

Rayon Workers Prepare for Struggle

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THE rapid growth in strength and influence of the Communist Party in and around Elizabethton, Tenn., where five strikes have taken place in the last three years has thrown the owners of the Bemberg and Glantzoff rayon mills into a veritable panic. Faced with a situation rapidly developing toward strike action, the mills have sent out a hurry-call for help to that savior of American capitalism, Ham Fish.

Unable to come himself, Fish has delegated several members of his committee now in the South to come to Elizabethton, together with Paul Aymon, head of the Tennessee State Federation of Labor to "investigate" Communist activities in Happy Valley.

Aymon, by testifying in Chattanooga first and now in Elizabethton aiding the committee in its attack on the rayon workers stands completely exposed as one of the worst scoundrels in the whole A. F. of L. leadership. He has posed for years as a "progressive and honest labor leader." More recently he has inclined toward the Muste gang of socialists, particularly those in the United Textile Workers. This gang needs no exposure to the workers of Elizabethton who have had strike after strike throttled and sold

National of Kentucky," said the N. Y. Times on Tuesday, raising the ante on the Telegram.

All of which proves that the brainy guys who write in the capitalist papers about how the Soviet is headed to "collapse" because of inflation," while asserting that the U. S. Federal Reserve is about to cutest system ever invented, ought to be decorated with a medal of the Distinguished Order of Prevaricators.

out by the U.T.W.U. and who have finally driven this gang of traitors out of town, bag and baggage.

Hundreds of copies of the Southern Worker and thousands of leaflets are being distributed right inside the mills by the members of the Communist Party unit in the B. and G. plants. The workers are now organizing their forces for a fight to the finish under the revolutionary leadership of the National Textile Workers Union.

Recently, about thirty girls from the Bemberg textile department, mostly reelers and twisters, were called into the office of President Wolfe and told that the company "suspects" them of being Communists. The girls were threatened with dismissal if they were found to have anything to do with the Reds. They were warned that the company had spies watching their every move. Some of the more militant girls expressed their opinion; the next day twelve of them were fired.

This and other recent acts of the company have angered the workers and they may take action at any time