

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT 'REDS'?

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TWO hundred and fifty thousand copies of this issue of the *Daily Worker*! This means that thousands of you fellow workers will see for the first time the paper of which you have heard so much, but which you have never had an opportunity to read. It means that thousands of you will see the *Daily Worker* for the first time and many of you, because of prejudice against the paper of the "reds," will be in doubt whether or not to read it.

Fellow workers, read it; it is the paper of workers for the workers. It speaks your language. You will find in it many of those ideas that are going through your mind. You will find the explanation of many of the problems that concern you directly, that shows the way to freedom.

The Daily Worker? Yes, it is the organ of the reds of the real ones, of the Communists. Who are we Communists that speak to you through the *Daily Worker*? What do we want?

We are workers ourselves. We want better conditions for the toiling masses. We want to enlighten our fellow-workers and all those who toil, who suffer, as to the causes that bring about a condition where in the midst of plenty, while the bosses are dividing millions in profits, wages are cut and workers are walking the streets because of unemployment, their children crying for milk, for bread, for shoes, for warmth. We want that the large masses of workers who are laboring for a meager wage while the bosses are accumulating millions, shall see that these conditions are brought about by the system of society under which we are living, by the capitalist system existing in this country and in others.

The same bosses who own the money, the factories, the banks, the homes where millions of exploited

are living, are also in power in the various institutions in the city and state government, as well as in the national government. They are the rulers; they are those at whose command the city and state apparatus, the police, the army, the courts and during strikes forcefully bind the pickets, break the strikes, imprison and murder the most militant workers.

Fellow Workers! You who read the *Daily Worker* for the first time, you know this very well. You know who drive us while we work. We know the effects of the speed-up. We know how careful our wives must be with the few pennies we

earn, how not only the smallest luxury is denied to us, but also the most vital necessities because of our small wages. You and we, who participated in strikes, know how the police, the city and state governments cooperate with the bosses, how treachery and violence are used to break our strikes and destroy our organizations, at the moment we come forward with a militant program.

Unemployed fellow workers: you and your families have suffered for years without money, and at times without food and fuel. You are asking the same question that is being raised by the thousands and thou-

sands of those who are still working under slave conditions: how long will this impossible situation last? You also feel that something must be done. Many of you were hoping that help and salvation will come from the Roosevelt administration. But what has happened? What has been done to improve the condition of the toiling masses? Today we can already see the results of the famous "New Deal": the rich are getting richer, the employed are more exploited; unemployment is again increasing, the slight rise in wages does not at all correspond with the rise in prices; violence is used against the strikers. Every effort is being made to smash the militant unions of the Trade Union Unity League, the independent unions that fight against the policy of the bureaucrats of the A. F. of L. officials who work hand in hand with the government and the bosses. Every effort is made to organize company unions.

THE situation has not changed for the better; on the contrary, inflation makes the prices soar up, while our standard of living is continually getting lower. Again we have proof that we workers, poor farmers and all who toil can expect nothing from the boss government, from the capitalist Parties. The partial victories here and there and the increase of wages was due only to our struggles, to the big strikes that swept the country from coast to coast. But now, the increase in prices is sweeping away even this little gain. Against those who toil, a campaign of terror is launched to prevent them from organizing and struggling for better conditions. The lynching of our Negro fellow workers are every-day occurrences. They are persecuted and terrorized; lies,



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frame-ups and slander are weapons used by the capitalist and plantation owners to keep them in peonage and bondage. Foreign-born workers who have for years sweated in the steel mills, in the coal mines, making the steel and coal barons richer and richer are deported for fighting with the rest of the American working class against the intolerable conditions.

Club, tear gas bombs, bullets, this is what the bosses all over the country are giving us, employed and unemployed, when we fight for our rights to live. What shall be done? Shall we still expect help from the bosses? Shall we continue to put our trust in their government, which democratic, republican or socialist is always representing the interests of the banks, the coal, the steel barons, all kings?

We Communists state that only the workers themselves, in close alliance with the rest of the oppressed toiling masses, the poor farmers, the sharecroppers of the South, through their struggle can win better conditions. In order to achieve results we must build our unions, our rank and file unions. We must oust the false leaders of the A. F. of L. who sell us out. We must have our press to combat the poison of the bosses' press, enlighten the workers on their tasks, show them that while fighting for the immediate demands, they must realize that their struggle must be directed against the basic cause of this condition. We must realize that we must destroy the actual system, the capitalist system, that we must prepare ourselves for the final battle against the exploiters, since we know that the bosses will never give up to the working class the banks, the mills, mines, the factories and the government.

We must prepare ourselves to take the factories, to make of them collective property for the benefit of all of us and not for the accumulation of millions that go in the pockets of a few. We must prepare ourselves to crush the actual

state apparatus and build in its place a government of workers and farmers as the only guarantee of our freedom from exploitation. We must prepare ourselves to follow the path of the Russian workers, who under the guidance of Lenin and the Bolshevik Party, were able to overthrow the capitalist system over one-sixth of the world, to kick the bosses out, take the power in their hands. Today while in the capitalist world we are suffering more than ever before, in the Soviet Union where the laboring masses rule, the standard of living is going up higher and higher; new factories are being built, not for the purpose of competing on the market, but to further satisfy the growing needs of the new society, of the socialist society.

Here and there the bosses' press is still spreading rumors about hunger and suffering in the Soviet Union. They are lies. There is no hunger in the Soviet Union. There is no unemployment. The workers of the Soviet Union are happy. They are the rulers. They are building for themselves.

DO YOU realize now who the "Reds" are?
Yes, we are reds, the real reds, the

Communists. Our program is the program for the freedom of the exploited the world over—a program for the abolition of capitalism and the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government. The bosses hate us and fear us because we are not alone, because we belong to the working class that the Communist working class, because it is from the Party gathers its forces. Our Party is getting stronger and stronger. In the steel territory, in the coal fields, in the automobile industry, thousands of workers joined the ranks of our Party during the past few years. New gigantic struggles are approaching not only in the United States but also in the other capitalist countries. We must prepare ourselves. We must strengthen the Communist Party as the only Party able to lead those who labor, in the future struggles and in the final struggle for the overthrow of the capitalist system. Our Party, which is the Party of the working class, must become a mass Party, a Party that shall grow amidst the workers in all the places of work.

Fellow workers! You who read this issue of the *Daily Worker*, who understand that we are correct!

We appeal to you join our ranks, to make this Party your Party, to

make it stronger and stronger, to make the Communist Party of the U. S. a powerful vanguard of the American toiling masses, able to lead them in the daily struggles, able to lead the masses of exploited to their final battle against the bosses, for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government.

BELOW workers; read the *Daily Worker*!

It is your paper. It is the paper that shows you the way out, that shows you how to organize, how to fight. There are no banks behind the *Daily Worker*. It is maintained by the pennies of

thousands and thousands of workers. It must be built into a more powerful instrument of struggle. Spread it among the employed, the unemployed, the poor farmers, the Negro masses. Reach every factory, every village, everywhere where there are exploited. You who have read the *Daily Worker* for the first time and have discovered that this paper is your paper, make it your task from now on to become a supporter of this paper, to become its propagandist, its distributor.

You who will do this, will have done something for your class! Read the *Daily Worker*! Join the Communist Party!

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