

Build Up Powerful Tenants' League, Urges Otto Hall

"The only way to combat the housing conditions which exist in Harlem is by an organized fight of the tenants," declared Otto Hall, national organizer of the American Negro Labor Congress, when he came to the Daily Worker office yesterday to discuss the exposure of housing evils in Harlem being made by the "Daily."

"The campaign is absolutely necessary in Harlem, because the majority of Negroes there are the lowest paid workers and they must pay exactly double the rent that workers in other districts pay.

"While little can be expected from the legislature, for it serves the interests of the landlords, organized mass pressure can make it give us concessions and force the legislators to relieve the situation in some way.

"For this however, it is necessary to build a strong mass tenants' organization, which will fight militantly against insanitary conditions, rent raises and dispossession. The Harlem Tenants' League is an organization with such a program and it must be built up to mass proportions during this campaign.

"The American Negro Labor Congress will cooperate with the Harlem Tenants' League in holding street meetings in Harlem on the housing situation.

"There is, however, only one real solution to the housing problem. That is for the tenants in a strong organization to take the houses away from the landlords and place them under their own management."

OPEN SEAMEN'S HEADQUARTERS

Marine Workers Get Baltimore Club

Headquarters of the Marine Workers League were opened at 1710 Thames St., Baltimore, Md., yesterday, George Mink, national secretary of the League announced.

"Organizational work has been proceeding in Baltimore for the past three months," Mink declares. "Seamen and longshoremen have responded enthusiastically to the call for a fighting, industrial union issued by the Marine Workers League. We are also completing preparations for the opening of an International Seamen's Club in the same building which is one of the finest in Baltimore, in a few days. Library, checker rooms, and every convenience for seamen will be provided—so that they will have no need to watch for the stool pigeons of the corrupt I. S. U. officialdom.

DEFEAT COMPENSATION BILL

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., (By Mail).—A bill to increase compensation for labor in case of death or injury failed to pass, being tabled by the senate judiciary committee.

The lower middle class, the small manufacturer, the shopkeeper, the artisan, the peasant, all these fight against the bourgeoisie, to save from extinction their existence as fractions of the middle class. They are therefore not revolutionary, but conservative.—Karl Marx (Communist Manifesto).