FOR A NATIONAL SITDOWN STRIKE IN PACKINGHOUSE

UNION TO TAKE ACTION ON JULY 17

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The meat-packing industry, which employs 110,000 workers, is on the verge of the largest strike movement since 1931. On April 8th delegates to the National Policy Committee of Amos moont met in Chicago and decided to give the company until May 15th to sign a national contract. The company has large differences in wages, speed-up, seniority, etc., but refuses to sign with the national union — Packing House Workers Organizing Committee, affiliated with ILGWU, which is about to become the United Packing House Workers of America. Present preparations for a strike against the "big four" of the industry — Armour's, Swift's, Cudahy, and Wilson — follow the failure to accede to these demands.

IMPORT FINKS

Feather's efforts are being made by the government to keep up the strike wave, and smash the union. This is part of the general offensive of the capitalist class against the trade union movement. The biggest men and supplies of the union, such as guns, maces, etc., are being brought into the possible strike centers by the "big four." All the company unions — which the Wagner Act was supposed to eliminate — by the way — have been told to try to affiliate with the AFL, so they can gain the appearance of "real" unions. Needless to say, unscrupulous AFL bureaucrats are helping the companies in their strike-breaking roles. In Chicago the Amalgamated Meat Cutters (AFL) is dickering with the management.

In a strike at the Chicago yards a few months back the AFL tried to organize a "back to work" movement but met with no success. To check these steps by the labor bosses and the professional strike-breakers, as well as to help the workers in the plants must take measures now to create democratically controlled Workers Defense Corps.

Due to the intense speed-up which resulted in a vast increase in work handled last year, despite (continued on page 3)

New Boston Unit

A new unit of the Revolutionary Workers League was organized in Boston last month, following the trip of comrades Hugo Oberholzer to that city. One of the new comrades is John Hamilton, a leader of the Trotskyists in that city. The May 1st Socialist Appeal carries a report of the comrades' activity in the youth anti-war work this year. In his letter asking for application for membership in the R.W.L., Hamilton states that it is impossible to carry on class struggle activity on the line of the Trotskyites.

KANSAS CITY

Continuing the organizational gains made in the last few months, the Kansas City Unit of the R.W.L. won two new applications for membership, both workers in basic industries in the area.

Japs, British Fight for Chinese Loot

U.S. Interests Vitaly Affected

The Japanese blockade of the British and French concessions at Tientsin and Kukuchen indicates that a new stage of the struggle for control of China is at hand. The strategic area of China are in the hands of the Japanese, but there is no sign of a surrender as yet.

Furthermore, the British, French, and German colonialists, especially the British, have been able to sabotage China's economic program to such an extent that consolidation of these military victories is far off. The British refuse to recognize the status of the Japanese puppet government in Shanghai and Nan-king and are honoring currency of the Chiang Kai-Shek government.

INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES

What started out as a minor issue over the British refusal to hand over four Chinese allegedly guilty of murdering an official of the opium-piracy regime, has now taken on major proportions. The British have shown that they have reached critical proportions as a result of the war to force China and France to recognize the neutral status of Shanghai and Nan-king. Japan is taking advantage of this situation in China and elsewhere, to extend its empire.

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WPA. His cronies, Messrs. LaGuardia, Kelly, et al. are finishing the relief cuts for him in the cities. (The average family on relief gets less than $6 a week, and on WPA less than $13.)

THE POOR RICH

Thirteen percent of the people own 90% of the wealth in the United States. For them Mr. Roosevelt and the Wall Street Journal have nothing but compassion. They are going together now to get taxes on the big corporations, and there is a strong possibility that the 75% surtax on large incomes will be cut to 50%. But for the 22 million workers living of relief — about 17% of our population — they must suffer the burdens which will make it possible for the parasites to pile up more billions for which they have no use, except to further perpetuate the slave system of capitalism.

The Roosevelt and Wall Street Journal bunck about weathering the storm together resolves itself to Henry Ford suffering on a 5 million a year income, while the average single man on a $1,000 a year must give up $2.50 a week or less. And old Henry and the rest of his ilk pile up millions of dollars by the simple expedient of keeping capitalist production down to about one third the prevailing power of the nation; while those who are willing to produce more wealth so that more people can live on a human standard of living — these people are considered as parasites. Meanwhile this is a land of liberty and common sense — liberty to starve, and common sense to like it.

The working class oughtn’t to be in the least bashful about helping the capitalists overcome the tax and spending problem. The simplest way and only effective way we know of is to overthrow capitalism and EXPROPRIATE the Capitalists. Nothing could solve the tax problem better.

THE WHITE PAPER AND ZIONISM

The White Paper of Great Britain, which restricts immigration of Jews to Palestine and makes them a permanent minority there, seems to have taught the Jewish leaders exactly nothing. At a conference of agricultural leaders in Tel Aviv May 21, only one delegate, a colonel from Bethalha, voiced his disension with the anti-Arab policy of the Conference. He demanded, against gene.al opposition, that the Arabs be accepted as members in the Federation of Agriculture, and against the present policy of picketing Jewish plantations where Arabs are employed.

V. Jabotinsky, leader of the Jewish Revisionists sent by him to the Jews to postpone any action against Great Britain because the Jews cannot fight a nation around whom the “Democrats” are grouping themselves for “peace.”

ZIONISM LEARNES NOTHING

The myth of a “Jewish homeland” in Palestine, protected by one or another section of imperialism, is thus being perpetuated. The American Zionists have been working for years to talk that “protectorate” away from Great Britain and put it in Uncle Sam’s hands. But the Jewish masses, the world over, are paying the penalty for this delusion. Palestine has a population of 1,000,000, of which only 400,000 are Jews — or about 3% of the world Jewish population. The country is exceedingly small and even poorer in its natural resources. Its importance lies mainly in its strategic military position for the British lifeline to India, and in the oil pipe-lines from Iraq that end at Haifa.

To conceive that the millions of oppressed Jews throughout Europe and elsewhere can cause a home of this little country is ridiculous. And to conceive as Zionism does that the Jewish people can escape the havoc of world capitalism, can find peace and security in this little nook, is utterly fantastic as the White Paper again proves.

In this period of decay capitalism a small nation or colonial country can serve the interest of only one imperialist power or another. It will be exploited until its usefulness to the big imperialist powers, or until imperialism itself is replaced by a world Workers Society. The Jewish workers must give up and expose the facts. They must band together with the Arab masses in a common struggle against the common enemy, British Imperialism. Along that path only lies the liberation of the millions of oppressed Jews and other minorities throughout the world.

U.S. ‘Democracy’ Shuts Out Refugees

In the 17th century cargoes of Negroes were brought to the New World to be used to do the work of the white man. When a storm would break all doors leading to the Negro bunks at the bottom of the boat would be closed, and when air would finally break down, the passengers would die of asphyxiation. When the ship rolled helpless Negroes would be cut to the bone by the irons tightly clasped around their ankles.

Who would think that after 300 years of “civilized progress” we would find similar situations prevalent today? Here is an item from the New York Times, June 2nd:

"Destitute refugees forced to leave their homes in Central and Eastern Europe seek haven they may possibly enter. In desperation they board unworthy cargo and cattle boats bound for Palestine. Irresponsible ship captains, after extorting from these helpless passengers all their possessions, even their clothes, have been known to take them stealthily to the unguarded small islands strewn about the Mediterranean and leave them there barren rocks without food, water or extra clothing... 424 survivors from a ship that left Danzig last March with 500... was stranded on the island of Crete, in utter destitution, despair, and sickness."

HUMAN DRACULAS

Throughout Europe today human Draculas are exporting thousands of dollars from unfortunate Jews, Catholics, and working class militants, on promise of getting the necessary papers that will permit them to find a haven somewhere. Others promise to smuggle refugees from one country to another. In most cases, however, the men are unscrupulous and dishonest. They seldom carry out their promises.

Meanwhile in Fascist Germany, Jewish and other workers are being told to leave the country immediately or else go back to concentration camps. And in "Democratic" France refugees from Spain are being visited by "authorities" and "drafted" into the labor army of the foreign legion.

For those naive people who still have illusions that "it can’t happen here," this is a taste of the utter barbarism and degradation society will descend to unless the working class, at the head of all the oppressed, can seize power and establish a Workers Society.

As a step toward this in the United States the workers are organizing "Workers Defense Squads." Wherever these enemies of Labor endeavour to organize in workers areas the working class must smash them. Rely only upon the workers’ might.

LAND OF THE FREE

DECLAY CAPITALISM: HOME WRECKERS

Three babies, the eldest 2 1/2 years, are left alone each night while their mother, Miss Callie Hill of Chicago, works as a waitress to make $25. The baby is the accident of police; babies are responsible. Miss Callie Hill is going to do jail. Her salary of $9.00 a week was not more than the relief budget allocated to the man who pined away to death from malnutrition and kept the job and was accepted on the basis of that low salary, as well as for fraud. If she tried to live in a relief budget she would starve; so she kept the job and is jailed for neglect.

How about jail the relief administration for willful negligence, the police and the like for crimes, murders and suicides?

THE "POOR RICH."

Maurice Rothbolch, Chicago Merchant Prince gives this mes- sage to the American public: "Live long... work hard and keep your property an ideal." He forgets to add so the profiteers won’t have to work at all, and his idea of an ideal. He uses his fortune to finance a party called "Social Democrats." The bank he founded in 1917, 424 income taxes due the government...

Rogers Garcia, President of Garcia Sugar, part owner of Standard Sugar, Wrigley's, Wrigley's Tobacco Co. and Insular Terminal Co., was arrested by Federal authorities May 26 and charged with $1 million 70 thousand dollars...

Mr. May, President of Nordenberg Insurance, was indicted by grand jury for blueprinting clothing and jewelry into this country, the盧ishment of theft from piracy still to be determined.

In all, they have left four million dollars mansion as a warehouse to store their furniture and family heirlooms.

FOR SALE

Justice by U.S. Circuit Court Judges Martin, Merritt to Manten to the tune of 1 million dollars in 11 months.

Health: Great Midwestern failed to buy his way into the free cage Hospital Municipal Sanatorium for Tuberculosis by paying $20 to a private captain. Tuberculosis is most prevalent among the middle classes, but it is just they who are dis- cerning themselves against the greatest degree...

THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

Forty-nine people in the U.S. made incomes over $1 million dollars, in 1937. One even made more than $10 million in the same year, however, at least 6 million children in the U.S. were undernourished, 4 million people over 21 were unemployed because there were not even funds for educa-

tion in the U.S., 1,750,000 persons in New York City were living in free-rage housing, and to 100 years old, about 50% of American homes had no furnace or boiler, 24% had no outside water, 17.5% had no private indoor toliet, and 9.5% had no electricity...

Demos Press has on hand copies of a report, "A STATISTICAL ATION OF UNEMPLOYED ON DIRECT AND WORK RELIEF OF Cleveland, Ohio, entitled: For Workers Control of Production

This little word may only be 5 cents, with special reductions for holidays. Send it as a realization of an economic and a program for the employ- ed — especially valuable for left wing unemployed organizations.
PACKINGHOUSE UNION TO ACT ON JULY 17

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(Continued from page 1) A 10 per cent decrease in main house costs and 15 per cent increase of almost 20 per cent in savages is the demand of the industry. A good example of this sort is that of the packinghouse workers in the Hayride plant in Detroit, where workers just voted a 15 per cent increase in the wage, but the workers are still on strike because the C.I.O. and the company are not willing to reach an agreement.

When two women recently went to try to break the strike, they were discharged.

RANK AND FILE CONTROL

In the coming struggle what will be the role of the rank and file. The packinghouse workers is the setting up of a nationwide organization of the workers elected by the Locals. We must not fail to get the cooperation of the national organization. The national organization must get as early as possible to the work of collective bargaining. We must get the cooperation of the unions in the C.I.O. and the C.O.W.

PUSH ECONOMIC DEMANDS

Arbor Lodge #4 of the Knights of Labor has put forth its demands calling for an increase in wages, lowering of stock, and the establishment of a national organization of the workers.

The local Lodge is occupied in getting out the demand of the workers.

The going up call to the rank and file control, to put forth the demands of the workers on a national scale throughout the industry.

For a New Communist

WAR TACTICS CHANGE

In Europe

With British prestige heightened by the favorable reception of the U. S. of their royal bickerings and the failure of their production revolution, the British government, the German government, the French government and the Italian government are all hoping to find a stronger hand.

Confrontation with the British, after the war, Hitler is resorting to more indirect methods in order to make the British Empire fall. Superficial German weight will force the British to accept a large number of demands and concessions in Poland and France. The German government cannot afford to lose this chance in order to maintain their international solidarity and the pressure from within creates a more favorable situation for Germany to step in.

A second factor complicating the Hitler strategy is the series of difficulties following the concentration of Czechoslovakia. The Czech masses are recovering from the paralyzing blow, and in the German protectorates of Bohemia and Moravia, the struggle and opposition in the Sudeten leaders is increasing. The "L" factor of 1933 is now the first symptom. Nationalists in this movement underlines in the Sudeten leaders and it will not be the end of the Sudeten leaders and Hitler's regime. It will be impossible for the Sudeten leaders and Hitler's regime to continue to govern the Sudeten leaders and Hitler's regime. It will be impossible for the Sudeten leaders and Hitler's regime to continue to govern the Sudeten leaders and Hitler's regime. It will be impossible for the Sudeten leaders and Hitler's regime to continue to govern the Sudeten leaders and Hitler's regime.

VOTE AGAINST MARTIN

Martin, however, reiterated this last fact to the demand that the German government sign the whole deal of the Sudeten leaders and Hitler's regime.

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League Exposes

King's Visit

Washington, D. C. — The government took every possible step to make the visit of the British King and Queen to America smooth. Schools were closed and government workers were given leave. Many events were arranged for the Royal Visit. WPA workers had to make up for this extra work during their regular working at night. Waiters, cooks, etc., in public schools lost a full day of work.

From every building, street car, and bus, the Union can be seen. The building itself is decorated over night. Along the streets, the horses, the cars, the trains, the trams, and soldiers stood with fixed bayonets. The public was not on the streets on the 21 gun salute was fired. The cavalry escort rode along the streets and the crowds were followed by a car bearing the King and Queen.

RWL GIVES LEAFLETS

A leaflet distributed by the Republican Workers League in the Negro neighborhood, especially in the Negro neighborhood, is one of the most important tactics of the meeting of the two formal leaders of the largest imperialist powers on earth.

With the exception of the economic demands, the American Communist, especially in Britain, to provide any solution to the great difficulties of the democracy. The American Communist, especially in Britain, to provide any solution to the great difficulties of the democracy. The American Communist, especially in Britain, to provide any solution to the great difficulties of the democracy. The American Communist, especially in Britain, to provide any solution to the great difficulties of the democracy.
NOTES ON THE NEWS

While King George and Queen Elizabeth were here to sell Brit-

ish "Democracy" to the American people, the South Africans took measures to establish huge concentration camps 15 miles from the National "economic" zone, where Euro-

peans and to segregate the "pure" Negroes there.

The American masters who own Puerto Rico have invested some-
thing slightly new. Instead of giving the unemployed - and the

country is just short of unemployment - some relief, they are

bribing off the large farmers of the imperialist masters, forced to
break previously uncalculatable ground for the big landowners, and

are proving beyond the smallest doubt that they can plant a little garden and
see if they can wash on the pro-

duction, 10,000 acres are thus be-
ing "pure", and 50,000 unemployed, and 750,000 unfortunate are ex-
pected to slave away at them.

It is not surprising that the "eco-

nomy" group in the U.S. Senate has been forced with a bill to "re-

form" Congress and senators on a pension of $5,000 a year when the voters have "re-

crimed" them from politics. This group, of course, is buying them from group pressure," that is from the groups of the president and the great "pure" rate who put them in office.

In a speech to the Italian sold-
iers who helped Franco in the

Spanish Civil War, Pope Pius told them on June 11, that they had brought a "victorious triumph of the Christian idea" in Spain.

What the "Christian idea" turns out to be is evidenced by the following. A news story in the capitalist press states that 100 workers were killed and 200

wounded in Barcelona alone. As many as 300 have been killed in one day by fascist butchers. Two priests in a town near Barcelona were

killed last week when they were attacked by 40 men for the firing squad.

All men are created equal. That's what the Declaration of Inde-

pendence of July, 1776 stated. But it was a fraud in the days when capitalism was first being established, just as today when it has outlawed its usefulness and is in

decline.

When the first constitutional government was organized in the U.S. only one out of the 22 white males could vote. Negroes couldn't vote at all. Workers couldn't vote. Prisoners were filled with people who couldn't pay their small debts, sometimes as small as a few dollars, which the banks bought up worthless money -

mercy - for next to nothing, but they didn't sell million dollar govern-

ment at FULL value; but the poor

farmers who borrowed worthless certificates to pay back good American dollars and were bankrupt. The war was followed by one of the biggest

land steals in history in Ohio, with

nearly every important man in Washington's government involved in

involving himself. Workers who stood up to organize unions at the turn of the century were beaten, hurled and mu-

cidered. There were no schools for the poor in the cities being

peddled like so much cotton. Even slavery existed in many In-

habitats. And when the frontiers and poor farmers finally re-

eled in Virginia, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania they were

brutally, all-in-all in the name of equality!

It took the workers a hundred years and fighting and struggling to get even the democratic rights we have

July 4th 1939 reveals the same kind of "equality." Twenty-two workers were arrested for what amounts to $2,000,000 in silver!

AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR, FOR CLASS WAR

A new wave of strikes throughout the country is being seriously hampered by the fascist dictator-

ship, which is going on with the help of the American and CIO lead-

erships. In Flint, Detroit, in the Maritime industry, citrus un-

ions are fighting each other more than the bosses and placing juris-

dictional demands above the eco-

nomic demands of the workers.

The abortive strike of a hund-

red of UAW-AFL (Martin) men in

Flint, Michigan, ended up in street battles between the two au-

to worker unions in that city. In

stead of uniting against the com-

mon enemy, General Motors, which has been wiping out literal-

ly hundreds by depriving the

militant national GM strike of 16,000 - 17,000 - instead of that the CIO men walked through the picket lines.

In the Detroit Briggs strike it was the AFL men who were will-

ing to walk through the CIO picket lines. Because of the re-

lative solidarity of the Briggs men in Local 212, under Emil Massey, they won a number of concessions, conces-

sions which would have been far greater if the strike had been spread to Chrysler's where there are 40,000 workers.

FOREGET ECONOMIC NEEDS

Jurisdictional disputes, which have hindered the unification of the relief, cut. "Bosanquet's" proposal to demon-

strate in every city on a class struggle program.

One Of Three On WFA To Be Fired

FUND SUT 800 MILLIONS

While agreement between big business and the government was allegedly reached to reduce the "unemployment" tax, the undistributed profits tax to a

1.18% rate, so that it falls more heavily on the smaller firms but gives the larger firms a large measure of "relief from taxes." -

Just how "representatives of Washington employers" were "kept from the grasp of the unemploy-

ed"? The new bill, which will probably be passed, calls for a fur-

ther cut in WPA allotment of $239,000 or about 35%. With industry practically at a stand-

still that means at least one mil-

lion more families to be thrown on relief (if the relief officer doesn't close down) next year.

Other features of the bill call for

a "continuation fund" for

the National Youth Administration by

laying off all of WPA workers and

laying off all of WPA workers in

months; longer hours for skilled

men; new "relief" units for unem-

ployed workers and so on.

In Minneapolis the trade unions took the initiative in organizing a demonstration in support of the fruitful demonstration in every city on a class struggle program.

HELP THE VICTIMS OF FASCISM

A special call for Red Aid against Fascism, to run from June 6 to 18, has been issued by the Revolutionary Workers League. Each new offer of help to the victims of Fascism,

must be made.

We must not fool these distressed con-

comrades. German, Austrian, Czecho-slovakian, and others, are struggling against Fascism. Men, women and children of those who will not return from concentra-

tion and extermination camps. Spanish refugees are being in fascist camps. Escaped revolutionists stricken in their struggles in the new Spain in Germany and in - Spain in Mexico. We must be helped to escape the nets of Fascist terror.

REDAID

Send funds to: ALDINE GUNN, TREASURER 1606 W. Jackson Street Chicago, Ill.

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POUM Left Wing

A special document of the left wing of the POUM and an analy-

sis by the POUM will be published in English and in Spanish very soon. Write now and ask us to mail you a copy when these are ready.