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## DON'T STARVE, FIGHT, VOTE COMMUNIST! SUPPORT THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BILL!

### 16th WOMAN RADIUM VICTIM DIES

#### Rich Corporation Kills Women and Children

The U. S. Radium Corporation has killed a sixteenth woman radium worker. Anna Stasi, like the 15 women who had died before her was the victim of slow and hideous radium poisoning.

She was only a 15-year old girl in 1918 when she began work for the great rich corporation. For four years she, like the other victims of poison, painted watch dials with radium and moistened the tip of the brush in her mouth, as the bosses told them to do the work in that way. It was several years before the women realized the effects of the poison which slowly ate its way through flesh and bone toward their brains.

The workers were also made victims in the capitalist courts, which worked with the radium bosses when the suits of the workers were settled. A few hundred dollars a year for life was the miserable award for which the women were forced to settle.

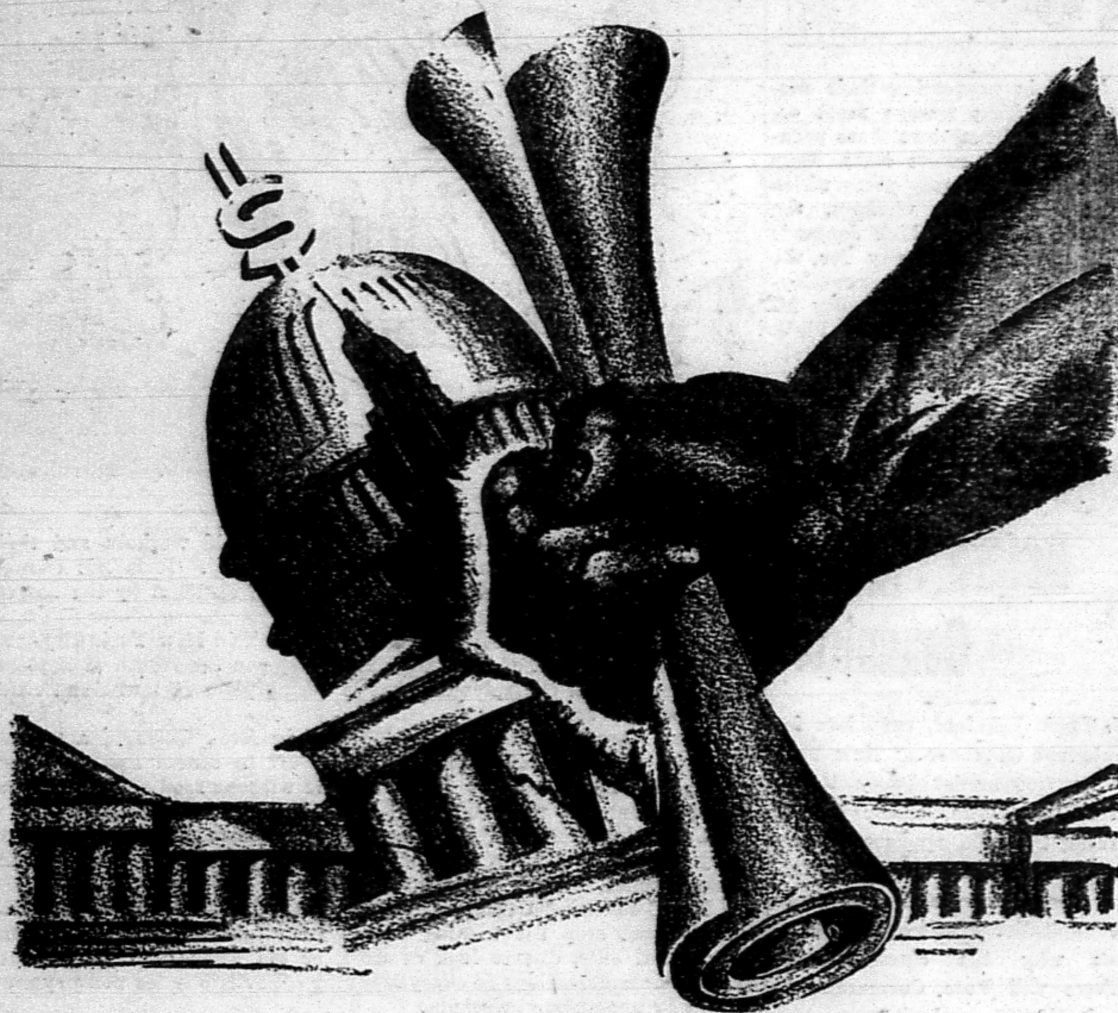
Not only these 16 women workers killed by slow torture, and many others on a "doom list" as certain to die, but also the children are victims of the corporation's greed. Three children of two other women who also worked for the U. S. Radium Corporation will die of radium poison, transmitted before their birth. The disease is incurable.

### WOMEN FORCED TO SLEEP IN PARKS

#### Jobless Injure Themselves to Get Hospital Feed

BOSTON, Mass.—The miserable conditions of the workers forced the bosses Mayor Curley to admit that for the first time in the history of Massachusetts women are forced to sleep in parks, not having any jobs or money to pay for rent. He also admitted the fact that while the Boston City Hospital had usually about 400 empty beds during the summer time. This year all the beds are filled. The workers injure themselves in order to get a chance to get into the hospital.

Working Women! Refuse to starve. Don't let the bosses throw you out for non-payment of rent. Fight for the Unemployment Insurance Bill drawn up by the Communist Party. Join the Councils of the Unemployed of the Trade Union Unity League. Vote Communist in the coming elections.



J. A. Leitner

## IMPRISONED JOBLESS DELEGATION CALL ON WORKING WOMEN TO FOLLOW LEAD OF GERMAN WORKERS TO VOTE COMMUNIST!

By FOSTER—AMTER—RAYMOND

(Written in Prison)

NEW YORK. — Writing from Harts Island penitentiary and Rikers' Island penitentiary, where they are imprisoned for accepting the task given them by the 110,000 unemployed demonstrators on Union Square, to carry demands for relief to the Tammany city government, Foster, Minor, Amter and Raymond yesterday addressed the following statement to women workers:

"Today 10,000,000 women gainfully employed in industry, makes the working woman an important factor in the industrial and political life of the country.

"But now a large section of these workers are part of the army of 8,000,000 unemployed; millions are working part time. Starvation and misery face them—a winter of horror is ahead. Wage cuts are taking place in all industries; the bosses are deter-

mined to make the workers shoulder the burdens of the crisis.

#### Spectre of Hunger

"In all capitalist countries the same spectre of hunger faces the working class and the workers are desperate.

"In Germany last Sunday 4,500,000 workers went to the polls and cast a vote for struggle against hunger, wage cuts, reparations — for the Communist Party and a Soviet Government. The German workers are strengthening their ranks for the fight against the capitalist class and the government. The struggle is becoming sharper and poor farmers the world over are preparing to overthrow the capitalist system.

"Elections will soon take place in the United States — elections of very great importance. The workers will show by their votes

whether they are ready to struggle for the Unemployed Insurance Bill of the Communist Party, to strike against wage cuts, fight against speed up, against the war preparations, for defense of the Soviet Union.

"Women workers! Negro women workers! Young women workers! You suffer just as all workers do! You must throw your full energy into the election campaign behind the Communist Party. You must organize Vote Communist Committees in the shops. Build up the revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League. You must help to mobilize the workers behind the Communist program and candidates on the slogan of class against class, for struggle today and to continue till a Workers' and Farmers' Government has been established in the United States."

### GREET FOSTER, AMTER, MINOR

#### Working Women Plan Oct. 21st as Red Day

Comrades Foster, Minor and Amter are being released from Hart's Island Penitentiary on October 21st. Tens of thousands of workers are getting ready to greet them at Hart's Island with banners, placards, and slogans, march them through the streets of New York, and then to Madison Square Garden, where one of the biggest meetings in labor history will be held. Working women are preparing to be represented.

Foster, Minor, Amter and Raymond were arrested for leading the mighty demonstration of unemployed workers on Union Sq. on March Sixth, and sentenced to a maximum term of three years in prison. This sentence was changed to six months with parole.

Comrade Foster is candidate for Governor of New York State on the Communist Party ticket, and will leave for a state wide tour. Comrade Minor is candidate in the 20th congressional district. Comrade Amter is candidate in the 23rd congressional district. They will address many Communist rallies in the more immediate territory.

Working Women! Attend these meetings. Mobilize the workers of your shops to demonstrate with you. Vote Communist!

#### Tour of Comrade I. Amter

Philadelphia, Oct. 23; Baltimore, Oct. 24; Pittsburgh, Oct. 25; Youngstown, Oct. 26; Cleveland, Oct. 27; Detroit, Oct. 28; Indianapolis, Oct. 29; St. Louis, Oct. 30; Chicago, Oct. 31; Milwaukee, Nov. 1; Minneapolis, Nov. 2; Duluth, Nov. 3.

### WHITE TERROR GROWS

#### 26 LYNCHINGS IN EIGHT MONTHS

Twenty-six lynchings of Negro workers in eight months — three murders a month — is the record of capitalist "civilization" in the year 1930. Five workers were lynched in the space of two days.

At Scooba, Mississippi, two more names were added to the long list of lynchings taking place in this state. Pig Lockett and Holly White, two Negro workers were given over to a mob of officers who were taking them for a preliminary hearings on charges of

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## WORKING WOMEN GREET FOSTER, AMTER, MINOR OCT. 21



# N. Y. Mayor's Wife Back From Europe

## Finds N. Y. a "Paradise"

Mrs. James Walker, wife of the snappy, night-club Tammany mayor of New York City has just returned from a trip to Europe, all sunburnt and gay. She says that New York is a wonderful place because the women are very "smartly dressed."

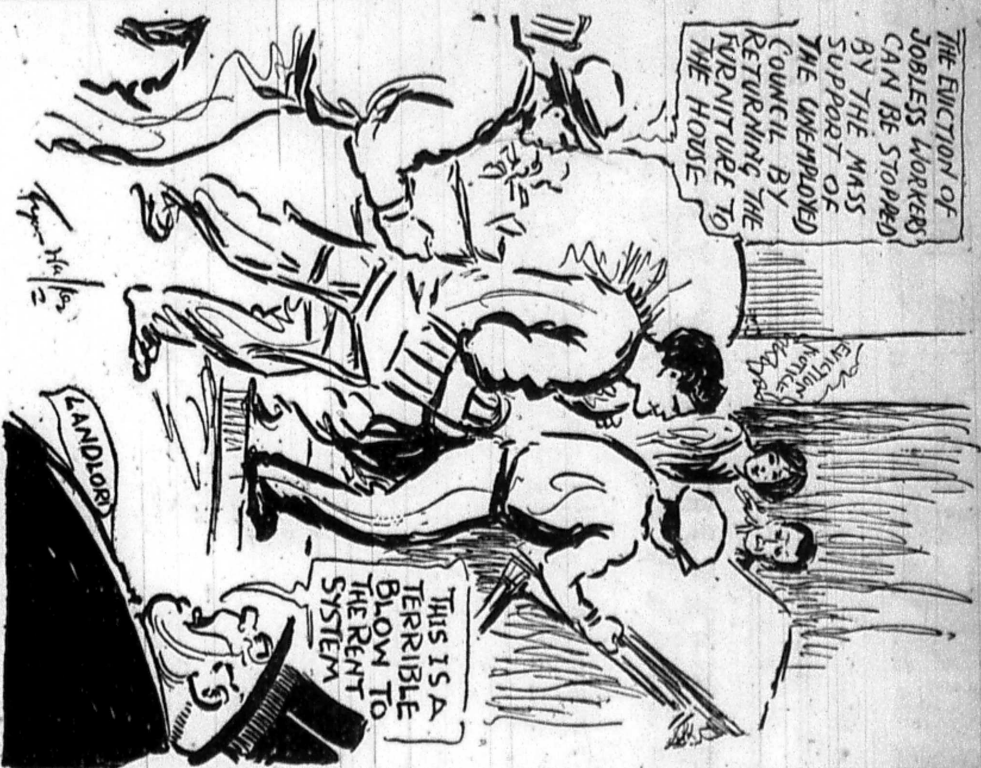
This parasite who has nothing to do but to spend the money that Mayor Walker and the other grater politicians have taken from the sweat of the workers, might take a look at the thousands of women workers who have to stand for hours on the bread lines to get a bit of bread for their children, or who are forced to sleep in parks and for the first time, in the history of New York, women and children are trying to get a bed in the municipal lodging houses.

Mayor Walker and his wife represent the bosses of New York, enemies of the working class. They see the smart clothes of Fifth Ave. and want to fool the workers into believing that America is prosperous—the women who are working for \$6, \$8 and \$10 a week in the laundries, candy factories, textile mills, and other factories must not



be fooled in supporting their enemies. Working women must organize to fight against these parasites and their entire class. They must support the only party which fights for women workers, the Communist Party, which demands higher wages, equal pay for the 7 hour day, 5 day week, unemployment insurance, Working women! Fight misery, starvation, evictions. Vote Communist.

# Resist Evictions — Organize!



Wholesale evictions of jobless and underpaid workers and their families are taking place throughout the country. It is not enough that men and women find factory gates closed on them by the bosses, the bread taken out of their mouths.

The 1,500 who are being evicted each week in New York City, and the 10,000 turned out of their flats in Chicago in the month of September alone, are but examples of what is taking place in towns and cities from coast to coast.

Mrs. Margaret Hardin, of 5665 Prairie Ave., Chicago, a mother with two fatherless children, sent them off to school and made her way to the Chicago renters' court. She is without food and money and owes \$60 rent, but the judge also ordered her to vacate.

Under leadership of the Unemployed Councils, the Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party, the struggle is on for insurance, relief, shorter work day.

## WORKING WOMEN ON LINE AT CITY LODGING HOUSES!

From early morning until night working women are waiting at the employment agencies, starved. For the first time in the history of this country working women with children in their arms and at their sides are waiting in line in front of city lodging houses to get into these infested places to rest their tired heads. While this is happening, the bosses keep on printing misleading propaganda that conditions are improving. This is done with the expressed purpose of creating false hopes of better times.

We are supposed to be living in a country of "equal opportunity"; a country which talks about the sanctity of womanhood and motherhood; a country where the slogan is: "daddies first." All this is nothing else but empty words without meaning for the working class, particularly the working women. It only applies to the women of the rich, who do not have to work for their livelihood, who live on the labors of others. The very same newspapers that talk about "the sanctity of womanhood" do not utter a word against the disgraceful conditions under which tens of thousands of working women exist.

The other day a very curious spectacle was seen on Broadway between 12th and 13th Streets. A woman with a child in her arms, and a man, wheeling a baby carriage, walked up and down the street with a sign attached to the carriage: "Please give my daddy a job; we are starved." In speaking to the woman we found that her husband had been unemployed for almost a year. They were evicted from their home. In their desperation they decided to go out begging not for money, but for work.

This family is but one of thousands in New York City where 1,700 families are evicted from their homes weekly. Some of the workers, unable to bear the sufferings, commit suicide; but this is not the solution. We do not want to die. We must fight for the right to live. We want Work or Wages. Working women must organize side by side with working men for the right to live as human beings, not to sleep in parks and wait on line in front of city lodging houses, but to have homes to live in, and have food and clothing for our children. The only way this can be done is by organizing unem-

# WORKING WOMEN PLEDGE SUPPORT TO COMMUNISTS

## Election Conference Mobilizes for Action

On Saturday, Sept. 20, 1930, working women from shops and factories, organizations, gathered at a United Front Communist Election Conference to discuss their class problems. 183 delegates were present. 82 delegates represented working women directly from shops and factories, of the Needle, Food, Shoe, Textile, Paper Box Makers, Office Workers, etc. The rest from working women's organizations.

The delegates from the floor discussed the various issues of the campaign. They related in vivid language their hardships in the shops, the wage cuts, increased speed up. They spoke of the growing discontent in the ranks of the workers with the recent miserable conditions. A young girl, delegate from a paper box shop related the activities carried on by the workers in her shop amongst the workers in the open shops in their trade. She described our open air meetings arranged by the workers of her shop and the importance of the "Working Woman" in organizing women workers to bring the message of organization to the workers of the open shops. A delegate representing a food shop, a middle aged woman, began her discussion with the following: "I never saw the light of day. I would leave my home at dawn and return late at night. I often asked my children whether words: 'Before our union was organized it was a rainy or sunny day. With the aid of the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League we organized a union and today I feel like a human being. This is why I am for the Communist Party.'"

A delegate representing the Latin American workers spoke of the unbearable conditions amongst the workers whom she represented.

Many of the delegates spoke of the role of the Communist Party in their struggle for better conditions, pointing to the fact that while the Republican, Democratic, and Socialist Parties lined-up with terror against the pickets, supporting injunctions — the Communist Party, actively participated in the struggles, supporting the police struggles on the picket lines and championed the interests of the workers against all their enemies.

The conference endorsed the program of the Communist Party, especially the Unemployment Insurance Bill. It adopted concrete plans for taking an active part in the election for carrying on activities in the shops and for building the Working Woman. The delegates pledged to agitate in the shops, to Vote Communist, and to rally their shop mates for October 21st mass meeting at Madison Square Garden to greet the return of the Unemployed Delegates, Comrades Foster, Amter, Minor.

Employment councils, fighting for unemployment insurance, and joining in the struggle with the unemployed workers for better conditions, equal pay for equal work, and for the building of militant unions in every industry, under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League. Women Workers! Don't Starve! Fight for the Unemployment Insurance Bill of the Communist Party! Vote Communist!

## Bombay Cops Charge Women Picketers

### 250 INJURED

BOMBAY, India. — More than 250 persons, including many women, were injured by police who viciously attacked the workers who were picketing the Town Hall polling place. Three hundred and eighty-two women and eighteen men were arrested by the police. The women were released Sept. 24. The four candidates running for office had betrayed the workers before and consequently the workers had pledged to defeat them at the polls.

The workers peered the would-be voters and prevented them from entering the booths. One of the candidates observing the stubbornness of the masses to obey police orders to disband, announced his withdrawal. But the polls remained open and the workers demanded that they be closed. Upon refusal of the authorities to close the polls the determined workers continued to picket. The police brutally clubbed and beat the women in the most savage manner, but they did not succeed in smashing the picket line.

## White Terror Grows 26 More Lynchings

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being highway robbers. Not even the local press claimed the usual lying charge of rape.

The mob tied the officers to a tree "for appearances sake" to make it look as if they had not willingly surrendered their prisoners. But a few minutes after the lynching took place the officers were released. County officials are as usual silent about this mob murder.

John Tandell, a 30-year old Negro worker, was lynched at Darien, Georgia. On a suspicion of taking part in some shooting, he was taken to jail and shot to death under "mysterious circumstances." Frank Bryan was lynched by police officers after his capture in a nearby swamp. The American Negro Labor Congress is carrying on a campaign against this white terror. Negro women workers must join with other workers to fight against lynching, against the bloody terror of the bosses.

## Engdahl, Olgin Before Fish Committee

J. Louis Engdahl, candidate for Lieutenant Governor of New York on the Communist Party ticket, and M. J. Olgin, editor of the Morning Freiheit, appeared before the Fish Committee "investigating" Communism and told those five capitalist gentlemen of Congress why the class-conscious workers will Vote Communist in the election November 4.

Another series of questions along the line to deprive Olgin of citizenship, such as, "Do you defend the Red Flag or the American flag?" Olgin refused to answer, saying these were only propaganda questions, and his citizenship was not on trial at present. Another series of propaganda questions took the line of: "Is it true that a Russian worker is allowed only 30 wives?" Olgin exposed the fraud here, and told the committee something about capitalist morality in the United States before they could stop him.

Before the Fish Committee knew what had happened, copies of the special election issue of the Labor Defender were in the hands of every person in the small room of the Department of Justice where the hearings were held.

## Child Death Rate Highest Since 1920

Reports from Maryland shows the children's death rate for July the highest since the influenza epidemic of January, 1929.

Oklahoma shows an increase of disease and death of children. West Virginia statistics show a marked increase in the death of children.

In each case reports show the increase as a direct result of the drought, heat, unemployment, the watering of milk, pollution of water, and the inability of parents to support their children in this land of plenty for the capitalist class.



# 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.

## Beat Naked Negro Girls In Jail

By a Worker Correspondent  
Birmingham, Ala.

I have served several horrible days in the Birmingham City jail when I was snatched up by a policeman and held under "suspicion."

In the falls and penal farms here in the South, Negro workers suffer untold persecutions and protest in many instances means death.

Young Negro girls are thrown into this prison charged with petty misdemeanors. They are grossly insulted by the white guards. Should they resist they are severely punished. Colored girls are commanded to undress and bow over barrels in front of these white thugs, while they are lashed. The white girls fare somewhat better, requesting to "lay out" jail sentences.

The colored girls are herded like sheep and consigned to hard labor on huge shevels used for unloading coal, gravel and sand.

In the prison kitchen it is hell for these women. The best is cooked for the bosses while the girls are only allowed to eat the inferior foods like white meat, white beans, and bread made from the poorest corn meal.

The young men workers are sent to the earthy hell, called slag pits, which are well known as man-kill-ers.

Very frequently the overseers are seen bouncing oak or hickory pick handles on the prisoners. Many of these arrests are made under the vagrancy laws which give plenty of free labor for the slave drivers and for the city.

How long? If there ever was a people that needed Communism, it is truly the Negro!

—A Negro Worker.

## LETTER FROM A NEGRO WOMAN WORKER

We girls have rotten conditions in our factory. We have an elderly colored worker. She is forced to work like a slave and makes as much work as three others. The constant fear that if she is fired she will never get any other work at her age, makes her work with inhuman speed. Instead of giving us a few minutes rest period a day the boss sets the clock 5 minutes slower and we like slaves submit to everything.

Although we are young and militant, we too, submit to the disgraceful conditions because we are not organized.

I am a colored worker and since I am in the Independent Shop Committee, I really see what discrimination there is for colored workers. The white girls have one truck of special stuff to work on, so they are given 4 or 5 helpers and the colored girls have 3 or 4 trucks to do and the foreman even hurries us up.

He seems to think that the colored girls run on electricity.

Independent Towel Supply Workers Organize Into Our Shop Committee.

Write to 3804 Scoville Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

One Who Was Afraid to Organize, But Not Any More.

## Hail Southern Worker

Thousands of Negro and white women workers exploited in the textile factories, the canneries, the tobacco and woodworking plants and the cotton fields of the South will have a champion in the new fighting weekly paper of the workers. The Southern Worker. The paper is being issued by the Communist Party of the U. S. A. in the South. A challenge to the bosses in the land of lynching, Jim Crowism and the Ku Klux Klan, The Southern Worker will wield the Negro and white workers into a solid phalanx for struggle against their oppressors, the Southern capitalists. The Southern Worker will for the first time in the history of the South voice the demands of the Negro toilers against their employers. It will teach them how to fight with tactics based on the experience of the whole working class. It will unite them with the white workers to smash lynching, to build powerful industrial unions of the Trade Union Unity League, to build a revolutionary party of the workers, the Communist Party.

The appearance of the The Southern Worker is of importance to women workers for the vast masses of exploited Negro women workers in the South must be awakened and drawn into active struggle jointly with their white sisters.

The Southern Worker is an achievement for the working class and the working class must support and build it into a powerful organizer of the exploited Southern workers.

## FROM A WOMAN WORKER

Westinghouse Plant

The mail girls who are trotting miles every day, carrying mail, orders, instructions, etc., from one department to the other are getting the magnificent salary of \$40 a month to live, and besides, the mail girl must be well dressed.

The girls who are operating the duplicating machines have to manage to live on a salary of \$45 per month. There is no wage increase for either mail or duplicating girls with the length of service.

The time clerk's started with the salary of \$50 per month and in the course of service, long service, too, her salary is increased. Very few reach the height of \$90 and still few above this sum.

Some of the girls and office help still believe that they are on their way to the presidency—that some day they will become prosperous stock holders in the company.

But for me it's clear. Whether we work in the shops or the office—we are exploited by the same bosses, are speeded up and receive miserably low wages.

I used to think that unions and political parties were only for those who worked in the shops—but now I know better. All of us—shop and office workers, women as well as men—must fight together. Join



## LOOKING FOR A JOB

(By a Worker Correspondent)

Early every morning I start out determined on getting a job. In the market I find many other dress-makers in search of a master.

In most of these buildings "factory help" is not permitted to ride in the front elevators. These are exclusively for the comfort of the employers and their hirelings. The workers are herded together in filthy ill-smelling freight elevators, where freight and sometimes garbage is carried together with the workers.

Now as to the jobs that are advertised. What do you want? Are you experienced? I need very good workers! What union do you belong to? Are the questions I was asked. When we ask the price of the garments. The answer is never mind the price. This is a "union" place, you must belong to Schlesinger's union if you want to work here, it's a ten seventy-five dress, and I pay seventy cents." No wonder he was boosting his union, only in a company union shop could such conditions prevail. In a Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union shop a garment would be paid over a dollar.

Fellow workers the bosses are trying to throw the burden of the economic crisis on our back. They are cutting prices, lengthening hours, and are becoming more abusive. Don't submit to the bosses and their "socialist" union—organize, fight—strike against wage cuts speed-up.

Join the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, the only union in this industry that fights in the interests of the workers. Prepare for a general strike.

the fighting unions of the Trade Union Unity League—Must Vote Communist—Support and Fight for the Workers' Demands in the Election Platform of the Communist Party.

An Office Slave.

## SLAVERY IN Textile Workers GAL. CANNERIES

California is one of the largest canning states. In Oakland, a great many women slave in these canneries.

The work is not easy. The hands of the workers are stained, fingers blister from holding the knife and the palms get raw. Fruit acids eat into these sores, which make them very painful.

### SEVEN DAY WEEK FOR WOMEN

Often we work 7 days a week during the rush season. Many a day we stayed in 12-15 hours. Lunch only 20 minutes. Our wages averaged \$20 to \$22 for this hard work.

### CHILDREN NOT CARED FOR

While we mothers work, our babies have to be left in care of older children or have to be brought to a dirty hotel called a "nursery." If the Board of Health were on the job, these places would be closed. Sheer necessity forces us to leave our children there these long hours. After work sometimes as late as 9 P. M. we take them home only to bring them back at 6 A. M. again.

### WE ARE CHEATED IN PAY

For overtime we are supposed to get time and a quarter, and time and a half, but we are often cheated on that. Our time is punched by time counter and is punched whenever she comes in. Many a day 2-3 hours overtime is cheated us.

### NEILSON CANNERY STRIKE

Last August there was a strike of 200 women in Neilson cannery against this cheating of pay and overfilled boxes of fruit. For the first time in Oakland, the working women in the cannery fought for their rights and fought well. They got some gains out of this short strike.

The T.U.U.I. issued bulletins and the workers' response was good. This season workers have hope of organizing an industrial union under the leadership of T.U.U.I.

Cannery Worker, Oakland, California.

The workers in the Soviet Union are busy accomplishing their 5 Year Plan. They will know how to meet and deal with imperialist war maneuvers against the workers' and peasants' fatherland.

## VOTE COMMUNIST

Communist Party, U. S. A.  
43 East 125th Street,  
New York City.

I, the undersigned, want to join the Communist Party. Send me more information.

Name .....

Address .....

City .....

Occupation .....

Age .....

Mail this to the Women's Department, Communist Party, 43 East 125th St., New York, N. Y.

## Win Strike In Paterson

The Paterson, New Jersey, local of the National Textile Workers Union, affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League, led a successful strike in the Columbia silk mill. The bosses were forced to grant a 20 per cent wage increase and the eight hour day.

All strikers, at the meeting before going back to work, joined the National Textile Workers Union in a body and accepted the program of struggle, based upon shop organization, of our National union. In Paterson our union was not only able to stop the wage cuts and the speed-up, but through proper organization the bosses were forced to give an increase in wages and to establish the eight hour day.

The Trade Union Unity League has greeted these workers who joined the union and has called upon other affiliated organizations to follow the example of the National Textile Workers Union in Paterson. The League is now engaged in a campaign to build the "Organize and Strike" fund of \$100,000, to carry out the slogan "Organize and Strike Against Wage Cuts."

## SLAVERY IN THE LAUNDRIES

We have to stand all day and never get a chance to sit down. Sometimes when a girl gets so tired out that she can't stand any longer, she sits down for a few seconds in the toilet—but if anyone gets caught she gets fired. A couple of months ago two girls were fired for this, one white and one colored. The white girl said she had only gone in to the her shoe, but it didn't make any difference, they fired her anyway.

We must get together and make the bosses get us chairs and rest for a few minutes when we get tired out. Other girls have been able to make the bosses do this, why can't we?

By a Worker Correspondent





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## Women Workers! Vote Communist!

WOMEN workers, to a rapidly increasing extent, are playing a major role in the economic and political life of the United States. The old theories about woman's place being in the home have been discarded. The capitalists, even more so than the workers, are aware of woman's changed economic and political importance. They are trying by every means to win and hold influence over the women, especially now in their election campaigns.

Since 1920, for example, the number of women employed in shops, offices and stores has increased from a trifle over 8,000,000 to well over 10,000,000.

This does not include the vast number of wives and daughters of workers who are compelled to do part-time domestic work or to take in sewing or perform other such tasks in the home to supplement the family income.

Especially now during the economic crisis, with unemployment steadily increasing and widespread wage cuts everywhere taking place—both greatly reducing the family earnings—women are more and more being compelled to seek jobs in an effort to keep the wolf away from the home door. They are deliberately being drawn into industry by the bosses as a means of further reducing wages and of further speeding up production especially in such industries as radio, automobile, electrical equipment and shoes.

Wages for these women workers are extremely low. Their wages range from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per week as compared with from \$23.00 to \$25.00 for men doing the same work. Negro women in the South are especially discriminated against, receiving on the average only from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per week. These low wages for women workers not only bring great hardship to themselves but they become the standard wages which the bosses hope to establish for all workers.

Many men, seeing this development, complain about women workers entering into industry; they propose that women workers be excluded. But they forget that the capitalists operate only for profit and that the policy of constantly squeezing out more and more profit by reducing wages and by newer and faster speed-up systems lends itself to the employment of women at less wages—a process which is aided by the inability of the male workers, due to constantly reduced income, to maintain the family.

The bosses, however, try to stimulate this unreal antagonism between men and women workers; they try to play one against the other in offices, stores and factories. In election campaigns they try to take advantage of the women's more limited experience in industry and politics to delude them with all kinds of fake issues ranging from prohibition to promises for special women's legislation. They are aided in this, however, by the past indifference of many workers' organizations to the problems of women workers.

The Communist Party views the working class as a whole. It sees the working women as a part—an important part—of the working class. It recognizes that women are in industry to stay. It organizes them together with the men. It calls upon the women workers, as well as the men, to join the revolutionary trade unions and fight against the present unbearable working conditions, the low wages, and the long hours now prevalent in the factories.

In the Communists' election campaign, which centers primarily around the issues of unemployment, wage cuts, lynching, and war, women workers are especially called upon to "Vote Communist!" on November 4th. The Communist Party demands unemployment insurance; it calls for strikes against wage cuts; it organizes the fight against lynch mobs for the defense of the Negroes; it fights against another imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union—the only country where real political and economic equality has been given to women.

Women workers, join in the fight against the bankers, the big manufacturers and their political hirelings! Vote Communist November 4th!

## ELECTION TIME IN "PROSPEROUS" U.S.A.

By Harriet Silverman  
Communist Party Candidate,  
6th Assembly District, N. Y.

The 1930 election campaign finds the United States gripped by the worst economic crisis in 30 years. Unemployment, at present nine million but still advancing, is the burning issue for the working class. Those still employed face lay-offs wage cuts, and the killing speed-up system. At the so-called "free" Employment Bureau, in N. Y. City 5,000 workers "tricked" over 100 jobs, handed out by Tammany Hall vote catchers. Starving workers and their fam-

ilies received not one cent in relief but the bosses Wall Street Government voted \$1,700,000 for a new federal prison which will cost \$3,850,000 when completed, and set aside another million for more jails.

Graft and the Capitalist State New York State and City is thick with charges of graft and corruption. Tammany Hall is under fire again. Republican and Socialist grafters call for investigations as a means of catching votes to further betray the workers.

the Police Dept. who kill and club militant workers, was increased from 14,000 to 18,000. Tammany's henchmen received more than one half million increases in salaries during the year. Ten million dollars went for graft in Queens sewer pipes contracts. Fifty million dollars was wasted on the Staten Island docks, and Bronx Municipal Market. The City Budget jumped nearly \$600,000,000, but not one cent was spent for relief of the unemployed.

The Socialist Party in the The Socialist Party, the agent of capitalism, shows itself more clearly than ever the Party of social fascism, the treacherous enemy of the working class. In the 14th Congressional District, a thickly populated working class district, Ex-Judge Panken, the Socialist Party candidate says: "Tammany must be punished and rebuked, Tammany must be driven from office." This statement paves the way for a deal with the Republican Party to land a job in Congress for Mr. Panken. In the 17th Congressional District Heywood Brown, press agent for the capitalist class, is the Socialist Party candidate. Brown has the "Park Avenue silk stocking crowd" as his backers. In 1924 La Guardia, the present Republican, was elected to Congress on the Socialist Party ticket. The ranks of the working class must be won for the Communist Party, the only Party which fights capitalism and all its agents.

### Workers

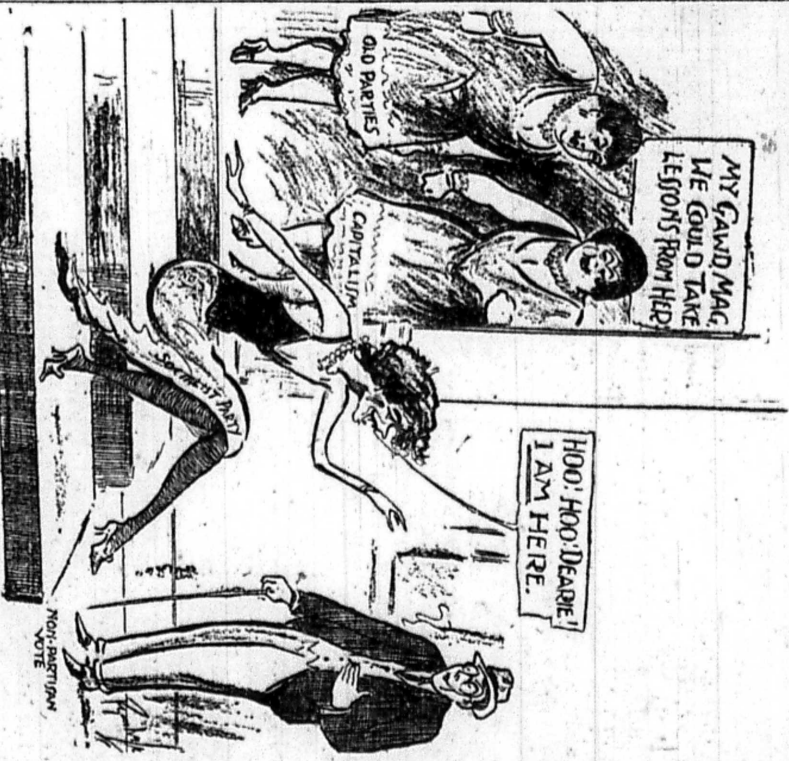
The Communist Party demands "Work or Wages" and the "Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill" which will give a minimum of \$25 a week to all workers unemployed or unable to work because of sickness injury, maternity or old age—No eviction of the unemployed. The Communist Party leads the workers in struggle against Negro lynchings, and for full social and political equality of all workers regardless of the color of their skin. The Communist Party fights for the interests of the bankrupt tenant farmers. The Communist Party leads the workers in struggle and helps to build the militant industrial unions under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League, against speed-up, wage cuts, for the right to picket, for the repeal of the criminal syndicalist laws which make it a crime to even distribute leaflets, for which "crimes" the capitalist class in Atlanta, Ga. want to send six workers to the electric chair.

We Communists do not hesitate to declare that we fight for a Workers and Farmers Government to make exploitation impossible. We call upon the women workers in shops of the U. S. on farms, in homes, to join us in the struggle for this aim.

### Negro Children Slave in Charleston Bagging Mill

Over 600 Negro workers, most of them very young girls, slave 10 to 12 hours a day in the bagging mill in Charleston, S. C., for wages from \$3 to \$7 a week. Sanitary conditions in this mill are unknown. The air is thick with yellow dust. The girls come out with a thick accumulation of dust on their hair, eyebrows and eyelashes.

The boss deducts 25 cents for 5 minutes lateness. These workers are waiting for the National Textile Workers Union to lead them in struggle against their miserable conditions.



## MOBILIZE WORKING WOMEN FOR COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

The election period must be energetically utilized to intensify our neglected work of education and organization among the women workers. Women are becoming a very great factor in industry and among the unemployed. The capitalists and their socialist lackeys realize this and are sparing no efforts to mobilize the women for their own purposes.

We must take advantage of the elections not only to get the working women to vote the Communist ticket, but we must especially unite them to struggle for our whole program, the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill, seven hour day, five day week, the strike against wage cuts, for equal pay for equal work, maternity insurance, against imperialist wars, for defense of the Soviet Union, etc. We must draw them into the Trade Union Unity League unions and the more advanced into our Party. In all these activities we must direct special attention to the youth and Negro women. They will be a main source of strength to our whole movement.

Basically important it is to accompany all this work of immediate struggle and organization in the election campaign with a persistent propagation of our revolutionary aim. The workers now are becoming especially receptive to revolutionary ideas. They see the



boasted American prosperity degenerate into the terrific world wide economic crisis. They see the progress of the Indian and Chinese revolutions, and the great victory of our Party following 4,500,000 votes in Germany. But above all, they see the tremendous advance of the Soviet Union in building Socialism. All these facts powerfully suggest revolution to the workers and we must be keenly conscious of this and utilize it in our work.

Our Party now stands before a period of real growth in its organization and influence. But this cannot be fully accomplished unless we at the same time build our forces among the women workers. Therefore, let the present campaign be a great mobilization of women workers behind our revolutionary banner.



# T. U. U. L. in Drive to Organize Women Workers

## Int. Women's Trade Union Conference Delegates Return

**MOSCOW, Soviet Union.**—The 5th World Congress of the Red Trade Unions, and the 1st International Women's Trade Union conference are over. The delegates after an extensive tour of two weeks over Soviet Union, are preparing to leave U.S.S.R. and to bring to the workers of this country the policies and decisions laid down at these meetings.

The American women delegates have much work ahead of them in transmitting the plan of action and methods of work among industrial women as laid down at the Int'l Working Women's Conference.

This historical conference was attended by 79 delegates representing working women from 60 countries. The main report was submitted by Comrade Tormasova, stressing primarily the weakness in our past methods of work, the failure of carrying out the decisions of the 4th RILU Congress relative to work among women and the failure of utilizing organizationally the radicalization of women workers by enrolling them into revolutionary unions. Delegate after delegate took the floor and pointed out the mistakes and shortcomings of our trade union work among women, the increasing important role that they are playing in the economic and political field and how the revolutionary unions are to conduct their work in the future. After a thoro discussion, a detailed plan of work was adopted.

Our women delegates on their return next month, will become organizers among the masses of women workers. All cities will arrange mass meetings where the women delegates will have an opportunity to report to mobilize the women workers for action under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League and their industrial unions.

The delegates are bringing back with them an invitation from the RILU to the working women of the United States of America to send a delegation of 15 working and farming women to the Soviet Union on March 8th, International Women's Day.

The various industrial unions and the T.U.U.L. groups must begin work at once among women to popularize the decisions of the 5th Congress of the RILU and to mobilize them for participation at the meetings of the returned delegates where the problems of work among women will be discussed.

The women of the various industries must be reached by the T.U.U.L. unions of organized and unorganized shops to demonstrate with the rest of the workers at the mass demonstrations and meetings arranged for the released unemployed delegation, Foster, Minor and Amter, in Madison Square Garden on Oct. 21st and in all other cities where the delegates will appear.

**LONDON, England**—The London "Daily Worker" prints figures, collected from the Indian Press Service, showing the great amount of arrests in India. The total being 26,311. This does not include political prisoners arrested before, such as the Meerut prisoners who have been in jail nine months.

At Serpukhovo 5,000 workers put in 3 days of voluntary work helping the "Bolshevik" Soviet farm to gather in its vegetable harvest.

Group of Delegates at the 5th RILU Congress



## A Textile Workers Meeting

A Letter From Delegate to the 5th Congress of the RILU.

In a German made car, delegates textile workers, to the 5th congress of the Profintern from England, Belgium, Poland, United States and China, are going to address a textile workers meeting of the Trech-Ugolok mill (the Three Cornered Mill).

Our guide is swamped with questions. All of us are very inquisitive as to the nature of the meeting, where it will be held, how many will be present, and so forth. We are happy to address our Russian fellow workers.

After a twenty minute ride we arrive at the mill.

**Our Delegates Greeted by Women of Soviet Union**

We enter into the big hall where the workers are gathered. The chairman announces our arrival. They all cheer. A warm friendly atmosphere. The hall is crowded with good natured, hard working old women, many happy-laughing children, serious, alert minded young boys and girls and men who lived thru the revolution. All are keenly interested and attentive.

Our delegates speak. They tell of the horrible conditions under which our fellow-workers live and toil. We tell of capitalism brutally squeezing the last drop of blood and energy from the working class

in order to increase their profits. We tell of millions of working people now unemployed, starving in the lands of plenty. Such are conditions of workers in capitalist countries, but in the Soviet Union, —we find no words to express our love, admiration and respect for the Soviet Union, the workers fatherland. Like one we pledge to mobilize the workers of our home countries for the defense of the Soviet Union. All hail to the fulfillment of the five-year plan in four years.

**A Woman Textile Worker Greets Us**

A Russian comrade answers our greetings. An elderly woman of about 50, speaks. "In reply to the comrades from other countries, we can say that the best proof of our progress, is the determination on the part of the workers in the Soviet Union to strengthen the achievement of the Proletarian Revolution by building Socialism, by putting thru the five year plan in four years, and even in three. The comrades in other countries, as you heard, are looking towards us, and their entire hope is centered on the successful achievements of the Soviet Union. To accomplish this, we must by all means exterminate illiteracy. We must by all means raise the cultural level of the workers in our factory. We must pledge that within the shortest

possible time there will remain no trace of illiteracy in our ranks. Lenin told us that a revolutionary government is not made up of cooks, but cooks who study can be in a revolutionary government. Only in this way will we succeed in our tasks and aid our comrades to hasten their October." The meeting is over. Now the concert begins.

**The Concert**

We all step off the stage and sit amongst the audience. Now we can better observe the hall, the stage, the people. On the center of the stage stands a bust of Lenin. Comrade Lenin is also with us. Always with us. He does seem to look on approvingly. Above him hang many slogans. The guide translates. "In a land of illiteracy, communism cannot be built! Not one illiterate in the Trech-Ugolok! Yes, Lenin impressed this indelibly upon the minds of his followers. Light, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, not for the parasitic few, but for all, for all! The program is rich and genuine. The artists sing, speak and dance of a new society, a new social order. Socialism will be built; the fulfillment of the five-year plan in four, and probably less, is echoed and re-echoed. A textile workers meeting. The workers of the Trech-Ugolok, send you their warm revolutionary greetings.

## A LETTER FROM A NURSE

Editor of the Working Woman:

The time is fast approaching when the workers in the medical industry will rise and demand what is coming to them. Better working and living conditions. Until now we suffered in silence. Today the medical workers, nurses, drug clerks, dentists, (mechanical), opticians, hospital help, porters, housekeepers, are beginning to follow the example of other workers, and are organizing to demand better conditions. One hour of rest has been taken away from the nurse, and she is also compelled to handle more patients than before (6 to 7). A nurse who received \$70 per month now gets \$60, and when a new nurse comes to the hospital to work the old nurses are forbidden to talk to her about their working conditions.

The porter who got \$60 is now getting \$50-\$45. The housekeeper who received \$60 to \$70 a month is now getting \$50 per month, and must take care of a 22 room apartment instead of 12 in former days. What can we do single handed? Why not get all the nurses to stick like workers and not like cowards who are afraid of their jobs? Why not join the medical league and fight for better conditions? Are the superiors in the hospital every-

## WORKERS ESSAY DRESS ORGANIZE

(By a Worker Correspondent)

The Esday factory is hiring Negro and white girls. All work piece work. The ones who have been working at least 3 or 4 years earn during busy season as much as \$30 a week. The new girls don't know what they are getting for their work until after the week is over. Usually the new girls get 15c an hour and these who have slaved for many years get 25c. The bosses use this method of keeping us divided. We workers should get together and organize with the militant workers into the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, and fight for Equal Pay for Equal Work. For a 7 hour Day, 5 Day Week. For better conditions in the factories and shops for equal treatment of Negro and white workers.

A factory worker, H. B.

thing? Officials get a month's vacation, better living conditions, good care when sick. The poor nurses get nothing—but long hours low pay, and are bitterly treated. All Hospital Workers Get Together! Organize! Join the Medical League of the Trade Union Unity League.

## The Class Conscious Woman

What do we mean by the class conscious woman? Do we mean the woman who doesn't realize her true station in life, the class struggle? Do we mean the woman who is robbed of necessities in life but who doesn't fight? Who wants to forget the misery facing her? No! We mean the woman who realizes her place in this class divided world. We mean the woman who knows she is a working woman. We mean the woman who knows her true place in this world and who is willing to fight to make this a better world, a livable world, a happy world, such as the workers are building in the Soviet Union. Not a world of happiness for a certain few whose emblem is the dollar sign, but the world of happiness for the working man, woman and child, for the workers of the world whose emblem is freedom, real freedom.

Fraternally yours, a  
Esther Klein.

UNITED FRONT OF WORKING MEN AND WORKING WOMEN AGAINST CAPITALISM

## INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE

**BOMBAY, India** — 328 people were arrested during the municipal elections, three hundred and fifteen of whom were women. The police brutally attacked the crowds of workers. Hundreds were taken to the hospitals seriously injured.

**LUBLIN, Poland.** — Madame Irene Kosmowa, former Polish Deputy was sentenced to six months imprisonment by the Fascist government of Poland by order of Pilsudski, the Dictator. Her crime being a speech made by her at a protest meeting against the imprisonment of Polish Deputies, when she is alleged to have said: "The Pilsudski Government is crazy."

**BUCHAREST, Rumania.** — Twenty two workers in jail at Oradea-Mare since the 1st of August, where they were arrested, went into hunger strike. After two weeks of hunger strike they have now been released.

**In Brod** 3,000 textile workers went on a protest strike, lasting 7 hours, in order to effect the release of the worker Deck and 7 women textile workers who were arrested. The demonstration finished with a full success.

**BOMBAY, India** — Mrs. Rama Balkmyer, President of the Bombay War Council of the All India National Congress, was sentenced to 3 months on the charges of publishing the congress bulletin without authority. The nineteen year old girl editor of the bulletin received the same sentence.

**MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.** — Soviet newspapers have a total circulation over 24000,000 as compared with the past 2% to 3 million circulation of newspapers under Tsarism. Book publishing has similarly increased more than four fold.

**22,000 Young Communists** are being mobilized for training as teachers and for immediate teaching work, in order to speed-up the achievement of the decision for compulsory education.

### Shop Committee

The toilets in the Independent Towel Supply are too filthy to speak of. The toilet seats are filthy, rags lying around the floors, paper and all sorts of dirt. It is only cleaned once a month.

We never have any clean towels to wipe our hands although we turn out thousands of them a day. We are forced to wipe our hands with rags.

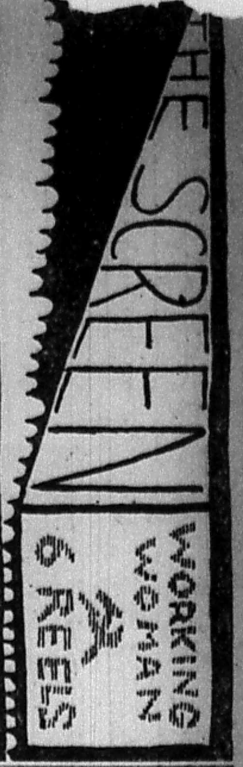
No wonder the girls get sick, they can get all kinds of diseases, working under such unsanitary conditions. We should demand clean towels for our hands and face, and make them clean up the toilets.

Stick together girls, join the Independent Shop Committee and we will get not only cleaner work rooms but higher wages, shorter hours and more decent treatment. The Boss knows this and is trying to keep us from organizing. We must learn to understand our interests as he understands it.

### 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."





### STORM OVER ASIA

#### SOVKINO PRODUCTION

If art is to mean anything to the workers, it has to be the voice of the working masses. Just as the art of old Russia, saturated with the self-centered hopelessness of a dying class, was separated from the living reality of workers' struggle—so the present Soviet art, breathing wholesomeness and energy of glorious confidence in the future, speaks to the workers of all the world, in their own language and about their own lives.

"Storm Over Asia" is a remarkable example of the Soviet art. It unfolds the story of a country, as young as the Revolution, in spite of the bygone centuries of its col-

orful, ancient history. It is a figurative portrayal of the re-birth of vast, Asiatic land which was weakened from its dead slumber of many years by the flames of revolt ignited by the oppressed—all over Russia.

This idea is the essence of the picture. If the American censors had allowed the picture to appear as it had been originally created, it would have been greater than the "End of St. Petersburg." But thanks to these loyal watch dogs of capitalism, the picture is badly cut, and its social viewpoint only faintly outlined. In spite of these handicaps, however, the picture is of social and artistic significance.

Valentine V. Kohn.

## The Working Woman and the Election Campaign

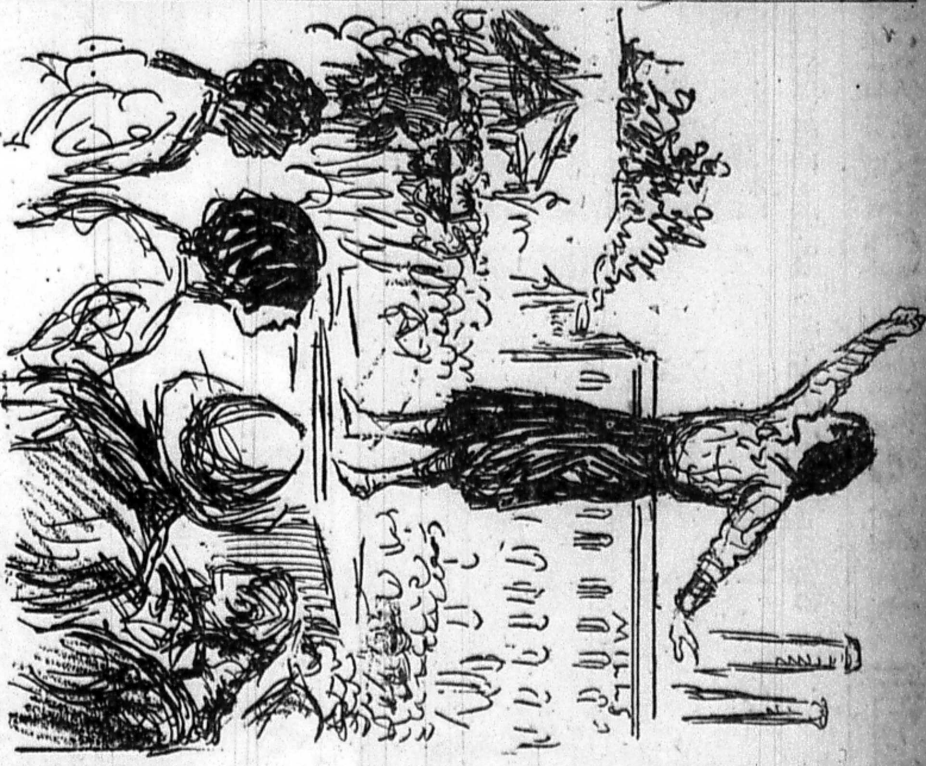
### By SOPHIE MAZEIKA Candidate on Communist Ticket for County Coroner

Since the end of the world war, when the American working women gained the right to vote; the fight to mark X for one or the other capitalist parties—Women have been exploited to an even greater extent. The American working women began to stream into the shops and factories. The industrial bosses began on a large scale to enslave American working women economically and politically.

In 1914 the World War came. Millions of youth, the flower of the working class, were thrown into the slaughter fields. The earth was soaked with their blood; rivers and lakes ran red. Millions fought and died for the interest of the capitalist class. The war was an imperialist war. During this war, thousands of millionaires sprung up thruout the capitalist countries, particularly in the United States, ammunition kings, the steel magnates, coal and food barons and others who made millions; while on the other hand the working class paid with their lives so that the bosses could amass these great fortunes. That was real prosperity for the bosses and bloodshed and death for the working class. Here the working woman suffered when she lost her father, husband, brother, adn sweetheart.

The pacifism of Woodrow Wilson was overthrown by Wall Street when banking loans and credits to the allies were in danger. And in order to save their interests, the bosses fooled the working class into war under the cloak of saving the world for democracy; to save humanity. The Socialists and A. F. of L. supported the imperialist war and were used by the bosses to further blind the working class as to real cause of why the World War was being fought. The churches of every denomination gave their blessings to the marching workers soldiers who were going to kill the Kaiser and save democracy for America.

It was the working women who took the place of their men in the shops and factory; making ammunition and destructive weapons while in the field of Flanders working class brothers were killing each other. The bosses found it easier to exploit the women than the men. The bosses paid her half the wages the men received.



## THE FIGHT

### ON LYNCHING

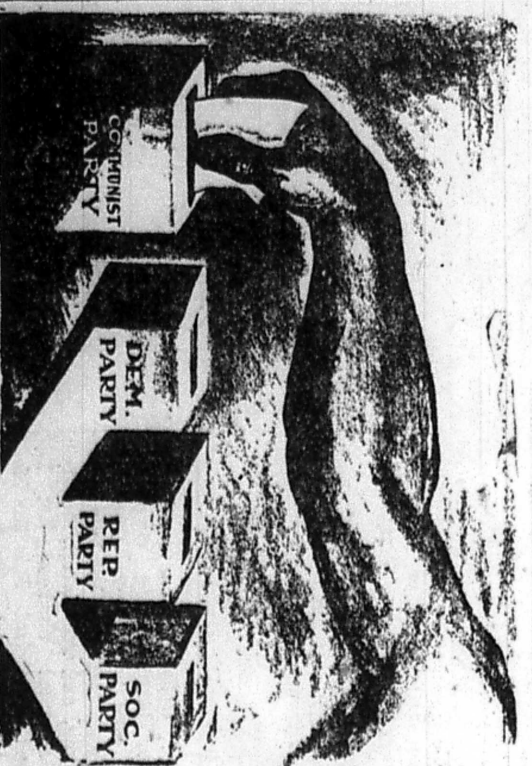
#### A.N.L.C. Conferences Thruout Country

By CYRIL BRIGGS

With the bosses' lynching terror already claiming 36 working-class victims for the first nine months of the year, and with every indication of the bosses' intention to increasingly intensify their persecution and attacks on the Negro masses, the working-class of the United States is faced with the immediate task of effecting militant organization and aggressive, uncompromising struggle against the lynching terror.

To effect such organization and mobilize the entire working class in support of the struggles of the savagely oppressed Negro minority in this country, the American Negro Labor Congress is calling several anti-lynching conferences. At these conferences concrete proposals will be made for the struggle against lynching, for the organization of defense squads of white and Negro workers, for effective support of the demands for full political, economic and social equality and for the right of the Negro masses to have their own government in those sections of the South where they form a majority of the population.

Working-class women must support these conferences, must help in combating the bloody



Thousands of working women and men, attended the memorial meetings arranged by the International Labor Defense. Each had in the memory of Ella May, her life in the mill working 60 hours a week for \$9 wages, her heroic struggles during the Gastonia and Bessemer City strike, firmly fixed in their mind. They came determined to see that the bosses shall not succeed in their desire to legally murder our six comrades, M. H. Powers, Joe Carr, Mary Dalton, Anna Butlack, Herbert Newton and Henry Storey, in Atlanta, Georgia, for the same crime Ella May had committed, the crime of organizing the southern workers against starvation, pellagra, wretched working and living conditions, long hours for wages below the existence level.

## THE MILL MOTHERS' SONG

By Ella May

(TUNE: Little Mary Feigan)

(This song was sung at the funeral of Ella May, by one of the women strikers.)

We leave our home in the morning,  
We kiss our children good bye,  
While we slave for the bosses,  
Our children scream and cry.

And when we draw our money,  
Our grocery bills to pay,  
Not a cent to spend for clothing,  
Not a cent to lay away.

And on that very evening,  
Our little son will say,  
"I need some shoes, dear mother,  
And so does sister May."

How it grieves the heart of a mother,  
You every one must know,  
But we can't buy for our children,  
Our wages are too low.

Now listen to me, Workers,  
Both women and men,  
We are sure to win our Union  
If all would enter in.

I hope this will be a warning,  
I hope you will understand,  
And help us win our victory,  
And lend to us a hand.

It is for our dear children  
That are to us so dear,  
But for us nor them, dear Workers  
The bosses do not care.

But understand, all workers,  
Our Union they do fear,  
Let's stand together, Workers,  
And have a Union here!

## PIONEER TELLS OF CHILD LABOR

Chatanooga, Tenn.

I am writing you to tell you how we are getting along. The children in the Pioneer group, 7 to 16 years old, have to do hard work. Some of the Negro children have to take breakfast early every morning to workers in the mills.

Some work in grocery stores and get \$1 for 7 days' work and have to get on their jobs early every morning.

The colored and whites have different churches, different playgrounds, shows, schools, movies and everything different.

I am going to tell you about a poor woman. She didn't have a husband or any children large enough to work for her. The chil-

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dren were so hungry until they were hardly living.

So the old lady went on the street and begged for money and food. She was an old colored lady. She went into a grocery store and asked for something to eat. The man said he had his food. To sell and not to give away. The old woman went out begging every day.

The white people live in better houses, better schools, get better shows, better playgroups, better hospitals and better churches. The colored workers get more wages than the workers.

Some of our Pioneers have to do work that men could do.

Comradely yours,  
Ruby Gordon, Pioneer, age 12





### Memories of Lenin

Reviewed by Grace Hutchins  
Memories of Lenin, by N. K. Krupskaya. International Publishers. New York. 1930. Price \$1.50.

Who could write better the Memories of Lenin than Nadezhda Krupskaya, his wife, partner and comrade in 30 years of class struggle? From 1893 when some comrades told her that "a certain learned Marxist" had arrived in Petersburg until his death six years after the Russian Revolution Krupskaya shared with Lenin all the hazardous life of a revolution-ary.

Her memories are not only of Lenin and his unceasing work for the Revolution, but of the movement itself as it grew from tiny sparks into a mighty flame of revolt. A long line of comrades march across the stage in this little book, and among them are many women — devoted, spirited revolutionists, constantly risking their lives to help build a strong workers' organization. They worked, as Lenin himself worked, without thought of personal glory or reward. Some of these older comrades did not live to see the overthrow of Czarism and the establishment of a workers' and peasants' republic, now the Soviet Union.

It is the first volume of Memories, and Krupskaya promises another volume on the later years of Lenin's life.

### Working Women and the Class Struggle

A Review

American Working Women and the Class Struggle is the title of a pamphlet issued by the Central Committee, Communist Party of the U.S.A. It may be bought for 5c through the Workers' Library Publishers, 39 East 125th St., New York City. Facts about the conditions of women workers in the U.S. and the struggle for organization are vividly set forth in this little pamphlet which should be read by every worker.

"Fellow working women, it is not enough to join the Trade Union Unity League. The working class must organize politically, as well as industrially. For the class struggle is not an economic struggle alone. It is also a political struggle, with the capitalists using all the machinery of government against us.

"If you are a working woman, and want to fight most effectively in the interests of your class, join the Communist Party. Whether you work in a factory or on a farm, in a store, office or kitchen, it is all one. You are a worker, and it is your revolutionary duty and privilege to take your place in the working class vanguard,—the Communist Party, which, under the banner of the Communist International, will lead the American workers from battle to battle and to final victory."

## MASSACRE OF 54 UNARMED WOMEN

### "Labor" Government Strengthens Stranglehold of Lever Combine In Nigeria

The Report of the Special Commission appointed last February by the Governor of Nigeria (West Africa) to "investigate the causes" which led to the massacre last December of 54 women by the armed forces of the Crown has just been issued.

The Report now has to admit that the firing "was not justified." They also find that shooting was not justified at Utu Eim Ekpo on December 15, when a crowd of women were fired on by troops armed with rifles and a Lewis gun. On this occasion 20 women were killed and 25 wounded.

On the other hand the Report finds that the shooting at Opobo was justified; here 31 women and one man were killed and 29 women

were wounded, although, as in all the other cases, these women were quite unarmed, and there is no evidence even that they did any damage.

Presumably the massacre of women at Opobo is justified by the confidence men of the Labor Government, because Lever Bros. have important stores and warehouses in this town, the centre of the palm-growing area; that the crime of the women was that they were holding a mass meeting, and "assurances having been given that women were not to be taxed it was necessary to forbid mass meetings."

#### Much Discontent

The Report gives the main contributory causes as (1) discontent caused by the taxation of men (introduced into the affected provinces in 1928); (2) discontent "at the persecution, extortion, and corruption practiced by Native Court members"; and (3) the low prices ruling for produce and the high prices of imported goods.

The Report does not mention the gigantic collective fines which have been imposed as a punishment on the offending native villages and towns—in one case at least the imposition of a fine of \$7,000 has been officially admitted by the Labor Government in the House of Commons. In the town of Abba it was recently reported that every household had to contribute \$7.50 towards the collective fine — this in a country where money is not even in general use among the natives.

Thus does the British Labor Government defend the sacred interests of imperialism and of the Lever Combine (which made \$15,000,000 profits last year).

## FARMERS WIVES TURN TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY

By SADIE VAN VEEN

It was Sunday. A hot fierce day; the road white and dusty, flies and insects buzzing. I wanted to find out something about farmers' conditions and what they are thinking about in the present crisis which has hit the farmers so hard.

I knocked at the door and a woman told me to come in. As I entered she flopped down beside a dirty table offering the excuse that she was sick.

Indeed she looked sick; sick to death; weary, harassed and unhappy. Her worn out dress did not help her appearance any.

She told me she was very sick and had been dragging herself about all summer unable to really get on with the work. She had no money for doctor bills, and she had no one to help her with the house work or the garden. It was her man could do to take care of the farm work all by himself.

The kitchen was far from ideal. It needed painting. There was a hole in the ceiling; all the water had to be carried in and out. Needless to say the farm and cottage were mortgaged to the ground and that it was all they could do to pay interest and keep the farm.

"You have to excuse the way I look," said the farmer's wife, "you see I was just setting here and wondering if I had the strength to get ready to go to church. I am not well at all and I don't think I can go. I can't even keep the kitchen clean." She brushed some crumbs from the table and chased some flies from a plate of bread.

What a life! Work, weariness and sleep was all they knew, and all they could look forward to was the wooden church on Sunday and the dumb buzzing of the minister. This farm was only one of many.

On one farm there were a bunch of children. They were living on the vegetables from the farm. They had sold their only cow and were buying milk from a neighboring farm. They could not pay the interest to the bank and expected any time to lose the farm. The husband was looking for work in the city because they



would soon be thrown out of their farm. Thousands of farmers wives are filled with weariness and fear and walking the pavements in search of a job.

Farmers wives; weary years spent in toil and drudgery. Hard work and no play.

Everywhere the same story; no prices for farm produce, and high prices for manufactured articles and machinery. Sons and daughters hired out to rich farmers or seeking work in the cities. Tens of thousands of farmers throughout this country bankrupt; tens of thousands on the verge of bankruptcy.

How different are the lives of the farm workers and their families in the Soviet Union on the collective farms! On the collective farms, covering thousands of acres, modern machinery is used making the working day easy and short. On these communal farms are schools; concerts halls; cooperative kitchens and laundries. In America at the end of a day the farmer and his wife sit moodily over the table and the children get short answers to their talk. Here is bitter isolation, bickering and loneliness. Farms in the Soviet Union? Men and women and their

## The International Struggle

### Aviator Impressed By Soviet Air Girls

"Graf Zeppelin" Makes Perfect Landing at Moscow

The Graf Zeppelin made a perfect landing at the Moscow aerodrome, without the aid of a mooring mast, but with the aid of 25 girl aviation mechanics, who made a striking picture.

The girls were dressed in dark blue overalls, blue jumpers and khaki caps with red star badge. With 200 men they hung on to the mooring ropes in the cold, pouring rain.

Dr. Echenher the Graf commander, highly complimented the aerodrome staff on their efficiency.

Before starting on the return journey, the airship made a two-hour cruise over the city, which was watched by huge crowds in the streets.

The 5th Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions held in Moscow in August had representatives of 60 countries, with a total of 538 delegates. This is a great increase over the number of delegates and countries of the 4th Congress. The increase is mainly from colonial countries. Then 49 countries and 421 delegates were present. After the Congress was over special Youth and Women's Con-

children, all the workers coming together after the day's work for meetings; concerts, movies, games and singing. Here are classes, clubs, a full life; full of work and full of comradeship and the desire to develop their great undertaking and build socialism!

In America, the poor farmers are being forced to join the unemployed. Their wives and children are lured out to other farms or join the workers in the city. All this will make poor farmers and workers think. It will make them realize that if they are not to starve they will have to fight.

The poor farmers and farm hands; and wives and families are learning the bitter lesson that they have nothing to hope for from the fake relief programs of the Democratic party, Republican party or the little cousin of the big bosses, the Socialist party. They will turn to a party of farmers and workers. They will turn to the Communist party which offers a real program for farmers and workers. They will fight for a workers and farmers government.

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# BUILD THE WORKING WOMAN

## A CALL TO ACTION

### German Elections

The small proportion of working women that voted the Communist ticket in Germany must serve as a lesson. Our German Party recruited 68 per cent of its votes from men, whereas the Catholic party recruited about that much of a percentage from women voters. Naturally, the high percentage of men voters on the Communist column is a clear indication of the enormous majority of workers in the factories, mines and mills that have voted for Communism. If, with such a low percentage of women voters the Communist Party came out of the elections as the plurality party of Berlin, we can get an idea of how thorough the Communist victory must have been among the workers in the various plants and factories of the Red capital.

The small percentage of Communist women voters, however, puts the Communist movement before the burning problem of strengthening the propaganda work among the working women, who are still in the grip of bourgeois influence, in the grip of religion.

Which is also true about our campaign activity here in the United States. The ten million women "gainfully" employed in the various industries, in the shops, factories, offices and stores, belong to the most exploited section of the proletariat and, at the same time, to that section which may give a bigger proportion of votes to the three capitalist parties, than the men workers will do, if we lag behind in our campaign activity among the working women.

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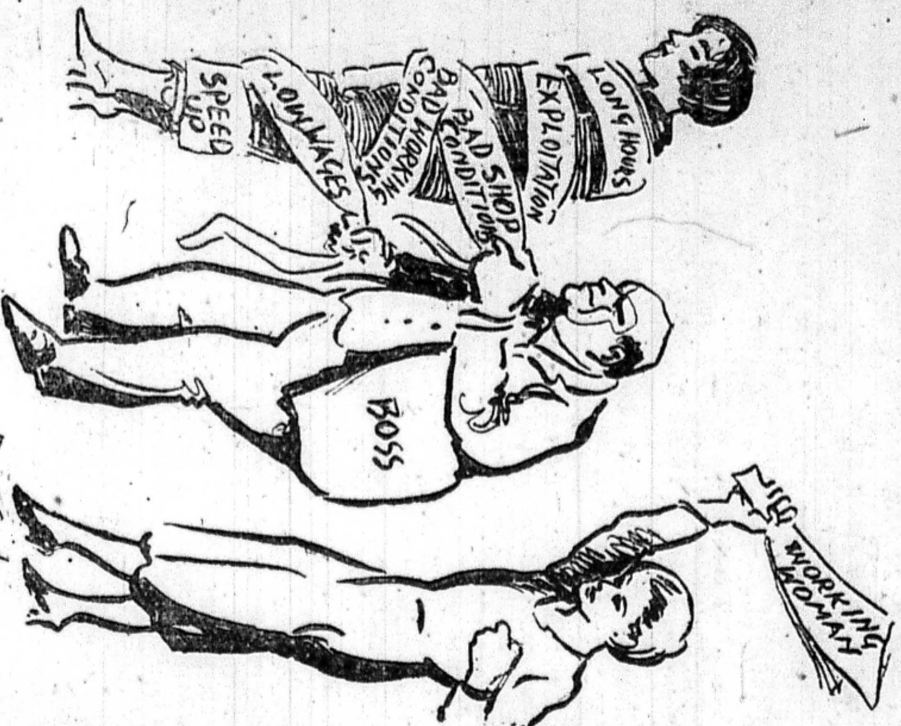
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Ryan Callahan

## TUUL Starts \$100,000 Organization and Strike Fund Drive

The Trade Union Unity League and all its affiliated revolutionary unions have started a \$100,000 organization and strike fund. At this time of mass wage-cuts, layoffs, and speed-up the work of organization and open struggle must be intensified. To accomplish this task additional organizers must be sent into the field, sent to areas where the workers are unorganized. The unemployed workers must be organized to support the struggles.

The vast majority of women are unorganized. They must take a leading part in the present drive. Their conditions are worse than those of the men workers, their wages are lower.

The united effort of the conscientious working men and women will succeed not only in collecting the \$100,000, but in leading the workers in mass strikes against the bosses who are every day attacking the living standard of the workingclass.

## Cleveland to Support "Working Woman"

Women's Dept. of Cleveland is busily arranging an affair for the "Working Woman. It will be held in the new Party headquarters, 1245 Prospect Ave. on Oct. 18th, 8 P. M.

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