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## "American Democracy" in the South



## POWERS AND CARR FACE ELECTRIC CHAIR

### Southern Organizer Held in Death Cell

For organizing the unorganized and demanding "work or wages" at a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, two organizers, M. H. Powers, and Joe Carr, were arrested and charged with "inciting to insurrection." The law under which they are charged was passed during the Civil War and carries a death penalty. Trial is set for June 19th. Carr has actually been confined in a death cell in the Fulton Tower jail along a row of cells where only those condemned to die are put.

Powers is the Communist Party organizer and Carr an organizer for the Young Communist League in the Atlanta district. They were leading the Negro and white workers in a demonstration against unemployment in arch, when they were arrested and thrown into jail. According to the law, if convicted, they must be sentenced to die in the electric chair "unless the jury suggests clemency."

Writing from jail, Powers states that he is eager for release so he can again take up the fight for the working class. Workers all over the country are demanding the release of Powers and Carr and are holding meeting of protest against their arrest and imprisonment. Among the many organizations passing resolutions of protest are the International Labor Defense, through its many district and local branches, the John Reed Club, the Japanese Workers' Alliance, the Young Communist League and the Communist Party.

Fellow workers! Working Women! Demand the release of Powers and Carr.

Save them from the electric chair. Defeat the attacks of Southern bosses upon the working class.

## Communist Party In Fight Against Lynching

### Calls on Negro and White Workers For Struggle Against Bosses Terror

### Red Labor Unions Organize Struggle at London Conference

## NEGRO WORKERS ARE BURNED TO DEATH

### Texas Troopers Helped the Lynchers

George Hughes, a Negro worker, was burned to death in a vault of the county court house at Sherman Texas, by a mob who set fire to the building in order to lynch the Negro. Texas rangers on guard at the court house were ordered by Gov. Moody not to shoot at the lynchers.

At Hughes' trial, on a charge of "attacking" a white woman, no real evidence was brought out and the trial was stopped for lack of a case. As soon as Hughes was locked up in the court house vault, the building was set on fire, and the Texas troopers calmly walked out, leaving the Negro burning to death.

Closely following upon this lynching was another not far from Sherman. A Negro was first burned to death and then his charred body was dragged through the streets of the Negro district.

The Communist Party of the U. S. A., is launching a vigorous campaign against the lynching of Negroes which has become the vicious expression of the campaign of terror carried on by the bosses and the landowners against the whole working class. The recent lynchings in Texas, Tenn., etc., burning of Negroes and their living quarters and the complicity of the state government in these criminal acts makes it urgent to immediately start a wide movement uniting Negro and white workers against the system of lynching.

The vicious attacks by the bosses and their agents against the growing demonstrations of solidarity of the workers black and white, particularly in the south, have increased to an enormous degree within the past year. The bosses are alarmed at the growing influence of the Communist Party and the revolutionary trade unions among the Negro and white workers in the Southern States and have decided that unless desperate measures are taken to terrorize these workers that they (the bosses) will no longer be able to maintain their vicious system of exploitation.

The Communist Party is holding mass protest meetings throughout the country and calls upon all workers to join in the fight, which will be organized on an international scale at the coming London Conference of the Red International of Labor Unions with the full support of the American Section of the TUUL. It is the duty of every worker regardless of race or nationality to fight shoulder to shoulder with the Negro workers in this organized fight against this brutal form of capitalist oppression.

### T. U. U. L. Protest

In a statement on the rising of lynchings, the Trade Union Unity League says in part: "Fellow Workers! Increased lynchings are not isolated. A revolutionary upsurge grips the American working masses. The South has been penetrated by the T. U. U. L. and Negro and white workers joining hands and showing determination to struggle against the bosses of the South. March 6 and May 1 were facts in the South—at Chattanooga, Atlanta, Houston and New Orleans.

## INDIAN MASSES FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

### Working Women Lead in March

A red procession more than a mile long, organized by the Youth League of Bombay paraded in the city of Bombay carrying red flags and shouting "Long live the revolution." Large numbers of women and children took part in the parade, colorfully dressed in orange robes and red scarves. The working women were led by Mrs. Kalmadevi Chattopodhyaya who was arrested the day after and sentenced to 9 months in prison.

Indian reports state that there are renewed signs of Communist activity in northern India, and that the tribes are in armed revolt, many of them wearing the hammer and sickle. The clan of Tochi azirs who have always been loyal to British rule have become convinced of the brutality of British imperialism and have risen in arms against the British.

Twenty-five workers were killed and 100 injured when the police opened fire on a demonstration at Sholapur, 220 miles southeast of Bombay. Sholapur is an important industrial town with silk and cotton mills.

This massacre is the latest and most ghastly effort of the Labor government to down the Indian revolution in blood. But it has only fired the masses with fresh revolutionary energy and heroism.



# WHALEN FORGERIES ARE EXPOSED

After locking up the Committee representing 110,000 unemployed workers, Police Commissioner Whalen's next move against the working class was a crude set of forgeries. The documents he produced and claimed were taken from the Amtorg Trading Corporation were almost immediately exposed as forgeries, printed in a little print shop at 210 E. 10th Street, New York.

The forged papers were aimed against the Soviet Union, to discredit Amtorg, the Russian Trading Corporation, engaged in doing an annual business of \$150,000,000 in trade between the United States and Soviet Russia. Back of Whalen in his stupid use of the forgeries stood Matthew Woll, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, and identified with the National Civic Federation; and Ralph Easley, chairman of that anti-Communist organization. Easley had himself peddled the forged documents around Washington six weeks before Whalen used them, but could find no one to buy them.

When New York newspapers and even a representative in Congress sensationally exposed the forgeries, Whalen decided he'd better resign as police commissioner and retire to his little \$50,000 a year job as top floor walker in Wanamaker's. His successor will be less of a publicity seeker, but no less willing a tool of Tammany, big business and the American Federation of Labor.

Now as we go to press two weeks after the forgeries were exposed, out comes the A. F. of L. in its International Labor News Service with the same old forgeries! Were the A. F. of L. fat boys asleep? Or do they imagine that the workers are asleep? More likely they think that the forgeries can still do their dirty work among the readers of their dull news sheet. They forget that the Working Woman and the Daily Worker are on the job to tell the workers the truth.



## Soviet British Trade Doubled in 6 Months

Russian Organizations Placed \$44,000,000 Orders in Last Half Year.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Orders placed by Soviet trading organizations in Great Britain during the last six months are more than double those for the corresponding period last year, according to figures given out by one of the two Soviet banking institutions in London and cabled to the Department of Commerce by Trade Commissioner Somerville.

The total sum involved was about \$44,000,000 pounds (\$44,000,000).

## Demand the Release of Harry Eisman



## Marching Under Revolutionary Banners



Photo shows Women Workers part of thousands in Boston May Day

# May Day Thru the U.S.A.

On May Day millions of workers demonstrated all over the world in common struggle against capitalism. Under the leadership of the Communist Parties thousands of workers struck the shops and factories demonstrating in the streets—the determination to overthrow capitalism and establish workers and farmers governments like in the Soviet Union. In these demonstrations women workers played a prominent part—fighting the police and any of the demonstrations of May Day. The U. S. saw women workers organized and unorganized, march side by side with the men. Women trade unionists and women's fraternal organizations with banners and slogans took part. Over 100 women were arrested as a result of their participation in May Day preparations and demonstration.

The determination and militancy to fight against the capitalist system of exploitation must be carried on after May Day. We must partake actively in the membership campaign of the TUUL for 50,000 new members. In the election of delegates to the 5th RILU Congress and the First International Women's Trade Union Conference to be held in Moscow on the 15th of July.

**BOSTON.**—Over 15,000 workers—great numbers were women—demonstrated in Boston Commons.

**OAKLAND.**—In spite of police threats, 5,000 paraded through the streets.

**CHICAGO.**—Over 25,000 paraded to Union Square ending with a huge meeting at Ashland Auditorium. Lucy Parsons, widow of one of the Haymarket martyrs murdered by the American capitalists for leading the May Day strike in 1886.

**NEW YORK.**—150,000 workers demonstrated at Rutgers and Union Square 35,000 participating in the march. Police followed the tactics of European capitalist countries by shutting off the 16 streets leading to the Square and not permitting the workers to join in the parade and who were forced to look on from the side streets.

**DETROIT.**—5,000 workers demonstrated in Cass Park. First demonstration since the war in the restricted area of the bosses, any factory gate meetings were held. A meeting was held in evening at Danceland Auditorium.

**CLEVELAND.**—Over 2,000 attended in Auditorium. 20,000 took part in demonstration, 4,000 marching in line.

**NEW HAVEN.**—Over 5,000 workers attended demonstration at Central Green. Demonstration lasted two hours.

**CHATTANOOGA.**—At the Workers Lyceum two thousand Negro and white workers in the greatest working class demonstration ever witnessed in Chattanooga. Militancy of workers faced squads of police.

**SEATTLE.**—Over 10,000 men and women, American, Chinese, Mexican, Filipino, and Negro workers fought police who tried to stop the demonstrators. Over 40 Party numbers joined the Young Communist League and the Pioneers.

## Cops Beat up and Kick Pioneers for Calling School Strike May Day

When six Young Pioneers covered Junior High School Forty with the slogan "Cut School on May Day" on May First, they were attacked by a group of rowdies from the Jewish Synagogue and one of them was knocked unconscious. After having carried their comrade home, they returned and continued their work in the school yard.

Suddenly ten cops entered with drawn revolvers and threatened to shoot them. They beat them up and took them to the station house. When the Pioneers refused to squeal on other comrades, they took Nathan Singer to the back and there a dick and a cop beat him, kicked him in the stomach, threw him on the floor and cut his lip.

They kept them in the station overnight, in cold cells, without any covers, and opened the windows to keep them still colder. Three were sent to the children's court the next day and were fined two dollars each.

Nathan Singer, Bernhard Kaplan and Julius Blickstein came before the magistrate's court and are now out on \$100 bail each.

## See Soviet Russia First!

See Socialist Construction in progress! The Liberator offers a trip to the land of the workers rule as First prize in its Subscription Campaign Contest, May 15, to July 15, 1930. As Second prize, a trip to St. Louis for the convention of the American Negro Labor Congress, August 30, 31, and September 1st, and expenses paid in both cases.

In event of ties each tying contestant will be awarded the prize tied for!

For further information, write to: The Liberator, 799 Broadway, Room 338, New York City (write name and address plainly on drive organization and other connections.)

# PREPARE FOR THE NAT'L UNEMPLOYED CONFERENCE

Despite Hoover's promise on May 1 that the "depression has ended," the army of unemployed is grown to 7,000,000 more than two million are women workers.

The unemployment situation effects directly millions of women and children. Thousands of children in all the cities of the U. S. are starving—they are compelled to stay away from school.

The capitalist government of the U. S. is doing nothing to relieve the misery of answer to the workers' demands for Work or Wages have been jail sentences.

The delegation of the New York jobless arrested on March 6th are kept in jail. The courts have refused to let Comrades Foster, Minor, Amter and Raymond out on bail. They are now serving their three year sentences.

The imprisonment of the leaders will not stop the fight. The Trade Union Unity League is carrying on the fight for Work or Wages. A convention of the Unemployed Workers will be held in Chicago on July 4th and 5th. Ten thousand delegates from all over the U. S. will attend this Convention.

Unemployed women workers and wives of unemployed must join the Councils of Unemployed and partake in the coming convention.

On to Chicago on July 4th!



## Every Woman Worker Should Help Save The Daily Worker!

Here we are, face to face with the great possibility of winning tens of thousands of new readers for the Daily Worker. Workers in the shop, mine and mill want to read the Daily Worker, and are anxious to learn more about our revolutionary movement. The time is ripe for winning women and men workers to our ranks. Exploitation is severe, unemployment is growing, workers are ready for struggle.

And just when the Daily Worker is needed most, we find our paper in dangerous financial straits. Just when we must fight hardest to defend the Soviet Union, we face suspension.

To quit publishing the Daily Worker would be a defeat for us, a victory for our enemies. Class conscious workers, know no defeat. We must not suspend for a single day. We must keep the Daily Worker going and growing and eventually defeat the whole plunderbund and its business agents in governmental seats of power.

Women Workers! Rally to the support of the Daily Worker! Help save it for the revolutionary movement! Take collections in your women's organizations! Hold affairs! Do all you can to send funds quickly! Participate in the Tag Days—

Daily Worker

26 Union Square, New York City.



# SHOP NEWS FROM WORKING WOMEN



## Write to the Working Woman

Write and tell us what is going on in your factory, or shop. Is your boss cutting your wages? Do you have to work long hours? Are you fined for Do they drive you, and make you speed-up? Do you have to work overtime, without extra pay? Write and tell the Working Woman about it.

### Sharks Cheat Jobless

Dear Friends, and Comrades:  
Your letter received and was glad you wrote me. I did not expect an answer. You said you would like some news on the speed-up. Here is one:

Last fall I heard they wanted some label sewers at 109 Kingston Street, Boston, Mass., for the Ideal Neckwear Co. I got hired, then one day the woman in charge asked me how many ties I had sewed labels on. It was then about twelve noon. I told her fourteen dozen. She said it was not enough; I must do better or I would soon be fired. The wages was ten dollars a week. They also send girls from the trade schools there. Two days before Christmas they told thirty of us there was no more work. Out we went on the street. I had a sick girl on my hands who died a few days later. Did the boss care? Not he, as he wasn't cold or hungry.

#### No. Two

I needed clothes so I took a job to go to Maine as a chamber maid. I bought uniforms and a lot of foolish things to go to the Belgrade Lakes. Five women and one man cleaned one hundred rooms in ten days. We worked from 7 A. M. to 5:30. The milk for our cereal was colored water. Our rooms were dirty and full of bugs. I stayed a month in hell. The owner and manager gave me \$6.10 for my work — just enough to come back to Massachusetts.

The other women all got fired out. They got Portland women to finish the season. The employment offices are in with them. It is like a circle. They all get all they can out of the worker; the worker must give a week's pay to the agencies but the boss gets his help free. Another one out on Roxbury Street, No. 24; there is an office called Symon's. The colored women go there for day work. They pay five cent for every hour they work. If the boss complains they are liable to get no work when one worker for four or five hours' work is needed, six or seven women are sent. The first one there gets the job. They call mostly for young women.

I could write on and on the actions of the robbers and slave drivers. I will write again and tell you about more places where I worked and what I know about the old thieves, liars and bluffs, the world knows them now.

The London parley fell through. How could they expect anything else? I would not care if they went to the bottom of the sea on their way back. Crooks and bandits. I spent twenty-four years here amongst the cutthroats. I seen Sacco and Vanzetti laid out in their caskets. I was down there five times but I kept out of their hands. I know what they can do.

Excuse this writing. It is not good. So good bye.

Your friend and comrade,

MAY BLAKE.

Am sending those stamps to try to help out.

### Western Electric Speed-Up—Lay Off

I am a young girl working in Department 6317, Building 29-4 and I want to say a few words in the Working Woman about conditions in our department. For the past few months the bosses have been laying us off right and left.

There are about eighty coil winding machines in this department. Whereas a month ago all these machines were busy, today only fifteen machines are in operation. That means that many girls in our department lost their jobs in one month's time. Some of the girls were transferred to the Merchandise Building.

The reason for this big lay-off in this department is because they introduced a new machine which winds five coils to every one on the old winding machine.

—A WOMAN WORKER, Dept. 6317.

## Forward to the Unemployed Convention—Chicago, July 4

Not long ago I was "fired" from the shop where I worked for four years because I was "unhappy" and because I was "talking too much" and the company being a "kind hearted" company just couldn't stand to see me so "unhappy" and "complaining" to the other workers so they decided to "sever all connections." By this they meant that I was in the way because I was carrying on agitation among the workers to join the Trade Union Unity League and fight against the terrific speed-up system which was introduced some time ago. Since then I have been walking the streets looking for a job and have been met with the usual "No help wanted" signs. The number of workers applying for jobs at employment agencies and employment offices is getting bigger instead of smaller as Mr. Hoover had promised.

Going from shop to shop on Van Buren Street, I have learned more about the miserable working conditions of women. There are small shops that occupy one floor in a large building and done must take a rickety old elevator to the 6th or 7th floor and when one enters the shop the air almost knocks one down. The tables are loaded with goods, aisles filled with cardboard boxes, air filled with dust and lint and the women work unceasingly in such a filthy place without much as taking a rest. There is also a vest factory on the same floor and only a paper partition between them, we cannot tell which is filthier, the apron factory or the vest factory. I have also been to an apron factory which is in the basement and in case of fire; these workers would have no protection at all, the only exit being the one door which leads through the office and which serves as an entrance. The windows have iron bars and these further endanger the lives of the workers. As I opened the door of a paper box factory I was almost frightened by the huge sign so prominently nailed on the door "No help wanted" and they certainly mean "No help wanted." I have also tried the big food establishments but without success.

In the downtown district of Chicago one sees workers standing in doorways, in hall- over the want ads. When entering a street car just notice how many workers are looking over the want ads.

Under the leadership of the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League, tremendous workers demonstrations took place all over the U. S. on March 6th and 7th.

In these demonstrations and strikes against the ruling capitalist class, tens of thousands of women workers took part and fought militantly together with the men workers the brutal attacks of the police and the state cossacks against the workers who demanded "Work or Wages, Seven hour day, 5-day Week, Equal Pay for Equal Work, Against Imperialist War, in Defense of the Soviet Union, For a Workers and Farmers Government in the U.S.A."

Now that May 1st is over, we women workers who still have jobs must continue the fight against the bosses in the shops and factories—the unemployed women must join the councils of unemployed and become active members.

There are hundreds of thousands of unemployed women workers and we must organize these thousands of women into the unemployed councils affiliated to the TUUL to carry on a concentrated struggle against the capitalist system which breeds unemployment and misery for the working class. We must also fight against the misleaders of working women, the Salvation Army, the YMCA, the Women's Trade Union League and many such organizations which are organized for the sole purpose of misleading the working women and keeping them away from class conscious workers and revolutionary organizations which carry on a daily struggle against the capitalist system and its lackeys.

Working women! Forward to the National Convention of the Unemployed to be held in Chicago on July 4-5th. Join the in the present drive for 50,000 members.

—K. E.—A Chicago unemployed woman worker.



### SLAVERY IN AUTO PLANT

(By a Worker Correspondent)

Detroit, Mich.

Dear Editor:

I was told that you are a friend of all workers, and I believe it. I have been working even when my husband had a job in order to make ends meet. Now he is out of work since last October, and don't ask how we get along on my miserable earnings.

We used to work ten hours a day. Then the bosses cut the day to eight hours, and we had to produce just as much work as in ten hours to keep up our few pennies. Lately we have been cut at different times to as low as five and six hours and still produce more work than formerly.

Yesterday one of the women, overcome by the terrific speed, caught her finger under the needle. The finger tip was split in two, but she evidently could not afford

to go home, for after having it bandaged, she returned to her machine and remained until quitting time.

The bosses are so greedy, that not satisfied with getting the last penny's worth of work out of us, they give us dirty machines to work on. They will not spend the money to have them cleaned. The foreman gave us strict orders to oil the machine every hour. As the machines are so dirty, the oil leaks right out, getting all over our clothes, even to our stockings and underclothes. Any woman knows what oil does to clothes. When we complained to him, the foreman's reply was: "I can't help it. We haven't any men to clean the machines." But this did not stop the machines from leaking. We are not even allowed a rag to wipe the machines.

—SARAH VICTOR.

### U.S. Bosses Starve Chinese Women Workers

Great numbers of Chinese girls are working in the needle trades (making overalls, shirts, gingham dresses, etc.), in Frisco's so-called Chinatown. These girls are the most exploited of workers. They get the lowest wages and longest hours. They get only half the wages the white workers receive.

Race discrimination acts for the benefit of the boss, because the white girls do not work and mingle with them.

In these needle trade shops the lights are very dim, air is stenchy as the shops are located in the basements. In many places with no windows for ventilation. The only windows are display windows.

Mothers bring their children with them and turn them loose to play in the street in front of the shop or carry them on their backs all day if they are babies. They work from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. and sometimes are forced to stay until midnight in order to rush out orders.

No lunch time is given and the workers snatch a bite during work time. The starvation wage is two dollars, earned for 12-13 hours a day.

#### Take Work Home

In order to exploit more perhaps because bosses have interest in the sewing machines, the workers are talked into buying sewing machines and taking work home. Sometimes the bosses get the equipment and deduct weekly from wages to pay for it. He then holds the workers in his power and pays what he pleases.

The Chinese women workers can improve their conditions, by militant struggle together with the men — together with all exploited workers of all nationalities. ORGANIZE into militant unions together with white workers. Class conscious workers recognize no race discrimination but fight shoulder to shoulder against the capitalist system, for the establishment of workers and farmers government.

—CHINESE NEEDLE WORKER—S. F.

#### PRIVILEGE

Boss: What do you mean by talking like that? Are you the boss around here?

Worker: No, I'm not the boss.

Boss: Well, if you're not the boss, don't talk like a damn fool.

### Waitress Tells of Slave Hours

"I am employed as a waitress, and I have to work practically twelve hours a day. If I complain I will doubtless be thrown out of my job, and yet at the same time I don't want to work longer than eight hours a day because I want to give some one else a chance to work the other four hours."

So writes Ruth Smith to a capitalist paper, the New York Telegram. But she goes on to say that the way to overcome unemployment is to have a "legally enforced eight hour law for women and children." No law for the protection of workers will ever really be enforced by a capitalist state. Only in the workers' own government of Soviet Russia, unemployment insurance, old age and illness insurance, and the seven-hour day, mean that workers are really protected.

Waitresses! The Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Workers Union demands the 7-hour day, equal pay for equal work, and work or wages for all unemployed workers.

It is now conducting an organization campaign to enroll 5,000 members. Join the Union today! Help build a powerful organization of food workers — a strong weapon against the bosses, against long hours, and low wages.

Write a letter about your conditions and send it to the Working Woman.



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## THE COMING ELECTIONS

State and Congressional elections are held at a time when conditions of the workers all over the country are getting worse. The army of eight million jobless workers is increasing. Millions of women and their families suffer from dire need, with no prospects of bettering their conditions.

A campaign of terror and persecution is waged against the militant workers who dare to fight for their demands. The bosses and their government by use of police, gangsters, and injunctions try to stamp out the rising tide of militancy of the American working class.

War preparations in the United States are going ahead full speed.

In the coming elections the women's vote will play a very prominent part. Forty-nine per cent of the total voting population are women, the majority of whom are working women, wives of workers. Millions of dollars are spent by the Republican, Democratic and Socialist parties for the capture of the women's vote.

Working women, be on guard! Remember the acts of betrayal against the workers by the Socialist party and the fascist A. F. of L. in your strikes and struggles. Remember the fact that they are part and parcel of the capitalist class just like the Democratic and Republican parties.

Only the Communist Party champions the interest of the working class—men and women, Negro and white. The Communist Party leads the workers in all their struggles to improve their conditions. It was the Communist Party that mobilized millions of working men and women on March Sixth and May First in demonstration against imperialist wars, in defense of the Soviet Union against unemployment.

The working women must partake in the coming State and Congressional elections. Vote for the candidates of your class! Support the Communist Party demands for women workers! Endorse the Communist Party platform based on the class struggle! Send delegates from shops and organizations to the State nominating convention being held all over the United States.

## FIGHT AGAINST LYNCHINGS

Not content with burning alive George Hughes, a Negro trapped in the vault of a new \$60,000 court house at Sherman, Texas, the mob lynched another Negro not far from Sherman. The petty bosses' lynching spirit then spread into Tennessee and a Negro worker was shot dead by police and others on a bloody hunt for prey. Such white terror is not isolated from the class struggle. It is part of the increased terror used against all workers in the unemployment crisis.

Southern workers who fought through the great rank-and-file struggles of 1929 at Gastonia, Marion and Elizabethton, know now that they can expect only bullets, clubbing, burning and lynching from the bosses and their hired tools, the police, troopers and guardsmen. Texas rangers helped the lynchers at Sherman. Tennessee guardsmen shot at Elizabethton rayon workers. North Carolina police killed six workers at Marion and went scot-free. A mob killed Ella May Wiggins and went scot-free. But when workers protected themselves against a raid on their National Textile Workers Union tent colony, they were given 117 years in prison.

Only the solidarity of Negro and white workers, organized in a mighty Trade Union Unity League and in the unions affiliated with it, can break the power of southern and northern bosses. Unite! Fight against lynchings, against white terror, against boss terror! Alone a worker is powerless. United with fellow workers in a fighting left wing union, under Communist leadership, Negro and white workers together will bring a workers' government in the United States.

## HAIL THE INDIAN REVOLUTION!

India is in revolt! The great revolutionary movement against British imperialism and its native tools, which is pressing more and more under the leadership of the revolutionary Marxian Party and the Red Flag Unions is sweeping the country. The workers and peasants are rising, determined to throw off the chains of imperialism that have oppressed them for centuries.

Gandhi, in dread fear of a real revolution is negotiating with the murderous "socialist" government of British imperialism for the surrender of the Indian workers to the bourgeoisie. He is denouncing the heroic fighters and is preaching "non-resistance" at a time when the fascist murderous government of MacDonald is killing hundreds of workers, trying to destroy the revolt of over 300,000,000 people by use of machine guns, airplanes and armored cars. The workers of the world must recognize in Gandhi, the most dangerous enemy of the Indian masses.

Revolutionary struggles in China, Nicaragua, etc., are spreading. Thousands of workers are being murdered daily by British, American, French and other imperialist countries in an effort to stamp out the colonial revolts. These workers have not died in vain; they call to the workers of the world to fight against the capitalist governments of England, United States, France and all other imperialist governments of war and colonial oppression.

Working men and women of America must realize the importance of the Indian revolution and the need of full support of class solidarity to the Indian masses. Denounce the treacherous role of Gandhi! Expose the murderous "socialist" government of MacDonald and his American partners, the "socialists," Thomas, Hillquit, etc.

Support the Indian revolution under the leadership of the Communist Party!

Fight against imperialist war! Defend the Soviet Union!

## Woman and Religion



BY MAXIM GORKI

It is strange that up to now nobody has written a book on the relation of the church to woman. Nevertheless the women must have long known that they owe to religion and to the church, in particular the "orthodox" christian church.

It is known that all religions have adopted a more or less negative attitude towards the woman, some of them being even decisively hostile. 2700 years ago the Greek poet Hesiod declared in his book—"Zeus gave mortal men one evil: the women": in his poem "Works and Days" he calls woman "a beautiful evil" and "a misfortune of humanity." In a Jewish prayer there is a short but very characteristic passage: "I thank you my Lord, that you have not created me a woman."

The religious legend of the creation of woman from the rib of man, the shameful words of the prophets on women, the legends of the Arabs, Hindus and numerous examples of such calumnies of woman show the unanimous efforts of the churches of all religions to degrade women socially. Woman is considered as the only one responsible for the driving out of man from paradise! She is the "vessel of sin" and "the seducer of the world," and these views penetrate from the church into the daily life.

The christian church was for two thousand years the source from which justification was derived for the legal and economic subjection of woman. In the words of the apostle Paul the church teaches: "Man has not been created for the woman, but the woman for the man." With such and similar doctrines it is maintained that woman is at bottom not equal to man but "a human being of a lower order." This does not prevent women, who believe in the Bible, from considering this book as the "most human" and wisest book, although its whole wisdom consists in the attempt to make men believe that life on this earth with all its trials is nothing but a preparation of humanity for eternal happiness in heaven, to which man can gain admission if he is patient and gentle as an ox and obeys the commands of the church.

The negative and hostile attitude to the woman has influenced the man for twenty centuries. This attitude of the church has deeply penetrated into the consciousness of men and obtained an almost instinctive power. The influence of religious "contempt for woman" is clearly expressed in the works of those scholars who have endeavored to prove to the world that woman is "by nature" a "mentally narrow" human being and cannot be considered as the equal of man. The practical conclusion of this

"theory" is very simple: woman must be placed in the background with regard to her rights and political position; she has been robbed of the right to shape her own destiny, she did not get the same education as man, she could not dispose of her inherited property without permission of man. There were a whole number of restrictions degrading women in daily life, hampering the normal development of her powers and capacities.

There is no doubt that if the sphere of woman's influence had not been artificially restricted to her duties as mother and housewife, culture would have developed with double rapidity, as creative energy would have been twice as great.

But bourgeois society and the bourgeois State are not interested in a rapid development of culture. The bourgeoisie prefers to keep what it has achieved—the exploitation of the labor of the proletariat. The bourgeoisie is living comfortably. And if it does move forward at all, it is only through anarchic competition and the growth of industrial technique resulting from this competition.

Far from advancing bourgeois culture has greatly retrogressed from the point it had reached in the nineteenth century. This fact has been confirmed since the imperialist war, which enormously increased the number of robbers, cynics, bandits and, as we perceive, did not create any other "spiritual leaders" than "fascists."

The women, and in particular, the peasant women, must seriously think of their position towards religion and the church. The oppressive burdens of life are cast on her by the divine law of the church which for centuries subjected woman and made her a slave.

Woman is emancipated from this slavish life only by socialism, by collective work. The power of the workers and peasants has successfully begun to transform life on a collective basis. It is no easy job; men who for centuries have been taught to live like wild beasts, each for himself, can hardly realize that it is possible to live in a different manner. They can hardly realize it and still they are creating this new order. The country of the Soviets is rapidly building up factories and machines; it is becoming richer from day to day and in a few years it will not suffer any want. With us everything that is created is created for all, and not for a few select, as in other countries. Woman must put her whole soul in this work which emancipates humanity from slavery. And she must in particular realize that the church is her worst and most irreconcilable enemy.



## Soviet Air Lines

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.—By the end of this year 2,812,500 miles will have been flown by Soviet passenger aeroplanes.

Peasants in Siberia, Central Asia, and the Caucasus, who have never seen a railway train or motor-car, are becoming familiar with planes and scarcely look up when they pass overhead.

JOIN THE  
COMMUNIST PARTY

## Black Sea Canard

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.—The Tass Agency is informed that the reports in a number of foreign papers that the Soviet Government proposes to transfer warships from the Baltic to the Black Sea, with the object of strengthening the Black Sea Fleet is entirely groundless.

No such measures are contemplated. These reports are regarded as a baseless newspaper sensation, inspired by certain interested groups who are particularly hostile towards the Soviet Union—Tass Agency.



# Hail the FIFTH R.I.L.U. CONGRESS!

**FIGHT FOR**

- Work or Wages
- Equal Pay for Equal Work
- The 7-hour Day, 5-day Week
- Defense of the Soviet Union
- A Workers' and Farmers' Government

**FIGHT AGAINST**

- Unemployment
- Wage Cuts—Speed-up
- Racial Discrimination
- Government attacks on the Revolutionary Workers
- Against Imperialist War

**Women Workers Rally for TUUL Membership Drive**

(By a Worker Correspondent)

The TUUL has launched a campaign for 50,000 new members from the various industries into the affiliated unions of the TUUL by June 30. During this drive we must make every effort so that many thousands of these new members be women workers, who are the most exploited section of the working class.

The fascist A F of L has always resisted any attempt of the workers to organize the working women. The Women's Trade Union League, part of the A F of L, is only an institution functioning in behalf of the bosses instead of the workers. Its role is primarily to mislead the women workers, to keep back the militancy of the workers in fighting to improve their working conditions. They are trying to prepare the working women for the coming imperialist war and for war against the Soviet Union.

The revolutionary trade unions affiliated with the TUUL and the various TUUL groups must in the present campaign make special efforts to organize the working women under its revolutionary banner against the agents of the bosses, the fascist A F of L and the social-fascist Musteites and the socialist party.

Every industrial union having women in its industry should set up a women's department, if they have not already done so. Such departments must become active in the campaign to help direct the work with women. We must come to the women workers with the slogans and demands of the revolutionary trade unions:

Equal pay for equal work, regardless of color, sex or nationality!

For the seven hour day, five day week! Fight against the fascist leader of the Women's Trade Union League, the betrayers of the working women!

Negro and white women! Join the revolutionary trade unions of your trade! Fight imperialist war! Defend the Soviet Union!

**INTL WOMEN'S TRADE UNION CONFERENCE**

The campaign for election of delegates to the Fifth RILU Congress is being carried on in all the Industrial Unions of the TUUL.

The women delegates attending the Congress will at the end of the Congress meet for the first International Women's Trade Union Conference. According to plans of the International Women's Trade Union Committee about 160 delegates are expected to attend, one third of the entire RILU delegation.

From the U. S., five women delegates to the RILU will be represented at the women's conference. In order to be prepared to report and contribute to the conference, broad discussions must be carried on in the industrial unions, particularly the Textile, Needle, Shoe and Food as to the methods of work for organizing the unorganized workers, slogans and demands formulated.

There is very little time left. The Industrial Unions must immediately begin to arrange special industrial conferences, mass meetings where the problem of organizing women will be discussed by the feverish war preparations of the U. S. rank and file and a review made of the shortcomings and progress made in the direction since the fourth Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions.



**On With the Drive for 50,000 Members by June 30th**

**Elect Delegates for Red International Labor Congress**

The bosses are utilizing the desperate conditions of the seven million unemployed workers to conduct a drive against those who still have jobs. Wages are being cut, hours lengthened, speed-up increased to the breaking point all over the United States.

The fascist A. F. of L. is giving direct aid to the bosses by trying to hold the workers back from struggle, (promise to turning the A. F. of L. Union in a company unions of the bosses.

The Social-Fascists, the Musteites, the Socialist Party and the renegades of Communism (Messrs. Loveston, Cannon & Co.) are doing their share to help the bosses check the rising tide of militancy of the workers and to be forced to accept worse conditions.

The joint attack of these working class betrayers against the Communist Party through lies and slander is a deliberate attempt to weaken the growing political and organizational influence of the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League.

The attacks of the Lovestonites and the Cannonites against the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, the Independent Shoe Workers Union and the Textile and Iners Union, their appeal to the workers not to join the unions is an act of class betrayal. It is an attempt to prevent the workers from building militant trade unions

with a clear cut class struggle program of the Red Trade Union International.

The workers, and especially the women workers, who predominate in the needle and textile industries, must not be fooled by the "left phrases" of the betrayers (Zimmerman, Weisbord, Dawson and others).

Negro and white, employed and unemployed women workers, your answer to the attacks of the bosses and to the working class betrayers must be—an intensified fight in the shop for shorter hours, for higher wages, under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party.

Answer the call of the T. U. U. L. in the drive for 50,000 members by June 30th! Join the industrial unions! Attend the organization drive meetings! Participate in the discussion and criticism of the shortcomings of the T. U. U. L. in organizing women workers! Help further organization activities!

Take part in the discussion and election of delegates to the 5th congress of the R. I. L. U. and the 1st International Women's Trade Union Conference to be held in Moscow on July 15th.

Build powerful industrial unions, the weapons in the hands of the workers against the bosses.

**Laundry Worker Tells Of Speed Up**

(By a Worker Correspondent)

I work at the National Family Laundry, part of a large trust with many shops in Greater New York and many workers, mostly Negro women. The bosses in the National have a system to squeeze out the last ounce of strength, blood and health of the workers for the least money.

Here we work 9 hours a day and five on Saturday, while in other laundries the hours are 12 and more without pay for overtime, but the speedup here is so great that we do a 12 hour day in 9 hours. Women workers get \$12 a week, but lately with the unemployment, new workers are hired for \$11 for the most unhealthy work.

If it is lunch time and the work is not finished it is our hard luck, even if it takes away half of our time, which in the National is three-quarters of an hour, and in other places only half an hour. The finishers who are the skilled workers, have longer hours, because they have piece work and so must slave longer and faster to make a living.

The laundry industry employs mostly Negroes. By a conspiracy of the capitalist class with the corrupt officials of the American Federation of Labor which is composed of the most skilled workers, the Negro workers are kept out of the skilled trades, and that is why they are found in such numbers in the very unhealthy, low paid laundry industry. The bosses take advantage of this situation to divide the workers. The National boasts a cafeteria, but Negro and white workers are not allowed to sit down to eat together.

But the laundry workers, who have been asleep for a long time, are waking up. The Cleaners and Laundry Workers Industrial League, affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League, is organizing the workers to fight for the eight hour day, the five day week, for a minimum living wage, for an industrial union based on shop committees in every shop. Many shop committees are already in existence, and the campaign is being intensified. All workers who are not yet members of the union and who have no shop committee in their shops as yet, should immediately get in touch with the Cleaners and Laundry Workers Industrial League, 13 West 17th St., New York City.

—LAUNDRY WORKER.

**A GOOD WAY TO BUILD THE WORKING WOMAN**

We reprint an article from a Cleveland shop bulletin, "The Laundry Worker," and request the various shop bulletin editorial committees to follow suit; particularly in the shops that employ large numbers of women workers.

**READ THE WORKING WOMAN AND THE DAILY WORKER**

The Daily Worker will be sold every evening in front of this factory. The Daily Worker and The Working Woman is your mouthpiece. It speaks to you and for you. Write for it. Write about the wage slashing and speed-up schemes of your bosses.

The Working Woman and Daily Worker is a club against the bosses. Help make it more powerful in your shop. Organize Daily Worker and Working Woman committees in your shop.

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE WORKING WOMAN This is your paper—BUILD IT!**



**JOIN THE REVOLUTIONARY T.U.U.L. UNIONS**



# The Negro Working Women

By Fannie Austin

The Negro working women in the United States must play a very important and revolutionary role in the class struggle against miserable and inhuman slaving conditions which are now existing under the Hoover-Wall Street government. It is very necessary and important for the Negro working women to understand the existing and continual daily sufferings under the capitalist class and its governmental system. You must also together with your husband explain clearly and plainly to your children that the real reason why we have starvation, unemployment, wage cuts, lynching, and race hatred is because we have a government of murderous bandits, parasites, and oppressors — because we have a government that is ruled and controlled by big financial parasites who are interested in doing nothing but to squeeze out from the workers sweat and blood — big profits all for their own interests.

Negro working women! When you go to

look for a job you find it very hard to get, and, when you do get it, you only obtain ten or twelve dollars for a big week of slavery. You are very much oppressed and exploited for a little nothing and you are looked upon by the bosses as not human.

You are handled by the exploiting parasites as if you are sold to them. They hire and fire you any time they feel like it. Are you going to let those fat-bellied bosses fool and enslave you forever? Are you going to be pressed down and stepped upon forever — or are you going to unite with your white working women sisters in struggle, in battle against the capitalist oppressive system — against the wage slave lynching system?

Negro and white women workers! We call upon you to unite jointly and connectedly in the revolutionary industrial unions. We call upon you to join the Party of your class, the Communist Party. Start your activity by preparing yourself for strikes and demonstrations. Show your solidarity, show your strength! Don't sleep—wake up!

## ALL HELL CAN'T STOP US

By Ralph Chaplin

(Tune: "Hold the Fort")

Now the final battle rages;  
Tyrants quake with fear.  
Rulers of the New Lark Ages  
Know their end is near.

Chorus:

Scorn to take the crumbs they drop us;  
All is ours by right,  
Onward men, all hell can't stop us;  
Crush the parasite.

With a world wide revolution  
Bring them to your feet,  
They of crime and persecution—  
They must work to eat.

Tear the mask of lies asunder.  
Let the truth be known;  
With a voice of angry thunder,  
Rise and claim your own.

Down with greed and exploitation;  
Tyranny must fall,  
Hail to toil's emancipation:  
Labor shall be all.

## WE WON'T FORGET THE LUDLOW MASSACRE

SILVER SPRINGS, Md. — Mother Jones, one hundred years old on May Day, is in the grip of her enemies at last. Surround in her feeble old age by none but the class collaborationist liberals and the A. . . of L. leaders, she has been led, according to reports in the capitalist press, to send the following telegram to John D. Rockefeller, Jr.:

"Your good wishes and hopes for continued long life on my one hundredth birthday was a happy surprise and among those messages most appreciated by me. Knowing all the responsibilities on your shoulders, it was a human act to think kindly of me at this time and your message was the expression of a Christmas heart."

She is also reported as saying, "He's a damn good sport," and "this telegram (from Rockefeller) rather squares things."

Workers who remember the slaughter by bullets and by burning to death of men, women and children in the Ludlow massacre, and the strike breaking by armed force of the Rockefellers throughout their career, will not follow the aged former militant in her statement (if she is correctly quoted) that a few good wishes "squares things" for all the workers' blood that has been shed.

### LOS ANGELES WORKERS PROTEST EVICTION OF NEGROES

LOS ANGELES. — Central Avenue saw its largest turnout of police when the International Labor Defense held a demonstration against the lynching of black and white workers in the south and racial discrimination in Los Angeles. The meeting was protected by a Workers' Guard.

Sally Turner, seventy, a Negro woman, has been evicted by order of Judge Vinci, and other efforts are being made to dispossess Negroes in the Central Avenue district. A sample of racial justice was the two-year sentence given a young Negro for possessing half a pint of liquor.

### MOTHER GOOSE IN WALL STREET

Jack Spratt (the working man) could eat no fat,  
His wife (working, too) could eat no lean  
Because the capitalist class  
Has licked the platter clean.



## Workers Children Join the Young Pioneers

By Mary Himoff

Six hundred workers children in the city of New York answered the call of the Young Pioneers, stayed out of school on May First, paraded and demonstrated with the whole working class. Over a thousand actually stayed away from school on this day. In Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco — many thousands of workers' children took part in the demonstrations on May First, under the leadership of the Pioneers.

The bosses know quite well that the "worker's child of today is the worker and soldier of tomorrow." Thru their schools, thru their children's organizations — the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Settlement Houses, they are bending all their energies to win the workers' children for the capitalist class. Never before has there been such anti-labor propaganda as now, never before such intensified militarization in the schools, as today. Obedient, passive workers, good soldiers for our wars of profit — is the slogan of the bosses.

Just before and after May first we see an intensified struggle in the schools against the Young Pioneers. Arrests, demotions, discrimination, are the order of the day. The fight for the right of workers' children to take part in the struggles and demonstrations of the whole working class is a bitter fight. The fight for better conditions of the workers' children is met with terror, arrests, jailings (Harry Eisman, five years in the reformatory). Thru-out the country our children are learning very rapidly that the "democracy" about which they are taught in the schools does not exist. In spite of all this terror the workers' children are taking their place in the ranks of all revolutionary fighters in their struggle against their oppressors — the boss class.

But even though the boss class is able

to the role the children play in the struggle, a great majority of the workers do not as yet realize that the fight to win their children for their class is an important struggle. Many workers and many working class mothers do not see that while they are struggling to build revolutionary unions, that while they are fighting militantly against their bosses — these very same bosses are educating their children to become strike breakers, are teaching their children to become soldiers in those very bosses' wars against which the workers are fighting. Our slogan must be: "Every worker's child must be won for the working class."

### "Every Worker's Child a Pioneer"

The struggle of the Young Pioneers in the schools is the struggle of the whole working class. Every working woman, every working class mother must awake to the fact that she must support the children in their struggle in the schools.

The struggle for the demands of the children of the unemployed is the struggle of every working class mother.

Women Workers! Working class mothers! You must fight to win the workers' children for your class! You must become the main support of the Young Pioneers in their struggle for:

- Free food and clothing for all children of the unemployed in the schools.
- Free fare for all workers' children.
- For the right of workers' children to take part in all struggles and demonstrations of the workers.
- For the immediate reinstatement of all Pioneers and workers' children who took part in the March Sixth and May First demonstrations!
- For the immediate release of Harry Eisman and other revolutionary children!
- Against Boy and Girl Scouts!
- Against Negro Child Segregation and

the collective, is of the poorest of poor peasants, without even a horse to do the plowing. How she and the agricultural manager and the young worker pull together to lead the peasants out from the little narrow individualistic plots of land to the abundance of a great collective farm — that is the story. Here is romance in the marriage of Fomka, the bull, to his first cow; tragedy in Fomka's death, caused by a plot of the kulaks (rich peasants) against Martha's "coop"; humor in the tractor operator, all dressed up, who has to take off his trappings and mend the machine; and final joy, victory, success.

And the peasant actors can show Hollywood how to do it. This new kind of movie from Soviet Russia makes a Hollywood production seem more than ever flat, stupid and unreal. A Sovkino film is always alive, vivid, interesting and real.

## THE OLD AND THE NEW

The latest Soviet film always seems to be "the best yet." This month it is "The Old and The New," shown at the Cameo and released in America by Amkino. Eisenstein, the great Russian producer, took three years to prepare this film and the result is one of his masterpieces.

What the long word "collectivization of agriculture" really mean in the lives of poor and middle peasants is the theme, but there are no long words and not a dull moment throughout the picture. Lively, romantic, humorous, beautiful and true, the film moves from one dramatic moment to another, showing the old and the new ways side by side, until at last, after many difficulties, the new triumphs gloriously.

Martha Lapkina, heroine and symbol of

Discrimination in schools!  
Help build and support the Young Pioneers!  
Send your child into our ranks!

### On Winning the Children

In a mill section of New England a member of the National Textile Workers Union is quite active in selling literature. At present he is making a canvas to sell "Out of a Job," "Why Workers Should Join the Communist Party" and Myra Page's "American Working Women and the Class Struggle."

He sold one of the latter to a woman of foreign birth, who said she could not read English, but she would get her young daughter to read it to her. A few days after the worker met her and asked her how she liked it.

"Oh, my daughter refused to read it. She began to cry when I urged her." She said, "Mamma, you know what the priest said about the Bolsheviks; this is a Bolshevik book."

So that's that. Moral: We must put up better and bigger battles to save the children from being allies of the bosses.

—TEXTILE SLAVE.

### Tammany Graft

More Tammany graft was revealed yesterday when the fact was brought out that Edwin J. Cooley, chief probation officer of General Session Court, put his sister, Mrs. Marguerite F. Lawler, on his payroll with a fat salary attached, while she was getting more rough from the Buffalo education department as a school teacher. Several "investigations" have been started by Tammany politicians to cover up this latest scandal.



# Fight Against Imperialist War—Defend the Soviet Union!

## CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

A strike was called by the workers at the Sechiel Silk Mills last February to combat the attempts of the employers to introduce a thirty per cent wage cut. One thousand workers and women workers demonstrated outside the mill; three women workers were arrested. The workers in the Trebich concern gave notice that if the women workers were not released by ten o'clock the next morning, a strike would be called.

The police were thus compelled by the workers to release those arrested. In the meantime, a demonstration was organized in Remerstadt of 2,000 workers as a protest against the brutality of the police.

According to a communication from Teresiengal, dated March 1, the strike at the textile mill in this city against rationalization is now entering its fourteenth week. Despite the treachery of the social-fascists, all the women workers are prepared to continue the fight.

## GREECE

One thousand men and women workers in the Salonica Tobacco factories, and 200 women workers in the carpet mills in Athens came out on strike in March, 1930.

## Defenders of the Soviet Union



## Women Metal Workers Strike

### DENMARK

Three thousand women metal workers declared a strike. It is being led by a strike committee, the following demands having been put up:

Increased pay, equal pay for equal work, protection of child labor, especially for juniors between 13 and 14, and maternity welfare measures, juniors to be covered by tariff agreements (so far the employers pay the juniors as they like); seven hour day in the rationalized shops; six hour day for juniors and paid annual vacations. The strikers are standing solid together. On March 29 an imposing demonstration was organized and 5,000 attended, the bulk of them being women workers.

A report to hand states that the reformist union disrupted the strike after it had continued three weeks. When the referendum was taken on whether the strike should be called off, 2,272 votes supported a continuation of the strike against 162. Nevertheless, the union urged the women workers to go back to work, stating that no more strike benefits would be issued.

# CEMENT

## A Chapter from Feodor Gladkov's Novel of the Turbulent Years of the Russian Civil War and Reconstruction

"Comrades, I propose we elect a Chairman."

Hardly had he uttered these words than the women in their part of the hall, with Domasha and Lisaveta at the head, jumped up and down, shot up their hands, shrieking out one name, but each vying with the other as to who could call loudest.

"Dasha! Dasha Chumalova! Dasha!"

The men were also shouting, but without at first being able to yell down the voices of the women.

"Gromada! Chumalov! Savchuk!"

The name of Savchuk was drowned in a roar of laughter.

Gromada jumped up by the table, wildly waving his arms at the women and screaming to the men: "Comrades! I don't mind about the women—they have equal rights, the creatures. . . Ah, yes. And the young ones, they must be the leaders, of course. But let them wait a little longer. We need a beard on the Chairman."

"And where's Chumalov's beard? And what about your whiskers; has the cat licked them off?"

The women were bawling at the top of their voices.

"Dasha! Chumalova! Dasha! Gromada's not even capable of passing her a glass of water! Savchuk's beard is just good enough for a hearth brush and Motia knows his fists well enough!"

"Savchuk! Chumalov! Loshak!"

Gleb banged the bell repeatedly.

"We'll have a vote on it, Comrades. Dasha Chumalova is first on the list. Although she is my wife, I have no objection to a woman taking the chair. Who is for—"

But before he could call out Dash's name the women again began to scream.

"Dasha! Why don't you give way to the woman, you good-for-nothings?"

Gleb was the first to raise his hand, and with him the women and Serge.

The other workers raised their hands one after the other as though unwillingly, coughing and sniffing.

Savchuk, without raising his hand, roared from out of his corner: "Drive 'em out, these women! Send them all home! Phew, I can't bear them!"

Again Gleb rang loudly to still the clamoring.

"Now we'll vote for Gromada. . . Very few. Now vote for Loshak. . . Only a few. Take your place, Comrade Chumalova."

The women began to applaud like a lot of hens flapping their wings:

"Bravo! Women! We've won! Show these bearded and shaven goats what we can do, Dasha!"

Dasha stepped with firm tread to the table and stood beside Gleb.

"Comrades, I ask for silence and real proletarian spirit. Give me the agenda, Comrade Chumalov. Comrade Ivagin has the floor for his report. You have fifteen minutes to speak, Comrade."

Serge, astonished, could only laugh with a gesture of dismay.

"This is too strict a ruling, Comrade Chumalova."

"Don't pad it out, Comrade Ivagin. If you're going to talk, go to it or we shall go on with our business!"

"She thinks enough of herself! I told you so. We didn't want a woman. . ."

"Kick them out! Let them all go home, the noisy hens! I'd pick 'em up by their petticoats and sling them out the window."

"Silence, Comrade Savchuk! I'll have you put out for this anarchy. Remember you're Communists, Comrades!"

Dasha is right. A little time is enough; what can be said in a report to workmen? Serge too many words in his head. She knows best what he wants at the present time. Cold textbook phrases are strange and unintelligible, abstract and remote as Serge himself, in his words and in his nature.

"Comrades! A terrible economic debacle . . . a formidable crisis . . . a most difficult test for the working class. The liquidation of the military front. The Tenth Congress of the Party have drawn up a new economic policy. The proletariat is the only force . . . revival of the industry of the republic . . . concessions and the world market. . . (Phew, these stupid intellectuals!) We must stand for the country of the proletariat . . . increase our strength tenfold, and with iron ranks. . . We have broken the blockade. . . The working class and the Communist Party. . . (Finish now, Comrade Ivagin!) Recovery of fuel supply. . . Use of the factory power. . . On this matter, Comrade Chumalov can speak better than I."

"Comrades, the report is before you."

## Working Women in Soviet Union Write of Conditions

Leningrad, 1-3-30.

"Pechatny Dvor" Printing Works,

Lithographic Department.

Dear Fellow Workers:

We, women employed in the lithographic department of the above mentioned works, want to tell you something about our conditions of life, and would like also to hear something about yours.

We will tell you something about our work, our achievements and shortcomings.

By perseverance we have secured a whole series of measures which make our labor easier and raise our qualifications. Though there are many illiterate women among us, we are able to work in all the branches of the industry. We are certainly trying to liquidate our illiteracy. In this respect, we are greatly helped by our trade union and social organizations, and many of us become foremen, managers of departments, and factory directors.

Avenues, closed to us formerly, are now open — their utilization depends on ourselves.

Our laws are a great help to us, because they protect our labor. We get, for instance (by decree), two months leave of absence before and after confinement with full pay, and for nine months we leave off working half an hour before the regular time, being nursing mothers. When the child is born, it gets an outfit — thirty meters of various material free of charge. There is State insurance for all the workers, which is a guarantee in case of sickness, and gives us and our families free medical treatment and medicine.

If the illness does last longer than three months we keep our place in the factory or institution where we are working, but if it lasts longer, we are considered as temporary invalids, and in either case we get full pay from the insurance fund, provided we have a three years' labor status. Those who have a shorter labor status get 75 per cent of their wage.

We work seven hours and rest on every fifth day (five-day week). This gives us

time for social work. Of course, those who have a family and many children cannot do much social work, but the number of nurseries is being increased; we are trying to help ourselves. Elected delegates from the ranks of our factory women workers are looking after the children in the nurseries.

We have many other necessary and useful arrangements, but I won't say that everything is as it should be; here, too, we have shortcomings, and mistakes are made. For instance, collisions take place with the foremen and managers of the old school, who still cling to the old methods. It has, for instance, happened in our department that women workers knocked themselves up owing to work which was too heavy for them, and had to go to a hospital. But we have protection also in this respect: the labor protection committee takes up such cases, and the management is obliged to use more circumspection in the distribution of work and utilization of the available labor power.

There are many more things about which we could write. But we will wait for your reply. We want you to ask questions concerning matters which are of interest to you, and we would also like you to tell us how you are living and what your labor conditions are.

With hearty greetings, Zhemanova, Porjunina, Rytikova, Lebedeva, Sergeeva, Golovchina, Colubeeva, Saulich, Afonasiyeva.

(Workers in the Lithographic Department of the "Pechanty Dvor" Printing Works.)

## Hats off to Cuba!

HAVANA, Cuba.—Workers in the hat-making industry here carried through a successful week's strike here recently.

The strike followed a five months' struggle with two big factories (Cuba provides the raw material for all sorts of straw hats, and manufactures for export).



LENINISM, by Jos. Stalin  
International Publishers. \$2.50  
Selections from Lenin Party Organization and Program.—International Publishers. Labor and Silk, by Grace Hutchins.—International Publishers. \$2.00  
Cement. By Feodor Gladkov. International Publishers. \$2.50.

### PAMPHLETS

Report of the Fourth Congress of the R. I. L. U. Trade Union Unity League distributors. 50cents.

Russian Women in the Building of Socialism. By Anna Razumova. Worker Library Publishers, N. Y. 24 p., 10 cents  
The American Working Woman and the Class Struggle. Issued by the Central Committee Communist Party of U. S. A. Workers Library Publishers. 5 cents  
What is the Five-Year Plan? Building Up Socialism. Workers Library Publishers. 24 p., 5 cents.  
Out of a Job? By Earl Browder. Worker Library Publishers. 5 cents.



# Read and Build the Working Woman!

## BUILD THE WORKING WOMAN

### A Weapon for Women Workers

The Working Woman has now appeared regularly for seven months. It is becoming an organizing factor in reaching thousands of exploited women throughout the country. Working women from the farms of the far west as well as the shops and factories of the large industrial centers have heard of our paper, and have subscribed to it. But this is not enough!

Much of the paper can be improved, and we hope it will, especially in the matter of articles written by shop workers. The Working Woman must reflect the struggles of workers. It must speak about the every-day problems of the workers in their shops and factories. This is possible only if our women workers write for the paper. We ask you to help make this a better paper by contributing articles of your struggles in the factories. It is your paper! You must write for it!

None of our readers doubt the need for a revolutionary paper for the masses of women workers who are terrifically exploited. The capitalist papers who daily poison the workers with their anti-labor propaganda, make a special effort to get the women workers. The Working Woman must become powerful enough to help wipe out this poison.

The Working Woman is the answer of women workers to the attacks of the bosses. Especially at the present time when the capitalist parties through their press are making all kinds of fake promises, must the Working Woman be heard throughout the U. S. A. to expose the capitalist papers as the tools of the bosses, and to point out to women workers that there is only one party which fights for the interests of the workers and that is the Communist Party!

Working Women! Circulate The Working Woman at all factories where women are exploited! Get subscriptions for the paper, which must have finances if it is to come out regularly. The comrades of Portland, Oregon, are having a picnic on June 15th and all of the profits will go to the Working Woman! We want more picnics or other affairs in other districts; we can use the profits.

More articles! More subscriptions! More funds for The Working Woman.

By Fred Ellis



## Women Gandhi Followers Betray Workers

In the seething revolt of the Indian masses against the "Robber" rule of Great Britain and in the camp of the Gandhi betrayers women are playing a leading role. There are two women especially, who have been in the limelight in the present struggle.

One of these is rs. Sarojina Naidu, a poetess, who because of Ghandi's arrest, has become the leader of his group, which betrays the workers with his policy of "passive resistance." The other of these women is Kalamadevi Chattopodhyaya, who led the working women and children in the mile long Red parade in Bombay on May 15th, and led in the cheering of "Long live the revolution." The difference with which these two women were treated by British soldiers and police shows that Britain knows her friends and rewards them.

Gandhi and Mrs. Naidu are friends of British imperialism, and traitors to the working class. Their teachings of "passive resistance" further enslave the workers because they check the fighting spirit of the masses and make them helpless to fight back the armed forces of Great Britain.

Mrs. Naidu's idea of a protest against the British salt tax is to sit in the middle of a road for 28 hours because the police would not permit her to go any further. And, when the police offered her an automobile she quietly rode away, while the workers whom she kept back, immediately raided the salt depot, and bravely fought back the police. Mrs. Naidu were arrested, but immediately released when she promised to leave the salt area.

On the other hand Mrs. Chattopodhyaya was arrested the day after the Red parade and was sentenced to 9 months in prison for breaking the salt act and other "illegal activities." This woman who is helping to lead the workers in the path of revolution and the overthrow of the capitalist system, is an enemy of the British imperialists so they send her to prison.

But prisons will not stop the Hindu workers. They are now fighting militantly in spite of the Gandhis and Mrs. Naidus, the soldiers, machine guns and battleships of the "Socialist" MacDonald government, and in the coming struggles they will sweep aside all the traitors of the working class, throw off the yoke of British imperialism and establish a Soviet government in India.

## DO YOU KNOW THAT—

| In Capitalist United States under Hoover "Prosperity"  | In the Soviet Union under a Workers' Government.  |
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| a.) Unemployment increased to 8,000,000.   | a.) Unemployment decreased by 500,000 since 1929.   |
| b.) No benefit or insurance of any kind for unemployed.  | b.) Increased fund for unemployed — 1927: 69,400,000 roubles; 1929: 139,100,000 roubles.  |
| c.) Eviction from houses—homes broken up.  | c.) Rent free—no unemployed allowed to be evicted.  |
| d.) Starvation and ill-health for workers.   | d.) Free dinners, bus and tram tickets.   |
| e.) No relief for wives or children.   | e.) Adequate family allowance, dependant on size of family, and for all children up to 16.  |
| f.) No training for unskilled workers. Skilled or unskilled alike thrown on the industrial scrap-heap. | f.) Training of unskilled workers for skilled jobs at full rates in workshops controlled by the unemployed. Number now training: 163,000. |

## The International Struggle

### GERMANY

On February 14, a strike was called at the Mates Textile Mills in Meran, the dispute arising over the fact that a comrade who had been nominated by the trade union opposition during the factory committees' elections, was discharged. Although the employer himself attended the factory meeting, the decision to call a strike was supported by an overwhelming majority of the workers and women workers. In fact, a strike committee was elected at the meeting.

Besides this, the workers and women workers put forward a whole series of other demands.

### THE CONGO

#### Great Native Demonstrations

LEOPOLDVILLE, Congo. — As an answer to the "security measures" taken by the Belgian authorities against native demonstrations in Leopoldville, a great demonstration of natives took place Wednesday in Brazzaville in the French Congo on the other side of the River Congo opposite Leopoldville.

A demonstration of 1,000 Negroes assembled before the town hall and made efforts to storm this building with a view to releasing four prisoners. The police were driven off and troops had to be used against the

### AUSTRIA

On February 18, one hundred women workers declared a strike at the Pecht Textile Mills against rationalization which had resulted in the dismissal of eleven women workers. There is a three-shift system at these mills, women workers being employed on the two-day shifts, men working on the night shift.

Only the two day shifts came out on strike, the night shift continued to work. Soon after the declaration of the strike, the administration informed the women workers that they would reinstate ten out of the eleven women workers, since one of them, although employed only recently, was too "insolent."

The administration refused to negotiate the other demands until the mill owner who had gone to Italy would return. The women workers refused to return to work, and remained out three weeks. The strike was defeated in the end as the Christian unions sent along scabs, while the reformist trade union bureaucracy lent a helping hand on the ground that there were no funds in the union.

### JAPAN

The textile workers of the Kanigauchi Mills are putting up a stubborn fight. All the workers and women workers are standing by each other. An "Italian" strike was begun by about 1,000 workers in the Takasau Mills.



Demand the release of Foster, Minor, Amt er and Raymond, in prison for Fighting for Unemployment Insurance

## On Hunger Strike In Jerusalem

(From Our Own Correspondent.) JERUSALEM, Tuesday. — Thirty-nine workers who are political prisoners in Jerusalem jail, declared a hunger strike on May 5.

They demand the abolition of the death penalty for those who took part in the uprising last August.

They demand also the establishment of a special regime for political prisoners and the abolition of the flogging, kneeling, handcuffing and forced labor which are now inflicted upon them.

A telegram has been despatched on behalf of the prisoners to the Labor government recommending these demands and requesting their fulfillment.

## Twenty Rebels Killed

Renewed Revolutionary Fighting In French Indo-China.

The continuance of the revolutionary movement in Indo-China is evidenced by a message from Hanoi.

A body of Communist insurgents attacked a concession near Vinh. After a fierce battle with the police 20 insurgents are reported to have been killed, a score more wounded and many arrested.

The uprising in Indo-China was ferociously suppressed by the French imperialists. About 500 of the insurgents were sentenced to imprisonment, some for life, and 52 were sentenced to death.