

Bankers, Trusts Responsible for Ruin of Farmers; Boss Parties Their Tools; Socialists Smother Fight on Monopolists, Says Foster

FORD WORKERS, LACKING ORGANIZATION, TRICKED INTO TAKING WAGE CUT

200 Still Out Have Quit; 1,300 In Plant Are Dissatisfied But Need Leadership

Four Metal Workers Union Organizers Arrested at Gates; Union Builds Basis for Struggle

EDGEWATER, N. J., Oct. 4.—Intense dissatisfaction continues among the Ford Motor Co. workers in the Edgewater plant. The workers realize that the cut from \$6 to \$4 for the approximately three full days' a week work they get (four part days) condemns the vast majority of the men to a \$12 wage. Very few are getting the \$5 a day wage which the company promises skilled workers and these higher paid men are hand picked by the management.

Iowa Farmers March, Protest Hoover Program

DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct., 4.—Thousands of farmers, marching in a procession a mile long carried placards denouncing the Hoover administration for the raid of the federal farm banks on the farmers' land, for the refusal to give unemployment relief or farm relief, and demanding moratorium on taxes and debts. The parade marched toward the station where Hoover was arriving, and Hoover hid behind state militia, who threw a cordon around an area of 20 blocks.

The paraders shouted denunciation of the Hoover administration. Many of them went to the meeting addressed by James W. Ford, Communist candidate for vice-president. Meanwhile, Hoover, still hiding behind swarms of militia, read in ponderous accents a prepared speech to a crowd of Republican stalwarts from all over the state, admitted by invitation card only.

He admitted the crisis is bad, but claimed without evidence that he had ended it.

The crisis, he said, was made in Europe and came to America, and might have been worse if it had not been for Hoover. Hoover insisted that in secret ways he could not reveal, his administration has saved the country and saved the world.

At the end of his speech he got down to the Republican farm program, which he stated in twelve points, including: protective tariff, bureau, conferences for land use, inland waterways, not to press debt payments (in spite of the farm bank foreclosures, which he falsely stated were very few); lower taxes, which

Memories of the shooting to death of four workers at the Dearborn plant last May and present experience of man-killing speed-up and poventilation do not make the men like the company any better.

200 Quit

Yesterday over a thousand of the 1,500 working here walked out when the wage cut was announced, department by department. Over 200 men quit outright, and these are still out, of course. But the men's inexperience with strikes or organizations of a strike, plus the arrest at the mill gates this morning of four organizers of the Metal Workers Industrial Union, who were calling the men to mass picket the plant and meet and elect their strike committees, has left the Ford workers temporarily without effective means to struggle.

Rally To Metal Union

Today 1,300 men are back working in the plant. The Metal Workers Industrial Union, the same organization that led the victorious Warren steel strike last month, will continue its organization. Building of departmental groups should go on inside the mill. Groups should meet wherever they can outside the mill, draw up demands, and get in touch with the union organizers, at 80 E. 11th St., New York.

Edgewater workers should pay no attention to the flood of boss propaganda that will come against "outsiders," "Reds," etc. Only by building organization and getting solidarity of all other militant workers can they overcome the weakness which smashed for the moment their attempt to block the terrific wage cut the Ford Motors Co. has given them.

WEINSTONE SPEAKS TONIGHT

Urges Workers, Jobless, Back Up Strike Demands for Higher Prices to Farmers, Lower to the Workers

Communist Candidate Urges Unemployed to Help Farmers Picket, and Farm Strikers to Aid Jobless With Food; Calls for Farmers' Hunger Marches to Cities, Backed by Unemployed Demonstrations

Build United Front Movement of Poor and Middle Farmers With Workers Against Alliance of Bankers, Rich Farmers and Produce Trusts, Broaden Strike Demands to Include "No Taxes", No Foreclosures

"The farmers' strike movement, which is sweeping through the middle west and spreading to all parts of the country, has the complete support of the Communist Party and revolutionary workers," declared William Z. Foster, in an interview given to the press yesterday. "The Communist Party alone of all the political parties operating in America today supports the struggles of the farmers to relieve their catastrophic situation which is rapidly destroying the every possibility of life for them.

"The policy of the Hoover government openly proclaims the necessity of driving hundreds of thousands of farmers off the land and into the bread-lines of the cities. It proclaims the necessity of the deliberate destruction of one-third of the crops, while millions are starving and going ragged for want of the food and clothing that is being destroyed. The Roosevelt Democratic Party program differs in no essential respect. The vague hints of Roosevelt in the direction of the so-called allotment plan, even if carried out, would assist only the rich farmers at the expense of the poor, but even this promise is nullified by his simultaneous statement that any plan must be self-supporting, i. e., taken directly out of the hides of the farmers themselves.

Only Communists Support Farmers' Fight.

"Norman Thomas for the Socialist Party openly proclaims that the farmers movement is doomed to defeat. The Socialist Party has no program on the agrarian question. This means that the Socialist Party supports the various fake nostrums brought forward by the capitalist agrarian experts. Only the Communist Party supports the present struggles of the farmers, and at the same time brings forward a comprehensive program of real relief, namely: relieve the impoverished farmers of the terrific burdens of debts and taxes, to secure for them the undisturbed



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possession of their land and to set up a fighting united front between the farmers and workers.

"All these capitalist parties are trying to prevent the unity of the workers and farmers by the most shameless demagoguery. They tell the workers that the demand of the farmers for higher prices will increase the cost of living. They tell the farmers that their plight is largely caused by the high wages of the workers in the cities. Both these statements are bare-faced lies. The prices which the farmers receive for their products have declined to less than one-third what they were a few years ago. But the decline in the cost of living has been a miserable 17 percent. The tremendous disproportion between the low prices for farming products established by the robber banks and trusts on the one hand, and the artificial high level of retail prices maintained by the same monopolist corporations for the purpose of robbing the workers and the consuming masses in general on the other hand, calls for united struggle of the workers and farmers to force

up the prices to the farmers and to force down the cost of living in the cities. The workers and farmers must make a united attack against monopoly capital which is mercilessly exploiting both these main groups of the toiling population.

At Same Time Fight for Lower Retail Prices.

"The trade unions in the present situation must energetically support the farmers movement and their demands for increased prices for farm products. At the same time, we call upon the workers and unemployed to fight for the lowering of the retail prices.

"All unemployed organizations everywhere should establish connections with the farmers' movement and together with them organize wide participation in the road picketing by the farmers. At the same time, they should call upon the farmers to support the unemployed with the unmarketable food-stuffs instead of allowing them to be destroyed. Joint united front organizations and picket lines of the farmers and unemployed should be formed.

Rich Farmers Scabbing.

"The impoverished and middle farmers are more and more learning from their practical struggles the necessity of forming a united movement together with the working class against the alliance of bankers, corporations and rich farmers. The impoverished farmers are learning in bitter struggle today the lessons of the class differences between themselves and the rich farmers. Everywhere the rich farmers are scabbing on the farmers' strike and organizing squads of gunmen imported from the city underworld to smash the picket lines and break the heads of the striking farmers.

Joint Worker-Farmer Hunger Marches.

"While supporting the immediate demands brought forward by the

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NATIONAL MINER UNION GROUP IS AT GILLESPIE; URGES UNITED STRUGGLE

Progressive Miners Constitutional Convention Has No Word from Its Leaders On Strike

Rank and Filers Should Fight for Solidarity and Militant Resistance to Wage Cut

GILLESPIE, Ill., Oct. 4.—The first convention, and the constitutional convention, of the Progressive Miners of America opened here yesterday and continues today. A delegation composed of Frank Borich, national secretary of the National Miners' Union, and Tony Minerich, Wilson and Thomas Myerscough, board members and organizers of the N. M. U., arrived to offer a program of united front for a fight against the 18 per cent wage-cut in Illinois, by means of mass picketing and mass marching, and the solidarity of all militant miners.

Bridgeman Case Revived as Blow at Communists

LANSING, Mich., Oct. 4. — The State asked the Michigan Supreme Court today to set the trial date for William Z. Foster, Communist candidate for president, and eighteen others, including many of the leaders of the Communist Party and militant trade union movement, on charges of criminal syndicalism brought against them in 1922.

This is the famous "Bridgeman case" which followed the raiding and arrests at a convention of the Communist Party. Foster was the first tried at that time and the jury disagreed. Later, Charles E. Ruthenberg, secretary of the Communist Party was tried and convicted. He died before serving any of his sentence. The case has been repeatedly postponed since then. All the arrested are out on high bonds.

Bringing up this old case in the midst of the election campaign when the Communist Party is rallying masses of workers and farmers in the united front struggle against starvation and wage cuts, is intended by the Hoover Government and the Republican Party state administration in Michigan as an act of terror against the workers' candidate. It is intended as a scheme to lay the basis for court action to bar Foster and Ford from the ballot.

Workers! Protest this attempt of the capitalist government to deprive you of your candidate for president! Denounce this scheme to strike down your leaders in the struggle!

The partial report of the credentials committee did not mention the N. M. U. delegation.

Motion to Seat N.M.U. Delegation

Delegate Steel of Gillespie proposed that the NMU delegation be seated and given the floor, the same as the delegation from Frank Keeney's Musteite "West Virginia Miners Union." Some delegates spoke for Steel's motion and some spoke against and the whole question was then postponed by a motion to declare an "executive session" to consider the report of the scale committee, with only P. M. A. delegates present. That was yesterday, and the executive session is continuing today.

Rank and File Program.

* Rank and file delegates will raise the slogan for militant strike, against the wage cut, led by the elected strike committees at each mine and by their federated sub-district and district strike committees. The rank and filers will propose that the P. M. A. constitution declare for solidarity with all militant miners' organizations, including the NMU. They will call for an immediate relief campaign to win the strike, and relief to be controlled by rank and file committees. They will call for mass marching on mines not yet pulled on strike, particularly the strategic Franklin county mines.

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

Oakley Johnson Dismissed as City College Teacher for

FOSTER SPEAKS ON FARM PROBLEMS

Calls for United Fight of Workers, Farmers

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farmers themselves, the Communist Party invites the farmers to bring forward also the demand for the complete annulment of their debts to the banks, annulment of mortgages and taxes and to take up the agrarian demands of the Communist Party election platform. The Communist Party proposes to the farmers' organizations that they shall join with the workers in the cities to carry through joint hunger marches to the county and state governments, joining with the workers and unemployed in the cities and directing the movement against the local and state governments which are the tools of the banks, trusts and railroad companies. The Communist Party calls upon the workers and farmers everywhere to establish a joint struggle around such demands as those put forward in my speech in the Chicago Coliseum on September 13th as follows:

1. Not a penny off wages, repeal of all sales tax laws, not a penny new taxes on articles of mass consumption. Stop the capitalist attack against the living standards of the workers.

2. Not promises, but immediate relief for the starving unemployed. Not one unemployed worker or his family without decent housing, food and clothing. Fifty dollars winter relief from the Federal treasury for each unemployed worker plus ten dollars for each dependent, in addition to local relief. Stop the eviction of unemployed workers from their homes.

3. Stop the billion dollar subsidies to banks, corporations and railroads. A Federal system of unemployed insurance at the expense of the government and employers. All relief and insurance to be financed by taxes on wealth and capitalist income, not by inflation.

4. Immediate payment of the Veterans' Bonus.

5. Unconditional Federal cash relief to the impoverished farmers and relief from taxes and forced collection of rents and debts. Support the farmers strike.

7. Against the new robber war. Stop the manufacture and shipment of munitions. All war funds for the unemployed. Defend the Soviet Union, defend the Chinese people.

"Exploited and tolling farmers, spread your organization and join up with the struggle of the workers and unemployed in the cities against our common enemies—the banks, trusts and Wall Street capitalists.

"Workers, employed and unemployed, support the farmers' struggle and send delegates to the farmers' organizations to work out joint actions for immediate relief for all the starving masses.

"Workers and farmers, support in the elections the only Party that fights for your immediate relief and for a revolutionary way out of the crisis—the Communist Party."