Lewis Victory is a Miners’ Loss
Gives Up 27 of 28 Demands

DEMOCRATIC MINERS COMMITTEE ONLY WEAPON TO FIGHT LEWIS AND MINES OWNERS

PULFELTIN—As we go to press, twenty-two mines in Kentucky have been opened by the use of the National Guard. There are only 44 mines that have not yet signed up.

The seven week struggle between John Lewis and the coal operators ended May 12 with a victory for the United Mine Workers of America. Northern operators and many of the Southern operators granted the United Mine Workers exclusive bargaining rights and the "union" shop—-all new employees must become members of the UMWA.

There is a possibility that local strike struggles will have to be organized by the great John Lewis to make these conditions effective in other sections of the South. Governor Johnson of Alabama has offered to call the troops out and help the Kentucky operators keep the mines open on a non-union basis with wage cuts. In other states, such as Ohio, Ohio Governor Acting strikers off the rolled roles, helping the operators to keep the fashion force the men back to work.

MINERS NOT REPRESENTED

Up to date, for the best coal miners the victory for John Lewis was not a victory for all.

The simple fact is that the COAL COMPANY, the workers in the mines, were not represented at the conference in New York and Washington.

Of the 28 demands Lewis proposed to the mine owners he obligingly gave up 27 of them in the first days of negotiations. All the demands for better wages, shorter hours, and better working conditions were bargained away for the one right—he union shop.

The "union" shop is merely a device for protecting Lewis’ bocorporate machine against the A. F. of P. and Allied Miners of America, which has made up the bulk of the miners in the last five years. Lewis demanded a union shop with the old check-off remaining so that the AMWA couldn’t challenge his machine.

The main problem of the miners was not even discussed. In 1938 the American miners produced 324 million tons of coal, almost the million tons less than the year before. Thousands of men were thrown out of work as a result. In addition the introduction of labor-saving machinery—new loading devices, etc.—has helped throw thousands more out of work, and put most of the miners on a part time basis. Last year’s average number of working days was 194.

In 1938, Lewis won the strike. The average wage of the miners in 1938 was higher than 800.

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THE MAIN ENEMY IS AT HOME

The Powers Move to War Lineup

Danzig Crisis will be Followed by the Even Greater Ones

FIGHT WAR BY FIGHTING THE NEW DEAL WAR PLANS AT HOME

The "health" of Danzig, which appeared so imminent a few weeks ago, has settled down to a quiet game of power politics, with the working of the Danzig regime becoming an important factor in the outcome.

The powers of the Rome-Berlin axis have no comparative, nor any political significance. The crumbling economies will crumble entirely. In the so-called democratic powers, England and France, who necessarily must grant enormous concessions to the Fascist powers in order to check the inevitable proletarian revolution, have long been in the hands of Germany and Italy within certain bounds.

TRIED AT MUNICH

An attempt was made to do this at Munich, but the contradictions of German economy, its unfavorable balance of trade in 1938, the further depletion of its gold supply, the need for raw materials because of the annexations of Austria and Czechoslovakia, and all these factors forced German imperialism to step out

Laws to Curb Strikes Passed in Many States

ONLY CLASS STRUGGLE POLICY CAN RETAIN DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

The right to strike and picket, won after 100 years of class struggle in the United States, is being challenged more seriously than at any time since the depression. Laws limiting and making strikes ineffective have been passed in Oregon, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Similar bills are pending— with good chances of being passed—in Illinois and Michigan.

The structure of all the bills is strangely similar, indicating that this is a concerted drive on the part of the whole capitalist class to limit the rights of the working class. Sidetrack strikes are prohibited. Workers must give 48 or 72 hour notice before going on strike. Jurisdictional strikes are outlawed, boycotting is declared illegal, and picketing is prohibited unless a majority of the strikers vote for it. Where there is picketing of a plant only employees of the plant can picket. Some of the bills have further limitations on strikes where public interest is concerned. Governors can make this phrase mean anything—and will. Coupled with the rulings of the courts in this last year on sit downs (Pandit cases) and on holding unions responsible for business lost during strikes (Apex case) the right to strike is rapidly being abrogated.

LEWIS CHECKED UPSURGE

Two years ago during the auto and rubber strikes the capitalists didn’t dare take such a strong action. Now that John Lewis and his cohorts have been successful in checking this wave of militancy and independent class action, the capitalist politicians are on the offensive. They are attempting to give the next inevitable wave of strikes as little legal cover as possible, so that
Every Anti-Fascist Will Contribute to this Fund

HELP THE VICTIMS OF FASCISM

A special campaign for Red Aid Against Fascism, to run from June 1 to July 14, has been launched by the Revolutionary Workers League. Each new offensive of the fascists, particularly the move of Franco — makes more desperate the need for Red Aid for the victims of Fascism.

Lewis and Miners

(Continued from page 1) The workers of the world will not be able to live in peace while the few exploit the many, nor will the world be safe for democracy while the dictators hold sway.

Lewis, who described the strike in Chicago as an example of the kind of struggle which must be carried on in all the countries of the world, said: "The struggle for human equality, for human dignity, for human brotherhood, is the only struggle worth living. The struggle for human equality, for human dignity, for human brotherhood, is the only struggle worth living."

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Still another panacea is the proposal by certain groups that the Negro fight for the right of self-determination. The Negroes of the North organized the Southern Negroes into "Loyal Leagues" to massacre the Whites of the South. This same division of Negroes into CLAD and SEIS is still being fostered in one form or another today.

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THE "DEMOCRATIC" APPROACH

The 14th, 15th, and 16th Amendments to the U.S. constitution are dead letters. They never were intended to give the Negro people real equality. Their only effect has been to give the capitalists a legal loophole for swindling smaller capitalists and the government. The "without due process of law" clause in one of these amendments prevents the proletariat from bringing action against the government and the Sherman anti-trust law was stopped by monopolies. Monopolies still flourish and grow larger. But the law was used to stop workers from organizing on the grounds that a Union is a monopoly.

To depend on the capitalists to grant real liberty to the Negro people is like depending on the boss class to voluntarily do away with the profit system. Capitalism keeps the Negro workers oppressed in order to keep them from organizing. The workers have to fight for the overthrow of the profit system will give the Negro people and all the other people real freedom.

The problem can be solved only as part of the problem of the working class as part of the class struggle. The key to the solution of this problem is the unity of Negro and white worker in the day to day class struggle and toward the social revolution. For the solution of the problems of the oppressed under capitalism, a new Communist party, section of the Communist Fourth Interna
tional is needed to give leadership to the people and to fight against the whole of the world in their struggle to overthrow capitalism.

New Headquarters in Kansas City

Headquarters of The Kansas City Daily Worker, 2328 E. 67th St., Kansas City, Mo., are now located at 541 Minnesota on the Kansas side.

Lessons on the Road

New Communist (Chicago, Ill.) No. 105: "A Document of the L.R.W.P. and an Answer by the R.W.L.

10 cents a copy
**General Motors Lays Off 500 in Kansas City**

Kansas City — The Chevrolet and Fisher Body Plants in Kansas City, Mo., have announced the layoff of 500 workers. The move was the result of the company's need to cut costs due to decreased demand for its products. The layoffs were effective immediately, and the workers were notified of their termination.

**DEATH WATCH IN FLINT**

Detroit — The first round of the unemployed have been heard here in the last few weeks. The report suggests that the people have been starving in the shops, for a role in the exile, the younger generation of the Great American Depressions. The situation is dire, and, as usual, the workers pay the costs of depression.

**OHLER TOUR**

Comrade Hugo Olger, National Secretary of the R. W. I. in the Northeast, has just returned from a tour in the East and West of the country in June. The meetings to be held include: Detroit, Cleveland, Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Washington, Richmond, Pitts- burgh, and other cities. In addition Olger will cover Buffalo, Toronto, and a number of other cities.

June comrade C. B. Gowan will make a tour to the West where the new summer months are likely to be critical. The new summer months are likely to be critical.

**PRESS FUND**

The Press Fund Drive of the Revolutionary Workers League to help print the new printed material. This plan is designed to get the word out to the workers and to build up the movement. Let us present a few facts:

- **STATEMENT IN MARCH**
  1. The R.W.L. issued a political statement to the class on the New nght April 20, 1930. In this, it read: "The Committee and the R.W.L. considered their actions and decided to obtain Negro release from the Spanish authority and used every cent collected for more political work." The committee's activities were justified.
  2. The Stamm-Cannon committee spent no money for publicity to the class or for world wide publicity. The Stamm-Cannon committee should be reconsidered.

**JUST OUT**

Durham Press has been on hand copies of "The Workers Rights of the American Worker," a new publication of the ASSOCIATION OF UNEMPLOYED OF THE WORKERS LEAGUE Relief of Cleveland, Ohio, entitled:

FOR WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION.

This little work sells only for five cents, with special reductions for workers' organizations. We recommend it as a valuable analysis of the current situation and a program for the unemployed to help make their own future.

**THE MARTI**

The new printed magazine of the Revolutionary Workers League, U.S.

A Letter From Germany

The Germans have declared the "German Blocked Mark," the "U.S. in America," the "Fourth International in the U.S. 5 CENTS PER COPY"
FOR WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION FOR USE

DOWN WITH THE NEW DEAL HUNGER SYSTEM

The Cold Facts

Raw Deal For The Workers

1. — America can produce 180 billion dollars worth of food, clothing and shelter, but under capitalism in 1938 only 60 billion was produced, 33% of capacity — while 16 million men remained out of work and millions starved.

2 — 750,000 unemployed in New York alone, 650,000 on relief in Chicago. Only 58% of the 1929-27 total are now employed in Boston. 100% more unemployed than in April 1937.


4. — 30,000 “aliens” thrown off WPA; 200,000 other workers fired; 1 million to be laid off by July. 550,000 thrown off WPA in 8 months.

5. — Roosevelt asks for 800 million dollars less this year than last year for WPA, a 33% cut, with one out of 3 workers to be fired. Average wage to be only $13 a week.

6. — And while millions starve, the RAW DEAL plans to pay out $1,218,000,000 to farmers to produce LESS wheat, cotton, sugar, corn, rice, etc. While millions starve, a mile away oranges are soaked in oil in California so that the price doesn’t go up; 65,444,000 bags of coffee have been burned in Brazil (where America gets its coffee); 100 million tons of wheat are to be exported to Britain and Holland for war supplies (rubber and tin); there are 70,861,000 pounds of butter in the warehouses, 3,347,000 cases of eggs, 62,870,000 pounds of cheese; etc. etc. etc.

7. — 16 billion dollars of gold is stocked in the Kentucky vaults, but there is no money for relief and WPA according to Congress!

8. — Average earnings of 30,166,000 wage earners was $890 — more than $1,000 below minimum standard needed for existence according to government authorities.

A Good Deal For The Bosses

1 — Twelve and a half billion dollars ($12,456,000 to be exact) in subsidies through the various loan agencies of the government to big business and banking.

2 — Two billion dollars for the war budget — the biggest war budget in history.

3. — The 305 largest firms in their respective industries had their profits more than doubled in the first quarter of 1939, compared to the first quarter of 1938.

4. — Maritime Commission agrees to finance building of 500 vessels, with outright government subsidies up to 50% of cost. Standard Oil gets a 28% subsidy to build two tankers which are then resold — at a profit — to the Navy.

5. — Millions continue to be poured into the Pan American Airways, TWA, and other airlines in the form of mail contracts, as war preparations.

6. — The government, according to Secretary Wallace, is considering giving large subsidies to raw material exporters to help dump American materials abroad, while two thirds of the American people live on levels far below the "safe" minimum standard set by government experts.

7. — Louis B. Mayer received $1,296,000 salary last year; Hearst got $500,000; Grace of Bethlehem Steel got $394,000; Watson of International Business Machines got $419,000; Hill of American Tobacco got $381,000; and Dreyfus of Woolworth will have to get along on the $200,000 salary he received last year.

Which Road for the Unemployed?

Program to Save Capitalism

Billions for war
Stagger system of employment
A lower standard of living
Billions in subsidies to the capitalists
A new World War and 50 million dead to make profits for Du Pont Morgan et al.

OR

Program for the Working Class

All war funds to the Unemployed
Fight the WPA lay-offs and relief cuts
Establish Shop Committees and Workers Defense Corps
For a new unemployed organization on a Class Struggle program
For a Workers Council Government

REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS LEAGUE

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