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## ALL OUT TO BRONX COLISEUM ON ANTI-WAR DAY, APRIL 6

### U. S. Gov't and Coal Bosses Jail Frank Borich, N.M.U. Head

#### All Out April 6! Demonstrate Against War, Against the Scottsboro Lynch Verdict!

THE fight for the Scottsboro Negro boys must be placed in the forefront of the nationwide demonstrations on April 6—National Anti-War Day. The Scottsboro lynch verdicts are an expression of the savage war the American ruling class is waging against the oppressed Negro nationality. The terror against the Negro masses is part of the bosses' war preparations.

The entire working class must be aroused to furious protest against this bloody war of suppression on the Negro masses, against the robber war on China, against the bestial butchery of Chinese worker-peasant masses by the Japanese imperialists in the role of spearhead of world imperialism in the attack on the Chinese Revolution, against the criminal preparations of dying world capitalism for armed intervention against the emancipated masses of the Soviet Union, who are successfully building socialism, and already have abolished unemployment, want, race hatred and national oppression from the territory of the Soviet Union.

The demonstration on April 6 must achieve a further development of the mass fight to save the Scottsboro boys; must serve as the basis for the building of a truly tremendous mass defense campaign for these innocent young victims of class justice and national oppression.

Already the mass fight to save the boys has forced a section of the southern ruling class to debate the "advisability" of carrying through the original decision to burn these innocent boys in the electric chair and to fling their charred young bodies in the face of the Negro masses as a gruesome warning to accept without protest, without struggle, their worsening conditions as capitalism seeks to find a way out of the crisis at the expense of the toiling masses, and particularly at the expense of the most depressed sections of the working class.

This new born doubt, in the face of the rising thunder of protest, as to the "advisability" of carrying through the murderous lynch verdicts, had its first concrete expression in the disagreement in the Alabama Supreme Court, where Chief Justice Anderson dissented from the majority decision upholding the lynch verdicts of the mock trial in the lower court at Scottsboro, Ala.

This doubt is further expressed in an editorial in the Birmingham (Ala.) Age-Herald, "Scottsboro Again," in which it is stated:

"Many Alabamians will regret the fact that a majority of the Supreme Court did not follow Chief Justice Anderson in the Scottsboro cases. He stood out alone as maintaining that new trials should be allowed because the constant pressure of the military, together with demonstrations in the court room warranted such a course."

The doubt of the Alabama bosses is connected with the question of the best means to now proceed with the frame-up against the Scottsboro boys. This doubt arises out of their capitalist interests, out of their necessity to prevent the further exposure of their courts which are merely instruments for the oppression and legal murder of all workers, and of Negro workers especially. The mass movement arising in defense of the boys has thrown terror into the hearts of the Alabama bosses. It has at the same time given inspiration and impetus to the struggle of the Negro masses in Alabama who constitute more than half of the State's population. This fear of the mass defense movement of Negro and white workers is clearly expressed in the editorial of the Age-Herald:

"It is to be expected that unless this cause celebre takes a happy direction, clamor from the outline will be redoubled."

The lynch court remains a lynch court, including Chief Justice Anderson, whose dissent from the majority decision was not for the purpose of affording the boys a "fair deal," but to afford the court the opportunity to put through the frame-up of the boys with less clumsiness in order to blunt the mass protest.

The Birmingham Age-Herald, in its editorial, proposes a maneuver to accomplish the original lynch purposes, that instead of killing the boys outright in the electric chair they be sentenced to a living death in the dungeons of the Alabama prisons.

The fate of the boys, their escape from the electric chair, their unconditional release, can be effected only by the fiercest struggle. No one can expect the herats of the bourgeois of the South to be softened, no one can expect the southern capitalist courts to change their character as an instrument of the ruling class for the suppression of the Negro masses. Only by the powerful arm of the proletariat can these children be wrested from the grip of the lynchers.

April 6 must witness a tremendous outpouring of the workers throughout the country. Tens and hundreds of thousands of Negro men, women and children must be drawn into the great anti-imperialist War Demonstrations on that date. Smash the Scottsboro lynch verdicts! Build the fighting alliance of Negro and white workers! Demonstrate against imperialist war! Defend the Chinese masses! Defend the Soviet Union! Build the international fighting front of the workers of all races and countries!

#### Build the Class Struggle Unions!

THE Communist International has more than once pointed out to us that our major task is the building of the Red Trade Union Movement, particularly emphasizing the building of class struggle unions in the basic industries.

Progress, although not of a decisive nature, has been made, particularly in New York City. It must be emphasized, however, that the progress made does in no way correspond with the exceedingly favorable situation.

The reason for the progress being so slow is due mainly to our own largely formal attitude towards this difficult task. The resolution recently adopted at the Executive Council of the Red Trade Union International stresses in an unusually forceful manner the building of the Red Trade Unions, and above all, the organization of factory groups as the basis of rooting these unions in the factories.

The Trade Union Unity Council of Greater New York, the central body of the TUUL unions and leagues, has taken the initiative at its last conference, by setting itself the task of increasing the membership to 25,000 by the end of May 1932, improve the organization of the Red Trade Unions generally, and at least double the number of factory groups.

The Drive starts today. Its success depends, however, very much upon the work of every Communist, not only in the unions, but in every mass organization in the city. There are units of the Party with workers who are not even members of the unions and leagues, and plenty of others who are members, but are not active.

No one can call himself a Bolshevik who does not participate actively in the building of the basic mass organizations of the workers, which are the Trade Unions—he only pretends to be one, but is not one in reality. Much has been said about concentrating upon the basic industries. In New York, this means mainly across the river, in New Jersey, and on the water front, which means marine, metal, and chemical industries. Any one that takes seriously the struggle against war must get behind the serious business of organizing these.

This is a major task, and means that every one must get to work, not only the Trade Unions, but the Party, and the fraternal organizations as well.

If the drive for 10,000 new members by May 30 is to be a success, we must get at least 1,000 new members in New Jersey and on the water front.

#### RAID NMU OFFICE TO SEIZE HIM

National Board Were  
Discussing Walk-  
Out on Pay Cut

Try to Smash Union  
Workers' Protest Must  
Be Aroused

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 31.—Frank Borich, secretary of the National Miners Union was arrested in a raid on the offices of the union and is now being held by immigration authorities for deportation.

This action of the federal authorities shows that the coal operators and their gun thugs of Kentucky who offered \$1,000 reward for Borich "dead or alive" are now receiving direct support from the Hoover hunger government in an effort to destroy the National Miners Union by an attack on its officials.

The raid by the immigration authorities took place when the National Board meeting was discussing the East Ohio and Kentucky strikes, and the coming strike in Illinois and the many local strikes now taking place in every field.

U. M. W. Helps Raiders.

Members of the National Board reported seeing United Mine Workers of America officials, including Tom Robinson, coming from the Federal offices and watching the N. M. U. office. It is clear that the UMWA instigated and helped the raid to prevent the NMU leading the fight against wage cuts.

The National Board will immediately proceed to mobilize the miners to defend Borich.

Frank Borich was one of the leaders of the Pennsylvania-Ohio coal strike of last summer when 40,000 miners struck against starvation conditions. The strike was fought militantly and Borich was the object of the attack operators, gunmen, and the UMWA officials.

In Kentucky the country was combed by the Kentucky coal operators' thugs to "get" Borich.

Now with the arrest of Borich by the federal authorities it is clear that the bosses in every coal state as well as in Washington will spare no pains to try to cripple the National Miners Union at this critical period when tens of thousands of miners are either going into struggle or preparing for strike and look to the National Miners Union for leadership.

Every worker should protest the arrest of Borich. Demand his release! The attack on the National Miners Union is part of the bosses' scheme to drive wage cuts on all workers and attempt to prevent effective resistance—such as the National Miners Union is leading.

Every shop, mine and factory a fertile field for Daily Worker subscriptions.

#### 4 Years of Jewish Soviet Project Is Huge Triumph

KHABOROVSK — Biro-Bidjan, the Jewish colonization project now being developed under the auspices of the Soviet Union, and which will become an autonomous republic in 1932 has made enormous progress in its four years of Socialist development.

Cultural centers, Sovkhoses, (State Farm) Kolkhoses (Collective Farms), factories and shops have sprung up on what until recently was the virgin soil of a total wilderness. Daily Biro-Bidjan is growing and strengthening and thus giving the most concrete proof that the solution to the "Jewish question" is not the imperialist scheme of a back to Palestine movement but the Soviet solution of the freeing of oppressed nation-

#### Ford Calls for Huge Mass Defense Action to Smash Scottsboro Lynch Verdict

JAMES W. FORD



Member of Executive Committee of the Trade Union Unity League, who has just returned from the Soviet Union

Exposes Decision of Alabama Supreme Court As Attempt to Maintain National Oppression of Negro Masses

NEW YORK.—Branding the decision of the Alabama Supreme Court upholding the lynch verdicts against 7 of the 9 Scottsboro boys as an attempt by the Alabama ruling class to go ahead with the legal mass murder, James W. Ford yesterday called for the further development of the mass defense campaign to save the boys. Comrade Ford, who is a member of the Executive Committee of the Trade Union Unity League and former secretary of the International Trade Union Committee of Negro workers, declared:

SMASH THE SCOTTSBORO DEATH VERDICT

The Alabama Supreme Court has upheld the death verdict against 7 of the 9 Scottsboro boys. This decision must be smashed!

This whole thing is a direct attack upon the Negro masses. It is designed to terrorize the Negro masses and to keep them from organizing unions and unemployment councils to fight against

wage-cuts, against evictions and for unemployment relief.

The ruling class plans to go ahead with this murder in order to maintain the system of racial and national oppression of the Negroes and to continue the ruthless exploitation of the poor Negro farmers, share-croppers and peons in the South.

Lynching and murder of Negroes are directly connected with their struggle against exploitation and oppression. At Camp Hill, Ala., the Negro share-croppers were shot down for organizing a union; at Chicago and Cleveland, Negro workers were shot down while struggling against the eviction of unemployed workers.

This attack against the Negro masses is the age-old policy of the ruling class to maintain its rule, through mob and lynch rule and Jim-Crowism and to prevent the unity of the Negro native, white and foreign-born workers.

This decision is part of the widespread campaign of terror to crush the spirit of the workers, both black and white, such as the reign of terror in the Kentucky mine fields, the shooting down of workers at the Ford Plant in Detroit, and many other places in the country. It is part and parcel of the capitalist reign of terror in the colonial lands and the capitalist reign of terror in the colonial lands and the capitalist countries to subjugate the workers in order to put through their war plans.

Every action of the Negro reformists and fakers, such as the NAACP, has shown that they are hand in glove with the ruling class in the carrying through of the execution of these innocent boys.

Only a fighting alliance of the Negro and white workers and farmers of this country with the workers and peasants throughout the world can smash this attack against the Negro masses. I am sure that every union, section, and group of the Trade Union Unity League will thunder its protest against this decision against the Scottsboro boys and demand their unconditional release. The workers throughout the world will thunder their protest.

The Negro toilers must join this fighting front of workers in America, Europe, Asia and Latin-America as a part of the struggle against starvation, lynching, Jim-Crowism and imperialist war on the Chinese masses and the attack against the Soviet Union.

#### SPIRIT OF LYNCH LAW AT TRIAL OF YOUNG NEGRO BOY

Race Hatred Pervades  
Hearing for Brown

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 31.—The trial of Willie Brown, Negro youth accused of the murder of a seven-year-old white girl, was begun on March 28th. The court objected to having Negroes on the jury as a result of which there are none serving.

The prosecuting attorney, the judge and the press are working hard to send this innocent Negro youth to the electric chair. The atmosphere within the court room is one of race hatred and attempts are being made to create race riots.

The International Labor Defense is calling for two mass open air demonstrations for Monday, April 4th, at Thirteenth and Thompson and at Fourth and Federal Streets, to protest against the legal lynching of this Negro youth.

#### NTWU Delegation Demands Release of Edith Berkman

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 30.—Today, a delegation of textile workers from Rhode Island and Massachusetts visited the East Boston Immigration Station to demand from

Mrs. Tillinghast, the immediate release of Edith Berkman. The delegation was headed by Ann Burlak, Assistant National Secretary of the NTWU, and Jim Conroy, textile worker of Providence.

When the delegation arrived at the Immigration Station a whole squad of police equipped with a carload of shot guns, tear gas, etc. blocked the entrance to the Immigration Station refusing the delegation the right to enter, stating that their instructions were "no one, but the head of the delegation, Ann Burlak, must be allowed to enter." After a long argument, Ann Burlak and Jim Conroy were allowed to enter.

Another squad of government police were found inside of the Station. Mrs. Tillinghast, faithful servant of the Woolen Trust had her room filled with other Immigration Inspectors stool pigeons and reporters also a stenographer taking down every

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many, South Africa and other countries are expected shortly.

The four years of existence of Biro-Bidjan mark the triumph of the Leninist national policy giving striking testimonial to its correct fulfillment.

#### EX-OFFICER ADMITS PLOT FOR ATTACK ON THE SOVIET UNION FROM EAST AND WEST

Sees Poland and Rumania Ready "to Satisfy  
Their Hunger for Russian Territory  
in the Ukraine"

Workers! All Out April 6! Demonstrate Against  
Imperialist War! Defend the  
Soviet Union!

The United Front Committee, elected by the delegates of 400 New York workers' organizations, issued a call yesterday to all affiliated organizations, to organize their membership to turn out in mass to the anti-war demonstration at the Bronx Coliseum, East 177th Street, on April 6, the anniversary of the entry of the United States into the last imperialist war.

The imminence of armed intervention by the imperialist brigands against the Soviet Union, is admitted by Col. Isaac Newell, retired U. S. Army, former United States military attache in China, in an interview reported in the Detroit News of March 29. This is in line with previous admissions by U. S. military and diplomatic officials on the anti-Soviet nature of the Japanese war moves on the Soviet frontiers and the frenzied war preparations of French imperialism and its puppet states.

Col. Newell sees an early Japanese attack on the Soviet Union as a certainty, and declares:

"Poland and Rumania, fearful of the Soviets, may utilize Russia's pre-occupation in the Far East to satisfy their hunger for Russian territory in the Ukraine. Communist tendencies, which had been on the decline in China in recent months, have taken a new hold of Chinese soil, particularly in the south."

Col. Newell then voices the fear of the imperialists before the rapid growth of the new Soviet world of social and national emancipation.

"The Communist aspect of the Chinese situation is far more significant to the world than Japan's invasion of Manchuria. But the two are inextricably interwoven..."

Eugene Lyons, Moscow correspondent of the United Press, reports that officials of the Japanese Embassy in Moscow are attempting to pass off as "of no importance" the secret documents by high Japanese military officers calling for an immediate armed attack on the Soviet Union. The documents were exposed in the Soviet press. The Japanese Embassy now tries to make out that "even if they were genuine they would represent only irresponsible personal opinions."

In his dispatch, Lyons speaks of an exchange of notes between the Soviet Government and Japan. His dispatch peddles the illusion that because the Japanese have denied any intention of attacking the Soviet Union, the danger of such an attack is past. The Japanese also denied any intention of prying Manchuria apart from China. But they have since established a puppet government in Manchuria, which has declared its "independence" of China. The Japanese also denied they were making war on China at the time that their aeroplanes and warships were raining death on the Chinese

The working class must not be deceived by the hypocritical gestures and promises of the Japanese and other imperialist brigands. The imperialist plans for armed intervention against the Soviet Union and its successful socialist construction are in the final stage as events in the Far East and in Eastern Europe clearly show.

#### Over 300 Stockyard Workers Pledge to Defend Soviet Union

CHICAGO, Ill.—Three hundred Polish stockyard workers enthusiastically greeted the report of the delegate to the Soviet Union, Walter Pasterczyk. They unanimously pledged to fight for defense of the Soviet Union and to carry the anti-war campaign into the stockyards. Six joined the Communist Party.

The night before, one thousand Polish workers on the Northwest side packed to capacity an anti-war Defense of the Soviet Union mass meeting. Eleven joined the Communist Party.

A Polish anti-war conference has been called for April 17 at two in the afternoon at 1815 West Division St.

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#### Wm. Z. Foster and Richard Moore at Brighton Beach Scottsboro Demonstration Tonight

Under the auspices of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, Comrades Foster and Moore will be the main speakers at the protest demonstration being held at 3034 Ocean Parkway, Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, N. Y. at 8 p. m. tonight against the decision of the Alabama Supreme Court in the Scottsboro case setting the date for the execution of these innocent boys on May 13th. The Proletarian will also participate.

Almost every recent instance of lynching or lynch frame-ups against Negro workers has been the direct result of developing class struggles. It is essential that the white workers rally to the defense of the Negro workers. We cannot permit this at-

#### Maloney Calls off Anthracite Strike

SCRANTON, Pa., March 31.—The breaking of the strike of anthracite miners was completed today by the Maloney leadership calling off the strike. The rank and file in the United Mine Workers of America will continue organizing against wage cuts and discrimination and will make all efforts to organize the unemployed miners for relief from the coal operators and the city, county and state government.

#### Block Aid Scheme To be Exposed by Carl Winter Tonight

Carl Winter, Secretary of the New York Unemployed Council will speak on the fake block-aid campaign tonight at 8:30 p. m. at the Prospect Workers Center, 1157 So. Boulevard. Winter will give a detailed analysis on what the block-aid system means to the workers. He will explain how the bosses are using it as a spy system against the workers

#### Millions Levied by House in Disguised Sales Tax

WASHINGTON. — Without the slightest opposition in the House of Representatives \$293,500,000 in taxes was voted almost unanimously on Wednesday.

An increase in postal rates from 2 to 3 cents for first class mail was voted, imposing a tax burden of \$135,000,000. Together with the taxes voted on the previous two days, the total in new taxes levied as sub-

stitutes for the defeated general manufacturers sales tax amounts to \$463,000,000. The bulk of these new taxes have been placed on various articles of mass consumption, so-called luxury articles, soft drinks, amusement admissions and similar items.

The temporary submission of the group of "insurgents" from the democratic and republican parties was very marked, as not a single one took

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# TUUL Recruiting Drive Starts Today; 10,000 New Members by the End of May

## Morgan, Thomas and the Block-Fakers

By I. AMTER

Norman Thomas, the social-fascist spy, whining and crying that the capitalist press has misquoted his radio speech, has sent a letter to the New York Times. Thomas, who now is one of the chief exponents of block-aid and fakery, states:

"To that extent I hope that the block-aid plan will raise funds (to keep all relief work from stopping while more fundamental things are done), and in raising the funds block-aiders will avoid the dangers to which I called attention in my speech—the dangers of misdirected zeal on the part of workers."

Is this not an open appeal to the workers not to resort to demonstrations and actions that will force the government to provide relief and insurance? Is this not an appeal to the block-fakers not to provoke the unemployed workers, but to be diplomatic, to make promises, to give them a food check one week and then let it pass by, as they are doing today?

Thomas and the social-fascists have no intention of fighting—on the contrary, they are the shock troops in the struggle against the unemployed and employed. They talk about "the immediate need of socialism for direct relief, for public works, etc." They talk about "general strike" in Germany, as a means only of sabotaging and breaking all strikes. It is a lie to say that direct relief cannot be obtained except through socialism. The "socialism" of the socialist party is given as an excuse for no struggle, for sabotaging struggle. To project the need of socialism as the immediate need is to state that the struggle for relief is useless—to take the side of the capitalists.

Thomas decorates his whining letter with the words:

"the only possible compensation for the misery of the present crisis is that out of it may come strength which is required to effect a new sort of world."

This is speaking the language of Mary Pickford, who told the so-called incorrigibles in prison that they were "fortunate" in being able to learn from their destitution. It is speaking the language of the skyplots of "reward in the sky by and bye." It is the language of the social-fascists, who are trying to keep the workers from struggle TODAY for unemployment relief and insurance—and this language and this position brand the socialist party as openly social-fascist in action.

The more Norman Thomas talks, the more openly he exposes the socialist party. This must certainly be a lesson for the workers still in the ranks of the socialist party. It clearly shows not only the path but also the role of the social-fascists. It is not a question of "purging" the ranks of the socialist party. Both Hillquit, the counter-revolutionist, and Norman Thomas, are real social-fascists. Their method is different—but the function is the same. The socialist party, some of whose members are talking about "more revolutionary" programs, discloses its role in all the struggles of the workers. Workers who want to STRUGGLE for unemployment relief and insurance, which can be obtained TODAY, against wage cuts, which can be prevented TODAY, who want to struggle against the imperialist war and for the defense of the Chinese masses and the Soviet Union, which must be conducted TODAY—these workers cannot, as sincere workers, remain in the ranks of the socialist party. They must declare themselves and join the ranks of the COMMUNIST PARTY, the party which fights TODAY, and by its very fight is forcing the socialist party to manifest its real position as ally of Morgan and finance capital in the struggle against the working class.

## Read This Worker's Appeal! Send Your Half Dollars!

WORKERS, read the following letter from Chicago. Then say to yourself: "If this worker, who has had no work since February, whose pay for last week, when he just began to work, was \$5.60, if this worker sends two dollars to help his paper, then I, who agree with this worker that the Daily Worker is the only nationwide paper that fights for the workers, can send at least 50 cents and can take a little time and effort to make my fellow workers contribute their 50 cents."

Then turn to page three, cut out the coupon, wrap it around your fifty cent piece, and send it to the Daily Worker, 50 East 13th St.

Here is part of the letter:

"I had no work since February. I just started to work. My last week's pay is \$5.60. I have a family to support. My boy was crying for milk, but their was not a drop of tear in my eyes.

"The small amount which I am sending is nothing comparing to the duty I have... I do not want to talk too much about myself... One thing I want to tell my fellow workers:

"Our Daily Worker must live, in order to fight.

"Our Daily Worker must work, in order to organize.

"Our Daily Worker must play the role, the historical role, in the class struggle of this country.

"Our Daily Worker is the banner of the working class."

## 2 BRONX HOUSES DECLARE STRIKE

Landlord Issued 30 Evictions

NEW YORK.—One hundred fifty tenants in two houses at 1820-22 Bryant Avenue, Bronx, declared a rent strike last week, demanding 15 percent reduction in rent, recognition of the house committee, no eviction of tenants. The strike is led by the Tenants' Committee and the Mid-Branch Unemployed Council.

The landlords has issued 30 eviction notices in an effort to break the strike. Nine tenants who appeared in court today were ordered to be put of the houses within five days by Judge Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald is already notorious for his support of the landlords against the strikers. In one case against the Longfellow Avenue strike he ordered 80 tenants evicted.

It is significant to note that the Bryant Avenue houses are directly in back of the Longfellow Avenue houses where a strike has been going on for some time. There can be no doubt that the militant example set by the Longfellow Avenue tenants spurred on the Bryant Avenue strike.

The tenants have seen that with organization and spirit the attacks of the landlord can be resisted and the strike carried through.

The Bryant Avenue tenants are determined to stick the strike out in face of the evictions and are mobilizing for Wednesday of next week at which time the marshalls will attempt to carry out the landlord's orders.

## Needle Trades Union Calls on Workers to Rally Against War

NEW YORK.—At the joint meeting of the executive council and the trade committee of the Needle Trades Workers Union a decision was made that endorses the anti-war campaign and exerts every possible effort to mobilize the maximum number of Needle Trades workers to participate in the campaign and the Coliseum demonstration on April 6th.

The Needle Trades workers recognize the immediate danger of a war, specially war against the Soviet Union. The union calls on all the workers, regardless of whether they are members of the Industrial Union or not to take part in this campaign and line up with the revolutionary workers of other unions to make the anti-war demonstration a real mass demonstration of the working-class of New York against the war schemes of the bosses.

A special call will be issued to the workers and a series of open air meetings will be arranged during the coming week in the various garment centers.

## LINE UP PUPPET GOV'TS FOR WAR

Anti-Imperialists Expose Moves

NEW YORK.—American imperialism is lining up its lackey governments in the colonies and semi-colonies in Latin America, and in the Philippine Islands, for the war on the Chinese masses and for the attack upon the Soviet Union.

The fascist government of Ortiz Rubio-Calles in Mexico, has signed a secret agreement with the Hoover-Wall Street government whereby Mexico agrees to supply oil, metals, and other raw materials, to the United States, as well as tens of thousands of soldiers.

The ports and airfields of Mexico have been placed at the disposal of the Yankee warships and aeroplanes. The butcher government of Machado in Cuba is organizing a militia of 300,000 for support of Yankee imperialism. Similar arrangements are being made in other countries under the heel of American imperialism.

A successful struggle against American imperialism requires the co-operation and joint struggles by us in the home country of American imperialism and by the toiling masses in the colonies. We should support wholeheartedly the strikes, unemployed demonstrations and armed uprisings of the colonial masses.

In order to acquaint the workers of New York City more fully with events in the colonies, the Anti-Imperialist League is having a special play written on the "Chile Naval Revolt", which will be performed on "Colonial Night", May 6th, 1932, at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St., N. Y. C. In addition to this there will be another play on "China", Mexican selections by the "Tipica Mexicana" and the Red Dancers. The entertainment will be followed by a dance. Tickets can be had at 50c each, at the office of the Anti-Imperialist League, 799 Broadway, Room 336, N. Y. C.

ATTENTION! RED BUILDERS! A very special meeting of all the Red Builders will be held Sunday, April 3rd, 2 p. m. at the Workers' Center, 35 East 12th Street, 2nd floor. As per decision of our meeting Mar. 13th, only those actively participating in the work and educational activities of the Red Builders' Club, attending the meetings regularly and accepting the decisions and discipline of the Red Builders' Club will in the future be considered members of the Club.

All Red Builders are therefore urgently requested to attend!

Defend the Soviet Union against the attack of the bosses!

## Proletarian Writers To Hold 1st Annual Conference, April 10

The first annual conference of the Federation of Revolutionary Writers has been called for Sunday, April 10, at 10 a. m. in the Cultural Center, 50 East 13th St. The Executive Committee of the Federation, which has now been organized and affiliated with the Workers' Cultural Federation, has sent out a call to all interested organizations and groups of writers and workers' correspondence, requesting immediate election of delegates to this conference.

It would help the committee in charge of the conference a great deal if credentials could be forwarded to the Federation now, listing the names and addresses of the elected delegates. Emery Baint, Provisional secretary stated.

The writers' conference, which will include individual writers as well as delegates of organizations and publications, will take up problems of further organization, the bettering and spreading of the monthly literary service which is to serve the revolutionary press with literary material, and the problems of the proposed Book Guild.

## Urge Cloakmakers To Vote for Left Wing Delegates

Boerum to Speak on Struggle of Needle Workers Sunday

NEW YORK.—The left wing group of the cloakmakers is now carrying on a campaign to elect left wing delegates who will go to the convention to fight against the fake strike and class collaboration policy of the leadership of the International, supported by the fake Lovestone—"Progressive" administration of the local. Elections will take place Monday all day at Bryant Hall.

The left wing group of the dressmakers local which carried on a fight against the fake strike of the International has now once more taken up the struggle to unmask the fake anarchise—Lovestone—"progressive" administration, which together with Schlessinger and Hochman has helped to prepare and carry through a fake strike and sell-out of the dressmakers. As a result of the activities of this group the candidate for chairman of this fake progressive group were defeated, and some of the left wing candidates polled as many as 142 votes.

At the meeting on Sunday, Samuel Boerum, one of the leading members of the group will thoroughly analyze the role of the fake progressive administration and point out to the dressmakers why they must defeat these fake progressives as well as the Schlessinger supporters, and elect left wing rank and file workers who believe in a union based on the class struggle and who will organize and mobilize the dressmakers to fight against the wage cut and miserable conditions in the dress trade.

The open forum will take place on Sunday, April 3rd, 11 o'clock in the morning, at the Middle Bronx Workers' Club, 3882 Third Ave. All dressmakers are called upon to attend this forum.

The twelve dressmakers arrested in connection with some dress strikes were released in Jefferson Market Court.

## Lathers A.F.L. Local Endorses Unemployment Insurance Bill

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Another A. F. of L. local union has endorsed the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill. It is Local 113 of the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers International Union, which at its last regular meeting endorsed the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill, and decided to issue a call to all A. F. of L. unions and Railroad Brotherhood locals in Sioux City to come to a conference on April 24th, at the Carpenters' Hall, for the purpose of discussing further action in promoting the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill. It is expected that a majority of the A. F. of L. local unions in Sioux City will be lined up for this conference. Besides a call that has been issued to the various locals, committees from the Lathers Union are also visiting the locals, urging them to send representatives.

## BIG SEAMEN'S DANCE TONIGHT

To Greet the World Marine Congress

NEW YORK.—The Marine Workers Industrial Union calls upon all workers to attend the International Shindig being held tonight at the Irving Plaza at 8 p. m. and greet the coming World Union Congress of seamen and Longshoremen, being called by the I. S. H. in Hamburg on May 20th.

Preparations for the affair are complete and although many workers do not know what a "shindig" is, the marine workers all are agreed that a "shindig" is the only adequate greeting that can be given the congress, and every one is invited.

The marine delegates will be sent from the U. S. to the congress where an international fighting front will be formed against the bosses and the imperialist war plans.

All out to the Irving Plaza at 8 p. m. tonight!

## War Veterans to Give Anti-War Play, Sat.

NEW YORK.—The Workers Ex-Servicemen's League Post 1 will hold an entertainment Saturday, April 2, at their headquarters, 79 E. 10 St., at 8 p. m.

An anti-war play, entitled "Dug-Out Days" and movies will be shown. Admission is free. All workers are invited. Bring your war vet friends.

## "MILK A LUXURY" RELIEF HEAD SAYS

To Demonstrate in Upper Bronx on Monday

NEW YORK.—"Milk is a luxury for children." Mr. Hennessy, supervisor of the Home Relief Bureau at P. S. 42 told unemployed workers who came to ask for milk for their children.

To force relief for the unemployed a demonstration will be held in front of the Bureau at Clairmont Parkway and Washington Avenue, Monday, April 4, at 2 p. m.

The Home Relief Bureau has stopped paying any rent for unemployed workers. Mrs. Copeland, a Negro woman, has registered at the Bureau, but after repeated visits was told she could not get relief. She has five small children. There are many others who are in the same position.

The demonstration will demand immediate cash unemployment relief.

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## Workers Join Photo League to See Film

NEW YORK.—Mass recruiting of workers into the Film and Photo League of the Workers International Relief is being brought about by the sale of membership-tickets to the premier showing of Cannons and Tractors, the Sovkino-Welkfilm motion picture which is being released by the W. I. R. at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, Broadway and 28th Street, April 24.

The recruiting of 55 members by a member of the Young Revolutionary Dancers, Tamar Hannon, indicates the broad interest that is being shown in this anti-war film document.

## Campaign for Food Workers Council

NEW YORK.—The Sixth Ave Unemployed Council has announced a drive to organize the unemployed food workers.

An entertainment and dance has been arranged as part of the campaign to raise funds to assist the work. The affair will be held Saturday, April 2nd, at 106 East 14th Street. An program of jazz music, singing, drawing and music has been arranged. A buffet will serve food prepared by the Food Workers Industrial Union.

## Hold Election Meet In Council Bluffs Despite Terror

OMAHA, Neb.—The attempt of the police to stop the election campaign meeting in Council Bluffs failed when the workers adjourned from the hall into a nearby park.

Mother Bloor, famous fighter for the working class and the Communist candidate for mayor addressed the crowd of workers for two hours, while a large force of cops and detectives unsuccessfully tried to terrorize the workers by surrounding the meeting.

"The labor movement will gain the upper hand and show the way to peace and socialism." LENIN.

bundles of Labor Unity, as there are articles concerning their trade and organizations.

## ROAD TO LIFE OPENS AT ACME SATURDAY

"Road to Life" an unusually interesting and appealing film, which caused a sensation wherever it was shown here and in Europe, will open a week's engagement at the Acme Theatre, 14th St. and Union Square, Saturday, April 2nd.

"Road to Life" tells the story of the homeless waifs of Russia who were orphaned by war and famine and roamed the land in lawless bands, getting food and shelter by any means they could. Real "besprizornic", who have traveled the "Road to Life" of regeneration through the children's homes established for them by the Soviet government, are the actors of this picture. They were given back their old rags and tattered sheepskins for the opening scenes of the picture. With marvelous dramatic instinct they act the dreadful rapacity and degeneration of their early youth. When they are given tools and put on their own responsibility by the director of the Children's Collective, their curiosity and excitement seems too real to be acted. As an German critic wrote of the film, "The picture is not so much acted as lived on the screen."

The absorbing plot of the picture shows how the boys react to their new opportunities. Once or twice they revert to their old habits in daring scenes of rioting and wreckage. But gradually they learn the joy of useful labor and attain a real triumph in the building of their own railroad. The use of sound in the picture has been highly praised by critics. The musical score was written by Stolyar. The picture is accompanied by English titles.

## FIFTY WORKER AMBASSADORS TO GO TO THE USSR

Message They Will Bring Back Feared By Capitalism

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Soviet workers and peasants invited a delegation of 50 American workers to join them in celebrating May 1st. The Friends of the Soviet Union answered the invitation by starting a campaign for the election of these working class ambassadors to come from the basic industries, factories, mines and docks. Negro workers and women workers will be among them. Miners from Kentucky will go and see with their own eyes the difference of a miner's life under Socialism and under capitalism.

Steel workers who feel the dictatorship of the steel trust will see their fellow steel workers freed from the chains of wage slavery and their living standard is rising.

Unemployed workers elected in Detroit, Chicago, and other cities by masses of unemployed workers who are feeling the effects of the Hoover hunger government, who have seen their comrades shot down by machine guns will be able to see a land where there is no unemployment and where the workers are protected by social insurance.

The capitalist class, enemies of the Workers' Republic, fear to have this delegation of workers visit the Soviet Union, they are afraid of the message the workers will bring back with them.

## AMUSEMENTS

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Mass organizations, get into revolutionary competition to save Daily Worker.

## ATTENTION!

A very important meeting of the Dress fractions will be held this Friday, April 1, at 3 p. m. at the Workers Center. All comrades must be present, some very important problems will be discussed. District Org. Department.

## What's On—

The Harlem Progressive Youth Club will hold a very important meeting at 1482 Madison Avenue. All members must attend.

Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, Post 1 will hold an open forum at 79 East 10th Street, at 8 p. m. Admission free. All workers are invited to attend.

Charles Alexander, of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights will speak at the American Youth Club, 78 Throop Avenue, Brooklyn, at 8 p. m. on the Dostoevsky case.

A rehearsal of the W. I. R. English Chorus will be held at 3:45 p. m. Sergei Radamsky will be a guest. Everybody is welcome.

The meeting of the Steve Estov's Branch will consist of a short business meeting to be followed by a Party meeting at 257 East 10th Street, at 8 p. m. All comrades and friends are invited. Admission free.

Comrade Blechman will speak on the war danger at the Bronx Workers Club, 1610 Boston Road, at 8 p. m.

Branch 521, E. W. O. will have a regular meeting at Paradise House, 11 West Mt. Eden Avenue, Bronx, at 8:30 p. m. Everybody is welcome.

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# National Miner's Union Calls on Miners to Turn Hocking Valley Strike Into Real Fight

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 31.—Forced by mass hunger and a new wave of wage cuts in the coal industry to call strikes, the United Mine Workers of America in two districts is preparing a betrayal of the miners more drastic even than that made at the Pittsburgh Treminal Coal mines in this vicinity.

The latest announcement is that the UMWA will call out 13,000 miners in Ohio and the West Virginia Panhandle on Friday. But the union officials have taken no steps whatever to make the strike effective or to rally the workers for struggle. Twelve thousand miners went out on strike last month, so that about 25,000 are expected on strike altogether by Friday.

The workers who forced the calling of the strike are given no hand in conducting the strike. The UMWA officials waiting for the strike to collapse so that they can force the workers back at the wage cut scale of \$3 a day and 30 cents a ton proposed by the coal operators.

In the Illinois district the situation is even worse. The operators for some time have been proposing drastic cuts. The agreement expires on Friday, and the bosses declare there will be a shut down.

The UMWA officials talk vaguely about strike, but in reality they are uniting with the coal operators on an agreed 30-day shut-down, with no militant struggle of the workers, in order to strengthen the bosses and weaken the ranks of the workers.

This agreed 30-day shut-down is one of the most open betrayals of the Illinois mine workers yet made by the UMWA officials. It is just exactly what the bosses want, as the UMWA officials are determined this should not develop into a real strike.

The United Press dispatch from Chicago where the coal operators are meeting with the UMWA officials refer to this 30-day shut-down as follows:

"The expected shutdown was described as neither a lock-out nor a strike by operators and union men. They said the period was necessary to complete negotiations of a new working agreement."

This should be clear to all miners. It is an effort to smash the ranks of the workers and prevent a real, militant strike.

The National Miners Union has issued a statement declaring:

"The National Miners Union calls upon all its members to take active part in the strike and to make it a real strike."

It also calls upon all rank and file members of the United Mine Workers to take an active part in every phase of strike, adopting the policy of the united front, of turning the strike into a real struggle, against wage cuts, against starvation conditions, against the attempted betrayals of the UMWA officials. To win the strikes, to broaden them into real struggles, the National Miners Union proposes:

- 1) To organize a Local Rank and File Strike Committee in every striking mine. The Local Rank and File Strike Committee shall consist of the members of the National Miners Union, of the members of the United Mine Workers, of the miners who do not belong to any Union, as well as of the employed and blacklisted miner, Negroes, women and youth must have an adequate representation on the Strike Committees. The Strike Committees shall be elected by all miners at a mass meeting.

2) A Central Strike Committee, representing all the striking miners, shall be organized at once. The Central Strike Committee shall be organized on the same basis as the Local Strike Committee. The Central Strike Committee as soon as it is organized shall meet and formulate the demands of the strikers, present demands for the approval of all the strikers, and then submit the demands to the Company as a basis for negotiations.

3) Local Relief Committees shall be organized in every striking mine to take the necessary steps to feed the most needy families. A Central Relief Committee shall also be organized to develop relief activities and organize relief collections in the nearby towns.

4) A mass picket line of all the miners, including women and children, shall be organized in every mine in order to prevent any attempt of the Company to operate the mine on the basis of the wage cut.

This briefly is the policy proposed by the National Miners Union. This is the only policy by which the miners can defeat the wage cut. This policy emphasizes the unity of all the miners regardless of their Union affiliation. The unity of all the miners is the first prerequisite, is the absolute necessity, to defer the wage cut and to win the strike. In addition to this unity, proposed by the National Miners Union, mass militancy and mass activity of all the miners is needed.

The miners of the Hanna Coal Co. can defeat the present wage cut providing they take the strike into their own hands by organizing local and Central Strike Committees, by organizing Relief Committees and by establishing a well organized mass picket line. The entire strike struggle must be based on the united front of all miners.

Smash the wage cut! Organize broad Rank and File Strike Committees in every mine!

Organize Central Rank and File Strike Committee as the leader of the strike!

Organize mass picketing in front of every mine!

Organize broad relief committees in every mine!

Beware of the strikebreaking officials of the U.M.W.A.!

Join the National Miners Union! Ohio District Board of the National Miners Union.

A new world war is being launched by world imperialism. On APRIL 6 demonstrate against imperialist war

# DO WE SOMETIMES SET UP BARRIERS TO OUR OWN PROGRESS?

By C. A. HATHAWAY. IS IT possible that, due to lack of Bolshevik vigilance on our part, wrong and harmful theories and practices are permitted to develop in the revolutionary movement, and to live there far too long, which actually hinder the extension of our mass influence and organization?

Yes, it is not only possible; it is a fact! Many examples could be cited from all fields of our activities—trade union, unemployment, anti-war, Negro, election work, etc.—which prove the existence of a strong sectarian tendencies that hamper our mass work.

Here I will deal with such tendencies insofar as they affect the work of the Friends of the Soviet Union and the lack of support given this organization in its effort to select and send a May First workers' delegation to the Soviet Union.

Are Workers Interested? Is there any lack of interest among the broad masses of workers in the Soviet Union? On the contrary, the interest was never so great! The crisis here, resulting in millions of unemployed, in drastic wage cuts, in greater speed up in the factories and mines, and in the most brutal police terror, simultaneously with the rapid progress toward socialism in the Soviet Union with a corresponding improvement in the living standards of the toilers, has directed the eyes of all workers and broad sections of the population, even the most conservative, toward the Soviet Union.

The war situation in the Far East, coupled with the immediate threat of imperialist war against the U. S. S. R., which the workers are really beginning to see as their fatherland, is still further deepening the workers' interest and concern.

This is shown in hundreds of ways, and significantly by the growing immigration to the Soviet Union. The tourist offices and agencies responsible for recruiting workers are flooded with applicants—this shows not only a general interest, but a strong desire to go to the Soviet Union.

But have we considered this mass interest in the U. S. S. R. in the campaign for the May First delegation? Hardly! It must be admitted that the organization of the delegation has been approached in the most routine, formal manner.

## Some Shortcomings in the Campaign for the May First Delegation to the U. S. S. R.

The great significance of sending a large body of workers to visit the Soviet Union at a moment when the war threat is most acute, and the great influence which such a delegation could exert on its return in rallying the workers for the defense of the Soviet Union has been greatly underestimated.

District organizations of the Communist Party, as well as the various sympathetic mass organizations (revolutionary trade unions, workers' fraternal organizations, etc.) have looked upon this campaign as merely an effort of the Friends of the Soviet Union alone; they have given little or no cooperation in arousing mass support. The Boston, Cleveland and Pittsburgh districts, so I am informed, have done absolutely nothing.

Taking Course of Least Resistance. Worst of all, this opportunist underestimation of the significance of the delegation, has been accompanied by many purely opportunist theories. The following are typical examples:—

1. "Factory workers cannot be elected," many comrades say. They cite the spy system in the factories, the lack of trade union organization, the weak contacts with the workers in the basic industries, etc., to prove that it can't be done. Certainly, comrades, Bolshevik factory work is difficult, but it can—and must—be done. Because of the great interest of the workers in the Soviet Union, the campaign for the May First delegation could have been and can still be a most effective way of reaching the factories. Is this not true?

2. "Ordinary American workers can not be sent"—this is the second argument. These workers are looked upon as "too conservative," they are "politically undeveloped," they would not "understand" socialism, the Five Year Plan, etc.; they cannot make speeches, and then, who knows, they might make "unfavorable reports" on their return. Some are really clear examples

of opportunism. Los Angeles carried such arguments so far that they proposed to send a woman druggist, "who is a good speaker and won't just speak on the number of red flags she saw." In Minneapolis a proposal was made to send one "who was a good translator and wanted to visit his parents." But all of these arguments, comrades, are a libel in the first place on the American workers, but more important still they express a lack of confidence in socialist construction in the Soviet Union. Can it be that we are just a little bit afraid that the progress is too slow there, that conditions there will not arouse the enthusiasm of the American workers? Snip out of it, comrades, that is not true. Any honest worker will be stirred as never before by everything he sees in the U. S. S. R. The mere truthful telling of what he saw and his impressions is all we can ask of any worker. He doesn't have to be an orator.

3. "Loyal, active, tested comrades must be rewarded"—is the final argument I will mention, although there are many more. Of course, it would be fine if every comrade could go to the Soviet Union. It is truly an inspiration for any comrade to go. But the May First delegation is not merely "a trip to the Soviet Union." It is a major political effort to reach new elements—American elements, workers from the basic industries (steel, coal, chemical, etc.), workers who are not now in the revolutionary movement. Is this not of vital importance at a moment when the imperialists are feverishly concentrating their forces on the Soviet borders? Is this not more important, at this moment, than sending comrades who are already convinced revolutionists? I think all comrades will agree.

All to Work. There is still time to put this job over! The campaign is already well started. It needs now that added impetus which can come by all organizations—the Party, the unions, the mass organizations—throwing their full support to the Friends of the Soviet Union in organizing, financing and sending a real representative workers' delegation to the Soviet Union for May First. Boston, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, especially, have tasks to perform.

## Farmers to Join Hunger March in Crawford County

Thousands Expected at County Seat April 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Several thousand workers and farmers are expected to march upon Girard, the county seat of Crawford County, Kansas, on April 4th. Mobilization meetings are being held under the auspices of the Unemployed Councils in many towns and mining camps in Crawford County.

Thousands of leaflets with a call for the march and a chart of the route of the marchers is being circulated. One of the central demands being raised is that the county shall open up mines, paying the miners regular union wages, and distributing the coal to the unemployed families.

A special County Hunger March song has been written by one of the workers.

Set quotas, start revolutionary competition, in fight to save Daily Worker.

## HALF DOLLAR CAMPAIGN

All Districts Fight to Catch Up With New York's Increasing Half Dollars

New York is several laps ahead in the race to reach quotas of half dollars within the next couple of weeks! All districts are preparing to greet May Day with a solidly financed workers' paper, but the pace must be increased to do so! All workers and workers' clubs are sending in for their certificates as mementos of the SAVE THE DAILY WORKER FIGHTING FUND CAMPAIGN OF 1932!

The half dollars are mounting up to nearly 10,000 since March 16, but that is only one-seventh of the total needed by the Daily Worker to keep the paper running! The danger is not over!

Every worker and every organization in every district! MAKE THIS A SOCIALIST COMPETITION! Don't let New York run away with the bag! Get to work, comrades, get active, ACT!

Now is the time for every worker to come to the aid of his Party! Shove your district ahead! Watch this daily report!

District	Quota of Half Dollars	Received March 16-23	Balance to go	Percentage of Quota
1 Boston	1,851	284	1,617	12.6
2 New York	18,803	6,151	12,652	32.7
3 Philadelphia	6,437	198	6,239	3.1
4 Buffalo	2,818	117	2,701	4.1
5 Pittsburgh	2,057	98	1,959	4.9
6 Cleveland	6,273	591	5,682	9.3
7 Detroit	6,221	905	5,316	14.5
8 Chicago	11,282	960	10,272	8.5
9 Minneapolis	3,273	72	3,198	2.2
10 Kansas City	1,485	31	1,453	2.1
11 N & S Dakota	279	1	278	.1
12 Seattle	2,351	32	2,319	1.1
13 San Francisco	2,708	30	2,678	1.1
14 Connecticut	1,896	287	1,609	14.1
15 N & S Carolina	269	...	269	0.4
16 Utah	125	5	120	4.4
17 Butte	292	22	270	7.5
18 Denver	492	21	471	4.2
19 Miscellaneous	...	9,739	58,978	14.2
TOTAL	205,690	...	...	...

## PREPARING FOR MAY 1ST HUNGER MARCH TO BOSTON

Mass Meetings Hear of Jobless Demands

NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—The state hunger march that will arrive in Boston on May 1st is the first of its kind in Massachusetts. Though on a state scale it is similar to the National Hunger March to Washington which took place Dec. 7th last year. It will be divided into three columns. Column 1, will leave New Bedford on the morning of April 25th and march to Fall River where it will remain overnight and in the morning will be joined by the marchers of Fall River. From here they will proceed to Taunton where it will put up overnight and be joined in the morning by the Taunton marchers. This procedure will be followed in Bridgewater and Brockton where marchers from the Cape will join the column and also in Norwood with a delegation from Quincy joining at this point. The column will put up on the night of April 30th in Forest Hills and proceed on the morning of May 1st to the Boston Common where they will be greeted by the Boston workers in a huge May Day demonstration of working-class solidarity.

The hunger marchers will demand \$15 a week for every unemployed worker in Massachusetts and \$3 additional for each dependent, without discrimination of sex, nationality or color. This money to be raised by...

## 800 JOIN AUTO WORKERS UNION IN DETROIT AREA

New Tasks Planned to Spur Action

DETROIT, Mich.—Since the bloody Monday on March 7th, 800 auto workers joined up for membership in the Auto Workers Union. Practically every day the workers come to the office and sign up.

The auto workers are beginning to realize that only through the building up of organization in the shops in solidarity with the unemployed workers on the outside will such massacre and bloody attacks be stopped.

The immediate tasks of the Auto Workers Union are: (1) To activate the old and these hundreds of new members. (2) To build and transfer the life of the union into the shops. (3) To acquaint the membership of the union with the program and the most detailed organizational tasks. (4) To make these new members and feel that it is their union, that they are conducting the affairs of the union, and that the union is actually their instrument of struggle against the common enemy. (5) The entire union as it is now must be overhauled from top to bottom and the necessary machinery and committees must be set up into motion. (6) And finally to develop a real conscience of militant strike strategy as against the sell-out policy of the A. F. of L. leadership.

The Executive Committee of the Union is preparing a program which will be submitted to thentire membership for detail discussion, of all forms and activities of the Union.

## International Relief To Hold County Fair In Cleveland Apr. 1

CLEVELAND, O.—The Workers International Relief is planning a county fair and dance at Gardina Hall, 6022 St. Clair on Sunday, April 1, from 4 to midnight. A sale of home made foods will be held, games and drawings with live poultry as prizes. A good orchestra will furnish dance music from 8 to midnight. A hot supper will also be served. Admission is 25c and all proceeds are to go for the striking Kentucky miners.

## STUDENT GROUP RETURNS; BIG FIGHT ON TERROR

Mass Meeting Sunday Night for Report

BULLETIN Hundreds of students attended a mass meeting held in front of Columbia University library to welcome back the National Student League delegation to Kentucky. The meeting was an enthusiastic one despite the rain. The students adjourned to MacMillan Theatre where the delegates reported on their trip.

NEW YORK.—The National Student League delegation to Kentucky has arrived in New York after a 1400 mile trip to and from the Kentucky coal fields. A delegation of five students consisting of Robert Hall of Columbia University, Helen North of Hunter, Margaret Bailey of New York University, and Joe Lebovit, of City College remained in Washington. They will see Senator Costigan, author of a bill to investigate conditions in the Kentucky area, and demand that he take action in Congress against the forcible prevention of the investigation carried on by

## MILLIONS LEVIED BY HOUSE IN DISGUISED SALES TAX

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) the floor to oppose the new taxes. The silence of the chief demagogue, La Guardia, was particularly noticeable as one by one the sales tax against which he led the "revolt" last week was put over in a disguised form.

Not a sign of the "bolters" could be noticed after the midnight meeting of the Wall Street bankers with the House Ways and Means Committee Tuesday. So unobstructed was the passage of the new taxes that Speaker Garner was not called upon to take the floor as he was forced to do Tuesday when all the pressure of the Wall Street bankers was put upon the petit-bourgeois representatives in congress.

A significant feature of the passage of the new series of taxes is the fact that the measure was decided openly outside of the House of Representatives in conference with leading Wall Street bankers and financiers. The same thing took place before the passage of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation act and the Glass-Steagall Banking Bill. The three conferences express the growing fascination of the Wall Street government and the unconcealed domination of congress by the big capitalist of the country who are openly deciding

## NTWU DELEGATION DEMANDS RELEASE OF EDITH BERKMAN

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) word that was said by the workers. Burlak and Conroy demanded to know why Edith Berkman who is a citizen of the United States through the naturalization of her parents was held without bail or trial. They further made the statement that Edith Berkman was sick with tuberculosis, and if she died, the textile workers would hold Mrs. Tillinghast personally responsible, that the workers would consider her the murderer.

They demanded to know who was responsible for revoking the bail on Edith Berkman, and Mrs. Tillinghast admitted that it was on the demand of the Lawrence Mayor and Safety Director Carr, that the bail was revoked; thus openly admitting that it was at the orders of the American Woolen Company that Berkman is still held. She further stated that she would not release Edith Berkman on any condition unless the court decided to do so at the hearing which is scheduled to take place some time in April, and "that since Berkman will appeal to U. S. Supreme Court she will be my guest for a long time."

This statement is an open challenge to the workers that unless they this murder by degrees of Comrade Berkman, she will be allowed to die in the Immigration Station.

Mrs. Tillinghast was told that her answer would be given to the workers everywhere, that the workers would not stop with the sending of this one delegation, that mass demonstrations and protests would be organized by the National Textile Workers Union and carried further than her department.

After leaving the Immigration Sta-

## T.U.U.L. Calls All Workers to Rally Against War--Demonstrate April 6

The imperialist war is already a bloody reality. Japanese imperialism is making war on the Chinese people. Hundreds of thousands of Chinese workers and peasants and their families have been made homeless. Thousands have been killed and wounded by air bombs and machine gun fire of Japanese robber imperialism. Japanese imperialism is, by its invasion into Shanghai and Manchuria, only taking the first steps of a definite plan to enslave the Chinese peoples, destroy the Chinese Soviet Districts and to provoke a war against the Soviet Union.

United States imperialism and Japanese imperialism clash on the issue of Japanese invasion of China. The United States imperialists are jealous of the booty of the Japanese imperialists, but the United States imperialists, who are feverishly preparing for war against the USSR as well as against Japan, do not hesitate to use the most brutal methods to suppress demonstrations of workers against the Japanese robber war in China. Only in the last few days, following the clubbing and shooting of workers in Chicago who demonstrated against Japanese imperialism, the Hoover government in the city of Washington, clubbed and jailed workers who protested against the Japanese invasion of China.

Despite the antagonism between the United States and Japanese imperialism, and even as a result of the sharpening of the situation among the imperialist powers, all the imperialist powers are now perfecting their war plans against the Soviet Union. In the front line of these imperialist powers stands Japanese imperialism, the same ruthless imperialism that is already making war in China and setting aflame whole cities with their population of men, women and children.

The recent meeting on disarmament in Geneva further exposes the war plots of the imperialists. It was no accident that at this so-called disarmament conference, United

States imperialism is represented through the members of the army and navy. That this is not a disarmament but a pre-war war conference, can be seen by the refusal to consider the only real disarmament proposals made, which came from the representative of the Soviet Union, Litvinov.

Arrogant Japanese imperialism in the Far East is daily increasing its war provocations against the USSR, concentrating its military forces, because it has the assurance of the support of the other imperialists in the West. That the imperialists are planning to strike against the only workers' fatherland can be seen for simultaneous with the Japanese provocations, there has been in the recent weeks and days, increasing mobilizations of the imperialist forces on the border states, Poland, Roumania, etc., and the new flock of lies regarding the shootings of women in the Soviet Union, the shooting of peasants, all of which emanate from Buckarev, which is now competing with Riga for the first place for manufacturing lies against the U. S. S. R.

In this threat of war against the USSR, in this actual war already taking place against the Chinese people, the American Federation of Labor officialdom, the leaders of the socialist party, expose themselves as the agents of United States imperialism. The American Federation of Labor expose themselves as the agents of United States imperialism. The American Federation of Labor openly proclaims the imperialist designs of U. S. imperialism, and through its Wolls and Greens openly calls for intervention against the Soviet Union. The socialist party through its Norman Thomases, is carrying through the same imperialist policy under the flag of pacifism, by trying to disarm the workers, to lull them into passivity, while the capitalists are carrying through their war preparations. The working class of the United

States must act. It must act in the face of an already existing war in the Far East. It must act in the face of the growing provocations and large troops concentrations in the Far East against the USSR. It must act against the Hoover, Stimson-Wall Street imperialist policy of a new imperialist war as a way out of the deepening crisis, the same policy which at home means 12,000,000 jobless, refusal of unemployment insurance, wage cuts, and the robbing of the working class of their most elementary rights.

All workers and toilers must demonstrate their determination to fight against a new imperialist war, must demonstrate their determination to defend the Soviet Union, the only workers' fatherland, which the imperialists are out to destroy because it is the only country in the world where the working class has been abolished, all the evils of capitalism, unemployment, starvation, disease, have been abolished, and which is serving as a symbol and guide for the toiling, exploited, starving masses of the United States.

Workers, support the Anti-War Week carried on by the various working class organizations, trade unions, and the Communist Party. Demonstrate against imperialist world war! Demand hands off China! Demand a stop to the Japanese robber war against the Chinese people! Organize to stop shipment of munitions of war supplies against China! Stay the hand of Japanese and world imperialism, which is provoking war against the USSR! Demonstrate against the Greens, Wolls and Thomases, who stand for starvation, wage cuts, and war! Fight for unemployment relief, insurance and against wage cuts! Demand the billions used for war preparations to relieve the unemployed! Organize your forces in defense of the Soviet Union!

The National Students League. The incoming National Executive Board intends taking immediate action to begin a nation-wide fight in the colleges and universities against the growing wave of fascist terror and political reaction. The executive committee elected at the last of the three day national conference of the Student League held at its headquarters, 102 W. 14th Street was announced as composed of: Donald Henderson and Robert Hall of Columbia, Homer Barton, Carnegie Tech, Helen North of Hunter College and Joseph Starobin of City College.

The national conference also expressed its solidarity with the student delegation that is travelling from Commonwealth College in Mena, Arkansas to test the right to distribute relief to the Kentucky miners in Harlan and Bell counties. The students of the Commonwealth College delegation headed by Luellen Koch and including Leo Grulo, Sam Sandburg and Isaac Greenberg voted one cent each meal from the seven cent allowance for meals as a strike relief fund for the Kentucky miners. In addition they are bringing food and clothing to the Kentucky miners to be distributed in the strike areas. In addition to the mass meetings scheduled yesterday in front of Columbia University library, the National Student League has arranged for an official reception to be given the student delegation at Plymouth Theatre Sunday night.

the policies of the boss' government outside of congress. The new taxes levied on such articles as amusement admission, telephones, cosmetics, sporting goods, candy, soft drinks, chewing gum, matches and other articles are as much sales taxes as the original manufacturers sales tax. Even the burden of the tax on the various other items such as autos, trucks, jewelry, furs will be born by the masses in the form of a spread of the cost of the tax over a whole series of articles of mass consumption.

The unofficial organ of Wall Street, the New York Times, recognizes this fact and waxes satirical over the manner in which La Guardia and his demagogue followers have "pulled the wool over the eyes of the masses."

In an imaginary interview with an imaginary politician, the Times admits the fraud that is being put over in congress as follows: "Oh, yes. Those fellows will accept most anything if you call it something else. They allow a tariff but they'll stand for it if you call it a domestic excise. They won't have a sales tax if you hand it to them in one lump. But if you'll only spend a few days mentioning everything everybody sells, one item at a time, they'll slap on the tax and without much of a murmur."

tion, the delegation went to the Carney Hospital to see Comrade Berkman. Here again the hospital was surrounded by a squadron of Police and plainclothesmen and the delegation was barred entrance to see Edith Berkman even for a few minutes.

This open terror, this furor of the capitalist class can be met only by large mass protest on the part of the workers, and those friends of the working class who are interested in seeing Edith Berkman liberated, and once more in the ranks of the working class revolutionary movement.

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# THE DYER ANTI-LYNCHING BILL-A CLUB IN THE HANDS OF THE LYNCHERS

By ELIZABETH LAWSON

ON the morning of December 6, 1931, a Negro worker by the name of Matthew Williams, an employee in the Crate and Basket factory in Salisbury, Md., stepped into the office of his employer, Daniel J. Elliott. He had come to protest against a further cut in his meager pay of 15 cents an hour.

There was an argument. Jim Elliott, the son of the factory owner, pulled a gun and shot Williams, wounding him severely. Williams defended himself. In the scuffle, Daniel Elliott was killed.

A few hours later, a boss-incited lynch-mob gathered before the Peninsular General Hospital where Williams lay dying. The mob of big business-men pulled this Negro worker from his bed and dragged him to the court-house square. There they mutilated him, poured over him 40 gallons of gasoline, and, while whiskey bottles passed from mouth to mouth, they burned his body to a crisp.

Having previously cut off Williams' fingers and toes, they now invaded the Negro section of Salisbury, screaming curses and threats. On the porches, of Negro homes, they threw portions of Williams' body, inviting the workers to "make nigger sandwiches of them." Behind them they trailed the charred corpse.

1931—Year of Lynch Law

This particularly brutal lynching came at the end of a year in which 79 lynchings were recorded in the white boss press. That many more than this number were hushed up by the local papers, is beyond question. 1931 was a year of rising lynch law against Negro workers and farmers. The record of known lynchings for 1932 begins early, with the mob-murder on January 10 of two Negro workers in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. In the few months of the year that have already passed, the lynchings of Negroes have taken a huge toll.

The Workers Fight Back

But fighting back against this wave of terror and lynching, is the rising tide of struggle of Negro and white workers. Under the leadership of the Communist Party, the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the International Labor Defense and other working-class organizations, white and Negro workers have begun a joint struggle against lynching. In mortal dread of this common fight of the toilers, the Negro and white fakery are resorting to every means to draw these workers away from the program of struggle.

The latest move of these fakery is the revival of the campaign for the Dyer bill—the so-called federal anti-lynching bill. A drive has been started by such organizations as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Women's Stop-Lynching League, for two million signatures for the Dyer bill.

By agitating for the Dyer bill, the fakery hope to achieve three gains in their war on the Negro masses. They hope to divert the fury of the Negro and white workers against lynching, away from the paths of organization, mass protest and revolutionary struggle. They hope to revive and strengthen the illusions of the masses that the capitalist courts are fair and impartial bodies set up to protect the interests of all. And finally, they hope by means of the Dyer Bill to place in the hands of the white bosses a new and sharp instrument for use against the Negro and white masses in their growing struggles against wage-cuts, oppression and lynching.

Dyer Bill Is Weapon of Lynchers

For not only would the Dyer bill, it became law, not stop the lynching of Negro workers and farmers; it would, on the contrary, be a weapon in the hands of the bosses, by means of which they could more easily arrest and lynch Negro workers and share-croppers.

The fakery, by promoting the Dyer bill as a means of stopping lynching, are urging the Negro workers and farmers to place their reliance for protection against the boss lynchers, in the machinery of the bosses' state. Yet, this very state machinery is an instrument in the hands of the lynchers. Where police, sheriffs and other state officials are not actually part and parcel of the lynch mob—and this is an ordinary occurrence, as in the case of Matthew Williams—they combine to protect and whitewash the lynchings. The recent brazen whitewash of Williams' lynchings in Salisbury is a case in point. After three months in which state and local officials stubbornly refused to set up a special machinery for investigation, they finally formed a grand jury of the county's biggest businessmen—the same type of men who had led the lynching. After three days of secret sessions, which it spent listening to the "testimony" of over 120 hand-picked witnesses, the jury returned a report that it could "find no one remotely connected with the lynching." The brazenness of the whitewash is the more apparent when we remember that the crowd that lynched Williams was unmasked, that it made no effort at concealment, that its leaders walked to the very door of the hospital where this worker lay dying and there talked at length with hospital officials, that it rubbed elbows with the local chief of police and other local and county officers.

An indictment against the lynchers of Negroes, by a coroner's jury or other official body, is a very rare occurrence. When it does occur, it seldom results in the infliction of even the mildest penalty.

Boss Courts Are Lynch Courts

This same court machinery is also the means of the legal lynching of Negroes and white workers, as in the now famous case of the nine Scottsboro boys—a case which has ripped the mask of impartiality from the courts and revealed them as open and brazen accomplices of the lynchers.

Under the rule of the bosses, a so-called anti-lynching bill along the lines of the Dyer bill is a dead letter against the lynchers of Negroes, is proved by the recent events in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, where two Negro workers were openly lynched on January 10. West Virginia some years ago passed the Capehart "anti-lynching" bill, which, like the Dyer bill, provides for the payment of a sum of money to the families of the victims of lynching. A suit was filed by the administrators of the estates of the two Negro workers for \$5,000 each, against the Greenbrier county court. The court simply refused to pay the amount of money provided by law. The prosecuting attorney of the county instructed the court not to pay. The court stated that it had also received advice from the Taxpayers' Association against paying the \$5,000 to the families of the victims, and that was that!

But whereas against the lynchers of Negroes, the Dyer anti-lynching bill, if made into law, would become a dead letter—against the Negro workers and share-croppers, and against the white and Negro workers fighting to better their conditions, the Dyer bill would provide a heavy club for the white bosses.

The Dyer bill provides for the dispersal of "mobs." And a "mob," according to the Dyer bill, is "an assemblage of three or more persons acting in concert, without authority of law."

Under the rule of the bosses, whose will is carried out by all police, courts and other organs of the state, a "mob" will be formed whenever workers go on strike, picket, demonstrate in defense of their rights. It is noteworthy that the state anti-lynching law of Virginia has been used only once—to break up the picket line of the striking textile workers in Danville.

To the bosses' courts and the bosses' police, meetings in defense of the Scottsboro boys, or meetings of Negro share-croppers to demand food or an accounting from the landlords, would be "mobs" to be dispersed under the provisions of the Dyer bill. By means of this same bill, workers who take part in such meetings could be more easily framed by the courts.

Today, when the workers of both races are organizing for a fight against starvation, are striking together for decent wages, are demanding unemployment insurance, are raising thunderous voices of protest against the vicious frame-up of the Scottsboro boys and other instances of national oppression of the Negroes—today a bill which could be used against workers who organize and assemble would be an invaluable aid to the bosses and lynchers.

How Revolutionary Workers Can Fight Lynchings

The Dyer bill is thus a weapon for, not against, the lynchers of Negroes. What course shall the revolutionary workers take to prevent lynchings?

It is impossible in the space of this article to indicate all the methods by which lynching of Negroes can be fought. We can merely outline the direction to be taken in this struggle. We, revolutionary workers, must not neglect to use, in our struggle against lynchings, all the legal and parliamentary loopholes at our disposal. These include: adequate legal defense for victims of lynch frame-ups, demanding the right of Negroes to sit on juries, making demands upon local, state and national government bodies, etc. But all these activities should be coordinated with, and subordinated to, the development and organization of revolutionary mass action outside of the bourgeois courts and legislative bodies for the prevention of lynchings.

We must organize giant mass protest meetings and street demonstrations against lynchings. Wherever possible, we must organize protest strikes in factories, among agricultural workers and share-croppers, among students.

At the same time, we must organize masses of Negro and white toilers for open resistance to lynch mobs. In localities where lynchings have occurred, it is our duty to seek out the lynchers, and, upon finding them, demand punishment of the murderers and their instigators—not forgetting among these instigators the writers in the capitalist press, who whip up lynch spirit against Negroes.

Death To The Lynchers

Last, but of extreme importance, we must in every locality form defense corps of the most militant white and Negro workers, for the protection of the Negroes against lynchers. Not only must white workers participate in these defense activities; but they must take the lead in such defense. We are not revolutionists unless we accept and put into practice the idea that it is the special class duty of revolutionary white workers to defend Negro workers against lynching and mob violence, even at the cost of our own lives.

As revolutionists, we must in all our propaganda expose the lynching of Negroes as a weapon of the American imperialists in the national oppression of the Negroes. In our fight on lynching, therefore, we must never fail to link up this fight with the struggle against national oppression, and to raise the demands: Withdrawal of the armed forces of American imperialism from the black belt; the right of the Negroes in the black belt to govern that territory, including the white minority residing there.

## Mobilization for April 6th Through Mass Sale of Literature

One of the most effective agitational weapons—in fact an absolutely indispensable weapon—in our anti-war campaign is the extensive distribution of our anti-war literature among the masses of workers.

In our concentrated efforts to make April 6 the high point of our mass campaign against war and in defense of the Soviet Union and of the Chinese masses, the following seven pamphlets have been chosen from among the mass of pamphlets on war which are available, to concentrate on:

- "The Soviet Union Stands for Peace" by M. Litvinoff (Speech of Comrade Litvinoff at Geneva).....one cent
- "War in China," by Ray Stewart.....ten cents
- "Women and War," by Grace Hutchins, five cents
- "Anti-Soviet Lies and the Five-Year Plan," by Max Bedacht.....ten cents
- "Chemical Warfare," by D. Cameron.....ten cents
- "Revolutionary Struggle Against War, versus Pacifism," by A. Bittelmann.....five cents

Red literature day, as a feature of anti-war week, should see a specially intensive effort, particularly in connection with house to house canvassing and in agitational work in the shops, to get these pamphlets into the hands of the workers.

Besides these strictly war pamphlets, we recommend the following, in order to connect up the campaign with unemployment and Scottsboro:

- "Unemployment Relief and Social Insurance".....two cents
  - "The Story of Scottsboro in Pictures".....five cents
- Get them from your District Literature Agent, or direct from Workers Library Publishers, P. O. Box 148, Station D, New York City. Organizations can get discounts for quantity orders.

—“Hurry Up With Them Articles, We Gotta Start the War!”

By BURCK



## The Crisis in the Chicago Public Schools

By VERA STONE

THE month of April marks the first anniversary of the crisis in the Chicago Public Schools. It is now one year that the 14,000 (fourteen thousand) teachers of our colossal, wealthy city have received almost nothing for their loyal services and diligent work. A year has elapsed, and yet the politicians of the Republican trenches are at war with the present political Democratic machine, a struggle between two capitalistic forces for the possession of tax graft. And the teachers remain the victims of political adventures.

Only a few months ago the State Legislature assembled in Springfield, Ill. to find ways and means of extinguishing the present critical situation in the Public Schools. The teachers sent carloads of petitions, pleading with their representatives to come to their aid, to pass such legislative measures that would yield immediate relief.

For days our "honorable" Republican and Democratic representatives fought among themselves, and when the day of adjournment arrived, nothing was accomplished. Once more trains full with teacher petitions sped to Springfield, demanding that the law-making body do not adjourn until relief is offered. These extra sessions cost the poor tax-payer thousands of dollars; yet, our representatives at Springfield smoked fat cigars, ate juicy steaks, and made whoopee in the cabarets.

Their final decision was to increase the taxes of the poor citizen.

And what about the teachers? Nothing! Have not the Public School teachers always been the most loyal advocates of capitalist robbery and graft? Have they not always been the most devoted slaves of American "democracy" and her laws? It is sufficient, therefore, to appeal to the teachers' patriotism, to their idealistic mission, and they will not rebel, they will not strike, but continue their "sacred" educative work of molding a generation for the interests of American Capitalism and her Imperialistic appetites.

The radio brings to us daily the after-dinner speeches of the wealthy State Street magnates (the Kelly's, the Cavanaugh's, the Mayor Cermak) and of the Board of Education grafters who assemble at banquet tables in the Sherman Hotel. These men praise the martyr, the brave and courageous teacher with words sweetened by high-balls and fruit salads, and—it is a year now that thousands of teachers and their families have had to live on the two week's salary, a mere bone that the city throws to the teachers every few months to hush the beginning of a bark.

The obvious question arises: where is the fighting spirit of the teachers' organization whose duty it is to protect the interests of its membership? Why is the Chicago Federation of Teachers silent, in these days when voice and action are so necessary? The answer is simple. Futility leadership. The leaders, molded of the same clay as the Schlesingers, the Wolls, the Greens of the American Federation of Labor, confine their activity to legislative lobbying and to fascist tactics.

For years the notorious Margaret Haley has been at the head of the Chicago Teachers' Federation; her word equalled God's word. And when on that morning of voting for Mayor, 14,000 teachers received Margaret Haley's telegram, demanding that in the name of the teachers' financial interests, they vote for Cermak, thousands listened to her command; Cermak became Mayor. So it is that the teachers' union leader walks hand in hand with the political Democratic clique, and her compensations are many.

Thus far she has been successful in suppressing any initiative on the part of teacher groups to call demonstration meetings, claiming that such were not only a discord to professional ethics, but that any sort of a strike would effect their tenure of office.

She knows her teachers well. She is certain that the slaves of the Public Schools will not betray their patriotic mission. Devilish is her smile as all protests, demonstrations and strikers are shattered by her warning. Yet, often a fear creeps into her. Perhaps... Perhaps the voice of poverty and hunger will endlessly tear off the masks of false leaders, and illuminate their faces in the proper light? Then Margaret Haley hurriedly goes to the "honorable" Mayor Cer-

mak in California, where he went to cure his stomach indigestion, or to "Hot Springs" where he bathes his "weary, worn-out body" in the soothing warm springs of that country.

Wires travel quickly! The next morning the newspapers radiate with headlines: "Due to Mayor Cermak's capable efforts, school teachers get two week's salary." For awhile stomachs become satiated, and teachers cease to protest. And Margaret Haley loudly acclaims: "Teachers, see what we do for you! Pay your union dues!"

The teachers remain impotent. There is not among them the necessary revolutionary element to head them on the road of organization and class-consciousness. Their lack of group solidarity is, of course, a result of their faulty education. The majority of the Chicago Public School teachers are a product of the Catholic Parochial Schools, where reigns the word of the Catholic priest, a word that justifies and upholds the Capitalistic world of exploitation and graft, a word that threatens with hell torture those who oppose and attack the possessors of might.

Twelve years of this education has doped their minds with religion motives, and lulled their brains with non-resisting theories. And from there the young spiritually-clogged persons enter the Chicago Normal College, a local institution that gives to the future teacher the tools necessary to hammer into the child the "culture" of the Public School, and to instill in the young citizen respect and love for the land of our fathers—Washington, Lincoln, Adams, Jefferson, and Franklin.

Even that minority of the teaching force which is not exposed to the inquisition culture of the Catholic schools, has attained its education in the public schools, an education which is fundamentally based on a capitalist-religious foundation, representing and defending the interests of the ruling class. Then, too, the greatest part of the 14,000 teachers is a product of the petty bourgeois middle class, who still mistrusts the organized worker and his strike tactics.

Yet, when hunger and cold appear on the doorstep, when teachers lack the means of paying for their mere necessities of living, when no one will accept the one month tax warrants is-

## The Danube Customs Union-Part of the War Preparations Against the Soviet Union

By G. PERI (Paris)

FRENCH imperialism is attempting to carry out a very large-scale operation in Central Europe. On February 29th, Tardieu came to Geneva. On the following day, he informed the Finance Commission of the French Chamber in the course of his conversations in Geneva with representatives of the States of Little Entente, Austria and Hungary in regard to concluding a customs agreement by preference treaties, he had also secured the support of Italy and Great Britain. Commenting on this declaration the "Temps" writes:

"One of the most important questions at the present time is that of a durable economic organization of the Danubian countries. . . . Serious endeavors must be made in the near future in order to resume the countries of Central Europe from the results of the world crisis which for some of them are assuming a tragic character."

What, in reality, the objects at which the French plan is chiefly aiming?

In the first place, in this sphere, as in all other spheres in the world, France is playing its role of counter-revolutionary gendarme. The countries in question are those in which the agrarian revolution is growing from day to day. Peasant revolts are becoming more and more frequent in Rumania, Yugoslavia and Hungary. The terrible persecutions, the victims of which are the unfortunate population in the rural dis-

tricts, and the crimes of the Sigurana or the white hand have not destroyed the spirit of the peasants who are in revolt against the tax collectors. The case of Hungary is perhaps even more characteristic. In 400 villages the peasants have driven out the tax collectors, and in many cases the fight has assumed the form of a genuine insurrection. The financial position of Hungary is such that the Minister Koranyi recently declared during his journey to Paris, that he would like to lay down his office, as he was so depressed by the open collapse of the Hungarian finances.

The crisis has also seriously affected the economy of Czechoslovakia, whose industry—with the exception of the war industry—is at a standstill. The Czechoslovakia budget shows a big deficit; the salaries of the civil service and public officials have been reduced by 500 million crowns; wages are being cut. But the influence of the Communists is growing and the Red Trade Union Opposition in particular is able to record remarkable progress.

With regard to Austria, a few weeks ago the Federal Chancellor Buresch issued a call for help to the representatives of France, Great Britain, Italy and Germany, and among the reasons which he gave in support of his appeal was the growing discontent of the working-class. Under these conditions, the French plan of a Danubian customs union appears as an attempt to send a lightning against the agrarian work-

ers, and against the ferment in the proletariat by attempting to increase the exchange of goods between the countries of Central Europe, before all, however, by supporting the governments in question in crushing the insurrectionary movements of the masses of the people.

For the rest, this is only a part of the programme. One can remember the furious offensive which French imperialism launched last year on the day following the signing of the customs union between Germany and Austria. With the aid of loans it managed to restore the order of Versailles and St. Germain in Central Europe. It caused the negotiations between Rumania and Germany to be broken off, overthrew the Bethlen government in Budapest, and accelerated the collapse of the Austrian Creditanstalt. The Hague Court of Arbitration buried the draft of a German-Austrian customs agreement, which Curtius and Schober had already renounced before the Court had pronounced its decision.

But in the course of this collision France will be remembered, submitted to the European Commission a "constructive programme" the contents of which were elaborated by Andre Francois-Poncet, the direct representative of the Comite des Forges and the present French Ambassador in Berlin. The plan included in particular the setting up of an international mortgage bank, the extension of a system of granting loans (thanks to which France secures control of Central Europe), the extension of cartels and preference agreements. These are precisely those recommendations which were advocated at the recent Pan-European Conference at Budapest, which even drew up a draft plan of co-operation of the banks of Central Europe. All these items are contained in the plan of a customs union on which the Paris Cabinet is now working.

This system, which excludes Germany, consolidates the hegemony of France, in that, on the eve of Lausanne, it enables it to increase its pressure on Germany, which in this manner would be cut off from the countries of Central Europe. It is noteworthy that while this combination is being prepared there is a prospect of a ministerial crisis in Bucharest, where Titulescu, who stands for a pro-French policy, seems likely in the near future to obtain the upper hand over Prince Ghika.

Finally there can be no doubt (and this is the third part of the French plan) that the draft of an economic Danubian federation is directed against the Soviet Union. An incident which occurred in the Finance Commission of the French Chamber reveals this aspect of the question still more. When Comrade Marcel Cachin called attention to the heavy military expenditure of Czechoslovakia, M. Denais exclaimed:

"It is a good thing that the estimates of the War Ministry in Czechoslovakia have remained high. If the Prague government had reduced them, then we in Paris would have had to increase our armaments by an amount corresponding to the reduction."

One could not have a more open admission that the Czechoslovakian army is only a part of the French military apparatus. When one knows the role of Czechoslovakia in the fight against the Soviet Union, when one remembers the recent Vanek scandal, one realizes the full significance of this confession. To this we would add that, in the course of this same sitting of the Finance Commission, France guaranteed to Czechoslovakia a loan of 600 million francs. In the vote on this loan the socialists withheld their votes; only Marcel Cachin voted against it. Another fact which serves still more to show the character of the French plan, is the fact that in leading circles and in French circles at Geneva the opinion prevails that Poland must also be invited to join this Danubian Federation.

As aid for the oligarchies of Central Europe, as an instrument of domination in Europe and as a means in the fight against the Soviet Union—with these three characteristics the plan of a customs union fits in perfectly with the policy of French imperialism.

## War Profits in Lumber

By Labor Research Association

(Based on Labor and Lumber by Charles T. Todd) Demands of the imperialist war of 1914-18 for lumber for ships, airplanes, and materials for camp and trench warfare revived that industry, bringing a golden age to the manufacturers. Profits were sky-high and war profiteering was notorious.

At the very time when the lumber manufacturers were crushing with brutality and bloodshed the wave of union organization which spread through the South and West, and were bitterly fighting the workers' demands for an eight-hour day, increased wages and sanitary camp conditions, they were reaping the richest harvest of profits since the days of the timber grabs.

Despite government price fixing and the admitted manipulation of accounts to show inflated costs, Federal investigations of the war profiteering of 143 companies in the Southern Pine industry revealed enormous profits.

Profits in the Southern Pine Industry, 1917

Percentage of Profit on Investment	Number of Companies	Percentage Total Prof.
Over 30	16	12.3
20 to 30	17	11.8
15 to 20	26	32.7
10 to 15	21	12.1
5 to 10	39	28.7
Under 5	19	12.3
Loss	5	3.9

The rates of earnings of individual companies ranged up to a profit of 100 per cent of the total investment. Profits in other lumber regions also rose to high levels as the lumber barons cashed in on the war business.

## French Workers Expose War Preparations

Paris, March, 1933.

Worker correspondents in the famous Renault works report to "Humanite," the central organ of the Communist Party of France, that the workers are now engaged on the building of 60 heavy tanks and 50 light tanks.

Worker correspondents in the works "Outilage Mecanique" in Saint Ouen (Paris suburb) report that the works are now carrying out an army contract for 28 tanks. When the tanks are built they are sent on to the Hotchkiss works where they are provided with machine guns.

Worker correspondents of the Floriat works in Saint Denis (Paris suburb) report that the works are engaged on the building of 80 motor radio stations for the army and that the works have received a further order for the building of 140 armored cars.

tion and against the ferment in the proletariat by attempting to increase the exchange of goods between the countries of Central Europe, before all, however, by supporting the governments in question in crushing the insurrectionary movements of the masses of the people.

For the rest, this is only a part of the programme. One can remember the furious offensive which French imperialism launched last year on the day following the signing of the customs union between Germany and Austria. With the aid of loans it managed to restore the order of Versailles and St. Germain in Central Europe. It caused the negotiations between Rumania and Germany to be broken off, overthrew the Bethlen government in Budapest, and accelerated the collapse of the Austrian Creditanstalt. The Hague Court of Arbitration buried the draft of a German-Austrian customs agreement, which Curtius and Schober had already renounced before the Court had pronounced its decision.

But in the course of this collision France will be remembered, submitted to the European Commission a "constructive programme" the contents of which were elaborated by Andre Francois-Poncet, the direct representative of the Comite des Forges and the present French Ambassador in Berlin. The plan included in particular the setting up of an international mortgage bank, the extension of a system of granting loans (thanks to which France secures control of Central Europe), the extension of cartels and preference agreements. These are precisely those recommendations which were advocated at the recent Pan-European Conference at Budapest, which even drew up a draft plan of co-operation of the banks of Central Europe. All these items are contained in the plan of a customs union on which the Paris Cabinet is now working.

This system, which excludes Germany, consolidates the hegemony of France, in that, on the eve of Lausanne, it enables it to increase its pressure on Germany, which in this manner would be cut off from the countries of Central Europe. It is noteworthy that while this combination is being prepared there is a prospect of a ministerial crisis in Bucharest, where Titulescu, who stands for a pro-French policy, seems likely in the near future to obtain the upper hand over Prince Ghika.

Finally there can be no doubt (and this is the third part of the French plan) that the draft of an economic Danubian federation is directed against the Soviet Union. An incident which occurred in the Finance Commission of the French Chamber reveals this aspect of the question still more. When Comrade Marcel Cachin called attention to the heavy military expenditure of Czechoslovakia, M. Denais exclaimed:

"It is a good thing that the estimates of the War Ministry in Czechoslovakia have remained high. If the Prague government had reduced them, then we in Paris would have had to increase our armaments by an amount corresponding to the reduction."

One could not have a more open admission that the Czechoslovakian army is only a part of the French military apparatus. When one knows the role of Czechoslovakia in the fight against the Soviet Union, when one remembers the recent Vanek scandal, one realizes the full significance of this confession. To this we would add that, in the course of this same sitting of the Finance Commission, France guaranteed to Czechoslovakia a loan of 600 million francs. In the vote on this loan the socialists withheld their votes; only Marcel Cachin voted against it. Another fact which serves still more to show the character of the French plan, is the fact that in leading circles and in French circles at Geneva the opinion prevails that Poland must also be invited to join this Danubian Federation.

As aid for the oligarchies of Central Europe, as an instrument of domination in Europe and as a means in the fight against the Soviet Union—with these three characteristics the plan of a customs union fits in perfectly with the policy of French imperialism.