

Our Factory Papers on the Job

(Article 2.)
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THE National Industrial Conference Board, one of the leading agencies of the employing class, has hailed the publication of company shop papers as an idea "Made In America." This staff of expert advisers to our leading exploiters maintains that the company shop paper fulfills a most important task in the relationship between the employer and his workers.

Capitalists Also Use Shop Papers.

It is no accident that the first company shop paper was published in the United States in 1890. At this time America was making its debut on the imperialist stage. Then gigantic industrial organizations in which the personal element was being reduced to a minimum or even entirely obliterated, were being developed at a rapid pace. The company shop paper was launched by the bosses at this time in order to emphasize the so-called human element from the employing class viewpoint. It is rather laughable from more than one viewpoint that the first company shop paper in the United States was published by the National Cash Register Co. It was called the *Factory News*. "The World War gave tremendous impetus to the development of the company shop papers. It is said that there are now being published approximately one thousand of these employing class factory organs. This group is entirely distinct from the large number of "house organs" published by manufacturers to sell their wares.

The Shop Paper—A Basic Proletarian Weapon.

The various sections of the Communist International have made vigorous use of the workers' shop papers. The All-Union Communist Party (Soviet Russia) and the Communist Party of Germany have set the pace in the establishment of successful shop papers of, by and for the workers. Today practically every Communist Party has a number of papers gotten out by shop nuclei.

Our own Party has already made a fair beginning in the publication of factory nuclei papers. The twenty-five papers now being gotten out in the various big factories throughout the country by our shop nuclei is only a small beginning yet we already have enough experience with these valuable organs of the class struggle to draw important lessons for our underground field. At this moment it is our most backward districts and our weakest districts and organizationally, which have one or more virile shop papers.

Contents of Shop Papers.

Let us examine the main line of contents in our shop papers. We will analyze some of our leading factory nuclei papers.

1. Immediate Factory Problems.

All of the shop nuclei papers concentrate on immediate factory problems. Such basic, elementary questions as wage cuts, unsanitary working conditions, the speed-up system, industrial spies, long hours, insufficient pay, accident hazards, and the right to organize are hammered home very effectively in all of the workers' papers prepared by our shop nuclei.

Thus we quote from the *Rivet*—"A Paper of the Pullman Workers, by the Pullman Workers and for the Pullman Workers"—published at Pullman, in the Chicago district:

"Heavy Work for Very Low Pay."

"Laborers in Pullman do heavy work dragging steel and iron around for nine long hours each day, and all they get is only \$3.94 per day. We would like to see the bosses do this work, and find out how they like it. Such ridiculously low wages are paid

WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

THE FORD WORKER

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INTRODUCING OURSELVES

GREETINGS to all workers; those who toil, irrespective of their race, color or creed. May this little missive, the first issue of a publication devoted to the interests of the Ford workers, reach all toilers and be the means of drawing us all closer together in a common bond of working class interests.

MAY it create the determination and unity needed in the effort to put our class in its rightful position, that of a ruling class instead of ruled. We aim to bring about a condition where the exploitation of man by man shall cease to be.

IN our efforts to win freedom we are not unmindful that the bitterest opposition will be our lot. - opposition not always coming from the boss class but from our own as well. The most humble as well as the most highly-paid of workers must realize that they are only tools and means of making profits for the parasites who govern their every action. Then and then only will the unity necessary for the emancipation of our class be realized.

because we are not organized. The company pays the least it can and each worker alone can do nothing. If, however, we get together in a labor organization, a different story would be told."

And the very live Westinghouse Workers' Bulletin—published by the Workers' Party Shop Nuclei in the Westinghouse plant at Pittsburgh—says:

"Worker Killed."

"The safety posters put up by the company and the propaganda spread by its safety committee would lead us to believe that accidents are due to the worker's own fault. But a little investigation proves to the contrary.

"In the shipping department a worker was recently killed when the hook-block of the crane fell on the unfortunate worker, crushing him to death. Many of the cranes thruout the plant are unsafe.

"How many workers will be crushed to death before the cranes are safeguarded?"

2. The More Basic, General Class Questions.

Of course, the shop papers do not limit themselves to the elementary, immediate factory problems, important as these are.

The laws proposed to limit the rights and freedom of the foreign-born workers, May Day, the British General Strike, company unionism, the company shop paper, the labor party, the DAILY WORKER, trade union unity, recognition of the Soviet Republic, political prisoners, the Passaic strike, the Negro question, the youth workers' conditions, nationalization of coal mining, Lenin Memorial Day, the Ku Klux Klan, and the role of the police as strikebreakers are among the basic class problems dealt with in our shop nuclei papers.

Let us turn to the fighting Ford Worker, issued by the Ford Nuclei of the Workers' Communist Party, Vol. 1, No. 2.

"Business and Politics."

"Did you ever notice how capitalists and business men in general support the democratic and republican



Ford's Favorite Tune

MAY this little paper of ours not be judged alone on literary merit but rather as a medium of expressing the intense longings, aspirations, hopes and desire for brotherhood among the class to which we belong.

LET us strive by exchange of opinions in this paper to bring about a common understanding in our ranks that may enable us to create a government without room for capitalist domination and in which the chief claim to honor will be the work one performs and the services he renders for the benefit of the great mass of workers from whose labor all wealth comes. You can aid in this task by contributing to this paper. Send your stories to THE FORD WORKER, 2646 Saint Aubin, Detroit.



ISSUED BY UNITED ALLOY STEEL PLANT NUCLEUS

Vol. 1, No. 1. WORKERS' PARTY

WHERE IS THE PROSPERITY?

The capitalist papers tell us there is prosperity in the steel industry. The plants are supposed to be working full capacity and we are supposed to be earning very high wages. LIKE HELL WE ARE. We know better, for it's our pockets that get the money - and there is VERY LITTLE when we get it.

Some people are getting prosperity - and they are the BOSSES.

Look at the STEEL CHIPPERS DEPARTMENT. The workers used to get 90¢ a thousand pounds. Now they get less than 60¢. When the chippers did not want to take the cut, they were told that they could give notice and get their money.

WORK IS SLOWING UP

Two of the bar mills, 9" and 12" mills, are now running only two 8-hour turns. The workers of the third turn have been laid off.

In the chipping department, three-quarters of the 600 men were laid off, and the men remaining on the job had to take a wage reduction.

A few days ago, piece work was introduced in the cold drawing wire department. Next will come a wage reduction.

WAGE REDUCTIONS ALL OVER.

All over the plant, wages are being lowered to get profits. What's the difference to live on or not? That is the care of ourselves.

The bosses know they are instigating every worker.

Briand Refuses Call for Parliament; U. S. Blamed for Low Franc

PARIS, May 23.—While the American Connecticut Footguards and the Richmond Blues were parading down the Champ Elysees, many Frenchmen who were incensed at "the offensive from New York against the franc," cried out derogatory remarks from the sidewalks. "Long live the dollar at thirty-five," was the favorite cry.

The radical-socialist group of the chamber of deputies, led by Louis Malvy, has called upon Briand to demand an immediate convocation of parliament. Premier Briand refused, saying, "The franc will take care of itself without the assistance of parliament."

Workers of Lawrence Aid Sacco, Vanzetti

LAWRENCE, Mass., May 23.—"Sacco and Vanzetti must live" is the slogan of the General Workers' Committee, organized by delegates from 14 groups representing 2,000 workers of all nationalities. Plans for holding a big mass meeting are already under way.

"Stand firm, the workers of Lawrence will not allow two innocent men to die," read telegrams sent to Sacco and Vanzetti in their cell at Dedham jail and Charleston prison. Italian workers assembled in a mass meeting sent the messages to their fellow workers in prison. The General Workers' Committee was formed in response to a resolution of this meeting.

Eucharist Secretary Arrives.

Count Henry de Yanville, general secretary of the permanent committee of the International Eucharistic Congress, to be held here in June, today arrived in Chicago. He will assume direction of the activities of the committees which have in charge the preparation for the congress, expected to be attended by a million visitors.

parties? These parties represent their interests.

"The workers should support a labor political party. A government of the working class would prevent further exploitation of the workers. A labor party is a step in the direction of a workers' government. Get wise. Support a labor and working farmers' party."

The Hot Ingot, issued by United Alloy Steel Plant Nucleus of the Workers (Communist) Party, Cleveland, handles the question of the foreign-born very effectively when it says:

"We are all workers, no matter what language we speak!"

"There is no difference between us workers. It is only an accident that we speak different languages. We have the same interests. We all want decent wages, decent conditions. We don't want to creep on our knees to get a job. We don't want to slave like a dog in the mills and be broken down before we are forty years old. We want to be able to give our children and families a decent living.

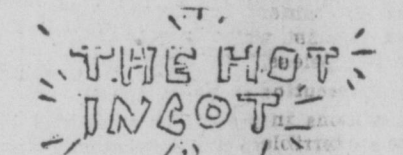
"Do we get it?"

"We do not! On the contrary, they tell those of us who are foreign-born that if we don't like conditions here we should 'go back to where we came from.' We are good enough to do all the dirty work in the mills, that is why the boss likes 'alien' labor.

"Let us stick together."

We have presented only typical examples of approach made by our shop papers in dealing with immediate factory questions and with the more general, the more fundamental class problems.

In the next article we will discuss the method and organizational plan of getting out the shop nuclei papers.



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SWEET DEFENSE SEEKS QUASHING OF MURDER CASE

Ask State to Nolle Prosses Indictments

DETROIT, May 23.—The acquittal of Henry Sweet, younger brother of Dr. Ossian H. Sweet, has smashed the case of the state against the 11 Negroes charged with the murder of Leon Breiner, one of the mob that sought to lynch the Sweets and their friends for daring to move into a home they purchased in a "pure white" district. Lawyers for the defense are now taking the steps to have the state nol prosses the indictments against Dr. Ossian H. Sweet and nine other Negroes.

It is expected that the state will comply with the demands of the defense as it realizes the utter impossibility of getting a jury that will send the Sweets and their friends to the gallows or to long terms in prison.

The state lost out in two trials. In the first case the trial resulted in the dismissal of the jury after failing to reach a verdict. At the second trial, Henry Sweet, against whom the state claimed they had the most evidence, was acquitted after the jury had deliberated but a few hours.

Walton Coming Back.

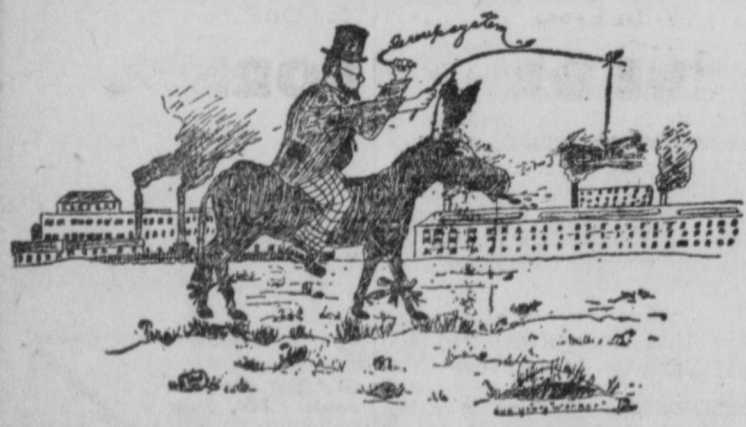
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 23.—Oklahoma political circles were astir today over the apparently authentic report that J. C. Walton, removed from the governorship by impeachment in 1923, would file as a candidate for lieutenant governor in the present campaign. If elected, Walton would preside over the state senate, largely composed of the men who voted to remove him from office.

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HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO LET HIM TEASE YOU?



WESTINGHOUSE WORKER AVERAGES \$85.00 PER MONTH

It is one of Mr. Wilson's favorite pastimes to inform the Joint Conference Committee (Company Union) per that the standard of wages paid the Westinghouse worker is on the wages paid through the district.

Now, as of 1926