialist countries to unite with their colonial brothers and sisters in the common fight against imperialism.

Rising Wave of Struggle.

The tremendous success of Socialist construction in the Soviet Union, the capitalist war campaign against the only Workers' Republic in the world, the deepening crisis and growing unemployment all over the world and the rising revolutionary wave in India and China and colonial revolts and intensified class struggles in Indo-China, Cuba, Haiti and many other colonies are giving May Day struggles this year, in the colonies as in other parts of the world, an almost unprecedented significance. In an atmosphere of a rising wave of struggles almost everywhere May 1, 1930, is the day on which all the workers and toiling masses all over the imperialist world and the colonies review and test their strength and rally for more militant struggles, more achievements and more victories.

May Day and the International Labor Defense

By J. LOUIS ENGDHAL.

"BLOODY" WHALEN, Wall Street's police commissioner on the home front against the working class, has announced through the yellow press, that there will be extensive raids against militant labor organizations, that foreign-born workers will be arrested wholesale and held for deportation, and that other measures will be taken to "demoralize" preparations for this year's celebration of International May Day.

This new threat of intensifying the vengeance campaign of the capitalist class parallels the desperate resistance of the unstable fascist dictatorships of Europe to the growing radicalization of labor.

Struggles Against Imperialist Wars.

It is here that the International Labor Defense enters as a bulwark of resistance to capitalist oppression—the shield of the working class—although it also stands in the forefront of the struggle championing all the demands of International May Day.

The I.L.D., as a working class defense organization supports the struggle against the imperialist war, joins in the call to all labor for the defense of the Soviet Union, helps mobilize resistance to growing fascist and social fascist attacks, and organizes the defense of imprisoned jobless and employed in their joint struggle for "Work or Wages!"

"Bloody" Whalen's threats are not new. They grow out of capitalism's fear of militant labor in all countries. They are but a part of the growing terrorism with which the ruling class in all countries seeks to meet the revolutionary upsurge in capitalist, colonial and semi-colonial lands.

Whalen and Stege.

Whalen has his blood brother in Stege, the superintendent of police in Chicago, who has sent his uniformed gunmen against the headquarters of the Communist Party and other organizations in the Chicago district, making wholesale arrests without warrants, savagely beating and torturing prisoners in their cells, attacking workers who dared raise the slogans of "Fight for Social Insurance for all Workers! Organize! Fight Against the Speed-up! Demand the 7-hour day, 5-day week!"

Whalen fears that Stege of Chicago, where workers were slaughtered in 1886 when they militantly raised the demand for the 8-hour day, has out-reached him in plunging his hands into the blood of the working class.

Whalen fears that he has not earned the blood feast that Wall Street is preparing for him on May 6th, in glorifying the efficiency of capitalist police oppression in the murder of the strike picket Steve Katovic, the killing of the anti-fascist worker, Gino Mazzola, the murderous attacks on the March Sixth unemployed demonstrations and other protest gatherings of the workers.

"Liberities" Forgotten.

The police preparations for May Day cannot be separated from the year-around attacks on the workers. On May Day, however, the capitalist rulers have a special fear of the mighty solidarity of the working class on its holiday.

The police preparations for May Day are characterized by attacks on revolutionary workers' organizations, by reducing to naught the so-called "political liberties," freedom of assembly, freedom of speech and press, the right to organize.

Powers and J. C. Carr, organizers of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League, are facing death sentences in Georgia; 113 workers are threatened under the seditious laws with 1,105 years imprisonment (some of these are already in prison); hundreds are facing deportation, others are being framed up and railroaded to chain gangs, jails and prisons on the most ridiculous and far-fetched charges.

Sedition laws in 35 states in this country take the place of new oppressive laws being prepared by other capitalist governments, such as the German "law for safe-guarding the Republic," the "Anti-Terror Law" in Austria, the "Anti-Communist Law" in Greece, to mention only a few. The so-called "right of asylum" has been completely abolished, the United States Government itself becoming the bloodhound of foreign fascist dictatorships (revocation of citizenship and deportation proceedings against the Hungarian worker in Pittsburgh, Tapolszani), running down victims for foreign oppressors to put before their firing squads.

These are the weapons with which Whalen, Stege and other police chiefs threaten workers on the eve of this International May Day, while on May Day itself the most extensive police mobilizations are planned for capitalist class warfare against the workers.

The demand for the release of all class-war prisoners is a basic demand. It is raised for the seven Gastonia prisoners, now awaiting the decision of the North Carolina State Supreme Court, as well as for Mooney and Billings; for M. H. Powers and Joe Carr, charged with insurrection and facing death in the electric chair in Georgia, as well as the Centralia prisoners in Washington; for the Chester and Woodlawn prisoners in Pennsylvania.

The Struggle Against Terrorisms.

Statistics, which are incomplete, gathered by the world organization of the International Labor Defense, show that in 73 countries during 1929 there were 94,498 workers murdered, 31,984 workers injured in various struggles, thru the bloody capitalist suppression of the uprisings of the workers, demonstrations, meetings and gatherings of various kinds.

During the same period there were 81,578 workers arrested; 650 deportations; 56,564 searches made by the police; 1,541 bans on meetings and organizations, while there were 497 prohibitions against the publication of periodicals of various kinds.

In 50 countries there were a total of 1,686 political trials, resulting in sentences being passed against 8,916 individuals. Of these, 2,322 were sentenced to death, 56 to life imprisonment, while sentences were imposed upon others totalling 12,412 years imprisonment.

This international May Day witnesses the preparations of outstanding financiers and industrialists for a "testimonial banquet" to "Bloody" Whalen on May 6th because of his "efficiency" in making war on workers in New York City.

This bloody feast is nothing less than Wall Street imperialism's glorification of the legal murder of tens of thousands of workers in scores of lands, the sending of thousands of workers to endless years of imprisonment, since in many capitalist lands it is the Yankee dollar that dominates governmental policies, especially in colonial and semi-colonial countries. This is most true of Latin American countries.

The International Labor Defense on this year's May Day raises mightier than ever the demand for increasing resistance to the growing terrorism of Yankee imperialism in all lands. No death sentences! No prison sentences! Release the class war prisoners!