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PROTEST U.S. 3 Billion War Expense Demand War Fund for Unemployed Out on the Streets August 1st



WM. Z. FOSTER

Jobless Leaders Notified of Nomination

The Unemployed Delegation, which is in jail for three years as a result of the demonstration of 110,000 employed and unemployed workers in Union Square on March 6th—William Z. Foster, Robert Minor, and Israel Amter were officially informed about their nomination to head the Communist Party Election ticket, by a special committee.

"The selection of Wm. Z. Foster as a candidate for governor, and of his running mates Amter and Minor, is a challenge to the bankers and capitalists of New York and their Tammany Hall administration and police thugs. It is the expression of the determination of the Communist Party to make the intensified struggle for work or wages, for unemployment insure, one of the outstanding issues of the election campaign."

Comrades Minor and Amter were nominated for Congress. The State Nominating Convention of the Communist Party held at Schenectady, May 25, nominated Foster, Minor and Amter as the standard bearers of the Communist Party in the election struggle for work or wages, social insurance, against imperialist war and in defense of the Soviet Union.

The railroading of the unemployed delegation to jail is part of the entire campaign of the bosses' government to crush the growing militancy of the working masses and to check their determined struggle against wage-cuts, starvation, and the war preparations of Wall St.

**WORKING WOMEN! FARM WOMEN!
WIVES OF WORKERS!**

On August 1st, International Red Day, the Communist Party of the U. S. calls upon you to mobilize your forces, to join in mighty protest demonstration with your fellow workers from the shops and factories, from farm and home against U. S. feverish war preparations. For the defense of the Soviet Union.

August 1st, 1930 takes place at a time when capitalism is shaking on its foundation. The economic crisis which has gripped the U. S. and the whole capitalist world is deepening and spreading. At the same time in the Soviet Union where socialism is being built, there is no crisis, socialist economy is becoming more and more stable. Industry is being developed thru the successful 5-year plan at an unheard of pace. The conditions of the workers are steadily improving. Thus proving the superiority of Socialism over capitalism.

The bosses know that their system is dying, that it will be replaced with a Socialist system like the Soviet Union. They are therefore preparing to smash the only workers government of the Soviet Union.

The U. S. government is preparing for the most devastating war in history. Today 16 years after the World War for which the workers paid with 12 million dead and millions of crippled and maimed, the workers once more are being forced to pay for a new bosses war. Billions of dollars are being spent for armaments. In these preparations the women are not forgotten. Twelve years after the war mothers and widows are being sent to France to stir up sentiment for imperialist war. At the same time the capitalist government of the U. S. follows its policy of segregating and Jim Crowing the Negro war mothers. They are trying to set up sham barriers of race superiority. Negro and white working women fight against these WAR PREPARATIONS. UNITE WITH THE MEN WORKERS AGAINST CAPITALISM AND CAPITALIST WARS.

The bosses are making the working women as well as the men pay the price for the past wars and for the coming ones. Working Women are hit hardest by capitalist exploitation, the bosses are filling the factories with women for half the wages they pay to the men workers. The women workers must fight these attacks of the bosses, the Fascist A. F. of L. and the Women's

**DEMAND THE RELEASE OF FOSTER, MINOR AND OTHERS IN PRISON FOR FIGHTING
FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

Trade Union Unity League, and the Social Fascist betrayers. Join with the men workers in fight for higher wages, shorter hours, for equal pay for equal work. JOIN THE REVOLUTIONARY UNIONS OF THE TRADE UNION UNITY LEAGUE. DEFEND THE INTERESTS OF YOUR CLASS.

While more than 20,000,000 workers and their families are starving, unable to get work, without any unemployment relief, the capitalist government of the U. S. is spending \$2,831,625,962 a year for war.

Women Workers! Do not permit yourselves to be fooled by the pacifist lies spread by the bosses and their government thru their Fascist, patriotic and "Socialist-pacifist" women's organizations. War in the U. S. is a living reality. Peace under capitalism is impossible. Like a pack of hungry dogs the capitalist countries are in a mad chase for more profits. Thus, U. S. is preparing for a war among the imperialist powers and for a joint war against the Soviet Union.

Working women and wives of workers, you must fight against these war preparations under the leadership of the Communist Party. Support the Communist Party in the coming Congressional election campaign. Vote Communist. Join the Party of your class—the Communist Party against the bosses — for the Workers.

DEMAND ALL WAR FUNDS FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

ORGANIZE YOUR FORCES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE BOSSES GOVERNMENT AND FOR A WORKERS GOVERNMENT!

FORM ANTI-WAR COMMITTEES IN YOUR SHOPS AND FACTORIES!

INSTEAD OF BOTTLESHIPS, WE DEMAND MATERNITY AND SOCIAL INSURANCE!

FIGHT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE!

FIGHT AGAINST JIM-CROWISM AND LYNCHING OF NEGROES!

FOR FULL SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL EQUALITY!

JOIN WITH THE MEN WORKERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR!

DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION!

JOIN IN THE MASS ANTI-WAR PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS!

ON THE STREETS AUGUST 1st.



WOMEN ATTACKED AT ANTI-IMPERIALIST DEMONSTRATION

SINCLAIR PROTESTS 42-YEAR SENTENCE

Upton Sinclair today made public, through the International Labor Defense, the following letter, sent by him to the State Board of Prison Directors at San Quentin, California, on their invitation, in regard to the case of Frank Spector, one of the six prisoners now serving 42-year sentences on charges of Criminal Syndicalism.

The defendants were organizers of the Trade Union Unity League, who were attempting to organize the Imperial Valley fruit pickers to fight for better conditions among the worst known to any industry in the United States today.

Mark E. Noon, Clerk State Board of Prison Directors, San Quentin, California.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter in which you inform me that you have learned of my being acquainted with your inmate, No. 48688, Frank Spector. You ask me for any information I can give "regarding his past life, habits, conduct, and tendencies," and you tell me that "the information furnished will be used as an aid in his reformation here and to his rehabilitation as a useful member of society after he regains his liberty."

In reply I am pleased to inform you that I have known Frank Spector for several years, and have watched his work as leader of the Communist Party of Los Angeles. I am not a Communist, and am opposing the Communist Party in theory and practice. However, I know greatness of character when I encounter it, and I am pleased to state that Frank Spector is one of the finest men I have ever known. His crime consists of the fact that he has perceived the diseased and graft-ridden condition of our capitalist society, and in the effort to remedy it has been willing to have his head clubbed by police agents of the capitalist state, and to risk spending the balance of his life in jail. He is of the stuff of the early Christian martyrs, and you will have to rise to new moral heights if you are to form any conception of his character.

You speak of your desire to reform him. The wisest thing you could do would be to give him an opportunity to reform your prison. You speak of aiding his rehabilitation as a useful member of society. As it happens, his usefulness to society has consisted in his efforts to rehabilitate it, and, because society refuses to be rehabilitated, it has put the rehabilitator in jail.

You ask me to write you "fully and frankly in confidence." I have written fully and frankly, but not in confidence. I will be pleased to have you publish the letter in your prison paper.

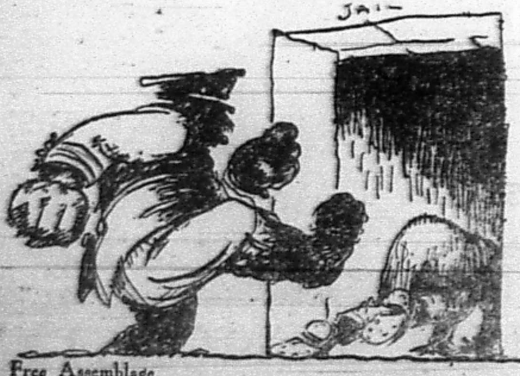
Sincerely,

Upton Sinclair.

PROTEST TO POLISH HANGMEN

Henri Barbusse and Karl Kraus, of Vienna, both famous authors, have sent the following telegram to the Polish President, and to the President of the Polish Parliament:

"He have learned of the sentencing of Hirsch, Jugend and Proper to death by hanging for the production and distribution of Communist leaflets in Lemberg. In the name of humanity we protest against this terrible sentence, the more so as it is given for a purely political offense. We believe that this sentence will be recognized by the world as an expression of the unbounded ferocity of ism in Poland, and await its cancellation."



Free Assemblage

GRAFT, CORRUPTION ELECT McCORMICK

\$325,000 Spent While Chicago Jobless Starve

CHICAGO, Ill.—Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick was reported by the investigation of the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee to have spent \$325,000, in her fight for the Primary Election in Illinois. Mrs. McCormick herself only admits having spent \$252,000, and now she is being asked to account for the difference spent.

At a time when hundreds of thousands of workers in Chicago are unemployed and starving, at a time when teachers and other public employees have not received their salaries for many weeks back, the Thompson machine thinks nothing of spending \$325,000 in a fight for the Primaries.

Such graft and corruption in politics is nothing unusual and will continue just so long as the capitalist state exists. Mrs. McCormick represents the trusts and the powerful moneyed interests of Chicago and it is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to them, to put into office a good henchman who will willingly do the bidding of the bosses.

Women, representing the boss class when they become part of the political machine, are just as corrupt as the men, and just as willing tools of the capitalist class which keeps the workers in starvation and misery.

There is only one party which holds out any hopes for women workers, which fights for equal opportunities and for real freedom for women workers, and that is the Communist Party of the U.S.A. In the coming elections women must show their support of the party of their class, and get the workers in their shops and factories to vote the Communist ticket, to support the Party of their class.

MOONEY TO ROT IN CALIF. JAIL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Tom Mooney and Warren T. Billings must continue to rot in jail! This is the latest decision of the courts, the Pardon Board, and the Governor of California.

Mooney and Billings were framed-up in the Preparedness Day explosion in San Francisco, and have been rotting in the California jails for 14 years. That these two men are innocent, judges, attorney and even state's witnesses admit.

John MacDonald, the principal witness against Billings and Mooney, who again has repeated his confession that he was hired and threatened into testifying falsely, is now being held in San Francisco, while Governor Young and other government agents will try to break down his confession.

Some of those who double-crossed Mooney and helped to convict him, were the Socialist and labor fakers, who pretended to help Mooney, but really helped the bosses and government agents, by raising the cry of "Anarchist," by warning the whole labor movement not to participate in his defense and by hindering the militant action of the working class. Only the might of the working class can liberate Mooney, and Billings and all political prisoners. Only the organized force of the entire working class will smash the gates of the California jails and liberate our working class fighters.

A Child Laborer in the Beet Fields in the U. S.



INTERNATIONAL PIONEER CONGRESS

On July 23rd, workers' children from every country in the world will gather in Germany, for the Second International Rally of Proletarian Children ("SLOT").

The first gathering of workers children was held last year in the Soviet Union and was attended by seven children from America.

This year the delegation will consist of one pioneer delegate, Goldie Dobrinic, of Cleveland, and Martha Stone, the Pioneer leader in New York City. The purpose and aim of the "Slot," which is led by the Pioneer Movement (assisted by the Young Communist League and Communist Party) is to mobilize proletarian children for the building of mass communist children's organizations in all countries, and overcome the poisonous propaganda taught in capitalist institutions.

The main body of children to the "Slot" will live in a great tent-town—a children's Soviet Republic.

The Congress will take place in Halle, and will open with a mass meeting to which the local children will be invited. Sessions will continue for two days. On the 25th, the children will partake in the Spartakiade (International Sport Festivals).

The "Slot" will close on the 27th with a mass demonstration, participated in by young and adult workers.

The American children who attended last year's "Slot" did much to spread the achievements of the Soviet children and first proletarian state, among the mine, textile, shoe, needle workers' children they represented. This year's "Slot," held in a capitalist country, should do much in combating the fascist "Scout movement, linking up the proletarian children for struggle and strengthening the Communist children's movement.

10 YEARS IN JAIL FOR HOISTING RED FLAG

Yetta Stromberg, arrested August 1929 for raising a red flag over a workers children camp in Yucaipa, California, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment. The District Court of Appeals sustained the sentence.

Thus the courts of California show how viciously they attack militant workers, as in the case of Mooney and Billings, and the 6 workers in Imperial Valley, who have been sentenced to 42 years of prison each for organizing the workers in the fight against the bosses.

The four other defendants in this case, Emma Schneiderman, Esther Korpiloff, Bella Mints, and Jenny Wolfson, have been granted a new trial on the grounds that the "conspiracy" to raise the Red Flag had not been sufficiently established.

The International Labor Defense will fight the case thru the highest courts. This action of the capitalist courts have not stopped the proletariat in California, who have again opened the children's camp this Summer.

BULGARIAN PEASANTS' PROTEST

On the anniversary of the Fascist coup in Bulgaria seven years ago, a mass anti-Fascist meeting attended by 6,000 peasants was held at the village of Aldomirovets, near Sofia.

Demand the release of Foster, Minor, Amter and Raymond, in prison for fighting for unemployment insurance.

Women Workers in Flint Stand Solid With Men In the Strike

Over 5,000 workers are on strike in the Fisher Body Plant in Flint, Michigan, against wage cuts of more than 50 per cent. This strike started as a small department strike, and under the leaderships of the Auto Workers Union, which put forward demands for all departments, the strike soon spread to the entire plant. About 400 women, in the department, spontaneously answered the call of the union and walked out in a body.

Four strikers were seriously injured, and 60 strikers and organizers were arrested as a result of police attacks on the Fisher Body Plant. Elizabeth McCarthy is suffering from head injuries received during the strikers' mass demonstration. Another woman was blackjacked by state police when they attacked the picket line. Two men are under treatment because of police attacks on pickets.

All 60 arrested were prominent in strike activities and were held incommunicado by the police.

Undaunted by police brutality the strikers have issued a statement of their position. Pointing out that wages of men were cut from \$1 to 40-50c an hour, while women's wages were reduced from 65-70c an hour to \$1.12 a day, the strikers say: "Five years ago a working line that turned out 60 bodies a day was considered to have done a very fair day's work. This has gradually been forced up. Today we are required to turn out 100 bodies a day and the pay is only 40 and 50c an hour. Even if we work like madmen we can't make a decent living."

Working conditions are bad. "In the women's department they work the girls 60-65 hours a week. The state law says women's hours of labor shall not be more than 54 hours a week. Then in some of the finishing departments dry sand blasts are used. The fine sand gets into the workers' noses and lungs. That's against the state law too.

"In the whole factory there is only one rest room. No matter where a girl is employed throughout the plant, she has to climb to the third floor and then walk a quarter-mile to reach the rest room. That takes time and cuts down her earnings."

Questioned about their wages before the strike, workers said that they made about \$1.50 for 7½ hours' work. One worker made about 70c for a half day's work. A woman worker got 90c for putting in 10 hours, she said. Another woman said she got \$5 for a week of 55 hours before she went on strike.

The strikers, 5,000 strong, have formed a relief committee and have drawn up a list of demands, among which are the following:

- Withdrawal of all wage cuts to date.
- Guarantee of \$1 an hour as day rate for piece work.
- The 8-hour day, 5-day week, no overtime.

"Unemployment Insurance" "Not Poison"





Conditions in American Knit Goods Shop

(By a Worker Correspondent)

The Textile industry as a whole employs a greater number of women workers than men. What is true of the textile industry as a whole, is also true of the knitgood branch of it.

All of us are now wearing rayon underwear; some of us are wearing jersey dresses. Of course, sweaters have been used for ages. Even the men are now wearing rayon underwear and shirts.

In the American knitgoods shop in Long Island, the majority of the workers are women. While the wages of the men workers are very low, the wages of the women are even still less. Some of the girls are paid from \$10 to \$12 a week for the same work as the men. As a worker in this shop, I have spoken to many of the women workers and most of them say that if their husbands would earn enough to support the family they would not have to work as most of them have children of school age to take care of. The sanitary conditions in our shop are very bad. The sinks are always dirty and the toilets are no better. There is no rest room.

Leaflets have been distributed to us a few times by the National Textile Workers Union. Some of the workers that distributed these leaflets were arrested because these leaflets called upon the workers, men and women, to organize into the National Textile Workers Union, to establish a shop committee in the American Knitgoods Factory to demand a minimum wage of \$20 and a general increase in wages.

Some of the workers in this shop belong to the National Textile Workers Union. I am one of them. Our union will participate in the mass demonstration that is going to be held at Union Square, at 5 o'clock on August 1st. This demonstration is a part of the worldwide campaign by all revolutionary unions, workingclass organizations and the Communist Party to prepare the workers against the war schemes that are being prepared. The women workers of the American Knit Goods Factory, as well as all the women who still remember the last world war, and the suffering that it has brought upon the workingclass, should help to bring out all the workers to Union Square in protest against the exploitation, speed up, low wages, unemployment and the war preparations, in which the rayon industry will play an important part; for most of the rayon machinery can be turned into war machinery in a very short time. The women workers in this coming war will play an even greater part than in the last war. They will be called upon to take the place of men in the factories.

Only by organizing into the National Textile Workers Union can the workers in the American Knitgoods shop gain better conditions.



Workers building a monument to Ella May

SLAVE-DRIVING HALL IN CHICAGO DEPARTMENT STORE

Only Way to Fight the Bad Conditions Is Organization Into T. U. U. L.

CHICAGO, Ill. -- In the center of Chicago, there where the city is divided into North and South, West and East, stand two magnificent buildings -- department stores of Mandell Brothers and the Boston Store. These department stores are nests of exploiters, slave drivers, paying their wage slaves, mostly girls, from ten to thirteen dollars per week.

In the past these two great institutions at least had some resemblance of human treatment, some consideration for their help. For three or four hours overtime work every girl used to get a big sum of seventy-five cents.

But those days are gone. During the present period of speed-up, stretch-out and wage cuts, etc., every boss is trying his best to squeeze out of his workers as much as he possibly can. So there is no more payment for overtime work at Mandell Brothers Department store. Instead, workers must work three or four evenings every week without any pay.

Not only these knight of department stores are driving their slaves to the limit, but recently Mandell Brothers installed a system of discrimination against Negro workers buyers. Not satisfied with dumping all second and damaged goods into their basement and sub-basement, where the majority of customers are white and Negro workers, the new system provides

for no refund for Negroes. Previously, at least, Negro workers had a chance to exchange or get his money back if he was not satisfied with the goods. Now he must keep them in spite of their condition.

This discriminatory action laid a heavy burden upon employed workers who must face their customers. They must very often face both a Negro and white at the same time and tell them that there will be no refund for a Negro, but a white one will get theirs. To what low and terrible conditions the bosses force their workers!

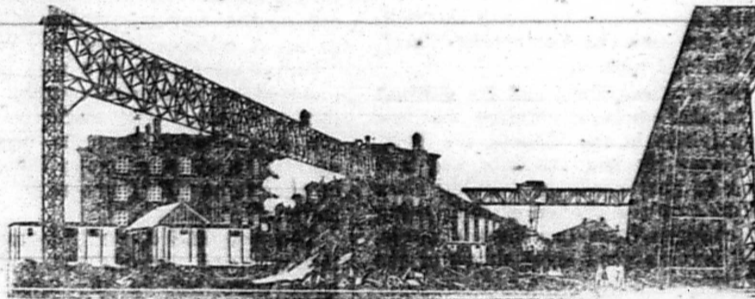
In the Boston Store the packers also used to get pay for overtime work, and by doing so increased that miserable wage of twenty-five dollars per week for married men. But now the bosses give them the "privilege" to come to work at ten in the morning instead of nine, and work till nine or ten in the evening without any pay for their overtime work.

Workers! The only way to get out of these terrible, slaving conditions is to organize into new revolutionary industrial unions and side with all workers fight for betterment of our conditions.

Down with speed-up, overtime discrimination!

Forward to new revolutionary unions under the banner of the Trade Union Unity League!

—L. W.



Poems of Ella May

Ella May composed many songs for the strikers to sing, and set them to the old southern mountain tunes. She sang them in a full deep chest tune, swinging them along in the mared monotonous fashion of the mountain people.

One of the favorites, to the tune of "Floyd Collins," she made about the raid on the tent colony on June 7, in which the chief of police was killed.

"They locked up our leaders, they put them in jail,

They shoved them in prison, refused to give them bail,

The workers joined together and this was their reply,

We'll never, no, we'll never let our leaders die.

"We're going to have a union all over the South

So we can wear good clothing and live in a better house,

So we must stand together and to th boss reply,

We'll never, no, we'll never let our leaders die."

This is part of Ella May's song.

Westerly, R. I., Silk Workers Must Organize

(By a Worker Correspondent)

WESTERLY, R. I. -- I am a worker in the New England Silk Hill. We work 60 hours a week for the miserable wages of ten dollars and twelve dollars.

Children and women work on the night shift. Conditions are bad, and we need organization.

We must organize shop committees of the National Textile Workers Union for a fight against such conditions.

We must fight for a seven hour day, and a five day week. No night work for women and children. A six hour day for young workers under eighteen. A living wage. Better sanitary conditions. Let's organize.

—NEW ENGLAND SILK WORKER.

From C. H. Baxter's History of the Fall River Strike

"In 1875 the Fall River weavers association, composed of men, voted to accept a wage cut of 10%, but the women weavers in six mills called a meeting and excluded the males. The women voted to strike. The men were eventually persuaded to join and with the help of the spinners who also came out, the strike involving 3,000 workers was won."

Convention

By REBECCA KAPLAN

The convention held on the 4 and 5 of July in Chicago to discuss the problems of growing mass unemployment, and the methods to be pursued in the struggle against, is the first convention of its kind held in the history of the U.S.A.

For the first time, a large delegation consisting of 1,320 delegates, gathered from all parts of the country to discuss the problem of unemployment. This in itself adds a page to the history of political-economic struggles of the American working class. The convention was a clear and open demonstration how deeply rooted is the crisis of American capitalist economy. 307 delegates represented steel, iron, copper and automobile industries, which are the barometer of the economic situation of the country.

The Chicago Convention thus clearly exposed the lies of the American government from Hoover to Davis, and of their "labor" agents, such as the fascist A. F. of L. National Civic Federation, that the economic crisis is being liquidated and that unemployment is being reduced.

The Trade Union Unity League is the only organization that has called together the unemployed from all parts of the country in order to organize the unemployed together with the employed under its revolutionary banner in struggle for Work or Wages, for social insurance, and for all other demands embodied in its revolutionary program.

At the Chicago Convention, among the delegates present, there were 154 working women, 153 Negro workers, 197 young workers, and 33 working class children. The fact that so many women have participated in this convention, is proof, despite the fact that working women are very much affected by unemployment and the economic crisis, are an active force in American industry, and secondly, that the Trade Union Unity League has succeeded in awakening the working women to their economic problems and needs and to draw them into the class struggles of the American working class.

Saturday evening, July 5, a separate working women's conference was held of the women delegates. At this conference, the role of women workers in industry and the question of the rationalization by the American capitalists with relation to the women workers was broadly discussed. The Women's Conference placed the task on the women delegates to carry on a struggle in the shops, in the unions and in the industrial leagues of which they are members, to organize women workers for a determined struggle against wage-cuts, speed-up and unemployment.

The conference in line with the general Convention, has entrusted its delegates to mobilize the women for August 1 to demonstrate against imperialist war preparations and against the attacks on the Soviet Union to mobilize them for participation on September 1, Labor Day—the day designated by the National Convention to protest against unemployment and hunger, and to present their demands for Work or Wages, social insurance and other immediate demands.

The delegates, including the women delegates, left the Convention with the full determination to organize the workers so that they should be represented at the tremendous National Convention which will take place in Chicago in the month of October.

SOVIET SUMMER TIME

Summer time comes into operation in the Soviet Union on Friday, by a new decision of the Council of People's Commissars. It will last until September 30.

War, Wall St. and Gold Star Mothers

By MYRA PAGE.

How is it that twelve years after the ending of the World War, Congress and the War Department suddenly discover and begin to weep crocodile tears over the mothers and wives who lost sons or husbands in the war, and offer to spend some thousands of dollars in order to send them on a "mission" of propaganda to Europe and back?

No money for the disabled veterans, Hoover and Congress declare, and only hot air speeches and police clubs for the eight million unemployed, but plenty of money to send more than a thousand women, most of whom are working women, as "pilgrims" to France. Why? What lies back of this?

It has been twelve long years since the working men and women of this country were fed lies, that the majority believed, about this being "a war to end war," "a war to make the world safe for 'democracy'." The minority who saw through this hoax and fought the war, the revolutionists, were claimed into jail, deported, or beaten to death.

Thousands of working men lost their lives, thousands more were blinded, crippled, gassed, driven insane; millions behind the lines worked overtime in munition plants and other industries, skimped, bought Liberty Bonds; "Dollar a Year Men" from Wall Street did their bit for their country sitting behind a desk in Washington and pulling in millions of graft; bands played, flags waved, community songs swept the country; the Negro masses were promised social equality if they would forget the past and just fight; strikes were broken; press and movies reeled out atrocity stories and 100 per cent Americanism; church leaders prayed loudly for a national god to wipe out those german heathen—all in the name of the great war to make the world safe for democracy.

THE LAST WAR AND THE NEXT.

When the war ended, what then? The American bankers and business men came out of the war the strongest and richest group of robbers on the face of the earth. "We," Wall Street, had won the war. Almost every European country owed Wall Street money. The world was now safe for Anglo-Saxon business men to divide up and scrap over among themselves, still in the name of "Democracy" and "Civilization."

The war ended, and "democracy" safe, the returned "heroes" of a few months back were left in the lurch. Disabled, they could crawl off somewhere and die. If still able-bodied they could try and scare up a job and pawn their medals for a few bowls of soup.

The war ended, workers and farmers of this great American Democratic Republic plunged into the terrific hard times of 1920-21, with seven million on the streets. The war ended, the bosses could now turn their attention to home affairs, and put labor back in its proper place. The bad depression was the signal for launching of the manufacturers' Open-Shop drive against the unions, and the government's campaign against the Reds and all militant labor. All this was carried on in the name of 100 per cent Americanism and Democracy in Industry.

The revolutionary upheavals in Europe, the successful Russian revolution, and the fighting spirit shown by the American workers infuriated the guardians of democracy. The militant strikes of miners, railwaymen and others were broken by the combined power of bosses, government troops, and labor fakers. Then followed "the return to normalcy," under Harding, the Oil Scandal, and Coolidge Prosperity.

The workers, confused, angry, demanded, "Where is this democracy for which we fought and sacrificed?" Holding their fat sides, the bosses laughed, beneath their breath, "That was our little joke. You working people are fools." And they gave a few more wage-cuts and ordered the machines to go at a faster pace.

"RICH MAN'S WAR AND POOR MAN'S FIGHT".

Now, twelve years after the last world war, the business interests of America,

England, and many other countries prepare to start another. Once more the bankers are going to call on the American workers and farmers to go forth to shoot, maim, and kill, in the name of Democracy, the sons, husbands, and brothers of working women of other countries.

Why are the business interests going to declare another war? Because the boss-class of each country wants to kill off its business rivals and get markets away from them. Greed for more profits makes such wars, but it is the working class, and not the boss-class, who do the fighting. As southern mill workers will tell you, "It's a rich man's war and a poor man's fight." *Since British and American business groups are the two big rivals for markets, war will soon break out between them.

But as much as British and Yankee bankers and manufacturers hate each other they hate the Soviet Union more. For here, for the first time in history, the workers and farmers have thrown out these boss-parasites and are building a socialist society, run by and for the laboring people. So, the next war which American working women and men will be called on to help win will probably be one against their fellow-workers in Russia.

The present hard times in the United States and other boss-controlled countries, bring the outbreak of the war much closer. For, on the one hand, the struggle to get markets away from business competitors becomes even worse; while, on the other hand, the big success and genuine prosperity in the Soviet Union makes the boss-class afraid that the working class will follow the Russian workers' good example. Therefore, they must try to crush the Soviet Union, before it is too late.

So the word has gone out from Wall Street and the White House, "Make ready for the next war. War Department, prepare. Congress, vote a billion dollars for more battleships and bombing planes." Once again the flags are being unfurled, the drums are beginning to beat and the bands to play. Reels of war movies and cheap war novels are appearing. Green and his labor fakers try to fool the workers with fake peace talk. A drive is started to drive all militant labor organizations underground, the speed up is increased and revolutionary workers who tell their fellow-laborers how to fight these things are murdered by the police in cold blood.

It is in the midst of this situation, that the War Department and Congress suddenly remember the Gold Star Mothers of the last world slaughter, and with much newspaper publicity, invites them to make a "pilgrimage" to the graves of their sons or husbands, in France. The War Department uses the sorrow of these working women robbed of their loved ones in the last imperialist war, as a means for preparing for the next! The War Department is carrying on an advertising campaign, trying to "sell" the next war to America's toiling masses.

In this sorry grand-stand play, the War Department and Congress gave the Negro people one big slap in the face. The Negro mothers, whose sons died on the battlefield in the belief that their sacrifice would give their people the social rights which the Federal Government promised them—these Negro mothers were told they must go on separate ships and stay at separate hotels. Their sons, most of them laborers, were good enough for cannon fodder, but their mothers were to be Jim-crowed into a "pilgrimage for blacks only." However, all but a few refused to go. The militant working class of this country joins with these Negro mothers in denouncing this insult.

It is a bitter thought to American working women that in the last war their sons, brothers and husbands died in behalf of the boss-class; and that hundreds of thousands of working women in England, Germany, France, Russia, and many other countries likewise lost their kin. Working men killed workingmen, this is the bitter thought.

Let it be clear. The working class does not scorn to fight. We are not weak-

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NEGRO WAR MOTHERS JIM-CROWED

Even in its campaign to whoop up the war spirit, the imperialist U. S. government does not forget to discriminate against the Negroes. Of the 400 Negro War Mothers, who were to go to France, all but 61 refused to be jim-crowed, and did not accept the "kind" invitation of the U. S. government, to sail on a separate cheap boat with poorer food and accommodations than was given to the white mothers.

The sons of these Negro mothers were lured into the last slaughter with all kinds of fake promises about "democracy." They, too, were segregated in special regiments, so that they could be sent out to do the work which the white soldiers did not like to do, and to act as shock troops when the enemy's attack was deadly.

And when the war was over, what "democracy" did they return to? They found even lower wages, segregation, attacks by the fascist American Legion and the Ku Klux Klan, race riots in most of the large cities where hundreds of Negroes were murdered, and lynchings in the South more frequent than they have ever been in the past.

And now the Negro Mothers who gave their sons as cannon food, are being shown a sample of the same "democracy" which was shown to their sons.

This must be a lesson to Negro women who are working in the mills and factories for \$6 to \$8 a week. Negro women are miserably exploited, and get even lower wages than the white women workers.

On August First, white and Negro women workers must join their forces in a tremendous mass demonstration to protest against the war preparations, the lynching and segregation program of the United States government.

The struggle against imperialist war on August First, and during the election campaign of the Communist Party must be made a part of the gigantic mass struggle against lynching, jim-crowism, and for the social, political and economic equality for the Negro masses.

Negro women who belong to patriotic and other bourgeois organizations must leave the ranks of these betrayers of the working class, and join the only Party which fights for their interests, the Communist Party of the U. S. A.

MR. FISH STILL FISHING

The "open hearings" of the Fish Investigating Committee have been going on in a small room of the Department of Justice Building in New York. The handpicked public at this "open hearing" consisted of business men, professional red baiters, detectives and jingoistic women patriots from the Daughters of the American Revolution; but nobody to represent the workers. Needless to say, the reporter of the Daily Worker and the Working Woman, the official organ of the Communist Party, was barred from these "open hearings."

The purpose of these investigations is very clearly an attempt to smash the militant industrial unions of the Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party, and to stir up hatred and war sentiment against the Soviet Union.

It is important to note that in its attacks on the working class and its militant leaders the government is particularly interested in the workers' children and the public schools. In the investigation of Communist activities in the schools, the Tammany schools officers had to admit that the Pioneers were the best students, and that their "crimes" consisted in getting workers' children to participate in working class demonstrations. The plan to deport all militant children on the ground of their being foreigners, is an attempt to separate the workers' children from the class struggle, and to check their rising militancy, so that they will become good loyal slaves of the bosses and willing cannon-fodder for the capitalist system.

Against these attacks of the government, against these attempts of the bosses to keep the working class in misery and starvation, the Communist Party calls upon all women workers, and working class children to join in the monster protest demonstrations on August 1st, to show the bosses and their government that the workers are ready to put up a militant fight against these attacks, against wage-cuts, against the preparations and against the entire capitalist system.

The Imperialist Dogs Howl at the Soviet Union



war, the business interests of America,

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

INTERNATIONAL WORKING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The 5th Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions will open in Moscow on August 15th. Immediately after the R.I.L.U. Congress THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL WORKING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE will be held—This congress is of the greatest significance to the exploited women of the world.

AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

Four points figure on the conference agenda: (1) the woman worker in production and in the class struggle; (2) activities among women—forms of organization and working methods; (3) female labor and general upliftment in the U.S.S.R.; (4) female and child labor in the colonies and semi-colonies and the tasks of the unions. Each of these questions possess a tremendous significance both in the field of politics and of organization. Going on the basis of the results and experience of the work performed in implementing the decisions of the Fourth Congress and also on the basis of the findings that will be taken by the Fifth Congress, the Women's Conference will outline the forms and methods of work it deems most likely to secure the speediest possible conquest of the majority of the women of the proletariat.

The conference will also have to outline the forms to be adopted to enable the women workers of the capitalist countries to maintain organized contact with the women of the U.S.S.R., the forms and methods to maintain connections between the International Women Workers' Trade Union Committee and the women workers of the colonial lands; besides outlining all the many political and organizational methods to be applied in bringing the women of the proletariat into the united front of the world labor movement.

WAR, WALL STREET, AND GOLD STAR MOTHERS

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kneed, afraid, or "too proud to fight." We honor fighting and sacrifice in a worthy cause. But in the last world war, and in the one which Wall Street is preparing, the cause is not a laboring man's cause, but a scheme of the employing class.

On Wall Street and the White House, America's toiling millions serve warning. The next time the American workers and farmers enter a war, it will be not as your dupes, but as your class enemies. Workers will not be fighting against workers; but workers of all countries will be fighting together against the bosses, in a war for working class independence, for international labor solidarity, and in defense of the Soviet Union.

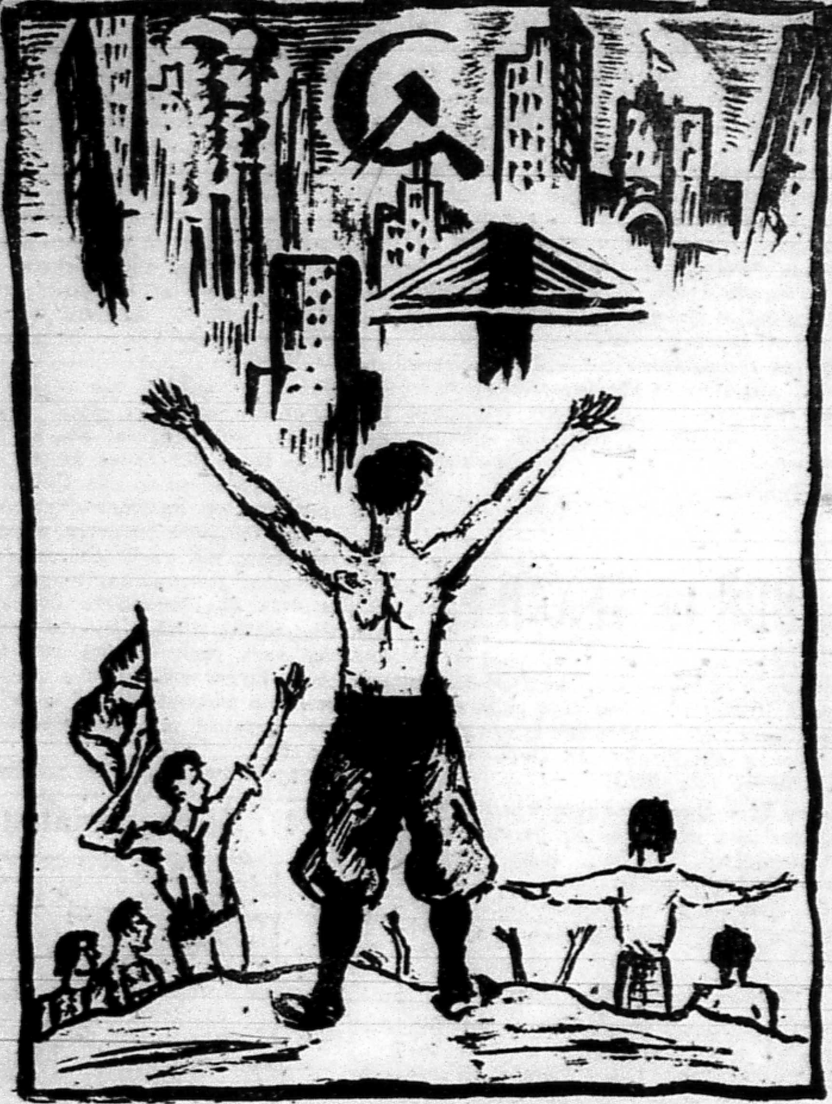
Against the "Gold Star" emblem of American imperialism, we place the "Red Star," symbol of a country free of bosses, symbol of a Workers and Farmers Republic, symbol of the Red Army.



Lenin Quotations

Lenin once said: "The Working Women must be taught to fight together with the men against the tyranny of the capitalists to fight for social legislation, for shorter working day, for better wages."

HAIL WORKERS' RUSSIA!



FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WOMEN'S DEPARTMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL UNIONS

By A. C.

National Womens Dept. T.U.U.L.

The first international Women's Conference which will be held immediately after the Fifth World Congress of Red International of Labor Unions, in Moscow, should be of interest to every working woman in the United States.

For the first time in history of the working class—such a conference is to be held. Where the problems effecting women workers—special demands and program for future work will be adopted.

At this conference there will be present women delegates from every part of the world, the majority of whom will be delegates to the Fifth Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions, and the experiences of the various countries will be exchanged and plans worked out how best to carry on the work so that these millions of working women will become a real factor in the militant struggles of the revolutionary labor movement of the world.

Not until the R.I.L.U. began to pay attention to the organization of the women workers into the revolutionary trade unions had any attempts been made on the part of the Fascist A. F. of L. and other reactionary trade unions to organize these workers, who are the most exploited section of the working class. Only a few unions, such as the clothing workers were women taken into the unions. Those were not taken in because the misleaders were anxious to organize these women to improve their conditions and for equal pay for equal work and similar demands for the women in that particular trade, but because these women were the most militant workers and gained organization over the heads and desire of the leaders. None of these organizations made a real effort to organize the women workers, and to draw them into the life of the organization, with the result that in the clothing industries today there are thousands of women workers not organized and are being used by the bosses as a means to cut wages. Men are being replaced by women at half the wages the men were getting. But woman are not only employed in the light industries, such as clothing, but are being drawn into the Auto, Metal, etc., none of these women workers are organized.

Equal Pay for Equal Work

The First International Women Workers' Trade Union Conference brings together women worker delegates to the Fifth Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions for a struggle against capitalist rationalization and betrayal by social fascists.

A leading task before the Red International of Labor Unions today is the mobilization of the broad masses of women workers in the front of the class struggle. The women workers, the most exploited and least organized section of the proletariat, are today playing an ever more important, and in some cases even predominant, role in industry in rapidly increasing numbers to replace more highly skilled and better paid men workers, and makes them the victims of a new and more intensive exploitation than ever before. Women workers and industries in which large numbers of women are employed are today the object of a rationalization drive of the capitalists.

Continuous wage-cuts, lengthening of hours and overtime, speeding up of machinery and heaping on of enormous additional tasks, the increase of machines to tend, the doubling and tripling of looms and spindles in the textile industry, the setting of ever higher standards of production, the speed-up of the traveling belt to a killing pace, these are the new devices of rationalization which are being introduced universally in all capitalist countries, especially

in the period since the Fourth Congress of the R.I.L.U., and which fall with special severity upon the masses of women workers.

The world capitalist crisis and the growing mass unemployment is affecting women workers equally with men workers. Millions of women workers are unemployed in the capitalist countries and millions more are on short time, especially in the textile industry. The rapid intensification of capitalist rationalization and the growth of the capitalist crisis gives the struggles and demands of women workers a greater significance and importance than ever before in the general program of labor movement.

The mobilization of the women workers in the common front of the class struggle for resistance to wage cuts and the speed-up, for the fight for better living and working conditions, the seven-hour day and equal pay for equal work, for resistance to the reduction of social insurance, unemployment relief, maternity benefit and factory legislation, the drawing of women workers into the class front of international working class solidarity around the Soviet Union and against capitalist imperialism and colonial exploitation, these are the immediate tasks in the field of work among women which are being taken up by the Fifth Congress of the R.I.L.U., and especially by the First International Women Workers' Trade Union Conference which will convene in connection with the Fifth Congress.

The Trade Union Unity League has a women's department to carry on work among the women in the various industries. Each affiliated union and league have been instructed to establish women departments for the purpose of developing activities among the women workers in the shops and factories. To date very few districts have responded. There are still many leading members of the T.U.U.L. in various districts who don't see the need of establishing functioning women's departments, and who even actively oppose it. With the result that no work is being carried on.

Only in San Francisco, Boston and Cleveland are some attempts being made at the organization of women into the T.U.U.L. unions. In San Francisco an industrial women's conference takes place July 22. Delegates are expected from canning industries, needle, food, etc. At this conference plans will be worked out how to recruit these women into the industrial unions and leagues of the T.U.U.L. The Boston district has also worked out a plan of calling women's industrial conferences to which they will get women workers from Textile, Needle, Food, Shoe, etc., and begin to carry out the instructions of recruiting women into the revolutionary unions. In Cleveland a Comrade writes that no cooperation is given her, but by herself she was successful in organizing a shop committee of women workers in a laundry and is now having contacts in a steel mill where women are employed and will have

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FORWARD TOWARD INT'L WORKING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



CHINA EXPRESS—Sovkino Production

The appearance of the modest electric sign "China Express," among the vulgarly ostentatious lights of the musical-comedy hits and Hollywood love affairs along the White Way of the Times Square vicinity,—is in itself interesting and a hopeful phenomenon. It proves that even those Americans, who have been fed since childhood on the diet of the prostitutes of yellow journalism and the pot bellied boys of the movie world, have recognized the greatness of this masterful bit of Bolshevik propaganda, and have expressed their appreciation to the extent of influencing the box-office receipts.

This film is a cinema symbol of the class strife in China. The three main divisions of the society—the imperialists, their lackeys, the intellectuals, and the workers, are introduced under a skillful guise of the passengers in a railroad express. With all

the brilliance of the personal touches, and the richness of imagination in the treatment of details,—the audience can not for a moment lose the inevitable historical trend of the film. It is a portrayal of social revolt of the peasants and workers making a desperate but an exultant attempt to throw off their backs the parasites of idleness and profit.

The dramatic intensity of the film approaches "Potemkin." The technique of the production, with its magnified details, its imaginative and exact symbols, its sharp clarity of contrasts, and its magnificent reality of types, filled me with breathless wonder. In view of the present events in China, it would be particularly important for every worker to see this picture. "Whither China?" Will the coolies run the train in 1930?

—VALENTINE V. KONIN.

WOMAN AND CHILD LABOR IN TEXTILES

By VERN SMITH.

It goes unchallenged that bad money drives out good money. The cheapest money replaces the better until nothing but cheap money circulates.

Wages and payrolls work that way, too. Cheap wages destroy higher wages. It does not exactly work silently. The air is full of the indignant shouts of those better paid workers in northern textile mills, for example, who have neglected to organize themselves or their southern fellow workers, when they find the average wage of \$22.05 a week in Massachusetts (before the wage cuts) conflicts with an average of \$14.55 (full time) in Alabama, and as the bosses do not raise the Alabama average to the N. H., they try to equalize just the other way. Then the South where they boast of "cheap wages," proceeds to cut again, and so it goes.

Likewise when the boss in either place finds, as in Alabama, that he can get women for an average of \$11.45 (full time), he immediately begins to scheme how he can use them instead of his \$14.55 men. Then the unemployed men are rehired again at the women's wage, but Southern Chivalry (nice name for the bosses' swindle game) demands that women be the weaker sex and her wage probably goes down to \$8. (All figures from the United States Department Government Bureau of Labor Statistics).

"Keen On White Women."

"Southern Cotton Mills and Labor," by Myra Page, says: "Because of the practice of sex discrimination in the wages, mill employers are especially keen on having white women in the mills. In the cotton growing states in 1919 women composed 36 per cent of total textile wage earning group." The percentage of all women in industry was 24.5 per cent.

Of course it works the same with children. From the very beginning the textile industry has been a hot bed of child slavery. Every improvement in machinery means that another child can take the place of a man or a woman. Lately the increase in child slavery has been a little slower simply because there is an unlimited supply of the cheapest adult labor. But with increased competition the still cheaper

children will be drawn in. The 1920 census shows a little over 6 per cent children in the southern mills. There are laws against very young child labor in some states, which means very little.

So we have cheap southern labor cheapening northern labor's wages because both are unorganized. We have cheap women's labor replacing slightly higher paid men's labor. And we have a cheap child labor competing with, replacing both men's and women's labor.

"Women and Children First."

Short markets, competition between groups of textile capitalists as now between England and America make all this worse. The thousands of English workers on strike have not suffered so much from cheapening of wages on account of women and child labor. They have a period of organization back of them. But if they lose their strike immediately the terrific exploitation visited upon the American women and children will crush down on the English fields. Then we have competition between the bosses of England and America to see who can cut wages faster, with the wages of women and children falling fastest of all, and being used as a lever to force other wages down.

The long three months of the struggle of the Yorkshire woolen workers is a struggle against speed up, wage cuts. It is part of the general struggle of the textile workers the world over. We must help morally and financially. Collect funds. Send money to Workers International Relief, 175 Fifth Avenue, N. Y.

Communists Win Election

The Communist Party in Polish Upper Silesia has won an excellent victory in the municipal elections at Konigshutte. Three seats were won by the Party, which never held any before, out of a total of 51 seats. The Polish and German Social-Democrats lost seats.



RAYON AND WAR

By GRACE HUTCHINS.

Marching women shouted a cry of revolt, "We want more pay. We can't live and raise families on what we get now."

It was the spontaneous uprising of over 5,000 rayon workers in Happy Valley, Tenn., that "backward" valley where the boss class thought they had a little paradise of meek, cheap labor to do their bidding. The women's cry was the spark that started a fire of revolt spreading over the South, lighting these workers and then other workers and still others. Elizabethon rayon workers were sold out by the United Textile Workers and the A. F. of L., but that betrayal could not stop the strike wave. Now under the flaming leadership of the National Textile Workers Union, northern and southern workers are rising, rising, taking from the workers' arsenal the great weapon of solidarity, standing united with other workers everywhere against the money power of the master class.

Rayon is at present one of the strong castles of the capitalist class. American demand for this artificial silk as a cheap substitute for other fibres as yet exceeds the supply produced in the United States and calls for imports from other countries. In Europe this new industry already begins to show the crisis characteristic in this period of postwar capitalism. But it is not only for immediate use and the resulting profits that giant companies are running vast rayon plants and building new ones, larger still. As a preparation for war, the maintenance of rayon plants is of the greatest importance to the war-making class.

Both rayon (artificial silk) and dynamite

can be made from nitro-cellulose. The nitro-cellulose process of making rayon in an artificial silk factory can be changed overnight into the production of dynamite. Under the innocent name of artificial silk factories, munitions plants are extended and maintained. It is probable that equipment in all rayon plants, not only those using the nitro-cellulose process, can be adapted for explosives.

In preparation for war against the Soviet Union, every capitalist country maintains not only plants for the immediate manufacture of munitions, but also rayon plants to be easily converted into munitions plants. Governments are thus directly interested in the artificial silk industry. The Italian government has paid big subsidies to Snia Viscosa, now in the giant international combine with Courtauld's of Britain. The British government has paid subsidies to British Celanese, now an independent company. It is of vital importance to capitalist states to maintain, along with other munitions plants, strong units for artificial silk manufacture and thus at the same time equipment for the future manufacture of armaments. Rayon then becomes for the working class a signal of the war danger.

Rayon is a chemical weapon in the hands of the ruling, war-making class, which wants war in order to sell its goods.

Against this war danger, the working class has a still greater weapon in its armory—the weapon of solidarity. As rank-and-file Tennessee women gave the strike word, so millions of other workers, under the leadership of the revolutionary international textile workers' unions, will take it up, pass it on and make it the signal of revolt.

U. S. Imperialists Prepare Women for War



Hands Off The Soviet Union!

The International Association of Proletarian Writers recently wrote to the leading writers of the world asking them this question: "What will be your position in the event of a war on the Soviet Union?"

The majority of the writers have not yet sent a reply. By their silence they show quite clearly that they dare not go against the big bosses, the landlords, and the bankers who pay them. They stand with the capitalists and not with the workers of the Soviet Union.

Among those who have remained silent on this question is Erich Maria Remarque, the author of "All Quiet on the Western Front." This fact further proves that his very realistic picture of the horrors and agonies of imperialist war is merely so much pacifist propaganda which carefully blots out all traces of the revolutionary class struggle of the workers.

Four British writers, Bernard Shaw, John Galsworthy, H. G. Wells and Ellen Wilkinson have sent messages which are deceiving, cowardly half-hearted and contemptible. Their replies are vague, so that they can better deceive the workers, but they show quite clearly, that they are and

will continue to be the lackeys of the capitalists.

Some Writers Support Soviet Union.

However there are, in addition to some famous revolutionary workers, some middle class writers who make no secret of their support of the Soviet Union. Theodore Dreiser, a leading American writer, says: "If Europe declares war on the Soviet Union, I will wage war by all means at my disposal against capitalist Europe."

Martin Anderson Nexo, the great Danish novelist of the workers, says: "If imperialism is foolish enough to let matters come to war, I will strive by all possible means to turn the war into a revolution."

Romain Rolland says: "We shall not allow the most blackguardly reaction—the reaction of gold, bayonets and papal tiaras—under the hypocritical mask of religion and law, of civilization and humanity, to try to hurl our nations against the great brother peoples of the Russian Revolution, against their heroic efforts."

Erwin Piscator, the most brilliant force in modern German drama: "I am ready to place myself as a volunteer at the disposal of the Red Army."



ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT

By ERICH MARIA REMARQUE.

A little over a decade ago, the hurricane of the last imperialist war swept across the world. Its influence established the basis of the modern society and moved the history of social progress many years ahead of its time. The post-war literature came impregnated with the reflexions of every phase of the war period. Militarists and bourgeois propagandists wrote glowing, hypocritical memoirs of the bloodiest massacre in history. Pacifists, horrified at its barbarism, shouted that there shall be no more wars, failing to understand that wars are an inevitable and an integral part of the present regime. And in the first workers' state, the Soviet Union, the literature of the first ten years mirrored the hardships and the triumphs of the Revolution born out of the imperialist strife.

Remarque's book stands out of the head of bourgeois war literature primarily for two reasons. First, because it is written from the viewpoint of the son of the people who sacrificed miserably his life and youth in order that the rich might get richer, and his people at home might suffer and starve; secondly, because of its naked, unsoftened presentation of the horrors of the imperialist war. In so far as Remarque had set out to shatter the illusions of the romanticism of the war, and leave no doubt of its destructiveness, cruelty and barbarism, he has succeeded superbly. But he has attempted only a part of its task. For the rest of it, he remains in a heavy debt to the working masses of the world. His book leaves the workers in a more depressed, but in an actually bewildered state. "Why do you merely tell us of the war, without advising what to do against it?" his readers want to cry out.

Remarque does not call the workers to action. He contents himself with beating his head against a stone wall, in hopeless despair of the situation. The workers of the world will have to turn to the sequel of his book to the war crimes of new Russia. Russian writers will the workers to action. The descriptions of horrors alone, no matter how truthful and artistic, will not influence the end of bourgeois economics. The wars will go on under the capitalist regime no matter how many gifted Remarques will write his type of war books. But should the workers of the world heed the revolutionary call of Russia's war experiences, and in the next war point their guns at their bosses and generals, instead of their fellow workers in other countries, and similarly to Russian workers established their own society—then the world will be really freed of exploitation and competition, and the wars will be forever wiped off the face of the earth.

Valentine V. Konin.

ARRESTS OF KOREANS

Three Korean Communists have been arrested at Shanghai by the Chinese authorities. They include Sai Sho-shoku, who is described by a Japanese news agency as a well-known figure in the Korean revolutionary movement.



CHEMICALS AND THE WAR DANGER

Congress announces a special session to be called on June 30 to consider the London Naval Treaty, made by three major capitalist powers. By July 12, it is expected to ratify the treaty carrying a program of over one billion dollars expenditure by the United States for increased naval forces.

Why is such additional expenditure for bigger navies the natural result when imperialist nations hold a "disarmament" conference? Because another imperialist war is a certainty. War and armaments are an inseparable accompaniment of imperialism.

In this coming war it is not out-of-date battleships that matter, but chemicals, which have become the backbone of modern warfare. The part to be played by the chemical industry in the next imperialist war is now described for the first time in a pamphlet called Chemical Warfare—Poison Gas in the Coming War, by a leading chemical expert, Donald A. Cameron. It is a brilliant pamphlet written specially for workers. A wide sale for it in both America and England is predicted.

Behind a smoke screen of pacifist talk and peace conferences, capitalist nations continue their steady, secret preparations for the coming war. Much of this secret war preparation is revealed by Cameron. He quotes the Chief of the Procurement Planning Division of the United States Army Chemical Warfare Service to show the plans already worked out by the assistant secretary of war to mobilize the American chemical industry:

Cameron continues with a simple, direct analysis of the chemical industry and of the various gases used in modern warfare. He ends with a section on chemical workers and the war danger.

Every worker will want to have a copy of "Chemical Warfare" in his pocket. He will also want copies of the four other pamphlets now ready, of a series prepared under the direction of Labor Research Association and published by International Pamphlets, 799 Broadway, New York City, N. Y.



FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT IN INDUSTRIAL UNIONS

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a shop committee organized there. Districts like New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Detroit should take notice. These districts have not yet made a beginning to plan work among women, if they did no information has reached the national office.

Comrades: We are all aware of the fact that the capitalists of this country as well as the entire capitalist world is preparing for war against the Soviet Union and the entire working class. Women workers will play an important role during the coming war. The time is short, we must work overtime in order to make up for the lost time and organize functioning women's departments in every district of the T.U.U.L., in every affiliated industrial union, in every shop and mill where women are employed.

Only a few weeks are left to the Fifth World Congress of the R.I.L.U. Only a few weeks to the First International Women's Conference. All on the job for the 50,000 new members in the T.U.U.L. All for the final preparation for sending delegates to the Fifth World Congress of the R.I.L.U.

Women in the Soviet East

By S. OLBERG

(Translated from German)

The last events in India have drawn the attention of the working class of the whole world to that country. The Indian rebellion is of world historical importance: 800 millions are entering the fight against imperialism and exploitation and for the liberation from the national and class yoke, in spite of Gandhi's betrayal of the masses with his passive resistance theories.

In India too the women are forced to sell their labor power. The wages of an Indian worker are so low that the man worker alone cannot support the family. The whole family must work and toil intensively in order to secure the miserable means to exist.

Most women are employed on the plantations (94 women for every 100 men), next are mining (52 women for every 100 men), textile industry (41 women for every 100 men), etc. In mines the women work side by side with the men and do the most difficult underground work. The majority of the Indian women workers are unskilled and are very poorly paid. One woman gets hardly half of the man's wages for the same work. Even the wages of the male worker are not sufficient for the miserable household of the working class family. Compared with pre-war times food prices have increased by 200 per cent but wages only by 25 per cent. Sixty per cent of the wages are spent for food, but it is much worse than even what the prisoners get in jail. The working class family in the morning get rice with flour soup, for breakfast rice or bread with vegetables for dinner, rice with vegetables for supper. No wonder, therefore, that the average length of a worker's life in India is 22 years.

For rent the working class family spends about 12 per cent of the wages. Half of the workers employed in industry have

no dwellings at all. They sleep in the streets and corridors. The other "lucky ones" live in dark and dirty barracks. Mrs. Barnes describes the dwelling conditions of the Indian working woman. She herself saw a room in which six families lived, altogether 30 people. Three of the six women were pregnant and were to give birth in the same room.

The children in the factories get opium so that they should sleep while the mothers work. This explains also the high rate of child mortality.

In mining it is generally a rule that the members of a family work together. The employer considers the "separation" of man wife as undermining the foundations of family life.

Under the pressure of the radicalized workers, however, the government was forced to establish laws which provided for the yearly reduction of the number of women workers in the mines. The discharging of women has already partly started in April 1929.

All these conditions have a revolutionizing influence on the women workers. The women actively participated in the recent strikes. They join the left unions. Strike pickets, consisting exclusively of women, are a common sight in India. Women pickets, armed with brooms and other improvised weapons, fight bravely against the scabs.

The women workers fight together with their brother workers against the native and the English bourgeoisie. They look forward with tremendous interest to the Fifth Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions, which will meet in Moscow August 15, and the International Working Women's Conference.

Forward to the Congress! is the slogan of the Indian Trade Union Federation.

STRIKE SCENE IN BOMBAY, INDIA



The International Struggle

PRAGUE WOMEN BUSY

PRAGUE.—The Committee of Action for the working women of Greater Prague has issued an appeal calling for the sending of a women workers' delegation to the Soviet Union. The delegates are to be elected at a conference of Czech working women which will take place on June 29 here.

COURTS HIT WOMEN WORKERS

BALTIMORE, Md.—Over 42 per cent of the 61,000 women workers here work more than eight hours a day, it is reported by the Maryland Commissioner of Labor and Statistics. Thirty-seven violators of the state law forbidding employment of women for more than ten hours a day were reported. Seven of the cases brought to law were all dismissed by the bosses' courts.

STRIKES IN SHANGHAI

Two thousand workers, many of them women, are on strike at seven silk mills in Shanghai. They demand wage increases. Three thousand Shanghai printers have ceased work as a protest against new regulations for factory discipline.

JAIL FOR INDIAN WOMEN

Sentences on the women leaders of the Bombay Committee of the Indian National Congress, were pronounced yesterday. Mrs. Perin Captain, president of the committee, and Mrs. Munshi, a leading member, were each sentenced to three months' imprisonment for publishing the "Congress Bulletin," which has been declared illegal.

Mr. Noor Mahomed Vallibhoj, editor of the "Bulletin," was also arrested yesterday, and sentenced to five months' rigorous imprisonment.

Six Months For Indian Girl

A savage sentence on a sixteen-year-old girl in Bombay. On the charge of publishing a leaflet which aimed at "undermining the loyalty of the police" she was given six months' imprisonment.

On Saturday it was reported that four women in Calcutta have been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for taking part in a demonstration.

These small items of news that are allowed to pass the censor give us some idea of the militant part women are playing in the Indian Revolution. We know, for instance, that special new prisons are being built to hold the women condemned for their revolutionary activities.

DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION

NEW YORK WOMEN WORKERS PREPARE FOR AUGUST FIRST

NEW YORK, N. Y.—At a Women's Anti War Conference, called by the Communist Party, N. Y. District, and held on July 18, working women from the shops and factories as well as the language and mass organizations, gathered to make preparations for the mass demonstration on August 1, in Union Square.

The delegates from the textile, needle trades, food industries, many miscellaneous shops, as well as from the American Negro Labor Congress; from the United Councils of Working Women, the Finnish, Lithuanian and Ukrainian Working Women's Organizations unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the call of the Communist Party for August 1st, and pledging their undivided support in rallying thousands of working women in New York and New Jersey to participate in the anti-war demonstrations.

Both, in the reports of Comrade Pauline Rogers for the District Women's Dept. and of Comrade Anna Damon, the Secretary of the Women's Dept., Central Committee, there was a ringing call to action to women workers, who suffer extremely in the present economic crisis, and who are used as tools by the capitalists in carrying on imperialist wars. These specific problems concerning women workers will be discussed at the International Working Women's Conference to be held in Moscow in connection with the RFLU Congress.

The discussion, in which Negro working women as well as white participated brought out the discrimination against Negro workers, the lynchings and attacks of the government on the workers, and the determination of our women workers to organize for struggle against wage-cuts, against unemployment, against the imperialist war preparations, and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

A committee of 15 was elected to carry on the mobilization work for August 1st, under the supervision of the General United Front Committee, and to proceed with work on the Election Campaign after August 1st.

Catholic Priest Exposes Anti-Soviet Slander

MOSCOW. — A German newspaper in Pokrovsk, the capital of the Volga German Republic, publishes a letter from a catholic priest, the head of the catholic community in the town of Selmat, Father Friedrich Schoenberger, who protests energetically against the continued anti-Soviet campaign in the capitalist countries in connection with the alleged religious persecution in the Soviet Union.

He describes the stories current abroad as fantastic and senseless and writes:

"We, the representatives of a great catholic community in the Soviet Union, protest against the malicious anti-Soviet propaganda which is being conducted abroad under the cloak of a campaign for the protection of religious freedom. Our church in Selmat continues to exist and suffers from no kind of interference or persecution."



The church is used by the bosses in war preparations against the working class and in attacks on the Soviet Union.

WORKING WOMEN, JOIN IN PROTEST on AUG.

WAR and REVOLUTION

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(Delivered during the New York Trial March, 1920.)

Capitalist Production in its development brings about its own decay, its own breakdown; capitalist production inevitably thru its own conditions of existence produces such a situation as the World War; a world war, an imperialist war, brings about the breakdown of capitalist production. It also brings about the increase in prices, the increase of the cost of commodities, and thus intensifies the struggle between the workers who must gain the necessities to live and the owning class. I might illustrate this: As a result of the war prices have doubled, and we have had a large number of strikes on the part of the workers trying to catch up with the cost of living. Such a strike, for instance, was the outlaw railroad strike. Thus, in the development of the capitalist system, its own contradictions bring about a situation in which the machinery of production breaks down. For example, war. Imperialism brings the great capitalist classes in conflict with each other. This conflict in the beginning takes the form of a diplomatic controversy and ends in war. War brings about the disintegration of the capitalist machinery of production, as has been the case in Europe. It also brings about inflation, the increase of prices, and the working class is driven to a more bitter and antagonistic struggle against the capitalist class. In this country we saw that illustrated in the various strikes, like that of the coal miners, which last year brought a stoppage of industry in certain places, the strike of the outlaw railroad workers, which brought about disintegration of the railroad service and brought about a situation in which the industries could not function effectively. This process going on

ultimately brings about a condition in which the workers are compelled to strike more frequently, more widely. In the process the government acts as the agent of the capitalist class for the suppression of the workers... as for example, in the coal miners' strike last year, the government used the injunction, it used federal troops, it tied up the treasury of the unions. This directs the attention of the workers against the capitalist state, as the agency of the capitalist class, and their struggles begin to develop against the government. At the present moment the English strike of the coal miners is an example of that government. In this process there comes a point where the capitalist government is no longer able to function and in such a crisis the working class will establish its workers' councils which become the government and function as the government in order that production may be established on a new basis, carried on for the benefit of the people. For a period there may be, as there were in Russia, two governments, one becoming the government and the other disintegrating and going out of existence. In such a situation, too, the larger part of the army, as was the case in Russia, would support the workers in their efforts to establish their government. The working class will establish a government in the form that will be suitable for the exercise of working class power, a Soviet government.

60,000 MORE ON 7-HOUR DAY

60,000 more workers in the Soviet Union are to pass over to the seven-hour day. This latest decision of the Soviet Government seven-hour day commission covers surface workers in 46 collieries, and also a series of engineering and metal works.

WOMEN ORGANIZE AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT

The National Convention of Unemployed was held in Chicago, July 5th. Workers from all parts of the United States, from all industries were represented at this convention. The misery and suffering of the coal miners and their families, the worsening conditions of the workers in the 'beautiful' State of California, the semi-slave conditions of Negro and white workers in the South, all were described at this convention and the main slogan of this historic convention was Work or Wages.

Women were also at this convention. The economic crisis is affecting women as well as men. "Glorifying the American Girl and American Chivalry does not mean anything to the bosses when they have new machinery that can be run by one girl where three or four formerly worked, and throw the other two or three into the street without jobs. These women and girls are forced into the same army of jobless with millions of men workers and women are beginning to awaken to the fact that their place is not in the kitchen only but in the front ranks with their fellow workers of all races and nationalities, in one mighty struggle, the struggle for Work or Wages, Unemployed Insurance, Equal Pay for Equal Work, Seven Hour Day and Five Day Week.

A National Committee was formed at this convention and September 1, "Labor Day," was set aside as National Unemployment Day.

Working women, join the ranks of the revolutionary working class organizations, the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League, to carry on an organized fight against the capitalist system which breeds unemployment, against police terror and jailings of militant workers, against imperialist wars for which the world imperialists are feverishly preparing, for the defense of the Soviet Union

— K. ERLICH.

Fight Armaments—All Funds for the Unemployed