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## MINERS IN DESPERATE NEED OF RELIEF TO KEEP UP FIGHT

### Paving the Way To War

SECRETARY MELLON, who has reached Europe in advance of Secretary of State, Stimson, is undoubtedly preparing the ground for Stimson's visit, the purpose of which has already been spoken of in these columns.

Mellon's visit to Ramsey MacDonald, although described as a "courtesy call," has obvious international importance. The campaign of Great Britain, using the plea of German bankruptcy and threatened revolution, to force the United States into a reduction of the war debt payments, is but one side of the importance of Mellon's conversations with MacDonald and Foreign Minister Henderson.

The drainage of gold from England to France and the United States has compelled England to recede from her "proud refusal" to ask war debt reduction and the threat of proletarian revolution in Germany furnishes her an excellent indirect excuse.

American imperialism certainly does not want any proletarian revolution in Germany, where the failure of the Young Plan, following the failure of the Dawes Plan, has brought this worry into the imperialist camp and has, incidentally, rather ruined Owen D. Young's presidential aspiration for 1932.

American imperialism, however, is not giving something for nothing. While it is possible that an apparent concession may be offered such as will allow American imperialism to pose as the saviour of Europe, especially the saviour of Germany from Bolshevism, in exchange Germany will be enchained more directly than ever to Wall Street, and American imperialism will have won one more step in its struggle for world leadership in the anti-Soviet front, a position it wants in order to demand a lion's share of the loot.

When it is remembered that only a few months ago Montagu Norman, governor of the Bank of England, "on a vacation" in America, raised not only the war debt issue, but also the question of credits to the Soviet Union (with which Britain is trading much to the dislike of American imperialism) it is clear that the mission of Mellon and Stimson, a mission of hostility to the prospect of a Soviet Germany, cannot fail to be linked to a mission of hostility against Soviet Russia.

The "courtesy call" of Mellon and the coming visit of Stimson, is, therefore, clearly revealed as an attempt to unite world imperialism upon a program hostile to the Soviet Union, a program that logically leads to war and intervention.

All workers should be warned of the meaning of these events, and stand ready to defend the Workers' Republic at any hour, particularly preparing for the great demonstration against imperialist war that will be held on August 1st.

### Railroad Workers, Take Warning!

THE Daily Worker has called attention to information which proves that the petition of the Railway Executives to the Interstate Commerce Commission for 15% raise in freight rates is part of a conspiracy to cut wages of the railroad workers.

Anyone who is not a born simpleton, knows that if the "water" was squeezed out of the railroad stocks, they would show enormous profits. Anyone not a fool, knows that before the railroad companies (which are interwoven with and controlled by the great banking interests) even think of squeezing water out of their stocks, that they will fight like tigers to squeeze the blood out of the railroad workers.

The demand for a 15% freight rate increase, the outcome of which is already "understood" by both the Railway Executives and the Interstate Commerce Commission, is merely the preliminary propaganda maneuver for heavy and general wage cuts of railroad workers' wages.

The Daily Worker positively declares that this has already been decided upon by the great financial magnates controlling the railroads and other industry as well. It is clear to every intelligent worker that the demand for freight rate increase is only a preliminary to a general and heavy wage cut!

More! In the councils of the railway executives and financiers, the conspiracy has gone forward as the spear-point of a still wider general wage cut against the workers in other industries.

The conspiracy has gone forward with much discussion as to what "resistance" may be expected from the workers. The conspirators even go so far as to predict that "political instability" may result. But they are going ahead! They are going to cut wages!

But there is more to this conspiracy! Railroad workers should know that recently the corrupt and bureaucratic officials of the "Railroad Brotherhoods" have secretly conferred with the Railway Executives and are playing the game of the companies!

Concerning the demand for higher rates, the N. Y. Times of June 13, was quite safe in stating:

"It is certain that labor will incur... when a cut in wages has always heretofore been made to meet such a situation as now exists."

Railroaders! Do you understand that? It means that already, your "union" officials, following their policy of class collaboration, of "worker-management co-operation" to its logical conclusion, have agreed that if the companies do not get higher freight rates, or high enough to suit them, they—the union officials—will endorse a wage cut!

The conspiracy against your wage scales proceeds upon that basis. Your "union" officials, who have turned your unions into auxiliaries of the companies, into company unions, have already agreed in secret conference with the Railway Executives, to sabotage your "resistance" which the companies expect, to keep you from striking if possible! The American Federation of Labor officials are also involved in this wage cutting conspiracy!

The Daily Worker assures you that the big railroad capitalists are talking among themselves about the "outlaw" strikes they expect, when you railroad workers refuse to let your wages be cut, when you refuse to let your "Brotherhood" officials sell out your right to strike!

Railroad workers! Everywhere you must raise the issue now! No wage cut, regardless of freight rates! Everywhere prepare to build your own committees of action to counteract the treachery of your officials and defend your wage scales!

Learn now, that only your own action will count! Learn now that only the leadership of the Railroad Workers Industrial League, affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League, will give you loyal leadership and national support!

Railroad Workers! Take warning!

### MINE STRIKE SPREADS IN OHIO FIELDS

600 Strike Thursday in Two Mines; 42 Arrests Made

Clubs, Tear Gas Pickets

U. M. W. A. Gets Police Protection in Strike-Breaking

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, June 18.—Six hundred miners struck today at the Blaine mine of the Lorain Coal and Dock Company, also one hundred of the Kenwood mine. Forty-two arrests were made yesterday, a number of women included. Brutal clubbing of pickets at the Glen Run mine took place this morning after tear gas bombing, as a result of which one worker was sent to the hospital. Three miners were severely clubbed at the Blaine mine. The U. M. W. A. is working openly under police protection. Peter Peris is still held at Wheeling under ten thousand dollar bail, charged with inciting to riot.

By BILL DUNNE

WHEELING, W. Va., June 18.—The strike of Ohio and Northern West Virginia miners continues to spread with more than 6,000 miners already out of 32 properties.

The strike is spreading in the face of the most severe legal suppression and armed terrorism and desperate efforts on the part of the UMWA officials, state police, officers of the Ohio National Guard, scores of special deputy sheriffs and American Legionnaires, "self-appointed deputies," as the local press terms them, "to start back to work movements."

Tony Minerich and Peter Peris, organizers for the National Miners Union, were arrested today. Four young miners have been jailed and accused of setting fire to the wash-house of the Big Run Mine. The press says they confessed but the boys deny it. Five pickets, two women and three men, were arrested at the Constanzo Mines, Warwood, W. Va., this morning. Leo Thompson, now in jail in St. Clairsville, will be charged with Criminal Syndicalism, according to the prosecutor, and Henry Wald and Frank Kasch, with "aiding and abetting" violation of the CS statute.

Every highway leading to mines in Eastern Ohio, is patrolled by special deputies, and most of the mines have detachments of armed men posted at strategic points. At Lafferty No. 6, for instance, although a majority of the men are striking, the few working are "protected" by 30 to 40 thugs armed with rifles.

Major Blount of the Ohio National Guard, is in the field giving earnest aid to the coal operators in attempting to terrorize strikers and their families. An insight into the activities of this gallant Major, in connection with the mass struggle of some 35,000 men, women and children of the mine fields against starvation and the operators' dictatorship, as well as that of the Belmont county authorities is furnished by the following item in the strike story carried by the Bellaire Leader of June 16:

"Eleven Fairpoint men (strikers—B. D.), last night were ordered to

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### "Save Daily!" - Foster

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 18.—I am informed the Daily Worker is on the verge of suspension. This would be a smashing blow at the heroic struggle of the Pennsylvania-Ohio-West Virginia miners. Only those who are in the field can realize what the Daily means to these hungry, desperately fighting men and women. "This is our paper," they say, passing it from hand to hand till thousands have absorbed its militant message. With the strike spreading and new thousands joining the fight against starvation every day, it would be criminal to let the Daily go under. Rally to save the Daily Worker!

Answer Comrade Foster's appeal sent from the mine strike field! Unless you do, we will not be able to survive till the nation-wide Tag Days that will be held in every city June 26-27-28. Rush funds AT ONCE to the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13th Street, New York City.

### Hold Successful United Front Scottsboro Conferences in Oklahoma City and Detroit

BULLETIN.

BERLIN, June 18.—A powerful demonstration of young workers was held yesterday before the American Consulate in Leipzig. The windows of the Consulate were broken and a bottle flung into the offices containing a message demanding the immediate release of the Scottsboro Negro boys.

When police arrived the demonstrators had disappeared.

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 18.—A fighting alliance of white and Negro workers in the fight to save the nine innocent Scottsboro Negro boys was forged here last night at the local United Front Scottsboro Defense Conference.

The conference enthusiastically supported the mass fight led by the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights to free the nine boys, eight of whom were sentenced to burr in the electric chair in a farcical "trial" at Scottsboro, Ala.

Delegates were present from two Negro Baptist churches, from a colored local of the American Legion, the American Woodmen, the Willing Workers of the World, the Golden Gate Tabernacle, the Household of Ruth, the Court of Golanthe, the Unemployed Councils, the Trade Union Unity League, the International Labor Defense, the Young Communist League and the Communist Party.

A telegram protesting the legal lynching and demanding the unconditional release of the nine innocent boys framed up on a lying "rape" charge was sent to Gov. B. M. Miller of Alabama, at Montgomery, Ala. Plans were made to hold a big mass protest meeting under the joint auspices of all the organizations in the conference. The conference is to be followed by a larger conference within two weeks.

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### R.R. RATE RISE PETITION IS STEP TO WAGE CUTS

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Yesterday the leading railroads, under the control of Morgan & Co., with the support of other financial interests, including big banks and insurance companies, filed a petition with the Interstate Commerce Commission for "an increase of 15 per cent in railroad freight rates." On all hands, this is admitted by the capitalist press to be a maneuver for wage-cuts. All admit that the full 15 per cent increase will probably not be granted; that the increases that may be granted will not be sufficient to pay the heavy interest on the watered stock that the railroad companies ask.

The whole purpose of presenting the petition is to work towards a wholesale wage-cut for all railroad workers. The petition itself puts forward this question. It states if sufficient rate increases are not obtained, then wages must be cut. The railroad union officials, the whole slew of bond and stockholders of the \$33,000,000,000 railroad properties, are being swung behind the rate increase; and then when the wage-cut drive is put into effect their help will be used to put over the wage slashes.

While the rate increases are supposed to provide around \$400,000,000 a year in extra profits, if put over, the financial papers point out wage-slashes will provide over \$500,000,000 and are more reliable, as rate increases will cause all sorts of difficulties and could not be maintained. The point out that with the support of the A. F. of L. union officials, the railroad officials, Doak, Secretary of Labor, and former head of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, a wage-cut would be more effective.

### PINCHOT, COAL BOSSES BACK UMWA IN HEAVY DRIVE TO BREAK STRIKE

Conference Called By Governor, Coal Company UMW

Admit Their Scab Aim Begin Evictions to Force Miners Defeat

HARRISBURGH, Pa., June 18.—Thirty-two white, Negro and women delegates elected at strike meetings of six Pittsburgh Terminal Mines, headed by Frank Borich, left Harrisburg for the picket lines determined to defeat the attempt of Governor Pinchot, the coal operators and the United Mine Workers of America to make an agreement to break the strike in a secret conference to be held today.

No one including the governor's secretary, knew where the conference was to be held. Borich, on behalf of the strikers' delegation, protested against the action of the governor in turning the supposedly open coal conference into a secret conference with the Terminal operators and the U. M. W., excluding the striking miners.

Pinchot said: "You are not invited to the conference I have arranged between the operators and the U. M. W." Borich replied: "Again you turn your own proposed open investigation into a secret investigation, as you did in the proposal to investigate conditions of the miners in the strike area a few days ago."

"We demand an open investigation be held in Pittsburgh, at which thousands of miners and their families will expose their starvation." "I will not hear you," said Governor Pinchot, "unless you bring along the operators. I am making my investigation in my own way, Mr. Borich. I am governor, not you."

Protesting against this procedure, Borich replied, saying: "We want to state that this delegation is elected unanimously by mass meetings at each Terminal mine and from the Central Strike Committee of the National Miners' Union and is the only body authorized by the miners to speak in their name. The United Mine Workers of America is despised and understood by the miners to be the strike-breaking agency of the coal bosses, and no agreement made by you and the operators and the U. M. W. will be accepted by the miners. The miners know that their present starvation was brought about through the U. M. W., representing the coal operators."

"Spreading the strike and bigger mass picket lines will be our answer to any strike-breaking agreement coming from your secret conference. Ninety-eight per cent of the miners are striking under the National Miners' Union Rank and File Committee leadership. While you talk about the right to picket, your armed forces brutally slug starving miners and their families who are striking for the right to live. You are issuing hypocritical statements on evictions, which have increased since then. You are openly trying to break the strike. Your attempts will fail. The

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### CO-OPS TO SEND STRIKERS FOOD

Harju Wires the WIR of Relief Plans

NEW YORK.—Comrade Walter Harju, secretary of the Workers and Farmers Cooperative Unity Alliance, the left wing cooperative organization, which is an outcome of consolidation of left wing cooperatives, as a result of struggle against renegade Halonen, informs the WIR that the Unity Alliance stores have decided to send a carload of goods to the striking miners in Pennsylvania and Ohio, as first aid for the fighting brothers in the mine field. The Workers and Farmers Cooperative Unity Alliance is also taking steps to involve other cooperatives, especially those in states of Pennsylvania and Ohio for the relief activities in behalf of the striking miners.

### STRIKE SPREADS TO NEW MINES

UMWA Opens Booze Dens to Dope Men

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 18.—"The relief situation among the miners is desperate," said Marcel Scherer, National Secretary of the Workers International Relief here today. "Relief is needed today! Miners can not go on starving and at the same time continue their heroic battle against the operators and gunmen. The strikers have no food for their children. Their babies are unfed. The United Mine Workers of America fakers are opening up saloons to dope the strikers with moonshine and to demoralize their fighting spirit."

Relief for the starving miners, who despite their hunger are carrying on one of the most determined battles against the bosses ever carried on in this country, must be sent immediately. The strike is in danger of being crushed by the unbearable hunger of the miners and their families. Relief must be rushed to the 35,000 striking miners, their wives and children—all of whom are fighting on the picket lines against state and company gunmen.

Today 500 miners marched on the National Mine Number 3 at Cuddy, owned by the Carnegie Steel Co., and pulled a strike. At Elm Grove, West Virginia, Valley Camp Mine Number 7, 700 struck. Eight of the mines in Green County are filled with armed deputies in an effort to prevent a strike.

Send food and funds to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners Relief Committee, 611 Penn Avenue, Room 517, Pittsburgh, Pa.

### HARLAN MINERS NEED CLOTHES

NEW YORK.—The 100 miners of Harlan, Kentucky, who are now in jail for their militant activities and 20 of them charged with murder have issued an appeal through the International Labor Defense for clothes for their needy families on the outside. Hunger and eviction from their "homes" has been the lot of hundreds of these miners and their families according to a report of J. Louis Engdahl, general secretary of the I. L. D., who has recently returned from Harlan in behalf of the workers' defense organization helping the imprisoned miners.

As the wives and children of the imprisoned miners are starving and helpless it becomes of utmost importance to send and bring clothes to the national office of the I. L. D., not later than Monday when Jessie London of the I. L. D. is leaving for Harlan on that day and will take with her the clothes to distribute to the needy victims of the coal barons.

It is pointed out by the I. L. D. that 20 of these miners are facing death at the hands of the coal operators and the others are charged with criminal syndicalism which if convicted will bring them long sentences in the penitentiary. The United Mine Workers have betrayed these miners and would not come to their help and they were left without any defense until the International Labor Defense stepped in and took the case at the request of the imprisoned men. The clothes for the families of these imprisoned miners must be brought to the national office of the I. L. D., 80 East 11th St., Room 420, not later than Monday.

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### FUR STRIKERS WIN DEMANDS

#### Strike Led by Industrial Union

NEW YORK.—The fur shop of Helfenstein, 154 W. 28th St., was declared on strike on Wednesday, June 18. The firm employs 18 workers, 14 of whom were paid under the minimum wage scale. At the call of the Industrial Union, all the workers stopped work. After a short strike, the firm was compelled to settle on the following conditions:

1. All 14 workers are to receive the full minimum wage scale.
2. No workers shall be sent down from the shop; if there is not a full week's work, it should be divided amongst all the workers without discrimination.
3. No work on Sunday, as has been the case until now.
4. The firm is to pay the workers for half of the time lost during the strike.
5. All workers are to receive the July increase.

The strike in this shop is the beginning of an organized campaign in the shops for union conditions, increases in wages and more jobs for the unemployed.

### Boro Hall Council to Fight Eviction Negro Widow and Nine Kids

BROOKLYN.—Unable even to properly feed her nine children, Mrs. Mattie Frazier, a Negro widow living at 116 Wallabout Street, is to be evicted from her home since, not being able to find work where there is none she has been unable to pay the landlord his rent extortion.

The landlord, Jacob Roehring, with a swell office in the Williamsburgh Savings Bank Building has summoned her to appear in court on June 22, when the boss judge will tell her if she cannot pay her rent she must go on the street with the nine young children.

The Borough Hall Unemployed Council is visiting the house in which this worker lives and organizing the other tenants to make a fight against her eviction. Efforts are being made to organize the entire block. An outdoor neighborhood meeting is to be held Saturday night at 8 o'clock. All workers are urged to attend. Those having some time to help canvas the block are asked to come forward and volunteer at 73 Myrtle Ave.

### What's On—

- FRIDAY**
- Br. 407 Brownsville Youth Br. I.W.O. Meets at 1844 Pitkin Av., Brooklyn.
- Br. 408 Sports Youth Br. I.W.O. Meets at 1400 Boston Rd., Bronx.
- Br. 409 Bensonhurst Youth Br. I.W.O. Meets at 48 Bay 28th St., Brooklyn. Discussion on Scottsboro.
- Eastern Parkway Youth Br. I.W.O. Meets at 8:30 p.m. at 251 Utica Ave., Brooklyn.
- City Youth Committee I.W.O. Meets at 2:30 at 32 Union Square, Room 606.
- Concert, Vetcherinka and Dance. Given by Section 3 at 8:30 p.m. at Clubrooms of Hammer and Sickle Workers Club, 122 Second St. Admission 25 cents. Half proceeds to Daily Worker and half to Young Pioneer. Complete program has been arranged.
- Houseworkers' Brotherhood of Greater New York. Affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League meets at 9 p.m. at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St.
- Harlem Prop. Youth Club. Special meeting and new membership books handed out at 1492 Madison Ave.
- Another English Speaking Branch of the International Workers Order has been organized in the Bronx and its first meeting will take place at 8:30 p.m. at 1645 Grand Concourse (entrance on Mt. Eden Ave.). North will speak on "The Present Crisis and Preparations for War." Admission 15 cents. Proceeds to Daily Worker.
- Downtown Unemployed Council. Will hold an open-air meeting at Seventh St. and Ave. B at 6 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. another meeting will be held. Every day at 11:30 a.m. the council holds an open-air meeting at Leonard and Church Sts.
- A Membership Meeting of the Mapleton Workers' Club will be held at 1644 60th St., Brooklyn, at 8:30 p.m.
- Youth Section Metal Trades. Meets at 8 p.m. at 16 W. 21st St., third floor.
- Young Defenders No. 1. Open-air meeting at 161st St. and Prospect Ave. at 8:15 p.m.
- Young Defenders No. 1 and I.W.O. Open their barbas at 1400 Boston Rd. at 7 p.m.
- Lower Bronx Scottsboro Defense Club. Meets at 355 Beekman Ave. at 8 p.m. All Negro and white workers are invited.

**Daily Worker Outing to HUNTERS ISLAND**  
SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1931  
Meet at 9:30 a. m.  
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**Williamsburg Workers!—**  
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**Daily Worker Affair**  
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### Daily, Red Builders To Greet Stokes and Turner Saturday Eve.

NEW YORK.—Expressing the appreciation of the Daily Worker a meeting of the Red Builders will be held on Saturday, June 20, 1931, at 8 p.m., at 87 E. Tenth St., to welcome Turner and Stokes, two Red Builders jailed six months for activities in selling the Daily Worker.

A member of the Daily Worker editorial staff will bring greetings to Comrades Turner and Stokes.

Turner and Stokes will be the chief speakers of the evening. Refreshments will be served.

### 160 MEN TAILORS ARE LOCKED OUT

NEW YORK.—C. O. Jaffe, president of the Clothing Manufacturers Exchange, yesterday refused to reopen his shop practically locking out 160 workers and sending out work to a contracting shop. It is known that this is in preparation for a wage cut.

Officials of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers refused to call a strike in the shop allowing the cutters to remain in and the work sent out.

The Rank and File Committee of the A. C. W. has issued a call on the locked out workers to strike the shop over the heads of the officials.

Keep Out Rank and File.

A shop chairman's meeting of the A. C. W. was held at Webster Hall, Wednesday after work. Hillman, Blumberg, Miller and Potovsky of the A. C. W. bureaucracy were present. Known members of the Rank and File Committee were not permitted to enter the hall. Fear of exposure of the company union strike motivated the A. C. W. officials.

Hillman in a statement in the Daily News Record, textile trade journal, said that there would be no general strike and that there would only take place a drive on some contract shops to "readjust" prices. At this meeting the misleaders spoke of a general strike.

The Rank and File Committee is in the midst of a campaign in organizing the clothing workers for a genuine workers general strike, to organize in the shop, for rank and file control of the strike and to elect shop strike committees. A mass meeting to rally the men's tailors for this purpose has been called for Monday, June 22, at Irving Plaza Hall, 15th St. and Irving Place.

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### MILITANT BREAD STRIKE IS RISING

#### Fight On In Spite of Police Thuggery

BRONX, N. Y.—The seventh day of the bread strike carried on by hundreds of working women and housewives in the territory of 180th Street between Arthur and Prospect Ave. finds the number of fighters increasing and their militancy rising. This is due mainly to the fact that the Tammany police hired by the bakery owners are viciously attacking the defenseless women doing picket duty in front of the bakeries.

During the first seven days of the strike, more than 20 pickets were arrested, many of them beaten up and some sent to jail. But the United Front of the bakery owners, A. F. of L. gangsters, Tammany police and judges could not break the determination of the strikers and they are carrying on their fight until the bakery owners will reduce the price of bread from 8 to 5 cents a pound, and rolls from 20 to 15 cents a dozen, as demanded by the workers of the neighborhood.

Today, Friday, there will be a mass meeting at 2075 Clinton Ave. under the auspices of the International Labor Defense to protest against police brutality and the jail-in of strike pickets.

Tomorrow, Saturday evening, at 5:30 p. m. a mass picket demonstration will take place in front of all bakeries and especially in front of the I. & N. which is leading the struggle against the workers of the neighborhood. All workers are urged to participate in the picket demonstration.

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### SPARTACUS Concert and Dance

Unit 4 Sec. 2 Communist Party for the Daily Worker  
at 301 WEST 29th STREET  
SATURDAY EVE, JUNE 20  
Admission 25c. Proceeds for Daily Worker

### LECTURE

given by the  
**BORO PARK WORKERS CLUB**  
Friday, June 19th, 1931  
1373-43rd St. Brooklyn N. Y.  
—Subject—  
Communist Press vs. Capitalist Press  
—Speaker—  
Al Garrick of the Daily Worker

### LECTURE

given by the  
**I. W. O. BRANCH NO. 521**  
Friday Evening June 19th  
1645 Grand Concourse, Bronx  
Entrance on Mount Eden Avenue  
—Subject—  
Present Crisis and the Preparation for War  
Speaker:—J. North, Editor of the Labor Defender

### DAILY WORKER ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday, June 21st—8 p. m.  
at 118 Brownsville St.  
Arranged by the  
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### CONCERT "VECHERINKA" and DANCE

FRIDAY, JUNE 19th, 1931  
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Admission 25 cents. Arranged by Section 3, C. P.  
Proceeds for the Daily Worker and Pioneer

### The Workers' Health Teacher

At last the tonsil superstition has been shown up. The April issue of the Archives of Internal Medicine contains an article showing the experience gained by the examination of 12,530 persons at the age of about 20, concerning their tonsils. One third of them had NOT had them removed and were not suffering from the disease with which we are threatened, cardiac, rheumatic, etc., while those who had had the operation performed HAD the most illnesses. So why follow the deluded and bourgeois-brained on the money-getting doctors?

The New York Academy of Medicine, after rejecting the BIRTH CONTROL idea a few years ago, recently voted a resolution in its favor. And also says: "The absence of education of the public in sexual matters by the medical profession is medieval." But only a few years ago the doctors and many laymen condemned the small minority who dared to spread light among the workers about sex life.

Birth Control, as sponsored by some of the rich, is a capitalist idea. They try to make us believe that it would do away with poverty and solve the question. However, in the light of the Communist Philosophy, as one method of intelligent living necessary to the workers now as well as in a socialist society, but not as a solution of the great economic problems, it is quite a different thing. It is not an end but a means.

There are many vegetarians in this country. In Germany, in Soviet Russia, Vegetarianism as a call for pity for animals is petty-bourgeois sentimentalism. From the workers' viewpoint it is sound and necessary. It represents a higher civilization. More health, better economics. It is not only in the interest of the individual, but of society as a whole. Careful investigation and exact figuring will show that it is cheaper for one family and also for large masses to discontinue flesh-foods. It costs more to grow food for cattle and to take care of them, considering their food-value, than for men to eat the products grown for animals.—Dr. A. LONE.

P. S.—In my last article a word had been left out by the printer. "Intant upon making" should have been followed by "money."

### Boro Hall Council Fighting Eviction of Family of Nine

BROOKLYN.—Sam Papa, an unemployed worker, living at 2 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, has been ordered evicted by the landlord and the boss courts. He has a wife and seven small children.

Papa has been out of work for several months. An employer, Harry Garvey of 1301 Avenue L, Flatbush, owes this worker \$97 in wages. When the worker tried to collect this amount through the boss courts he was given a useless judgment on which to feed his wife and children. Now, however, the landlord has no trouble in getting an order to throw them out on the street.

Papa has applied to the racketeer charity agencies for aid. He has been handed a few dollars on which to feed his family and pay the rent. The money was not enough to feed his family one week. The charities refuse him further aid.

The Borough Hall Unemployed Council is calling on the workers in his block to prevent the eviction of Papa and his family. Efforts are being made to organize the tenants in the block. All workers are urged to join in resisting the eviction.

### MASS SEND OFF TONIGHT.

NEW YORK.—A mass send-off will be given tonight to the out of town delegates of the Friends of Soviet Russia delegation which has just returned from the Soviet Union.

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### BOSS JUSTICE EXPOSED IN TRIAL

BRONX, N. Y.—The trial of the injunction of Local 338 of the Dairy and Grocery Clerks' Union against the Food Workers' Industrial Union opened yesterday with the prosecution, A. F. of L., resting its case.

One of the outstanding facts brought out at the trial was that on cross-examination Alexander Marks, general organizer for the A. F. of L., practically admitted that the name on the charter issued to Local 338 might have been forged.

The witnesses in the court consisted either of bosses against whom the Food Workers' Industrial Union is conducting the strike, or of former or present local officials. The impossibility of relying upon capitalist justice was clearly brought out in the opinion of Judge Black, who stated that he is not interested in whether or not union conditions prevail in A. F. of L. shops, or whether or not the Industrial Union strikes against the open shop. He said that he was primarily interested in whether acts of violence were committed!

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# Help the Anti-Imperialist Struggle in the Philippines

By D.R.D.

IMPORTANT events have been taking place lately in the Philippine Islands. After a series of peasant uprisings, which were crushed with the utmost ferocity by imperialist government and the native exploiting classes, came the news of the arrest of 318 militant workers who attended the election meetings of the revolutionary proletarian organization. The Philippine Communist Party is practically outlawed, its meetings have been prohibited, its leaders are jailed and are now awaiting trial.

The reason for this brutal suppression of every activity of the militant section of the Philippine toiling masses is that this year has witnessed a tremendous sharpening of the class struggle and a broadening of the anti-imperialist movement in the Islands. The local bourgeoisie, which used to play with phrases about independence (to be gotten through missions to Washington!) now openly declares for a united front with American imperialism. The masses are becoming aware of this betrayal and in increasing numbers rally to the side of the young Communist Party. Particularly is this to be noticed in the labor movement, where the split between the reformists and the revolutionary elements occurred in May, 1929. The majority of the organized workers remained solidly behind the revolutionary trade unions which formed, after the split, the Proletarian Labor Congress affiliated to the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat.

Last May this latter organization addressed a letter to the Convention of the Proletarian Labor Congress in which it formulates the tasks before the workers of the Islands. From this letter we learn that while the imperialist authorities blessed the "labor" parades staged by the reformists on May 1, they laid by a huge supply of ammunition in preparation for the smashing of the revolutionary workers' demonstrations. The Philippine press triumphantly enumerated the number of tear-gas bombs and riot guns let by the United States imperialist army to the local landlord-capitalist police for the purpose.

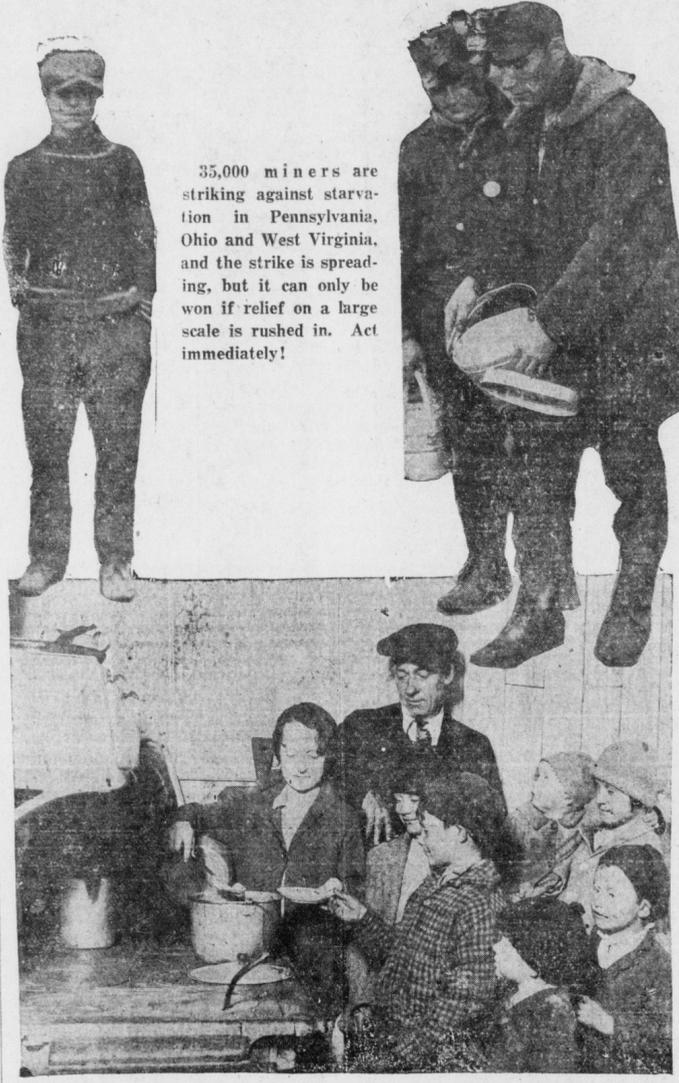
At the same time that the demonstrations of the revolutionary masses were being disbursed by armed force, the reformists were entertaining the capitalist bosses at boozey luncheons where the collaboration of classes and the fraternization of capital and labor was the dominating tone of the speeches.

However, these betrayers of the working class understand that if the spreading influence of the Communist Party is to be checked some-

thing more than riot guns and fraternization with the bosses is needed. The reformist conventions accordingly sanctioned the formation of a Socialist Union "as a means to prevent the propagation of subversive Communist ideas" in the Philippines. Thus the Philippine Greens have been inconspicuously blended into Philippine Mustelies! The main commandment of this brand new species of Philippine labor traitor is: "Keep faith in God and in the independence of the people of the P. I., which sooner or later can be attained through the proper development of their natural resources."

Against all these maneuvers of Philippine reformism designed to keep away the masses from the revolutionary class struggle, the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat calls upon the Philippine Proletarian Labor Congress to organize the working class in their daily struggles against the bosses. It calls upon them to fight for the legality of the revolutionary trade unions, for a revolutionary proletarian press as the powerful organizer of the masses; against government interference in labor disputes and strike arbitration, against the white terror and the suppression of working class organization. The Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat draws the attention of the Proletarian Labor Congress to the necessity of establishing "the closest connection with the revolutionary proletariat in the U.S.A. (the Trade Union Unity League) with whom joint action and solidarity will be most effective in the struggle against American imperialism."

It is the task of our Communist Party and the revolutionary trade unions in the U.S.A., as well as the American Anti-Imperialist League, to show through action that we want and deserve the confidence of the revolutionary masses of the Philippines. It is our foremost duty to help them to throw off the yoke of American imperialism. Right here in the United States there are tens of thousands of Filipino workers who suffer from discrimination and terrible exploitation. We must prepare them for the coming struggle in the Philippines by organizing them on the basis of their immediate demands. We must explain to them the revolutionary issues at stake in their home country, urge them to give moral and material support to the revolutionary organizations in the Philippines. And, above all, a nation-wide campaign for the release of the class war prisoners who are now rotting in the jails of Yankee imperialism in the P. I., for the legality of all working class organizations there, for the freedom of speech and assemblage, must be initiated without delay.



35,000 miners are striking against starvation in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, and the strike is spreading, but it can only be won if relief on a large scale is rushed in. Act immediately!

## Party Life

Conducted by the Org. Dept. Central Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A.

### Organizational Forms Within the Shop

(From "Shop Paper Editor" issued monthly by the C.C.)

THE particular form of shop organization which we advocate depends entirely on the particular issue involved, conditions in the shop, the readiness of the workers for struggle, and forms of organization which already exist. Therefore no cut and dried blue-print formula can be issued. We give below a rough characterization of the various forms of organization, and must leave it to the judgment of the comrades connected in the shop in question, which form they advocate under given circumstances. They are distinctly divided into united front forms and union forms of organization, the former representing the united front from below, including all workers, whether they are members of the revolutionary unions, A. F. of L. union, independent craft unions, or unorganized. These united front organizations, which are not an integral part of the union, are the Grievance Committee, the Department Committee and the Shop Committee.

**United Front Forms of Shop Organization**  
**One contact:** What to do with one contact is obvious—through him to conduct agitation in the shop and gain more contacts, to form a group to discuss not only conditions in the shop but ways and means of bringing about some forms of organization within the shop.

**Grievance Committee:** The grievance committee is the most elementary form of organization in the shop. It is formed to combat a particular grievance in the shop, whether this grievance touches all the workers in the shop or only part of them. It is not a permanent organization, but may develop into a permanent form in the course of struggle or preparation for struggle. It may develop either into a Department Committee or Shop Committee. It is oftentimes formed spontaneously by the workers who are driven by worsening conditions to protest. The most advanced and militant workers will speak in the name of the rest. This group is the Grievance Committee. The committee may also be deliberately organized by our own comrades in the shop, by their choosing the most militant workers, from among our group of contacts, and getting them to take the lead in the protest. Any demand which the Grievance Committee wins, no matter how small, develops the confidence of the workers and strengthens the organization. Many workers will follow a Grievance Committee on a specific grievance who are not yet ready to join a permanent organization. But in the course of struggle, particularly successful struggle, these workers become convinced of the necessity of permanent organization and permanent struggle. This leads then to the formation of our more permanent committees, the Department Committee and the Shop Committee.

**Department Committee:** A Department Committee is, under the most ideal conditions, elected by all the workers of one department, to represent them in their struggle with the boss. It is a more permanent form of organization, and is the spokesman of all the workers in that department, in the fight for improvement of working conditions in that department. Under most conditions at present, however, it is not always possible to elect the committee in the face of boss terror, company spies, etc., and the tendency will be to get the most militant workers in the department to function as a committee in the name of the workers of the department. However, if the committee is the outgrowth of successful struggles under the leadership of a grievance committee, it will most likely be possible to elect the committee openly. We must not yield too easily, however, to boss terror, and continually strive to elect the committee openly. (The Department may, as it actually did in the Lawrence strike, serve as a shop committee for the entire shop, or it may develop into a shop committee by leading in setting up corresponding department committees in other departments, either under cover or openly.)

**Shop Committee:** Under ideal circumstances the Shop Committee is elected by the workers in the shop, to represent them all in their struggle against the boss for better conditions. In practice this does not always necessarily work out. The Shop Committee may be, and almost always is, the logical development of a grievance committee or a department committee, and comprises the most advanced and militant workers in the shop. This committee is the highest form of the united front from below, and is not an integral part of the Union. It guides and directs the department committees, takes up all grievances, and leads all struggles in the shop. However, in a strike struggle, a mass strike committee takes over the leadership.

**The Union**  
**Mill or mine or shop branch:** This comprises all the members of the revolutionary union within the shop.  
**Branch Executive:** This is the elected guiding committee of the shop branch, and is not a united front organization.  
**Union Shop:** Where every worker in the shop is a member of the revolutionary union, the Shop Committee may be identical with the Shop Branch Executive, but it is the Shop Committee, even under such circumstances, which speaks to the boss in the name of the workers, and sees to it that any agreements the boss makes, whether with the union or with the Shop Committee, are put into effect.

**The Party**  
 The organization of the Party within the shop is the shop nucleus, and in organizational work within the shop it is the duty of the comrades in the nucleus to push whichever forms of organization are being introduced, must build up these organizations and build up the Union—it must be the driving force within the non-Party organizations within the shop, and must carefully guide the activity of the united front organizations along revolutionary lines, combating the reformists, and preventing the reformists from dominating any of the committees formed. In short, the activity within the organizations in the shop corresponds to the activity of the Party as a whole outside the shop in any non-Party mass organizations. And of course, as far as recruiting goes, we draw to us the most advanced elements we find in the course of any activities we carry on within the shop, whether from the non-Party organizations or from among the unorganized.  
 (See the Next Party Life Column for "Some Notes from St. Louis.")



### In Other Words—War!

In the N. Y. Herald-Tribune of June 14, a gent by the name of Joseph Stag Lawrence, who is Vice-President of the Board of Industrial Counselors, Incorporated, lets us in on what he thinks is a cause of the crisis, and hints, broadly, at what ought to be done about it. He says:

"The greatest consumer of capital goods is war. Since we have fully repaired the destruction of the last great conflict, the world is now able to go ahead and accumulate exclusively for its peace-time purposes. It is probable that this particular adjustment is one of the major contributing causes of the present depression."

Clear, isn't it? "The world" that is to say the capitalist world, has "accumulated" too much capital goods. "Too much," because the consuming forces (which are the masses of workers and farmers besides the capitalists adding new factories and machines to production) fail to use up goods as fast as they are produced.

And, since this Mr. Lawrence admits that peace-time consumption is inadequate to keep up, and therefore there is an unused "accumulation," and since "the greatest consumer of capital goods is war"—let's have a war and everything will be jake.

Only a war will "consume" a few millions of workers, in addition!

### Tripe, Two Bits a Pound

One of those god-awful "detective magazines," called the "Real Detective," which assures its readers that every word is "absolutely true," is out early with its July edition with a lot of plain and fancy fertilizer about "The Red Terror in the U. S. A." Listen to this tripe:

"Fearing neither God nor Devil, they (the Reds) do not hesitate to resort to tactics from which Christian people would turn in horror." Again: "Murder was the measure of his (Lenin's) power. He could kill because he knew no God."

"We are Christian people," said the United States Supreme Court in denying citizenship to Professor MacIntosh and Miss Bland, precisely because they wanted to support capitalism without killing people. Christianity demands that you kill, so long as you kill for capitalism's interest.

In Alabama, a woman named Laura Wright, who murdered her husband, tries to escape punishment by saying that he was an atheist (Associated Press, May 27). And if you examine the list of murderers in any American State, you'll find almost all of them "good Catholics" or "devout Protestants."

In fact, here in New York, the gangster-bootlegger was result in murders by Catholics with such tiresome regularity that when the moron girl, Starr Faithful, who was both rich and batty, took an overdose of dope and jumped in the ocean, it was the first chance the Catholic editors of the capitalist dailies had a chance to play up a "Protestant murder."

So they did themselves proud, and are still selling oddies of papers to the scandalized Christians, though it is the common talk of newspaper row that the girl killed herself, incidentally, like Christians do. The Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army recently wrote a letter to the preachers, quoting Scripture to prove that Christianity definitely O. K.'s killing folks. Talk about killing, those who "know God" beat atheists four ways from the jack on both murder and suicide!

### Three in One

Three items have come to our desk, and dear reader, if you can read this without getting mad all through, something is wrong with you.

First, a circular letter sent out by Theodore Roosevelt, the sap-head son of Teddy the Terrible, who is, by the grace of Hoover and the National City Bank, Governor of Porto Rico. It is a letter asking for contributions to feed the hungry children of Porto Rico.

No doubt they should be fed. But by whom? Roosevelt says that they are "Loyal American citizens," but have been the victims of poverty, disease and a disastrous hurricane.

American imperialism, which since it grabbed Porto Rico has taken out of it in profits over nineteen times its present national wealth, accounts for the "poverty" and the poverty accounts for the "disease," and imperialism has been worse than a dozen hurricanes. Let the imperialists who have robbed Porto Rico feed the Porto Rican children.

But Roosevelt says something else: He says, "Child hunger under the American flag is insufferable."

So! How does it happen then that Hoover himself manages to bear up under the fact he himself cites that there are some 6,000,000 children in United States suffering from ailments traceable to "malnutrition"? And what about the following concrete case, told in the Buffalo, N. Y., "Times" of June 9, of a man who told a grocer his family was starving and invited him to come and see. The grocer went to the worker's home, and:

"The wife and mother was pale and emaciated and the children were ragged and half-famished. On the stove some meat was cooking. The man said he had killed a dog and they were cooking it!"

We note that there are 504 capitalists in the United States, according to income tax reports, who don't work but who "get" an income of a Million Dollars or More per year! And we remember that Hoover said, when the crisis began, that "No worthy citizen would go hungry."

These children of the worker who had killed a dog to feed them, no doubt were not "worthy"! The worker himself certainly wasn't, for he had not killed a dog! And dogs are private property! To eat the private property of somebody else is a crime!

Such criminals are condemned in the third item we have before us. A circular from W. T. Van Alstyne, Secretary of the "Sons of the Revolution," who calls all patriots to arms against the Communists, who, says he: "Are avowedly pressing a ruthless campaign to destroy private ownership of property, religion and the personal liberty for which our forefathers fought."

Religion and hunger! Personal liberty and dog meat for workers' babies! Private ownership and imperialism which, for the profits of a few parasites, starves the American workers' children just as it starves those in the oppressed colony of Porto Rico!

Sons of—No, not "the Revolution"!

## Hunger's Cry from Kentucky

By J. LOUIS ENGDALH.

I HAVE just come from the depths of the Harlan County Jail, in Harlan, Kentucky, heart of the Eastern Kentucky coal fields, that spawn riches for some of the greatest corporations in the land; hunger, misery, death, for the miners, their women and children.

Nearly 100 miners and their sympathizers are crowded into the dark cells of this prison. A score are charged with murder, carrying the death penalty. Scores have been indicted for "banding and confederating." Criminal syndicalism is supposed to be the crime others have committed, for speaking at meetings.

No one knows, not even the jailed union officials or the lawyers, exactly how many prisoners there are. Warrants for arrest are out for scores more. New prisoners are being bought in practically every day.

The Eastern Kentucky coal miners cannot fight this out alone. Whether in Harlan's dungeons or out in the dark mine pits of the hills and mountains, they write under the heels of such great combinations of organized dollars as the United States Steel Corporation (the Steel Trust); the Peabody Coal Company of Chicago; the Peabody-Insull interests, the Wisconsin Steel Company, the Commonwealth Edison power monopoly.

Exactly at the moment that the Steel Trust heads, Farrell and Schwab, in New York, were hypocritically voicing their opposition to wage cuts, and "Sammy" Insull was advancing millions of dollars in loans, out of his stolen wealth to his newly elected Chicago municipal government, the gunmen and thugs of these "interests," recruited from the dregs of bootleggers, rum runners and hijackers, were pouring broadsides of murderous dum dum (mushroom) bullets from machine guns and high-powered 20-shot rifles against striking Eastern Kentucky coal miners, seeking to utilize the strike weapon in defense of their efforts to organize, to fight wage cuts, to resist the lowering of their starvation standard of living so low that in many instances working miners were forced to ask for charity to keep alive.

The mine strikers bury their dead. But they do not forget. There are no statistics of martyred workers in Harlan County.

But the mine owners' press (the press that licks the boots of the Farrells, the Schwabs, the Insulls), the press of the Harlan County Coal Operators' Association, rages through the countryside; Governor Sampson orders out the state militia; Sheriff John Henry Blair deputizes new hordes of criminal scum; Circuit Judge D. C. "Baby" Jones calls a special grand jury, boss class "law and order" seeks the blood of workers because in their attack on the coal miners' "free city" of Everts, in May several mine owners' gunmen were also numbered among the dead. It was Gastonia all over again, exactly two years after the textile workers in the Manville-Jencks mill town of North Carolina had stood their ground against the armed lynching mob attack led by the Chief of Police, Aderholt. Not a single mine guard, deputized thug or other riff-raff of the Farrell-Insull anti-labor army of mankillers has been arrested. But the man-hunt goes on through the mountains for the leaders and organizers of the miners' struggle against hunger.

I talked with W. B. Jones, secretary of the Miners' Union, sitting in his prison cell. He told of oppression of labor through these Kentucky mountains that made human slavery in the pre-Civil War days of more than 70 years ago seem paradise. For struggling against these conditions he is charged with murder.

Here in this same jail sits Joe Cawood, the miners' candidate for sheriff in the last elections who was counted out in real Tammany Hall style, while the Insull gang was screaming

about "honest elections" in Chicago's mayoralty battle to replace "Bill" Thompson with "Tony" Cermak, considered a more subservient tool. In another cell the chief of police of Everts, who recognized the right of the coal miners to hold their union meetings in this mountain stronghold, where thousands have often gathered at a time, Negro and white, to discuss their common grievances and organize to win the remedy for them. In another cell is W. M. Hightower, the president of the union.

The struggle goes on, however, because other officials, another president and another secretary are functioning out in the hills, and the coal miners still hold power in Everts, in spite of the governor's militia, the sheriff's gunmen and the coal barons' thugs.

This is a fight for the lives and for the freedom of the 20 already in jail charged with murder. It is a fight for the freedom of the scores of others facing the yawning steel gates of boss class penitentiaries prepared to swallow them alive. It is a fight for the organization of the mine workers, for living standards higher than the starvation level.

I pledged the Miners' Union, through its representatives, President Hightower and Secretary Jones, that the International Labor Defense would do all in its power in the struggle for their lives and their liberty, that it would seek to develop the widest possible protest of American and International labor, while at the same time helping to build the struggle in the boss class courts of so-called "justice." We have written Scottsboro, Mooney and Billings, Imperial Valley, Centralia, Atlanta, Paterson, Youngstown, upon our banners and linked them up in our struggles. High up must also blaze the thundering appeal of "Harlan County, Kentucky!" The heroic Kentucky coal miners must not die! Demand their right of self defense, their right to organize, their right and the right of their families, women and children, to live!

## Weaknesses in Unemployment Work and How to Overcome Them

By SAM NESIN

THE shortcomings enumerated in the previous article are contributing factors which account for our organizational weakness. However the outstanding weakness is that we are still isolated from the neighborhood and its every day grievances against high rents, high cost of food, electric gas, coal, unsanitary housing, lack of play grounds for the children, starvation and evictions. We must entrench ourselves in the neighborhood and become the leaders in these daily struggles linking them up with our general demands for immediate relief and unemployment insurance. Uniting these forces with the employed workers in struggle against wage-cuts, speed-up and for the shorter work day with no reduction in pay. The fight against discrimination against Negro and foreign born workers must be carried on to a much greater extent than in the past, particularly on the issues of rent and relief.

In many instances we found neighbors collecting money among themselves to help a family threatened with eviction. Also collecting food and money for starving neighbors. In Harlem a Negro woman cooked a stew for the unemployed members of the branch. Clothing was brought into other branches by sympathetic neighbors. These genuine expressions of working-class solidarity have not been taken advantage of organizationally. We failed to realize that these masses were expressing themselves in a very practical way. These very same families that show their interest in the struggle by bringing food, clothing or money, will also help to resist evictions, accept as part of neighborhood delegations to demand relief from the bosses and the city government and participate in

demonstrations. These are the forces that will help develop sustained activity such as canvassing, gatherings, etc. They will greatly assist in the organization of house and block committees of the tenants' league.

We had a leftist fear of this self activity of the masses degenerating into a soup kitchen charity atmosphere and that it will destroy the militancy of the workers. This attitude can be likened to the one which asks you to stop work because you might make a mistake. In the present stage of our activity there is more danger of our isolation in the rejection of this self activity of the masses than its acceptance.

**Underestimation of Unemployment Work**  
 While we accept unemployment activities as one of our major tasks, we have not taken the necessary steps to show that we regard it as such. We are acquainted with the cry of no forces and will not repeat it. However, we must agree that we must have something to begin with. Unemployment work is a very intensive form of our activity. It calls for work amongst the broad masses, many meetings, leaflets, daily issues, quick action and funds are necessary. For this most important work in New York City we have one full time functionary with no technical assistance. No permanent comrades assigned for this work in many sections of the Party. None of the Unions or Leagues have assigned any responsible comrades for Unemployment work. Few women assigned. In some sections no meeting place provided. No weekly or monthly sum of money contributed by any of the Unions or Leagues or our close fraternal organizations for the organization fund. It would be wrong for us to have our faces turned inwardly for the solution of our problems, but we must start with what we have and work outwardly.

- Proposals For Furthering Work**
1. Organization of Fractions.
  2. Additional Organizational forces in Local Office.
  3. Each Section to assign a permanent committee of five to be in charge of this work.
  4. Section to assign as many women as possible for this activity.
  5. Unions and Leagues assign responsible comrades to branches in such territories where they are concentrating.
  6. All Unions and Leagues of the Trade Union Unity League and close fraternal organizations to pay a regular monthly sum of money to the organization of the Unemployed Council.
  7. Evening meetings of the Unemployed Branches be held. This will make it possible for organizations to give continued assistance and leadership. All workers of the neighborhood will be able to participate. It will help to unite the unemployed workers with the rest of the neighbors and add to their militancy.
  8. Canvassing and the organization of house committees should be carried on by the section committees, units and members of the Party not independent of the Unemployed Council, but through it. In this manner there will be a better coordination and every Party member will lead non-Party members in the doing of that work.
- A Correction**  
 In my previous article I was incorrect when I stated "Comrade" who are furthest removed from the work give the most categorical instructions. This applies to the District and Section Committees as well as the Unit Bureaus. This formulation constitutes a denial of the role of the Party as the leader of the Unemployed workers as well as the workingclass as a whole.

## New Forces --- A Product of the Scottsboro Campaign

By TOM JOHNSON

THE fact, so often stressed by Lenin in his speeches and writings, that the best forces of the working class develop and come to the fore in the course of mass struggles, is again confirmed in the Scottsboro defense campaign in the South.

It is no exaggeration to say that in Chattanooga our Party is now for the first time reaching and drawing into its ranks the best and most courageous fighters from the ranks of the Negro proletariat. One example of this from personal experience:

I went last night with a Negro worker, the leader of his Neighborhood Scottsboro Defense Committee, to a Negro community over in Georgia to speak at a meeting he had arranged there for the defense campaign. In our conversation on the way over I learned that he was an old timer in the labor movement, having joined the I. W. W. on the Pacific coast following his discharge from the army there in 1915. He had gone thru the red raids and police terrorism of the war days a member of the Wobblies and had only left them when he became convinced that the organization was no longer a fighting revolutionary force. Since his return to Chattanooga several years ago he has followed the revolutionary movement in the press. He spoke with knowledge and enthusiasm of the 5 Year Plan in the Soviet Union and the new world the workers are building there.

This worker has in the course of a few short weeks, developed into one of the real local leaders in the Scottsboro campaign. He leads the meetings and the activity of his Neighborhood Committee and he does a good job of it. On his own initiative he has arranged not one but many meetings in Negro churches and communities. He has personally drawn scores of workers into the movement to save the lives of the Scottsboro boys. He has courage, loyalty and initiative. He is typical of the splendid revolutionary material everywhere about us, which we unfortunately have not yet learned sufficiently well how to draw into our movement and to utilize.

Why is this worker and many more like him only today coming into the ranks of our Party? The answer is clear. These splendid fighters are coming close to us today, are joining our Party, because of the fighting mass campaign waged under our leadership to free the Scottsboro boys. In this campaign these elements see the Party in action as a real Party of revolutionary action, mobilizing masses for a determined struggle against oppression. These fighters, the best of our class, will develop and come into our ranks only to the extent that our Party initiates, organizes and leads such fighting actions of the workers for their most pressing needs and around those burning issues which most agitate the whole class. The organization and leadership of such struggles is today the first task of our Party.