

Thousands More Are Laid Off in Shops and Factories for "Vacations." Don't Be Fooled; These Vacations Will Be Permanent for a Lot of Workers. The Bosses Want Starved and Docile Workers For Their Armies; Fight Unemployment and the War Danger by Mass Protest on August First!

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NEW YORK CENTRAL, FORD, WESTERN ELECTRIC LAY OFF MEN

"Will the Negro Turn Red?"

KELLEY Miller, arch Negro reactionary and boot-licker for the white capitalists, puts this question in an article in the New York Herald-Tribune, and, as is to be expected, answers it in the negative. Miller, let us hasten to assure our readers, is not referring here to a possible biological change in the color of the Negro's skin. He is concerned only with a change in the Negro's politics; in the possibility of the Negro masses deserting the republican party, for which he has long been a blatant mouthpiece, and accepting the leadership of the party of the white and black workers—the Communist Party.

We would not trouble to refer to this article except that in it Miller, an outstanding Negro "leader," exposes the position, not only of himself, but of the whole gang of betrayers who head the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Urban League, and other similar organizations. Of them he says:

"They are in truth and in deed America's most genuine conservatives. . . . Never has any manifesto gone out from that militant (?) organization (the N.A.A.C.P.—Ed.) calculated to undermine American institutions in favor of any destructive experiment at home or across the seas."

This statement sums up an attack on the Communist Party, and especially on the Soviet Union, in which he endeavors to prove the possibility of a recurrence of pogroms against the Jews, although he is forced to admit that the Communists "seem desperately determined to hold any anti-semitic sentiment in restraint," and that Negro visitors to the Soviet Union "have mistaken a temporary courtesy to sojourners for a broader racial policy." By his arguments he attempts to condemn the Negro masses to everlasting persecution and oppression by a "superior" white race, which he (and in his opinion, the Negro race) is willing to go on serving until doomsday.

But when he deals with the Negro in the United States his reactionary social outlook (or better to say, lack of social outlook) is even more apparent. "There is that mutuality of relationship of the old feudal lord and vassal," he says—and in this, at least so far as the South is concerned, he is partly correct. The southern landowners today treat the Negroes very much as the feudal barons treated their serfs. The southern Negroes are disfranchised, they are denied the opportunities to secure an education, they rent small plots of ground from the white landlord, who retains control of the crops, and are forced to work a portion of their time on the estate of the "lord," they are segregated, Jim Crowed and lynched—all these are slave remnants which might be compared to the old feudal relationships, which existed prior to the capitalist era.

But Kelley Miller, for the Negro masses, is ready to accept these conditions as eternal. He "forgets" (of course as a university dean, we would never charge him with being ignorant) that the history of the world is a history of the successful revolts of these very same "vassals." And precisely because of the "relationship of the old feudal lord and vassal" which exists for millions of Negroes in the South is the reason why his negative answer is wrong. The Negro masses will turn "red."

"In the Negro, America has its greatest conservative asset. I will go one step farther, and say that in him capital has its strongest bulwark against the destructive onslaught of radical and restless labor," he says.

While completely qualifying him for membership in the counter-revolutionary Lovestone clique, which expresses the same views, this statement brands him as a most stupid ass even among the Negro leaders who specialize in defending capitalism.

The Negro masses are already moving very rapidly to the Communist Party. This is precisely the reason why Miller's article appears at this time. With the daily increase in the murderous oppressive measures against the Negroes, coupled with the general offensive against the workers as a whole, and a militant struggle led by the Communist Party against all misleaders of the white and colored workers and for social, political and economic equality and the right of self determination as the highest form of that struggle, the Negro masses will be won for revolutionary struggle under the leadership of the Communist Party.

An Appeal to Party Members

IN Saturday's issue of the Daily Worker we asked some pertinent questions. We asked Party members who have not yet reported or collected upon the Daily Worker campaign lists why they have been inactive to now, while so many workers, not Party members, have clipped the collection list we print in the Daily Worker and have secured contributions in great number?

We asked this question because we wanted to impress upon you that securing contributions to help the Daily Worker is mass work and the kind of work every Party member must undertake.

We feel that there are some Party members who think that the workers will not contribute to our paper, so what's the use asking them. Some Party members think that workers, who are strangers to them, will not respond to an appeal from a revolutionary paper.

When New York City comrades went out in force for a mass collection several weeks ago, many of them had very interesting experiences. Thousands of workers on street corners, in shops, on the trains, contributed generously, many telling our collectors that they had heard about the Communist Party and the Daily Worker and were on our side in the fight against the bosses and unemployment. Many insisted upon subscribing for the Daily Worker.

In one instance a fascist member of the American Legion tried to interfere with a collector. The argument waxed hot. Workers gathered around. One worker shouted, "Never mind that guy—pass the box," and the workers contributed so generously that the fascist took to his heels.

We can collect the balance of \$10,000 for our emergency fund if Party members who have not yet secured their \$5 quota will shed their apathy and timidity and become aggressive mass collectors.

WOLL FEDERATION FOR LABOR SPIES

Elihu Root Praises Easley For Fish

NEW YORK.—Open admission was made yesterday that the strike-breaking National Civic Federation, of which Matthew Woll, vice-president of the A. F. of L. is president, and which has as a chief publicity expert and lobbyist the notorious Ralph M. Easley (secretary of the Civic Federation) that the Civic Federation itself was the prime mover in the Fish Committee's present attack on the Communists and all workers organizations.

The admission was in the course of one of the Civic Federation's flamboyant statements, attacking "the Reds" and demanding more police power to be used against them by the national government. The statement incidentally revealed that one purpose of the Fish "investigation" is to create a large body of

Federal spies to prey on and if possible disrupt working class organizations.

The heart of the statement was the quoted letter of Elihu Root, attorney for any number of big corporations and former cabinet member, to Easley. The letter was dated July 7, and as released by the National Civic Federation, says:

"You Have Succeeded."
"I am glad you have succeeded in getting a start made at Washington in the direction of remedying the defect in our police service."

"There is undoubtedly a defect in our present organization for police purpose. It arises from the way in which our Government has developed. General police power belongs in the States.

"The Federal Government is a Government of enumerated powers, and special bodies of police officers have been created to aid in the exercise of those enumerated powers. Thus, we have a body of police officers aiding in the enforcement of the customs laws of the United States; another body of police officers aiding in the enforcement of the Internal Revenue Laws; and another body of police officers aiding in the enforcement of the

laws against counterfeiting; another aiding in the enforcement of the Prohibition laws; but we have no general Federal police officers, because the States and not the Federal Government exercise general police authority.

"Now we have reason to believe that an assault is being made by secret means, supported by the resources of a great empire, aimed at the destruction of our system of government, and we find that the Federal Government has no police force available for our protection. Of course, such a force ought to be provided."

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WHEAT PRICE OF 64c TO FARMERS STARTS TROUBLE

Ruin of Poorer Farmers Seen; Farm Board Unloading

Soviet Farming Booms No Capitalist Chaos in Soviet Union

With Kansas farmers getting 64 cents a bushel for wheat on the wagon; with Secretary Hyde of the Agricultural Department and Chairman Legge of the Farm Board nearly mobbed for advising reductions of wheat acreage; and "consternation gripping the Kansas City Board of Trade" when the Farm Board unloaded 350,000 bushels of wheat it had paid \$1.15 a bushel for last fall to the Kansas Flour Mills Company for 78 cents (other reports say 82 cents) a bushel, the rapidly deepening agrarian crisis is producing loud political echoes.

Meanwhile, capitalist press dispatches from the Soviet Union, give the estimation on American agriculture of Yakovlev, Soviet Agricultural Commissar, as inefficient and bankrupting the poorer strata of American farmers, while the Soviet is socializing agriculture and improving the living conditions of the agricultural population.

Yakovlev's report to the Sixteenth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union truthfully relates how American farmers are hopelessly overburdened with mortgages, taxes and high prices on what they buy compared with what they sell.

The dispatches state that Yakovlev pointed out the limitations to mechanical advance set by capitalism in agriculture, saying that in the last ten years American farmers had increased the number of tractors to a million, yet the cultivated area increased only 20,000,000 acres, while it might have been doubled.

Americans reckon the tractor and combine fully effective on sown areas above 500 acres, while the Soviet knows they are effective fully only on tracts upwards of 2,000 acres. Only 3 1/2 per cent of American farms sow more than 500 acres; yet the Soviet, pushing its program of socialization of agriculture, expects to work hundreds of thousands of tractors at 100 per cent efficiency on state and collective farms of from 2,000 to 500,000 acres, and furnish the agricultural population with a life of security, comfort and culture in so doing.

In America, what mechanical advance is attained, is ruinous to the big part of the farm population, and the Governor of Kansas, Reed, advocates laws against "chain" or industrial farming.

The report states Yakovlev declared that since 1914, taxes on American farmers have increased and a half times, the prices of manufactured goods rose 62 per cent, while agricultural prices rose only 38 per cent, that interest paid on debts by American farmers reaches a total of \$800,000,000 annually, that 123 of every 1,000 farms sold in the last four years are "forced sales" under mortgage; that 40 per cent of the American farms are operated by renters.

As pointed out by the United Farmers League of Bismark, North Dakota, the poor farmers have only one way out: To organize; by forming committees of action among their neighbors, by township, connecting up with the U. F. L., which is preparing widespread real struggle, tenants' strikes, tax-payers' strikes, and a fight against monopoly prices.

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IN HOOVER'S HELL KITCHEN



—By FRED ELLIS

A Billion Dollars for Cruisers; Blackjacks for the Jobless

Mooney, Billings Now More Than Ever Need Mass Support

BALTIMORE, Md., July 13.—John MacDonald, the principal witness against Billings and one of the principal witnesses against Mooney in their frame-up trial for bombing the San Francisco preparedness day parade in 1916 is in jail here. He repeats his confession that he was hired and threatened into testifying falsely in their trials.

He is being held while Governor Young of California and agents of the public utilities gang that railroaded Mooney and Billings to prison find a way to break down his confession. Instead of rallying masses of workers to support the workers in jail, the Socialist and A. F. L. committees who have been mishandling the cases of Mooney and Billings recently are going delirious with joy over this slender victory, the finding of MacDonald, and are opening the way for a collapse if MacDonald can be prevented from testifying in California, or can be "reached" again, by the prosecution.

Issues Statement. MacDonald was arrested Friday night, without a charge. He immediately issued a statement as follows:

"I, John MacDonald, fifty-eight years old, residing in Baltimore City, testified as a witness for the State of California vs. Thomas Mooney and Warren K. Billings.

"I never saw Mooney until taken to the Hall of Justice in San Francisco and was told by an officer, 'This is Mooney,' pointing him out to me.

"My testimony in the various cases was untrue and false. I desire to undo the wrong that I did in sending Mooney to prison, regardless of personal consequences.

"The authorities got me to testify (Continued on Page Three)

SHARPEN WAR IN CHINA

Workers Prepare for August 1st

The prolonged effort of the Northern Coalition, supported by British and Japanese imperialism, to form a new government in Peking in opposition to the Nanking government, the agent of American imperialism, is at last reported to be successful.

With this step taken by the northern militarists, whose position up to the present suffered in no small degree on account of their failure to form a new government, the militarist war in China has entered upon a new stage.

Owing to the deepening crisis in the world and particularly in China, and the consequent sharpening conflict between the major imperialist powers, the present Chinese militarist war which is one of the preliminary skirmishes of the coming imperialist war, has already lasted longer than previous militarist wars in China. The organization of a new government in Peking, which signifies the determination of the northern militarists and their imperialist masters to intensify the fight will carry the Chinese militarist war a step nearer to the coming imperialist war.

This fact alone, the fact that there is a logical connection between the Chinese militarist war and the coming imperialist war, shows how near the imperialist war is in front of us.

Newspapers received from China already inform us that militant Chinese workers and peasants are preparing for the International Anti-War Day on August 1st. American workers should not lag behind this struggle. American workers should answer the imperialist war moves all over the world with a tremendous anti-war demonstration on August 1st.

HOOVER DEMANDS O. K. ON SECRET PLOT ON SOVIET

Billion For War and Secret Diplomacy; Jobless Starve

Giant Protest Aug. 1 Rally From Shops For "Work or Wages"

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Hoover, the head of the government of hunger and war preparations, is linking up the republican leaders to force through an approval of not only the so-called "naval treaty," but the secret agreements which go along with it, chief of which is the imperialist pact made at London to make war on the Soviet Union.

Having told the Senate that the secret documents "contain nothing," and that it is none of the business of the masses who suffer from war what secret agreements the government makes to get them into war and therefore it is "incompatible" with imperialist interests to yield up the documents, as he would be "betraying trust" of secret imperialist diplomacy, Hoover has a new job to make ratification of the treaty an approval of the secret agreements outside the treaty.

The resolution of Senator Norris, whose desire for catching popular support by a demagogic role as a "tribune of the people" has led to an alliance of himself and other fakers of the so-called farm bloc with the equally fake "opposition" of the "Bigger Navy" crowd, will in the end aid Hoover to delude the masses that there are no secret agreements.

The resolution stipulates that in ratifying the treaty, it is "explicitly and distinctly" understood that there are no "secret files, document, letters, understandings or agreements which in any way, directly or indirectly, modify or change the treaty, expressed or implied except such as it to be found in the treaty itself."

The Hoover faeces do not deny that such secret agreements exist but are working on the basis that the resolution must be killed because it is "an affront to the president."

The "Bigger Navy" senators say they are not satisfied with the \$1,000,000,000 worth of more warships Hoover's policy carries with it in ratification of the so-called "disarmament" treaty, and say that the secret agreement they are concerned over is the understanding with Japan allowing Japan to build still more cruisers in certain cases.

Norris and the other so-called "farm bloc" fakers, joining with these "Still Bigger Navy" senators led by Johnson, are aiding the hypocrisy of the whole fake "fight" which allows Hoover to put over a monstrous warship building program in the name of "a step toward peace and disarmament," and to demand and get approval of the secret agreements, the principal one of which is for war against the Soviet Union.

While 8,000,000 workers and their families in the United States are jobless and starving, the proposal for spending \$1,000,000,000 to build warships, would be difficult to put over if it were not for this fake "opposition" demanding still more warships. By attacking this "opposition," most of which has been arranged for the purpose, Hoover gets the support of all the half-witted liberals and "pacifists" for the biggest war preparations plan ever adopted.

Secretary Stimson is making the most of this, by sending out propaganda intending to show that the "opposition" here is contradicting the Tory "opposition" of the British. Actually, Winston Churchill in the House of Commons gave essentially the correct analysis of the fake "disarmament treaty for stereotyping naval armaments at a very high level to the special detriment of Great Britain."

Britain is adversely affected, it is true, because she cannot help herself, but both British and American workers, suffering increasing unemployment and starvation have nothing in common with the "opposition" either in England or the U. S. A., but they both have the same interest in defending the Soviet Union from imperialist attack, and on August 1 will rally at the call of the Communist Party to protest against imperialist war, the American workers demanding: "Not a cent for armaments; all funds to aid the unemployed!"

THOUSANDS MORE ON THE STREETS AS CAPITALISM PLUNGES TOWARD NEW WAR

Repression Grows, Lynching, Trials Multiply in Effort to Crush Labor Before Conflict

Communists Call Giant Protest Demonstration For August 1; "Use War Funds For Relief!"

Further wide spread closing down of plants in the most basic industries, further curtailment of iron and steel production, further wage cuts, broke into the open over the weekend. At the same time came announcement by Hoover that he would not make public even in the senate the secret agree-

ments between capitalist imperialist nations upon which the London naval treaty was based, and at the same time came also the beginning of the sedition case against National Miners Union and Communist leaders in Pennsylvania, and the pushing of preparations for the Fish Committee's attack on the militant workers of New York. Can anyone doubt that among the secret data of the naval conference are plans for war on the Soviet Union? Why else the secrecy?

White Terror Grows. Over the week end the New York state industrial commissioner announced two per cent less employment in factories in the state during June as compared with May of this year. There have been further reductions in July, culminating with the declaration Saturday of the shut down "for ten days" of 12 shops of the New York Central railroad, of which three are in New York State. At the same time, Western Electric, a "two week's vacation" of all its plants except a few repair shops—throwing out of work 49,000 employees. Experience with these "vacations" in the Milwaukee shops shows that only part of the crew is hired again.

The Ford Motor Co. has shut down all its plants "from July 11 to July 28," and has cancelled all shipments of steel.

Reduction Now and to Come. This is a further blow to the steel mills, which last week's New York Times Annalist describes as in this condition: "Builders of railroad cars are exhausting their orders and three shops in the Chicago district have shut down, others running from 25 to 40 per cent of capacity. . . . the prospects of a decided pickup for car orders this year would seem decidedly poor. . . . Western rail mills are on a 25 per cent basis with little tonnage to work on."

After stating that the steel industry as a whole is working only 56 per cent capacity, as compared with 60 per cent the week before, and holding out some hope because an even greater decrease was expected, the Annalist goes on to say, "The relative suspension of steel production is expected, however, to continue throughout July," and later it remarks about the steel industry, "it quite accurately fails to see any particularly cheering indications for August. Therefore—War!"

The Hoover Lies. The Annalist, a magazine by and for business men complains that the government has told the business world the same lies about unemployment as it told the rest of the country. It says:

"The growing hard-headedness of the business public and the press is rather amusingly indicated by caustic comments upon the government's ratio of 2 per cent unemployment to the total population. Perhaps this farcical and ridiculous method of concealing the significance of unemployment figures will be emphasized by some mathematical humorist who may attempt to work out a statement of unemployment on the basis of total population of babies under 1 year of age, etc."

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still at work, and cut the wages. Every attempt to organize them has brought police clubs and sedition trials or other trials for those who led that organization. A docile and frightened working class is the first necessity for foreign war.

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Capitalists Admit Crisis Grows Worse

Banks and capitalist statisticians writing for business men, not for workers, to read, continue to admit the deepening crisis.

The Guaranty Survey, published monthly by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, states on the first page of its June 3 issue: "It has become quite manifest by this time that the conditions underlying the present depression are more than psychological." By way of evidence in support of this contention, the Survey notes that: "Commodity prices continue to move consistently downward. Employment is still on the decline. Construction contracts are smaller than those for the corresponding periods a year ago. . . . The number of vehicles (automobiles) produced in the first six months of 1930 was 1,000,000 units, or 30 per cent below the record total of a year ago."

Smaller Bosses Crash. Meanwhile the results of the general economic breakdown are making themselves felt in the growing number of bankruptcies. The commercial failures for May were the highest for any May on record. For June, the failures ran: First week, 442 failures; second week, 459; third week, 466; fourth week, 498, making a weekly average of 466 failures. The record of May thus promises to be eclipsed in June.

In this connection it is enlightening to examine the economic categories in which these failures occur. In the week ending June 7 there were 498 failures, of which 100 were for less than \$5,000 and 90 were for \$5,000 to \$20,000. Of the total of the week, therefore, three-quarters of the firms failed for less than \$5,000 and more than nine-tenths were for less than \$20,000.

There is nothing new in this avalanche of business failures. The department and chain stores have been driving the small business men to the wall for years, but the economic breakdown has served to emphasize the tendency.

Fake Farm Relief. Later figures, from the Annalist of June 11 show the process continuing. During the second week in July commodity (wholesale) prices fell 1.2 points to the lowest in the year. The worker still pays the same retail prices, however.

The farm crisis is so severe that a group of senators, with their ear to the ground for the sound of rustling votes this fall, demand the purchase by the government of 100,000,000 bushels of grain. Steel production fell 4 per cent last week, silk production has headed straight downward, as the Annalist says, "Accelerated by the worst decrease in consumption in the entire post war period." The figures for all business activity show a steady collapse from nearly 95 per cent of what the Annalist considers normal, in March, to less than 90 to July 9.

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GERMAN BOSSES' PLAN FOR SUGAR-COATED WAGE SLASH FAILED

Social Fascist Trade Union Leaders Endorsed Boss Plan

Communist Party Led the Masses in Fight Against Wage Reductions

The German bosses, in an attempt to overcome the severe economic crisis in Germany by shifting its burden on the shoulders of the German workers, proposed not long ago that there should be a wage reduction with a simultaneous "promise" on the part of the bosses to reduce prices.

This plan was endorsed at the very beginning by the labor traitors organized in the Catholic and liberal trade unions. The social-fascist-reformist General Federation of Trade Unions also exposed their treachery by announcing that they are willing to take up the proposal of the bosses.

With the "cooperation" of the labor traitors assured, the bosses proceeded with their plan, but the workers refused to swallow the sugar coated wage slash. The real meaning of the plan was clearly exposed by the decision of the boss minister of labor, Stegerwald, in connection with the wage dispute in the German northwestern iron

and steel area. The dispute involved a 7 1/2 per cent wage reduction, and an arbitration decision contends that the wage cut which is accompanied by a "promise" of price reduction is justified. Stegerwald declared this decision binding.

The Communist Party of Germany, of course, carried out an extensive campaign against the plan and pointed out to the workers that the workers will only lose by allowing the bosses to reduce wages in exchange for an empty promise to lower prices. The Stegerwald decision clearly exposed the true nature of the plan and illustrated the correctness of the contentions of the Communist Party.

In view of the fact that this brazen attempt on the already low wages of the working class threatened to stir up the masses against their "socialist" betrayers, it was decided to try a less open attack against the workers' wages. The bosses and their "socialist" henchmen feared the growing influence of the Communist Party.

Bosses Boost Freight Rates As Prices Fall

WASHINGTON, D. C.—On July 8 the Interstate Commerce Commission granted freight rate increases on certain commodities moving both in the Western trunkline territory and in the East. The additional revenue resulting from these increases will amount to more than \$40,000,000.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, created for the purpose of curbing big business, is one of the bosses' bureaus. By means of wage cuts, the speed-up, longer hours and unemployment this sum will ultimately be taken out of the workers.

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Bigger Crops Mean More Ruin in Boss System

WASHINGTON, July 11.—It is with a note of horror and dismay that the Department of Agriculture announced yesterday that the wheat and corn crops will be greater than expected. There is already a huge overproduction in both these products, while, of course, millions of workers face starvation. Legge and Hyde of the Hoover administration practically on bended knees, asked the farmers to cut their output this year. The estimated corn yield is

2,802,000,000 bushels as against 2,614,000,000 bushels last year. Over 807,000,000 bushels of wheat are estimated to be harvested, a gain of over a million bushels above last year's crop. For the farmers this spells lower prices and bankruptcy as the already huge wheat supply is not being exported. The growing unemployment in the U. S. and throughout the world also cuts down the possibility of the workers buying as much food as last year.

U. S. Teachers Admit Soviet Advances

NEW YORK.—Just back from the Soviet Union, a group of American college teachers yesterday, in interviews with capitalist press representatives, exploded many of the fake "misery" stories. "The Soviet economic system," said Dr. Mildred Fairchild, research fellow of the American Russian Institute, "is working

soundly, with the mass of people imbued with the social consciousness of a new nation." Despite the ridiculous questions asked by capitalist reporters of Dr. Kingsbury and Dr. Fairchild about the Soviet Union, both of them managed to point out the tremendous advances for the working masses and the success of the Five-Year Plan.

Mail-Order Price Cut Prelude to Wage-Cut

CHICAGO, Ill., July 11.—Sears, Roebuck and Co., and Montgomery Ward and Co., the two largest mail order houses in the world, who also pay the lowest wages to its thousands of young workers, yesterday announced steep price reductions on all merchandise. The cut in prices

brings them down to the lowest in ten years. This is a phase of the crisis and a slight beginning of the effect of the sharp drop in wholesale prices. Both these slave-driving concerns will use the cut in prices as an argument to slash the already low wages of their workers.

103 Coreans Face Jail for 'Dangerous Thinking'

TOKIO (I.P.S.).—The prohibition to print any news relating to the mass arrests carried out in Korea in March and July, 1928 has now been removed. The newspapers now write that several hundred persons were arrested, and that 103 of these arrested persons are now about to be tried under the law against

"dangerous thinking." The indictment declares that at the end of 1927 the accused conspired together with other persons to organize the Communist Party of Korea under the leadership of the Communist International. The first congress of the Communist Party of Korea took place in Seoul on the 18th of February, 1928.

Coolidge Insults Jobless Workers

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., July 11.—Of all the vomit-provoking guff that is issued by the spokesmen of the capitalists in these days of crisis, that handed by Calvin Coolidge here every day is the worst.

"Most people have failed because they did not really try," says his

latest screed. To the 8,000,000 unemployed who tramp the streets every day hopelessly looking for work or bread this is rubbing salt into a deep wound. To the thousands maimed and killed in the bosses' wars and in industry, Coolidge coolly remarks "you did not really try."

French Persecute Revolutionary Unions in Algeria

PARIS (I. P. S.).—The French authorities have closed down the headquarters of the revolutionary unions in Algiers on the ground that the unions were organizing a protest meeting against the imprisonment of natives.

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German Bosses, Boss State Demand Wage-Cuts

BERLIN (I.P.S.).—In his report on the budget of the ministry of labor, the minister of labor, Stegerwald (Catholic center party) demanded, among other things, the following with regard to the unemployment insurance scheme and other social expenditure:

"Even more widespread attacks may become necessary. Our social policy must be carried on economically and measures must be taken to prevent its exploitation for anti-social purposes. It is not possible to carry on social policy independent of the financial and economic state of the country. If the Mansfeld Co. can demand a sacrifice

from its workers in order to keep the business going, then the firm German Reich & Co. can do the same, and must, because it is in no better position than the Mansfeld Co."

During Stegerwald's speech the bourgeois deputies broke into frequent bursts of applause. Walter Ulbricht answered the labor minister in the name of the Communist Party and exposed the joint attack being made on wages and working conditions by the state and the capitalist class, with the support and co-operation of the social democracy and the reformist trade union leaders.

WOMEN ANTI-WAR MEET WILL BE HELD JULY 18

"Every man will be drafted for service in the event of war," says Mr. Hoover. That means that the women will stay in the cities, sweat in the ammunition plants and other war factories, while husbands, sons and brothers are sent out to be cannon fodder to fight for markets for Wall St.

August 1st is a day when millions of workers all over the world will demonstrate against capitalist war. Working class women must take their places with the men workers in the fight against another world slaughter.

A Women's Anti-War Conference will be held on July 18, 1930, at 26 Union Square, to mobilize for the August 1st demonstration. All women from shops and factories from the various industries of New York and New Jersey, all unions and working class women's organizations are urged to send delegates to this most important conference.

LONGSHOREMEN JOINING UNION SAYS THE "VOICE"

NEW YORK.—"Philadelphia is away in the lead in the membership drive and has already doubled its quota," says the leading article in the Marine Workers Voice, of which the issue for July is just off the press. The Marine Workers Voice is a 12 page monthly paper, the organ of the new Marine Workers' Industrial Union, national headquarters at 140 Broad St., New York.

The main article is on the new line of the union, to make it an organ of actual struggle and not just a propaganda body as its forerunner, the Marine Workers League, was supposed to be. However, the league too considered propaganda somewhat in terms of struggle, and put up some good struggles once in awhile.

The new union though, as the "Voice" points out, has gone much further, and has definitely broken the stranglehold of Polly Baker and the company unionized International Longshoremen's Association on the Philadelphia waterfront.

The July issue of the "Voice" contains the constitution and program of action of the union, and a well illustrated article on Houston longshoremen conditions by a Negro longshoreman.

SHIPPING BOARD FIRES 170 MEN; OTHERS CUT

NEW YORK.—While government officials hypocritically urge every body else to give employment, the U. S. Shipping Board has just discontinued the five ships constituting the American-Brazil line, throwing crews totaling 170 men out of work. There is not enough business to warrant the line, says the government board.

Moreover, all the lines operating to South America have agreed to cut their services 25 per cent, either cutting out a fourth of the ships or reducing sailors. Besides leaving crews high and dry these measures will throw many longshoremen out of jobs.

HOE STRIKERS DODGE BOSS TRAP

Small Union Recognition; Holding Open Forum for Unemployed.

NEW YORK.—The strike against the lockout of the Century Shoe, 7 St. Nicholas Ave., Brooklyn, continues with full determination. All the tricks of the bosses to break the solidarity of the workers by offering them a shop agreement failed miserably.

The struggle against the Pacific Slipper Co. at 19 Waverly Place, New York, is also going on with the strikers led by the Independent Shoe Workers' Union fighting a 20 per cent reduction. The bosses are very busy in trying to persuade the workers to go back under the same conditions, but without the union. The crew in the last meeting again decided that the principal demand must be the recognition of the Independent Shoe Workers' Union.

The preparations for the Build the Union Picnic on August 24 are a full swing. The picnic is at Pleasant Bay Park. All tickets are to be had at the union office, 6 West 21st St., at 35 cents each. The open forum of the unemployed will be held on Monday morning at 10 a. m. at the union headquarters. All unemployed shoe and leather workers should be members of the employed Councils.

PICKETING FIVE STRUCK BAKERIES

Arrests at Brighton Beach; Three Jailed in Bronx Released.

NEW YORK.—At the Open Kitchen Cafeteria, 705 Brighton Beach Ave., where the Food Workers' Industrial Union is conducting a strike, 3 of the pickets, Harry Davidson, H. Gorro, and V. Liana, were arrested Friday at 7 p. m. and held until midnight. They were bound over for hearing next Friday at Eighth District Court, Coney Island.

This is the cafeteria declared on strike a few days ago where the boss and his hirelings attacked the workers with baseball bats. The workers are determined to keep up the picket line, not even allow him one day of grace on Sunday.

In the Bronx, where the bakers are conducting a militant struggle, picketing is proceeding at Patoche's and Glenmore, McClelland St. Bakery and Zarenbergs Bakery.

A bakery at 616 E. 180th St. was called on strike Friday. Four of the pickets were arrested; the case came up in court Saturday, where it was dismissed.

Slavery Conditions in N. Y. Canneries

NEW YORK.—The Consumers' League, which hopes that the bosses might be gotten to ease up their exploitation of the wage slaves, but does nothing to abolish the exploitation itself, has discovered that working conditions are abominable in the canneries here. The "league" has found that wages are from \$10 to \$12.50 for a 50-hour week and that sick and fatigued workers labor under inhuman conditions.

Their report shows that without protection from wind, rain or cold, shed workers must keep at their tasks, and that there are wet and slippery floors where women, drenched to the skin from dripping belts, must slave away under capitalism in order to keep alive.

I.L.D. Excursion to Hook Mt. Next Month

Only a week away for the excursion up the Hudson to Hook Mountain. The International Labor Defense will make sure to supply plenty of fun and entertainment for the sunlight trip up to Hook Mountain and the moonlight ride back to New York. So if you want to spend Sunday, July 1 in a very enjoyable way take the trip offered by the I. L. D. and at the same time help to defend the many American Class War Prisoners.

Communist Activities

Unit 4F, section 2
All comrades come to meeting tonight at 8:30 at 1179 Broadway.

Labor and Fraternal Organizations

I.L.D. Excursion
To Hook Mountain will be held Saturday, July 19.

Workers Ex-Servicemen
Will have an open air meet tonight at 8 p. m. at Ninth St. and Second Ave.

Brighton Workers Club
Will have an open air meeting tonight at 8:30 p. m. at Neptune Ave. cor. Otsis Pl.

Indian Stock Market Closes Its Doors

BOMBAY, India.—The stock exchange here recently suspended operations, indefinitely closing its doors. This is because of the great drop in share values and the falling off in trade.

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MEET JULY 24 PREPARES AUG. 1

Vote For Communism Blow At Jim Crowism

NEW YORK.—Announcing a conference on July 24 in preparation for the August First Anti War demonstration, the New York District of the Communist Party stated yesterday:

"The Negro and white workers of this state were given an example of the meaning of jim crowism in the treatment of the Negro 'Gold Star' mothers who are to leave for France to visit the graves of their sons. The acts of segregation by the government, separating the Negro and white 'Gold Star' mothers and then sending the Negro mothers on a decrepit ship is indicative of the fact that the policy of jim crowism and lynching is the policy of capitalism and not of any special section of the white bourgeoisie.

"To the capitalist class, the Negro masses and white masses are in the same category only when they are fighting in imperialist wars for the defense of their home imperialist government and that is where it ends. Deegan, fascist head of the World War Veterans, greeted these mothers. Acting Mayor McKee may voice his regrets but it is in his city, 'great New York' that Alfred Levy was murdered for fighting against lynching and jim crowism. The Negro politicians who have given consent to these attacks against the Negro workers in this city are now trying to capitalize the issue for the coming election campaign.

Instead of fighting in the interest of the Negro masses, they are serving as betrayers of their race. It is only the Communist Party that has shown that it can and will fight in the interests of the toiling Negro masses and against their enemies and betrayers. In the election campaign, the Communist Party has a program of struggle for the Negro masses. Every Negro worker must rally behind the election program and candidates of the Communist Party.

"On July 24, the Communist Party is calling a conference for the preparations of the August First, demonstration against imperialist wars and to mobilize the broadest mass movement in support of the election program and candidates of the Communist Party. Every Negro worker and organization is invited to attend this conference."

BOSSSES ADMIT SOVIET INDUSTRIAL SUCCESS

Just returning from a ten-week trip to the Soviet Union, Moris Kahn, well-known architect, admitted in an interview printed in the New York Times Sunday, that "the Soviet Government is performing miraculous things in the industrial world. . . . Construction work is done at tremendous speed. . . within the space of twelve months, a \$30,000,000 plant in Stalingrad, for building motor tractors, has been planned, built, and put into operation."

He emphatically condemned as "absolutely untrue" the stories of persons being kidnapped in foreign countries, transported to Russia and murdered there.

The Federal Council of Churches, just as Mr. Kahn, is also forced to admit the facts of the tremendous success of socialist construction in the Soviet Union. In a special survey on the Russian situation issued by its research department, it admits that "rapid industrial progress is a feature of the present stage in Soviet economic development."

STREET MEETINGS CALL FOR RELEASE OF FOUR

NEW YORK.—A series of street and factory gate meetings conducted by the Communist Party over the week end brought enthusiastic response to the call for protest against the imprisonment of Foster, Minor, Amter, and Raymond, elected delegates of the New York unemployed. The meetings also voted enthusiastically for participation in the August 1 demonstration against war, and for use of the war funds for immediate unemployment relief.

At one meeting held at Seventh St. and Ave. A, a big crowd heard Sadie Van Veen assail the Fish Commission for a campaign to jail workers' leaders and smash the workers' unions. The big crowd, of which only the committee conducting the meeting were Communist Party members, voted unanimously for a resolution demanding the release of the four members of the March 6 unemployment demonstration now serving three years. All literature on hand was bought by the workers and unemployed present.

The German Workers Picnic Sunday adopted, amidst cheers, similar resolutions.

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EVA SHAFRAN KNOCKED SENSELESS BY GANGSTER

NEW YORK.—Private letters from friends of Eva Shafraan, a former very active member in the needle trades organization in New York, but now in Los Angeles, tell of her being waylaid by a thug and beaten so that she was unconscious for 20 hours.

After the arrest of many of the Communists and militant unionists in Los Angeles, several weeks ago, Shafraan, although in southern California because of serious illness, took over much of the work these comrades had been doing. A couple of weeks ago she spoke at a meeting of Trade Union Unity League metal workers, and returning home alone, was suddenly attacked by one of the patriotic thugs of that city. The gangster leaped from an automobile, struck her down with a club, and while she was lying on the street, kicked her in the mouth and knocked out all of her front teeth. She was in a hospital for ten days, but is now improved. These are the tactics of the Los Angeles employers of labor.

HOLD SCRANTON 5 ON "SEDITION"

SCRANTON, Pa., July 13.—Five militant workers charged with sedition were held for indictment by the Grand Jury after a hearing before Alderman Thomas Davis yesterday. They are Phil Frankel, Communist Party organizer; Syltack, district organizer, International Labor Defense; Dan Slinger, district organizer, National Miners' Union; John Little, youth organizer, Trade Union Unity League and Joe Tash, member of National Executive Board, National Miners' Union.

Frankel was arrested in the chambers of Alderman Davis after the hearing ended. The charges of sedition against John Tash were dropped at the beginning of the hearing on a motion by Assistant District Attorney Robinson.

During the hearing it was evident that a frame-up of the five workers is being planned which would result in 20-year sentences under the Flynn Sedition Law. Sgt. Norman E. Amich of the State Police, Constable Flynn and Deputy Sheriff Samuel J. Castles testified against the five workers and introduced into evidence as sedition seized when the workers' headquarters were raided on July 2.

It included a leaflet issued by the Young Pioneers exposing the Boy Scouts as an anti-working class organization; theses and resolutions of the seventh national convention of the Communist Party and leaflets issued by the National Miners' Union which call upon the miners to fight against wage cuts.

Under cross-examination by J. Russell McCormick, International Labor Defense attorney, the police witnesses admitted that they did not have any warrants when they made the arrests and the raid on the headquarters.

The National Miners' Union is now concentrating on the election of delegates to its convention on July 26.

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"Pamir," at the Eighth St. Playhouse, is a film record of the expedition of a group of Soviet and German scientists among the highest peaks of the famous Alai chain of mountains in that part of the Soviet Union which borders closely on India.

It is a beautifully filmed diary in pictures of the brave group of scientists who undertook the expedition purely in the interest of science—that science in whose name capitalism explores so that the exploiting class may find more lands and people to exploit in order to further enrich itself.

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On, up and over the Alai chain, over rocky difficulties, the scientists wend their way slowly. They come to a huge glacier, one of those relics of the ice age, when huge sheets of ice swept the world. Stubbren in their persistence, the scientists hack their way through the ice; we are thrilled by the risks they take; here a member of the expedition slips, but is rescued; one of the exploring parties is lost and rescued. The picture culminates in the climbing of Mount Lenin, highest Soviet peak, 21,600 feet high.

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MARINE WORKERS GIVEN HOURS OF MOSCOW RADIO

NEW YORK.—The Marine Workers' Industrial Union national office, 140 Broad St., has received a wireless message from the Transport Workers' International Propaganda Committee of Action of the Red International of Labor Unions, announcing the hours of broadcasting in foreign languages from the big broadcasting station in Moscow by the Seamen's and Dockers' Union of the Soviet Union.

On July 12, 10 to 11 p. m. Moscow summer time (2:40 p. m. in New York), broadcasting will be in German; from 11 to 12 (2:40 p. m. here) they will broadcast in French. On July 15, 10 to 11, they will broadcast in Dutch, and from 11 to 12 (3:40 p. m.), July 15, the talk will be in English. The wave length is 1304 meters. The frequency is 230, 06 KHZ.

The International Seamen's Club, at the same address as the M. W. I. U., has a radio set, and an attempt will be made to get these speeches.

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IMPRECORR DESCRIBES OPENING OF SIXTEENTH CONGRESS OF C. P. S. U.

Workers, Peasants, Red Army Delegations Greet Congress

Opening Proceedings Broadcasted Throughout the Country By Radio

MOSCOW (I. P. S.).—The XVI congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union was opened at 5 o'clock p. m., June 26 in the Bolshoi Theatre here by comrade Kalinin who made a short speech reviewing the most important stages in the development of the Communist Party. The congress then elected a presidium consisting of 40 members including comrades Stalin, Molotov, Kaganovich, Rudzutak and Voroshilov, Comrades Kuusinen, Thaelmann, Thorez, Ercoli, Pollitt, Gottwald, Lenski, Hsian, Chun-fa, Kolarov and other international Communist leaders were elected honorary members of the presidium.

Numerous workers, peasants and red army delegations brought greetings to the Congress, reported briefly on the progress being made on their sectors of the front and demanded from the Congress that stern measures should be taken against the right-wingers on the lines of the measures taken against the Trotskyists by the sixteenth party congress. A delegation of sailors from the Baltic Fleet and a delegation of workers from the new tractor factory in Stalingrad were received with special applause. Comrade Bluecher, the commandant of the special Far Eastern Army was enthusiastically welcomed by the crowd. After the speeches of greeting the congress was adjourned until tomorrow morning when its work proper will begin. About 2,000 delegates are present representing two million members and candidates.

The opening proceedings were broadcasted by wireless throughout the country and special loud-speakers were set up at the street corners to enable the masses to hear the speeches. Whilst the Congress

Workers Join Communist Party After Winning Strike

BERLIN (I. P. S.).—The victory of the strikers in Hettstedt under the leadership of the Communist Party and the revolutionary trade union opposition against the strike-breakers and the police has given a great fillip to the struggle throughout the Mansfeld area. The Mansfeld Co. announces that it has again closed the brass works in Hettstedt as it is unable to take responsibility for the safety of the strikebreakers. The extra police drafted into the district by the social democratic Regierung's President von Harnack to support the

Socialist Meet Turns Into Communist Parade

PARIS (I. P. S.).—In Ales in the Department Gard the well-known socialist leader Frossard was booked to speak at a public meeting. At the time fixed for the meeting 8,000 miners and metal workers were present, but not to hear Frossard. They turned the meeting into a mass protest against the treachery of the socialist leaders, drove off Frossard and his companions and listened to a speech by the Communist mayor of Ales, Comrade Vallat. Following the meet-

Revolutionary Unions Win 3 Seats in Hamburg

BERLIN (I. P. S.).—In the Calmon works in Hamburg, the revolutionary trade union opposition put up a candidate list for the first time. The revolutionary list won

INDIA ASSEMBLY CENSURES SIMON

Government Admits 500 Injured in Bombay

SIMLA, India, July 13.—Even the "moderate liberal" members of the Indian national legislative assembly in session now in this, the summer capital of the autocracy ruling this country, had to yield to mass pressure and rebuke the government on the Simon report and the coming "round table conference" in London. A motion was carried to reduce by \$35 the grant per member going to the round table conference. This is the typical British parliamentary way of censuring the government. In a body such as the parliament in London, the government would fall on the carrying of such a motion. The Indian legislative assembly is a fake parliament, mere window dressing for the absolute tyranny of "the governor general in council," that is, the "ficeroy" appointed by MacDonald, and will not fall from this slap on the wrist.

JAIL SENTENCES FOR HUNGARIAN COMMUNISTS

(Wireless by Imprecorr)
BUDAPEST, July 11.—The second group of accused Communists were sentenced today. Landor's sentence is five years; Fedor, three and a half years; Holler, Sebesh, Nass, Solyomosi and Glass, two years each. Four were acquitted. Others all got the "light" sentence of hard labor. Sebesh was released, since he has already served more than his sentence by waiting for trial in jail.

LETTERS from the SHOPS

MUSKEGON, MICH. WAGES 30-40c HR. WHEN MEN WORK

Bosses Fool Workers About Wages

Greater Muskegon, Mich. To the Daily Worker:—

This is a town that is not made for the laboring class of people. I was told by a foreman of one of the larger plants that they had a plan so they would never be, or would always have plenty of men to choose from, and I think he was about right.

As they have a foreman's club at the Y. M. C. A. for the discussion of labor and the B. of C., they have a man there that does nothing but plan against labor.

Outside contractors came this summer to do some roadwork and they intended to pay 50 cents per hour. They were told not to pay it, as they could get lots of men for 30 cents per hour by the C. of C. (chamber of commerce).

And another place told a man they could not pay him his regular wages as they could get plenty of men for 30 cents per hour.

And, another thing, the township pays only 25 cents per hour. I think the supervisors of this place are setting a bad example for the factories and foundries.

The Continental Motors will advertise outside for men, offering them from 75 cents to \$1 per hour, and when they get here pay them off at 35 cents an hour.

The other plants in this town do the same. This town runs from 30 cents to 40 cents per hour and no more.

If you do happen to get a little ahead they will lay you off until you go broke and get in debt.

There is not enough work here for the people that live here. They do not hire here much in the winter. It is a dead town in the winter time, as the foundries do not run from three months to not over six months in the year.

Need Mass Support for Mooney, Billings

(Continued from Page One) that I identified Mooney, but this is an absolute falsehood.

JOHN MACDONALD, Try to Get Billings.

However, the forces of the United Railroads and open shop business men of California must have got into action immediately, for yesterday States Attorney Herbert R. O'Connor of Baltimore was able to send Governor Young a telegram stating that MacDonald's confession did not apply to Billings, "whom he declares guilty." The telegram of the states attorney is as follows:

"John MacDonald, witness in Mooney case, in custody here. No doubt of his identity. Repudiates unqualifiedly his testimony implicating Mooney and states that he perjured himself, and that Mooney, to his knowledge, was not involved in crime.

"Charges his testimony against Mooney was procured through promises of money by district attorney's office and police. That they coached him as to identification and subsequent testimony. That they pointed Mooney out to him and urged him to swear falsely. That later authorities corruptly combined to minimize the value of retractions."

"MacDonald gives detailed information, declaring desire to right the wrong, as he is in declining health. Retraction does not apply to Billings, whom he declares guilty. On habeas corpus hearing today, Judge suggests this office ask for immediate advice if California desires MacDonald's return or whether you authorize his release here."

"One Way or the Other."

And Governor Young promises no release on the basis of this testimony. He repeats the guff about "wanting to do what is right" and insists that the Mooney case "can be settled one way or the other, if the sick, weakened old man, MacDonald, is first placed in the tender hands of the California frame up ring for a while, and then allowed to testify before Young and the Supreme Court—that Supreme Court that has disregarded all testimony and held Billings guilty, that governor who has done the same for Mooney!

Young's statement is: "I can only repeat the views expressed when I denied the pardon application of Mooney," the Governor said, referring to recommendations he made to the Supreme Court that MacDonald be questioned, if possible, as to an affidavit he made in New York four years after the trial, in which he first repudiated the trial testimony.

"I naturally wanted to do what was right and just. I found myself unable to grant Mooney's pardon

PAINTERS BALLOT IS GRAFT SPREE

Crooked Cliques Buy Votes: Do Nothing for Underpaid and Jobless.

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

NEW YORK.—Only a week ago Monday we had elections in our painters' local and all the locals of District 28 for business agents of the district. Seven candidates were nominated, of whom four were to be elected. From our own local, Local 121, we also had a few candidates running for that office. These, with a few of their best friends in the local, the biggest politicians, were actively carrying on a big publicity campaign to elect the biggest grafters and then divide the spoils among themselves. Some members were given spot cash for voting for them, besides promises of jobs for the future.

Less than 40 per cent of the members are working, and only very few of us that are working are getting the scale.

While we make only \$30 to \$35 a week when we are fortunate enough to work, we have to pay \$2 a month dues, besides taxes, in order that the business agents shall have \$75 a week pay besides a car and \$15 a week for expenses. The day secretary gets high pay, too.

Besides paying less than the union scale, the bosses don't even live up to the agreement on supplying water to drink and permitting us to wash up on the job, etc. This all is allowed to go on by our business agents. There is too much monkey business going on between the business agent and the boss.

Not a thing has been done for those of us that have been out of jobs for months, even for three to five months. We cannot expect the new district council to do any more for us, on the job, or for the unemployed. They are just the same as the others, interested only in getting more graft from the bosses for being blind to the breaches of the contract, and not at all bettering the conditions of us who elected them and pay their high salaries.

We should organize a progressive group with the help of the Trade Union Unity League and bring in the members of all the locals. We should make our demands of the officers that they make the initiation fee low. Dues should be low enough so that we don't have to take milk from our children in order to pay. Men who are out of work should not have to pay dues. The wages of our officers should be no more than we get on the job.

On these demands we can start a good fight against the whole clique of grafters and kick them out entirely. Then we can put in real workers to be our leaders.

—A PAINTER.

MACDONALD PROSECUTES LONDON DAILY WORKER

LONDON, July 13.—Ever since the London Daily Worker, the Central organ of the Communist Party of Great Britain, appeared at the beginning of the year to voice the class demands and revolutionary sentiment of the British workers, it has been an object of vicious attack by the "Labor" government.

Recently, MacDonald, the "Socialist" Premier, order of the King's prosecutor, Sir William Jewitt, to take legal action against the Daily Worker. The charge is contempt of court, because the paper printed an article charging that the decision which an English judge passed upon the case of a worker accused of distributing leaflets to soldiers was biased. The workers are rallying behind their paper.

T. U. DELEGATION TO SPEAK IN CHI. JULY 18

CHICAGO, July 13.—The chairman of the American Workers Delegation to the Soviet Union, D. Donovan, together with three other members of the delegation, Griac, Krystalsky, and Rushton, will speak at a mass meeting in Chicago under the auspices of the Friends of the Soviet Union on Friday, July 18, 8 p. m., at People's Auditorium, 2457 West Chicago Ave.

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Dakota Bumper Wheat Crop Means Ruination of Farmers

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Some farmers in North Dakota who are still confused on the hold your wheat for a better price theory have telegraphed Legge that they intend to hold in their granaries 20 per cent of the incoming crop until Legge is to speak at the state fair at Fargo in the near future. He will tell the farmers to hold some more of their wheat while prices go down and finance capital gets a still tighter grip on the poor farmer.

FRENCH WORKERS LEAVE GREETINGS

Will Carry Back Greetings From N. Y.

On Board S.S. Alopa.

Comrades: It is with regret that we leave you, but it is also with joy that we shall report to the local at Marseilles the fine reception that was given us by the local at New York.

—To see you assembled to show your solidarity with us, you who for the same cause, and to arrive at the same goal must march always hand in hand with us. It is necessary that the proletariat free itself from the heavy hand of the boss class, that it owe its well-being to the united efforts of the workers everywhere, and this is that brings us joy.

Communism is at this moment stronger than ever. Into all the cities of the world we must carry the red flag and our slogan: Workers of the world, unite, and tomorrow the youth will rejoice in the benefits we have gained for them.

The local of Marseilles asked us if it would be possible to establish connections with New York. On our return we shall answer them that it can be done, and in this way we shall have all the most recent news, and get it directly.

At Paris Comrade Augustine will report on this and he will report on this and he will send you immediately upon his return all the necessary documents.

I salute you, comrades. Let us all group fraternally under the red flag, crying, "Long Live Communism!"

Co. prudely.....

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4 Days Bring \$244.22; Many Fail to Help Daily

There are numerous methods of securing funds for the Daily Worker to help it meet its pressing obligations. We must again refer to the activity in behalf of our fighting fund in New York. Party units hold house parties for our paper. Peach gatherings, banquets, bonfire outings are held. A set of books from the International Publishers are purchased and then disposed of to return a goodly sum. Wherever workers gather, a comrade is always on hand to speak for and collect for the Daily Worker.

The New York comrades keep our paper and its needs constantly in mind. Seemingly, comrades in other districts, being a little removed from our point of publication, are not so mindful of our difficulties in keeping going. Proof of this is had in recent receipts. For the last four days, to July 9, only \$244.22 was remitted to the Daily Worker from the sixteen Party districts outside of New York. Comrades, you'll have to do better than this. But how about the thousands of readers and Party members who have not yet lifted a single finger to help us?

Contributions to July 9.

Joe Kapka, Chicago, Ill.	1.00
Fred Moore, Cochran, Oregon	2.00
Henry Gerwer, Toledo, Ohio	2.00
M. Stonich, Akron, O.	1.70
Mat Tonilimovich, Crosby, Minn.	1.00
Cosmopolitan Club, Hhaca, N.Y.	2.00
A comrade, Brooklyn, N.Y.	1.00
Income from dance by Unit 2, and Roxbury Lettish Club, Roxbury, Mass.	32.15
J. Koren, Rochester, N.Y.	.50
M. Mendall, Rochester, N.Y.	3.00
A. Colman, Rochester, N.Y.	1.00
Collected at picnic Croations Fraternal Union No. 122, Br. 194, Monessen, Pa.	18.45
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S. Kaidy, Cleveland, O.	1.00
J. Peter, Cleveland, O.	1.00
Smith, Cleveland, O.	1.00
Chas. Ropesa, Cleveland, O.	.50
E. Fellner, Cleveland, O.	4.12
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A. Rodman, Monterey Park, Calif.	1.00
N. Kropp, Chicago, Ill.	.50
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Collected by Joseph Deluga, Providence, R. I.	1.00
Lithuanian Working Women's Alliance, Brooklyn, N. Y.	10.00
Lithuanian Br. 66, Los Angeles, Cal.	10.00
Lithuanian Br. 26, Rochester, N. Y.	5.00
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Mike Kochkavski, Cleveland, O.	.50
Ellis Williams, San Francisco, Cal.	3.00
Collected by George Gravitt, Watersmead, Mich.	9.00
Collected by Panas Vanes, N. Y.	2.00
Total	\$244.22
Emergency Fund needed	\$25,000.00
Amount contributed	14,532.32
Balance still to secure	\$10,467.68

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The strike is against a wage-cut in the Rodgers hosiery mill in Kensington and has been going on for some time. The Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers' Union, which is officially leading the strike, does not permit more than two strikers to picket at one time. As a result several militant strikers had to take individual action against a scab, in the course of which Reiner was shot down without any warning.

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PENNSYLVANIA AND MINNESOTA STATE CONVENTIONS

ON Sunday, July 13th, the Communist Party of Pennsylvania and Minnesota held their state conventions to ratify the election platform and candidates for the coming elections. These conventions must not be viewed as mere gatherings for a "pure and simple" parliamentary campaign. They are mobilizations for struggle. They are means through which the Communist Party wants to utilize the field of revolutionary parliamentarism in order to expose the true nature of capitalist democracy; in order to prepare and lead the workers and farmers for struggle against wage cuts, against bosses terror, against the expropriation of the farmers by finance capital. The conventions had seriously to consider the political situation in these two states and the economic conditions of the workers and farmers.

Mellon's State.
The capitalist brutality and corruption of the Pennsylvania state machine controlled by the steel trust and the Pennsylvania Railroad is known not only to the workers of this country but to the workers of the entire world. The armies of Mellon's private thugs and coal and iron police continue to kill and slaughter workers and their families. In no other section of the country has the judicial and police state machine pursued such an open strike-breaking course. The persecution of foreign-born workers, imprisonment of workers for their militant class activity, raiding of headquarters, breaking up of workers' organizations, breaking up of workers' demonstrations, killing strikers, smashing picket lines are characteristic of the bosses rule in the State of Pennsylvania.

The convention likewise exposes the role of the A. F. of L. and the socialist party in the state of Pennsylvania. Still fresh in the memory of the workers remain the betrayals of the United Mine Workers of America, the treachery of the International Longshoremen's Association, the recent A. F. of L. betrayal of the Pittsburgh Taxicab drivers, the cooperation of the A. F. of L. and the police in framing up workers, all of which proves the strike-breaking and fascist role of the A. F. of L.

Especially must we intensify the struggle against the socialist party, which pursues a no less treacherous and strike-breaking course. The hosiery workers' strike in Kensington, Pa., is a good example of the role and purpose of the Musteites and the socialist party. The heroic hosiery strikers were stabbed in the back and openly betrayed through the Muste-socialist policy of non-mass picketing, arbitrations and co-operation with the Davis republican state machine.

Social-Fascists Smash Strike.
Still more outstanding is the role of the socialist city administration in Reading, Pa. There the socialists jailed workers who collected strike relief, broke up meetings, smashed strikes and openly co-operated with the bosses. The fact that the Communist state ratification convention took place in the socialist controlled city of Reading, Pa., marks the beginning of delivering a death blow and exposing in all its nakedness the aims of the socialist party and establishing more firmly the influence and organization of our Party.

The election campaign must reflect the developing struggles of the workers in Pennsylvania. We must take into special consideration the discontent and the coming struggles of the 150,000 anthracite miners against wage cuts and the betrayals of Lewis; the miners in the bituminous field, the movement of organization among the steel workers. The Party has now an opportunity to raise the economic struggles of the workers to a higher political level. The campaign for the Party platform and candidates means a fight for the legal existence of our Party, a fight against the police terror and the Lewis thugs, a fight for

the protection of the foreign-born workers, for the right to strike, to picket and assemble against the criminal syndicalist and seditious laws and for the building up of the revolutionary trade unions and the Communist Party.

Expose the Social-Fascists.

The political situation in Pennsylvania is not without any dangers for our Party. Besides the struggle against the socialist party, the role of Davis as "the friend of labor" and Pinchot as "the foe of the coal and iron police" was not made clear and explained to the workers. We must take cognizance of the fact that among large sections of workers in Pennsylvania, strong illusions exist about the so-called "liberal" and "pro-labor" role of Pinchot. It must also be admitted that the Party of Districts 3 and 5 failed to take energetic steps in the primaries to carry on a struggle against Davis and Pinchot and unmask them before the masses. This must be rectified at once.

The situation in Minnesota does not differ basically from that of Pennsylvania. The movement of struggle and resistance to the speed-up and wage-cuts is rapidly developing among the iron miners and lumber workers. The struggles of the dock workers on Lake Superior is assuming momentum. The election campaign of our Party will find a fertile field in the present situation among the exploited working masses in Minnesota.

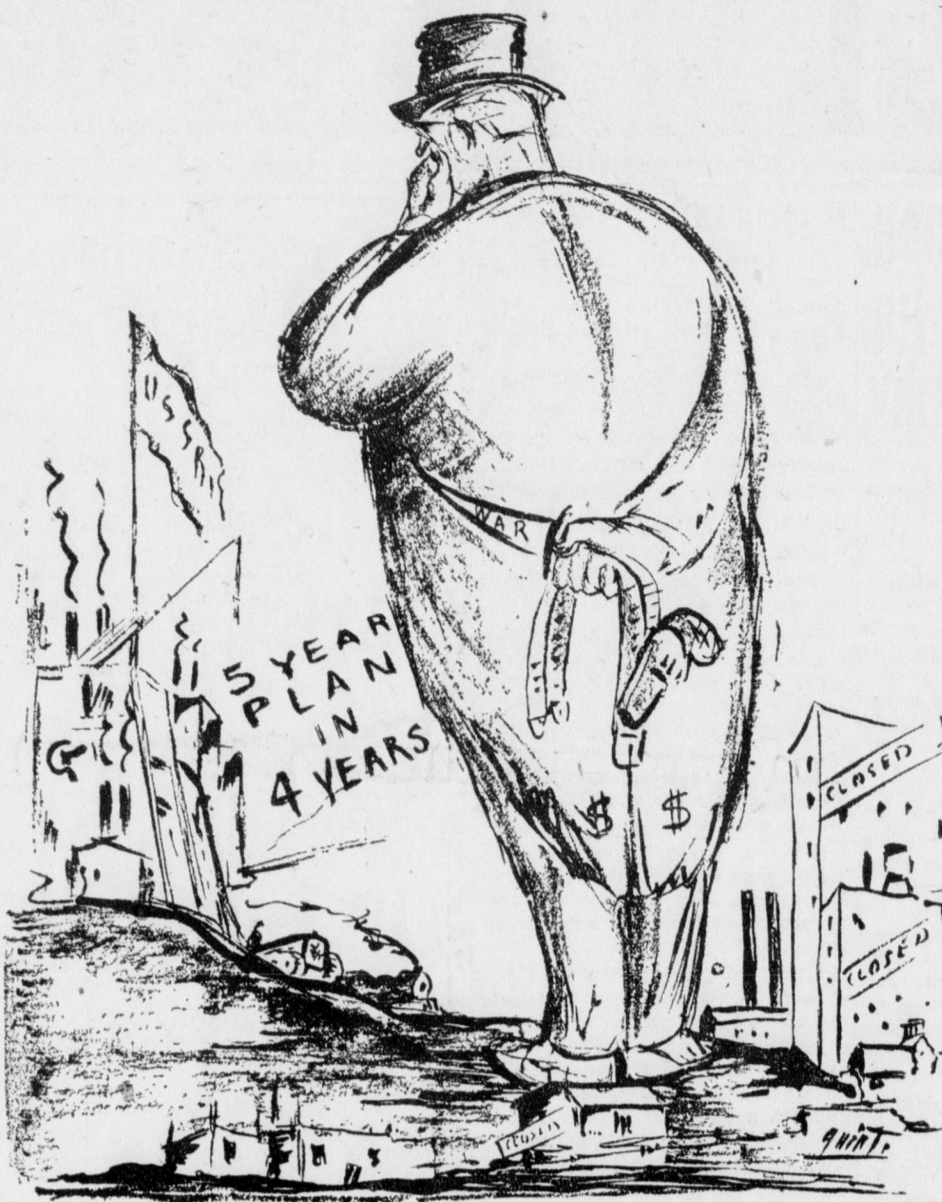
Win the Farming Masses.

The Party must devote special attention to the farmers. We must repair our inexcusable neglect of the agricultural proletariat and poor farmers. In every election the farmers of Minnesota become the prey of the capitalist Farmer Labor Party. On the other hand, however, the accentuation of the present agricultural crisis proves conclusively to the farmer not only that the farmer labor party is unwilling to fight for their interests, but that capitalism cannot solve their problems. In Minnesota the election campaign, without ignoring the industrial proletariat, must especially concentrate on the agricultural proletariat and the poor farmers. Precisely in this election campaign can the Party bring its program of class struggle to the farmers and establish a firm foothold in the agricultural districts.

As in Pennsylvania, the Communist Party in Minnesota is faced with the tasks of unmasking those forces which speak in the name of labor and try to mislead the working class. The struggle against the farmer labor party must be more politicalized and intensified. On the basis of the political record of the farmer labor party must we try to convince the workers and farmers that the farmer labor party is a capitalist party and not a workers' and farmers' party. The results of the recent primaries in Minnesota shows that the farmer labor party is trying to capitalize the present economic crisis and the growing misery of the workers and farmers. It also shows that strong illusions still prevail in various sections of Minnesota concerning the farmer labor party. These must be destroyed on the basis of systematic political agitation and struggle against the social fascist role of the farmer labor party and its allies, the Halonen group in the Finnish movement, and the Trotskyites.

The Minnesota and Pennsylvania state conventions have concretized the political support of the mass organizations and the response of the workers. The most important thing is to follow up organizationally the decisions of the convention. Broaden the election campaign, bring it into the factories, farms and mass organizations, particularly those which are still under reactionary leadership and control.

Forward to a Communist election campaign!
Build the revolutionary trade unions! Build the Communist Party!



"War Rather Than See Socialism Triumph!" By QUIRT

From the Shops Into the August First Demonstration

(Statement of the National T.U.U.L. Bureau on Preparations for August 1st Anti-War Demonstration.)

(1) The deepening of the economic crisis is developing very sharply the growing contradictions within the capitalist system, the antagonism between the two great imperialist powers—the United States and Great Britain—are becoming more accentuated.

The present crisis of capitalism and the contradictions within it are making the war a concrete fact.

(2) The increased imperialist attacks against the Soviet Union—the fatherland of the world working class—is assuming definite organizational expression, because it is in the Soviet Union that the workers and peasants are building up a new system of society, which is doing away with capitalist wars and exploitation, and therefore instead of wage cuts, speed-up, starvation and unemployment, the workers in the Soviet Union are successful in carrying out the Five Year Plan of Socialist Construction.

(3) World capitalism in alliance with the yellow Amsterdam International as well as the fascist and social-fascist leadership of the American Federation of Labor are trying to militarize the working class in order to prepare for the next world war, particularly war against the Soviet Union.

The recent manifesto of the Second International calling upon the workers of the Soviet Union to re-establish the bosses' rule in place of the Soviets, is an open act of war against the Soviet Union. This role of the misleaders, and the fascist agents of world imperialism, may have a dispute with Great Britain on the matter.

When the Byrd crew returned to this country they were acclaimed as "heroes." New York went mad over them and New York is not noted for its tributes to scientists. Surely the glorious ribbon seller, Grover Whalen, has no such reputation and yet he seized the opportunity once more to shine in the reception, beating Mayor Jimmy Walker three to one in the photographs taken with the "hero" Byrd.

A few days later Captain McKinley, adjutant of the expedition, made a public appeal for jobs for sixteen of the crew—only two offers being received. Most of the men who were "heroes for an hour" are workers, seamen, food workers, engineers, radio men, etc.

Sawdust and Robins.
The same thing happened after another imperialist event of far greater importance and scope—the World War. The boys returned from fighting and marching in France only to march up and down the streets of the United States and fight for jobs. And now once more on a very small scale.

Sawdust, robins, "heroes"! Three small items—but significant of the present situation! These men jointly with the 8,000,000 other jobless workers must look for jobs! But in the latter case, no appeal is being made, for they are only wage slaves who the bosses want to train to starve—or eat sawdust.

Workers! Join the Party of Your Class!

Communist Party U. S. A.
43 East 125th Street,
New York City

I, the undersigned, want to join the Communist Party. Send me more information.

Name

Address

Occupation

Age

Mail this to the Central Office Communist Party, 43 East 125th St. New York, N. Y.

dollar to the unemployed!

Work or Wages!
Unemployment insurance from the government and the bosses!

(5) All affiliated National Unions and National Industrial Leagues, and TUUL groups, are called upon to mobilize the broadest masses of workers on the basis of anti-war committees within the mills, mines and factories.

(6) The basis of the entire campaign within the shops must be conducted on a united front from below of workers and workers' organizations. Special effort must be made to link up the struggle against unemployment and to organize into this campaign unemployed and employed workers in industry.

(7) All affiliated organizations must immediately call membership meetings and elect delegates to participate in the conferences called by the Communist Party to prepare for August 1st anti-war demonstrations.

(8) The slogan—from the factories to the demonstration—must be made into a living reality and must be practically connected with the 50,000 membership drive of the TUUL and the building up of the official organ, the Labor Unity. This must become the center of our practical activity for the building up of a mighty protest demonstration against the capitalist war preparations.

(9) The final summing up of the election campaign for the V Congress of the RILU must be utilized to explain to the American workers the role of the RILU in the struggle against imperialist wars; and on the basis of the program of the Trade Union Unity League we must organize and mobilize all our forces for the building up of a mass powerful trade union movement in this country.

Fight against capitalist rationalization!
Organize the unorganized!

Demand the 7-hour day, 5-day week!

Fight against unemployment!

Demand work or wages—social insurance!

Fight against wage cuts and for wage increases!

For full economic, political and social equality, and self-determination for Negroes!

Organize the youth and the women!

Defeat the fascist and social-fascist leaders of the A. F. of L. and socialist party!

Fight against imperialist war!

Defend the Soviet Union!

For world trade union unity!

For a Workers' Government!

The Fish Committee and the War

By B. SKLAR.

THE Fish Committee is a flaming sign of the impending imperialist war. It is in fact itself a part of the war preparations of the American imperialist government, and should be exposed as such.

It is a measure conceived to strike on two fronts. Externally against the Soviet Union, internally against the greatest and the most implacable enemy of American imperialism and of its war preparations, the Communist Party of the U. S. A.

On the one hand, the agent of the Roman pope, the hypocritical and lying Jesuit Walsh, is being called in by the Fish Committee to testify in regard to the non-existing religious persecutions in the U.S.S.R. and to make a lying, ridiculous statement about an assignment of two million dollars in order to foment a revolution in the United States.

Then, reinforcing the holy lies of the Jesuit padre will come the framed "exposures" of the "insurrectionary" activities of the Amtorg, the Soviet Trading Corporation by means of some new forged documents cooked up a la Whalen and seasoned with a white guard sauce. And this is calculated to prepare the background for mobilizing the American masses ideologically for war against the Soviet Union.

On the other hand, Matthew Woll, the A.

F. of L. fascist, reinforced by the social-fascists of the needle trades and by Mr. Hillquit himself, will help to furnish the ground for outlawing the Communist Party and the revolutionary trade unions and for intensifying a reign of terror against them in order to crush them. (The renegade Lovestonites, finding it somewhat inconvenient to testify in the Fish Committee itself have rendered already their "testimony" against the Communist Party of the U. S. A. and against the Communist International at their recent convention, where they protested against the "interference" of Moscow in the inner affairs of the U. S. A.)

The Fish Committee is one of the most serious war moves of American imperialism. It is but natural therefore that it should look for and receive the support of just such class elements upon which American imperialism will rely in the war for which it is preparing (the clergy, the "labor" fascists, the social-fascists and the renegades).

It is therefore the most important task of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. to fight the Fish Committee "investigation" with the greatest energy. We must expose the nature of this Committee before the great masses of the American workers with all the means at our disposal. We must organize mass protest demonstrations against the despicable "investi-

HOOVER AND MELLON 'HELP' THE UNEMPLOYED

By EUGENE SAYLOR.

WHEN the story of America's ruling class is written—after the immediate objective of destroying it has been accomplished—its cynical ferocity towards the workers will mark it as the most brutal in all history.

Its two representatives most in the public eye at the moment are Herbert Hoover and Andrew Mellon. The first is a Quaker who is mobilizing for imperialist war; the second, although estimates of his wealth start at \$500,000,000, continues to levy heavy tribute upon every family in America that uses an aluminum utensil.

The executive officer of 120,000,000 people has been called a thief on the floor of the senate for his relations with the packers' trust while he was food administrator during the war. While in charge of European food relief he did his modest bit to prevent the "scourge" of Communism from spreading over Europe by refusing to feed any starving workers who were suspected of being Bolsheviks. He is a multi-millionaire, but no one, not even the republican national committee, has ever been able to discover how he made his fortune, although it is rumored that part of it was "earned" by floating worthless railroad stocks in England.

Andrew Mellon, the next foremost representative of capitalist in our "democratic" government, has publicly and privately violated every article in the constitution he has "faithfully sworn" to uphold. He is secretary of the treasury despite the express provision of a law which declares no secretary of the treasury shall engage in business. He is the aluminum trust in America, the sole producer of a commodity that is utilized in every home in one form or another. In addition to owning 50 per cent of the world's supply of aluminum, he has a greedy finger in a hundred industries pies, most of them in Pennsylvania. He and his family control most of the largest banks in that state and he also controls the Gulf Refining Co. and no one has ever counted the number of workers who have been tortured and murdered by the coal and iron police who protect Mellon's Pittsburgh Coal Co.

Envious boss senators have maintained—and have offered proof—that Mellon has forced steamship companies to carry his aluminum without freight charges to ports all over the world, in return for which Mellon has reduced the steamship firms' government taxes to a corresponding degree.

Mellon was a great whiskey distiller before the prohibition law was passed. He still is. There are at least 50 Washington newspaper correspondents who are willing to swear that a good part of the liquor seized by revenue forces off rum row has mysteriously found its way into Mellon's warehouses in Pennsylvania, where it soon became indistinguishable from Mellon's own good Overholt.

In his official capacity as secretary of the treasury he repeatedly encouraged gambling in the stock market. There are those naive enough to believe that he did so to strengthen the waning faith of the doubting bourgeoisie in America's prosperity. And yet the New York Times carries a report that Mellon "made" \$300,000,000 during the inflated stock market which he helped build up.

Representative Garner has charged in the House that Mellon has refunded scores of millions in taxes to companies in which Mellon's family has owned the controlling interest. Garner himself puts the matter very quaintly: "Either Pennsylvania has the most ignorant people who do not know how to make out their income tax returns or they are the most favored." Imagine the U. S. Steel Co., which received almost \$100,000,000 in refunds from Mellon, being "too ignorant" to make out its income tax returns.

To spend more time on Mellon would create the impression that he is different from other capitalists and from representatives of these capitalists in "our" government. He is not. He has stolen more, simply because he has had more opportunity. Capitalism breeds Mellons and Hoovers just like filth breeds a plague. Deodorants like socialist parties throughout the world, simply take the smell away; only Communism can tear the poisonous system out by the roots.

The present economic crisis—it is a crisis not in the sense that it is a rare thing, but because it is an accentuation of the disease normal to capitalism—has increased the number of unemployed to over 7,000,000. Of course Mellon's good friend Green admits to only 4,000,000, and a deliberately distorted census count reports under 3,000,000, but the Russell Sage Foundation, which doesn't know the difference between a Communist and an anarchist, agrees with the Daily Worker's figures.

These seven million workers without jobs are suffering for lack of food. Disease—dread tuberculosis in particular—is attacking their families. (The sale of milk in many cities has dropped more than 15 per cent.) The funds of paternalistic charities are almost depleted. Bread lines and soup kitchens are being discontinued in many cities because of "the drain on the treasury," as St. Louis charitable organizations put it when it announced last week that it was closing its doors.

What have Hoover and Mellon done about it? Their first reaction to a situation that according to leading bourgeois economists will continue to grow worse for at least two more

years, was to ignore it completely. But an increasingly militant Communist Party, a quickening radicalization of the masses, lengthening bread lines, and spontaneous strikes, forced some response. They had to do something—for Whalen couldn't be expected to crack the head of every hungry worker in America. A brilliant idea was hit upon. There would be a building program—a program the like of which the world had never seen before.

Skyscrapers, factories, apartment houses were to rise everywhere in quick confusion. The fact that existent skyscrapers were half empty, that hundreds of factories were being closed down, and that jobless workers couldn't even pay their rent in old tenements was completely disregarded. Every American would now have the opportunity to become a plasterer, bricklayer or carpenter, whether he wanted to or not, and unemployment would disappear overnight.

Fabulous sums were mentioned in connection with this building program. First millions, then hundreds of millions, then billions. It seemed that all the 7,000,000 jobless in America would be able to find employment in the mere carting of the world's gold here to pay for the thousands of buildings that were going to be constructed.

It was finally decided that \$7,000,000,000 would be spent; 3½ billions by the federal government and the states, and 3½ billions by the public utilities corporations. Seven billion dollars is an impressive sum. It sounds more impressive all over America. First the government's contribution would be announced, then the states' and then the corporations'. Then detailed explanations as to how the entire \$7,000,000,000 would be spent would be released again. Then Hoover would release the entire plan, then Lamont, then Mellon, and then the Federal Reserve Board, until those who were earnestly trying to follow the actual amount to be expended were made quite dizzy.

E. C. Harwood, writing in the *Annalist*, said: "Forced construction programs will actually prolong the depression.—Fortunately, neither business executives nor congress are likely to spend the ephemeral billions, so that the country may yet be saved from the evils which would surely be attendant upon the success of Mr. Hoover's planned prosperity!—Unfortunately, Mr. Hoover's high-sounding phrases bear neither statistical nor logical analysis.—A forced construction program will actually prolong the depression." The president of the Mortgage Bankers Assn., in Chicago, seems to substantiate Harwood. Writing in the *Wall St. Journal*, he declared: "Certain real estate bond houses have over \$255,000,000 of real estate bonds on Chicago property now in default."

And the situation in Chicago is merely a reflection of conditions prevalent everywhere in America. According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, the total awards of construction contracts in 37 states for the first four months of 1930, as compared with the corresponding period of 1929, showed a decrease of 16.7 per cent. The Bureau incidentally announced that residence construction fell off 49.3 per cent in the same period.

Last week, six months after these chimerical billions were first bandied about, Mellon announced the extent to which the building program has been carried out. It was a brief statement. The ballyhoo about billions had disappeared. The revealing statistics were imbedded in a mass of irrelevant and misleading data. Here are Mellon's own figures. "In the last six months contracts for 39 new projects have been awarded at a cost of \$28,000,000 in 26 states, the District of Columbia, and Hawaii."

Even if the workers were to obtain half of these \$28,000,000 in wages, and normally they would get only about 36 per cent of it, their share would be \$14,000,000. If the \$14,000,000 were to be divided equally among the 7,000,000 unemployed, even Mellon will admit that each would get less than \$2.

As for the public utilities carrying out their share of the program, immediately after the widely-hailed conference in Washington they rushed home to institute the most brutal speed-up systems and wage slashes the country has ever witnessed. Hoover had inspired them with the possibility of cashing in on the crisis.

A relatively unimportant incident serves to throw the spotlight on the bottomless hypocrisy of Hoover and his entire administration. On March 19 the House was asked to vote an additional \$250,000 to the sum already agreed upon for the construction of the Boston Post Office. A congressman speaking for the benefit of the folks back home, suggested that the extra \$250,000 would relieve the unemployment problem. The House voted against the appropriation on the express ground that it didn't want to subsidize the unemployed.

The total achievements of the Hoover administration in the elimination of unemployment are as follows:

1. Pushing through of the highest tariff bill in America's history. It is expected to increase the cost of living about 20 per cent in a time of decreasing wages and fewer jobs.
2. Inauguration of a naval program to cost at least \$1,000,000,000 in the next five years.
3. Mellon refunds \$97,000,000 in income taxes to large corporations. Thirty-three million dollars of this amount went to the U. S. Steel Co. and \$645,914 to the infamous Botany Worsted Mills in Passaic.
4. Eight thousand postal employees are discharged for the "sake of economy."
5. The \$28,000,000 building program mentioned above.
6. The Wagner bills were passed "to aid the unemployed." This legislation is the most amazingly hypocritical attempt ever perpetrated to fool an exploited class into believing that their exploiters are trying to alleviate their misery. Wagner's "sue" for unemployment is to open employment agencies and to collect statistics on unemployment. Even this typical bit of Tammany chicanery was considered too great a concession to the workers; the bill was passed, but not until the senate had removed the provision that would permit the number of unemployed to be counted. It has been charged that Hoover insisted this "dangerous" clause be deleted. Hoover had never denied it.
7. The Fish Commission was ordered to investigate the Communist Party, which happens to be the only organization in America fighting the battle of the workers—employed and unemployed—and exposing capitalism for what it is. Fish knows where to look for capitalism's only enemy—he has promised not to include the "socialists" in his investigation.

Three Small Items

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THREE small items of recent date help to characterize the present economic situation. One: Sawdust was quoted in Chicago on June 18 at a higher price than rye. A bag of forty pounds of sawdust sold on that date for 70 cents, that is 1½ cents a pound. On the same day, rye was quoted at 49½ cents for a bag of fifty-six pounds or less than 9/10 cents a pound.

Speaking of Sawdust.
The paper did not report whether the unemployed and part time workers are beginning to eat sawdust instead of rye, but clearly they will soon be compelled to do so. It also did not state what the poor farmer is to do who has to sell grains at a lower price than the cost of production. But this is also clear: he will have to abandon his farm as hundreds of thousands of other poor farmers are doing, go to the city—and increase the number of prospective consumers of sawdust.

About Robins.
Two: A robin deposited her eggs in a nest on a Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific R. R. car at Tacoma. A clerk discovered the nest and notified the superintendent of the division. The latter immediately sent the following order. Under no circumstances is that car to be moved. If possible don't even move the other cars on the same track, but first and last, keep that car stationary until the eggs are not only hatched, but until the robins can fly.

At last report the car was on the siding nearly a month.

Consideration—But Not For Workers.
Babies may starve, fathers and mothers may beg for work. In despair they may be forced to steal. There is no such consideration from bosses for workers as for the robin—except to send them to a "home" where they too will not be disturbed. We wonder whether the section hands and railroad watchmen get the consideration that this robin received! Pullman porters surely do not. Perhaps they are eating sawdust.

Three: The Byrd antarctic expedition has returned from the South Pole. The crew was made up of men especially selected and tested. They were subject to many trials that demanded initiative and responsibility and were not found wanting.

U. S. Imperialism in Antarctica.
The scientific value and achievements of the expedition will be properly estimated and