

Haywood New Sec'y League of Struggle For Negro Rights

**Veteran Working Class Leader Outlines Plans;
Emphasizing Necessity of Building
a Mass L. S. N. R.**

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NEW YORK.—Harry Haywood, veteran fighter for Negro liberation and the cause of the entire working class, was unanimously elected general secretary of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights at a meeting of the National Executive Board of that organization Monday night at 119 W. 135th St.

Richard B. Moore tendered his resignation as general secretary on account of ill health. He will, however, continue his activities in the League as a member of the National Executive Board.

**Ben Davis Named as Editor of
Liberator**

The Board voted to release Maude White as editor of the Liberator to permit her to take up other work. It decided to invite Ben Davis, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., to assume editorship of the paper. Davis is also nationally known for his activities in the closely related struggles for Negro liberation and the social emancipation of the workingclass. As one of the defense attorneys for Angelo Herndon, Davis, together with his client, fearlessly used the lynch courts as a forum to expose the national oppression and plundering of the Negro masses, and the policies of the white ruling class of keeping the Negro and white toilers apart.

**Building of L. S. N. R. Imperative,
Haywood Declares**

Harry Haywood, who was interviewed by the writer after the Board meeting, declared that the conditions confronting the Negro and white toilers, and their growing resistance to the Roosevelt "New Deal" slavery not only provide the basis for building the L.S.N.R. into a nation-wide mass organization, but made it imperative.

"The Board took note," he declared, "not only of the increasing fascist attacks on the toilers, directed with special fury against the Negro masses, but of the tremendous response throughout the country to the militant program of the L.S.N.R. The Negro masses are in motion today to a greater extent than ever before in their history in this country. The unity of the white and Negro toilers is being welded in increasing numbers of joint struggles for their demands. The Board decided that one of the urgent questions facing the organization is the crystallization of the growing mass sympathy with the program of the L.S.N.R. into definite organizational channels."

This led us into a discussion of cropping up, like mushroom growths of new reformist programs and grouplets sponsored by middle-class Negro misleaders, dislodged by the crisis from their usual avocations.

Warns of Reformist Activities

"On the basis of the awakening of the Negro masses, their growing discontent with their worsening conditions, there is a feverish increase in the activities of reformist elements," Haywood stated. "There is a wide-spread growth of jim-crow nationalist movements sponsored by Negro middle-class visionaries, who are advancing all sorts of programs directed toward holding the masses back from struggle and to confuse them in their search for a real "way out" of their intolerable conditions. The "Back to Africa" slogan of Garvey is being revived in new and more subtle forms. These new editions of Garveyism Haywood called neo-Garveyism. A movement of a jim-crow "49th State" has been launched in Chicago. These reformist programs are all designed to prevent the approach of the Negro masses to a real revolutionary program, and to hold them under the leadership of the middle-class misleaders, which means, objectively to keep them bound to the chariot of the white ruling class masters and to defeat their struggle for liberation.

**Must Boldly Put Forward L.S.N.R.
Program**

"As against these reformist programs, it becomes urgently necessary to more boldly and determinedly put forward the program of the L.S.N.R. for a real revolutionary way out through the most relentless struggle by the Negro people, in alliance with the white toilers, against the rising fascist reaction in the country. This can be done only on the basis of mobilizing the masses for their immediate demands against unemployment, discrimination, wage cuts, lynching, against the increasing robbery of the share croppers and poor farmers of the South, against Hunger, Fascism and War.

Haywood will make a 3-month organizational tour of the most important industrial centers of the North, spending 2 weeks in chief centers. The tour will take in Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.



HARRY HAYWOOD

Mass Picket Line of C. W. A. Workers Demand Back Pay

**White Collar Workers
Demonstrate at City
Hall Today**

NEW YORK. — Sixteen workers from the Railroad Co-Ordination Project 177 were jailed Tuesday as the workers attempted to set up a mass picket line around Col. DeLamater's office at 111 Eighth Ave.

The workers discovered a week ago that on February 16, the 250 clerical assistants on this job were listed for a wage rise from \$18 to \$21 a week. The pay rise was never given them.

A petition signed by all the clerical assistants on the project was given to C.W.A. Administrator W. A. DeLamater on Friday, demanding the back pay due the workers. DeLamater promised that he would "investigate," and if the wage rise order went through, it would be incumbent upon him to grant the workers' demands. He promised to give his answer on Monday.

When a delegation of the grievance committee and fifty of the workers called at DeLamater's office, instead of giving his answer, he called the police to forcibly eject the delegation. The committee reported back to all the workers on the project.

Resenting the treatment which their elected representatives had received at the hands of the C.W.A. administration, the workers decided to picket the C.W.A. office en masse. Meanwhile it is reported that the project will be discontinued after May 1st.

Carrying signs "Col. DeLamater, is the lay-off a cover for the corruption in your office?" "We demand our pay," the workers massed at the C.W.A. building.

Yesterday all sixteen of the arrested workers were released, and again returned to picket the office of Col. DeLamater, where picketing will be resumed until all demands are granted.

**White Collar Workers Demonstrate
Today**

NEW YORK. — White collar workers, under the leadership of the Associated Office and Professional Emergency Employees will demonstrate at City Hall today at 4:30 p.m. An elected delegation will demand that Mayor LaGuardia give definite answers on the question of wages, continuance of "work relief" jobs, and discrimination on relief and jobs.

The A.O.P.E.E., of 232 Seventh Ave., wired LaGuardia, demanding that he meet with the delegation and be prepared to give specific answers to the workers demands.

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NEW YORK.—The New York District of the Communist Party is seeking the loan of a car all day