

# Continue the Fight Against Evictions

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**I**n their struggle for the right to exist, the Negro and white workers of Chicago are rapidly realizing the nature of the class forces operating against them.

They now know that the police massacre of unemployed workers on Monday, August 3, in which four Negro workers were murdered and scores of Negro and white workers wounded, was planned at a meeting of white and Negro landlords and their class allies. Present at this meeting were local leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a representative of the Chicago Defender. This meeting demanded the use of drastic measures by the police against the workers resisting the eviction of their fellows. The police responded with riot guns and machine guns and the bloody massacre followed.

The workers met the murderous police attack with heroic resistance. Because of the flaming indignation of the masses the bosses were forced to stop the eviction campaign—"for the present." In a futile attempt to placate the anger of the masses and divert them from the necessary struggle against starvation and evictions, the bosses and their social fascist and Negro reformist agents began smearing the horizon with social demagoguery. Those few workers who were deceived by these fakers were quickly undeceived a few days later when the Chicago News flaunted the threat across one of its pages that "Evictions Will Go On Despite Riot Outbreaks!"

This provocative policy of continued evictions of the starving unemployed masses was evolved at a meeting of the Chicago Real Estate Board on August 5. At this meeting the United States Government was represented by federal agents in Chicago! The Chicago city government was also represented, Mayor Cermak having delegated Assistant Corporation Counsel Joseph F. Grossman to cooperate with the landlords in drawing up plans against the working class. And represented also were those instruments of capitalist class justice, the "impartial" (!) courts! Acting Chief Justice Frank M. Padden of the Municipal Court and Albert J. Horan, Municipal Court bailiff, were present to pledge their support to the new attacks on the workers.

In its issue of August 7, one of the Chicago boss papers reported:

"The resources of the municipal government

were pledged yesterday to stamp out the rent strike which Communists have been fomenting in the south side colored district. . . ."

The Chicago Daily News reports Judge Padden as assuring the landlords that:

"The Municipal Court has no option but to operate under the law in these premises. If an acute situation prevails on the south side it is a matter solely for the charitable and social agencies of the city to settle. Whatever is done to alleviate the situation must be accomplished by private initiative."

This representative of the capitalist courts then proceeded to further clarify the position of those courts in questions poisoning human lives against the rights of property owners. He declared:

"We must discriminate between the needs of the poor and the rights of the property owners. The latter must be safeguarded and the poor will have to be cared for through some other relief channel than the halting of evictions where no rent is paid."

To hell with the workers! Let them starve! Let them die of exposure! Throw them into the streets! Let their children and babies lie on the cold sidewalks! But—safeguard the property "rights" of the bosses! That is the verdict of capitalism!

But the workers will not accept this verdict of the bosses and their courts! They will refuse to have their homes broken up and their children dying of exposure. In Chicago and throughout the entire country they will rally to the militant leadership of the Communist Party! They will continue to fight for the demands for which their four martyred fellow workers died on Monday, August 3!

Workers! Negro and white! Organize into the Unemployed Councils! Build Tenant Leagues! Resist the eviction of unemployed workers! Fight against starvation and evictions! Demand immediate unemployed relief! Fight for social insurance to be paid by the bosses and their government and to be administered by the Negro and white unemployed workers themselves! Continue to forge a fighting alliance of Negro and white workers against Jim Crow capitalism with its starvation program for the workers! On with the fight against starvation and evictions and for a workers' and farmers' government in the United States!