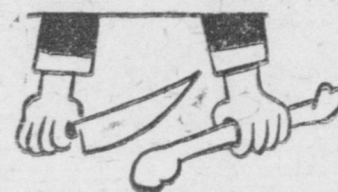


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PROTEST MURDER OF 2 NEGRO WORKERS IN CLEVELAND

An Attack on All Workers

IT IS NOT an accident that at the same time a savage wage cut offensive is made against the working class, at a time when the capitalist class and its entire governmental machine is determined to force the unemployed to starve rather than yield one cent from their billionaire profits...

From the mining region of Michigan, an editorial in the "Iron River Reporter" gives all workers, workers throughout the United States, a hint of how interested the capitalists are in forcing through this law...

The "Iron River Reporter" in its issue of Sept. 25, under the headline "ALIENS MUST REGISTER," is very insistent that this particular law, among all the thousands of laws that are ignored and unenforced...

"It is highly probable that this oversight (the lack of enforcement—Editor, Daily Worker) will be corrected within the next few weeks and that a general call for alien registration will be issued."

"There are a number of aliens in Iron County, and the new law is of vital interest here," it is declared, although it does not explain WHY and TO WHOM the enforcement of this outrageous anti-working class law is of so huge "vital interest."

And why is it of interest to them? Why if not that it is a means to aid the bosses break strikes they fear will break out against wage cuts? Why if not that the capitalists hope to use this law against the demands of the unemployed for food and shelter?

We repeat the warning we have previously given to native-born workers: This so-called "alien" law is AGAINST YOU, TOO!

First, will it not weaken any strike of yours, if your foreign-born fellow workers are terrorized by threat of deportation, which is implied in their forced registration?

Secondly, when a mass of workers are on strike, the police and state troopers who invariably try to break strikes, will arrest native-born as well as foreign-born and, by forcing them to PROVE that they are native-born, will virtually and with equal effect register you native American workers also—and use the pedegree you are compelled to give, to blackmail you as well as weaken the strike by holding you for "investigation."

It is neither an accident that the "Iron River Reporter" attacks the Communist Party in the same editorial which attacks the working class. The Communist Party is the leader of all workers in defense of their class interests. The Communist Party fought against this anti-working class law before its passage; and it warns workers everywhere, as well as in the state of Michigan against this and similar attacks.

The Communists throughout the country have the duty of building the Councils for Protection of the Foreign-Born to aid the fight in Michigan; and in Michigan the Communists not only should build this organization everywhere, explaining to the native-born that the law injures them, also, but should also use the provisions of the initiative and referendum to create a huge movement for repeal of this "Alien Registration Law."

ON PARTY REGISTRATION

No Special Machinery To Be Established.

The district organizations of the Party are already proceeding with measures to put the Party registration into swing. Many districts have already arranged for meetings of functionaries where the political significance of the registration is to be explained and directions given on how to carry it into effect.

At the same time we notice a tendency in several districts to establish extra machinery for the carrying through of the registration. The directions of the Organization Department, corresponding with the line followed by the Central Committee, does not call for extra machinery. The registration is to be carried through in the districts by the Organization Department, in the sections by the Organization Department of the section and in the units by the Unit Bureau. The registration is to assist in the establishment and functioning of these departments, and therefore the setting up of additional machinery will only block the functioning, formation and consolidation of such departments where they do not already exist.

If special machinery is to be established in the Unit Bureau it will not facilitate the carrying through of the registration in the quickest possible time and will tend to take away from the Unit Bureau the task of mobilizing the entire unit for the mass work, which is the biggest task to be achieved by the registration. Only for visiting comrades who are absent from unit meetings do the directions of the Organization Department call for the special designation of comrades for this work. This is done because we wish to draw the members of the unit also into the direct work of registration and because comrades in the units know personally most of the comrades who are absent and passive and thus it establishes the best approach for the visiting of these comrades and establishment of their reasons for non-attendance and passivity.

All districts are directed to follow this line on the registration and the directions contained in the editorial in the Daily Worker and those given on the following day.

ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT, C.C.

MORE DRESSES AND SUITS

ON SALE AT BAZAAR TONIGHT

The Daily Worker-Freihheit-Young Worker bazaar started off with a bang last night. Many articles changed hands at low prices, and there was music and dancing and a good time was had in general.

But the big nights of the bazaar are still to come—Friday and Saturday and Sunday nights. New stocks have been ordered for tonight and there will be more remarkable bargains in clothing and other articles for the big crowd that is expected. In addition, the Labor Sports Union will stage sports exhibitions.

The exhibit of proletarian art at the John Reed Club booth is still on display, and many original cartoons of William Gropper are still available at prices within every worker's reach. A new feature for tonight is a collection of large size busts of Lenin, Stalin and Gerki and large statues and busts of Karl Marx and LaSalle that any worker's organization would be proud to own. This is the first

time in history that such a collection has been gotten together, and it should prove a thrilling sight for every class conscious worker.

On Saturday night will be held the grand costume ball of the bazaar. This will add new color to the colorful booths. Sales of tickets indicate that a tremendous crowd will be on hand, and the night will go down in history as the grandest and gayest and most colorful affair ever conducted under the auspices of the Communist Party.

But the climax will come Sunday night, when the bazaar will end up in a whirlwind of spectacular events and dancing, and many special features still to be announced. There will be plenty of music through all three nights, and on all nights there will be special bargains at prices one-third off or less.

Buy your tickets, comrades, and support the Daily Worker, Freiheit, and the Young Worker, and the fight of all workers against the bosses.

JAPAN'S PLANES BOMBARD CITY; WAR SPREADING

MORE STRIKE IN LAWRENCE; RAP SELLOUT

State, Bosses and UTW Combine for Fake Arbitration

Unity Session Today Will Elect a General Strike Committee

LAWRENCE, Mass., Oct. 9.—Two hundred more textile workers joined the strike today, walking out of the Stevens Mill, North Andover.

The National Textile Workers Union denounces the attempt of the United Textile Workers Union to sell out the strike of 25,000 workers, fighting a wage cut and tying up the biggest mills in Lawrence and surrounding territory.

The U.T.W. plan is to hold a fake arbitration conference with the employers. The U.T.W. arbitration board meets the bosses Tuesday.

The answer of the Lawrence workers is to speed up preparations for the United Front Conference, to be held tomorrow, at 2 p.m., at Franco-Belgian Hall, 9 Mason St. At this conference the National Textile Workers Union will urge that the workers elect a general strike committee themselves, to lead the strike against wage cuts and against sell-outs.

The employers fear this conference so much that they arrested three workers today for distributing the conference leaflets at a meeting called by the U.T.W.

As all indications show that the employers and the U.T.W. plan a quick sell-out, the National Textile Workers Union is concentrating more forces in Lawrence.

At the U.T.W. meeting for Arlington mill, the chairman refused to recognize rank and file nominations for the committees.

U. S. Jails Berkman.

The capitalist press here states that Edith Berkman, National Textile Workers Union organizer in the strike of 25,000 Lawrence workers, has been taken to an immigration detention station. Yesterday's reports told of the mayor of Lawrence interviewing the U. E. assistant district attorneys and requesting that her bail on the immigration charge filed against her at the time of the previous strike, months ago, be rescinded, so she could be in jail instead of leading the present struggle against wage cuts.

The papers also state that the Massachusetts State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration has arranged with the owners of three big Lawrence mills and Robert J. Watt, secretary treasurer of the State Federation of Labor, for "arbitration." This is evidently only part of the sell-out scheme.

EMPLOYMENT IN CLEVELAND DROPS 17% IN A YEAR

Employment in Cleveland during September dropped 5.7, to a new low of 75.6. This represents a 17% drop in the number of jobs since last September, when the percentage was 92 per cent. Though there was slight increases in textile, lumber, paper, and printing industries, this was offset by less jobs in iron, steel and automobile plants.

Negro Cotton Specialists Going to the Soviet Union

A group of 12 Negro cotton specialists, the first of its kind to be organized, will sail October 14 to get together with the American Workers' Delegation to Soviet Russia. The specialists come from various parts of the country and will spend two years in the U.S.S.R., helping to develop cotton growing in Soviet Turkistan. O. J. Golden of New York is in charge of the group.

The specialists will participate in the mass stand off that has been arranged for the workers' delegation on Monday, October 12, at 8 p.m. in Cooper Union, 8th St. and Fourth Ave. The delegation, which has been organized by the Friends of the Soviet Union, will consist of 14 workers from the United States and one from Canada. The Canadian delegate is James B. McLachlan, a militant miner, who has just been elected by the miners of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. The delegation is composed entirely

Coal Miners Starve Wait Freight While Carloads of Potatoes

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 9.—The following telegram was received at Relief headquarters here today from Minnesota:

"We are rapidly collecting potatoes, but have no money for the freight to send them to the starving miners. Iron River has 40,000 pounds waiting, so have Beraga and Mesaba Range section, and Duluth has a carload waiting of potatoes and staple vegetables. The farmers are willing to give a great deal of potatoes but funds are needed for freight. Telegraph your reply immediately. Can you pay expenses of freight? What shall we do with this food?"

The relief here has no money available to pay for the carloads of potatoes coming, and the miners are starving. It calls for immediate donations of money to bring the potatoes here, where the need for them is tremendous. Don't let the food lie idle while starvation sweeps the strike fields. Send funds to Pennsylvania-Ohio-West Virginia-Kentucky Striking Miners Relief Committee, 611 Penn Ave., Room 205, Pittsburgh, Pa.

WOMEN'S WORLD CONGRESS OPENS

Clara Zetkin Receives Tremendous Ovation

BERLIN, Oct. 9.—The World Congress of Working Women opened here today prior to the Eighth Congress of the Workers' International Relief. Delegates from the entire world are present. The veteran women's leader, Clara Zetkin, was carried into the hall amidst tremendous cheering. Despite doctors' orders, Comrade Zetkin addressed a few words of greeting. Traute Hoelz answered in the name of the Congress. Lena Overlach greeted the Congress in the name of the German Communist Party. Harry Pollitt spoke in the name of the executive of the Workers' International Relief.

Members of the presidium are Clara Zetkin, Ram Parth, Indian delegate, Baker, Negro woman delegate and the Irish veteran, Madame Despard and others.

The morning session was occupied with the report of Traute Hoelz, on the capitalist world crisis and the role of the working women. Evening meetings are taking place to introduce the delegates to the Berlin working women.

The Youth Congress of the Workers' International Relief also opened today.

1,500 War Vets Mass Picket City Hall in Relief Fight

NEW YORK.—Over 1,500 ex-servicemen rallied yesterday under the leadership of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League and marched in mass picket formation for four hours around City Hall demanding immediate relief and full payment of the Tombstone bonus.

At 10:30 the veterans arrived at City Hall Park, which was surrounded by a heavy cordon of foot and mounted police to keep the vets out, despite the fact that the Board

WAGES CUT IN LEADING WAR INDUSTRY

Many Pay Slashes to Follow Oct. 1st Campaign

Steel Mill Cuts Pay Du Pont Makes 20% Slash for Workers

NEW YORK.—A new flood of wage cuts, following the October 1 cuts that effected over 5,000,000 workers are now being announced. The latest and most vicious cut is that of the power chemical trust, the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., which on November 1 will cut wages 10 per cent, but will go on the five-day week, thus adding another cut, totaling at least a 20 per cent pay cut for all workers.

The American Rolling Mill Co. has cut wages in varying amounts. The Atlas Powder Co. has cut wages 10 per cent for all its office workers, effective November 1. This will be followed by a similar cut for all factory workers.

Reading Socialists Get Machine Gun

READING, Pa., Oct. 7.—Refusing the unemployed workers and their families any but the scantiest charity relief, the socialist administration here is preparing for the coming winter by adding six shot guns and one new machine gun to the police arsenal.

The socialist chief of police, Scheerer made little effort to disguise the purpose of the recent purchase of arms. The Reading Times of October 5 reports the socialist police captain saying, as he fondled the new weapons at police headquarters:

"Come what may we're ready for anything that happens. If there are robbers, we can fight them with their own machine. If there are riots, we can take care of them with the machine gun. No matter what comes, we're ready for it."

The city administration which boasts such leading socialists as James Maurer, Mayor Henry Stump and others recently declared that the city "can do nothing for the unemployed."

Into Mingo Hollow

PINEVILLE, Pa., Oct. 9.—Strike sentiment is growing in the mines of the Mingo Hollow, south of here

of Estimate had agreed to allow them to enter the park and hold a meeting in front of City Hall steps while a committee from the demonstration presented their demands on the floor of the Board of Estimate.

Only the committee was permitted to go through the police lines. They proceeded at once to the Board of Estimate chambers where they presented their demands. The masses of veterans, being refused the use of the park on the pretext that the day had already been set aside for a meeting of firemen, at once commenced a mass picket parade around City Hall, which continued until 2:30 when the committee returned to report. The vets were then herded off to one side of the park, many of them being intimidated by the police and refused admission.

Grace, a former organizer for the United Mine Workers, was one of the first Kentucky miners to leave that strike-breaking organization and has since been one of the most active organizers for the National Miners' Union. Fighting relentlessly against the starvation of the coal operators and their terror, he has been one of the most hunted and persecuted union organizers in Kentucky. Two weeks ago he was kidnapped and severely beaten.

Cusick too has, despite his physical

Mass Funeral Today for Two Murdered Workers

City Government Throws Armed Thugs into Negro Section Wounded Workers Held in Jail; Denied Hospital Treatment

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 9.—With mass anger rapidly mounting against the brutal police murder of two unemployed Negro workers last Tuesday night when police fired point-blank into a peaceful meeting of unemployed workers protesting evictions it is expected that thousands of Cleveland workers will march on Saturday in the mass funeral for the two martyred working class fighters. In addition to the murder of John Grayford and Edward Jackson, four white and Negro workers were critically wounded by the police fire.

Mass pressure has forced the police to recede from their position of denying a permit for the mass funeral and to order a suspension of traffic in the block at 38th Street and Scoville

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Five Mines Striking In Straight Creek, Ky.

Two Relief Kitchens Established Need More Food; Miners Join N M U; Women Unite

CARY, Ky., Oct. 9.—The strike in the Straight Creek, Kentucky, region has spread to the Cary Glandon and Fordew mines thus covering the Straight Creek hollow. The strike at Caroline and Coleman mines is still going strong. All these mines are hundred per cent shut down by the walk-out. Relief kitchens are set up now in Coleman and Caroline. It is next planned to set up a kitchen at Cary.

A minimum of 1,300 men and their families now need food in this region. Send funds and food to the Penn.-Ohio-West Va.-Ky. Striking Miners Relief Committee, 611 Penn Ave., Room 205, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Women in Action

In the secluded Straight Creek Hollow, women are for the first time being brought into the struggle. Thirty joined the Women's Auxiliary of the National Miners Union at the first meeting. But when knowledge spread as to what it is all about, 54 joined the second meeting.

The Women's Auxiliary is already getting to work. Five women were elected to the strike committee at the Caroline mine and five on the relief committee there.

A local organizer writes: "the men here are organized 98 per cent, and see no reason why the women aren't." Having a meeting here tomorrow.

Into Mingo Hollow.

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Kentucky Miners at the Mooney Conference Sunday

NEW YORK.—Jim Grace, one of the outstanding fighters for the Kentucky miners, and Asa Cusick, one-armed former police chief of Everts, Ky., who have just arrived in this city, will be among the speakers at the big mass Mooney-Harlan-Scottsboro conference tomorrow (Sunday) at 10 a.m. at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Pl.

Grace, a former organizer for the United Mine Workers, was one of the first Kentucky miners to leave that strike-breaking organization and has since been one of the most active organizers for the National Miners' Union. Fighting relentlessly against the starvation of the coal operators and their terror, he has been one of the most hunted and persecuted union organizers in Kentucky. Two weeks ago he was kidnapped and severely beaten.

The conference has been called by the New York District of the International Labor Defense and all revolutionary unions, A. F. of L. locals, progressive groups in A. F. of L. unions, working class members of the Socialist Party, groups of shop workers, workers' fraternal and cultural organizations, etc., are asked to send delegates—one for every 5 members.

U.S. MOVES TO GET MORE OF THE SPOILS

Fighting On Large Scale; Many Are Killed

Put Up Native Puppets

Stimson Confers On Wall Street Moves

NEW YORK.—War is reaching great proportions in Manchuria, with the Japanese airplanes repeatedly bombing cities, killing hundreds of soldiers and non-combatants. The latest attack, far exceeding any of the previous military actions of the Japanese imperialists in their drive to cut off Manchuria from China and make it a complete Japanese colony, is the bombardment of Chenchow, the temporary capital of Manchuria, and the headquarters of Vive-Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, governor of China.

After repeated promises about "withdrawing" troops, 12 Japanese bombing planes flew from Newchwang, also in Japanese hands, and bombed Chenchow on Wednesday. The entire city was virtually wiped out, with hundreds of people killed. The bombardment lasted for two hours. There is a steady stream of workers and peasants fleeing the war zone. Over 300,000 have already evacuated and hundreds of thousands more are leaving.

Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, whose headquarters were this time the object of the bombardment, is a former puppet of Japanese imperialism. In line with its drive to take over Manchuria, the Japanese imperialists seek to shatter the forces of Chang Hsueh-liang, once so faithful a butcher for the Japanese bosses, because lately Chang Hsueh-liang has made alliances with the Nanking government, a tool of Wall Street. The Japanese imperialists, along with their military drive, are setting up new native rulers, even more pliable in the hands of Japanese imperialism than Chang Hsueh-liang was.

The open war of the Japanese imperialists, sanctioned by the League of Nations and its socialist supporters, is become so clearly an imperialist onslaught on Manchuria that the Tokyo correspondent of the New York Times exclaims about the difficulty Japan has in covering up its robber aims. This correspondent, Hugh Byas, cables:

"It will be difficult to reconcile any extension of Japan's military activities with the government's pledge to refrain from aggravating the situation."

The sharper struggles for the mastery of Manchuria is exposing the hand of American imperialism. Wall Street has quietly been concentrating military forces in Chinese waters to back up its fight for a share of the colony that Japan is seeking to take all for itself. The latest military maneuvers of Japan is forcing the hand of Wall Street, and Stimson's "quiet" approach is breaking down. The war danger is growing. A conference was held Thursday between Dr. Ying Kwal, acting Chinese ambassador, and Secretary of State Stimson, on the latest military developments, showing Wall Street will take a more open hand from now on as the conflicts sharpen. A Times story from Washington states: "Conciliation is felt here over every new military clash in Manchuria, because the situation is admittedly delicate."

It is significant that no other capitalist newspaper, outside of the New York Graphic, carried the extremely important news that the United States navy had concentrated 19 battleships in Chinese waters in connection with the growing war danger in Manchuria. All other capitalist newspapers were silent and government officials did not say a word about it.

Average Veteran Worth More Dead Than Alive Under Tombstone Act

(By An Ex-Serviceman)
7 people know just what the Tombstone Bonus' is. In 1925 it proposed in Congress to give each an additional sum amounting to about \$500 per veteran as additional compensation for the service veterans gave during the war in 1919.

That proposal was turned down and read there was passed the "adjusted pay-and old age pension-and an insurance policy—all three in one and all three at the cost of one. As a result it does none of these three things effectively and becomes one of the seven blunders of the world.

A Long Wait
As an adjusted pay it gives the veteran a cash payment in 1945 for services performed in 1918. Quite a long wait for pay-day.
Worth \$1,000 Dead
As an insurance policy, the vet-

HOOVER CALLS BOSS PARLEY TO DUPE VETS

Will Issue Further Excuses Why Bonus Should Not Be Paid

(By a Negro Veteran)
The American Legion which was organized by Theodore Roosevelt Jr. (Governor of Porto Rico) and by other imperialists officers is again leading a move to defeat the demands of the worker veterans for the immediate payment of the tombstone bonus. First the Legion, upon Hoover's and his banker friends' instructions defeated the demands of the rank and file members of the Legion for the immediate payment of the bonus. Now together with the leaders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled Veterans Association they have called a "parlex Vets" of seven days in the capitol in Washington beginning October 26.

New Fake Disabled Veteran Legislation

The parley will work out new methods of duping the working class veterans. It plans to "obtain economy and expedite direct relief to veterans of all wars," which means that that fascists' decisions further penalizing veterans, declaring their disability did not start during the war and because of their suffering in the war trenches. The parley plans to issue yards of further excuses to the other unemployed veterans and workers, lying and pleading "the government can't adopt the dolo (unemployment insurance) because did not president Hoover and Mellon say that the payment of the veterans tombstone adjusted compensation would break the government," and now we must look out for the poor disabled veterans."

New War Preparations

The fakers will also be sure to deny any representative of the real workers' organizations of veterans if they can, and will go on record to support the bosses in this crisis, namely their new war preparations for God and Dollar Wall Street. No Negro veterans will get into the meeting. They with 700,000 disabled veterans have been cheated more than any other section of the working class. Their only organization is the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League.

One way to help the Soviet Union is to spread among the workers "Soviet Forced Labor," by Max Bedacht, 10 cents per copy.

BANKERS PUSH INFLATION PROGRAM AS CRISIS WORSENS

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and the initial declines in prices have let loose forces which now bid fair to lead to disaster unless checked.

The bankers have one other reason for the inflation and that is to increase their profits. The Journal of Commerce also points this out openly:

"This action is expected to improve the level of bank earning power, especially in the big centers where the bank have an especially large proportion of their portfolios in bills and other commitments the yield on which will rise sharply with the upturn in the rediscount rate."
While this inflation may mean increased profits to the capitalist class it will mean a terrific attack on the

eran's beneficiary gets all the breaks. The beneficiary collects the minute the vet turns up his toes. No waiting no petitions to Congress; no mass meetings. The adjusted compensation act makes the average vet worth about \$1,000 dead. Why have such splendid provisions been made to bury the veterans while so few provisions have been made to keep him from being buried?

Is it possible that someone wants to get rid of him?
The adjusted compensation act would not have originated in any other mind than that of a "Ninety Day Wonder."
But the "Ninety Day Wonder" is in a class by himself. If his genius isn't appreciated he'll do like he did during the war: take the crowd out and drill the tail off the puppy.

Open Letter from Wounded Vets to Legion Commander

Soldiers Home, Dayton, Ohio, Commander American Legion,

My Dear Sir:
There are perhaps 1,500 members of your organization here in this home. Speaking for this group of men, we would like to know why the Legion voted against full payment of the graveyard bonus. Why is it that you, head of the men of the Legion, let this God, and great engineer (Herbert Hoover) dictate to the high officials of the Legion. We were made to believe when we joined the Legion that this organization was 100 per cent American and a dispenser of right against wrong. Now when the U. S. can lend and cancel billions of the tax-payers money to foreign countries which will never be paid back and thousands of ex-service men up against the wall your organization votes against the pay-

ment of the bonus for the starving ex-servicemen. If you believe you can deceive the ex-servicemen any longer you will find out we are getting determined and will fight until the last ditch for the payment of this bonus, which is due us and you can consider that these 1,500 members are out of your organization.

We actually know that the head men of the American Legion are a bunch of deceivers, camouflagers, pretenders, parasites and posers grafted by the system to serve masters first. We demand an answer to this letter and if we do not receive one, we are obliged to believe that you and the rest are tarred with the same stick as are the rest of your colleagues, Herbert Hoover, Frank Hines and the rest.

Worker Ex-Servicemen's Committee.

FIGHT BOSSES IN NEXT WAR; VETS' ADVICE TO VETS

Horrors of War Told By One Who Went Through It

(By An Ex-Serviceman.)

LOS VEGAS, Nev.—What does the young generation know about war? Most of them get merely the motion picture version, which is like a painted ship on a painted sea—a shadow war on a shadow screen.
Movie war is war with the horrors extracted and great gobs of romance thrown in. The explosions don't sound genuine. Also we all know that the dead men are only fooling.
Furthermore, one does not smell the corpses on the movie screen. One does not see his buddies blown to bits. One is in no danger from being bombed from above or mined from underneath, shelled from the front and from the rear—as happened to many of us; riddled with high velocity bullets and shrapnel, gassed, crushed by tanks, scared to death by flame throwers or killed by disease.

I might also state here that in the files of the War Department are several other novel ways of killing workers that equal and even surpass the above-mentioned horrors.

Us ex-servicemen better wise up and when they call for us to fight against fellow-workers in other lands to make the world safe for Wall St. let us line up with the working class and fight our real enemies, the bosses.

SMALL CHILDREN DRAFTED TO STATE FARM WORK

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—Young children between the ages of 9 and 14 are being mobilized and shipped to work on the state university farms at Davis, California. The Pacific Grayhound State Line carried a large crowd of these little ones off to slavery last week.

SEAMEN TO HEAR WM. Z. FOSTER

Huge Shipping Merger On Eve of Session

NEW YORK.—On the eve of the two day session of the National Committee of the Marine Workers Industrial Union here today, at 140 Broad Street, takes place a new maneuver by the shipping interest that will mean more wage cuts and greater speed up to the seamen and longshoremen.

A giant merger of 12 American boat lines has practically settled. The American Pioneer Line, Atlantic Transport Lines, Panama Pacific Line, Red Star Line, Leland Line and Baltimore Line are to be merged under the control of "one big holding company." The merger is an outcome of the pressure of the deepening crisis, further demoralizing the already over crowded shipping lines and greatly sharpening the competition between the United States and British shipping interests. The American interest hope that this move will put them in a position to displace England in the shipping field and, aid United States imperialism in the struggle against England for foreign markets. At same time this fits in with the general war preparations, by consolidating the transport facilities for easier control by the government in the coming war.

The M.W.I.U. will take up this new phase of the situation as it affects the seamen and longshoremen with its general discussion of conditions in the entire industry. William Z. Foster, secretary of the Trade Union Unity League will open the session representing the T.U.U.L. Delegates are arriving from the gulf coast, from the west coast and the Atlantic coast ports to attend the conference. A general report will be made by Geo. Mink, National Chairman of the M.W.I.U. followed by an organizational report by R. B. Hudson of the National Bureau, reports by secretaries from all locals will be made, the unemployment situation will be examined and a definite program of action worked out in preparation for struggle on the ships.

Steam schooners are cutting wages, some have cut 10 per cent once and some have cut twice, since July, states John Burns, delegate to the Marine Workers Industrial Union national board meeting here today, in an interview yesterday.

Unemployment is rife on the Pacific coast, he states. The steam schooners have a trick of running a week or two and then tying up for a week or two, not paying the crew for the time tied up. Overtime has been cut generally from 85 cents an hour to 50 cents.

The big ships are cutting too, 10 per cent or more.

This situation exists in all ports along the coast.
The Immigration Bureau is launching a terror against foreign born workers who organize. Many Portuguese had been working on the river boats. They were not bothered by the Immigration Department as long as they let the boss put things over on them. But when, under the leadership of the M.W.I.U. a strike was won against a 35 per cent wage cut on the river boats last August, and all the river men joined the union, seven Portuguese and two Swiss were arrested and held for deportation. Every effort was made to bar the I.L.D.; the Portuguese consul bailed out the men of his nationality. The case is still pending.

Build a workers correspondence group in your factory, shop or neighborhood. Send regular letters to the Daily Worker.

MASS FUNERAL TODAY FOR TWO MURDERED WORKERS

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Ave. where the workers will mobilize the mass funeral. The funeral, which will be under the auspices of the Unemployed Council in which both of the murdered workers belonged, will take place at 1 o'clock Saturday.

Hundreds View Bodies.

The bodies of the two martyred workers are now on view at the hall of Branch No. 8 of the Unemployed Council, at 3804 Scoville Ave. For the past two days, white and Negro workers have come from the remotest sections on Cleveland to pay their revolutionary respects to the two murdered workers, who died in the fight against starvation, evictions, for unemployment relief and for unconditional equal rights of the Negro masses. An honor guard of white and Negro workers had stood at attention beside the bodies day and night.

The Communist Party, the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the International Labor Defense and scores of other working-class organizations have denounced the murderers of these working-class fighters and called upon their memberships and the entire working class of Cleveland to turn out in masses for the mass funeral.

Thousands In Protest Meets.

Thousands of white and Negro workers have attended the numerous protest meetings held nightly throughout the city since Tuesday's massacre. At these meetings the workers have expressed the greatest indignation against the murderous police terror with which the bosses are trying to crush the struggles of the unemployed for the right to live. Speakers for the Communist Party, the Unemployed Council, etc., have called upon the workers, employed and unemployed, Negro and white, for the most vigorous resistance to the growing boss terror, and for the protection of the Negro workers who, in Cleveland, are especially singled out for the bullets of the police. Speakers have all stressed the necessity of the white workers actively supporting the struggles of the Negro masses against special persecution and for unconditional equal rights, including the right of self-

COME ON, LET'S ORGANIZE, SAYS EX-SERVICEMAN

Demands Sharp Letter Of Denunciation To Legion

New York.

Daily Worker:
The following is a copy of a letter addressed to the resolutions committee of the American Legion Convention, which was mailed to that body by the writer at the time of the convention in Detroit:

"All we get down here is bad news from the convention. All we hear is that you are having a darn good time. But how about giving a good time to those that sent you there?"

"Why don't you pass a resolution calling for a reduction of hours of work, without a reduction in pay, for all government employees? In the meantime pass the bonus resolution. Listen to the plain fellows. Damn the bankers, lawyers and doctors! Let us once again, before we die, know that you are our buddies, as you were in 1917-1918."

Are they our buddies? I guess not. All the trash of humanity, the generals, bankers and politicians who made the long speeches at the unemployment conference and all those who posed as delegates representing the veterans are our enemies and we vets must fight them. The final results and news from the convention should be sufficient for any vet who is a worker. Come on, let's build the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League!

VETS' PAGE SUSPENDED—NO FINANCES.

The special feature page of ex-servicemen's correspondence which was prepared for this edition had to be suspended due to a lack of finances to publish the regular six page Saturday Daily Worker this week.

determination for the Negro majorities of the Southern "Black Belt." The response of the white workers has been enthusiastic.

Mass Delegation In Demands.

A mass delegation of representatives from all militant working-class organizations in the city visited the city manager today to demand the immediate release of the workers arrested Tuesday night when the unemployed workers defended themselves against the police attack. The delegation also demanded the withdrawal of the armed police forces which have been thrown into the Negro section in an attempt to terrorize the colored workers and crush their resistance to the bosses' starvation program. The delegates demanded a stop to the reign of terror against the Negro masses and placed full responsibility for the massacre on the entire city administration.

The police reign of terror continues today, with numerous arrests of militant Negro and white workers throughout the city and with deliberate attempts to split the working-class and incite to race rioting. The police have confiscated thousands of leaflets issued by the Communist Party and the Unemployed Council calling for solidarity of white and Negro workers, and have broken up all gatherings of Negro workers on the streets.

Bosses Whitewash Murders.
While the workers are preparing the mass funeral for the two murdered Negro workers, the city authorities and the boss press are frantically trying to whitewash the police attack. The mayor and the chief of police have both rushed to defend their police thugs, justifying the shooting without even the usual pretense of an investigation. Following the example of the Chicago authorities after the massacre of Negro workers in the eviction fight on August 4, the city authorities are mobilizing the local Negro Uncle Tom reformists for work in quieting the anger of the Negro masses and diverting them from the necessary revolutionary struggle against starvation and national oppression.

Wounded Denied Hospital Treatment.
The four wounded workers arrested Tuesday night are still refused hospital treatment although two of them, Henry White and Davel Nevels, are critically wounded. They are held in the prison cells along with eight other workers who have been arrested in ten police attempt to whitewash their crimes against the working class.

Several of the police murderers have been identified by witnesses and reporters for the capitalist press. The International Labor Defense, supported by other workers organizations, has demanded the immediate removal of the wounded workers to the hospital and the release of all the arrested workers.

Workers Will Answer Boss Terror!

The workers of Cleveland will answer the murderous attacks of the police agents of the bosses with a tremendous demonstration at the mass funeral Saturday and with a further development of the struggle against starvation and evictions, against imperialist war preparations, directed especially at the Soviet Union, and for unconditional equal rights for the Negro People.

All these things are making us wake up and the red movement is being discussed throughout the base. This coming election campaign will see many Communist votes from us. We call upon our fellow voters in the base to do as we are going to do—Vote Communist.

Enclosed please find \$4 collected from some of us for the Communist election campaign.

—A group of army base employees

Veteran and Family Evicted from Home

(By a Worker Correspondent)
BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Joseph Romolo, a veteran of the world war and the father of three small children, was evicted from his home here Sept. 30 by the Tammany marshal because he was without a job and could not pay his rent.

The Veterans Relief Fund had cut off all relief for Romolo last March, whereupon Romolo took his case to the American Legion, who "investigated" the matter and turned the case over to the Welfare Department, which, in turn, disapproved it. All the charity organizations that the starving vet applied to refused relief, referring him back to the Welfare Department.

Romolo joined the veterans' march to City Hall on Oct. 2. There, along with thousands of his former buddies in the trenches, he demanded relief from starvation. He joined the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League, which is demanding immediate relief for Comrade Romolo.

WORKERS AT U. S. ARMY BASE WILL VOTE COMMUNIST

Daily Worker:
We are writing you this letter on behalf of the Army Base employees. We live a pretty sheltered life here and up to now have felt the crisis only through our friends and the papers. However, the past year we've seen the government economize along lines that hit us badly.

Lower appropriations has meant the loss of jobs for many of us. We have no automatic increases of salaries and as a result are almost completely at the mercy of the army officers at the base. Most of us have not received increases in such a long time that we're in a hopeless state. And we surely need them.

At least 7,500 of us are ex-servicemen. About one-third to one-half of the men are unskilled. These ratings receive an average salary of \$23-\$27 per week. Try and support a family on that.

Up until last week instead of hiring additional men that were needed they used army prisoners. And Hoover has the colossal nerve to ask the bosses for more employment for the workers. There's a rumor here about a wage cut to take place soon. And no measly one at that, but 25 per cent. They even say that a lot of army officers are going to be fired. However, we certainly are not interested in these government toils.

We are always the first ones to be requested for donations for the grafting unemployment funds, salvation army, red cross, etc.

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1,500 WAR VETS TEAR UP LEGION CARDS; TO MARCH TO WASHINGTON

Support Worker Ex-servicemen's League In Fight for Full Payment of Bonus

Pledge to Lead Struggle of Workers For Unemployment Insurance

Disabled Soldiers' Home, Dayton, O.

Daily Worker:
We wish to inform you that we are no longer misled by the American Legion. Fifteen hundred members of the American Legion have torn their cards in this home in the last week and several hundred of us are marching to Washington and demand the payment of the graveyard bonus.

We are trying to get a hundred thousand veterans to march with us and would be very glad to hear from the Ex-Servicemen's League. We wish to advertise our march through your paper and are asking every member of the Ex-Servicemen's League to meet us in Washington. We wish to march in front of the unemployed in their demands for unemployment insurance. We are going to see if the capitalists will dare to shoot poison gas into us. We faced poison gas, shrapnel, whizzbangs, barrages and machine gun bullets.

We have seen thousands of workers slaughtered when we were fighting to make Andrew (rotten) Mellon richer and we can plainly see now how we were misled by the lying, robbing, murdering parasitic capitalist class.

The only war we are willing to fight in the future is the war between the robbing class and the honest working class and you may bet the majority of us have our eyes open and we now know who is our real enemy and are willing to die fighting

—A War Vet.

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HOW TO USE THE PARTY APPARATUS AND THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS OF THE PARTY TO BUILD THE SHOP ORGANIZATION

By TOM JOHNSON

Work Among the Unemployed. To use this mass campaign for the penetration of the shops we must do the following: a) Instruct our agitators to at all times raise the fundamental issue of unity of unemployed and employed in the struggle. This must not be done mechanically—we must be very concrete in it. Thus in Chicago on the South Side we must raise constantly among the unemployed the necessity of unity with the workers still employed in the stockyards in their struggle against a recent wage cut. We must raise there the question of practical help to the stockyard workers in the organization of this struggle. We must register the stockyard unemployed in our movement and form them into shock troops for the building of grievance committees among those still at work.

b) We must call to our meetings of the unemployed, part time workers in the factories we are concentrating on. We must formulate special demands for these part time workers and we must mobilize the unemployed to fight with them for these demands. The part time workers constitute our most valuable link between the unemployed and the employed and this link must be seized on and used. c) When mass layoffs take place we must be on the job organizing the laid off workers right at the shop gates the day they are laid off, for struggle against mass dismissals. We must bring to such shop gate meetings masses of the unemployed and hold a solidarity demonstration there. In this way we will get valuable contact with workers direct from the shop and with workers still in the shop. d) We must draw much more than heretofore the employed workers into the struggles of the unemployed. On this issue we can penetrate many A. F. of L. locals and get them to send delegates to our conference. Thus these delegates will be able to build opposition groups within the A. F. of L. and to improve our contact with workers in these unions still employed.

Election Campaign. To use this campaign to build shop organization we must: a) Instruct the comrades collecting signatures to find out if possible where each worker who signs works. This will not be hard to do. We must then copy off the petitions the names and addresses of workers in big factories and visit them for the purpose of drawing them into the grievance

committee or union in their shop. By all means possible we must use the opportunities for talks with workers afforded by the collection of signatures for the drawing of workers from the big factories into our movement.

b) We must bring our campaign into the big shops. This means much more emphasis on "Not a single class in history achieved power without putting forward its political leaders and spokesmen, capable of organizing the movement and leading it." (Lenin.)

shop gate election campaign meetings. Here we will get valuable contacts if we organize the meeting properly and have our comrades circulating among the crowd talking to the workers and getting names and addresses where possible. We must adapt our agitational material in the campaign to the shop workers. We must, as indicated above, link up conditions in the shop with the political issues of the campaign in the closest manner. Through the campaign the workers in decisive factories must learn that our Party is not merely an electioneering organization, that it is the best leader of the workers in the shops and of the unemployed in their struggles for their most pressing needs. We must see to it that our leaflets, etc., are distributed inside the shop, etc.

c) We must use the campaign to penetrate the factories organizationally. Where we have connections already we may be able to set up some form of loose Red Election Campaign Committee in the shop itself, which can be used as the basis of a grievance committee following the campaign. Where we set up Vote Communist Clubs in the neighborhoods we must find out which members are workers from big factories and use these contacts to build our organizations within the shops.

These two examples indicate some of the ways in which we can use our political campaigns to penetrate the factories. It is necessary to issue the warning that all this will remain on paper unless our comrades constantly keep in mind that the decisive task before our Party today is the building of grievance committees, the revolutionary unions and the Party in the big shops. Our whole Party apparatus, our whole membership, every one of our mass political campaigns, must be swung into swift well planned action to achieve this end.

ORGANIZATIONAL RESULTS AND UNIT LIFE

By HELEN MABRY

IN the heart of Harlem, where 400,000 Negroes live within a concentrated area, only one Negro was present at the unit meeting which I attended. Proof that we have not secured organizational results among the Negro masses, this despite the fact that in the past year or so there has been agitation on the Levy and Gonzales murders, the Yokinen trial, the Scottsboro and Camp Hill cases, the organization of Tenants Leagues and Unemployed Councils numerous open air and mass meetings, etc.

After the murders of Levy and Gonzales, 600 Negro workers joined the Party, and of these only 10 per cent remained in the Party. The conduct of the unit meetings contributed its share toward the fluctuation.

The meeting started half an hour late—8:30 p.m. Some comrades came in an hour late. The unit bureau had not met the week before, so unnecessary details took up the time of the unit.

The organizer had not read thoroughly the section committee weekly letter and his introduction of various tasks was confusing and uninteresting since on many points he had to acquaint himself right at the unit. He also had a very bad habit of repeating entire speeches of other comrades and of chewing his own words over and over again. The attention of the comrades was not good, primarily because of this. His points were not clear and decisive.

Although 60 per cent of the comrades were in great need of training in the Workers School none volunteered to attend the Fall classes. If the need for these had been properly stressed and explained by the organizer, some comrades would surely accept to attend the school.

Not one comrade volunteered to attend the special class on the Negro question! How is it possible for comrades whose work primarily consists in agitating among the Negro workers.

What Is Communist Discipline Based On?

The question arises first of all, how is the discipline of the revolutionary Party of the proletariat maintained? How is it being tested? How is it being strengthened? Firstly, by the consciousness of the proletariat, its steadfastness, its devotion to the revolution, its heroism. Secondly, by its self-sacrifice and contact and to obtain approach, to fuse itself, if you like, with the wide masses of the proletariat, and foremost with the proletariat toiling masses, but also with the non-proletarian toiling masses. Thirdly, by the correct political leadership exercised by the vanguard and its correct political strategy and tactics, which are conducted in such a way that the wide masses are able to convince themselves of their correctness by their own experience. Without these conditions, discipline cannot be maintained in a revolutionary Party really capable of being the Party of the class which is destined to overthrow the bourgeoisie and transform the whole of society. Without these conditions discipline must inevitably be an empty-sounding phrase, a crooked gesture. But such conditions cannot be created immediately. They are the result of long effort and painful experience; their creation is facilitated by a correct revolutionary theory, a theory which is not a dogma, but which has been built up by close association with the experience of a real mass, revolutionary movement.

(From Lenin's "Infantile Sickness of Leftism," written in 1920.)

About 10:15 a comrade reported on the section convention resolution and proposed it for adoption. He read directly from the resolution without clarifying or concretizing the resolutions. Again the attention of the comrades was a "dullful" one.

Only two functionaries of the unit took part in the discussion. It was 11:30 when we adjourned and some comrades had to travel to different sections of the city. The children of the comrades in whose house we met were waiting for us to go, so they could get to bed. Other comrades looked physically sick from having spent three and a half hours in a stuffy room on a hot night after working all day. There would have developed a good discussion, if the resolution had been presented earlier in the evening.

Allowances are to be made for the unit, recently reorganized, mostly non-residents, language difficulties, etc. But the question remains, "Will we keep masses of workers in our Party with this type of unit meetings? Of course, not." Our units must reflect in a vital and healthy manner the campaigns that the Party is conducting, the growing militancy among the workers, and our increasing influence among them, as well as the problems of the workers in the shops and neighborhood.

The Wage Cut in Sheffield Steel

CARRYING out the no wage cut program of Hoover, Green and Wolf, the Sheffield Steel of Kansas City, Missouri, announced a wage cut of 10 per cent, to take effect immediately.

Not being satisfied with the mass layoffs of the past year, which have created a terrific speed-up in the plant, they have instituted the stagger system, where workers are not getting more than three days' work per week, and in some instances, one and two days.

The workers in Sheffield are already starting to see through the misleadership of the A. F. of L., as one of two of the departments that employed highly skilled labor are organized under the leadership of the misleaders and today are working under a wage-cutting agreement that was signed up last July, with about 5 per cent of the membership present to take up the agreement.

The misleaders forced these workers to accept this agreement, by telling them that unless they did the bosses would shut down completely, rather than give in to the union, or that if they struck against the miserable existing conditions they would be beaten, since there were so many unemployed, but the role of the union in this case (as in many others) is clear. If the men raise a protest against this wage cut they will flout the yellow agreement in their faces and say we did not force you to sign it, you signed it without any pressure by us. They will not mention the fact that the wage-cutting agreement was forced through.

The workers in Sheffield must start organizing against this wage cut immediately, every department in the plant must be organized, from the nut and bolt to the fabricating mills. We must not forget the unemployed, we must organize them into unemployed councils and help them in their fight for unemployment insurance, both from the state and federal governments, since we know from past experience in the textile strikes in the East, the coal strike, that the unemployed were not guilty of breaking the strike of their fellow-workers, but rather went out on the picket line with them.

The Trade Union Unity League is ready to



A Bloody Week in Cleveland

TO the long list of martyrs throughout the country in the past year (New York-Chicago-Camp Hill) is now added Cleveland. Two unemployed Negro workers, John Grayford and Edward Jackson, were killed by the police. Both were active and militant workers in the Unemployed Council, one of them a member of the Communist Party.

Last Monday the City Council decided to put through an increase in carfare to ten cents. This at a time when thousands of workers are unemployed and those working partially have their wages cut to the bone. The City Council found that its schemes were exposed. Two thousand workers marched to City Hall to protest against this action. In the council meeting, when the workers demanded the right to be heard, Mayor Marshall answered by calling the police. Attacked by these thugs the workers defended themselves heroically and for half an hour the council could not meet. Finally, leaving the City Hall, they marched in a heavy rain to the headquarters of the Communist Party and held a meeting there. To show their support to the Party 150 filled out application cards.

The following day an eviction was taking place at 2693 E. 47th St. This is the center of Unemployed Council No. 8, which prides itself on its considerable activity. Afraid to evict the family during the day the landlord and police decided to do it that night. But they found their plans frustrated by Council No. 8. Over 300 workers were there to fight against this eviction. For this they were murderously attacked by the police. Unable to stop the workers from putting back the furniture, the police shot point blank into the crowd. As a result two workers were killed and four known wounded, besides some that got away without treatment. Terror reigned in the neighborhood for over an hour. Police squads from all over the city were sent in.

But, to the surprise of the police, the crowd was undaunted. Everyone remained in the neighborhood and a protest meeting was held immediately. Speakers were cheered and all pledged to intensify the fight against evictions and starvation and for equal rights for the Negro people. This was followed by a number of arrests in order to stifle the militancy.

A large number are arrested and held incommunicado. The wounded are in jail without treatment. Henry White, a Negro worker, suffers from bullet wounds in the right thumb and left thigh, but, like all the other wounded, does not receive hospital treatment.

The high spirits among the workers here is seen by the events that took place on the day following the shootings. At a meeting of the Unemployed Council, attended by 500, they unanimously decided to go back to the same place and put back the furniture. However, the charities had already felt forced to take action in the morning. The number increasing when they reached the house, a march was begun back to their headquarters. Such activity can not be killed by policemen's bullets.

The Party here is answering this murderous attack by mobilizing all workers in a united front to resist it. Preparations are going forward for the funeral, where the Cleveland workers will answer the funeral, manager and city council, who are responsible for this murder. The city authorities are already refusing to give up the bodies of their victims and in this way to cover their crime.

Fight against evictions and hunger!
Fight against the murderous attacks on the Negro masses!
Build the Unemployed Councils and all revolutionary organizations!
Vote Communist on Nov. 3.
Join the Communist Party!

assist the workers in the organizational work, and is opening a headquarters at 713 Independence Ave. Right in the Sheffield district we will have a supply of literature on hand at all times. The headquarters will be open from 9 in the morning to 9 at night.

"Disarming" for War

By M. L.

THE coming Disarmament Conference at Geneva in 1932 is in the minds of many statesmen. Hoover plans to "economize" on the naval building program; Borah urges a five-year naval holiday; the Assembly of the League of Nations urges a one-year holiday on all arms. All this is camouflage. It is intended to hide the preparations of the imperialists for war. This is the same peace talk, always before an approaching disarmament conference, with which the ruling class attempts to lull the masses to sleep. The capitalist countries are preparing for war, so in order to hide this, they try to appear as peace angels before the eyes of the workers.

A few citations from the press will show that the capitalist nations are getting ready not for any peace confab but for war.

Concerning the proposed visit of Laval to see Hoover, the N. Y. Times of September 20 carried the following word from Washington:

"The attitude of France towards this conference (Geneva) has been construed as far from cordial, and no doubt is felt here that President Hoover would be glad of an opportunity of discussing the armament situation with Premier Laval, with a view to convincing him that, as far as the United States is concerned, there is no desire to put France in a position where her security might be endangered."

In the Baltimore Sun of August 7 there appeared a dispatch from Washington which stated that "the chief thing the State Department is interested in... is Russia's stand on disarmament... the State Department has taken note of the repeated statements of France that there can be no disarmament as long as the Russian Army remains as a threat to the French allies—Poland, Rumania and Czechoslovakia."

The Herald-Tribune correspondent from Paris writes the following (Sept. 22) about Laval's visit:

"The third point uppermost in Laval's thought is disarmament. It is believed that he feels strongly, that Europe's greatest danger is Bolshevism, that a great French army is the best possible bulwark against this, and that any weakening of France's armed forces would be playing into the hands of the Communists."

"If Laval should come to Washington the foremost subject of discussion would be armaments. Winston Churchill made a speech in the House of Commons in June in which he said that it was not in the interests of Europe that the French army—the bulwark against Bolshevism—should be seriously weakened or that we should press unreasonably for its reduction."

The Paris correspondent of the Manchester Guardian Weekly of September 18, reports the following:

"There can be no longer any doubt that the French Government is determined that if possible the Disarmament Conference shall result in no reduction of armaments, or at any rate of the armaments of France and her allies."

The French allies which border on the Soviet Union are being arming feverishly by France to attack the Soviet Union. Rumania and Poland have a "defense" alliance aimed at the U.S.S.R. Officers of the French General Staff and its allies of Poland, Rumania and Lithuania, etc. are in constant touch preparing to wage a war on the Soviet Union. The Schneider-Creusot munition works in France are closely allied with the Skoda munition works in Czechoslovakia. They supply their allies with military equipment.

Robert Dell, Paris correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, in an article about France in the Nation of September 23, says: "...But it is reported that motor factories are now in many cases making munitions... I have not been able to verify the report, which I have only just heard, but it is not at all improbable, for the French General Staff is making feverish preparations, which if we did not know that France has signed the treaty of Locarno and the Kellogg Pact, would suggest, let us say, military preparations in the near future."

It is probable that the Hoover-Laval discussions will touch on the question of war debts and the moratorium, the gold question as well as armaments. American imperialism will use this opportunity as a lever against its rival, Britain, on the question of war debts, while France will use American "friendship" against Britain for the part it played at the Paris and London conferences in July in opposing a Franco-German alliance at that time. Despite the fact that the antagonisms and the contradictions among the imperialist powers are tearing the system apart, the imperialists are not hesitating in preparing for war against the U.S.S.R. The American capitalist press as an example, is carrying on propaganda against the Soviet Union.

The News of Newport, R. I., on September 19 writes: "If for no other reason than Soviet Russia, Europe cannot disarm. No agreement that Russia would make could be trusted for deception of the capitalistic world is part of the approved program of the Russian Soviet government. Russia stands there, perpetual menace to peace, perpetual threat."

The Sun of Lowell, Mass., on August 24 says the following: "In order to save Germany from the danger of Bolshevism, it is necessary that she should have an understanding with France for their mutual benefit."

"Now that both are menaced by the Communist sweep from Russia, it behooves them to forget their differences and join in friendly accord for their mutual advantage."

"In the face of a new enemy that menaces civilization, not only France and Germany, but England, Italy and all other Christian nations should stand ready to unite against the Soviet Menace."

The Press of Newport News, Va., on Sept. 17, reports:

"Soviet Russia has the largest army in the world today, but it also has declared for world revolution. The military strength of Soviet Russia is not to be lightly regarded... when one considers that the Soviet government is a sworn enemy of capital and that world revolution is one of its aims they (figures giving Russian military strength) assume a sinister aspect."

The Crimes of the Reaction in Peru

(A Letter From Peru)

ON July 28th the representatives of the fascist clique which governs Peru and is headed by Samanuez Ocampo, took out of the horrible prison of Fronton 150 barred and chained workers and peasants who were imprisoned there for ten months, and put them into the steamer Maranon, headed for the South, to be brought to the island of Taquila and the Mountains of Madre de Dios (Taquila Island, situated on Lake Titicaca, 4500 feet above the sea level with a fierce and polar climate; the mountains of the Madre de Dios, uninhabitable regions in the east of Peru).

These 150 political prisoners arrested in various parts of the country because of their activities in the workers' revolutionary movement—peasants and natives of Peru, submitted to a barbarous prison regime, had to walk barefoot and in chains to uninhabitable and inclement places. The terrible regime of Samanuez Ocampo is sending these prisoners to a sure death!

One comrade, Jose Chavez Bedoya, became insane on the road and 8 are known to have become seriously ill. Among them is an old man of 64 years and two young boys of 14 and 17 years.

This new crime of the fascist government of Samanuez Ocampo is one of an innumerable series he has been committing against the workers, peasants and natives (Indians) of Peru, in order to protect the interests of the imperialists, the bourgeoisie and native landowners.

The prisons are full of militant toilers, the Communist Party and the unions of the Confederacion General de Peru are persecuted and forced into illegality, the press is suppressed and the demonstrations and protests of the

Red Sparks
By JORGE

To Boo or Not to Boo

All the sports writers of the boss press have been discussing the question whether the "right" or not for the baseball crowd at the Philadelphia World Series game to have booed President of these Benighted States. Was it was "ethical" or not was decided by crowd, which razed Hooley Hoover both as he came and when he departed.

Maybe it was because all the banks in Philadelphia went bust the day before. Anyhow it horrifies all those who think that because a stock swindler gets elected to the presidency that he comes holy, sacred, divine.

About this swindling business: We've been looking over a book that tells some of the dirt on Hoover, "The Strange Career of Mr. Hoover" by John Hamill, published by William F. Inc., New York City. Written by a capitalist and from that viewpoint, it still gives the dirt down on Angel Face Fatty.

On page 60 it quotes a letter Hoover wrote some years ago, when he was busy at the "great science of extracting the greatest possible amount of money from some other human being" as he put it. On the same page, since Hoover is now moving warships to "save China from Japan," we call attention to Hamill's remark: "Save the Chinese! Was it not in 1919, when he (Hoover) had hundreds of millions for relief, that Chinese coolies were dropping dead of hunger at Hoover's mines in Burma?"

Incidentally, Hoover around 1900 was right in China cheating the Chinese out of vast mining concessions, the Keping coal mines for example, only Herbie got the hammer-lock on the British company he was working for by having the deed made out to himself, personally, so the company had to give him a big part of the swag. On page 81, we learn in a quotation from Hoover's own report on the Keping mines, exactly what he thinks of workers. He says:

"The disregard for human life permits cheap mining by the company by economy in timber and the aggrieved relatives are amply compensated by the regular payment of \$30 per man lost."

(The "timber" mentioned is used in mines to prevent the rock falling from the roof and crushing the workers. We explain for the benefit of you who are not miners.)

Perhaps you don't know that the British company, the Russo-Asiatic Consolidated, with which Hoover was a big cheese, has a "claim" against the Soviets for \$200,000,000 for its supposed concessions in mining stolen under the Czar. That's a lot of money for the "Bolshevik" bill didn't get it on. It was held with the British government in 1917 when Trotsky's office in London (see page 392 of Hamill's book).

From what we learn on page 397, you can figure out why Herbie thinks he is going to save the banks by playing around with inflated stocks. In November 1917, he formed a company to exploit Russian mines, the "Trust Corporation" with—says Hamill—"a paid up capital of \$55, and a nominal capital of \$10,000,000." The ten million is a part of the \$200,000,000 "claim" of the Russo-Asiatic Consolidated against the Bolsheviks who upset Herbie's applecart. No wonder Herbie detests Bolsheviks!

There is also a funny story of a man named "Herbert Clark Emery" who got a gold mine in Nicaragua, with a photostatic copy of the Nicaraguan record of the entry, and Hamill says that the original vanished from the N. Y. Public Library the day after he got it photographed. Funny, eh? But there's a lot of funny things in this book.

Not a Good Hitching Star

"He who gazes at stars may fall in a ditch," is an old saw, but the moral of this incident should probably be: He who speaks to a star may be thrown in a ditch.

Anyway, in one of the N. Y. sections, there is a functionary of whom this story is told:

A hard-working unit financial secretary, after the Unit Bureau had decided that two workers who were remiss in their dues should be given exempt stamps, called on the Section Financial Secretary about it. The latter referred him to the functionary who is the main item on this menu of crocodile delicacies.

When the comrade from the unit got inside the door and was just clearing his throat to say something, he met with the command:

"GET OUT!" and this was made impressive by repetition.

The comrade from the unit went back to the comrade who sent him into the lion's den and got only the same orders; he would HAVE to see this functionary.

Another attempt, but only two words were spoken when "GET OUT, I say, GET OUT!" sent him back again wondering if this person was the functionary he was supposed to see, or some wild man, who had managed to get into the office.

No, his description fitted the functionary and back again he was sent to inquire about nothing more devilish than exempt stamps. But by this time, the comrade who somehow, for reasons unknown to bureaucrats, presents being treated like door-mats, was insistent.

Never mind! The intruder must—"GET OUT, or I'll THROW YOU OUT!" On second thought however, the law of physics amended the order. He would call the provost guard to help. But the summoned comrades refused flatly to carry out the eviction decision, one of them remonstrating with the star performer, while the other led the offender who wished exempt stamps out of the line of fire and assured him:

"You'll have to excuse.....He's that way to EVERYBODY!"

Which seems a good reason for not excusing him at all.

Anyway, when the recent Party Plenum discussed hitching its wagon to a star, figuratively speaking, it didn't mean this sort of shooting star.

workers, peasants and native Indians are terrorized. It is an immense wave of imperialist crimes and attacks, aimed to choke the growing revolutionary movement of emancipation of the exploited and oppressed masses of Peru.

In the Talara massacre 5 were shot down on the streets, without any pretense of trial. More than 200 workers were massacred in the regions belonging to the petroleum companies. (Talara is a petroleum region exploited by Yankee and English companies). One worker was beaten and tortured in the streets of Arequipa. More than 150 natives were assassinated in Patapo and Pucallpa. In Cananilla, more than 90 people were killed.