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ROOSEVELT GIVES LABOR BOARD FULL STRIKEBREAKING POWERS

Thousands in N.Y. March for Freedom of Nazi Frame-Up Defendants

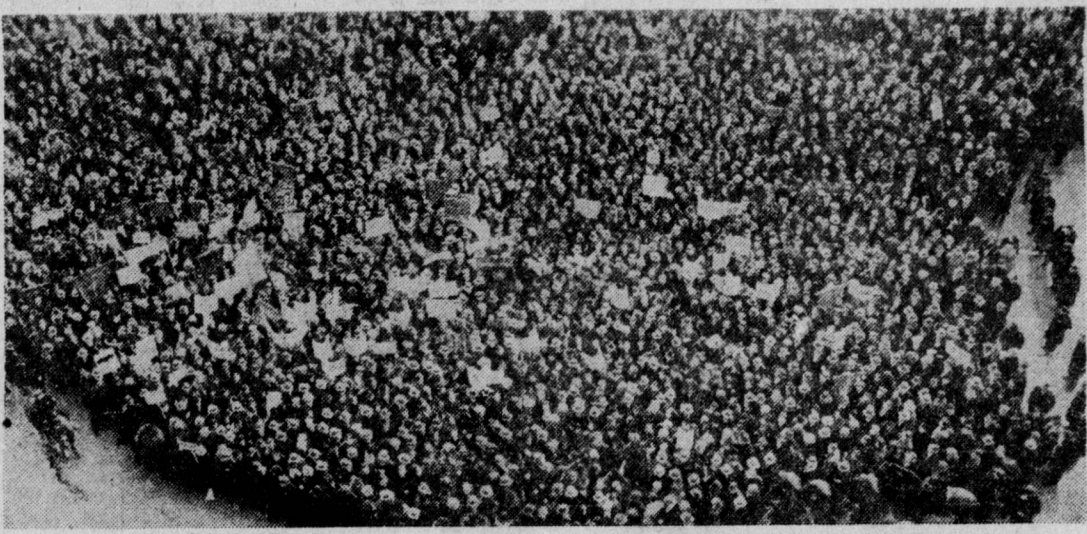
Nazi Consul Slinks Away As N. Y. Workers Join Fiery Demonstration

Many Meetings Cable Demand for Release of 4 Communists

Will Continue Fight Until All Are Freed by Nazis

NEW YORK.—Bloody Hitler's Nazi official representative in this city heard the militant voices of thousands of workers yesterday demanding the release of their fearless, heroic comrades, Dimitroff, Torgler, Popoff and Taneff, when, despite vicious police efforts to block it, a demonstration was held for two hours in front of the German Consulate at 17 Battery Place.

What the Nazi Consul Would Have Seen Had He Not Run Away



A section of the thousands of New York workers who stormed the German Consulate yesterday, demanding the safe and immediate release of the heroic defendants in the Reichstag fire trial frame-up. After demonstrating, the workers formed into orderly ranks and marched to Union Square.

March Without Permit

Police attempts to stop the speakers and the erection of the speakers' stand was defeated by the militancy of the workers. Though no permit for a parade was granted, the workers marched through the streets for hours, keeping their ranks solid until they arrived at Union Square.

The speakers were: Ben Lapidus, of the Unemployed Councils; Edward Dahlberg, of the National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners; C. Blohm, of the Workers' Sick and Death Benefit Fund; Robert Minor, of the Communist Party; John Little, for the Young Communist League; Nat Bruce, of the International Labor Defense; Ray Robbins, of the Conference for Progressive Labor Action; Tom Ray, of the Marine Workers Industrial Union; Ben Stalman, of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union.

Starting at 12 noon, the demonstration in front of the Consulate turned into a march covering 20 blocks in length, winding up at Union Square.

Over 4,000 were in the ranks. The as the group headed by the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League swung into the square facing the German Consulate, the workers assembled for the meeting burst into a mighty roar.

Immediately the police swung into action. Headed by a squadron of mounted police, they swept down on the head of the demonstration. A short struggle between the workers and the police started.

Sarah Stein of the International Labor Defense mounted the shoulders of the workers about him and started the meeting. He called upon the workers not to give way to police provocation, but to hold their ranks and continue with the meeting.

The first struggle with the police ended with a victory for the workers. The parade lasted until past 4 o'clock in the afternoon. As they marched, the workers expressed their solidarity.

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1,000 Demonstrate in Boston; Attacked by Police; Six Arrested

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 19.—One thousand workers, demanding the release of the Communists who are being framed for the Reichstag fire, demonstrated in front of the German Consulate today.

The delegation sent in to present their demands to the Consul were not permitted to enter. Mounted and foot police attacked the demonstration and arrested six workers on a charge of loitering.

Daily Worker Will Print Decisions of Mining Conference

NEW YORK.—On Sunday an important conference of Communist Party members from the mine fields was held in Pittsburgh. The resolution passed by this mining conference, giving the tasks of the Communists in the mining fields will be printed in full in Saturday's issue of the Daily Worker. All districts should order Saturday's issue in advance in order to secure sufficient copies for the miners of these important directives for the mining work of the Communist Party. Thursday's Daily Worker will carry a news story of the conference.

4,000 Stop Work in Protest Against Reichstag "Trial"

10,000 at Meetings Demand Release of Communists

NEW YORK.—Three thousand workers in two shutdown shops and 22 slipper shops carried through a stoppage of work yesterday, under the leadership of the Shoe Workers Industrial Union, in protest against the intentions of the Nazi dictatorship in Germany to murder Torgler, Dimitroff, Popoff and Taneff.

Under the leadership of the Metal Workers Industrial Union, 1,000 workers in 12 shops also stopped work during the day, while several needle trade shops answered a call by the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union for a protest stoppage of work.

Over 10,000 workers attended protest meetings throughout the city last night, with 1,000 at the Manhattan Lyceum, 1,000 at the Ambassador Hall, Bronx; 500 at the Kreuzer Hall, Yorkville; 600 at the Brighton Workers Center, 1,000 in Brownsville, 400 at the I.W.O. Hall, in Harlem, and other thousands at scores of open air meetings.

At all meetings resolutions were adopted denouncing the Reichstag arson trial and the attempts to murder the four Communist leaders. Cables were ordered sent to the Nazi Leipzig court demanding the safe and unconditional release of the Communist leaders, as well as similar telegrams to the German Consul in this city and telegrams to Gov. Miller of Alabama, demanding the release of the Scottsboro boys.

NEEDLE TRADES FORUM ON CUBA Educational Committee of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union will hold a forum, "Role of the U. S. in Cuba," today, 2 p.m., at union headquarters, 131 W. 52nd St.

ATTENTION: YOUNG WORKER AGENTS Young Worker agents of all units and sections are called to a special meeting tonight, 7:30, 35 E. 12th St., room 305.

Four Cent Milk Tax Proposed; Will Cost Workers \$30,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A 1-cent processing tax on every hundred pounds of milk was proposed by Roosevelt's Secretary of Agriculture Wallace here today.

This will raise the cost of milk to consumers to the extent of \$30,000,000 a year, it was estimated. Wallace has already, through the A.A.A. milk codes now in force in various cities raised the price of milk by 1 to 3 cents a quart.

The \$30,000,000 extra cost for retail milk will be used to buy up cows and destroy them, A.A.A. officials declared, in order to keep the price of milk high.

28 Needle Trades Leaders Face Frame Up Charges Today

Mass Meet Tonight to Protest; Funds Needed for Bail

NEW YORK.—Twenty-eight leaders and rank and file members of the Needle Trades Workers Ind. Union are ordered to surrender today at 10 o'clock in the morning in the Federal District Court, Post Office Building. It is anticipated that every possible obstacle will be placed in the way of preventing their early release on bail.

Hundreds of active members are expected to be present in court today when the 28 comrades will be arraigned on a framed-up indictment. A Special committee will take charge of the office during the absence of the arrested comrades. The committee has arranged a mass protest meeting of needle workers to be held tomorrow, Thursday, right after work at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, 28th St. and Broadway.

2 Killed in Havana As Gov't Tries to Split Workers Ranks

Grau Regime Tries to Pit Native Against Foreign Born

HAVANA, Dec. 19.—At least two workers were killed and several persons wounded in street fighting which raged throughout many sections of Havana today as a result of the government's attempt to pit native born workers against foreign born on the basis of a government decree requiring that 50 per cent of all employees be natives.

The attack on El Pais, a newspaper run by scabs, has the wholehearted support of all Cuban workers. However, the main purpose of the Grau regime is to use the unemployed to split the ranks of the workers. This is done by means of the slogan of 50 to 50 per cent native Cubans in all jobs.

The Havana Federation of Labor is prepared to call a general strike of all Spanish-born workers, with the support of the Spanish merchants, in

Sharp Decline in Jobs and Payrolls Admits Mrs. Perkins

Jobs Down 3.5 Percent and Payrolls 6.8 in Month

By SEYMOUR WALDMAN (Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Employment and payrolls in manufacturing industries between October and November showed the sharpest declines since the same monthly period during 1929, the year of the Wall Street crash, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins announced today.

Nine months after the inauguration of President Roosevelt's New Deal and six months after the incubation of the talkative Blue Eagle, employment in 89 of the principal manufacturing industries dropped 5.3 per cent, the exact fall during the corresponding period of the crash year, while payrolls declined 6.2 per cent, the highest drop since the 6.8 per cent decrease in the same period of the crash year.

Admits Significance

The average monthly decrease in employment over the last ten years is 1.3 per cent, according to Department of Labor figures.

"This is a significant decline," Secretary Perkins admitted at the opening of today's weekly press conference at which the employment and payroll figures were released. The Secretary then devoted most of the interview to attempting to explain away the significance of the official figures.

"The drop in unemployment is seasonally natural," she declared at the conclusion of the conference. Secretary Perkins also played the role of successful prophet telling the correspondents, "You remember I told you what was coming some time ago. I told you about the trend," despite the fact that on Oct. 30 she told the same reporters that "We are witnessing a business revival" and that "The present strikes are natural with the revival of business."

"The loss in employment in the manufacturing industries," said the

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Striking Munson Crew Win Back Pay Led by MWIU, Hold Up Ship 18 Hours

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 19.—The crew of the Munisto came out on strike last Friday for immediate payment of all back wages due. The officers supported the strike and declared that the ship would not go out until they got their money.

The captain and company agent at once called the police to keep delegates of the Marine Workers Industrial Union off the docks and ship, then told the crew that the money would be forthcoming within a few hours. They then offered draws and vouchers, etc. The crew were warned of what would happen in advance so they followed out the program as worked out with delegates of the M. W. I. U. and went on strike.

A wire was sent to Munson in New York for the wages of the crew, and they stayed out until an answer came back in form of cold cash. The ship was delayed over 18 hours, and as soon as the money came aboard the captain opened up the bag and showed them the money, and said he would pay them off immediately. They were all paid off and no one was fired, even a member who quit

Another Billion for Wall Street Banks Asked by RFC Head

RFC Chairman Gets \$60,000,000 for His Own Bank

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Another billion dollars of Government funds to provide subsidies for banks will be requested at the next Congress, it was announced today by Jesse Jones, Chairman of the R. F. C.

These funds will be used to purchase preferred stock in various banks, and to make loans to these banks in order to relieve them of the pressure of their frozen assets. The Government, thus, steps in to protect the bank stockholders against capital losses.

Thus far the Government has turned over \$500,000,000 to big banks through preferred stock investments. The National City Bank of New York just received \$50,000,000 in this way.

The banks now owe the Roosevelt Government over one billion dollars which have been handed over to them as loans. One of the largest loans, to the Drexel Chicago, amounting to \$80,000,000, is now in default.

Jesse Jones, himself, the present Chairman of the R. F. C., recently borrowed \$50,000,000 from the R. F. C. for his private banks in Oklahoma.

In addition, Jones has requested that the R. F. C. be permitted to grant huge loans directly to monopoly industries. This week, four large railroads received loans of \$22,000,000 for "improvements." The R. F. C. has agreed that the roads will not have to pay interest for the first year, saving the stockholders about \$1,000,000 in interest payments.

LaGuardia Ready to Grant 7-Cent Fare to Wall St. Bankers

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Plans for the raising of the subway fare are rapidly being finished under the guise of discussions of "unification" of the city's subways, it was revealed today.

Mayor-elect LaGuardia conferred today with banking representatives of the B. M. T. with a view to establishing the price that the city will pay for their holdings in the subways.

It was frankly stated at the conference that the LaGuardia administration is prepared to give the present bondholders of the subways a guarantee that the city will take the proper steps to pay the interest on the traction bonds, and that this will be accomplished on the basis of a "self-supporting" fare.

A seven-cent fare is seen as a swiftly approaching probability if the LaGuardia government carries out its guarantees to the Wall Street bankers.

Minor to Debate Thomas on Friday

NEW YORK.—Robert Minor, Communist candidate for Mayor of the City of New York, and Norman Thomas, Socialist, will debate on "Which American Party Will Lead the Workers to Socialism, the Communist or the Socialist Party?"

The debate will take place at the Bronx Labor Center, 809 Westchester Ave., Bronx (Prospect Ave. Station), Friday, Dec. 22, at 8:30 P.M.

was asked to make another trip. Munson is learning that it takes money to operate his shops.

EXECUTIVE ORDER SEEKS TO PREVENT ALL STRIKES AGAINST NRA SLAVE CODES

Aimed at Preventing Rise of New Strike Wave in U. S.

OK's Past Smashing of Walkouts Through Fake Promises

By HARRY GANNES

NEW YORK CITY.—Greater strikebreaking powers, opening the way for wide fascist attacks on all strikers and trade unions, were granted to the National Labor Board by an executive order signed by President Roosevelt in Washington today.

Realizing that the workers are becoming disgruntled with the repeated smashing of strikes through fake promises of the N. R. A., Roosevelt empowers the National Labor Board to step into every controversy between workers and bosses and dictate terms to the workers to prevent strikes.

The most vital section of the new, vicious order, designed to still further restrict the rights of the workers, reads that the National Labor Board "shall continue to adjust all industrial disputes, whether arising out of the interpretation and operation of the President's re-employment agreement, or any duly approved industrial code of fair competition, and to compose all conflicts threatening the industrial peace of the country."

Carrying Out Threats

Concretely, this means an extension and widening of the tactics used to break the Weirton Steel Co. strike and the Budd Auto Body Manufacturing Co. strike.

By executive order, President Roosevelt is now carrying out the threats of outlawing all strikes made by General Johnson and Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins at the last A. F. of L. Convention in Washington. At that time the A. F. of L. officials applauded and supported this threat against strikes which were retarding the efforts of the Roosevelt regime to shackle the workers with N. R. A. codes.

In both the Weirton and Budd strikes the N. R. A. stepped in, ordering the workers to return to work under the promise that they would not be discriminated against and would have the right of election to choose their own representatives.

In the Weirton Steel Co., after the N. R. A. broke the strike, the bosses fired 2,500 workers, and through threats and intimidation forced the workers to participate in company

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Company Union This Month, R. R. Plan

Shopcraft Employees Send Protest

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 19.—Representatives of the 35,000 shopcraft employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad, threatened with company unions, sent a letter to Joseph B. Eastman, federal railroad conciliator, asking for a hearing. The letter followed a meeting of chairmen of regional general committees in Pittsburgh and represented the sentiment of the men. The union officials ask for continuation of their right to deal with the company, which is threatening.

Budd Co., Retains Its Scabs, Co. Union

Labor Board Allows Co. to Discriminate

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—The Budd automobile part manufacturing company refused to hire back men who had been on strike, refused to allow them to hold a new election to select their representatives to deal with the company. Budd, in a letter to the National Labor Board, made it clear he will not deal with any union but the company union, which he controls. The National Labor Board has allowed the Budd company to deny the workers the "right to collective bargaining."

Labor Board Orders Taxi Strikers Back

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 19.—The National Labor Board, which has now been given dictatorial powers to outlaw strikes by decision of President Roosevelt, has ordered the taxi drivers to go back to work at once. The order is for the taxi strikers to return to work without any agreement or demands won, and "all disputes to be submitted to arbitration," which means a return to work without any strike. The union has not yet stated its action on the Labor Board decision.

The National Labor Board has also ordered the Brotherhood of Transportation Workers to call off a threatened general strike of truck drivers. The officials of this union, it is reported, have called off the strike.

Our Thanks to the Thousands Who Helped Us in the "Drive"

THE 18,745 WORKERS WHO CONTRIBUTED ARE URGED TO BUILD SUSTAINING FUND, AND INCREASE CIRCULATION

Dear Comrades:

WE wish, today, to express our most sincere appreciation to our readers and supporters for their generous and inspiring response to our \$40,000 campaign to maintain the Daily Worker.

Our warmest thanks go to every contributor, whether their contribution was ten cents or ten dollars. It was the collective efforts and the collective sacrifice, with each worker giving in accordance with his means, that has shown the excellent revolutionary spirit of our supporters.

\$36,762.34 has been raised to date. But still more significant—this amount was given by 18,745 workers! This compares with 15,806 in our last campaign for funds, an increase of almost 3,000 contributors.

Does this not show, comrades, a inspiring increase in workers' support for our paper? We believe it does. It indicates not only an increase in readers (our circulation since Aug. 15th, has increased 10,000 copies daily), but an increase in the number of readers who view the Daily Worker as their paper. It proves the growing strength of the revolutionary workers' movement, led by the Communist Party, which stands solidly back of our paper.

ALMOST \$97,000 has been raised. A little over three thousand dollars must be raised still to put the drive over the top. We believe that

without further appeals in the columns of the paper this amount will be secured.

To avoid misunderstanding, we emphasize the need of completing the campaign in the Districts until in each case the quota is reached and where possible surpassed. This will then cover our past debts, enable us to meet the first payments on the new press, and insure the continued publication of the Daily Worker for the next period. This can be done, comrades, if each District, still lagging in the campaign, goes over the top.

With this expression of appreciation for the excellent work already done, and with our appeal to the few lagging Districts to complete their quota, we officially end the \$40,000 campaign.

WE know that this does not end the workers' support for the Daily Worker.

We ask our comrades to maintain the same close relations with the paper now as during the heat of the drive. Help us now through suggestions and criticism to make our paper a better paper. Help us, through letters and reports, to more completely reflect the needs and struggles of the workers.

We also ask, comrades, that you aid us in further extending the circulation of the Daily Worker. During the past period since the en-

largement of the paper the daily circulation has increased 10,000 and the Saturday circulation more than 15,000. This was without any special circulation efforts. Now, a circulation campaign is being prepared, to begin with our 10th anniversary edition on Jan. 6th. We appeal to all our readers to aid this campaign.

Finally, we urge those who can to continue their contributions weekly or monthly to a permanent Daily Worker Sustaining Fund. Likewise we urge organizations to continue to arrange house parties and other affairs for the Daily's benefit. This will greatly help in strengthening our financial position.

AGAIN, comrades, we express our deep appreciation for your support. On our part we pledge ourselves to strive to make your paper a better organizer and fighter in our revolutionary struggle against American capitalism for a Soviet America.

Comradely,
C. A. BATHAWAY, for the Editorial Staff.
GEORGE WISHNACK, for the Business Management.

Tuesday's receipts	188.67
Previous total	36,573.67
TOTAL TO DATE	36,762.34

Demonstrate for Jobs or Cash Aid Thursday at HRB Trial of the Williams' Family Is Put Off

NEW YORK.—Demanding jobs or cash relief, hundreds of workers led by the Downtown Committee of Action...

Lay Plans for Fight on Soaring Prices Conference Scores Nazi "Trial"

NEW YORK.—At a conference against the high cost of living sponsored by the Unemployed Councils of East Bronx...

35 FROM LITHUANIAN GROUP DELAIR, N. J.—The members of the American Lithuanian Literature Society...

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200 White Collar Men Protest Wage Cut Given by CWA

NEW YORK.—Two hundred white collar workers from three unions protested yesterday at Frederick Daniels, state C. W. A. head...

Members of Big Six Oppose Officials' Move to Arbitrate

NEW YORK.—President Rouse arbitrarily shut off debate on the newspaper scale and threatened to "put out of the hall" those who insisted on being heard...

Pass Buck on Jobs for Needle Workers CWA Head Admits But 12,000 Put to Work

NEW YORK.—Passing the "buck" on all the demands raised by the Needle Trades Unemployed Council delegation yesterday, Mrs. Inez Ross, head of the Single Workers Division...

Sharp Decline in Jobs and Payrolls Admits Mrs. Perkins

Labor Secretary, "is estimated at 234,000 with an estimate \$3,000 additional in the non-manufacturing group. The decrease in payrolls is estimated to represent a drop of approximately \$7,300,000 in factory workers' pay envelopes in November compared with weekly disbursements in October."

Elect Officers in Hatters Local Today

NEW YORK.—The member of Local 8 of the United Hatters of North America will vote for their union officials for the coming year at elections today.

Constitution Up for Discussion at Shoe Union Convention

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 19.—Sessions of the convention to amalgamate the shoe unions of New York and New England into one organization of shoe workers are now being devoted to a discussion of the constitution for the new organization.

Writers' Protest Against N.R.A. Code Forces Strike Vote

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Roosevelt Gives Labor Board Power to Break Strikes

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GUTTERS OF NEW YORK



Gov. Lehman has refused to consider removal charges against Borough President Harvey of Queens. Also after 'careful consideration' dismissed charges of violations of penal and civil service laws against Judge Hetherington and Democratic District Leader John Theofel.

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CWA Man Faints from Starvation Waiting for His Pay Check

NEW YORK.—A worker employed at Dyker Beach Park, C. W. A. job, waiting in the office for his pay check fainted from hunger yesterday. He had been working on the job three weeks and had nothing to live on. He was taken to Kings County Hospital where the case was diagnosed as "starvation."

Demonstrate for Freedom of Four Framed by Nazis

with the brave Communists in the face of the Nazi murder threats. Hundreds of Thousands Watch Spirited and militant from beginning to end the marchers on this day of international working class protest against the Nazi Reichstag fire-trial frame up and threats against the lives of the four defendants, let hundreds of thousands of workers on the sidewalks of New York know that the militant American workers are determined that the Nazi butchers shall not slaughter the innocent defendants.

Protest Resolution "We thousands of workers, professionals, intellectuals, in protest demonstration at the German Consulate, vehemently condemn the proposed execution of Torgler, and the death threats against Dimitroff, Taneff and Popoff by the Hitler Fascist government which you represent."

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Emotional Outlet

JIM BROWNING retained his world's heavyweight wrestling championship by going one hour and forty minutes to a draw with Don George, and a body who sat at ringside had a somnolent and thoughtful time and a chance to look over the turbulent gathering of 8,000 devotees.

There was a well-cast opener involving Vic Christie and Stanley Pinto. It is the function of these curtain raisers to amuse without exciting, to coax the customers into the proper receptivity and to serve as foil for the more remarkable bouts to come.

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WAR PREPARATIONS SEEN IN ROOSEVELT PLAN TO UNITE RADIO-TELEGRAPH

Will Also Cut Wages to Permit Higher Profits

By G. LANDS

NEW YORK.—In the New York Times last Thursday there appeared a huge front page article concerning the official government plans for the communication industry. A study of this industry was requested last spring by President Roosevelt, who felt it of the utmost importance that the government adopt a definite policy in regard to communications. This report has now been laid before the President by the Interdepartmental Communications Committee of which Secretary Roper is the chairman.

The proposal of this committee is that there be established a system of monopolies in the communication industry under direct "government supervision," that there be created a Federal communication commission to have jurisdiction over all interstate and foreign communications, and that that agency have authority similar to that which is held by the Interstate Commerce Commission over the railroads. Secretary Roper termed the report "a study of the necessity for a more definite national policy as to regulations, supervised by a commission or by Federal department unit."

This attention to the telegraph industry is not momentary. The interest that the government has always displayed in this field was shown during the World War when it took over the entire communications industry. It has long been felt by government officials that the telegraph industry was of basic importance, especially in "critical times." That a "critical time" is near at hand is evidenced by the haste with which this measure is being put through in preparation for the coming session of Congress.

Forced Monopoly

Incorporated in the plan of the Interdepartmental Communications Commission is the merging of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies to facilitate the government control. This has been a moot question for many months, although officials of both companies refused to make any definite statements concerning it. The committee states that both these telegraph companies look with favor upon such a move, since it will reduce their expenses and enable them to compete more successfully with other foreign services such as England. Although such a merger was sought some time ago and considered inadvisable because of the anti-trust laws, it is now recognized that at the present time these mergers will be considered "permissive." This is very much in keeping with the Rooseveltian trend towards monopoly and trust control.

For War Purposes

The manner in which the telegraph industry is to be reorganized is by a fusion of all domestic telegraph and radio services into one trust and a separate merger for all foreign communications either by cable or radio. This form of division between domestic and foreign business would be "helpful in case of hostilities and for national defense." Here it is obvious that the consideration around which the whole project revolves is the

OUT OF TOWN AFFAIRS

FOR THE Daily Worker

- Detroit**
Dec. 20th:
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Oppose Democratic Election in Chicago ILGWU Dress Local

Union Now Has 5,000 Members; Opposition Fights Wage Cuts

By a Dressmaker

CHICAGO, Ill.—With the blessing of the N. R. A., the International Ladies Garment Workers union has a union of dressmakers in Chicago numbering five thousand. Prior to the arrival of the Blue Eagle the International consisted of the remnants of the machine left from the break-up of the union in 1928.

The leadership of the dress strike last fall was the hands of the "old-timers" and it was their tactics that were used. No striker was permitted to ask questions or speak on the conduct of the strike. The same tactics were used in ratifying the agreement arrived at between the bosses and these "old-timers"; it could not be challenged by the strikers.

That is why an agreement accepts the classification of the "sub-skilled" which in the plain language of the dressmakers means that the bosses have the right to pay less than the minimum, on the theory that the worker is "sub-skilled" and that he can fire these workers without objection from the union.

This agreement also includes a "re-organization" clause which sacrifices the most elementary union rights. It permits the bosses to fire 10 per cent of the workers each six months. Every union worker knows who will be fired—that element which fights for prices and conditions in the shop.

To prevent the dressmakers from enforcing the gains that were gained by the agreement, there is a clause forbidding strikes and stoppages. Immediately after the strike the administration paid its "debts" and business agents were appointed to the tune of \$50 a week.

Our worse fears of the agreement have been realized. There has been wholesale firing. Profits have been reduced far below the minimum. Permission to work overtime is regularly granted, while hundreds of jobless dressmakers walk the streets.

It was then that our opposition began to grow. Our program, which was for a struggle against wage cuts, firing, reorganization and the classification of sub-skilled, and which stressed the need for democracy in the union, was widely accepted. The opposition put forth a demand for elections which received the backing of the dressmakers to such an extent that the administration was forced to agree.

A number of the leading members of the opposition were nominated for the office of business agent. All of these nominees were rejected by the Joint Board. The reason given was that they had not been members for one year. This was supposed to be a liberal ruling, inasmuch as the constitution calls for two years, but this apparent liberality meant nothing, since the union was actually born in the month of September, 1933. Local 100, for instance, now has around four thousand members, and one year ago it had fifteen members.

This ruling means that all these dressmakers who now make up the dress union of the I. L. W. U. in Chicago have no right to choose their own officers.

The real reason for rejecting the Progressive candidates is their campaign for a struggle against firings, reorganizations and wage cuts, and their demand for more democracy in the union.

National Events

PLAN LENIN MEMORIAL MEETING
DETROIT.—Communist Party, Dist. 7, is calling a conference of representatives of workers' organizations to make plans for the Lenin Memorial meeting next month. The conference will be held Saturday, Dec. 23, 2 p.m., at John Reed Club, 108 W. Hancock.

ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCE
CHICAGO.—Communist Party, Dist. 5, will hold an entertainment and dance Saturday, Dec. 22, at Sybil Hall, 37th St. The program will include films for its shop concentration work.

COMMUNIST PARTY BAZAAR
ROXBURY, Mass.—Communist Party Night at the Annual Bazaar will be held by the New England district of the Communist Party, Wednesday night, December 20, at the New International Hall, 42 Wenonah St., Roxbury, Mass.

C. W. A. Cuts Wages Below Promised Minimum; Refuses Jobs to Negroes, Women, Single Men

Chicago Single Men Win 1,100 C. W. A. Jobs



A demonstration of single men in Chicago, called by the Unemployed Councils, won 1,100 jobs from the C. W. A., which has been discriminating against the many thousand single men and women. Carl Lockner, Secretary of the Unemployed Federation, is shown addressing the demonstration. Lockner led the delegation to the C. W. A. offices.

Jobless Convention to Take Up C.W.A.

Unemployed workers who are seeking C. W. A. jobs in vain, and those now working on C. W. A. projects, write in to the Daily Worker from all parts of the country. These letters, some of which are quoted in the accompanying article expose the fact that wages are being cut below the promised minimum, discrimination is general, fired workers get no relief, and that millions are seeking jobs in vain.

The protest against the conditions under the Civil Workers Administration is an important part of the campaign for the national convention against unemployment, to be held in Washington, D. C., Jan. 15. The national convention of the unemployed will formulate a national program for the C. W. A. workers. The convention will unite all the local struggles of the C. W. A. workers into one national struggle for the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill and for the demands of the C. W. A. workers.

CWA Men Waiting for 5 Day Salaries

Iron Town Men Fired Till Things Move Better

VIRGINIA, Minn.—C. W. A. workers on the Mesaba Iron Range here have worked only two to five days since installation of the projects, have been cut off relief on this excuse and are being kept waiting weeks for their wages.

In Virginia the C. W. A. worked two days and then were laid off indefinitely on the excuse the foremen have to go to school to learn how to clear the woods.

In Embarras, a small farming community, the men worked two to five days on a C. W. A. project, and were laid off in order for the officials to get things moving better. After the men were put into the C. W. A. their families were immediately cut off relief. Farmers here have waited more than two weeks for the resumption of their C. W. A. jobs.

Winch Kills Fisherman

VINEYARD HAVEN, Dec. 18.—Dora Howlett, a fisherman on the schooner May IV, was killed yesterday when he became entangled and was drawn into the winch.

12 Die in African Mine

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 18.—Ten whites and two Europeans were killed here when a pillar crashed, throwing them into a deep mine shaft.

Gale Kills Two, Wrecks Four Vessels

SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—Gales and rainstorms on the Pacific coast took two lives, disabled four ships, wrecked many small craft and flooded many cities in this vicinity.

Short Circuit Delays Trains

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A short circuit of unknown origin in Pennsylvania station today caused a delay of all trains for four hours. A fire which broke out due to the short circuit, caused no damage.

Letters from Jobless Show Discrimination; No Pay When Sick; Most Workers Can't Get Jobs; Lies of Roosevelt Exposed

By CARL REEVE

NEW YORK.—The C.W.A. as it actually works out on the job, cuts wages below the minimum promised by Roosevelt, discriminates against many sections of the unemployed, and fires many off the job without returning them to relief. The unemployed workers correspondence to the Daily Worker shows that the C.W.A. workers throughout the country are bitterly protesting against conditions imposed upon them by the C.W.A. The small fraction given jobs have won better conditions only where an organized fight of the workers has been carried on, these letters show.

Wages Cut by C.W.A.

A letter from a C.W.A. worker from Winter Park, Florida, gives a typical example of the swindling of the workers carried on by the C.W.A. "It was clearly stated by the Federal Civil Works program that common labor was to receive forty cents an hour," writes this worker, "with a thirty-hour week, totaling twelve dollars per week. The first Saturday we received the pay at forty cents an hour. The next Saturday, with no notice whatsoever, we were paid at the rate of thirty cents an hour. The shock to all employees was great. We were all in debt."

Mass. Silk Local of 400 Votes to Break Away from A. F. L.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 19.—Silk Workers of the College Weavers, who were organized into the United Textile Workers' Union following a strike last March, voted to withdraw from the A. F. L. union and return their charter to the national office, at a membership meeting last Friday night. There are about 400 members in the local.

Firing of Workers

After the workers receive C.W.A. jobs, discrimination does not cease. The Florida worker, quoted above, says of discrimination, "The foreman told the men, that if they were dismissed for any reason whatsoever, they would receive no more help or employment of any kind, from city, state, or federal government."

3 Detroit Workers Face Court Thurs.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 19.—Three young workers, who were arrested while protesting the Scottsboro verdict and the Hitler terror last Wednesday afternoon, will be tried Thursday, Dec. 21, by a jury trial at Recorder's Court under Judge Boyne.

Painting a Gloomy Outlook

Despite all the baloney which he himself indulges in on behalf of the New Deal, Mr. Wallace cannot help admitting the unfavorable outlook, at best—the muddled uncertainty of the future. Here are some of his statements:

"The economic conditions and restricted domestic demand may not change for the better quickly.

"Industrialization and the rush to the cities may have gone too far. We may be entering a prolonged period of urban unemployment.

"Centralization in huge plants appears to have gone too far. It may be necessary to modify our former ideal of a highly efficient commercial agriculture, and to facilitate so-called 'subsistence farming.'

Farmers Know All About It

The admissions of failure contained in the report of the Secretary of Agriculture, the facts revealing the true beneficiaries of the A.A.A., the figures proving that the condition of the farmers today has not improved and that in the terms of the New Deal—all this may be shocking news to some innocent souls who have been duped by the New Deal propaganda. For the mass of poor farmers there is nothing new in this report. Of their bitter plight they know from their own bitter experience. The true meaning of the New Deal has come to them in the terms of evictions, foreclosures, starvation incomes, mounting costs of living. While the New Deal offers them no better hope for the future than a set of exploded phrases, the farmers are beginning to seek a way of their own, the way of revolutionary fight against the system which breeds unemployment and ruin. The revolt of the farmers is more than mere opposition to this or that policy of the present administration. It is becoming more and more a revolt against the whole profit system. Therein lies the only hope of the masses of poor farmers, therein lies the mortal danger to the profit system which the prophets of the New Deal seek to save and perpetuate.

Small Farmers' Income Cut Through Price Increases in Fertilizer, Manufactured Goods They Have to Buy

The policy of crop and acreage reduction is the core of the agricultural program of the New Deal. Most of the farmers' ills are attributed by Mr. Wallace to the large "surpluses" of various farm commodities. These "surpluses," he explains, are a result of the reduced agricultural exports which fell from about 16 per cent of the total production in 1920 to about 7 per cent last year. Yet he admits that "agricultural difficulties result in part from production in excess of consumers' needs and in part from under-consumption." The policy of crop reduction should result in thinning out the large carry-overs and in a rise of prices in accordance with the law of supply and demand. This is the basic tenet of Mr. Wallace's economics. But he is also mindful of the fact that higher prices tend to decrease the domestic demand and thus aggravate the condition of under-consumption.

Rising Food Prices Aid Only Profiteers; Farmers, Workers Hit

of commodities the farmers buy rose 17 per cent and are 119 per cent of the pre-war level. He cannot suppress the fact that:

"Part of the consumers' dollar goes now to support wasteful and unnecessary competition, duplication of selling expense, a needless multiplicity of so-called services to the consumers, dubious credit arrangements, and various unethical practices."

What part of the consumers' dollar is thus diverted to the coffers of the profiteer, the Secretary of Agriculture does not state, but we have seen in the case of the milk distributing monopolies that 81c of the consumers' dollar goes to the distributors and only 19 cents to the dairy farmer.

Similar profiteering proceeds obtain in the case of cotton, wheat, tobacco, meat and in other basic farm commodities. The processing tax, inflation and various other devices for increasing the cost of living have resulted merely in increasing the profits of the capitalist gangs that stand between the farmer and the consumer.

Mr. Wallace makes a fraudulent statement when he says that "for years now consumers have had farm products at less than cost." He knows very well that the consumer has been paying right along exorbitant prices of which the farmer received only a papper's share while profiteers got the rest.

And when we speak of consumers we must bear in mind that the farmers themselves contribute about one-third of the consuming public. The farmers' food bill is increased in addition to the higher cost of manufactured non-agricultural goods,

Shop Forum Draws Workers To Defense of Soviet Union

Scottsboro Discussion, Interrupted by Rumor of War on the Soviets, Emphasizes Lynching As Part of War Plans

(By a Worker Correspondent)
BROOKLYN, N. Y.—We held weekly forums in the lunchroom in the Bleyer Shop, which produces paper plate and paper cups. This week we had a very interesting event take place, which I want other workers to read about.

We were holding one of our weekly shop forums in the lunchroom at 12:30, discussing Scottsboro and mobilizing the workers of the Bleyer Shop for Saturday's demonstration. A few minutes after the speaker had begun, one of the workers, an old German fellow, looking worried and anxious, rushed in, went over to one of the leading comrades, whispered a few words to him, took a seat at another table and spoke to a worker seated next to him. In a minute there was a murmuring all over the room. The speaker was unable to continue and asked the cause of the disturbance. It was then announced that this fellow, while having his lunch in a restaurant heard on the radio that Germany had declared war on the Soviet Union.

All the workers were hooed at the report, became indignant. One cried out, "We'll make it a real demonstration tomorrow."

In the period usually allotted to questions, the workers demanded discussion on the war situation. Another of the comrades spoke, linking up the attempt to legally lynch the Scottsboro boys with war preparations, pointing out how the ruling class is trying to divide the ranks of the workers, white against black, in order to weaken the resistance of the masses and to lead them into another world war and into an attack on the Soviet Union.

In the meantime, one of the comrades called up the Daily Worker and found that no such report had been received. Still later, it was learned that the worker who heard the news, heard it mentioned only as a rumor. For fully one hour after work began the whole factory was still excitedly discussing the war question. Although everyone understood it was

just a rumor, they saw clearly the immediate danger of war, and the necessity for action against war. I must explain how we won the right from the boss to hold these forums. We have held them for the last seven years. In the very beginning, Comrade Ray Rakozin was invited to speak for several weeks in success. Then the comrades of the factory developed their own speakers.

It took some time before the bosses were aware of these forums. They demanded they be stopped. The workers, through their committee, insisted that it was not the business of the bosses how the workers conducted themselves during their lunch period. Negotiations followed for about two months, during which time the forums continued regularly. Finally the bosses said all right, have the forum, but not in the factory. Have it in the dining room. In the old building the dining room was small and not very airy. So the workers continued to hold it in the factory, with no further interference on the part of the bosses. What is very significant is that while the factory was moving from the old building to the new one, a little ways up on the same avenue, some workers who were still in the old building walked over to the new building every Thursday just for the shop forum.

This forum is under the leadership of the Party nucleus in the shop. It has increased in membership from 30 and 40, to about 60 and 70. They are held every Thursday, and only on special occasions on other days, such as the necessity for a strong mobilization for the Scottsboro demonstration.

NOTE:

We publish letters from textile, needle, shoe and leather workers every Wednesday. Workers in these industries are urged to write us of their conditions of work, and of their struggles to organize. Get the letters to us by Saturday of each week.

Gloversville Leather Workers Tell How They Learned Value of "Daily"

Fearlessly Defended Interests of Strike in Fulton County

(By a Leather Worker Correspondent)

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y.—This is from a new reader of the Daily Worker. Though I read several copies before, they did not receive the attention they merited as I did not then agree with the policies expressed therein.

Being a worker, I cannot but help support a working class paper that aids us in our struggles. It has been clear that the Daily has done this by fearlessly defending the interests of the workers. Since the strike in Fulton County of 2,000 tanners, many working in the mills find that they need the Daily to guide them.

Many of the readers of the Daily Worker have followed the strike of the Leather Workers Union of Fulton County with great interest, knowing that this is but another proof of the awakening of the masses to an understanding of their revolutionary role in making the workers of Fulton County conscious of their class and power.

This strike has been a landmark of progress of workers in this county. Fulton County has been a reactionary center where the workers have been grossly misused, suffering out after cut in wages with the back of the workers bowed deeper under each succeeding cut.

Comrade Solomon showed the path for the workers to follow. Dispelling and dissipating the opposition which he, like other Communist leaders, encountered in the form of a red scare, he showed that this form of attack by the bosses was but a means to beloud the issue of economic justice to the workers.

The workers know now that the Communist Party provides able and militant leadership in carrying on the struggles against the bosses. The Daily Worker is doing its part in making the workers of Fulton County class conscious. Comrade Solomon has introduced the Daily Worker to the workers here. Workers are finding the truth in this paper.

The Daily Worker will furnish the inspiration for a Communist Party in Fulton County to lead the workers to new victories. I appreciated the excellent article of Michael Gold in the Dec. 11 issue.

An ex-striker,
—I. Berlin
(Signature Authorized)

Dye Workers Find AFL Heads Like Dues Better Than Unity

Didn't Want Their Followers to Get Help of Union That Charged 50 Cents a Month Less

(By a Textile Worker Correspondent)

PATERSON, N. J.—I was in a Weidmann Dye Shop meeting, called by the Chairman, Joe, "the rat of the A. F. of L." In their meeting the speakers spoke about unity of the workers and he refused to let me talk at the meeting. The A. F. of L. believes that the only way we can get unity is to join the A. F. of L.

But after the meeting with a small group of A. F. of L. members, James Gorley, chairman of the Weidmann Local of N. T. W. U. and M. M. Brown, organizer of the N. T. W. U., and Herbert Suel, who was chairman of the General Dye Strike Committee of N. T. W. U., talked about the shop committee of both unions, and that would be unity, and how the A. F. of L. leaders tried to sell out our strike, and broke our dye strike just when we would have won it; that the A. F. of L. leaders did not fight with us on the picket lines; that they do not fight for the workers.

We asked them, how can you have unity in a union where the leaders

New Reader Sends His Thanks for "Real Good Workers' Paper"

(By a Leather Worker Correspondent)

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y.—I am a leather worker in Gloversville. I started to read the paper during our strike. Although a new reader, permit me to state something about my mill.

I am working for the Wood & Hyde Co.

Two years ago Mr. Hyde invited us to a gathering. He told us to bring our wives or sweethearts. They treated us with elder and doughnuts. Mr. Hyde, Jr., who spends his leisure time in Hollywood and Africa, came and showed moving pictures how the animals are killed. Mr. Hyde lectured for us and promised a real good season. Then he gave every one of us a bushel of apples which he did not have to pay for because he got it from his uncle's farm. Many of the workers thought he was our friend.

One week later we found that the apples cost us a lot of money. He cut our wages. We had two wage cuts in four weeks. The brushers' pay was cut 33-1/3 per cent and then he cut 15 per cent more in other departments. Also big cuts in the beam shop.

But now we are organized. We have a union. This is our best Christmas present because we feel we fought for our rights and got it. We received a raise in pay of about 25 per cent and some shops got more.

As for Mr. Hyde, Jr., he is the over-head that draws \$5,000 a year from our hard earned money. He spends his time in Hollywood. He would not even step into the mill. The smell is not good for him. The only thing he did when he was home was to collect from us workers money for the Home Fund Charity. He got from us \$5 a year. But when we were on strike the Home Fund told us "No money" and it is being collected only by the bosses while we pay for it. Lots of thanks for your real good workers' paper.

Letters from Readers Approve New "Daily"

HOW EVERY WORKER CAN BECOME A PARTY ORGANIZER

Dear Comrades:

I have a very good friend who has shown what a Communist can do. Comrade Joe Torg has organized a Jewish I. W. O. school of fifteen children. From that school he organized a Pioneer Group of 25 children. From these groups he organized a branch of the I. W. O. With these children's parents he built a center.

It so happened that I was there when he first started to organize, and I said the chances were poor. I happened to attend an affair by this group. It was so packed that these groups could not find a seat. And the good part of it was that two-thirds of the members of the branch are from the American Legion and also from the American Federation of Labor.

Comrade Torg made an appeal for the Party, which brought the collection to \$15. Now he is running an affair for the Daily Worker.

He also ran an affair for the Freiheit. I can't read the Freiheit, and therefore I don't know just what the collection was.

Comrades, this is how every Party member can become an organizer. Just put in a little time.

I live in the neighborhood, and I have started to do the same work that Comrade Torg has done.

H. GLENN.
(Signature authorized)

THREE CENTS FOR 'DAILY' NOT TOO MUCH

Comrade Editor:

In reply to J. Z. that the extra penny keeps many workers from buying the D. W., I for one do not agree with him, since I notice many workers eagerly spending 3 cents on bourgeois papers which contain absolutely nothing of interest or in defense of the working class.

Dear J. Z., it is not the added penny that prevents the ordinary worker from buying the D. W. It is rather the misunderstanding of Communism that really does prevent the vast majority of our fellow workers from buying and reading the Daily Worker, and it is this very misunderstanding that the "kept" press thrives upon.

We must do our utmost to help make the D. W. popular and successful.

J. M.

P. S.—Some months ago I had to change my daily travels from the I. R. T. to the independent subway, 170th Street and the Concourse. The first morning I asked the newsstand man for the D. W. I was told, "No calls for same." But I decided to try my best and have him keep some on his stand. So the next morning I told him that I will pay him one week in advance. He agreed. First he sold about four copies a day. Now he sells about twelve every day. This station is quite some distance from home, but consider it worth while. Trust others will do likewise.

WHAT A SECTION ORGANIZER THINKS OF THE "DAILY"

Boy, that sketch of James Gentry, Negro sharecropper, Arkansas, and his interview with Ben Field will go swell with the members and non-members of the F. P. A. and the L. S. N. R. here.

Both were grand issues. The Daily Worker has been consistently better. Unfortunately it can not be 12 pages daily, so that it could include more features, which the American newspaper reader is accustomed to be served with. We can utilize these features to our own advantage, as for instance Ben Field's stuff.

Another thing that strikes me in the new Daily Worker is that it seems to treat current topics more completely, and timely, contracting the capitalist leading stories. While it is noticeable that you devote more space and better writing and reporting to the main stories, their length necessarily imposes upon available space, and usually there are fewer short stories from the Middle West and the

West. Perhaps that is the fault of correspondents. I appreciate that the industrial East is our concentration, and naturally new news flows therefrom.

The Party Life column should be a regular feature, and comrades should be encouraged to send in material. And with this I pledge to make a report soon.

But, as an afterthought, no use making suggestions of the kind, since you are aware of them but lack the space and finances to broaden and carry out your plans. So the thing for us to do everywhere is to save the "Daily" by fulfilling our quota and then some. We propose to make penny contributions throughout the year into our "Daily Fund," since we are so poverty stricken that it is difficult to make a showing in our drive.

Section Organizer,
C. P., Arkansas.

HELPING THE "DAILY" TO LIVE

Twin Falls, Idaho.

The more I read the Daily Worker, the more I like it. It sure gives no uncertain sound, fearless of the truth, and news to hit regardless of who the chips may lie. The editorials are worth more than the paper cost.

It has only one interest, and that is the interest of the toiling masses and all lands, and that is so plain all workers who read may understand. I doubt if it is excelled by any publication in the land.

But I am sorry for one thing, that it has to take up so much of its valuable space appealing for donations to keep it alive. I hope that conditions may soon change. But I am not criticizing.

Workers, fight for more and better wages so you can live and read the paper you love, the paper that is fighting for your cause. It will do its part if we do ours.

Action is more than words, so to help the Daily I enclose \$1 to apply on the Doctor's (spinach) contest.

W. W. C.

DAILY WORKER STREET SALES

Chicago, Ill.

Comrade Editor:

I haven't seen any articles giving advice for street sales of the "Daily." I think there would be a decided jump in street sales if the salesmen would insist on the toiling masses in hawking the paper. Emphasis should be laid on such items as relief cuts, relief victories, strikes, police terror, lynchings, Scottsboro news, U.S.S.R. accomplishments, exposures of fascism in the U. S., etc.

In general, the news on the front page should be such as has a broad appeal to workers as a class, not just to small sections. However, I think the "Daily" is continually improving in this respect. The next task is to impress on all salesmen and readers how to utilize this broad appeal in getting new readers.

—A. C.

UNIT GETS WORKERS CLUB TO HELP IN "DAILY" DRIVE

Dear Comrade:

Unit 4 of the Rockford Section in the district of the toiling masses funds for the Daily Worker, decided to ask a sympathetic organization, the Scandinavian Workers Club of Rockford, to assist in the running of an affair.

The club, when approached, readily agreed to do so. Non-party workers even insisted that the club donate its full free of charge, which was unanimously agreed upon. The result was very good, the sum of \$7.05 being raised through the holding of this affair. Members of the club wanted the "Daily" in the club rooms was decided that a half a year's subscription be taken out of the profits, the rest going as a donation from the club and unit jointly.

This shows that the "Daily" has won the confidence of the masses and that the Party units and individual members can get very ready response for the support of the Daily Worker.

The unit wishes to express its appreciation of the greatly improved paper that is now being put out, with

such features as Mike Gold, the very witty Doctor Luttinger, the sport reviews (could they be more simplified and made more interesting?)

The latter column should have the best support possible because of the general low level of political understanding among the women.

In closing, the unit calls upon the units in the Rockford Section to increase their activities for the "Daily." The \$15 which we have raised in our "No money" drive is not the best result we could have attained if we really worked, and we call upon the other units in the section to pass this sum. We promise to be back with more funds very shortly, let us have real shock brigade work for our FIGHTING DAILY WORKER.

D. W. AGENT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST

Whitewater, Wis.

Dear Comrades:

The enclosed bill was sent to me by Comrade B. Brink of Milwaukee with the request that I pay for it. Of course I am so used to paying the "Daily" bills so I thought I may just as well pay a worker's bill.

You will notice from my information that Comrade Strode's home and family have been broken up by the city and county officials for selling the Daily Worker and for his activities in the Unemployed Council in the city of Whitewater, Wis.

The facts are that Comrade G. Strode and his wife were taken by the deputy sheriff from their home to the County Insane Asylum first, and now they are back working on the County Farm in Elkhorn, Wis. One of their children that was crippled from malnutrition, was sent by the county judge to a hospital at Madison. Two other children have been sent to the Government Reform Camp. That happened the first part in August.

The whole family of six had been on the county jail for almost three years previous to the breaking up of their home and family life.

The county poor rations amounted to about 6 cents a day in food. Quite often the food was not fit to eat. It happened to be in Chicago when that happened. But as soon as I received the bill, I happened to be in Chicago. I had notified the office of the I.L.D. in Milwaukee, as Comrade Strode and his oldest son were members of it. I also notified Comrade J. Sokat of Racine of what happened to Strode's family.

Enclosed is a check for \$3.50-\$1.50 to be applied to the payment of Comrade Strode's bill and \$2 is to be applied for the subscription of the Daily Worker, which is to be sent to my address below.

—C. K.

MICHIGAN'S "LIBERAL" ATTORNEY GENERAL

Detroit, Mich.

Dear Comrade Editor:

Michigan has one of these Liberals warning the chair of the State Attorney General, Patrick Henry O'Brien, named for the great Virginian Rebel (who fortunately was dead ere he learned of the disgrace), is one of these poseurs who can shed tears (River Nile variety) over "My Hat Ma Gandhi" or the bourgeois misleaders of the Irish working class who terrorize their own people (Sinn Fein). But his department knows nothing of the administration of justice (laughter) in Michigan.

That is exactly the thing about which the Department of the Attorney-General should know. "There is a Law of God or Man north of forty-three!" Somewhere east of Suez, where there ain't no Ten Commandments! These poetic designations could well apply to the Ford Company Town of Dearborn and every other company town of Michigan.

Pat Henry O'Brien always knows nothing of the "facts of the case" when his attention is drawn to company town justice. Why does not this "Liberal" open the investigation into the Ford Massacre and the Pontiac kidnapping and flogging of workers? Why have the workers of Michigan not demanded this at mass meetings? Act now!

Chrysler Employee.

PARTY LIFE Former Farmer-Laborite Tells Why He Joined C. P.

Statement Shows Possibilities to Win Over Rank and File of Reformist Parties

The following statement was issued by a former member of the Farmer-Labor Party, who has joined the Communist Party. This letter indicates the great possibilities for convincing the rank and file within the Farmer-Labor Party of the correctness of the program of the Communist Party. This statement should be utilized in the present recruiting drive to win the honest workers, who are now members of the Farmer Labor Party, into our ranks.

WHY I JOINED THE COMMUNIST PARTY

By P. S., Former Farmer-Laborite
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—It would have to be a lengthy statement if I should give a complete and detailed summary of why I changed from the Farmer-Labor Party to the Communist Party. Here I wish to give the

Detroit Pledges to Raise \$500 More to Help Get New Press

DETROIT, Mich.—To help the Daily Worker install its new press, Detroit district pledges to raise \$500 in addition to its quota of \$2,000 already raised in the \$40,000 drive.

The Greek Workers' club, under the leadership of the Greek Workers Educational Club, the first foreign language group to fulfill its quota, \$40, will raise at least \$10 extra for the new press.

Flint, Mich., with a quota of \$15, raised \$44.63, one worker alone, J. F. B., contributing \$15 of his wages to help the "Daily" install its new press. Flint will raise at least \$50. Grand Rapids, Mich., with a quota of \$80, is already credited with \$54.77, with good prospects that the total will reach over \$75 in the very new future.

Section 1, raised \$212.65 on a quota of \$150; section 2, \$78.17 on a quota of \$50; section 3, \$130.38 on a pledge of \$125; section 4, \$275.05 on a quota of \$200; section 5, \$244.80 on a quota of \$200; section 6, \$124.36 on a quota of \$150; section 7, \$238.23 on a quota of \$300. There is no doubt that the last two sections will soon raise their full quotas, and more than so over the top to help the Daily Worker meet the expense of the new press.

The \$40,000 drive in this district has already shown a greater determination and cooperation on the part of workers, party members, workers' organizations to do their full share to support our fighting paper than any previous similar drive.

500 Prospect Club Members to Attend Tenth Anniversary

NEW YORK—The Prospect Workers Club is the first workers' organization to announce officially that it will participate one hundred per cent in the tenth anniversary celebration of the Daily Worker here on Saturday evening, Dec. 30 in the Bronx Coliseum.

Its membership, 500 strong, will march into the large Coliseum, flying the club's banner.

Which workers' club, Party, mass organization or trade union will be the next to make a similar announcement? Rush it to the Daily Worker for publication.

Join the Communist Party

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Please send me more information on the Communist Party.

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Fastest Dress Operator in Chicago Earns \$18 to \$22

(By a Needle Worker Correspondent)

CHICAGO, Ill.—To the workers of the Needle Trades, members of the I.L.G.W.U.:

I am an operator on dresses, when they come into my office. At present I have none. While I was looking for work a few days ago, one of the bosses of a large concern felt like talking. He made a speech, telling me that in New York every operator makes the scale and more.

I would appreciate it very much if someone would write to the Daily

Worker and explain conditions as they really are in the dress shops of New York and other cities.

The prices in the dress shops of Chicago have been cut so low that the operator cannot make the scale. The fastest operator, when working full time, earns from \$18 to \$22.

The finishers are week workers, in most of the shops, but in many cases, the slow worker is put on as a helper, earning \$13 a week, instead of \$18.75.

Mary Politzer.
(Signature authorized)

How Armour's Dept. Stopped Overtime Gyp

(By a Packing House Worker)

CHICAGO, Ill.—It has been said in Armour's Sheep Kill Department that it was impossible for us to finish killing on time. But it has been seen that this is untrue. On Dec. 5 there was a lead distributed in our department demanding that they stop gyping us. Since that time the boss has seen to it that we get out on time, and here is the leaflet that did the trick:

STOP GYPING

"Armour Sheep Kill Department Workers:

"We are being gyped from one-half to two hours overtime a week per man. We want pay for what we do, not promises to let us out early some other time. We do the work. We wear out our shoes, clothes, and our bodies every day and we want pay for what we do, as we justly deserve.

"One man doing two men's work for less than one man's pay in this department. They speed up chain men in afternoon.

"Bebore bonus we used to do 50 to 60 sheep an hour. Now we do 30 to 100 sheep an hour. They pay checker \$37 a week to see we do equal to bonus work, but they quit paying bonus. Swifts, Wilsons, Hammonds still pay bonus.

"Let us demand pay for all overtime a return of bonus. Let us build our union that we need so much to get what we want.

"Armour Sheep Kill Department Committee, Packing House Workers Industrial Union.

"(You can join the union by going to headquarters, 10 W. 47th St., or 4848 S. Ashland Ave., or seeing one of the members in the department.)"

The leaflet was gotten out by a group of us in the department getting together, discussing our grievances and then deciding to write the leaflet. Everybody was satisfied that we started some good work and everyone joined the union.

The day the leaflet was distributed, the overtime gyping stopped and we intend to keep it stopped. That same day the number of union men in that department doubled.

This shows that the union can help us in any department right away. The bosses will make concessions if we show our teeth. Every department in the stock yards do likewise!

Antone S. New Bedford.—You failed to give us your street address and we are therefore unable to send you the material you request or answer your questions. Please send us your address so we can reply.

Helping the Daily Worker Through Helen Luke

Contributions received to the credit of Helen Luke in her Socialist competition with Michael Gold, Dr. Luttinger, Edward Newhouse and Jacob Burck to raise \$1,000 in the \$40,000 Daily Worker Drive:

M. Vainopoulos, Virginia.....\$ 1.48
Previous Total.....\$169.23
TOTAL TO DATE.....\$169.23

Send your greetings to the 24-page Tenth Anniversary edition of the Daily Worker. Rush them to us before Dec. 23.



CONDUCTED BY HELEN LUKE

In the Home

In a series of articles dealing with the subordinated status of women under capitalism, Dr. H. M. Toozan has pointed out how, under the increasing difficulties imposed on the workers by the deepening economic crisis, the woman suffers more and more disproportionately. In a "civilization" wherein she is casually expected to marry in order to provide for her living, it becomes next to impossible to picture the woman who can no longer afford homes, wives and families. Here is a concrete example of a situation increasingly common: A "GENTLEMAN" CONDUCTOR.

By DR. HARRY M. TOOZAN

A young man and a "young lady" came into my office. The "gentleman" enters first for a secret consultation. "Doctor, I want to know the truth about this girl. I suspect she is a bad girl. I had intended to marry her."

I take the "bad girl" and find out upon a medical examination that she is pregnant, three months and due to become a mother in six more.

I take a more detailed history of the case. Here it is: three months ago was the merry month of May. One nice evening in a big park... staying late into the night... they yielded to the impulses and became lovers. Conception verified: the girl's appeals to the "gentleman"; talks, meetings, dates; nausea, vomiting increased: what is to be done?

I ask her if she is willing to marry the young man and settle the whole affair at once. She jumps up from her seat at the thought of it. "Sure, sure," she cries. "Please, Doctor, help me: talk to him!"

I take in the "gentleman" and start long "diplomatic negotiations" with a "hostile foreign power." "No! No! Nothing doing! My parents are against it. The girl must have an abortion that's all!"

I argue: "In that I cannot help you, nor should anybody else: it is too far gone, too dangerous! Risking a girl's life!"

"No matter. Her own fault." He goes away, but I already would such an incident be in the Soviet Union! In the first place, woman's complete economic and social equality is a real thing, and women can be independent in spirit as well as economically.

Our bourgeois society sides with the man. A socialist society makes him equally responsible with the girl, not only in law, but in the attitude of his fellows. At the same time, the equality and independence of men and women there makes the responsibilities less painful.

Obviously, marriage in this particular "gentleman" at best would be a sort of "lesser evil"—no real solution at all, only the exchange of an immediate tragedy for a later one, a typical capitalist "solution."

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WHAT A WORLD!

By Michael Gold

The Holly and Mistletoe

CAPITALISM is making ready for its annual orny of hypocrisy. Christmas is near.

We have no sour complaints to make against the holly and the mistletoe, the good cheer and the social kindness that often prevail at this holiday. Whatever their religious or pagan origin, holidays are an expression of the fundamental goodness of human nature.

Capitalism is an evil mould into which human nature has been forced. The system is the great criminal. You cannot grow healthy wheat in a dark cellar. You cannot have feet to walk with, as nature intended, if you bend them at birth as do the Chinese aristocrats. Profiteering, hypocrisy and war are the laws of success under capitalism, and people who succeed under it must of necessity be unscrupulous robbers, liars and murderers.

Yet some day, when the dictatorship of the proletariat has done its necessary work, when all classes have been abolished and there is a Soviet world, we will discover that human nature is fundamentally good.

This truth breaks out occasionally even today, in the solidarity of a hero who shares danger and hunger together, in the self-sacrifice of a strikers like Dimitroff, in the life of a leader like Lenin. It is dimly seen at various holiday times, when people try to forget the meanness and degradation of capitalist life. It is seen at Christmas, and the capitalists exploit this warm human feeling for their profit as they do everything else in life.

A Class Weapon

THE Red Cross was founded presumably to be the voice of humanity on the battlefield, to help the wounded and suffering regardless of party. But we know what a swindle and lie this is. The Red Cross was used in Europe and Russia to fight on the side of reaction against the working class. The Red Cross has always refused to help starving miners if they were union members; it has Jim Crowed the Negroes and discriminated against them in floods and tornado catastrophes. It is definitely a class weapon, and no worker should assist it in any way.

The Salvation Army was also founded with many high-sounding words, but any jobless man tramping the roads of America today can testify to the cheap chicanery of this outfit. They collect a great deal of money from charitable people. They use it to sugar-coat the religious pill with which they try to put the workers fighting spirit to sleep. But it isn't even a sweet pill. They have never been known to give anything away. They sell the old clothes and furniture they panhandle; they charge for every bed and meal they serve; what is more, they work the unemployed at the nearest kind of scab wages.

The Salvation Army has been exposed often, but not in any thorough enough manner. The job still waits to be done. Somebody should investigate the ritzy hotel in New York erected for the Christy officers of this organization. Some one ought to find out where the profits go of their various collecting campaigns. Somebody ought to check the saintly Commander Booth's income tax, and find out how she can afford to travel to Europe in the finest bridal suites and capitalist luxury.

The Real Christmas

AND Christmas: let a new book on Christmas be written, not the sentimental Charles Dickens kind, but a truthful picture of the great lie. It is nothing but a sordid selling campaign for department stores. The holly and the mistletoe are marked with dollar signs. Wholesalers who have stocked up with rubbishy goods try to unload them now at fancy prices.

Christmas means long overtime hours for hundreds of thousands of clerks and salesgirls, and no extra pay. The bosses inspire the Christmas feeling in others, so as to sell goods, but feel little of it themselves.

Compartment of Charity

CHRISTMAS is supposed to be a season of charity and good-will. It is the capitalist religion. Six days a week the robbers grind the face of the poor, and on the seventh go to church and feel virtuous. It is a careful division of life into compartments.

All year they make wars, they run sweatshops and break strikes, they hunch, they profiteer, they loot savings banks and foreclose farms and homes. They have no mercy on their fellow-man of the working class, but plunge him down and down into the depths of poverty.

And at Christmas they smirk, and give each other little presents, and sing Christmas carols, and drink egg-nogg, and pretend to remember the poor.

One day of fake brotherhood, in a year of 365 days of heartless exploitation! How can anyone believe in such hypocrisy?

A Tory's Charity Gesture

THE New York Times is one of the leading Tory sheets of America. Its editorials are certain to be arrayed on the side of big capitalism. It is against unemployment insurance, it fights real labor unionism (not the Leo Wolman, McGrady, John L. Lewis fraud of course), it defends bank presidents exposed for swindling, it has criticized those who attempt to stop child labor.

It is a snub but subtle kind of Tory. Many ex-Socialists are found in its administration. The rank and brutal Tory has a harder time functioning today, as was proved by Hoover. A veneer of liberalism must shield the exploiter from the view of the bitter masses, and the "Times" is skillful in this kind of protective coloration.

There are over a million people in New York without work or food. For years children have been dying of that capitalist disease politely named "malnutrition." The total of suffering in the homes has never been told; the slow deaths, the insanity, the heartbreak.

The "Times" never has a word to say about this, except to demand that the tax-rate be decreased on big business. But at Christmas they pick 100 names of the charity rolls and raise a few thousand measly dollars as a tip to the poor for their patience.

They parade the horrors of proletarian life under capitalism in a daily column called the 100 Neediest Cases, and ask us to cure this with a few \$5 bills.

Listen to this sang lead on one of the daily stories: "The cold and snow, bringing suffering to the poor but reminding the more fortunate that the Christmas season of giving is here, brought a welcome increase to the fund for the Neediest Cases yesterday."

Then follow little tragedies: Case 10 is a lovely talented girl of 14 without any home; Case 120 is a widow with five hungry children; she is sick with a chronic illness but worked in a laundry until she dropped of exhaustion; Case 2 is an old longshoreman and his wife; she was the mother of the neighborhood, helping everyone, but now she and her husband are helpless; Case 44 is a Jewish young scholar and family man who peddles razor blades on the streets when he is well enough to stand on his feet; Case 14 is that of an Irishman who was a dressmaker for many years, but broke her arm, and is starving; and Case 8 is that of the family of a man who was an important business executive, but now his 16-year-old boy, who is a half-cripple, supports the family as a messenger boy; and so on and so on.

At Christmas the big-hearted New York Times remembers these poor people. There are 15,000,000 neediest cases in America all during the year, but these hypocrites never tell the true story or pretend to feel sorry. They wait for Christmas!

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Anonymous \$ 24 S. G. 50
John Reed Club, Newark 1.00 Previous total 527.51
TOTAL TO DATE \$529.25

WHAT'S ON

will report on Baltimore Anti-Lynch Conference.
OPEN FORUM, auspices of Fordham Br. P.S.U., at De Witt Clinton High School, 194th St. and Creston Ave., Bronx. Speaker, J. R. Knight, organizer of S.P. of Canada, will speak on "New Russia."
MASS SCOTTSDALE Protest Meeting at 165 Thastford Ave., Brooklyn, at 8 p.m. William Patterson main speaker. Auspices, Nathan Green Br. I.L.D.
DAILY WORKER Chorus needs voice—in preparing to sing at the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Daily Worker, also, sopranos and tenor voices are needed. Rehearsals are held Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 25 E. 12th St., 5th floor.

ILLUSTRATED lecture by Lozowick on "Late Renaissance Art," fifth in a series of "A Marxist History of Art" at John Reed Club School of Art, 439-4th Ave., at 8:15 p.m.
"GUMEN and Children in the Soviet Union" a lecture by Sarah Rice at Broadway Mansion, 309 E. Broadway, at 8:30 p.m. Auspices, Downtown Br. P.S.U.

Wednesday
MAX BEDACHT will speak in English on "War and Fascism" at Clarie, 304 W. 58th St. at 8:30 p.m.
LECTURE by Andrew Foka on "Photomontage" followed by discussion at headquarters of Film and Photo League, 118 Lexington Ave. at 28th St. at 9 p.m.
SCOTTSDALE Protest Meeting. Auspices of Walter Reuther Br. I.L.D. and Y.C.L. at 43 Thastford Ave., Brooklyn. Lou Millow

School Forums in Allentown; New School in Seattle

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—The Allentown Workers School Forum has arranged a series of open forum lectures on important current issues, which will be treated from the working class point of view, by speakers who are well known in the labor movement in Pennsylvania. Each lecture will be followed by a period for questions and for discussion from the floor.

The forums will be held at 119 North Third St. every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Admission is free. The program for the next three weeks follows:

December 24, David Davis, Pennsylvania organizer of the Trade Union Unity League, will speak on "The Roosevelt Program" (Banking, Inflation, N.R.A.).

December 31, Edward Bender, former Secretary Unemployed Councils of Pennsylvania, will speak on "Roosevelt Economy" (The Unemployed, The Farmers, War Preparations).

January 7, A. W. Mills, District Organizer of the Communist Party, will speak on "Results of the Crisis and the Revolutionary Way Out." Classes on political economy, trade union tactics, and other theoretical subjects connected with the working class movement, are also being formed. Information can be secured at the Sunday meetings or by addressing the Allentown Workers School, 119 North Third St.

Seattle Workers School
SEATTLE, Wash.—A great step in training leaders for the growing working class movement here will be the opening in Seattle of a Workers' School, the winter term of which will run from Jan. 2 to March 30, 1934. The following courses will be given: History of the American Labor Movement, Revolutionary Journalism, and Fundamentals of Communism on Tuesday nights; and Trade Union Strategy and Principles of Working Class Organization on Friday nights. Registration for all courses is going on now at the Workers' School, 1915 First Ave., Seattle. The fee is \$1 a term for a single course for those who are employed, and 25c for unemployed.

Pioneers to Play 'Strike Me Red' Four More Times

During Christmas week, the Harry Alan Potamkin Operetta "Strike Me Red," which was performed at City College with 70 children, Negro and white, with great success, will again be performed in four different points in the city, primarily for children.

The music was written by Gertrude Bayne. The operetta will be shown in the following places:

Brooklyn: Dec. 25—Brownsville Labor Lyceum, 219 Sackman St.
Harlem: Dec. 27—Finnish Hall, 27 W. 126th St.
Bronx: Dec. 28—2075 Fulton St.
Manhattan: Dec. 29—Manhattan Lyceum, 65 E. Fourth St.

All these performances will take place at 2 p.m. Tickets for children are five cents, for adults 25c.

Stage and Screen

"Kuhle Wampe" Opens Tomorrow at Fifth Avenue Playhouse

This is the final day of the Soviet talkie, "Road to Life," at the Fifth Ave. Playhouse. Beginning tomorrow the Fifth Ave. will present "Kuhle Wampe," or "Whither Germany," the German unemployment film which the Hitler regime banned in Germany. The cast is headed by Hertha Thiele, who played in "Madchen in Uniform" and Ernst Busch, who had the role of the French miner in "Kameradschaft." The picture has a musical score by Hans Eisler. Over 1,000 members of the Labor Sports Union take part in the film.

The 55th St. Playhouse is now showing "Monsieur Beucaire," starring Rudolph Valentino. This is a revival of the silent version of Booth Tarkington's novel.

Litvinnoff in Rome Seen on Screen at Embassy Theatre

The Embassy Theatre shows this week a very interesting shot of the Soviet People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs Maxim Litvinnoff while in Rome.

Litvinnoff made a social call in the American Embassy in Rome. You can see on the screen the Commissar and Ambassador Long having a pleasant chat.

If you are interested to meet Madame Chiang Kai-Shek there she is appropriately in the company of American missionaries "discussing" the problems of present day China.

There is on the screen of the theatre this week a whole featurette, called "A Day in Tokyo." Tokyo is a city where Western ways have been very much assimilated but without loss of its oriental charm. Stand on the street corner in Tokyo and close your eyes—you would think you were in Chicago, San Francisco or London. Modern stores, street cars, automobiles, a behive of modern business. Nevertheless it is oriental in all its ways.

Night of Death--Dawn of Freedom

A SHORT STORY

by TING LING

(Ting Ling, the author of this short story, was arrested in Shanghai last summer, and murdered by Chinese police. She was the best known woman writer of China, member of the Executive of the China League of Left Writers and a leader in the Left Cultural Federation. Her husband, Hu Yeh-ping, was also a well-known writer, leader of the worker-soldier correspondence section of the League of Left Writers. He was executed in Shanghai in February, 1931. The following story by Ting Ling is translated from the Chinese.)

SLISH—SLOSH—slish slish—slosh.

From out of the greenish lamp-light of the hall an indistinguishable mass of human shadows was moving in the direction of the open field. Boots and shoes stamped heavily through the deep snow that covered the ground. The furious blast of a winter night met them full in the face, assaulting them with the fine sleet and heavy snow that had fallen for half a month. The sudden attack of the icy wind drew involuntary shivers, but the shadows proceeded on. Slish, slosh—slish, slosh!

A second gust, roaring heavily, swept pitilessly over them, cruelly lashing the faces and bodies of the group. In the interior of the group, surrounded, guarded, driven on, walked a delicate youth, handsome in spite of his haggard face. He seemed to remember something with sudden start. The past—all that had just happened—seemed to come, if somewhat distantly, yet clearly before him. He saw a crafty face, filled with malice and greed—a full, round face, with the hated imperialistic mustaches. There was repressed glee in the evil, arrogant voice as the man had spoken, looking arrogantly at them from his high platform.

"Have you anything further to say? Sentence has been passed on you and it will be carried out immediately."

Remembering, the youth felt almost consumed by the fire that burned in his soul. He wanted to tear that face to pieces, to destroy it, to extinguish that voice! For one mad moment he thought he must force his way through the group, and he quickened his step. A short time ago, when he had suddenly been condemned to death without trial, he had been unable to preserve his composure as his other comrades had done, but had lost consciousness in a wave of fury and anguish.

He was a young poet, emotional, sincere, passionate.

"Pun-g." A rifle butt crashed heavily on his chest. Thin-cheated always he had grown more emaciated from 30 days of half-starvation in the dark and sunless prison. His memories were interrupted by the curses of the soldier who struck him viciously.

"Rape your mother! What's your hurry? The devil can wait to take you!"

Rattle of Chains
Clank! Clank! The hateful rattle of iron shackles on his hands and feet, and on the hands and feet of his comrades. About him was a confusion of sounds—holed boots stamping heavily over deep snow. Slish, slosh! Slish, slosh!

Something else became clear. He realized that he was walking somewhere, a strange thought came to him. He seemed to see another pair of eyes before him, a pair of lovely, unforgettable eyes that gazed eternally into his soul. Something in the intimate labyrinth of his heart painfully tore at him, stabbed him.

The sky was black—illimitable blackness! Out from the blackness the sleet and snow whipped about them, carried by the roaring north

wind. The world was gray and nebulous and the snow threw a dead ashen hue on the night. The black shadows of the group, the victims and their guards—moved silently through the grayness, the silence broken only by the clanking of chains, the rattle of bayonets. But no word was spoken. No one moaned, no one sighed or wept. Steadily they moved toward the hidden corner of the field, the place of execution!

"Damnation!" some one was saying to himself. "The dogs! How far do



Ting Ling

they need to take us to chop off our heads..."

In the second row a girl comrade repeatedly threw back her head impatiently. The wind tossed her short hair over her forehead and into her eyes.

The frail youth in the center of the group tried to suppress the cry that seemed to be driving him mad with its insistence to be born. He bit his lips and shuddered with a hatred he could not express. With staring eyes that burned with some fire, he looked about him, devouringly, as though in search of something, peering first at one and then another of his comrades.

Face of a Comrade
The faintly reflected light from the snow revealed the faces of those nearest him. A soldier, with thick brows, the fierce eyes! A soldier, the face of an idiot, spreading nostrils, thick lips! Another... He turned from them... his eyes lighted on a dear, familiar face. The face bestowed upon him a look of tenderness and calm, a look that transcended all power of words, a look such as only one comrade can give to another at the time of death, to comfort and hearten. His anger and horror slipped formlessly away. Love and something else that could only be described as "life" took possession of his tortured breast. He yearned to show that face in his arms, to shower kisses on it. He returned the look and then gave a nod of courage and determination.

"Slish, slosh..." The tramp of footsteps began to sound, like the disorderly beating of victorious drums on every side as the 25 marched forward. Above their heads the wind howled because like a giant red banner flapping over them.

"Halt! This is the place!" shouted the uniformed officer fiercely, his Mauser clutched in his hand. "Halt! Where are you walking to? Sons of bitches!"

"This is it!" came the dull echo in all hearts.

"Line up the prisoners. Line them up!" The officer spat out the words. The soldiers in their padded overcoats began shoving the prisoners about, clubbing them with rifle butts, throw-

ing ropes about them to bind them securely to the stakes behind them. Boots and shoes clumped in the snow.

There was silence. An ugly silence. The prisoners looked at each other, unable to find any word to express the hatred they felt for their enemies. Shacked by hands, and by feet, and now to be bound to these stakes that had been driven into the earth in advance for their killing. Now they stood on the border of death. Darkness stretched before their eyes. The wind and the snow beat upon them. Stripped of their coats and gowns, before this their last death-march, the cold penetrated their bones to the marrow. They stood closely together in a row.

Gloom of the Night
"Over here! Get over a bit! Dress up that line!"

In the gloom of the night, a group of human forms could be dimly made out, tugging and pushing at some heavy instrument.

"All right—put it here! Count the criminals!"

"One... two... three." A soldier walked over and counted.

The execution officer, coarse of face, passed in front of the line, following the soldier, pointing at each one. In that brutal face seemed to be concentrated all the ferocity of the rulers towards the oppressed. Angry passions flamed from the eyes of the prisoners as he passed; it flamed up once more in their breasts, burning their eyes and bodies with a fever of pain. They would have lunged out and beat this devil to death, but their hands were shackled and now bound behind them. They set their teeth and shivered in the icy wind from cold and from rage.

"Comrade, be braver," said someone on the right of the youth.

The young poet turned his head to look. It was the dear friend with whom he had talked so much at supper time.

"Don't worry! I'm all right!"

"Twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five! Correct! Good!"

The officer who had been counting belittled as he stalked heavily across the snow to the instrument.

Illimitable emptiness! Incessant wind and snow! Grayness without end, darkness without end... Grotesque shadows were reflected in the death-like grayness.

"Ready! Ready! Wait for the whistle!" belittled the officer again.

Whistle Blows
All hearts grew tenser, like drawn bowstrings. The heavy object before their eyes was death. Several soldiers were working over it busily. The sky was crashing down on them—on the bodies of the 25.

"Comrades! We are to die. But somewhere else today there is a great convention of our representatives. Our government takes form today. Let us wish our government well. Long live our Soviet Government!"

All the prisoners shouted wildly. All the things that had been stored up in their hearts, and that they could not express, came back with sudden clarity. The night sounded with their shouts.

Darkness disappeared, and a light gloved before their eyes—the birth of a new world.

The shrill whistle blew. Twenty-five strong, heroic voices took up the strain:

"Arise ye prisoners of starvation, Arise ye wretched of the earth..."

Pit, pat, pit, pat, pit, pat!
The heavy object swept the line horizontally, spitting out its bullets.

The singing grew a little weaker, but the few voices left increased in volume:

"'Tis the last light we face..."
The furious shriek of the whistle. Pit, pat, pit, pat!

The instrument swept the line again. The singing again weakened and only a few voices remained, low and weak.

"The Internas..."
Sleazy Rain
A third whistle. In the rain of bullets that followed, the song found its end.

"Rape your mothers! You bastards! Now go ahead and sing!"

The officer swore contentedly and turned back in the direction from which he had come.

"Pick up the gun," he ordered. "Return to your posts at once. We'll bury the bodies tomorrow. You don't suppose the corpses will walk off!"

He went back to the hall, and the soldiers tramped again over the snow. Slish, slosh!

The night was ugly and forbidding. The wet snow fell heavily and the winter wind roared by only to come roaring back again. The snow piled up on the hanging heads, only to be blown off again by the gale. They were all dumb and motionless, fastened there. In some spots—in one, in two, in three—the blood trickled down slowly and mottled the snow in the darkness.

Thursday
CHINESE SOVIETS—Their History and Struggles, lecture by Ching Young at Friends of the Chinese People, 189 W. 23rd St. at 8:30 p.m. Adm. 10c.

I.L.D. EXECUTIVE Committee will meet at 50 W. 15th St., Room 233, at 7:30 p.m. All delegates from I.L.D. branches and mass organizations are invited.

Colorful Demonstration at 'Daily' Coliseum Celebration



Noted tenor who will make his first American appearance since his return from the Soviet Union at the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the Daily Worker on Saturday evening, Dec. 30th, at the Bronx Coliseum. During his successful musical tour in the various republics of the U. S. S. R., Radamsky collected a new group of Soviet songs, which he will sing for the first time in America at the Daily Worker celebration. Radamsky is recognized as one of the finest tenors on the concert stage.

NEW YORK.—One of the most colorful demonstrations by workers of Greater New York will take place on Saturday evening, Dec. 30th, at the tenth anniversary celebration of the Daily Worker in the Bronx Coliseum.

Practically all mass organizations, trade unions and organizations of sections of the Communist Party of this district are planning to attend this event in large bodies. The memberships of these organizations will march into the Coliseum, flying the banners of their various organizations.

The Prospect Workers' Club announced yesterday that its membership, 300 strong, will attend the celebration.

Reservations for tickets so far indicate that the Coliseum will be jammed with workers celebrating the tenth year of the Daily Worker, whose continued existence and improvement marks a triumph for the American working class.

The celebration, at which Michael Gold will preside, will mark Sergei Radamsky's first appearance before an American audience since his return from his successful tour in the various republics of the Soviet Union. He will present a group of new Soviet songs he collected on his tour for the first time in the United States at this celebration. C. A. Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, will be the only speaker on a program featuring outstanding musical, dancing

and dramatic numbers. All workers, and working class organizations are urged to make their reservations at once. Tickets in advance are 40 cents and can be obtained at the Workers' Book Shop, 30 E. 15th St.; 600 Prospect Ave., Bronx; Bronx Cooperative Bookshop; I. W. O., 30 Fifth Ave.; Needle Trades, 131 W. 23rd St.; Brownsville Book Shop, 62 Herzl St.

"The Locked Room" Coming To Ambassador Dec. 25
"The Locked Door," a new play by Herbert Ashton, Jr., is announced for the Ambassador Theatre on Monday night, Dec. 25.

Billie Burke's "Ziegfeld Follies" will open a week's engagement at the Shubert Theatre, Newark, on Dec. 26, prior to its New York showing at the Winter Garden.

Miriam Battista is the latest addition to the cast of "No More Ladies," the new A. H. Thomas comedy, which opens in Philadelphia Dec. 23.

"The School for Scandal," the Arthur Guiterman-Lawrence Langner adaptation of Moliere's comedy, which is now playing at the Empire Theatre, has been published in book form by Samuel French.

"Dark Victory," a drama by George Brewer, Jr., has been placed in rehearsal by Alexander McKaig and will be presented on Broadway early in January.

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MARY OF SCOTLAND
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ALVIN
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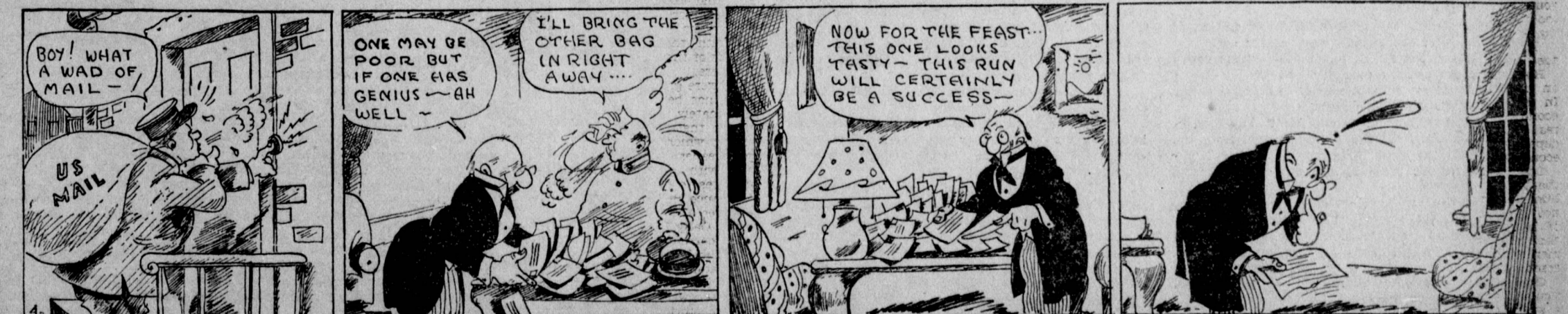
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A Comrade Is Waiting For You

THE Communist Party has twenty thousand members. Twenty thousand Communists, fighters devoted to the emancipation of the working class.

But one thing is certain, the twenty thousand Communist workers are faithfully devoted fighters. This is not a small number—twenty thousand Communists working among the masses, a tremendous force if every Communist is a leader of the workers in his field of activity, a leader of the workers in the small and big struggles.

What still keeps tens of thousands of workers away from the Party? There are several reasons for this. To many workers we have not yet proved by our daily work, by our example, that we are their Party, the Party of the cause of the emancipation of the working class.

But there is a particularly weak point in our work. Everyone of us, everyone of the twenty thousand Communist members of the Party, has some connection with some workers, with steel workers, with miners, with auto workers, with unemployed workers, with workers where we live, in our clubs, at affairs, etc.

Three Billion Dollars

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Meanwhile, Roosevelt does practically nothing for the 17,000,000 jobless, starving workers and their families. He spends only about \$20 a year for each worker out of work.

It is the workers themselves, organized into Unemployment Councils, demonstrating before relief bureaus, under the leadership of the Communist Party, who can force the Roosevelt government to stop these billions to the bankers, and grant them for relief and unemployment insurance.

Still in Nazi Hands!

YESTERDAY, the day set aside for international protests, demonstrations and strikes for the release of the heroic Communists on trial at the Leipzig Reichstag frame-up trial, gave inspiring proof that the hatred and anger at the Fascist frame-up has taken deep root among the workers, in the shops, and unions.

Before the New York German Consulate, thousands massed to voice their protest at the Nazi murder plots against our comrades in Germany.

Whatever the verdict, our comrades are in the hands of the Fascist sadist savages, in the hands of Goering and his Storm Troopers. Not for one moment can we let this leave our minds! Not for one moment can we forget the hideous plots against our comrades revealed in the notorious Nazi letter exposed by the Daily Worker—the plots to inoculate our comrades with syphilis germs! Let us not forget our comrades in the Nazi concentration camps, and Comrade Thal-mann in prison.

Ten Years --- And After!

WHEN the history of the Daily Worker for the past ten years is written, it will be the story of limitless self-sacrifice and devotion on the part of hundreds of thousands of workers in every part of the United States.

How Cuban Officials Put Through Arrests of U. S. Delegates

Jailing Followed Their Interview With President (EDITOR'S NOTE:—The following is a first-hand story of the arrest of Henry Sheppard and Walter Runge of the League of Struggle Against War and Fascism, members of the Anti-Imperialist League Delegation to Cuba, who were arrested after interviewing President Grau San Martin. Last reports were that both were still in Principe Fortress.)

By WALTER RELIS HAVANA.—The delegation of the U. S. Anti-Imperialist League went to the Presidential Palace and presented a protest personally to Grau on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Henry Sheppard, who was spokesman, pointed out that although the government had revolutionary and anti-imperialist professions, it was persecuting and attempting to divide the greatest anti-imperialist revolutionary factor, the industrial and agrarian workers of Cuba.

C.W.A. Money Used for Airports, Other N. J. War Building

Will Build Airplane Factory, Repair Ports, Etc.

NEWARK, N. J.—John Coit, Civil Works Administrator for New Jersey, gave approval last week for a "triangulation" survey of the state. The open object of the "triangulation survey" is to develop suitable sites for airplane landing fields for war purposes.

This is an example which clearly demonstrates the war policy behind the C. W. A. Here in New Jersey there is hardly an army camp or naval base, and there are a good number, that has not had relief workers assigned to do the dirty work of preparation for the rapidly approaching imperialist slaughter.

At the Lakehurst Naval Reservation, 700 acres are being cleared for a landing field by unemployed workers of Ocean County. This work has been under way for the past month at the request of the Federal government.

Thus in New Jersey it is only too clear that C. W. A. and P. W. A. are smoke screens behind which the Roosevelt government prepares for war to gain new markets for its Wall St. masters at the expense of workers' misery and workers' blood.

U. S. Blocks Action on Intervention Truce Proposed in the Chaco Warfare

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 19.—Secretary of State Hull, head of the U. S. delegation to the Pan-American Conference, again succeeded today in postponing consideration of a resolution condemning U. S. intervention in neighboring countries.

French Workers, Protesting Cuts, March on Senate

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Several thousand civil employes, led by the French Communist Party, demonstrated yesterday in front of the Senate against the attempts of the government, supported by the Socialist Party, to balance the budget at the expense of the toiling masses by slashing the wages of the lower paid categories of civil employes, cuts in unemployment relief and by increased taxation.

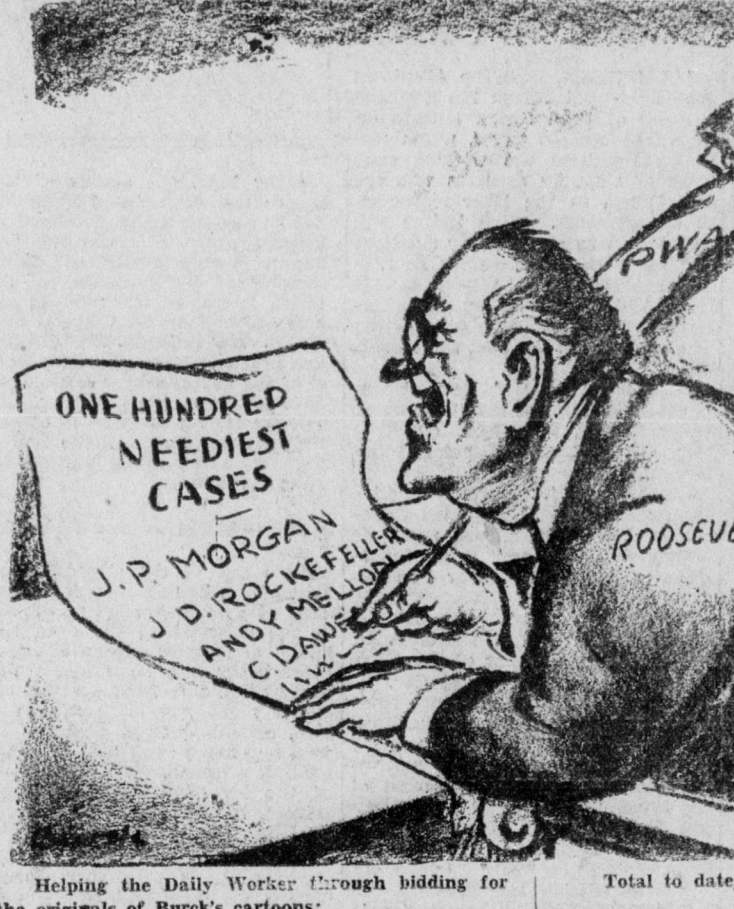
8 Canadian Workers Held in "Solitary" Gov't Trying to Break Health of Militants

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Eight leaders of the Canadian revolutionary movement have been held in solitary confinement in the "hole" at the Kings-ton prison for a full month now in a brutal attempt by the Canadian government to break their health.

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Famous Revolutionary Cartoons to Be Reproduced in Jan. 6th 'Daily'

Historically significant cartoons by Robert Minor and Fred Ellis, which appeared in past issues of the Daily Worker during tense periods in the class struggle during the last ten years, will be reproduced in the 24 page, tenth anniversary edition of the Daily Worker, coming off the press on Jan. 6th.

Delegate Writes That Workers Rushed to Enter Protests

Early in the morning I went to the Department of the Interior and received permission to visit the interior of Principe. I went directly to the fortress. Once more I found that a responsible officer was not present. However, before evening I was permitted to enter and see Sheppard, Runge and two Cuban comrades. I was led into the Subterranean Section of the prison. This is the section where revolutionary workers and students are kept. Here they must sleep in death-dealing dampness and on the bare cold stone.