

Jobless Have Only Rights They Fight For

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On Tuesday Mayor Walker had armored cars, tear-gas bombs, machine guns, mounted and foot police and detectives prepared to meet the unemployed of New York. That is the answer of the bosses of this city through the Tammany-Walker-Whalen machine to the more than 500,000 unemployed in New York.

There is "free" speech and "free" assemblage in New York, but "only by the permission and under the strict supervision of the police," says Walker. This means that unless the workers fight for their rights, they have none, for the police fully armed and supported by every character of fascist organization—which are given a free hand—are prepared to smash all pretenses of rights.

Walker talks about the tremendous construction program underway in New York. But despite this program 43 per cent of all organized building trades workers are jobless. The case is reported of only 100 members of a building trades local

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of 2,200 in Brooklyn having work. So, why this bluff, Mr. Walker? Why this fakery when even the State Industrial Commissioner called your attention to the growing unemployment situation last July—and you ignored it?

What Jobless Want.

The hungry workers don't want your "sympathetic study" and "regrets." They demand "work or wages!" Walker got away with a raise of \$15,000 in his own salary, while families starve! And when these workers protest and demonstrate he forgets "free" speech and "free" assemblage and gives them clubs and machine guns.

The army of the unemployed is growing and the State Industrial Commission declares that the "present employment level will not rise for some time." That is correct, for speed-up, the conveyor system and increasing hours are throwing hundreds of thousands of workers out of a job every year. Today not only the United States, but Germany, England, Italy, Austria are in an economic crisis, with 7,000,000 out of a job in the United States, 17,000,000 throughout the world.

Senator Brookhart proposes relief amounting to \$50,000,000, or \$7.14 a man! This means to mock the unemployed. Secretary of Labor Davis says "American workers want work, not doles." Correct! But furnish them with work, Messrs. Hoover and Davis. The system for which you stand—the capitalist system—is driving millions out of the factories and working the remainder like mules! In the Soviet Union there is a shortage of labor, industry is in the upgrade and will far outstrip the United States in 10 years. Hours are decreasing, wages are increasing.

That is the country you damn Messrs. Hoover, Davis, Woll, Thomas, Lovestone! That is the country which the United States imperialist government is preparing to attack with military force. You have built up your united front of all imperialist powers in London, plus the fascist American Legion, K.K.K., Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc., plus the social-fascist A. F. of L., Socialist Party and the church. You want to destroy the Soviet Union, the country of the workers, and place it once more in the list of capitalist countries, in which the capitalists will be free to exploit men, women and children, young and old, white and Negro, to rob them of their energy at 40 years and throw them at the scrap heap.

"Give the workers education," says Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the governor. Hundreds of thousands of college graduates can get no position and are looking for jobs together with the unemployed.

"Show the American flag on March 6," says the reactionary imbecilic lawyer, George H. Mann. Hundreds of thousands of American workers who were in the World War under the American flag, while millionaires and their sons stayed at home, piling up profits, are tramping the streets, looking for work, offering to trade their medals for a job.

Forced by the demonstrations organized and led by the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League, the U. S. Senate has discussed the critical unemployment situation. Hoover talks of an "unemployment conference." What was the conference in November, Mr. Hoover? We know it laid the basis for a fascist dictatorship in the U. S.; it was a war council; but it masked itself as an unemployment conference. Another purpose was to launch a vicious offensive against the American workers as a whole.

The workers of the country see through the capitalist schemes—the unemployed workers, the part-time workers—of whom there are millions unable to make ends meet—and the employed workers who are being driven like machines. That is why they are turning to the Com-

Honor Ruthenberg at Central Opera House

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Negro worker and organizer, pledged the support of the bitterly exploited and discriminated against Negro workers to the struggle. "The young Negro worker is thrice exploited and thrice discriminated against," said Paterson, "once as a worker, like all workers, once as a young worker, like all young workers, and again as a Negro worker, like all colonial and especially exploited against races. The young Negro worker will fight. He will fight shoulder to shoulder with the white workers who fight the capitalist system. In the new militant unions of the Trade Union Unity League, where absolute and full equality between races prevail, he will be found. He had no place in the American Federation of Labor, nor in the socialist party, because these are bosses' movements, full of the poison of the employers and their scheme of dividing the workers. But in the Communist party and the T.U.U.L. unions, there he has his place."

Great applause greeted Paterson's remarks.

Bigger Struggle to Come.

George Siskind, district secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, told of the call of the T.U.U.L. for all New York workers, particularly all members of the militant unions, affiliated with the T.U.U.L., to strike today and join the unemployment demonstration in Union Sq.

Siskind told of the rapid growth of the unemployed councils, organized by the T.U.U.L., and of the necessity of binding together for a common struggle the workers on the jobs, and those crushed out of the jobs, neither being able to develop their full power without the other. He referred also to the still more important and more intense struggle to follow the day of world-wide demonstrations, particularly the need for active organization.

At the time The Daily Worker went to press, Otto Hall, Communist Party Negro organizer, M. Olgin, editor of the Morning Freiheit, was speaking, and Robert Minor and William Z. Foster were waiting to speak.

munists as the only leaders in their common fight.

Terror Won't Terrify

Police terror will not turn them from their struggle, Mr. Walker. On the contrary, they are learning that they face not "their" government, but a government of the capitalists, which hands the capitalists \$160,000,000 in the form of tax reduction, lets the workers starve, beats them up and gives them tear gas and machine guns when they demonstrate. The poor tenant and share cropping farmers of this country are learning a similar lesson.

The capitalist system is crumbling—it is in a crisis and the present economic crisis is shoving it further downhill. The only remedy the capitalists have is to starve and club the unemployed, drive the employed, engage in imperialist exploits in Central America, and embark upon an imperialist war again, at the Soviet Union, the workers' fatherland.

The answer of the workers of this country and city is:

We will demonstrate today, in spite of all police terror and mobilization of capitalist weapons of war.

We will put forth our demands:

Work or unemployment insurance;

No eviction of the unemployed;

Food and clothing for working class children;

Full rates for part-time workers;

Seven hour day, five day week;

No speed-up;

Increase in wages;

Against imperialist war;

For defense of the Soviet Union.

These are the demands and needs of ALL workers, and today at one o'clock, at Union Square, tens of thousands of unemployed workers and employed workers who will down tools at 12 o'clock, will voice these demands under the leadership of the Communist Party.

This voice will be heard!