

The Fight to Organize the Southern Workers That Began in Gastonia, Where on June 7, 1929, the Workers Defended Themselves From Attack, Must Be Broadened by Demanding the Freedom of Powers and Carr

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A.F.L. CHIEFS VOTE DEATH INDICTMENT IN ATLANTA

Hot Champions of "Freedom"

WHILE under the order of Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the "socialist" Second International, the British Royal Air Force is raining high explosives on the women and children of Northern Indian villages; while in Rangoon British troops have shot down at least 200 strikers; while every Indian city is filled with dead and dying as the "labor" government of England pours machine gun fire into masses demanding independence, the incredible hypocrites of the Second International have the effrontery to address a letter to the workers of the Soviet Union in behalf of "freedom":

The text of the letter as adopted by the executive committee of the "socialist" International at Berlin on May 11-13, is now being used as anti-Soviet propaganda in the United States. It says that MacDonald and his ilk are filled with "worry over news from Russia." But not a worry do they have for India!

With the blood of Karl Liebknecht, Rosa Luxemburg and thousands of German workers murdered by the Noskes and Zoergiebels on their hands, the German "socialists" join with MacDonald in a plea to the Russian workers "to save the revolution." But not in Germany, and not in India; only in the Soviet Union!

How to save the revolution? Still more effrontery! It is suggested that "economic freedom," perhaps the kind MacDonald insists on the Indian peasants having, be "restored" to the Russian peasants. Undoubtedly MacDonald is willing and anxious to send the airplanes of the British Royal Air Force from India northward across the mountains to "restore" the same "freedom" to the Russian peasants that they are forcing the Indian peasants to accept now.

The "socialist" international is putrid beyond all description. Its American section, through the mouth of Norman Thomas writing on India, is at loss how to cover up the imperialist massacre by Thomas' British colleague MacDonald, and in the current issue of his social fascist sheet says:

"The only hope I see in the Indian situation is that while the Labor government talks like any imperialist government in parliament, it may be quietly and unofficially negotiating with Gandhi."

Thomas, the imperialist scoundrel himself, tries to hide the fact that MacDonald is not only "talking like an imperialist in parliament" but murdering Indians like any imperialist in India.

Moreover, even if MacDonald had been "quietly and unofficially" negotiating with Gandhi, it would be only to bribe him to come out more openly in his betrayal of the cause of Indian independence.

However, even this boon of consolation is denied the Reverend Mr. Thomas, who wishes us to believe that his fellow social fascist MacDonald is "secretly doing good" and that daily bloodbaths given the Indian masses are only a "disguise" for "private piety." A London dispatch Saturday stating that the British India Office has issued an "emphatic denial" of the rumor that MacDonald was secretly dickering with Gandhi. But Thomas, too, as a part of the "socialist" Second International leadership, has the consummate audacity to join with MacDonald and Zoergiebel in hypocritical solicitude about "saving the revolution," about "freedom and democracy"—in the Soviet Union!

Of course the truth is that the whole kit and caboodle of the Second International are only encouraging world imperialism to attack the Soviet Union, for all they pretend to "oppose" such attack. Thomas' seeming indecision on India is only because U. S. imperialism is undecided whether to help the Indian revolution in order to steal Britain's big market there, or whether to aid British imperialism against the revolution for fear the revolution will be a Soviet revolution. If Thomas were sure that India would go Soviet and cast off its bourgeoisie, Gandhi and all, he would not now be expressing Philistine pain at MacDonald's imperialism.

To give Thomas a line, Henry Cabot Lodge in the Herald-Tribune has written that while America is profiting by India's revolt against Britain, American exports to India having grown 392 per cent since 1914, while British exports to India have grown only 19 per cent in the same time, yet, cautions Lodge, "all business in India is dependent on law and order," and "before we rush in headlong, it would certainly do no harm to realize that we have powerful reasons for being sympathetic to the British," even though "the most obvious way in which to measure our interest in India is to look at the trade figures."

The "socialist" Thomas and his Second International are thus urged to be careful about too much demagoguery on freedom in India. But all the wolf pack, from Deterding to Thomas, from Easely to MacDonald, have a free rein to howl hypocritically for freedom in the only country that has it for the workers, the Soviet Union.

The Senate Lobby "Investigation"

THERE was a sensational exposure of lobbying by Congress in 1913. The result? Lobbying has doubled and redoubled every year since. Dozens of Congressmen and government officials, including such men as "Uncle Joe" Cannon and Herbert Hoover, have been forced to admit this fact. The gigantic power trust lobby has also been "investigated," with the same result.

The uncovering of the way in which the steel trust's lobby broke up the "disarmament" conference of 1927 did not keep Charlie Schwab of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation from getting his cruiser-building contracts. It is ridiculous to think that a government controlled by capitalists and corporations ever has, ever can or ever desires to stop lobbying. A yellow cur does not give orders to its master.

Does the present Senate lobby investigation committee, with all its length and confusing "hearings," intend to bring out the whole story of the activities of the lobbyists? Of course not. Many of the most

NANKING TROOPS IN CHANGCHOW JOIN RED ARMY

Government Officials in Changchow Resigned

Fall of Hankow Near British Gunboats to Suppress Revolts

AMOY, June 1.—As Changchow, an important city 30 miles west of the port of Amoy, has been besieged and isolated by Red troops and peasants for two days and may fall at any moment into the hands of the revolutionists, the growing revolutionary consciousness of the soldiers in the government troops has reached its maturity, while the Kuomintang government officials in the city are trembling and panicky, knowing that their end is near.

A recent report definitely stated that a large section of Kuomintang government troops garrisoning the

HOLD N. J. STATE MEETING JUNE 7

To Bring Real Issues to Workers

NEWARK, N. J., June 1.—Swinging vigorously into the election campaign in New Jersey to present the workers the burning issues confronting the working class, the Communist Party of New Jersey has issued a call for a State Ratification Convention, to be held Saturday, June 7, 1930, at 1 P. M., Workers' Center, 93 Mercer Street, this city.

The campaign to secure the signatures for nominees is well under way, with reported house-to-house canvassing in Paterson, Nutley and Dover. But more signatures remain to be secured, and Elias Marks, state campaign manager, has called upon all workers to help secure more signatures and apply at the following places: Newark: 93 Mercer Street, Paterson: 3 Grover Street, Passaic: 25 Dayton Avenue, Trenton: 20 Second Street, and Perth Amboy: 308 Elm Street.

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workers into thinking that the Senate really wants to "clean up" the activities of the lobbyists. At the same time, each capitalist party hopes to bring out a few things about the graft of the other party to discredit it in the election campaign and thus to catch some of its votes. They try to do this, however, without injuring the capitalist class, the class which owns all capitalist parties, including the so-called "socialist" parties.

The workers should know that the capitalists will never either expose or "correct" the rottenness of capitalism, because it is all rotten; rottenness is inherent in capitalism because it is founded upon exploitation—robbery. Capitalism cannot be "cured" by electing "good men." It can only be destroyed.

The only "clean government" possible is one that destroys capitalist relationships between man and man, that destroys capitalism and suppresses all capitalist resistance trying to restore exploitation. That is why the Communist Party urges all workers not to rely upon capitalist government, but to build their own organized power in the shops, mills and mines, to fight for their immediate interests now and prepare the forces of working class revolution to seize power for the workers and

More Rebel As Gandhi Plots With British

BULLETIN. BOMBAY, India, June 1.—Late today it was reported that seven were killed and nine wounded in the fighting at Peshawar. The British officials admit the situation in the northwest is the most serious they have faced so far. Fifteen thousand raiders smashed the two-mile long police cordon at the Wadla salt works here and seized salt; 25 were injured by charging police and 47 arrested.

Capitalist press service stories from India admit now that the death list at Rangoon, where strikers fought the scabs, police and British soldiers, is now 200 and growing, furthermore, that a considerable number of police were among those killed and injured.

The whole Peshwar district is reported seething with indignation against the killing of two children and wounding of a woman by a lance corporal of the "King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry." The British government's excuse that the shot was accidental does not modify the "Northwest frontier tribesmen, who want to know what the British troops are doing there anyway.

Try Disarm Troops.

After the murder of the children, crowds surged through the streets of Peshwar, and fought police and soldiers. They attacked a police station, and tried to disarm a "detachment of an Essex regiment," which "found it necessary to open

THOUSANDS AT PICNIC CELEBRATE 5-YEAR PLAN

Thousands of workers turned out to celebrate the growth of Socialism in the Soviet Union at an all-day picnic at Ulmer Park, Brooklyn, Saturday.

The various features of the occasion were enjoyed by the assembled workers, with good turnouts to witness the Red Dancers under the direction of Edith Segal and several track and field events by the Labor Sports Union.

A cablegram from the German section of the Friends of the Soviet Union was received and read. In turn a cablegram was sent to the Fifth Congress of the R. I. L. U. pledging the American workers' support in the realization of the Five Year Plan.

Max Bedacht, Ludwig Landy and T. H. Li were the speakers.

MILITIA AIDS OKLA. MOB TO LYNCH NEGRO

Capitalist Officials With Fake "Defense" Aid Lynchers

Absurd "Resistance"

Oppressed Must Defend Selves from Mobs

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 1.—The lynching of Henry Argo, a Negro, at the town of Chickasha near here, follows the same form as that of the lynching of George Hughes, Negro worker murdered by white capitalists at Sherman, Texas, recently. It is the old fairy tale about the capitalist authorities "defending" the Negro against the mob, which "overcomes" the authorities and murders the Negro without anybody being hurt but the victim.

Argo, as usual, was accused of "rape," as was Hughes, although Hughes was later shown to have committed only the "crime" of demanding three weeks' wages due him from his employer. Argo, denying the charge, was put into the Chickasha jail.

A mob gathered, and the ancient formalities of a pretended "defense" were gone through. The mayor "argued" with the mob. The city attorney and county attorney "pleaded" with the mob. If it had been a crowd of unemployed workers led by Communists demanding bread, there would have been clubs, bullets and gas bombs unsparingly used. But the mob didn't demand bread, only the life of a Negro. So they were allowed to go ahead by the capitalist government authorities.

The National Guard was called, but not to protect the Negro, a militia officer who undoubtedly would have turned machine guns without hesitation into a crowd of strikers, "failed to quiet the mob" by adding his "argument" to the other capitalist officials. When he ordered his men to fire, it was only with blank cartridges!

So the militiamen were on the defensive and "took shelter under a rain of bricks." The farce was continued by the mob besieging the militiamen, virtually imprisoned with the Negro in the jail. Then the militia made an agreement with the mob to allow the mob to get at the Negro while the militiamen, guns and all, walked out of the jail. Not the slightest effort was made to afford the Negro any chance.

Then when the mob entered and shot Argo through the head, he was taken out, wounded, to a hospital, but the hospital refused him. Then he was carried back to the jail, which was supposed to be "guarded." Nevertheless, the husband of the supposed "raped" woman, one G. W. Skinner, was allowed to enter the jail and stab the Negro through the chest, thus adding to his wounds from which he died here later after being brought from Chickasha. Skinner and two or three others were arrested, but let go free without even any bail.

AGAINST WHITE TERROR.

The Wisconsin state conference of the Lithuanian Women's Organization adopted a resolution in support of the class war prisoners and sent

PROSECUTOR DECLARES WILL SEND TO CHAIR EVERY COMMUNIST WHO COMES TO STATE, INCLUDES ALL MILITANTS

CAPITALIST PRESS RECOGNIZES THAT MARY DALTON'S ASKING EMBARRASSING QUESTION AT GREEN'S MEETING IS REASON FOR PLAN TO KILL HER

COMMUNIST PARTY WILL MAKE FIGHT ON TERROR CHIEF POINT IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN SOUTH; MAY NOMINATE DEFENDANT STOREY FOR GOVERNOR

ATLANTA, Ga., June 1.—Indictments charging Mary Dalton, Anna Burlack, Henry Storey and Gilmer Brady with "attempting to incite insurrection," and "distributing insurrectionary literature" were returned here Friday by the Fulton County grand jury, made up of high officials of the American Federation of Labor and slave driving business men of Atlanta.

The charges against the four just indicted are the same as those facing M. H. Powers and Joseph Carr, and, under a Georgia law unused since the Civil War period, conviction carries the death penalty.

The charges declare the prisoners "assembled a crowd, made speeches and by per-

PRESS REPORTS HECKLING CHARGE

Trial Attempt to Stop Jobless Organizing

ATLANTA, Ga., June 1.—Everybody can see here the hand of the American Federation of Labor bureaucracy, working alongside the hand of the cotton mill owners and their state government, to burn to death not only Powers and Carr, but the other four labor organizers. The United Press news service, in a special article from its Atlanta correspondent, refers to the indictment Saturday as being "on charges of insurrection growing out of the Communist demonstrations here and the alleged heckling of President Green of the American Federation of Labor during an address here" and states, "the new defendants are named Mary Dalton, Atlanta, charged specifically with heckling President Green; Ann Burlack, Atlanta; Henry Storey, Atlanta Negro, and Gilmer Brady, Negro, New York."

Though the charge of heckling Green does not, as a matter of fact, appear as one of the counts in the formal indictment as signed by the Fulton County grand jury, it is undeniable that the United Press accurately reports one basis of the charge and reflects the argument for rendering the indictment.

Bosses Hate Union.

Although the industrial and financial interests of Atlanta and Georgia have not voiced themselves openly regarding the prosecution, it is clear that these elements are led by such forces as the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mills, where the National Textile Workers' Union, with Mary Dalton as organizer, has been active in organizing the workers.

"Fulton Bag" is one of the few textile mills in this section that is still working full time. There are two shifts, 10 hours and 40 minutes for the day shift and 12 hours

suasion and by circulating books, papers, pamphlets, circulars and literature for the purpose of calling, assembling, bringing together certain persons, in order to incite, to organize and establish combined resistance to lawful authority of the state of Georgia."

Death For Selling Daily Worker.

The proscribed literature, on which this charge is based, are: Daily Worker, Liberator (organ of the American Negro Labor Congress), "Out of a Job," by Earl Browder; "Why Every Worker Should Join the Communist Party," "On the Road to Bolshevization," "Trade Unions and Socialist Construction in the U. S. R.," "Communist Manifesto" (written by Marx and Engels), "Women in the Soviet Union," "Program of the Communist International" (with constitution and statutes), "Labor and Southern Cotton Mills," by Myra Page; Lenin's "State and Revolution," his "Revolutionary Lessons," and "Proletarian Revolution"; "Program of the Trade Union Unity League" and "Communist Party, U. S. A., District 17," this last being a leaflet for distribution on May Day. None of this literature was found on the defendants; it was all seized in other raids elsewhere.

Communists Answer.

Tom Johnson, district organizer of the Communist Party, immediately on receipt of news of the indictment, issued a statement scoring it as part of a planned attempt to smash the entire militant labor movement in the South.

"It shows clearly," says the Communist statement, "that the ruling class of the South is determined to outlaw every organization which really fights for the interests of the Southern workers and poor farmers. 'According to the indictments of Dalton, Burlack, Bradey and Storey, it is now punishable by death to sell the Daily Worker or a copy of the T. U. U. L. Program."

"The Communist Party will meet this latest attack by rallying the

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A.F.L. OFFICIAL GRAND JURY SEC'Y

State Federation Head Aids Prosecutor

ATLANTA, Ga., June 1.—Open collaboration of the American Federation of Labor's official regime in Atlanta and throughout the state of Georgia with the capitalist state government and the mill owners in the plan to send six workers to the electric chair is brought to light by these facts:

First: A. Steve Nance, president of the Atlanta Federation of Trades, the local A. F. of L. central body, was assistant secretary of the grand jury that returned the indictments charging "an attempt to incite to insurrection" and "distributing insurrectionary literature" against Mary Dalton, Henry Storey, Gilmer Brady and Ann Burlack. Business men were prominent among the members of this grand jury with Nance in framing the judicial lynching indictment.

Second: This is the same A. Steve Nance who presided at the A. F. of L. meeting here addressed by President William Green, at which Mary Dalton, as organizer of the National

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HAIL THE CHINESE SOVIET CONGRESS

Mass Meeting June 4 at Central Opera

The opening of the first Chinese Soviet Congress and the march of the Chinese Red armies to the city walls of Changchow signalizes the consolidation of the achievements of the Chinese revolution and its forward march.

PROSECUTOR TO ASK DEATH FOR ALL COMMUNISTS

Answer Atlanta Fiend in Election Campaign

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workers of the entire South to militant struggle against the rising tide of white terror. Struggles against these anti-labor laws and against all forms of oppression of the Southern working class will play a big role in the election campaign of the Communist Party in the South. Workers, both Negro and white, throughout Georgia, are urging that Henry Storey, Negro Communist now facing death, be named as Communist candidate for governor of Georgia by the coming state ratification convention of the Communist Party."

"Defend Them."

An immediate call was sent out by the Communist Party and the International Labor Defense, whose national secretary, J. Louis Engdahl, is in Atlanta, for the masses of workers, all over the world, to realize that this case is the beginning of an attack on them, and to save these six representatives of theirs from electrocution—legalized lynching by the mill owners of Georgia and their henchmen in state and A. F. of L. office.

Assistant Solicitor Hudson, the prosecutor in the Powers and Carr case and the cases of the other four, also issued a public statement as soon as the indictment was rendered. It was his first public statement since the cases began, and was simply one long howl by a blood-thirsty jackal of the mill owners and lynch gangsters.

To Ask Chair For All Communists.

Hudson said, in part: "As fast as these Communists come here and publicly preach their doctrine of violent opposition to the laws of this state, we shall indict them, and I shall demand the death penalty in every case. . . . We will not tolerate Communists in Georgia."

In answer to Hudson by the I. L. D., it is pointed out that the prosecutor includes in his death list members of unions, defense bodies, Negro organizations, as well as Communists, and that the attempt to kill these six is openly an attempt to kill anybody who fights for the cause of labor.

Powers and Carr were arrested March 9, and go on trial June 17, for holding anti-lynching meetings; the four indicted Friday were arrested for holding an American Negro Labor Congress meeting on May 21, and trial date has not yet been set.