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## It Is Not "Unavoidable"

THE capitalist press is bending all efforts to convince the jobless workers whom capitalism means to starve to death this winter, that it is just "too bad," but that they must endure it without complaint because, so the fairy tale runs—it is "unavoidable."

Thus the N. Y. Times editorial of Sept. 6, entitled "A National Test," emits the following:

"As autumn approaches, with winter not far behind, all thoughtful Americans are conscious of the searching trial to which this country is certain soon to be put. . . . It will be a severe experience to go through, but it is unavoidable."

Of course we have here, firstly, the inferred lie that the "nation" is to be "tested" and the "country" to be "tried." But the "nation" and the "country" are words without any meaning unless we first understand that the population of the "nation" or the "country" is made up of workers and capitalists, of exploited and exploiters, of the robbed and the robbers—of economic classes with interests hostile to each other.

To reveal the stinking lie of the Times, that the "test" and "trial" is something general that all men and women must face as "unavoidable," it is sufficient to ask: Are the "fifty-nine men who rule America" (as asserted by Ex-Ambassador Gerard), going hungry, without clothing and warm housing this winter. Are the children of the few thousand multimillionaires dying now of starvation, are carelessness workers' babies?

To ask the question explodes the lie. The corporations of this country brought more profits for their stockholders in 1930 than in 1929. The rich are enjoying the same and even greater luxury than before. One has only to read the "society news" from the summer colony at Newport or glance at the rotogravure sections of the Sunday papers where the rich are shown at their perpetual play, to note that for "the country" of the rich, there is no "test" but polo matches, speed-boat contests, golf tournaments and rivalry in luxury.

President Hoover shows no signs of under-feeding and his son is sporting in the waves of Hawaiian beaches, although Hoover has cut the wages of workers on his Southern California ranch. And Mellon still wears \$200 suits of clothes and has purchased a big farm in Virginia for his son to breed race horses.

Thus the brass faced gall of the N. Y. Times—which is only one among the whole capitalist press now spouting the same stuff, in speaking of the "National Test" and chattering about—"a certain joy of combat in facing hardships." And how these hardships are "unavoidable."

All this, of course, is done to protect the rich and parasite capitalist class from being taxed to provide unemployment insurance and adequate relief to the starving millions of unemployed workers and their families. Yet the capitalist government, which is setting up howls of poverty because of the deficit in the budget, continues actually to return to the capitalists axes already paid!

Andy Mellon, as Secretary of the Treasury, has paid back Andy Mellon, the corporation stockholder, over \$100,000,000 in tax refunds. Only last Friday, the Internal Revenue Bureau under Mellon reduced by \$2,510,516 the inheritance taxes against the heirs of eight dead capitalists, the heirs of Chauncey Depew, railroad magnate and infamous political corruptionist alone drawing \$1,840,868 rebate.

Workers must learn to discern the lie in this capitalist press campaign about the "national test" and the "unavoidability" of hardships. Revolutionary workers must explode the lies and explain to the unemployed, and the employed whom the A. F. of L. is trying to get to assume the burden of relief, the ability of the rich to pay taxes from the fortunes in profits they have wrung from the workers, to assume the full cost of Unemployment Insurance.

## Notes Great Gains for Negro Masses in Scottsboro Campaign

Working Class of Whole World Aroused Against Imperialist Oppression of Negro People—Calif. Writer Raps Pickens

NEW YORK.—In a report just issued by the International Labor Defense to all its districts and affiliated organizations, J. Louis Engdahl, national secretary, outlines the work accomplished in the Scottsboro case and how the Negro question has been brought to the attention of the entire world.

In its report, the I.L.D., which is the organization charged by the boys and their parents with their defense, states that "one of the most difficult problems confronting the United Front Movement in its defense of the nine Negro boys is the spreading of untruthful reports by the N. A. A. C. P. leaders in their attempt to cover up their allegiance to their rich contributors of the white ruling class."

The report details the frame-up charge of rape which was launched against the boys, who are all minors, and compares the cry of rape, which is raised against the Negro workers, to the "Passover ritual" persecution brought against the Jews in Czarist Russia. The I.L.D. report tells how in the old Russia of the Czars, when the Jews were in the same position as Negroes in present-day America, the ruling class would charge that Jewish workers murder Gentile children on Passover as part of their holiday ceremony, thereby stimulating the wholesale butchery of innocent people.

"The forward march of the Negro masses since the Scottsboro case is remarkable," continues the report. "A realization of the importance of organization and unity with Negro

workers is also now becoming part of the program of the white workers. They are commencing to realize that every time a Negro is lynched, or legally lynched, the ruling class is making that much inroad into the struggle of all workers, no matter what their color or race. The Kentucky miners' struggle is a fine illustration, in which some white workers are held on murder charges for protecting Negro workers. The Pennsylvania and Ohio strike also brings home the point. There 40,000 Negro and white workers are fighting side by side in militant fashion for better conditions and against starvation wages.

"The role of the N. A. A. C. P. in the Scottsboro case," the I.L.D. report continues, "has been to try to confuse issues and one of their latest attempts is to spread the story that a Negro worker was responsible for murders and hold-ups in Birmingham. This was done in an attempt to place the blame of these hold-ups and murders on 'Communist propaganda.' This is exactly the strategy used by the yellow boss press and the Ku Klux Klan. The I.L.D., the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, and the United Front Scottsboro Defense Committee will continue in their struggle for the unconditional release of the Scottsboro boys and will back the legal defense of the boys with a mass protest that will finally wrest the boys from the bloody hands of the murderous Southern ruling class."

## 12,000 at Solidarity Day Meet Demand Mooney Be Freed

NEW YORK.—12,000 workers demonstrated at Starlight Park, Monday, Sept. 7, in militant solidarity with the striking miners and textile workers and for the demand for the immediate and unconditional release of Mooney and Billings, the Harlem mine strikers and all other class war prisoners.

The demonstration lasted from 1 o'clock in the afternoon to 11 at night, and was marked with the greatest enthusiasm, the workers vigorously applauding as the speakers exposed the joint A. F. of L. capitalist conception of Labor Day and stressed the need of converting the day into a day of solidarity and support for the struggles of the working

Among those who addressed the meeting were William Z. Foster, Alfred Wagenknecht, Scherer, Bill Duncan, Landy, and Lena Chernenko, who described the struggles of the Paterson strikers. The speeches were interspersed with orchestra numbers, songs, and a huge mass pageant presented by the Workers Laboratory Theatre.

While primarily arranged as a demonstration of solidarity with the striking textile and mine workers, the meeting fired the opening gun in the huge nation-wide campaign for amnesty for Tom Mooney and all other political prisoners. This amnesty drive will be featured with a series of mass demonstrations throughout the country between Sept. 13 and 24.

## MASS SLAYING DOESN'T STOP CHILE REVOLT

Fear Workers Rising, So Fleet Is Sent To Wall St. Port

The latest reports of the capitalist press indicate that the revolt of the Chilean sailors and masses which the government has reported as over is on the verge of breaking out again. In order to prevent any news getting out, the government has sharpened the rigorous censorship of all cable and telegraph news. Thus a late international news service dispatch states that while

"Official dispatches from Santiago continue to affirm the revolution has been quashed, and that peace and quiet now reign throughout the country," individuals in Santiago reported by telephone "that, despite the government's claim that the revolutionary movement is 'all over,' a dangerous situation still exists and may burst into flame at any time, especially if the executions of the mutinous seamen who have surrendered continue."

The government is attempting to crush the revolt by mass executions of those of the revolting seamen who surrendered.

NEW YORK.—With the aid of imperialist-trained aviators, and by the quick arming of the exploiting class and their flunkies, the Chilean government was able to end the revolt of 6,000 sailors. The sailors seized control of the navy on September 2, and after repeated bombardments from the air force, as well as the defeat of the workers in Talcahuano and at other coast cities, the sailors surrendered on September 7.

A reign of terror is now sweeping through Chile in an effort to keep the tens of thousands of hungry workers from organizing to demand food. Over 1,000 workers have been jailed in Talcahuano. The leaders of the sailors' mutiny are threatened with torture and execution. In order to carry on this terror against the sailors in the utmost secrecy, the government has issued a statement asking the "public" not to ask for news in the carrying out of the "serious measures" against the mutineers. The government statement says:

"The Ministry of War asks the public to remain calm and not alarm themselves if no news is given out, as the carrying out of these serious measures requires seriousness and exactitude in issuing news."

Realizing that the struggle of the masses of workers and peasants will not end with the defeat of the naval revolt, the white guardist elements who overthrew the dictatorship of Ibanez on the pretext of establishing "liberty" are now themselves in

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## CHILDREN AND PARENTS DEMAND FOOD, CLOTHES

Demonstrate Sept. 22 Before Board of Education

In a joint statement issued yesterday, the New York District of the Communist Party and the Young Pioneers of America call for a mass picket line and demonstration on Sept. 18th for free food and clothing for the children of the unemployed, to be given out immediately upon the opening of the city's public schools on Sept. 22nd.

The demonstration will take place in front of the offices of the Board of Education, at 59th St. and 5th Ave. A delegation of working class parents and children will present the workers' demands for free hot meals in schools, free clothing, and all school supplies free.

"While Jimmy Walker squanders money in the cabarets of Europe," says the statement, "thousands of working class children in this city will enter the public schools on Sept. 22nd suffering from malnutrition, which together with congestion in the working class districts, is one of the main causes of the epidemic of infantile paralysis now sweeping the city."

"The coming winter will witness still greater misery among the workers' children. Whereas during the last winter the fainting of children in the public schools was a daily occurrence, the conditions of the children will be even worse this winter. While the Indianapolis Star declares that 'a physician gave starvation as the cause of death of Robert Lee Johnson, 13 months old baby,' the Chicago Tribune, organ of the big bosses in Chicago, tries to hide the fact that this child died of starvation by stating 'he succumbed from lack of proper food.'"

## Ex-Serviceman Is Offered \$3 A Week; Told to Sleep in Park

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 7.—An ex-serviceman who applied for a job as an experienced counterman at the Bagley Employment office, was informed that the salary would be three dollars a week. In answer to the enquiry of the ex-serviceman as to how he was going to pay his room rent out of such a low wage, they informed him that it was not expected that he pay any room rent, that he could sleep in the park and use the money for buying cigarettes, etc.

The same ex-serviceman applied at the Fox Restaurant for a busboy's job. He was informed that the wages would be seven dollars a week for which he was expected to work seven days a week of 12 hours daily.

## STEEL AND METAL WORKERS START HOMESTEAD DRIVE

Select Forces For Special Work

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 7.—Selection of forces to do special work in Homestead and Braddock—coming immediately after the formation of a new Industrial Workers' Industrial Union Group in the Edgar Thompson works of the Carnegie Steel Co.—was one of the most important tasks performed by Sunday afternoon's conference of steel and metal workers from the Clairton-McKeesport-East Pittsburgh section. This committee, working together with a squad of unemployed miners, plus special forces assigned to the work by neighboring M. W. I. L. locals, plus one or two regular organizers, will hammer away at the big Carnegie Steel works in Homestead, scene of the historic 1892 battle of the steel workers with an army of company gunmen, and one of the hottest spots in the big 1919 strike.

An executive committee, representing the major mills, was elected to lead the work in this section. Last week McKeesport Tin Plate Co. cut hot mill wages 10 to 30 per cent and the Fort Pitt Steel Castings Co. men struck against a 10 per cent wage-cut. The Fort Pitt men have returned to work without winning the withdrawal of the cut, but they have effected a certain amount of organization, and won the company's promise not to discriminate against any strikers.

The Steel Trust's mills at Homestead, Clairton, Rankin and Braddock are all working short-handed and on short time, so one of the important problems considered by the conference was the question of the fight for unemployment insurance and is doing practically nothing in Rankin. The Edgar Thompson works of Carnegie Steel in Braddock have only two furnaces out of 11 in blast, and the men, "staggered," are only getting a few days' pay. Arrangements were made to get a Negro rank and file organizer into Clairton, where many Negro workers have had jobs until the coke ovens were mostly closed down. Over 400 were laid off a few weeks ago. Several hundred workers sleep in empty box cars in this stronghold of the Steel Trust. Prospects for building the new union in this section are excellent, and work will go full speed ahead.

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## PUSH DEFENSE OF MINERS IN COUNTY JAIL

Plan Demonstration Saturday, Sept. 19 At Washington, Pa.

MEADOWLAND, Pa., Sept. 6.—Here in the Miners' Hall, a two-story building of which the upper part is a meeting room and the lower floor is a relief station of the Pennsylvania-Ohio-West Virginia-Kentucky Striking Miners Relief, over 200 delegates from all local unions of the National Miners' Union in Washington County met Sunday, with delegates also from the International Labor Defense. The conference was held in the spirit manifested by Pete Getto and Mary Rasefske.

"I am the daughter of Anna Rasefske and the sister of Stella," said Mary. "They both are in jail and sentenced to prison, and they expect us to get them out. I learned more about the courts on the first day of that trial than all my life before," said Mary, telling how the court railroaded the Canonsburg defendants.

"Yes, you can clap your hands when speeches are made," said Pete Getto, brother of one defendant in the Ellsworth case and father of another defendant in that case. "But what the men in jail expect of us is some action. The doors don't open just because we clap our hands."

The conference adopted a plan of action for a mass demonstration in Washington, Pa., on Sept. 19 Saturday, in the forenoon. The miners and other workers will mobilize at Tylerdale Old Fair Grounds at 10 a.m., hold a meeting to endorse the demand for release of the prisoners, then march through Washington in what will probably be the biggest

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## BRODERICK TRIES NEWDEMACOGY TO FOOL DEPOSITORS

NEW YORK.—Hitting directly at the small stockholders many of them depositors that were roped in to buy stock of United States in the installment plan, the state banking department declared an assessment levy of \$25 on stockholders. Broderick admitted that the majority of the board of directors and officers and those who were originally big stockholders are out—came out before the crash—and the small stockholders will be dunned to pay.

This latest move of the Tammany banking department has a two fold purpose. It is designed to make a demagogic show of doing something as a result of the mass demonstration of depositors Saturday and to try to save Tammany's face and political fortunes in the eyes of the thousands of swindled depositors. Again, it still throws the burden of the vast ruin of the bank upon the small depositors and stockholders while the rich and booty-laden stockholders and officials are permitted to go scott free with their loot.

Admission was made that Frank Hedley, president of the IRT, was a heavy stockholder until several days before the crash and got out as did many of the other capitalists. A statement by the New York Times that M. Greenbaum apologized for introducing J. Louis Engdahl at

## Scotts Run Miners Restrike Under NMU; Need Relief to Win

22 Miners Held for Grand Jury in Brooke Co., W. Va.

Pat Fagan Calls On Workers to Give Capitalism Another Trial

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 8.—Pat Fagan, UMWA district president of Pittsburgh District made another speech on Labor Day—but not, certainly not, in the mine fields. Pat can't speak in the mine fields without at least a score of state troopers to escort him in and out of the towns where the miners he has betrayed to wage cuts and starvation live. Pat made this speech here at West View Park, far, far from the miners, and with Murray, international vice president of the U. M. W. A. and John Phillips, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor as his admiring supporters. Try as they may, these gentlemen have never been able recently to put over such a swindle as Pat did on the Pittsburgh Terminal miners.

## RALLY SUPPORT FOR COMMUNIST ELECTION DRIVE

Mass Ratification Congress in City on Sept. 18

NEW YORK.—Great interest is being shown among workers' organizations in the ratification mass congress which will be held Friday evening, September 18, at Central Opera House to ratify the candidates of the Communist Party for the coming elections this November. Several organizations are planning to elect delegates immediately, on the basis of five delegates for every 15 members. All unions, shops, fraternal organizations, etc., are urged to take such action at the earliest possible date.

The rank and file members of the A. F. of L. unions are urged to rally to the support of the only political party of the working class, and to repudiate the misleaders who have sold them out with their support for the stagger plan of spreading starvation throughout the working class and their traitorous opposition to the struggle for adequate relief and unemployment insurance. Send delegates from shops and unions to support the Communist Party in the Election Campaign!

The Communist Party calls upon all workers to support the Election Campaign Tag Days, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19 and 20. An organization meeting will be held this Thursday evening at the District Office of the Communist Party, 35 East 12th St., to which all organizations are asked to send delegates to prepare the Tag Days. The Communist Party depends upon the working class for its campaign expenses in the fight against the bosses and their starvation system.

The Saturday demonstration was emphatically repudiated by Greenbaum, a member of the United Depositors Committee. Greenbaum said that he introduced Engdahl as the secretary of the I.L.D. who was invited by the Committee of 25 due to the fact that the I.L.D. always defends workers in capitalist courts and was called upon many times when the police arrested representatives of the committee.

148 West Virginia Miners Families Ask For Aid

Fight UMW Contract Must Prepare Relief For Steel Workers

PITTSBURGH.—After working two months under the scab contract of the United Mine Workers the miners of the Scotts Run District, W. Va., are coming out again in the ranks of the National Miners Union. Eighty families from Scotts Run asked the Penn-Ohio-W. Va.-Ky. Striking Miners Relief Committee to send them food as they had nothing to eat when they walked out. Before the relief could arrive the number of families had increased to 145, and is growing rapidly. The miners are disgusted with the scab tactics of the Van A. Bittner machine which accepted wage cuts for the miners in making the scab agreement with the coal operators. Bittner's contract reduced the tonnage rate from the 38 cents paid when the strike started, to 30 cents with a UMWA contract and a check-off of union dues from the miners' pay. The miners cannot make enough to eat under the UMWA contract and discontent is spreading. More strikes are expected in this and other districts, both of non-

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## MISSOURI ROAD STRIKE AGAINST 15c AN HOUR PAY

Demand 40 Cents An Hour; AF of L Faker Tries Sell-Out

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (by mail).—After contractors on a road job here cut wages to 15c an hour and brought in out of town labor to do a job that would have given jobs to about 200 men, a group of unemployed men organized and picketed the job, pulling the men out on strike.

The contractor—M. D. Ackley—had agreed to pay a minimum wage of 40c and to hire 85 per cent Jackson county men.

Local A. F. of L. Faker The Trades and Labor Councils immediately had a labor on the job trying to sell the strike out. At a meeting called in an abandoned theater, he told the men what fine fellows the contractors were; then he called a meeting of the militants the following day, and while he was arguing with them the contractors were using scabs on another part of the road, in an effort to keep the job going. The contractor, sensing the fighting spirit of the men, offered them 30c an hour. But, despite the sell-out methods of the faker the men stuck to their original demand of 40c. Previous to this the contractor claimed to be only able to pay 22 1/2c.

A. T.U.U.L. Speaker. At a meeting held September 4, an organizer for the Trade Union Unity League spoke. He presented the line of the T.U.U.L. for which the men applauded. Immediately following the meeting a small group was organized to keep the organization on the T.U.U.L. line. The fakers want to grab control of this raw, young, loosely organized group. But with the coming of the T.U.U.L. the fakers are afraid to show their faces and the workers are more and more breaking away from them.

On Saturday morning September 5, a chamber of commerce man came into the hall to try to recruit some scabs at 0c. John Dawson, the T.U.U.L. organizer, spoke up and told them that the contractors had the demands of the men, and that they were not going to work for less than 40c minimum wages. One worker on hearing the argument, yelled, "Throw him out!" Shouts of "Hell, no!" "Outside with him!", etc., were heard. The Chamber of Commerce rat then sneaked out.

All the men are determined to fight to a finish against the contractors and the labor fakers. They are realizing that the only way out is to accept the line of the T.U.U.L. and wage a persistent, militant struggle for all of their demands.

And while these frightful crimes are being committed against the Negro people, cowardly Negro tools of the bosses like Du Bois, Fickens, Walter White, Schuyler, Floyd Calvin, etc., are busy defending Jim Crow capitalism and the murderous southern white ruling class.

## Baby Dies of Hunger As Family of 5 Live on 1 Loaf of Bread for Week

Hunger Gripping More In U. S. As Crisis Gets Deeper

NEW YORK.—Deaths by starvation are increasing throughout the United States, a number of reports and clippings sent to the Daily Worker show. One of the most outstanding instances of hunger and death by starvation, which killed one child and threatened a family of five, occurred in Columbia City, Ind., recently.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Johnson, both out of work, together with their three children subsisted for ten days on one loaf of bread. Then the thirteen-month-old baby died of starvation, and it was only because a doctor accidentally discovered that the rest of the family was ill from hunger that their lives were saved. While the Indianapolis Star declares that "a physician gave starvation as the cause of death of Robert Lee Johnson, 13 months old baby," the Chicago Tribune, organ of the big bosses in Chicago, tries to hide the fact that this child died of starvation by stating "he succumbed from lack of proper food."

home and "is without employment and the food supply of his large family consists solely of gifts from those whose pity was aroused."

From Woodbine, Iowa, comes the report that Everett W. Weston, a 44-year-old tenant farmer, facing starvation after having produced food that was taken away to pay landlords and bankers, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn. He left a widow and four children.

In Portland, Ore., a gun-toting landlord shot and killed John Carter, an unemployed worker, because he lacked 80 cents of the rent for the shabby dive at 349 Jefferson St. The Portland, Ore., capitalist sheets state that "Becker, the landlord, shot Carter when the jobless man sought to move his family from the sordid quarters without paying the disputed 80 cents." The 80 cents was all that Carter had to feed his wife and children with. They are now left to face starvation

# NTWU CALLS MASS RALLY TO ACT ON PROPOSALS OF STRIKE COMMITTEE

## AFL Unions Take Additional Step in Attempt To Break Paterson Textile Strike

PATERSON, N. J., Sept. 8.—The United Front General Strike Committee is following up the splendid shop delegate conference which was held last Friday by further concrete measures to develop a united front of all workers, those on strike and those who went back under fake agreements of the AFL. The purpose of the campaign is to enforce the demands of the workers. The meeting Friday showed that the workers are determined to defeat the wage cutting and the discrimination schemes of the AFL-Gitlow-Muste agents of the bosses.

One of the most important steps of the National Textile Workers Union in carrying on the campaign of struggle is the mass meeting which has been called for Thursday night. This meeting will include all striking workers, both organized and unorganized, and will act on the proposal of the United Front General Strike Committee to carry the strike to a successful conclusion. The United Front General Strike Committee plans to stop the demoralization which has been injected into the strike because of the fake settlements of the AFL unions and to consolidate

the ranks of the workers around minimum demands below which no settlements will be made with the bosses.

During the next three days all striking shops, shops back at work and at the union headquarters, 305 Paterson St., will elect delegates to the section shop conferences. The delegates to last Friday's conference will meet on Wednesday at 7 p. m. in Turn Hall in order to act on the decisions of the conference and plan the organization of the section conferences.

Another Shop Wins Demands. The NTWU reported this morning a settlement at the Kaufman Silk Co. where all the demands of the union were granted and both the shop committee and the union were recognized by the boss. The shop committee and the rest of the workers will keep a close check up to see that all the terms of the settlement are maintained. Like all of the other agreements made by the NTWU not only did the weavers get the full price, but all of the other crafts likewise won their demands.

These settlements of the NTWU are in sharp contrast to the fake settlements of the AFL union. The AFL unions make a public agreement with the boss while they have a secret agreement with him at the same time to pay the old rates to the weavers while the other crafts are sold out completely.

Role of AFL Leaders Seen. The workers are realizing more and more the strike breaking role that the AFL-Muste-Gitlow have been playing and are still playing. These misleaders rushed shop after shop back on a fake settlement and sent the workers of many more shops afflicted with them back to work without any settlement at all. The NTWU warns the strikers that the AFL leaders have already made agreements with the bosses to send the strikers back to work at 5 cents and 5 1/2 cents. This exposes completely the hypocrisy of the AFL leaders who have called a meeting for tonight to get the workers to vote on settling the strike on a six cent basis.

NTWU Prevented Complete Sell-Out. After the Roseland Hall meeting of two weeks ago Muste, Gitlow and Budenz sent the workers back on the terms that their own membership meeting had voted down. It was the NTWU that prevented the complete sell-out of the strike by these misleaders. The meeting of the AFL tonight is for the purpose of completing the sell-out so that the bosses may force longer hours and ten six loom system on the workers. This is the same policy followed by the Muste leaders in the hosiery strike where they put through a 50 per cent wage cut together with an intense speed up of the workers.

The special mass meeting Thursday night of the United Front General Strike Committee is the mobilization of the silk workers against the sell-out policy of the AFL agents of the bosses.

## LAUNDRY TOILERS DEFY THUG RULE

### Will Break Union Workers Warned

Fearing they were losing control of their racketeer-controlled union, the officials of the Greater New York Laundry Workers' Union brought in a squad of gangsters at last Thursday's meeting to intimidate the rank and file and to add votes for the racketeers. Although the thugs openly paraded around the hall showing their intentions by toying with a bottle or the chairman's gavel, many workers took the floor in spite of them.

A story came to light that a fourth worker in the Pretty Laundry was fired without this racketeer union outfit taking even as much notice of it. Members are wondering if the gang has agreement with some bosses not to touch their shops. When another worker was fired last week, the workers in the shop already demoralized, completely lost confidence in the union. The union officials made speeches against supporting this shop because some of the workers expressed lack of confidence in the union.

If they cannot control the union the racketeers threaten to break it up. At present they are scheming to put over a deal with some bosses to sign contracts with the union to live up to them and in this way the gangsters expect to force the association to give them a sum of money to break up the union.

The Laundry Workers' League, affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League, warns the laundry workers that they must take away the control of the union from the gangsters before it is too late.

**SOCCER PLAYERS OF THE NEEDLE TRADES ATTENTION**

Soccer practice will take place this Sunday, Sept. 13th at 3 p. m. Crotona Park, Bronx. We are short of 4 players to organize a team. All those workers that want to be in the first of the players for this team should come to this practice.

# THE ADVENTURES OF BILL WORKER



## GOLD TO SPEAK AT OPEN AIR MEET TODAY

### NTWU Shop Delegate Council Meets Thurs. To Hear Union Report

Ben Gold will speak on the fake unity conference at 2 o'clock today at an open air meeting at 29th St. and 7th Ave.

In a statement issued by the Industrial Union to the fur workers today the workers are shown how the same gangs under the leadership of the Viadecks, Shiplocoffs, have sold out the furriers to the bosses, how they, together with the Kaufman-Stetsky and Sorkin cliques, have legalized contracting and sub-contracting and piece work, and have wiped out all the conditions won by the workers in 1926. It points out that this new maneuver, in which they are assisted by the Lovestonettes who have been driven by the workers from their ranks because of their treachery, is just a desperate effort to revive the bankrupt Joint Council which has been repudiated by the workers through their struggles under the leadership of the Industrial Union.

The Industrial Union calls on the fur workers to answer the fake peace maneuvers by intensifying the drive to organize shops and improve the conditions of the workers.

**Shop Delegate Council Meets Thurs.**

At the meeting of the shop delegate council of the N. T. W. I. U. Thursday, which will be representative of the delegates from all the branches of the trade, a full report will be given on the accomplishments of the various drives conducted by the union in the fur, millinery trades and other trades, and a plan of further activity will be presented.

There will also be a report on the policy of the union toward the fake peace conference organized by the company union agents to detract the attention of the workers from the struggle for better conditions.

Ben Gold, secretary of the union, will report. All shop delegates from union, company union and open shops are called upon to attend this meeting.

**Underwear Workers Membership Meet Thursday.**

A meeting of the underwear workers will be held at 131 W. 28th St. this coming Thursday, Sept. 10, right after work, to mobilize the workers against the widespread wage cuts carried through by the bosses with the aid of the company union agents, and against the fake strike planned by the Schlesinger company union in the underwear trade.

All underwear workers are called upon to come to this meeting where a clear policy for struggle will be outlined.

**Arrest 4 on Picket Line.**

A very good picketing demonstration was carried through this morning in front of the two striking millinery shops, A. J. Engle and H. A. Rosen. The workers fought militantly against the efforts of Local 24 to fill up the work with seabs who were sent to the shop accompanied by strong armed men. A fight developed which resulted in the arrest of 4 strikers and one of the strong-armed men. The case was adjourned and the strikers are held on bail.

The strikers of both shops today issued an appeal to the members of Local 24 in which they called on these workers to demand a shop meeting and fight against the strike-breaking activities of the officials, to assist the girls on the picket line, demand the withdrawal of the gorillas, and refuse to work with seabs. The call further points out that the outcome of this strike will affect the conditions of other workers and calls on all millinery workers to help win the strike against the Engle and Rosen firms.

Another demonstration and open air meeting was carried through by the union during the afternoon. Mounted police attempted to break up the meeting but the workers insisted on their right to hold the meeting. One worker was arrested.

The Industrial Union calls on all millinery workers to give active assistance to the workers on the picket line.

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## Conference for the Daily and Freiheit Bazaar on Thursday

All workers' organizations are called upon to send two delegates each to the Daily Worker-Morning Freiheit and the Young Worker Bazaar conference, which will be held Thursday, September 10, 8 p. m., at the Workers Center, 5 E. 12th St., room 206. The bazaar committees which were elected already and those which will be elected prior to the date of the conference should act as representatives to the conference. Those organizations which do not meet before the conference should be represented through their officers. The Red Press Bazaar must from now on be on the order of business of every organization to help make this bazaar a tremendous success. The bazaar will take place Oct. 8, 9, 10 and 11 at Madison Square Garden.

## VIOLET ORR TO SPEAK ON USSR

### William Wax Speaks In West Bronx

Violet Orr, well known lecturer, secretary of the San Francisco branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union, who has just returned from her fourth trip to the Soviet Union, will speak at the Prospect Park Branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union, Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 8 p. m.

The Friends of the Soviet Union are revealing the boss class lies about the Workers' Republic in one of the most effective ways. Delegations of American workers are being sent to the Soviet Union. The lies of Wolf, Green and Hoover are exploding before the actual facts. Six miners from the coal fields of Pittsburgh, W. Virginia and Ohio; metal workers, chemical workers and seamen from all over the country are to visit see for themselves, and bring back to their fellow workers the truth about the Soviet Union.

Also William Wax, New York educator, member of the F.S.U. executive body will lecture on "Red Villages" at the West Bronx Branch of the F.S.U., 11 W. Mt. Eden Ave. on Wednesday, September 9, at 8 p. m.

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## Must Speed Up Signatre Drive For Red Canidates

### Workers Are Urged to Report to Aid Collections

NEW YORK.—Although the full returns of signature collections during the week end have not yet all come in on the basis of which the standing of the collection of signatures can be estimated, the signature drive must be extended and pushed to the maximum speed in order to cover all of the assembly districts that have been added.

The task is not only to turn the danger point in assuring the minimum quota of signatures but to bring the Communist Party before new sections of the working class in all parts of the city to reach into territory where the Party has never been before.

All workers, sympathizers, members of the fraternal organizations, unions, workers in shops and factories and members of the Communist Party, are called on by District 2 to double their efforts in the campaign of signatures.

The call to all organizations, unions and fraternal bodies, were sent out by the Communist Party at the end of August, calling for support of the campaign, for the collection of signatures, and for the formation of Vote Communist Committees in the shops.

All organizations are instructed to immediately arrange for the election delegates to attend the Mass Ratification Congress, Friday evening, September 8, at Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave. Delegates are also invited to the organization meeting this Thursday, September 10, to prepare for election campaign Tag Day which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20. Following is the list of stations to which workers are to report for the collection of signatures:

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## To Organize Workers Anti-Religious Body to Meet On September 10

There is about to be launched a proletarian anti-religious organization of New York and vicinity. As a first step a preliminary meeting is being called of comrades that have registered their willingness to work in this field, in order to discuss in broad outline, the nature and scope of the activity, as well as to plan the initial organizational moves.

The meeting will take place at 108 E. 14th Street, 2nd floor, on Thursday, Sept. 10th at 6 p. m. You are urged to attend punctually.

142 E. 3rd St.  
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## ELECTION MEETS THRUOUT JERSEY ALL LAST WEEK

### Many Workers Rally to Party Platform on All Issues

NEWARK, N. J.—Successful and enthusiastic Election Campaign Rallies were held in several cities in New Jersey last week.

On Thursday in Elizabeth a rally was held with 500 workers attending, which was followed by a torch light and auto parade throughout the 2nd ward where the Communist Party has a candidate for councilman, R. Edwards, Negro worker. The workers were very enthusiastic.

Saturday a rally was held in Perth Amboy with several meetings in different parts of the city, attended by a large number of workers.

Saturday evening for the first time the Communist Party held a meeting in Morristown, at which more than 2,000 workers were present. In 5 minutes all the literature on hand was sold. The workers present applauded and cheered the Communist Party and its candidates.

The Communist Party in this campaign is battling for the rights to the streets in several cities. Permits for meetings have been refused in Harrison, N. J., but in spite of this a meeting is arranged for this Thursday in Harrison, to explain the program of the Communist Party in the present election campaign.

In Long Branch, N. J., KKK center of New Jersey, where previous meetings of the Communist Party were broken up, workers arrested, and where the last meeting was broken up by tear gas bombs thrown by the police, another meeting will be held this Saturday, Sept. 12th, at corner

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Morris and Chelsea Aves., 8 p. m. in spite of a refusal of the chief of police to give a permit.

The New Jersey Election Platform of the Communist Party is ready for sale, workers and their organizations are urged to order it at once, from the N. J. State Campaign Committee at 121 Springfield Ave., Newark, N. J.

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## What's On—

**WEDNESDAY—**  
Brownsville Workers' Club will hold a discussion on its Annual Conference at 113 Bristol St. All members requested to attend.

**Needle Trades Attention!**  
There will be a meeting of Shop Delegates' Council at 131 W. 28th St. this Thursday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p. m.

**Enter, Labor Defense, Brownsville**  
will hold an open-air meeting for Moorey Defense at Bristol St. and Pitkin Ave. at 8:30 p. m.

**Friends of the Soviet Union, Brownsville.**  
will hold a membership meeting at 12 Crown Street, at 8 p. m. Violet Orr will speak.

**F.S.U. West Bronx Branch**  
will hold a mass meeting at 11 W. Ma. Eden Avenue, 8 p. m. William Waks will speak.

**East Side Unemployed Council**  
holds indoor meetings of unemployed workers every day at 196 E. Broadway from 1:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

**F.S.U. Prospect Branch**  
A huge mass meeting will take place at 13 Crown St., Brooklyn, 8 p. m. Main speakers will be Violet Orr. All questions asked and answered.

**AN F.S.U. Public Speaking Class**  
will be conducted by Comrade Razogin for members. A registration fee of 50 cents covers the whole course. Meetings to be held every Monday at 8 p. m. in the Workers School, 35 East 12th Street.

**Steve Kotovits Branch, I.L.D.**  
will hold an open-air meeting at 7th Street and Ave. A.

**Workers' Ex-servicemen's League**  
will hold an executive committee meeting at 79 East 10th St. at 8 p. m.

# MINERS IN MILLSTONE, KY., REFUSE TO VOTE FOR BOSS CANDIDATES

### No Communist Candidates on Ballot; Miners Poll Lightest Vote in History

### Boss Terror Reigns Throughout Coal Fields; Miners Call for Support of Struggles

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
CARRETH, Ky.—A nice new day at Millstone, Ky. The mines are silent; all is serene; for ain't the people choosing a representative from Letcher and Perry Counties, to represent them in the next legislature at Frankfort, Ky. But, before we fool ourselves with all this peace and quiet let us go back a few months at least.

After the coal companies elected A. J. May from the Tenth District to succeed Mrs. Catherine Langley in the U. S. Congress, along came the coal companies with a candidate in nearly every district and sub-district. May is a coal operator, Hatcher of Pikeville, Ky., another coal operator and hotel owner. Now the Southeast Coal Co. was running their company doctor in the district composed of Letcher and Perry Counties, and now we pick up our story.

**Coal to Candidates**  
The writer has consistently believed that according to all the rules of mathematics a coal company should mine and produce coal. Therefore he organizes considerable opposition to this coal company candidate and gets orders to resign and get out. But not before he has sowed the seed of opposition among the men. So on this bright election morning we find the officials of the coal company running from house to house trying to muster votes for their man. (We recommended that workers stay at home, as they had no one on their ticket that represented them).

Previously on August 1st the management let all the men know that they ought to come out and vote

## Must Organize More Efficient Election Meetings

New York.  
The speaker waits to be introduced. While the chairman is speaking there is no comrade to see that the meeting is orderly. Seldom, if ever, are there sufficient comrades with literature to sell. Some of the comrades stand with the literature in one place, hoping that some workers would go over to buy it. At no time have I seen the chairman or a speaker offer literature from the platform or membership cards for workers to sign, although they always speak of organization and for them to join.

In order to overcome these many shortcomings until the speaker can take a course in public speaking, the District should demand that each Section call a meeting of all speakers, chairmen, agit-prop. A capable speaker, such as Carl Brodsky, should be assigned to address these meetings on how to conduct an open-air meeting, the duty of the chairman, speakers, literature, agents, etc.

A leaflet should be issued thereafter containing all the instructions given by the comrade.

Only thus will our meetings reap the benefits for which they are arranged.

Shiller, Unit 3, Section 5.

## South Bend Bosses Pay Workers In Stale Groceries

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
SOUTH BEND, Ind.—The city government here has put over a real forced labor scheme and they have the nerve to call it unemployment relief.

The scheme is that the city puts workers to work for 35 cents an hour but they do not get cash for their labor. After the workers have worked a week the city gives them a slip of paper, which they call a substitute for money. The workman is then assigned to a grocery store where the grocer gives him the oldest and

## Wages Cut, Workers Fired in Terre Haute Enameling Plant

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—The latest move in the Hoover wage-cutting campaign took effect here in Terre Haute this week. It happened in the Columbia Enameling and Stamping Mill, the largest of its kind in the United States.

New machines were installed to make the pots and pans and all the workers got a 10 per cent wage-cut. Many of the workers were laid off altogether.

Against this attack of the bosses we are distributing leaflets among the workers in the factory, calling on them to organize into the Metal

## Former U.M.W.A. Secretary Banquets With Mine Superintendent

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
PITTSBURGH, Pa.—A miner named Ben Neff, who worked for the Ocean Mine No. 5 of the Pittsburgh Coal Co., was ruptured while working on a cutting machine. This worker reported three days later, not knowing what was wrong with him. He reported to the superintendent and the company doctor and neither of them gave him any assistance or compensation.

The miners at work in this mine do not get paid for dead work. The wages now average from nothing to \$2 a day.

Tom Clarky, the superintendent, was promising everything to the Negroes. He gave them cigars to try to win them as strike-breakers. Research was hauling the miners out from the mine for two weeks at the expense of the company. Now

## Telegraph Business Off; Operators On Part Time Every Day

CHICAGO, Ill.—It is possible to get an accurate gauge of existing business conditions through the traffic handled by a telegraph company. At the postal telegraph things have fallen off alarmingly. Operators coming down to work at nine in the morning are told to report back to work at ten. Then if they are put on at ten a. m. they are most likely sent home at noon. Often at nine o'clock at night there isn't a telegram to be sent in the place. The Postal continues to dock each employed \$2.50 a month and refuses to answer the workers' queries as to what this money is taken out for. Workers! We should demand an immediate stop to this robbery!

## PUSH DEFENSE OF MINERS IN COUNTY JAIL

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

demonstration of the kind ever seen in this part of the country, and after serving demands on the county commissioners will march back to the fair grounds for another meeting.

The members of the conference elected a defense committee representative of every local in Washington County to carry on the preparations for the demonstration, and this defense committee elected an executive of seven, with the Negro worker, Griffith, of the I.L.D. branch in Washington, as chairman of the whole defense committee and of its executive. The executive is to apply for a permit from the Washington city government, but the demonstration will be held anyway, whether they get the permit or not.

It was voted to bring before each local of the N. M. U. the question of its affiliation to the I.L.D., and also of electing a defense committee in each local to work with the Washington County Defense Committee elected here Sunday. The same was decided upon for the various workers' fraternal organizations.

Many of the speeches had to do with the task of building the I.L.D. branches.

The conference sent greetings to all class-war prisoners, particularly to the miners in jail in this county, the miners in other county jails, the Harlan miners facing murder and other charges, and the Scottsboro, Camp Hill and Imperial Valley workers facing prison sentences or death.

The conference sent greetings to Mooney and Billings. It sent telegrams of protest to Governor Pinchot over the miners' jailing, and to Governor Sampson of Kentucky, and the governor of Alabama.

The campaign to secure thousands of signatures and donations on the lists now being circulated throughout the county for that purpose.

Speakers before the conference were, among others, Rae Green, district organizer of the I.L.D., who reviewed the situation and outlined the strategy of the defense for uniting the best possible legal defense in the courts with mass demonstrations and wide-flung organization; George Maurer, bringing greetings from the National Board of the I.L.D., and what its particular tasks were, and Attorney Drucker of New York, who told of the necessity and success of workers defending themselves through mass organization and demonstrations.

Mills, organization secretary of the Communist Party, Pittsburgh District, and Mary Heimoff, organizer for the Young Communist League, greeted the conference for their organizations; Mills tracing the lessons of the strike and showing how the republican, democratic and so-

cialist parties had supported the employers, the first two actually shooting down the workers on the picket lines and the socialists clubbing employed in Milwaukee and helping to starve the striking miners by driving relief workers from the streets in Reading. He called for support of the Communist candidates in the mine fields on election day. Mary Heimoff pointed out that Leo Thompson was a member of the Young Communist League and endorsed his declaration while on trial in Washington: "The duty of a Communist is to be in the front ranks in every fight of the workers against the employers."

A resolution presented by the Washington branch of the I.L.D. was read by Griffith and adopted by the conference. It calls for each miner to be responsible for raising 50 cents to create a fund to be used for nothing else but ball and legal defense. The resolution also urged that Negro counsel be added to the defense staff, and that a fight be made to have Negro workers included on all juries trying miners in this county.

A strong resolution was passed unanimously demanding the release of the worker prisoners, and this resolution was ordered sent to the governor, the judges, prosecutors and press.

The defense committee met immediately after the adjournment of the conference and organized itself and assigned tasks, and voted to meet again in the Relief Kitchen at Tylerdale on Sunday at 10 a.m.

to hide the hypocrisy of the "socialist" fakery.

An example of the "equality of burdens" is shown by an interview with a representative of the British Daily Worker and unemployed workers at the Labor Exchanges. The following is how the unemployed feel about having their meagre unemployment insurance cut: One of them said: "I'd pour petrol over MacDonald and Thomas and burn the bastards, traitors that they are."

Another showed what a cut meant for him.

## 22 MINERS HELD FOR GRAND JURY IN BROOKE COUNTY, W. VA.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

Day rolls around, the "nation will be dislodged."

WELLSBURG, West Va., Sept. 7.—The following miners have been arraigned and held for the grand jury by Squire Howard of Brooke County: Alex Dorsey (Negro leader of the National Miners' Union), Alex Furbue, Ed Dennis, Charles Hill, Mike Mare, Joe Vansnick, Matt Turki, Mike Spuler, Felix Trent, Gene Hawk, Steve Garnock, Mike Koscoe, George Fokar, Ben Murray, Allen Greenlee, Ralph Long, Matt Badnach, Ed Alexander, John Jones, Walter Miller, Angelo Much and Fred Berry.

The charge against them all is based on the "Red Men Act."

This quaint statute gets its name from the opening clause of Section 7, of Article 6 of Chapter 61 of the Code of West Virginia, as follows: "If two or more persons under the name of 'Red Men,' 'Regulators,' 'Vigilance Committee,' or any other name or without a name, combine and conspire together for the purpose of inflicting any punishment or bodily injury upon any other person or persons, or for the purpose of destroying, injuring, defacing or taking away any property, real or personal, not their own . . . and so on for most any offense any person could think of. The Red Men act practically duplicates the whole code, forbidding murder, theft, arson, mayhem, etc. You might wonder why all this duplication, since these crimes all have their own part of the code, until you come to that part of the "Red Men Act" which reads:

"If upon the trial of an indictment hereunder, it be proved that two or more persons, the defendant being one, were present, aiding and abetting in the commission of the offense charged therein, it shall be presumed that such offense was committed in pursuance of such combination or conspiracy in the absence of satisfactory proof to the contrary. And all persons who were present, aiding and abetting, at the commission of any offense herein mentioned, shall be deemed conspirators within the meaning hereof."

And since in the code of West Virginia it is particularly specified that all persons in such a group shall be tried separately, it will be

seen that the "Red Men Act" is merely the finest kind of railroad machinery. All you have to do is to convict the first one, or have one stool pigeon arrested and let him plead guilty and take a light sentence or suspended sentence, and the rest are automatically convicted, or at least the burden of proof is thrown upon them, not on the prosecutor.

The statute was passed shortly after the civil war to stop lynching. There is no record that it was ever used against lynchers, but it has been very handy against strikers ever since.

The penalty for merely conspiring is from one month to a year in jail, with a fine of from \$50 to \$500. Penalty for actually committing any of the acts forbidden in the "Red Men Act" is up to ten years in prison, or, in case some one has been killed, the same penalty as would be inflicted on conviction of a charge of first degree murder.

The whole working class must rally to the defense of these West Virginia miners, for the tracks are laid to shunt them right into prison for ten years each.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 7.—It is reported here how the Leets Farm Coal Co. manager resumed work. When the men came to him asking to go back to work, the jovial manager said: "There's the mine, hop to it."

They did, but then when, after two weeks, no pay was forthcoming, the men made inquiries. The manager pretended great surprise: "What arfe you squawking about now?" he said. "You asked for work and you got it. Who said anything about pay?"

## \$2.50 Per Week, Wages For Father of Seven

Gary, Ind.

Daily Worker:  
I work hard all week and at the end of the week I receive \$2.50. I have seven in the family and all of the children are in school. What can I do with \$2.50? Unless something turns up for me I will not be able to send my children back to school this month. It is not because I am lazy, or it is not because I don't want them to go to school. I want them to go, but I can't send them on what little I earn. I work hard from morning to night for what little I get.

I was so pressed that I went to the city for help and they turned me away, telling me that they were not helping any more.

A WORKER.

## SCOTTS RUN MINERS RESTRIKE UNDER NMU; NEED RELIEF TO WIN

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union mines and mines where the UMWA has its scab contracts.

More and more relief will be needed as autumn comes and winter approaches. Families now housed in tents will have to be moved to save the lives of the children and the health of their parents. The weight carried by the Workers International Relief and the strikers relief committees will become heavier as time goes on.

Two steel strikes broke out in the Pittsburgh district in one day last week. About 800 workers came out in protest against wage cuts and speed-up. In one case the men were working one or two turns a week. In the other men were making from 20 to 36 cents an hour. Girls were being paid from 15 to 19 cents an hour. They struck against a 5 per

cent wage cut. Practically every steel worker in the Pittsburgh and Ohio Valley districts has had his wages cut. Many have had their wages cut three or four times in three months.

Strike talk is in the air. The workers are threatening to strike against further wage cuts, and the speed-up that is making one man do three men's work. They will be the next victims of the cocksack's clubs, of intimidation by the courts, of tear gas, of evictions. Many steel mills are already shut down. Their unemployed workers will join in the mass protest against hunger and against work at starvation wages.

Workers relief organizations must begin now to store up a surplus against these impending strikes. Relief based on the solidarity of the workers is one of the strongest weapons in the hands of the strikers. If the steel workers are confident of support from a united working class movement, they can carry on their battles against the barons of iron and steel with hope and success.

Every worker is involved in these wage cuts whether they affect him now or not. Nearly all workers have had their wages cut and their working conditions worsened by their bosses during the present attack on the working class. Those not yet out are slated for early attacks. Railroad men, so far affected only by slack work, are threatened with wage cuts as soon as the present effort to raise freight rates is settled. Building trades workers have had their wages cut. Many have been forced to pay a rebate to the foreman to keep a job. From the highest to the lowest there have been attacks on wages and working conditions. The bosses are trying to save their profits by taking the costs of the panic out of the hides of the workers.

Every possible resistance to this attack on the workers slows down the attack. A strong working class movement can stop the process entirely. Workers must stand back of every strike against starvation, whether in mines, mills, factories, on road jobs, or farms. The present strike in coal and textiles are but skirmishes in the general war on the workers. Strong resistance now will slow down and maybe stop the attack entirely. The whole strength of the workers must be rallied back of each group on strike.

Relief must be poured in from every corner of the country to the strike areas, to the WIR and the miners relief committees to support these strikes. Show the bosses that the workers are behind any man who goes on strike against starvation and slave conditions. Send relief to the Penn-Ohio-W. Va.-Ky. Striking Miners Relief Committee, room 205, 611 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Chile Navy Revolt Ends, Jail Many

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stituting the blackest reaction in the face of a revolutionary working class.

Original plans for the surrender of the fleet provided that the fleet should put in at Valparaiso, one of the leading industrial cities, but undoubtedly due to the fear of a mass demonstration on behalf of the sailors, the government at the last minute changed plans and ordered the navy to put in at Port Tongoy, a port owned by the Bethlehem Steel Co., a Wall Street corporation.

The Associated Press which credits the bombardment of the fleet by the air service for the end of the uprising tells with great pride how the aviators were trained by Yankee and British imperialism, omitting to mention, of course, that many of them are American and British army officers. The Associated Press says:

"The air force, to which credit for suppressing the revolt is being given, is directly under the control of the President and has no connection with either the army or navy. It is the largest in Latin America and is exceptionally well trained. Its pilots have all received training in the United States or in England, Colonel Ramon Vergara, chief of the air corps, is a cousin of the commander-in-chief of the national defense, General Vergara."

In order to draw a sharp division between the leaders of the mutiny and the sailors who supported it, the Chilean government capitalist newspapers in the United States are trying to make it appear that only a small group of Communists "forced" the sailors to revolt and that a large part of the navy was "loyal." This canard is being spread by the navy officers to cover up the fact that the great majority of the sailors were wholeheartedly in back of the uprising, and that they endorsed the revolutionary demands put forward by the navy.

There is little doubt that hundreds of sailors will be executed in an effort to terrorize the rest and to wipe out the tradition of this working class uprising in Chile. However, with the growing crisis, driving ever more thousands to starvation in Chile, with the greater pressure of the imperialist bandits, the Chilean masses learning from the events of the past week will be able to carry forward the struggle for the successful overthrow of imperialist domination and its system of hunger and misery.

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A WORKER.

## WARNS THAT THE COLLAPSE OF CAPITALISM IS APPROACHING

### Workers Now Look To Soviet Union, Says German Economist

Dr. H. von Beckerath, professor of Political Economy at the University of Bonn in Germany warned the American capitalist class of the developing collapses in Germany and of the militancy of the German workers and of the workers throughout the rest of the capitalist world at a meeting of the Board of Trade for German-American Commerce Tuesday night. He warned the capitalist class that the continued oppression and sharper exploitation of the German workers would mean a revolutionary upsurge in Germany and the destruction of the capitalist system there.

He stated that the collapse of the capitalist system in Germany would not be confined there but would shake the capitalist system in every one of the capitalist powers in Europe and also in the United States. In his own words he gives this warning as follows:

"This breakdown will not be restricted to Germany. There can be no doubt that in most of the Central European countries in Italy and very probably also in England, the structure of the capitalist system and its cultural and political implications are so weakened by years of economic disturbance and by social unrest that it will not stand the shock of the annihilation of Germany's economic system under revolutionary circumstances. The reaction of such a sequel of revolutionary changes in the economic and social field of Europe on America need not be explained. In such a case, the American banker will certainly not get anything and most probably the American taxpayer will get as much or less than the bankers."

Beckerath points out to the capitalist class that it is with the Socialist system in the Soviet Union that they are competing. It is to the Soviet Union that the oppressed workers of the world are looking to show them the way out of the misery and terror of capitalist exploitation. "The political structure," he constantly being undermined through the competing communism of Russia."

The Soviet Union must be fought says this capitalist economist. He cloaks this attack in peaceful phrases.

"The only efficient way to combat Russian communism, or rather, the spread of communistic ideas outside of Russia," Dr. Beckerath said, "is to prove that the capitalist world, in spite of all inner contests and struggles, is able to reconstruct itself in such a way that it gives, not only to the upper classes but also to the broad masses, a life of material comfort and moral dignity to keep them within the ranks of the defenders of the present capitalistic world. This issue will be decided in

the first instance in Germany and adjacent countries."

The workers in Germany and in Great Britain and in the United States are learning rapidly what the capitalist system has to offer the working-class. They are learning that this crisis is an inseparable part of capitalism and that the only way in which the working class can be assured a decent life and be freed of starvation and disease is through the overthrow of the capitalist system that necessarily breeds this misery.

The collapse of the capitalist system is nearest in Germany and it is the task of the capitalist class to crush the revolutionary struggle of the German working-class. In this smashing of the revolutionary struggle of the German workers "America could render not only (capitalist) Germany but all of (capitalist) Europe a priceless service," he says.

The capitalist class knows that it cannot prove to the working-class of the world that it has more to offer them than the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union are gaining under the dictatorship of the proletariat. The capitalist class is determined not to combat the Soviet Union by these means but by war. It is for the attack on the Soviet Union and on the revolutionary working-class of Germany under the leadership of the Communist Party that Beckerath warns the capitalist class of the United States. The American capitalist class is preparing for this attack by building even greater armaments and war supplies. The working class must defend their fatherland in the Soviet Union and defend the revolutionary struggle of the German workers against the capitalist class.

## Unemployed Council of West Pullman Holds Large Meet

CHICAGO, Ill.—At a meeting called by the Unemployed Council of West Pullman the hall was overflowed, and more than two hundred workers gathered outside, where all could participate. It is significant that many young workers were in the crowd, and they showed the greatest enthusiasm. All the applications to the Council were filled out, sixty new members being obtained, many of these, too, being young and new (t-

At the next meeting of the Council last Friday, two of these new members were added to the Executive Committee. Several young workers are asking to join the Young Communist League. They spoke with the greatest enthusiasm and this is another instance of the masses getting ahead of our comrades. The Council is now planning another meeting in a large hall, as well as a series of open-air meetings.

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# WHITE CHAUVINISM IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

By ROY PELTZ.

At various conferences of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League, at which the tasks and perspectives of the Communist movement in Washington, D. C., were taken up, it was definitely established that the most important field of revolutionary activity among the 600,000 residents at the political stage of Wall Street's country is its Negro population.

One-third of the population of Washington, D. C., is a group which, in addition to the general working-class problems, has its own special grievances and specific tasks to perform. The Negro workers here, as elsewhere in the United States, are the poorest paid, the most viciously oppressed and down-trodden section of the proletariat.

While more than 20 per cent of the Negro population in Washington are engaged in clerical occupations—this circumstance causing them to be corrupted, in spite of low wages and bad conditions, with many petty-bourgeois notions and aspirations—the bulk of the Negro population exist in the direst need and misery. Those few who can find employment are forced to slave at 50 cents a day in many cases. Unemployment has also struck the Negro workers hardest. Moreover, Negro workers are forced to live in dilapidated, damp, rheumatism and consumption-breeding hovels, for which they are made to pay outrageously high rents. They are barred from restaurants, theatres, movie houses, barber shops, etc. By constant discrimination and insult the bosses seek to have them understand that they are "merely dirty niggers" who must "keep in their place."

From this it can be seen what objective conditions exist for the building of a strong revolutionary movement at the capital of the chief imperialist country—a capital which, moreover, is on the border line of the South.

### Lack of Real Accomplishment

What is being done? Before proceeding to point out what has been and has not been done, it is necessary to attempt to settle for the "broad-minded, practical" comrades the "sagacious" questions which they ask whenever the lack of any real accomplishment in the Negro field is pointed out. "Look at the other cities—no more was accomplished there," they cry. First, this is a misstatement, for anyone reading the Daily Worker, or even the capitalist press alone, ought to know of the courageous struggles for Negro rights which the Communist Party and the Young Communist League have developed and are leading in other cities—notably in Chicago. Secondly, it is very easy and comfortable for "Communists" who are not true Bolsheviks to point to the units which, for whatever reason, are weak and lack accomplishments, and copy them.

Those comrades who in the heat of passion say that "nothing was done in Negro work in Washington" are badly exaggerating. Some work has been done, but the results are far too meager. The failure to push this work can be seen today in the fact that only two Negro members remain in the Communist Party and another two in the Young Communist League.

### White Chauvinism Rampant

Another result of the failure to push our Negro work is that white chauvinism is again showing its obnoxious head in the auxiliary organizations and, to our great shame, even in the Communist Party and the Young Communist League. A few of the unfortunately many proofs of this will suffice.

It is a matter of established fact that the International Workers' Order, the Co-operative, Camp Nitedaiget, the Mothers' League, etc., are rampant with white chauvinism. Very few Negro workers are coming to the camp, because, until lately, the tacit policy was to keep Negro workers out of the camp. Even Party members dared to defend this vicious bourgeois policy for "purely business" reasons! And even today the few Negro workers who do visit the camp are made to feel out of place, are snubbed by the petty-bourgeois elements. The Party fraction in

the Co-operative has been instructed time and again to put up an ideological and organizational struggle against these rotten bourgeois tendencies in the camp and in the Co-operative, but this has not been done.

### Opportunist Retreat on Negro Question

Another manifestation of this white chauvinistic attitude occurred about two months ago, when the Y. C. L. passed a decision that at a forthcoming dance of the I. W. O. Youth Branch no efforts were to be made to get Negro workers to the dance. The presence of Negro workers, according to those supporting this opportunist decision, "might create trouble." At a Y. C. L. meeting, some time after the dance, when Party members criticized this decision, the League members took the matter lightly. Only when the Party representative threatened those responsible with expulsion did several members of the League get up and state that they "believe" the decision was wrong. Several openly stated that they "wanted to avoid the issue." Others brazenly declared "it would break the I. W. O. to invite Negroes." Proof that they are still taking the matter lightly is seen in the fact that a resolution condemning the Executive Committee of the Young Communist League for its action has not yet been sent to the Communist press as per the decision of the Y. C. L. meeting. To the question as to why this has not been done, these comrades reply, "We are investigating." Our suspicion is that they will continue "investigating" until they land outside of the revolutionary movement.

In connection with this outbreak of chauvinism in the Y. C. L. it is significant to note that the inter-racial dances have been discontinued—the excuse being that no hall for the purpose can be obtained.

### Leading Committees Evade Issue

Cases of individual chauvinism are necessarily frequent where chauvinism has official endorsement. Some time ago an International Labor Defense dance a young Negro worker complimented a League member on her looks and got the answer, in substance, "Don't speak of that—we are dancing with you for only one purpose!" This comrade later denied that she made this statement. However, as a result, the Negro member stood away from the movement for months. A few weeks ago, another member of the Y. C. L. stated that she does not like to sit next to Negroes in a street car. The matter was brought to the attention of the E. C. of the Y. C. L.—with the greatest difficulty. One meeting of the E. C. was cut short in the midst of a developing discussion on this case. At the next meeting, in the absence of the comrade preferring the charge and of the Party representative, the question was decided in 15 minutes of "deliberation." The "brilliant" decision was that the guilty comrade be instructed to deliver a talk on the Negro question and to intensify her activities in this field! At the meeting the guilty comrade was excitedly defended by members of the E. C. with statements such as: "When we join the League old feelings don't disappear. . . . We cannot control our aversions. . . . We should not condemn her too severely. . . . It is a result of the schools, etc. It cannot be helped." Similar anti-working-class opinions were expressed by a Party functionary.

These facts (and they could be multiplied ten-fold) prove the necessity of the sharpest struggle against white chauvinism and all its opportunist defenders in the revolutionary movement in Washington, D. C. The burning out of white chauvinism is an absolute prerequisite to real mass work by the Party and the Young Communist League among the Negro and white workers of Washington. Every sincere, honest comrade must at once take up this struggle against white chauvinism and its defenders and apologists, ruthlessly exposing those wherever they show themselves and supporting the sharpest disciplinary measures, up to expulsion, against those elements who resist the Communist line on the Negro question.

# "White Man's Nigger" Creed

(From the "Southern Worker")

The program of the Black Judases has finally been put down in black and white by DuBois, writing in the September issue of The Crisis, official organ of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. It is an official statement of policy, expressing in words what has so plentifully been expressed in deeds by the Black Judases in the Scottsboro case, the Camp Hill, Ala., events and in the Chicago eviction massacre.

It is a very carefully worded statement by a master of demagoguery, contradicting itself a dozen times, yet its basic conclusion stands out clearly. It is primarily directed against the Communists, to whom increasing masses of Negro toilers are looking for leadership, and yet just because of the tremendous Communist influence among the Negroes, DuBois is forced to concede certain points, only to contradict them again later. He concedes that: "The importance of the Russian Revolution cannot be gainsaid." Only to contradict this important concession by stating that the Russian Revolution and the Soviet Union "leaves him (the Negro) just where he was before the Russian Revolution," denying the tremendous importance of this historic event in pointing the way and shaping the struggles of the oppressed Negro masses throughout the world.

DuBois is forced to concede that the capitalist politicians can offer no solution to the Negro masses, yet he extends a pleading hand to those very capitalist white politicians he just got through rejecting. In one place, he hypocritically states that since the foundation of the N.A.A.C.P. "there has never been a moment when the dominating leadership of the American Negro has been mainly or even largely dominated by wealth or capital or by capitalist ideals," yet not a word about the large donations received from wealthy white bosses to enable the N.A.A.C.P. to continue its work of betrayal. And later on, forgetting what he had said barely a half-page back: "We have in 20 years of struggle, elicited the sympathy and cooperation of the rich, the white and the powerful." Equally treacherous and deceitful statements follow. "The capitalists are against mob violence," says the sage of the Black Judases, "and would listen to reason and justice in the long run." On the other hand, according to this collector of 30 pieces of silver, the white workers are the Negro's enemies, their lynchers and torturers. The

Communists are crazy, he says, young jackasses leading the "ignorant Negro masses" to suicide, to the lynch rope and murderous posess. The white worker is to blame for the persecution of the Negroes, the white bosses and landowners are the Negroes' friends.

And then we read further on: "The foundation of its present world wide power (power of the ruling class.—Ed.) is the slavery and semi-slavery of the colored world, including the American Negroes. Until the colored man, yellow, red, brown and black, becomes free, articulate, intelligent and the receiver of a decent income white capital will use the profit derived from his degradation to keep white labor in chains."

But how is this freedom to be obtained—by cooperation with the white ruling class against the white workers, answers DuBois, and not by a fighting solidarity of Negro and white workers against their common enemy, the white boss and landowning class. As DuBois and his N.A.A.C.P. cronies have shown in deeds, their ambition is to further split up the working class, strengthen the color line among the workers, for which task they are gratefully supported in dollars by the white ruling class. This new talk of DuBois—albeit making an attempt to confuse the Negro workers by empty radical phrases thrown in here and there—is the same old boss talk: "The poor whites are your enemies, we, the bosses, are your friends. Be a white man's nigger."

DuBois, Pickens, White and others of their ilk have become "white men's niggers," have received a degree more of freedom and much comfort for themselves, but at a price—the betrayal and selling out of the masses of Negro toilers, by helping to strengthen the bonds of wage slavery and penance on white and Negro alike by intensifying race prejudice, by strengthening the color line among the working class. As tools of the white ruling class they have viciously fought every effort of the white and black toilers to unite and fight as one against slavery and starvation and oppression.

Against this policy of rank betrayal, as formulated and polished up by DuBois there stands the militant and faithful leadership of the Communist Party, based on the solidarity of all workers of all races and nationalities in the struggle against all bosses and their hangers-on—a struggle which will find its victory in the overthrow of the capitalist system and in the building of Socialism.

# THE ANGELS THEY FLY HIGH



News Item:— King George donates 50,000 pounds from his Privy Purse to aid in crisis.

# "Anti-Soviet Lies and the Five-Year Plan"

Reviewed by A. PRINTZ

IN this period when world imperialism, with American imperialism at its head, is openly preparing a new world war and military intervention against the Soviet Union; at a time when the economic war against our Socialist fatherland is fast becoming an armed attack against the Soviet Union, the above pamphlet along with others recently published by the Communist Party of the United States through the Workers Library Publishers, are of particular importance to the broad masses of workers and are invaluable for organizing and mobilizing the workers for revolutionary action.

These pamphlets bring out in the clearest and most emphatic fashion that the new world war now being prepared by imperialism and its faithful henchmen, social fascism, is too near a possibility to permit of vague discussion and aimless deliberation; that imperialism waits but for an opportune moment to set into motion the war machinery for an armed attack against the Soviet Union; hence the immediate need for an organized opposition on the part of the working class against imperialism, and for turning the war against class brothers into one against the class enemy.

In simple understandable words, in popular style Comrade Bedacht tells of the feverish imperialist war preparations and of the particular role of Uncle Sam in his "holy" Crusade against the Soviet Union. The brochure is a clear and convincing answer to all capitalist lies about the Soviet Union. The author simply takes the reader by the hand, leads him through the whole repulsive swamp of capitalism's biased phantastic and systematically planned lies, shows him their origin and purpose and gives the reader a clear-cut Marxist answer to the entire fascist and social-fascist barrage of lies. Comrade Bedacht poses both systems, the capitalist and Socialist—one against the other—and gives the reader a thorough analysis of both in such a fashion that the whole capitalist campaign of lies against the Soviet Union reveals itself in all its ugliness.

With facts and figures, the author brings to us the colossal, unheard of growth of industrialization in the various branches of national economy, the sweep and tempo of Socialist construction and the extraordinary rise in the workers' standard of living, the increase and up-hill march of domestic consumption and the growth of the purchasing power.

When we see the Socialist system in its growth and expansion contrasted with the decaying, rotting capitalist system, based on exploitation and robbery, we understand the reason for this gigantic industry of lies that has grown to such immense proportions in this period of deepening capitalist crisis. It becomes clear that it is not merely lie-fabricating, but war fabrication, aimed with all their strength against the Soviet Union.

This brochure must become an effective weapon in our campaign to shatter the deadly barrage of lies and insinuations against our Socialist fatherland. Every worker should read this pamphlet in order to acquaint himself with the facts of Socialist construction and with the plans and lies of the capitalists and their "socialist" friends. The reader should particularly realize from this pamphlet that the problem now is not so much the recognition of the Soviet Union as the defense of the Soviet Union.

# Southern Ruling Class "Chivalry"

CHARLOTTE, S. C.—The Southern District of the International Labor Defense has issued a statement denouncing the kidnapping and brutal beating of Clara Holden, organizer of the National Textile Workers Union of Greenville S. C. The statement declares:

"While on her way to a meeting of textile workers, Clara Holden, organizer of the National Textile Workers Union of Greenville, S. C., was kidnapped by five well dressed men, taken in a car to Saluda Dam about six miles outside of Greenville and there savagely beaten with a leather strap.

"The kidnapers made threats to Clara Holden, saying they would kill her if she remained in Greenville. They made it plain that the reason for this attack upon her was because she was an organizer of mill workers.

"This is the fourth time attempts have been made to terrorize organizers of the National Textile Workers Union by the Ku Klux Klan and mill bosses. Each time the attackers, although they had the open endorsement of the Greenville Police Department, failed in their attempt to render the mill workers helpless by driving the union organizer out of town. The last attack by the five well dressed men is without doubt an expression of direct action by the mill owners, especially the owners of Brandon and Judson mills, whose employees very recently have received wage cuts.

"The Greenville city government and police department in its actions shows its full hearted agreement with the terrorization of the mill workers and organizers and proves how utterly the police department is the tool of the mill owners to force the mill workers to receive wage

cuts after wage cut and to finally reduce the mill workers to a state of starvation, right on the job.

"The International Labor Defense with headquarters at 30 S. College St. in Charlotte, demands that the mill workers of Greenville have the right to organize and fight against the starvation policy of the mill owners.

"We place the responsibility for the attack of Clara Holden, Tuesday night and the three previous ones upon the heads of the Greenville police department, the mayor of Greenville and the governor of South Carolina, and further hold them responsible for the lives and safety of the textile organizers. The very fact that the Ku Klux Klan openly made three attacks and the mill owners showed no fear when they attacked Clara Holden proves conclusively the control the mill owners have over the entire city government of Greenville. That this kidnapping follows closely upon the heels of wage cuts given the workers in the Judson and Brandon mills, and that Holden was on her way to a meeting of these workers, also proves the role the Judson and Brandon mill owners have in these latest outrages perpetuated against the workers of Greenville.

"The International Labor Defense demands the immediate arrest of the owners of the Judson and Brandon mills in connection with Holden's kidnapping. We also demand the immediate liquidation of the mill owners' bootlicking organization, the Ku Klux Klan.

"The International Labor Defense pledges its utmost support to the National Textile Workers Union and the mill workers of Greenville in their fight against wage cuts, stretch-out and further acts of terror made upon the workers at the instigation of the mill owners."

# Provoking the War on the USSR

By M. L.

FURTHER proof that the capitalists are attempting to hide their haste in preparing for war by attacking the Soviet Union as a military menace, is contained in an article by Wythe Williams in the Saturday Evening Post for September 5. He says: "The new rulers of the Soviet Union now have embarked upon a line of war preparation more gigantic than any in history." At the present time when the imperialist governments are travelling at express train speed towards another war, they single out the USSR as the sole menace to "peace." This is to cover up their preparations.

Williams writes also that "recently and almost continuously, high officers of the armies of Rumania, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia have exchanged visits and held long councils as to the best form of joint defense against Red attack. So far no national agreements have been made openly, but merely the military have estimated the joint strength of the fairly large but technically problematical forces of Rumania and Poland, and of the small but exceedingly competent armies of the Baltic states, officered by ex-Czarists, who are the bitterest opponents of the Bolshevik regime." These commanders believe that the first attack in the west will be against Poland and Rumania.

Here the USSR is being represented as the one who is going to attack these states. As the writer says, "the active Soviet army on this date is the largest in the world. According to its propaganda department, it is already capable of an offensive against any trained army in Europe." The Soviets general plan is to delay action by armed force until the ground for revolt within other nations has been well prepared." The Balkan States surround the U. S.S.R. and they are the spearhead of French imperialism and capitalism in general aimed at the heart of the Soviet Union. In the New York Times of January 8 there appeared a cable from Bucharest to the effect that the Rumanian-Polish defense alliance against Germany and Russia will be renewed only as it affects the Russian frontier. "The new treaty. . . in contradiction to the old one, which also applied to

the German-Polish frontier . . . will be purely a defensive alliance against Russia."

In the Herald-Tribune of January 2 appeared a cable from Paris to the effect that 100,000 Russian White guards were ready to attack the Soviet Union. "Half of the army lives in the Balkan countries and the rest in France and Germany." "Their officers and the general staff are graduates of a White Russian 'West Point' in Paris which offers a course in modern and technical warfare." General Miller, commander of the armies of White guard Russians is quoted as saying: "We are ready to wage war, and we await only a suitable international situation and finances which will surely come from one of the powers (read France) desirous of seeing Bolshevism crushed and Russia returned to its people."

"We get frequent reports on the Red army of Russia. . . ." So here you have it quite openly, French imperialism is fostering and feeding a White Russian army and financing armament purchases by its Balkan military satellites and all to wage war on the USSR.

The Washington Post says editorially (August 16), "Rumania has recently obtained a loan of \$50,000,000 from France, conditioned upon the expenditure of the entire sum in France for military equipment."

Returning to the article in the Saturday Evening Post we read as follows:

"In considering an invasion of Russia, the three vital areas are Moscow, the capital and rail center, the Donetz-Kharkov-Kursk area of coal and iron mining and allied industries, and the Transcaucasus area, with its oil wells."

All this is not mere talk, it is serious preparation for war against the Soviet Union. All the peace conferences and pacts are a smoke-screen to veil these plans directed against the Soviet Union.

The peace conferences prior to the world war were hypocrisy and falsehoods, they were the prelude to the world holocaust which came soon after. Today, the period in which we live may be compared to that. Today is the prelude to another war; we are on the threshold of an imperialist war against the workers fatherland, the USSR.

# Hillquit and Thomas Apologize for MacDonald

By HARRY GANNES.

HARDLY had the Czarist oil scandal beer, shoved into a welcome (for the socialists) background, than Morris Hillquit, erstwhile legal defender of the white guards and champion of the sanctity of the capitalist law of property, hastily joined the Reverend Norman Thomas (who feared his godly vestments might be soiled) with the touch of oil in the defense of their "socialist" comrades in Britain who are embarrassingly and inextricably tangled up with the British bankers in an open attack on the working class.

Here is the problem with which the American socialists are faced. In Britain a socialist government comes to power after promising the workers "socialism in our time," increased unemployment insurance payments, increased wages, cuts in armaments, and so on.

After a long period of decreased wages, decrease in unemployment insurance payments, increased armaments, and increased terror for the colonial masses in India, China and Africa, the "socialist" government comes to an abrupt end by the merging of its outstanding leadership with the open spokesmen of the imperialists in the Conservative and Liberal parties.

And all this when the socialists throughout the world were proclaiming the "superiority" of "socialist" government over the Soviet Union in advancing the interest of the working class. The workers everywhere under capitalist rule, whether under the guise of a socialist coalition (Germany and England), or a Republican rule as in the United States, found their conditions growing worse all the time. Wage cuts increased, unemployment was growing, and the terror of the capitalists against the workers was widening.

Now the bubble has burst. Hillquit, Norman Thomas, and the "militants" in the socialist party, whether they are under Lovestone's aegis or Stanley's, must "explain" to the workers. They must tell them why they should follow "socialists" and not Communists since the unanswerable facts show that socialists betray the workers in a crisis and Communists demonstrate that they lead in wiping out capitalism and building the foundations of socialism, not in words but in deeds.

### What Lee Proposed.

Algernon Lee, one of the American socialist party delegates to the last Congress of the Second International in Vienna, fearing sometime ago that some such thing would happen, advised his comrades to lay off, Lee, who believes that, as it is, the Socialists have everywhere a hard enough task fooling the workers, thinks the task is made no easier when a socialist minister is caught kissing a king's hand fervently—if Socialists in other countries squawk too loudly about it. So Lee declared:

"Really, we American socialists have neither achieved so much nor dared and endured so much for the cause that we should assume guardianship over the socialist morality of our comrades in the Old World."

In other words, who is Hillquit (only sinner that he is), or Thomas (close crony of Mayor Murphy of starvation fame in Detroit) that they should cast stones at such scolding men as MacDonald, Thomas and Snowden. But socialist necessity knows no morality. It is not so much a "guardianship over" the "comrades of the old world" as the pressing need of fooling the workers at home.

How does Hillquit do it? Just as you would expect a socialist lawyer to act under the circumstances. He lies outright. There is hardly an instance in the recent period of wholesale lying of the socialist party to exceed Hillquit's attempted defense of the "opposition" in the Labor Party in order to clear the skirts of Socialism.

Hillquit tries to say that the program advanced by the late Labor cabinet belonged in reality to the capitalist class and not to the Labor government. Here is the documentary evidence. In the August 29 issue of the New Leader, Hillquit writes:

"The spokesmen for the possessing classes proposed to meet half of the requisite sum (of the \$800,000,000 deficit) by increased taxation and the other half by economies in expenditures, which include a reduction of salaries and wages of government employes and of the benefits paid to the unemployed."

This was not the program of the "possessing classes." It was the program of the Labor Party, both MacDonald's and the present "opposition". Here is the proof of this fact printed on the first page of the British Daily Herald on August 22, 1931, now official organ of the "opposition", and it appears in heavy italic type so there won't be any misunderstanding about it:

"The Conservatives are demanding that 75 per cent of the budget deficit shall be met by economies and only 25 per cent by new taxation, (that Mr. Hillquit is the program of the possessing class—H. G.), as against the 50 per cent economies and 50 per cent taxation proposed by the (Labor) government."

So Hillquit in his defense has the Labor government fighting against its own unanimous policy.

Norman Thomas, skilled in dopping up unpalatable facts so that they are no longer recognizable, does the task in his own novel way; that is, by not mentioning the unpleasant things, and in the socialist fashion pointing to the "pie-in-the-sky." "The silver lining to the cloud," preaches the Reverend Thomas,—"and it is a very genuine silver lining" (so is the pie-in-the-sky!)—"is that now we can hope to have again a more aggressive socialist party in Britain."

Did MacDonald lack aggressiveness? More were jailed and murdered under his regime in India than under the Conservative Churchill. Never mind, says Thomas, let us look to the Messiah Henderson, he will build socialism on England's fair shores. But Thomas forgets to say anything about Henderson—Henderson the Labor Minister who told the British workers to shoot down German workers in the last World War for the "national interest", Henderson who voted to execute the Irish revolutionists and socialists, Henderson who plotted war against the Soviet Union—and last, but not least, Henderson who favors fully the program of the MacDonald government but knows it can best be carried out by keeping the Labor Party within bounds.

The attempted defense by the American socialists of the British Labor government is a self-defense, an appeal to the American workers to follow the betrayers here.