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# LAWRENCE TEXTILE STRIKERS DEFEAT THE SPEED-UP

### The Lawrence Strike

THE brief but eventful strike in the Lawrence textile mills, where nearly 12,000 workers fought against the vicious speed-up, added a new and brilliant page to the fighting traditions of the Lawrence workers held from 1912 and 1919.

Starting as a small strike in one department, it spread rapidly and quickly embraced all workers in the Washington, Wood and Ayre mills of the American Woolen Co. This solidarity clearly illustrates the general conditions of slavery in the mills on one hand, and on the other the growth of understanding among the workers that an attack on one section is an attack on all workers.

By extending the front of the struggle, the workers also extended their demands. They demanded the ousting of the "efficiency" men from all departments, as an expression of the fight against the inhuman speedup. They demanded the right to organize, the recognition of mill committees elected by the workers, and time and a half for overtime.

And they won a partial victory, in spite of the terror and intimidation against both strikers and strike leaders. They forced the bosses to withdraw the scheme for nine combs, to withdraw the efficiency men, and to deal with the department committees elected by the workers. The bosses would not grant the demand on overtime. But the attitude of the strikers indicated in the Strike Committee's statement on the subject, shows that the bosses will meet wide resistance when they try to demand overtime, which the workers want to cut out entirely

The strike is significant to the whole working class movement:

1. It refuted the lie of Hoover and Green, the lie that has been repeated by all shades of reformists and opportunists, that the workers will not strike during periods of unemployment, and if they do, they "can't win anything." Let all opportunists take notice!

2. It again exposed the American Federation of Labor as a strikebreaking agency, and showed the workers that only the revolutionary unions affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League really lead their struggles against the bosses' attack on their living standards

3. It again revealed and emphasized the reactionary alliance between the employers, the "labor" misleaders, the church and the capitalist government as common enemies of the workers whom they must struggle against in every effort to maintain and better conditions. The workers especially learned the open and active strike-breaking role of the capitalist government by the action of the U.S. Department of Labor's

The strike revealed also the many weaknesses in the militant unions of the T. U. U. L. and their methods of work. It emphasized again that only by the policies of the Red International of Labor Unions, embodying the whole experience of strike struggles throughout the entire world, can the workers carry on effective struggle.

One of the principal mistakes in Lawrence, one which caused much demoralization and prevented the quick reorganization of the workers' forces, was the failure to elect a sufficiently broad, well-representative

Another important mistake was the failure of the National Textile Workers' Union to carry on a sharp struggle against the American Legion's strike-breaking policy and the treachery policy of the self-termed "progressives" of the Muste group of the A. F. of L., while the N. T. W. U. was preparing the strike.

test of the N. T. W.U., which enrolled over 1,000 concessions the same forced from the mill owners. The brutal attack against the strikers and the N. T. W. U., proves that the employers will now attempt to take back the concessions the workers won, the concessions won because of the leadership of the N. T. W. U. and the policy of conducting strikes.

For this defense of the fruits of victory it is necessary to organize Mill Committees of the most militant and trustworthy workers. To build a powerful National Textile Workers' Union in Lawrence.

And as an immediate test in this connection, the workers must answer the employers' attack against their union concealed behind an attack on "outsiders." A broad struggle must be organized for the release of Berkman, Devine, Murdock and all other arrested workers and leaders, against deportation and persecution. By this attack, the mill owners are trying to lay a precedent for the persecution of all unions that really struggle and to outlaw strikes.

The workers of the entire country will be inspired by the victory won by the Lawrence textile workers! They will join in the movement for RUTHENBERG MEMORIAL MEET release of the strike leaders! They will join the fight against wage cuts and speed-up, in the fight for the right to organize and strike!

### True To Form

ACCORDING to an Associated Press report from New Orleans, the sessions of the General Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South just ended, marked by a severe denunciation of Com-

"The members," said the report, after a two day session here, were pledged to continued activity at home and abroad to combat 'COMMUN-ISTIC AND ATHEISTIC PROPAGANDA,' to use their influence in a campaign against lynchings, and to aid the unemployed."

This declaration, coming as it does from such a slave-owning, slavedriving body as the Methodist Episcopal Church, South does not surprise us in the least. We are neither surprised by their declarations agains Communism, nor by such demagogic promises as the "to use their influence in a campaign against lynchings, and to aid the unemployed."

Both their attacks on us and their promises to "aid" the hungry and persecuted workers have the same slimy, boss-serving purpose. Both are in harmony with their century of faithful service to the slave-owners. Both have as their aim the continued vicious enslavement and bloody exploitation of the toiling masses, Negro and white.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, took its stand for human slavery in 1845; and that stand has never been changed. Now, 70 years after the outbreak of the Civil War, it still retains its separate identity because it refuses to even make a pretense of accepting Negroes in its own ranks on a basis of equality. It still worships at a shrine constructed around insane Negrophobia which first represented the interests of its Ku Klux Klan founders and now of the Southern capitalists.

Today in the South, millions of Negro and white workers are toiling and living under the most miserable conditions. The Negroes, especially, are subjected to an intolerable persecution, of which the growing lynch terror is only the most revolting. And, naturally, the spirit of rebellion is rising. The Negro and white workers are more and more accepting the leadership of the Communist Party, which alone fights for their interests.

As in 1845, the church bishops again see the profits of their bosses being jeoperdized. They declare war against the Communists today, just as they warred against the abolitionists in the years before 1865. And they fought a loosing battle then, just as they are fighting a loosing battle

All their lying promises about a "campaign against lynching and to aid the unemployed," and their attacks against Communism, will not save their cowardly hides, or those of their masters. The workers, Negro and white, fighting together in one united army under Communist Party leadership, will march forward to victory, to a workers' government, despite the flabby protests of handful of Methodist bishops.

## STRIKERS **ROUT COPS** AND SCABS

Strikers Morale Is Excellent; Picket Big Shop

NEW YORK .- Scabs in the dressmakers' strike here received their just desserts as well as some of their own medicine late Friday evening when several hundred striking dressmakers engaged in an extremely militant picketing of the Needleman and Brenner shop, 40th St., near Seventh Ave.

The clash between strikers on the one hand and scabs and cops on the other was brief, but sharp, and before it was over the scabs were moving rather hurriedly in the direction of Albany and the cops were scurrying about like rats in a trap trying to dodge the small but compact missles that filled the air.

There were individual as well as group fights, but when the picketers counted their forces they found that none was arrested and but a few were bruised. One of the most ardent of the dressmakers was a woman who had her head gashed open by a scab the day before and although she had asked to be driven to the hospital in a cab at her own

The Needleman and Brenner shop has taken a leading part in the assault on the standard of living of the dressmakers here, actually breaking a contract with the eedle Trades Workers' Industrial Union and signing one with the I. L. G. W., the ner shop controls seven other shops directly and many more indirectly, the Industrial Union has taken up the hall was overcrowded. peatedly.

lence. No dressmaker has returned the defense, the workers' jury elected to his shop except when the em- by the meeting brought in a rerdict ployer of the shop signed an agree- of guilty against Yokinen, with recment with the Industrial Union ommendation for his expulsion from guaranteeing higher wages, a shorter the Communist Party, with the right committees and of the union.

taking place in the industry before

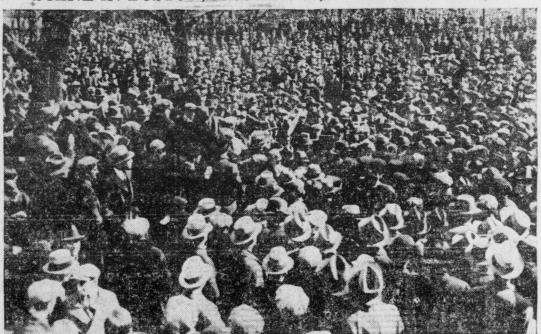
day night a huge success

their way to Albany.

Wednesday evening, March 4.

Hunger Marchers will be there in a body.

SCENE IN BOSTON, MASS. AS 30,000 DEMAND RELIEF



Boston workers, employed and unemployed, turned out 30,000 strong in the February 25th Demonstration and militantly resisted efforts of Police agents of the bosses to break up their demonstration for immediate relief and Unemployment Insurance. The workers of Boston pledged to carry on the struggle, under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League and its Unemployed Council, against the bosses' hunger system.

## Mass Trial Votes Expulsion of Yokinen from Communist Party

## for Readmission After Proving Himself

NEW YORK .-- Over 1,500 workers packed Harlem Casino at the mass trial yesterday afternoon of Yokinen, a member of the Communist Party, charged with the anti-working class crime of white chauvinism. One company union, which "guaranteed" hundred and thirteen working class against the calling of strikes. Inashall by the police on the pretext that

mass picketing before the shop re- white comrade of the Party and ..ewburgh, N. Y., and held on peatedly. the challenge and has engaged in With C. A. Hathaway, a leading member of the Secretariat, prosecut- \$500 bail, was the spirit of the one woman were the delegates. Here dition to this tremendous gain, the Crowism, etc, his activities in the

(CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

NEW YORK .- Workers and their organizations are being rallied

The Memorial will be held at the Central Opera House, 67th Street

throughout New York City to make the Ruthenberg Memorial Wednes-

and Third Avenue. Speakers will include leading members of the Com-

munist Party and the leaders of the Hunger March to Albany. The

presentation at Albany of the demands for immediate relief and un-

employment insurance and descriptions of the cheering receptions given

the Hunger Marchers in all the places through which they passed on

A report on the Hunger March will be given which will include the

All workers are urged to turn out for this Memorial Meeting,

## who had been forced by a cop to wait half an hour for an ambulance with half an hour for an ambulance Hunger Marchers to Albany

11 Negro Workers Join March at Dutchess Junction: Workers Force Release of Delegates Arrested by Newburgh Cops

HUDSON, N. Y., March 1-"Go on, fellow workers, march much as the Needleman and Bren- 211 delegates. Many hundreds of on to Albany. Don't stop to bail us out. It's more important workers were turned away from the that you get to Albany. You can take care of us later. But you must get to Albany." This statement by Bryden, one of the 5 hunger marchers arrested for distributing leaflets in

Morale among the strikers contin- ing Yokinen, and Richard B. Moore, entire delegation. The hunger ues to be noteworthy for its excel- a leading Negro comrade acting for marchers in true working class solidarity was sung by all the worksolidarity, however, forced the ers. release of the five, and now they are The marchers were last reported in also on the march to Albany.

workday and recognition of the shop to re-apply for re-admission upon Poughkeepsie where the workers had an open air meeting at 7th street. the basis of his activities against awaited the hunger fighters for three meeting is held. Daily Workers are More than 1,200 workers have gone white chauvinism in the Finnish Club days. They paraded through the given out in every town. Leaflets back to the shops under these condi-and other working class organizations, town in disciplined formation, in are distributed. In Poughkeepsie tions since the strike began. In ad- his participation in the fight on Jim ranks. Spirits well high. Workers insisted upon paying five, along the streets cheered them on. ten, and fifteen cents for single copies strike has put an effective stop to League of Struggle for Negro Rights Here as every place else unemployed of the "Daily Worker". The spirit the merciless wage-cutting which was of which he was instructed to become workers joined the march. The whole of the marchers is high. They are town was out to see the marchers certain that they will reach the state off. Workers hung out of windows, capital, at Albany. The Workers with them through the main streets of the town, and in every way showed there. One worker was quite ill, but their enthusiastic sympathy, and sol-

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MARCH 4 Fred Biedenkamp and Sam Nesin Albany. spoke. Outdoor and indoor meetings were held. Two indoor meetings were slept over night, and the other at ers. Rank and file delegates spoke at all the rallies.

the march to Albany. Ten men and League.

tically greeted. The spirit was high.

Hudson, New York, where the mayor Yesterday the marchers passed thru of the town gave permission to hold

Every morning an educationa on door steps, through doors, marched International Relief has a medical unit set up. Workers get treatment

### held, one at the Colored Center, on Coney Island Workers Katheryn Street, where the workers Form Tenant League the Unemployed Council headquart- and House Committees pose to throw them out. The unem-

In Dutchess Junction, a town of Coney Island organized a tenants the floor." The chairman, seeing mostly Negro population, and where league last night and decided to go to refuse the floor to the spokesman the workers have not been working from house to house to organize of the unemployed, after a hasty present time only one factory is house committees, and to draw in as whisper with his committee, said that working, eleven Negro jobless joined many workers as possible into the Van Veen could have the floor after March 8, at 2 p. m., the workers of

## FORCE BOSSES WITHDRAW "EFFICIENCY" EXPERTS; STRIKERS RETURN TODAY

Strikers Enraged at Government, A. F. of L. and Church Combined Terror Campaign Against the Workers

Returning Workers Must Be on Alert to Strike Again If Bosses Make It Necessary

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 1.—Over 10,000 teütile workers return to work Monday morning in the mills of the American Woolen Company, after a strike of two weeks under the leadership of the National Textile Workers Union, having won a decisive victory in the main demand of the fight, against the speed-up and "efficiency" experts. This was the decision of the strike committee, meeting late Friday night, after the dramatic developments of the strike Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Filled with the consciousness of an important victory

oagainst the speed-up and wage-cut,

filled with rage against the employ-

the workers are at the same time

ers, the government, and their A. F.

of L. agents and the church, who all

united in a terror drive against the

strikers at the same moment that the

bosses surrendered to the strikers on

the main demand. The victory is,

rary retreat on the part of the bosses,

which can only be held by the utmost

vigilance and preparedness to strike

again soon if it becomes necessary.

of the strike was timed with the ar-

rest of the leaders, Edith Berkman,

Pat Devine, and William Murdock, as

a measure to disorganize the strikers,

split them up, and dissolve their sol-

idarity in internal dissentions. The

organized retreat of the 10,000 strik-

ers, under the leadership of the Na-

tional Textile Workers Union, by go-

ing back to work with only the main

demand gained, while overtime pay-

ment and union recognition is still

refused, has therefore upset the cal-

culations of the bosses. The work-

tact, and their fighting spirit is un-

The immediate gain of the strik-

ers is the abolition of the system of

combs for two workers, return to

the old system of 3 combs for one

worker, dismissal from the mills of

The terror campaign against the

strike was quite evidently planned

and directed by the government at

the "efficiency" experts.

The concession of the main demand

therefore, understoor to be a tempo-

### Rush Funds Defend Lawrence Strikers

BOSTON. - Five thousand dollars in cash or liberty bonds must be received by the International Labor Defense immediately if the five Lawrence strike leaders are to be released on bail, the local I.L.D. here announces.

Funds must also be sent at once to defend these five militants against "conspiracy" charges and against attempts to deport them.

All workers everywhere are urged to respond to this emergency appeal to defend Edith Berkman, Pat Devine, William Murdock, Alexander Danilevitch, and John Czarezki, now imprisoned in the Immigration Station at East Boston,

Loans and donations must sent as quickly as possible to the Boston district office of the International Labor Defense, 113 Dudley Street, Boston.

Organize protests everywhere. Voice your protest in resolutions demanding the unconditional release of Berkman, Devine, Murdock and the other arrested strike

# HURL DEMANDS AT

## Breaks Into Meet

New York Councils of the Unemrefused to remain, and insisted upon ployed, Sadie Van Veen demanded marching with the other workers to the floor at the fake conference of so-called welfare workers at the Town Hall on Friday, including the Prosser Committee and the police commissioner. The chairman was undecided; the police made a move toward the delegation with the purployed workers in the delegation NEW YORK. - The workers of shouted: "Let her speak; give her Mulrooney's report.

> pared by the committee of Unem- the Grand Manor, 318 Grand St., ployed Councils, denouncing charity, near Haremaker, Brooklyn. the breadlines, the starvation doles. In a call issued by the Commusoup kitchens, flophouses, etc. The nist Party, Section 6 stated: "With statement also included the mayor's the present unemployment situation committee and the squandering of and growing misery of the working hundreds of thousands of dollars class, the working women and housewhich had been turned over to them wives muust organize in the strugand organized charity.

> The statement ended with the demand for immediate cash relief, no evictions of the unemployed, free for jobless workers, for free unemgas, rent and heat for the unemployed, free, warm food for all school children of the unemployed and the demand for unemployment insur-

Every word of the statement got ment was followed by so much discussion that the Prosser Committee was not able to go ahead with the

The meeting practically got away from the chairman, who saved his face by adjourning the meeting.

Washington. Beginning with mobilization of Department of Labor officials, the attack took another step Jobless Delegation forward with a public definition of the strike by William Green, president of the A. F. of L., who gave his blessings to the police and government Stating that she represented the with the announcement that the strike "outlaw" and to be suppressed by any means.

impaired.

This was followed by a church can paign against the strike led by the Catholic Church, and in particular b Father McDonald. This "holy fathe declared:

"Our friends of the textile union (CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE)

## B'KLYN WOMEN WILL MEET MAR. 8

BROOKLYN, N. Y .-- On Sunday Boro Hall, Williamsburgh, will cele-Van Veen read a statement pre- brate International Women's day at

gles for immediate unemployment relief, free food and clothing for children of the unemployed, free rent ployment insurance." It further stated: "On International Women's Day the working women are called uron to join in world-wide demonstration 1 the struggle against capitalism and exploitation.

### Meetings Tomorrow

Mass meetings of the Needle Strikers will be held tomorrow in Bryant Hall and in Irving Plaza at 2 p. m. Well-known labor leaders will address the strikers and an entertainment in each hall will be presented by the members of the various revolutionary cul-

## "Build the National Textile Workers Union To Keep Our Victory", Says Strike Committee

(Statement of the Lawrence Strike Committee Unanimously Adopted by the Strikers' Mass Meeting in Lexington Hall, Feb. 27, 1931)

THE textile workers of Lawrence un- Company was prevented from giv- went on strike they decided on a strikers participating in the bosses'

ers' bluff about the "red outsiders." grew, the mill officials granted the mobilized against the strikers. We followed the National Textile withdrawing of the efficiency men Workers' Union because we have seen and recognition of the department Lawrence, in New Bedford and in

Try Reign of Terror other struggles of the textile work-

der the leadership of the Na- ing us a direct wage cut which they reign of terror, Under their orders fake balloting. Company stool pigtional Textile Workers' Union have did in nearly every one of their other our strike committee was broken into eons who voted many times, cast ance, to be taken from the taxation answered the new speedup regulations of the mill owners. Our brilliant strike completely tied up the

mills.

by the police and our strike leaders most of the ballots. While the fake arrested. Every kind of threat was balloting was going on, over 2,000 and state treasuries, and that all strikers, our mass picketing, our deused against us. The mayor, the strigers in Lexington Hall voted to Wood, Washington and Ayer Mills termination made the mill officials citiezns' committee, composed of stand solid despite the terror of the of the unemployed. of the American Woolen Company. give in and they immediaely with- enemies of the workers, many church company and demanded the release We did not fall for the mill own- drew the nine combs. As the strike men, police and state troopers were of Berkman, Devine, Murdock and across. The hall was absolutely A Fake Vote

Behind this terror the mill owners tinued. it in action in the Pacific Print, in committees elected by the workers. organized a fake vote to end the The Lexington meeting spoke for strike. They announced that by a the big majority of the mill workers program. ers. It is because we had our union at the spreading of the strike. When cepted the bosses proposal. But we that the American Woolen the Maynard Mill of the company know that there were no 2,000 (CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE)

the other strike leaders. The strug- silent as Van Ven spoke. The stategle for their release must be con-

The mill owners became terrified vote of 1,000 to 400 the strikers ac- as can be seen from the fact that

## **NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK STATE** HUNGER MARCHERS APPROACH GOAL

Food, Lodging Given marched to Military Park. Along Line of March In Workers Solidarity

BULLETIN.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.-Hunger Marchers arrived in New Brunswick at 6:30 as scheduled and in spite of the fact that it was dark the whole city turned out and marched on both sides of the street in token of greeting the Hunger Marchers. Both sides of the street were lined with marchers. All walked to the headquarters of the Unemployed Council, 11

An open-air meeting was held at the council headquarters. The whole block was thick with workers and all around the streets were lined with workers. A vote was taken to endorse the Unemployment Insurance Bill, and the resounding cheers were so loud that the whole city echoed with the unanimous vote of ratification.

The marchers were fed and remained in New Brunswick over night. Tomorrow morning there will be two mass demonstrations in New Brunswick. One will be held in front of the Johnson and Johnson factory and the other at French and New Sts. Thousands of leaflets have been distributed.

CARTERET, N. J., March 1 .ers left Paterson on Saturday at 12:30 and marched five miles to Passaic, where they were met by 100 marched to the Unemployed Council prepared dinner for them. From a bed with bedclothes. there the Hunger Marchers took stopped at the outskirts of Newark

## OPEN HARLEM W.I.R. KITCHEN

Strikers!

In a manner that was not duplicated since the first days of the strike, those workers, after the feeding at yesterday noon, went on the picket line, singing and shouting, with determination to win.

These workers were facing actual hunger, since they were the lowest paid in the industry, making from \$7.00 to \$10.00 a week on an average. With no experience in unionage. With no experience in unionthe south side of Chicago. Last ranks of the working class and take
ism until now, they have showed a the south side of Chicago. Last ranks of the working class and take
The meeting, which was held at maintained

The Workers International Relief, lets from sawed off shotguns. seeing the great need of these strikers will establish two feedings a day, in the morning and afternoon. Bryant Hall, 42nd Street and Sixth the robbers" by the store owner. He A kitchen will also be opened at Avenue in conjunction with the gave chase and got one-half a block Women's Council.

show these strikers that their fellow-It is of utmost importance to workers are solidly back of them, supporting their fight for better working and living conditions. Send food and cash at once to W.I.R., 131 West 28th Street, New York City.

#### Pamphlet on Social Insurance Added to International List

A new pamphlet, "Social Insurance," by Grace Burnham, has just is a crime that must be answered been issued by International Pam- with death. The police vere comphlets in their 10 cent series. In this little book, social insurance, which is defined as a measure of security in times of unemployment, sickness, old age and other crises, is for the first time completely treated. Comrade Burnham analyzes the need for social insurance, not only in times of unemployment, but in every condition which cuts down the workers' earning power-accident, maternity, invalidity, illness. Each of these is completely and individually treated.

"No complete system of social insurance can be expected from a capitalist government," she says. "But wherever the working class is strongly organized on the political front as well as in the trade unions it is able to wrest certain concessions." The situation in the Soviet Union, with its complete system of social insurance, is treated and compared with the situation in capitalist countries.

An interesting feature of "Social Insurance" is the treatment of the fight against worker-administered insurance from capitalist sources not only because of the added strength thereby given the working class, but because of the huge profits of the insurance companies, whose method of giving minimum protection with maximum profit is analyzed.

This pamphlet may be obtained from bookstores, unions, of the Workers Library Publishers, 50 East 13th Street, New York, who will also be glad to furnish a list of other pamphlets and books of interest to workers. The price is 10 cents with discounts on quantity orders.

Smarb the anti-labor laws of the

ployed delegation of 100 and were

The police tried to break up the march, but didn't succeed. At Military Park 4,000 workers had gathered to greet the Hunger Marchers. Here some hooligans tried to break up the demonstration, but the workers were too many, and they too few, and they were quickly dispersed and

From here the workers all marche to the headquarters of the Unemployed Council, shouting slogans and attracting workers along the line of march. Leaflets were distributed Daily Workers and pamphlets sold

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## JOBLESS BEAT UP POLICE SLUGGERS

Resist Flop House Terrorism

While attempting to intimidate the Unemployed Workers that are forced to sleep in the lousy Municipal Flop House at 25th Street and First Avenue, 4 cops were beaten up last night. The attack on the workers started about 1 o'clock in the morning when a cop came in and started to try and bulldoze the Thirty New Jersey Hunger March- workers. He was made short work of and then other cops came in and before the battle was over there had been a total of four police beaten up workers who greeted them and by the workers who refused to be One of the cops was slugged. headquarters, where the workers had stripped of his uniform and tied into

About 7 o'clock in the morning trucks to Newark. The workers two cops tried the same tactics with diately handled in the same manner as the four of the previous Tam-

This expression of the workers show their readiness to fight and they must be organized to come out ento the streets with the hundreds Speed Relief for Needle of thousands of other workers and fight against being forced to sleep in lousy flop houses

All Unemployed workers from the NEW YORK .- New enthusiasm, bread lines and flop houses come new militancy, was the immediate to the demonstration on Union result of the opening of a kitchen at | Square at 4.30 P. M. today and fight the Harlem needle-trades strike for your right to live as workers centre, 2011 Third Avenue, by the should live, Demand Unemployment Workers International Relief yes- Insurance by organizing and fighting

# CHI. COPS MURDER

third victim of police terrorism on of the Negro misleaders to split the starving workers. dered him by loading him with bul-

A grocery store was robbed by workers in the poverty stricken south side. Barnett, employed in the store, was given a gun and told the "get away when a police car rushed on the scene. They opened fire on the ped running when he heard the siren of the squad car. They made no attempt to find out Barnett's identity. The policy of "shoot and ask

questions later" took another life. The republican machine of Chicago knows that mass unemployment will lead many workers to steel in order to live. The Chicago political machine allows for wholesale graft They overlook the shooting of bystanders by the rival gangs with whom the city officials are intimate But the stealing of a loaf of bread pletely whitewashed at the coroner's

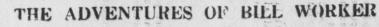
inquest. Barnett was the sole support of his family. He left school at the age of 14 and went to work. By his work, he supported a mother, father who was hurt in his shop, and two younger brothers. The family is destitute. The city doesn't make even a fake pretense the aid the family. They want to forget the incident as they forgot the murder of Mason, a Communist worker and Gray, an un-

employed worker. The Youn ogCmmunist League League and Communist Party of at 8 p. m. The reception will be Chicago have arranged for a mass protest meeting to demand arrest of the police as murderers.

### Seek Action on District Pages

Why has Seattle, Detroit. California no district page? Chicago has now received its third weekly edition, Philadelphia its second, and Cleveland its first. All three districts have sent in their reactions on the weekly editions, and have made good suggestions for improvement from their side as well as from ours. We expect the above three districts, which have not yet ordered a weekly issue, to do so immediately. Four columns of space at \$8 per thousand with an extra order of 2,000 weekly is the

(60,000 circulation page 3.)





Negro Reformist Outfit Tries Split

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.-A Negro reformist group consisting of church Alderman John Clifford to "force" the city to employ Negroes several Finnish workers. as ticket takers, conductors, motormen, guards, mechanics and white collar men in the proposed consolidated subway system.

At a meeting in Salem M. E. Church at 51 West 132nd St., Sunday afternoon, foreign born workers were attacked by Sol Johnson and Mrs. Julia Coleman Robingson, wife of the pastor of St. Marks M. E. Church, largest Negro (jim crow) M. E. Church in Harlem. Mrs. Robingson, imit ating the imperialist policy of taghunkies" and included with Jews.

from Harlem, as a means of forcing thusiastic reception. NEGRO LAD OF 14 the subway companies to hire NeThis was the first time a hall was groes." The city committee of the refused to a nationally known revotheir misery and oppression

# WORKERS STRIKE

CHICAGO, Ill., March 1.-Building trades workers of Michigan City, Ind., went on strike when the bosses proposed a \$2 a day wage-cut for carpenters, painters, electricians and sheet metal workers. All construction work in the city stands still, more. The American Federation of Labor bureaucrats are attempting to break

The Trade Union Unity League sent its representatives to Michigan City to help the workers lead the strike against wage-cuts.

## **National Training** School Opens Mar.9

Students

NEW YORK .-- A monster reception, banquet and dance will be given by the students of the Workers' School for the students of the National Training School of the Communist Party at the Workers' Center, 35 E. 12th St., Saturday, March 7, marked with good food, program, dance and revolutionary enthusiasm, The Training School will be opened on March 9.

About seventy workers from all parts of the country, steeled with experience in the revolutionary struggle, will be sent by the Communist Party districts and the Trade Union Unity League to the National Training School to be trained as cadres for the Communist Party and the revolutionary trade unions to lead the workers and farmers in their revolutionary struggles. These students deserve the biggest and most colorful reception which is being arranged by the students of the Work-

Tickets are now obtainable at 50 ents each at the Workers' School office. Since tickets are limited in number, workers are advised to get them before it is too late.

Comrades who have rooms for the students of the National Training School for about three months please mmediately communicate with the Workers' School office, 48-50 E. 13th St., second floor. Telephone Algon-

# ON FOREIGN-BORN Morning at 11 O'clock

NEW YORK .- Harlem Unemployed Council will hold a meeting this morning at 11 o'clock at 308 Leno: Avenue to intensify its fight for immediate relief and unemployment insurance and against the evictions of

The Council will also take up the and Solomon Johnson, Immigration ants Leagues throughout Harlem. Inspector at Ellis Island have formed jointly of Negro, Latin American and Playhouse beginning today. an anti-foreign born committee un- native and foreign born white workder the guise of "Unemployment ers. It will also take up the ques-Committee to Get Subway Jobs for tion of the attacks on the foreign Unemployed Negro Workers." The born, particularly dealing with the committee is drawing up a bill to raid on the Finnish Workers Home be presented to the state legislature and the arrest for deportation of

# 2,000 HEAR FOSTER

Veteran Leader

ging insulting names on to the most bined forces of the Anaconda Copexploited groups of workers-referred per, the American Legion and the to foreign born workers as "wops, fascist A. F. of L. bureaucrats sought to keep William Z. Foster, secretary She said that Negroes having of the Trade Union Unity League, laundry for wash, buyers of food and from speaking to the workers here, other supplies from drivers of wagons by refusing every hall, a street meetby foreign born workers should boy- ing was held, at which 2,000 workers cott them, and "they must be driven gave the veteran mass leader an en-

This was the first time a hall was

ism until now, they have showed a militancy that must at all costs be week, a police squad brutally murth but the minds of the Negro workers off Park and Wyoming, in the business section, ran at a high pitch and showed the readiness of the copper mine country workers for struggle.

GARY, Ind.-Calling upon the steel workers here to rally for struggle against worsening conditions leaflets for the Foster meeting have been broadcast throughout the town.

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## PLAY OFF NEGROE Harlem Unemployed FIRST RUSSIAN TALKING FILM Meets This AT 8TH STREET PLAYHOUSE TODAY

to be shown in America, will be a Trio. "Dracula" with Bela Lugosi. lengthy newsreel of the trial in Mos- David Manners and Helen Chandler cow of the seven engineers of the is the screen attraction. Industrial Party recently found ALBEE: The screen version of guilty and sentenced to death, which "Dracula" is being held over at the that witnesses were present in the was subsequently commuted to seven Albee for another week. Phil Cook. Hawkins, Assemblyman J. Stephens question of helping to organizo Ten- years' imprisonment. These pictures Burns and Kissen, Casa and Lehn, will be shown at the Eighth Street and the Phyllis Rae Octette head the his guilt.

The film was made under many difficulties in the court room and of Moscow where the workers listened in over a network of radios to the testimony of the indicted men as they made their public confessions. **EXPEL RIAZANOV** 

one of the most significant films BUTTE, MONT. to come out of the U. S. S. R. Difficulties were encountered in this work, because of the inexperience with lighting arrangements and Conspired With Inter-All Halls Refused to microphonic placements, but surprisingly clear results were achieved Those being tried were unaware of the fact that their confessions were being recorded for posterity.

The films were well received in Russia and in other European countries in which they have been shown. The first public showing will take place at 10 a. m. at the Eighth Street Playhouse today.

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Merediths, Evelyn Hoev, are the chief shows the procedure of the trial in vaudeville acts. On the screen Helen detail. Included in the film are Twelvetrees is seen as the heroine scenes of the crowds in the streets of Donald Henderson Clarke's

ventionists

(Cable By Inprecorr)

tral Control Commission of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union at its meeting of February 17th, D. B. Riazanov stands expelled from the ranks of the Party as a traitor. He

#### not in words but in deeds our line member at all times that the Party and as the vanguard we could have no indecisive elements, we had to

MOSCOW.-By decision of the Cen-

was expelled because of his aid to the viks and because he established laison amongst them and with the menshe HIPPODROME: Karyl Norman, vik center abroad. Riazanov had con-'The Creole Fashion Plate," heads cealed a letter of instructions from the eight-act vaudeville bill which the menshevik bureau abroad in re League of Struggle for Negro Rights lutionary speaker and indicates the includes Art Henry, Georgis Tapps gards to a bloc with the counter-CHICAGO, March 1.—Tom Bar- and the Harlem Council of the Un- fear the mine barons and their and his Dance Mannequins, with revolutionary parties and the organinett, a Negro lad of 14 years, is the employed will expose this attempt agents have of the unemployed and Marion Lane; Dezso Reter, Jimmy zation of intervention submitted to O'Brien, Enos Frazere, Phil Seed and him by the menshevik I. Rubin.

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Mass Trial Votes

struggle for N gro rights

Expulsion of Yokinen

(CONTINUED PROM PAGE ONE)

The jury consisted of 14 workers,

7 of whom were Negroes. The prose-

cuting attorney while announcing

hall waived his right to call any in

view of Yokinen's open admission of

Comrade Yokinen read a statement

in which he completely denounced

his chauvinistic attitude, censured

himself for not having fought the

Hathaway in summing up for the

presecution demanded the expulsion

of Yokinen, "because we had to show

on the Negro question, and to re-

is the vanguard of the proletariat

have men of iron in order to wage

the struggle against the capitalist

system. We must utterly convince

the Negro masses that the Party will

Moore declared that for a Comm

nist expulsion from the Party was

worse than the death penalty and

that he for one would prefer to be

lynched than expelled from the

Alfred Wagenknecht acted as judge

the fight on white chauvinism."

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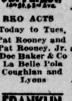
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## INDIANAPOLIS EOSEES HAVE NEAR-PEONAGE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Children of Jobless Going Around With Little 3 Clothes and Lack Good Food

Family of Ten Found Starving; Baby Shriveled Up By Hunger, Dies

I thought perhaps your readers would be interested to hear Pary, suburb of Detroit, on Feb. 24 of some of the things that are happening in this mid-west, He had paid \$3,200 on his house, and capitalist-ridden city. At times here this winter the suffering was behind in his payments since among the poor has been acute. There has been very little work.

The Chamber of commerce which has charge of all of the city's work is paying the workers two dollars and twenty cents he still uses crutches. The landlord, a week and a basket of grub. If a man refuses to work for this who caused the eviction, is Fred Pilmeager salary he is hailed into municipal court before Judge on, rienest man in Lincoln Park, has a private pool and gymnasium in his Wetter who has about as much feeling for a poor man as a hound has for a rabbit.

Peonage for Workers. Stupidity itself couldn't fail to see the sinister purpose that lurks behind their plans. They're usherin in a system of peopage under which the poor will be as helpless as the Russian peasant under the

It's no uncommon sight here to see the shelter of the court house. Had rible drama is acted. the winter been as severe as some

the poor would be appalling. About the saddest story of human here this week. A family of ten living in the northern part of the city was found on the verge of starration. They had been without food to long that they had grown too ishly furnished mansion.

weak to go out and look for help. When found, an infant in the the group was rushed to the hospital in the hopes of saving her life. But in vain. Long endured hunger had done its work.

men and children half naked walking form bore mute testimony of the police, the constable and Pilon himthe streets shivering with cold. And truth that she was a victim of star- self were present, a decision was I have seen men, poor homeless, help- vation. And "Christian America" made to stop the eviction. The final less creatures driven like dogs from looks complacently on while the ter- plans were made on Monday.

But I must make an exception to we have here the death rate among this, for I have heard that but for the word came that the eviction was When applied to for aid the authorities always plead lack of funds. But they readily turned over fifty thousand dollars of the peoples' money to the governor to fix up his already lav- fight with the police started, when

#### Four Die, Sixteen Poisoned On Tacoma Breadline

Daily Worker: On Thursday, Feb. 19th, sixteen were poisoned from eating filthy slop that is handed out at the Volunteers of America (Vultures of Amer-

Four of these have already died. Two more are not expected to recover. The rest are now in the county hospital. This is the kind of bosses'

charity we are forced to accept here in Tacoma.

#### Sunshine Club Is Name of Seattle Breadline loway, constable, political product of Seattle, Wash. profits from the food that is sent

line is situated, the light is poor and miserable place for the hungry untain health standards.

As I was coming from the breadline, there were two young fellows they received at the bread line.

soup lines. The Sunshine Club in its from. This is the way the workers particular. In the first place it should are taken advantage of in their misbe called the gloomy club. As the ery and unemployment, and fellow armory is the place where the soup workers, if we are to gain our object, and get a better standard of living, we the air is foul, which makes it a most must organize into a strong unemployed council and put up a fight employed to find a mere existence for the right to live. We must go in the way of bosses' charity. The to the bread lines and get the workfood is the most inadequate to main- ers to demonstrate in the hunger marches, as this makes the bosses see that there is misery and unemployment in the United States. We who asked me for a dime or two, as must go to the mines, mills and facthey had been on the bread line for tories and get the workers to organweeks. They wanted to get some- ize and demonstrate in the hunger thing more substantial than the slop march, and this way we will become strong enough to take the relief, if The Sunshine Club is making large the bosses do not give it to us.

to them to give to the workers. As

### Bosses Burn Bread Rather Than Feed Starving

(By a Worker Correspondent) Chicago, III. Daily Worker:-

Fellow workers and comrades. Do not let your families or friends patronize the following bakeries: Aberceen, 1149 W. Madison, Bernhardt's, 1847 W. Madison, "Our Bakery," 1751 W. Madison. They burn bread wather than let the hungry and the

They refused to let us have stale bread and eakes for needy people here at the house but turned around and burned about 200 loaves of bread each and 50 cakes and coffee .rings .each .recently. Three. workers were paid 20 cents each for two hours work. Can you beat it!

needy workers have it.

#### Jamestown Furniture Factories Slash Pay Jamestown, N. Y.

Daily Worker:

The Union Furniture Co. has had three wage cuts in eighteen months, the first, 10 cents per hour, the second six months later 10 cents per in general look very dark. hour and the third, 10 per cent: This last cut took effect Feb. 23

and piece work has been cut so they can't make a daily wage.

Also the other furniture factories three days per week while conditions

Unemployed Council of

### Railroads Talk of Cutting Out Pensions

I see in the Daily Worker of Feb 19 that the steel industry is discharging the old men with a long the men in 1920 but went back to I don't work in the steel industry.

I work on the railroad. I am per-Toledo. Bill Lee , a switchman and

Toledo, O. | Holl and an inspector were retired without pension. Bill Lee scabbed in the strike of

> work 3 days before the strike was over at Toledo. I overheard a Nye official talking

sonally familiar with 3 or 4 cases today and he said the company was of the M. C. Ry. and the Nye at going to get away from the pension.

#### Gov. Olson of Minnesota Toilers' Enemy Little Falls, Minn. | His visit to the National Military an attempt to put the burden of un-

Daily Worker:-

Hardly had Governor Floyd B. Olson, farmer-laborite, stepped into the place. breeches left by Gov. Christensen rupt and not able to pay taxes and A. F. of L. to demand Unemployment that he began to show himself as a the city feeding the unemployed. That Insurance from the City administra-

While the farmers are going bankreal class enemy of the laboring class. is the situation in this country.-A.

### Oranges Rot As Jobless Starve In Florida

t have no job and no money at all.

When I get through reading the union crats! now how I will get feed for the rule this country.

Fort Pierce, Fla. | chickens. Slow starvation is what I get every day.

This crisis is giving me hell. Don't here. No market they say. The poor now if I will be able to live over it children up north would be glad to get some oranges.

rice for eggs, feed high. Will try give them away. Hope the workers nd get some hens for fryers. Don't will soon be in the white house and

# CRIPPLED WAR

Communist Candidates Arrested Resisting Move

DETROIT, March 1.-Wm. Jarvis, war veteran, gassed in the war, was evicted from his home in Lincoln July, when he had both his legs broken on a construction job, and house, and is a pillar of the Catholic church and a real estate dealer.

The Unemployed Council of Lincoln Park took note of the fact that this crippled worker and his family would be evicted and made preparations to stop this eviction. On Fri-I am told by one who saw her after days, February 20, at the meeting kind death had ended her suffering of the Unemployed Council at the that her drawn face and emaciated Goodell School, where the chief of

On February 24th, at about 4 p.m., charity of a Negro church this entire taking place. The entire working to the workers. family might have starved to death. crew, on a school house that is going up. where William Reynolds work, left their work and went to the place of the eviction. The crowd began to gather, and at 6 o'clock the -O.O.P. John Voden, member of the Unemployed Council and Communist Candidate for Councilman, took a piece of furniture and started to take it. into the house. He was jumped upon by a dozen policemen.

Wm. Reynolds, Communist Can- better played up. didate for mayor, went to his assistance and he was jumped upon by the police too. His brother, Charles, came to his assistance and the fight with the police started. John Voden, William and Charles Reynolds were handcuffed and dragged into the house, stood against the wall and beaten up by Wm. Gal-

They were taken to the local police I am writing about the miserable the best of it is used to obtain prof- station, but the police refused to accept them, fearing action on the part of the enraged masses. They were then taken to the county jail. On the way to the fail the sheriff threatened Wm. Reynolds, who is an American, born in the United States, with deportation to Russia Their trial will come up on March

A.F.L. Officials Levy Tax "For Relief"

(By a Worker Correspondet)

BALTIMORE, Md., March 1 .- On March 2nd all union carpenters are being called to a special meeting under the penalty of being fined two dollars. This meeting is going to take up the question of assessing the employed carpenters to feed the unemployed union carpenters.

The average union carpenter is only making at the best for the year about \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year if he is fortunate enough to make 25 weeks work for the year, and out of this amount they must shell out \$1.75 a month as dues and every 3 months an additional \$1 for a working card.

The union never did allow exempt are having the same trouble and carpenters, but have deliberately Thursday came to the strike headthrown out the unemployed carpenthe exhorbitant dues every month. The officials are ever ready to cut the small income of the workers but are a financial secretary, a recording same charge that has been used to en masse. the ARU in 1894, but went out with year. This large payroll is kept up \$100,000. through the "extraction process" from the blood and toil of the workers who have to pay 55 bucks to get into the

Fellow workers of the carpenters union-rank and file workers, fight against this tax. This is nothing but Training Camp at Ripley, his visit to employment on the back of the work-Lindberg's home a ten acre farm ers instead of making the bosses pay from the huge super profits they have made from the workers. Force the tion for the unemployed workers. Make the bosses pay!

Demand no dues payment for unemployed carpenters! Demand that the officials' salary be reduced! Demand that the number of business union out of the hands of the bureau-

-H. W. G. | at 9 South Green St., Baltimore, Md. tinue the strike, more than the total ed workers

## Chicago Reviews District Page, Hunger Marchers Approach Goal REIGN OF TERROR RAGES IN CUBA; VETERAN EVICT- Reports on 'Daily' Conference; CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) ED BY BOSSES Toledo Raises Bundle Order

their district issue of Feb. 18.

"After going over the second special Chicago pages," writes E. Gardos, "we can state that generally speaking the district committee is satisfied with the paper and the cooperation given by the editorial staff to make it a success The only possible criticism we can raise is that we asked you for an editorial on the first page, reminding the workers of Chicago on how to act on primary day, Feb. 24,

and it did not appear." icisms and suggestions:

1. To eliminate all possible ab-

2. Not to take things for granted

rades, the headlines and the entire paper cater too much to the unemployed campaign. While this is the most important campaign before us. we should play up quite conspicuously the struggles of the employed workers. This would help betted to spread the paper around the factories.

"As a positive feature of the con ference, we must mention that a good deal of enthusiasm about ceiving it. A sympathizer who is his son fights with him to get it first, although this worker had difhe got seven new members into the Party out of his readers. In ciation."

"DAILY" POPULAR IN TOLEDO, O.

Toledo, Ohio.

street, and 70 from house-to-house. by J. K. agent.

ANACORTES, WASH. PUT ON THE MAP

Gardo then raises the question of using Chicago news in every issue besides the Wednesday page, since the Worker Correspondence group is being built, and gives some points on the Readers' Conference of the 22nd. Here are the editorial crit-

breviations from articles, or at least give full name of organizations (ILD, TUUL, etc.) the first time this is printed in the paper.

-that the A. F. of L. has fascist leadership; that the socialist party is the third party of the bourgeoisie. etc. Because of the many readers we are getting, it is necessary to print a paragraph or two and explain this

4. News for which the workers buy the capitalist papers-foreign news, capitalist politics should be

every one present who spoke, in eluding Lucy Parsons, spoke with the Daily, how the workers are renow buying the paper told us how ficulties to get his boy to read the paper in the beginning. A comrade who has a route reported that one word, while the meeting was small, it reflected how the Daily is growing, not only in number of its readers, but also in the appre-

"Please raise the Daily Worker bundle to 130 daily as soon as you can for the Toledo workers like the Daily Worker." A .Burry,

From Willis L. Wright we received a report indicating that out of 300 copies received. 143 were sold on the

"I can't make a report on the Great Falls sales until I return there after the Foster meeting," says Wright.

From George K. we receive an encouraging letter and a few facts on

"I have received the 69,000 Circulation Campaign bulletins regularly, and the last one at hand is Bulletin No. 13. Sorry to see that all the other places are doing better than Anacortes, but I hope that we soon will be ale tob do better as a Comrade from Bellingham was here organizing the Unemployed Councils, and we will choos a Daily Worker agent as soon as we

Following this he reports that Anacortes receives the Daily Worker four days after the date of issue, at 2 p. m., residential mail.

We hope Commede K. writes us regularly, especially reg tivity of the Council in the Daily Worker sales.

"KEEP DAILY

AT ALL COSTS' "I will try to send shortly funds to cover what I now owe and also for advance sub," writes C. H. of Washington, D. C. "F" out for work for so long. we must keep the Daily Wo ing at all costs.

"DAILY" GROWING AMONG PEOPLE

"I conferr to you I hardly can sell 25 copies because the pean'e are absolutely going broke; the workers have been exploited by the Standard Steel Car So. so ferociously. But this was not enough so the bank closed its doors and robbed the working people of everything they had. But I will sell the Daily Worker at a penny a copy to keep the Daily Worker growing among the people."

This is William Tuttle of Decatur, Ill., who is handling the Daily Worker in that territory. He

"The paper business is very slack at present, but has begun to pick up. I am new on the job and have just begun to learn the trade. Got two new subscriebrs. F. T. B. has a job at present and has turned his paper business over to me Papers get here a day after the date of issue, somewhere between 9 a. m. and 1 p. m."

William T. seems to have enterprise and we anticipate some lively sales. Keep in touch with us regularly. (Sellers, send photos).

## Force Bosses To Withdraw Efficiency **Experts**; Strikers Return to the Mills

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

visited us a month ago, and I'm of all the "voters." sorry the commission on public safety did not give the ma ticket to hell and back again. If they were not here Tuesday everything is where the breeze and wind of Russia came in."

Father McDonald carried on an American Woolen Company is hon- night, would be paid Friday morning. est." "Labor an dcapital must get Several hundred hungry workers gans: "Go back to work." "The went to the mills to get their wages, together."

or unemployed stamps for unemployed with the strikers. This committee on weakened and returned to work. quarters, where the strike committee tional Textile Workers stsrike comters who were unable to pay was meeting, accompanied by city officials and police. They began their cided to return to work on the basis "negotiations" by physically seizing of the partial victory. On the questhe leaders of the Textile Workers tion of extra pay for overtime, the at the same time the bureaucrats Union, and beating up the other committee decided not to work overhold all easy jobs at big pay. For the members of the strike committee and time as the best way o fdealing with one local they have 4 business agents driving them out of thei rheadquar- this question for the time. These getting only 50 bucks apiece and they ters. They jailed Berkman, Devine, decisions were ratified by a great could get along elegantly with 2 busMurdock, Danilezich, and Czarnecki, mass meeting Friday night. Monday iness agents. On the payroll there on a charge of "conspiracy"—the morning the workers are returning ing a salary from \$2,500 to \$3,000 a ded for them totalled more than of the National Textile Workers'

Enter the Fish Committee were they released than Federal im- sand have joined the NTWU, while migration officers appeared, with the remainder, not yet individual "telegraphic instructions" from members of the union, have been for deportation warrants. This was all departments in the mills. the first use of the new deportation As Edith Berkman, Pat Devine,

only six days before.

The Fake Ballot

had conducted a "ballot," which had we did in our splendid strike. decided to call off the strike. All would have been all right. There church bells in the city were rung the mill whiltles blew, criers were Then the mill officials announced energetic campaign under the slo- that back wages, usually paid at

and about three thousand others, de-Then came the organization of a ceived by the elaborate staging and "citizen's committee" to "negotiate" seeing workers going to the mills, It was at this point that the Na-

Union. In the first days of the stsrike it extended to cover the three big-Lawrence strikers and sympa- gest mills, and embraced the entire thizers quickly raised the bail for working force of more than 10.000 the arrested leaders, but no sooner workers. Of these about one thou-Washington, to arrest the three of- represented in the strike committee ficials of the union and hold them which was built up of delegates from

regulations proposed by the Fish and Wm. Murdoch were being taken Committee and adopted by Congress to Boston by the Federal immigration police for deportation, they issued a statement declaring that the The bosses then made a desperate union will remain in Lawrence and effort to break the ranks of the organize the entire body of textile strikers, by gathering a few score workers into a strong union which corrupted workers, active reaction- will safeguard their victory, and preagents be cut down to two instead of ary elements of the American Legion, pare for new struggles for better tries all over the world are turning of all countries in its provisions for To let you know that I am still Nearly all of the orangers and four! Demand a lower initiation fee baptizing them as a "strike com- conditions. The strike committee grapefruit are rotting under the trees of ten dollars for entrance into the mittee," and holding a "ballot" unnion! Rank and file workers fight der the direct supervision of the the arrested leaders, and has filed are enjoying equal pay for equal Communist Party calls on all workagainst this lowering of your stand- police. About 300 workers took part a formal demand with the governard of living! Take the control of the in the "ballot," but the bosses bra- ment for their immediate release. zenly announced 2,000 votes, but Workers' organizations are adopting childbirth with full pay, the right to meetings which will be in this couneven these shameless liars were resolutions of protest against the hold any job, no matter how ad- try on March 8, to unite and orashamed to claim a "unanimous" outrageous governmental attacks and vanced, and other privileges which, ganize for the fight that must be FURNISHED BEDROOM - Suitable

werkers were then taken to various workers' homes, where sleeping quarters had been arranged.

the Hunger Marchers went to Elizabeth, where they marched through the proletarian section in the rain to a meeting at Union Square. Dinner was served and an indoor meeting of 400 workers was held.

The Trenton marchers were greeted in Linden, N. J., by over 700 workers. In spite of the severe rain, workers lined the streets, marched alongside the Hunger Fighters and in every way showed their solidarity. Daily Workers and leaflets were distributed and sold. Cheers and applause greeted the marchers. A good meet-Uneraployed Council. A collection Garcia, Emilio Novas, Juan Blanco,

The marchers paraded on to Rahof their homes to greet the march-

out in a splendid demonstration of ers were hung in Oriental Province of Collisions Continue in greeting. A large meeting was held, Cuba. nected to reach New Brunswick at he has been killed.

state carital.

Strike Committee CHARGE WORKERS Issues Statement

(CONTINET'S FROM PAGE ONE) the bosses did not dare, even in their lying statements, to claim that more than 2000 out of 11,000 strikers participated in their vote. And even of these so-called 2,000 they admit

400 voted against the bosses' pro-Strikers Win-But Not 100% The boss and police terror pre-

overtime on the old basis. that we must have our committee agent provacateur. in every department. Every depart- Protests against the reactionary, ment must send representatives to a Frederick the Great Film, continued must deal with this mill committee clubbed and slugged, and made over on all grievances which the workers eighty arrests in Neukoelln alone. have. We must not allow the com- Many socialist protesters were also arpany to play one department and rested. Several movies already have The bosses then breadcasted the one craft against another. We must withdrawn showing the film whilst "news" that the "strike committee" stick together on the job, just like others which intended to show the Seven workers were arrested in East

Join the NTWU

The policy of the National Textile Workers' Union is to unite all posed of union members and workers who are not vet in the union. At the same time more of us are joining the National Textile Workers' Union. The bosses refuse to recognize the union but the workers recognize it. And the bosses will RED CROSS ENDS power of the workers led by the National Textile Workers Union. Everybody stand united for bet-

ter conditions.

## WORKINGWOMEN TO DEMONSTRATE

To Be Held In U.S.

NEW YORK. - Workingwomen in all countries are preparing to stage gigantic demonstrations on March 8th, International Women's Day, at which they will demand unemployment insurance, a 20 percent reduction in the cost of living and other immediate necessities.

In the United States, traditional "land of chivalry", millions of workingkomen are being paid starvation wages, are being evicted from their homes for non-payment of rent, are waiting long, cold hours on breadlines for the slop which merely accentuates the pangs of slow starvation, and are watching their children die of starvation before their eyes.

Workingwomen in capitalist countheir eyes to Soviet Russia, where Join the Trade Union Unity League, vote, and conceded 400 votes to con- demanding the release of the arrest- even according to capitalist critics. waged to win the demands that are for a couple or two girls-2723 Barnes

# MACHADO SAYS HE HAS BEEN "TOO EASY"; MANY ARE KILLED

In the morning, after breakfast, Forced Labor Recruitment Continues: Young Worker Killed for Refusing

> HAVANA, Cuba, March 1 .- The reign of terror instituted by Machado against the workers is growing shaper. On February 23rd, Machado, despie the fact that hundreds have been jailed or murdered, stated in a speech that "Our error was not so much violence, but our weakness in applying it."

On Febuary 12 among 32 reported jailed for their political opposition to Machado, were the following: Sivio Casteneda, Francisco Jimenez, incente Lipiz, Mario Fabra, Ignacio Caceres, Sererino Lopez, Joaquin Anido, Venancio Touran, Evangelista Garcia, Jose Guitan Veira, Maria Seijo Martinez, Enriqu Bullon ing was held and workers joined the Mosquera, Manuel Mosquera, Jose

Jose Roig, Guillermo Estrada. In Camaguey, Antonio Garcia Mari, way, where the workers poured out a worker disappeared. He was undoubtedly been murdered by the Machado forces because of his revolu-At Carteret the whole town turned tionary activity. In January, 42 work-

where the unanimous vote of the as- In the police massacre that took sembled workers endorsed the Un- place in the Havana Workers' Center, employment Insurance Bill. The en- a few days ago, 100 workers were tire population of the town then wounded and 30 arrested. A Polish escorted the marchers out of the worker was badly wounded and Raighshanner attacked workers in the town, where they were headed for brought to the hospital. He disap- gallery at the meeting in the Berlin New Brunswick. The marchers ex- peared from the bespital. It is feared Borough Council. They used steel

The forced recruitment of convict lisions again occurred before the In every line of march leaflets, labor still proceeds. Every worker Town Hall, where the fascists shot a Dailies, pamphlets, were distributed, who is poorly dressed is arrested and Reichsbannerman. A fascist was ar-Collections were made. The workers compelled, under force of jail or beat- rested. enthusiastically cheered the march- ings, to work on the sugar plantaers. The Hunger Marchers' spirit is tions for 30 cents a day. In El Mariel, high and enthusiastic. They plan many workers were forced to do this o reach Trenton, the seat of the kind of labor. One, a young worker. 21 years of age was imemdiately killed when he refused to do this forced

Twenty workers were arrested in Havana and face deportation. A few days ago the fishermen held a meeting at the Havana Workers' Center. The police dispersed them.

Goes On

BERLIN.-Lawyers defending the four-hour secret session. 30 Communist workers charged with stealing arms and ammunition from Petner at the cost of the accused. the Reichswehr barracks in Leipzig The trial was adjudged until Thursvented us on Thursday from form- objected to the President of the court, ulating our answer to the bosses' pro-posals. We now declare that the ter openly sympathizes with the fashas granted all our de- cists and therefore is prejudiced.

mands except time and a half for The president made a statement charged with distributing Communist overtime. We won the strike but denying sympathy with fascism. The literature. did not win a hundred per cent examination of the accused workers vistory. We repeat what we have began showing that the police searchstataed before, that we prefer not ed houses in the absence of the de- locked out today because they refused to work overtime. Although this de- fendants and that they refused to unload a ship from Havre where a mand remains unsettled, the workers give receipts for confiscated materials. strike is in process. can as a last resort refuse to work The worker defendants denied the responsibility for the material allegedly With this declaration we go back found by police. The Reichswehr emon Monday, March 2. This means arms raid, was exposed as a fascist

mill committee. The mill owners on Sunday and Monday. Police picture have removed the latter from Liverpool on February 25th during the program. The socialist, Grzesin- the Unemployment Demonstration ski, mobilized hundreds of police to here. Over a thousand employed

protect the film. Last evening the fascist meeting in and outside the court room on Frithe workers. Therefore the depart- Marburg ended in a general fighht. day at 2 p. m. when the trial started. Two were seriously hurt and eight were lightly wounded. The police sup- put the mayor and the chief of poported the fascists. Workers protest lice on the stand to prove that they

March 1 the Red Cross will stop even without a permit and was held on pretending to feed the starving farm- \$225 bail. The International Labor ers in the Southern plantation states. Defense bailed out both the workers The national headquarters announced and is appealing the cases. this fact recently. In Louisiana and Arrangements are being made by adjacent plantation states March 1 the I.L.D. to hold mass protest meetsecretary getting around 60 bucks and on top of that a host of officers drawing a salary from \$2,500 to \$3,000 s

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> WAGE CUTS INCREASE (By a Worker Correspondent) BRUVEVILLE, Ind .- The Brown Shoe Company Vincennes plant gave their workers a wage cut also who were already working at starvation

> per hour according to the reports of these same workers. The Holland Cook Wholesale Co. cent wage cut, their truck drivers also gave their employees 15 per were only receiving \$20 per week before this cut. now \$17.00

wages. Their women workers some

of them receiving as low as 7 cents

be making history again pretty -D. W. the welfare of working women. The Women's Department of the

If this keeps up Vincennes will

work, the abolition of all night work, ingwomen in the United States to two months leave before and after demonstrate at the hundreds of mass

## JAIL 6 PEASANTS IN BUCHAREST

Germany

(Wire By Inprecorr) BERLIN.-Yesterday evening the reds and clubs, etc. Afterwards, col-

Last evening collisions between workers and fascists occurred in Weissensee. Three fascists were seriously injured. Two arrests were

A collision occurred in the hall of a fascist meeting in Flensburg, when the fascist guards tried to eject Communist workers. A fascist was seri-

ously injured. At the Leipzig trial where thirty workers are accused the following

The accused Wagner, as described by the Reichswehr employee, Pestner, came to the Communist Party of-STEALING ARMS came to the Communist Party ofadministered by the Reichswehr for the fascists. Communists thought Protest Against Film Pestner a spy, and decided to expose him. When Wagner referred to the origin of the dump the court excluded

the general public, and conducted a The judge obviously strived to clear

BUDAPEST. - Six peasants were seized and sentenced to various terms

PARIS.-Dockers of La Pailice were

# PUT ON STAND

Defense Forces Release

of Five (Special to the Daily Worker.) CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 1. -

and unemployed workers gathered in The International Labor Defense demonstrations paraded through the are persecuting these workers for organizing and leading the unemployed against starvation, and that they, the authorities, are helpless and bank-

rupt in the face of this important Five of the workers were released. FAKE FEEDING Manoney, an active Negro worker, was charged with Criminal Syndicalism and placed on \$4,000 bail. J. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 .- On Komo was charged with speaking

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## STATEMENT of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNA-TIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

WORKING Women of the United States! The economic crisis in the United States which is part of the general capitalist crisis is forcing daily more and more burdens upon you. Due to the capitalist rationalization, millions of women workers have been mobilized into industry. The continuous division of labor and rationalization places you today in the most hazardous occupations. You are subjected to the most fierce speed up. Your role in industry is tremendously increased; the lengthening of the working day and the continuous slashing of your wages, the increase of your physical exhaustion through the speed up system, the total lack of social insurance for the protection of motherhood and childhood, the mass lay-offs and the severe unemployment among married women especially are causing the most intense suffering to women and women workers in the United States. The women workers-one-fourth of the army of workers in the United States-are being drawn into industry in larger numbers to displace men workers at lower pay. As one of the most exploited sections of the American Workingclass, unorganized, discriminated against and forced to bear the double burden of caring for their families as well as of bread-winning, the women workers are especially hard hit by the crisis. On the job, they face hard work, much speed up, no special protection against the hazards of industry, against night work, against long hours, their children deprived of nursery care, as unemployed workers, they face evictions, hunger, charity and bread lines. Side by side with the women in industry, the wives of workers and poor farmers are equally hard hit by the mass unemployment and the lowered standards of

In many states there are no special laws limiting the work day for women. In the southern textile mills. a 65 or 70 hour day is not uncommon. Night work for women exists in many industrial centers. The number of deaths of women in the radium clock shops is a witness to the lack of protection of the working women in industry.

In spite of these conditions, you are totally unorganized, left without defense. The American Federation of Labor claims about 150,000 women members in their various unions. But what are these organizations doing? Led by a fascist leadership, the American Federation of Labor has never attempted to organize women workers and is following a systematic policy of discrimination against the masses of women workers in collaboration with the bosses. The so-celled Women's Trade Union League of the American Federation of Labor is only a counterpart of the fascist American Federation of Labor bureaucracy which with the spreading of pacifist and social fascist propaganda, with the arranging of banquets, etc., try to divert the women workers from their struggles for better conditions, from the class struggle, and bind them to the wheels of capitalism

One in one country are the women workers completely free and participate in the same duties and rights as the men in the building of socialism and in the building of a new system. It is only in the Soviet Union that women are continuously drawn into industry, not for the purpose of displacing men and increasing unemployment as is the case in the capitalist countries, but because unemployment has been abolished. It is only in the Soviet Union that the workers achieved the seven hour day and the five day week. It is only in the Soviet Union that the workers, men and women, have regular paid vacations, that every worker is guaranteed social insurance, that night work is abolished, that the women are free from domestic drudgery and from the care of their children by the tremendous net work of dining rooms, laundries, nurseries and kindergartens provided by the government and the trade unions. This was possible only through the victorious revolution of October which broke definitely the capitalist system there.

International Women's Day must be the means of calling sharply to the attention of the whole workingclass the special problems confronting the mass of women, both the women of industry, on the farm and the workingclass housefor the immediate struggles confronting them in wives. It must mobilize the whole workingclass which the women workers play an enormous

The women workers have reacted with stubborn determination and struggle to the attacks of the capitalist class. They have participated in the whole series of struggles not only as militant fighters but have in the forefront and leadership. The strikers in Kingston and Danbury and many of the dress makers in New York and Philadelphia, where the women dressmakers have shown great militancy in clashes with the police; the women on the picket line; in the tremendous unemployment demonstrations where women have shown energetic resistance to the brutal attacks of the police show the growing revolutionary strength among the women workers which can and must be turned into channels of greater struggle for the immediate improvement of the condition of the workingclass for the development of the struggle against the capital-

WOMEN WORKERS OF THE UNITED STATES! While you become more and more slaves of capitalism, the social fascist and bourgeois pacifist organizations such as "The conference for the Cause and Cure of War.' "The Women's Trade Union League," the church missions and charity organizations are mobilizing the masses of working and farmer women workers' wives for the coming militarist war and for the intervention against the Soviet Union. The capitalists are doing everything possible for the militarization of the masses of working women by drawing them directly into the war apparatus and militarization, which can be seen in the training of women in production of ammunition, in the building of women's military organizations, etc.

The women workers must mobilize, must organize not only to fight against the speed up system, against the wage cuts and lay-offs. against their present slavery conditions but also against the preparations for militarist war which will involve not only the workers but also the men and women from the farms. The women must mobilize and organize against the preparations for intervention against the Soviet Union. They must prepare themselves with the rest of the proletariat to transform the militarist war into civil war, into proletarian revolution as the only way that will emancipate them together with the rest of the proletariat from capitalist exploitation, and the only way that will emancipate completely the women.

The women workers of the United States who have given such splendid examples of class battles in the past in Passaic, in Gastonia and in the present in all strikes that are developing in the country, must be in the forefront of the class struggle fighting shoulder to shoulder with their fellow workers.

OUT ON MARCH 8, Make March 8, 1931, a historic day of class struggle; a day of struggle for your rights; a day of struggle for better conditions; a day of struggle against the militarist war; a day of struggle in defense of the

OUT ON MARCH 8! Fight for immediate unemployment relief and social insurance. JOIN THE UNEMPLOYED COUNCILS AND TEN-ANTS' LEAGUES and struggle against evictions. for nourishing food for the children, for free rent, heat and light.

JOIN THE TRADE UNION UNITY LEAGUE AND THE REVOLUTIONARY INDUSTRIAL UNIONS, the only organizations that will lead you in the struggles for better conditions: in the struggle against wage cuts, speed ups and dis-

## Social Demagogy in Chicago Elections

By BILL GEBERT.

IN the Chicago Mayoralty Election campaign all of the capitalist candidates are using a great deal of social demagogy with the purpose of winning the support of the masses of workers. The Republican Party, candidate "Big Bully" Thompson blames the unemployment situation in Chicago to the Hoover administration. The fascist Judge Lyle blames the unemployment situation on Thompson. Both of them claim that if they will be elected they will solve the problem of unemployment.

But the outstanding social demagogue is Anton Cermak, Democratic Party candidate for mayor. In a speech delivered the other day he declared "the Republicans cannot fool the people with their 'Full dinner pail' cry this time, because the dinner pails are empty." And then he goes to explain how much he will do to solve the problem of unemployment, and even speaks of his supporting the proposal of \$2,-000 000.00 relief for unemployment in Cook County. After this he appeals to the workers to vote "Democrat" as a protest vote "that will be heard in Washington, and regarded as our protest against 'Hoover prosperity.'

The social demagogy of Mr. Cermak is necessary for the capitalist class in the face of 500,-000 starving, unemployed workers in Chicago, with hundreds of thousands partially employed, and general wage cuts in all industries in Chicago. Mr. Cermak adopts the very same policy in Chicago as Senator Lewis of Illinois, as Mr. Murphy adopted in Detroit, LaFollette in Wisconsin, Roosevelt in New York, and other capitalist politicians, who by raising slogans that they will give support to unemployed relief, have been elected. Mr. Cermak, on his platform, feels sure that he will be the next mayor. Of course this platform will not be sufficient to elect Cermak. There is to be something more substantial to support his candidacy, and that more substantial thing is the support he is getting from the millionaires of the city of Chicago.

Colonel Albert A. Sprague, well-known leader of the big capitalists in the city, organized a busi less men's campaign committee in behalf - Carmak not on the basis that Cermak is in-

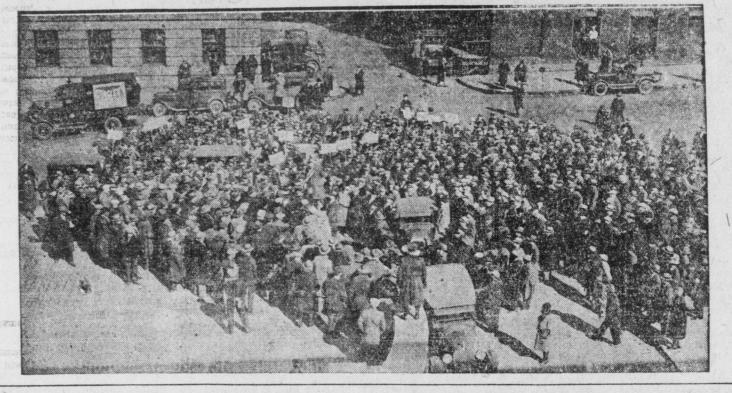
terested in solving the problem of unemployment, but because he is the best defender of the interests of big business. Mr. Sprague in his statement to the press declared: "As a business man I am interested in the present mayoralty campaign, because Chicago business and business men are openly challenged." It is true that not only business but the capitalist system in Chicago is challenged by the working class. It is Mr. Cermak, who to defend capitalism has been chosen by the leading capitalists. And here is a partial list of the outstanding

capitalists anl exploiters of labor in Chicago who are putting up the candidacy of Cermak: Melvin A. Traylor, president First National Bank; William V. Kelley, president Miehle Printing Press Co.; William R. Dawes, senior vice-president Central Trust Co., Republican; Frederick R. Rawson, chairman First National Bank; Lawrence R. Stern, president Lawrence F. Storn Co., Republican; Stanley Field, president Field Museum; John McKinley, president Marshall Field & Co.; Thomas W. Hinde, retired capitalist; Alfred Austrian, attorney; Richard J. Collins, vice-president A. T. & S. F. Railway; Tracy B. Drake, Drake Hotels Co., Republican; John T.. Connery, retiring builder; Alfred Alschuler, architect, Republican; Dr. Frederick Tice, Republican; H. T. Hollingshead, Illinois Nash Distributing Co.; Julius Smietanks, banker, attorney; Fred W. Sargent, president C. & N. W. Railway, Republican: Oscar G. Foreman, chair man Foreman State-National Bank: Charles W. Thompson. Earl H. Reynolds, chairman Peoples' Trust and Savings Bank; Dr. Brown Pussey, Re-

To compare the statement of Cermak and Sprague it is clear why social demagogy is necessary. It is necessary to cover up the fact that Cermak is a candidate of big business, that he is a candidate of open shoppers and strike breakers who hide under the cloak of unemployed relief. He is to deliver a blow against the ever growing militancy of the workers, in struggle for Workers Social Insurance Bill and for immediate appropriation of 75 million dollars as Emergency Unemployed Relief by the

Capitalism is challenged, and that is why the

Columbus, Ohio, Jobless Demanding Relief February 25th at the City Hall



## PARTY LIFE

Conducted by the Organization Department of the Central Committee, Communist Party, U.S.A.

#### Youth Work Among the Jobless in Chicago

THE National Youth Committee of the Trade Union Unity League at 2 West 15th Street has received a letter from the Youth Committee of the T.U.U.L. in Chicago from which the following excerpts are reprinted:

"The demonstration (Feb. 10) took place on the south side, in the heart of the Negro working class section. The estimate is that 5,000 participated in the march. About 400 (by count) were Young Negro and white workers. About 60 per cent of the youth were Negro. Because of bad technical arrangements we had no youth section in the March, but as much as possible we tried to keep the youth together under one banner but we weren't quite successful.

"So far as we have been able to check up about 35 youth were recruited at the demonstration itself for the Unemployed Councils. All application cards are not in yet.

"Main concentration was on the Western Electric and Stockyards territory, Comrades were given definite assignments and places to concentrate on. The employment offices at the Western Electric was covered almost every day, also the stockyards. As a result of the activity around the Western Electric an unemployed council was formed consisting of a good percentage of youth. A number of inside contacts were

"Poolrooms in the neighborhood were also concentrated on. On the South Side the main concentration was on the flop houses, and breadlines-because there is where a good proportion of the Negro youth are found. On the morning of the demonstration a meeting was called in Cicero (WE), and in a proletarian Negro section Following the meeting in Cicero about 25 workers (15 youth) led by our comrades boarded street cars without paying fares—and transferred in like manner until they reached the demon-

"As a result of the Youth work carried on for Feb. 10 we expect to have 4 functioning Youth Committees in the Unemployed Councils by the end of the week. 2 are already clinched. Several eviction fights took place before the 10th and in 2 cases we called upon the Young Workers from certain poolrooms were concentrating on and the response was excellent. The main shortcoming in the preparation were that the assignments were not sufficiently carried out and most of the work was really begun about 10 days before the demonstration. The experiences we gained from this demonstration will help in furthering our work. Also work has begun in neighborhoods for February 25."

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social demagogy. That is why Cermak is put forward as candidate. Cermak is making an appeal to foreign born workers who constitute a large percentage of voters. At the same time he

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is the outstanding enemy of the foreign born workers as well as native and Negro, as he is the candidate of the capitalist class, which oppresses and suppresses all the activities of the working class.

To struggle against social demagogy it is necessary to show to the masses of workers not in words, but in deeds that the Communist Party, as the resolution of the 12th Plenum of the Central Committee states "is the unchallenged leader of the daily struggles of the workingclass for the smallest and most intimate demands, linking this up with the general class demands and revolutionary aims. The gap must be closed which separates the daily life of the workers from the revolutionary aims of our Party."

## Oklahoma Farmers Defy the Fish Committee

By HARRISON GEORGE.

T is a rare pleasure for the writer to act as a I referee between a hypocritical capitalist congressman and a discontented American farmer who, though not yet a Communist, is beginning to shed old illusions. The argument takes place by mail, between the farmer, C. J. McDonald of Tuttle, Okla., and a democrat congressman from Oklahoma, Jed Johnson. The principal subject under dispute is the United Farmers' League of New York Mills, Minn., which the congressman freely misrepresents as a "Communist" organization merely because its program and its struggles are supported by Communists.

We first give the essential parts of Congressman Johnson's letter to McDonald, inserting our comments. It is dated Feb. 4, at Washington, on official government letterhead of "Congress of the United States," and begins:

"My dear Mr. McDonald:-I have your letter of Feb. 2 advising me that Mr. Hamrick had shown you my letter of inquiry relative to a charge made by Congressman Fish of New York to the effect that there had been a Commuunistic meeting in Grady County."

So, to this "democratic" follower of Thomas Jefferson, Communists have no right to hold a meeting, since it is a "charge" to claim so! "I must say, Mr. McDonald, that I am some-

what surprised to learn that Mr. Fish was correct in his statement that there had actually been held such a meeting."

Congressman Johnson, you are certainly due for more "surprises."

"Permit me to say, in this connection (!), that I was reared on a 74-acre hillside, mortgaged farm; that there were ten of us in the family, and I know what it means to struggle to make ends meet and help keep little mouths from going hungry. My heart goes out in sympathy to the farmers of Oklahoma and elsewhere who are not receiving anything like fair prices for horbitant and unreasonable prices for the things they have to buy."

The congressman must drag in the old hokum about "I was a poor boy," etc., though he drags it in by the hair. What has it to do with whether there was a meeting of the United Farmers' League in Grady County, to discuss means to struggle against thieving landlords, bankers, tax robbers and capitalist monopoly bandits? Only this, that by this oily demogagy, Congressman Johnson tries to get the present "hillside, mortgaged" farmers from effectively fighting these thieves, robbers and bandits.

"I am sending you, under separate cover, some speeches I have made in Congress along this line. I especially call your attention to my speech against the Grundy Tariff Bill . . . and would thank you if you would do me the honor to read it and pass it along to some of your neighbors."

Speeches are the cheapest thing on earth. There is "over-production" in capitalist demagogy. And one of the most vile deceits is the tariff. It is always in favor of a monopoly, and it is completely impossible for farmers to rig up their own monopoly, though they keep vainly trying. It is impossible because it requires credit power, and credit is already monopolized by the great finance capitalists. This capitalist politician "made speeches" against the Grundy Tariff. But if he were a republican he certainly would claim that the 42-cent tariff on wheat "saved" the grain farmers (maybe Johnson also voted for it!). But it did not save the grain farmers; it only helped the capitalist speculators who bought their wheat and later were kindly paid more for it by the Farm Board which helped to reduce the price paid to the farmer by first saying the board would buy no wheat-then reversing itself to pay the speculators a nice profit after the wheat was in their hands.

"While I am in thorough sympathy with the farmers and their problems and appreciate all you say about the low price of milk and farm products. I must say to you frankly that I do not believe you or the farmers thoroughly understood what the Communist organization really stands for, else you would not have allied yourselves with such an un-American organiza-

You now see why the Congressman dragged in his palayer about where he was "reared." He "makes speeches" for the farmers, but his real business is to keep them away from "Communist Organization." as he calls the United Farmers' League, which is composed of, and whose policies are determined by American farmers. But from misrepresentation he goes on to outright lying:

"I have seen these Communists parading in Washington; have read their un-American signs and have noticed that practically all of them are from Russia or some other foreign country. They carry signs similar to this: 'To hell with America.' 'Down with the American flag,' and other objectionable and disloval statements. I am sure you do not belong to that type, and do not endorse such un-American propaganda, but that you and youur neighbors are good, law-abiding citizens who simply are pro-

testing against present-day conditions which all of us know are deplorable."

Oklahoma has produced many things, but until this infernal liar Congressman Johnson came off that hillside farm, nothing has appeared to challenge the supremacy of Congressman Fish in falsehood. We wish to state: 1. That Washington has not yet seen a demonstration of the United Farmers' League (when it does, however, they will be called "Russians" by such liars); 2. That no signs such as described by Congressman Johnson have been carried by any Communists either in Washington or anywhere elseeven in Moscow; 3. That Johnson is a liar and knows it: 4. That he lies to induce the farmers to obey laws for the benefit of big capitalists and against the poor farmers which he, as a lickspittle of big capital, makes in Congress.

To crown all this demagogy, misrepresentation and falsehood with a cheap effort to ingratiate, Congressman Johnson closes with the following bit of unconscious irony, to a povertystricken farmer whose family lives always in want and semi-starvation:

"I am sending Mrs. McDonald a little cook book called 'Aunt Sammy's Radio Receipts.' I trust that she will find this little booklet interesting.—Sincerely, Jed Johnson."

To the above, Farmer McDonald replied, in part, as follows, on Feb. 13:

"My dear Congressman:-After reading your letter of Feb. 4, also the Congressional Records which you sent and studying it over-I mean seriously, I have decided to write you another letter in regard to our farm organization.

"Now, Mr. Johnson, I want to say to you frankly that we don't object for having your or other peoples' sympathy, but we know that won't do us any good.

"Mr. Johnson, we have an out and out dictatorship in this country and it all comes from organized capital. There is someone to set the price on our products that we sell and another bunch of the same stripe that sets the price on what we consume, hence you see what that produces-a bunch of millionaires and billionaires at one end of the string and a bunch of mortgaged farmers, hoboes, bums and soup kitchens at the other end."

McDonald is roughly correct on the main line. Only it's the same bunch, finance capital, which works both games. Also, there are economic laws which limit their ability to "set" prices. Which does not deny that by monopoly they increase their robbery. But they would still be robbing farmers as capitalists even if they were not monopoly capitalists, because capitalism is a system of robbery. The farmer continues:

"Now you know sympathy is not worth anything in the fight. The United Farmers' League proposes to look into these things and if I haven't missed my guess we intend to have something to say about it and it's going to be serious.

"Now, Mr. Johnson, in regard to the Communist (CQ) Party and the movement. Now I don't know about those Russian people, nor I don't doubt that they carry such banners as you say they do. I certainly don't approve of such savings that doesn't do any good, besides it sounds bad. My honest opinion is, the treatment they have had in this country is the thing that has produced that kind of hate. Remember they have worked for those great corporations-such as the steel mill you talked about in your debate on the tariff. You know how you state the corporations lobby and defraud the government of just dues and taxes. My opinion is that they treat those downtrodden Russians a great deal worse."

McDonald mistakenly believed the capitalist congressman's lie about the signs. But he survived it and came back with the simple logic of one who toils. Let all who think that the American farmer, or worker either, will be forever bamboozled by national prejudice, beware, And McDonald makes clear he is an American.

"If I have been rightly informed I am one of the sons of the revolution of this country. My people came here in the colony days. My father was a Scuthern soldier. We sent two sons to France to make the world safe for democracy. Honce I claim to be a fairly good American

Nevertheless, McDonald, if you join the fight against capitalism, you may amont to be called a Russian-and many other things.

"Mr. Johnson, I think less of a man that wants to denrive the people of this country the right to speak and organize than I did of the Kaiser "Being over to the city a few days ago, I de-

cided I would look over some of those soup kitchens and I run onto a bunch of soldier boys. the first place I went. I wish you could have heard those boys talk. I believe they could make those Russians you speak of ashamed of themselves cursing this country. One of them who seems to be the spokesman said he was a pretty fair bricklayer and an expert plasterer. He was in the 90th Division and went into Germany. Now, Mr. Johnson, he made the remark very distinct to me: that he had been in the soup kitchen six weeks, and he asked me-'What



#### No Exaggeration

It was funny, from where we are in New York, to see the capitalist papers lying about the number of demonstrating workers in Union Square. The "old reliable' Times thought it was doing well to lop off 24,000 or so from the 30,000 present, and called it 6,000.

The New York Telegram is a "liberal" paper, so it cut the Times estimate in half and gave 3,000. The "World," going down with its Pulitzer flag of opposition to "the predatory poor" flying at the masthead, gave a picture of the crowd showing about 20,000 of the 30,000 present, and said there were 3,000.

From many cases in the past—and present it seems that some of our Party comrades think that because the capitalist press lies so grotesquely in minimizing the size of demonstrations, that we should exaggerate "just a little bit," to sort of even up the score.

We are no Solomon, and from this distance we refuse to judge who is correct or if one comrades over-estimated and another underestimated in the case noted below, but on Feb. 25, be got the following letter from a Worker

"Too bad I did not have time to write before, but better late than never. In the recent demonstration on Feb. 10 in Boston, the Daily carried the news to the effect that there were 7,000 on Boston Common.

"Well, I was there and I certainly want to state that there is some mistake, or somebody from your organization who sent in that report is bad figuring crowds. I was there with my friend and the most we figured at was between 500 and 1,000 workers.

"Now I certainly would like to see not 7,000, but 10,000 or 50,000 and more demonstrate on reports hurt not only the movement but the Daily Worker, and I think Jorge should have something to say about this in his column.

If Boston exaggerated-and as we said before we cannot judge that particular case-it has many a precedent and no monopoly. The Lovestone era of bluff and bluster gave many comrades the habit. But it is a bad habit, a bourgois habit, which the Comunist Party is

The Daily Worker can only give the figures it gets. It wants them to be accurate. When they are not, the Daily Worker can't help it, though workers who get the paper might think the Daily is to blame for what they see is an exaggeration. Moreover, it distorts any analysis made by the Party leadership, hence may lead to wrong policies and is downright bad. So watch your step!

### Forced Labor? Listen!

While the Soviet rule is that "He who will not work, neither shall he eat!"-in these United States it is fixed up so that he who does work cannot eat.

And down in Mississippi, if you try to leave the job where you get nothing to eat, for some place where you get 51-2 cents worth of food a day, they fix it up so you lose that and have to go back to all work and no eat. Here is a news item, cut from the New Orleans Times-Picayune of Feb. 17:

"YAZOO CITY, Miss., Feb. 16 (A.P.) .- In order to keep laborers from deserting farms in Yazoo County, the county Red Cross chapter has cut down on drouth relief and now is administering only to cases of extreme destitution. Planters requested discontinuance of the daily distributions, saying hundreds of laborers were leaving farms to seek charity. For 10 days the Red Cross has been assisting 18,000 persons as a cost of about \$1,000 a day."

Talk about the miracle of the "Five loaves and ive fishes!" Look at this Red Cross who "adequately" feeds people at 51-2 cents a day each, for that is what \$1,000 for 18,000 people means!

Now what kind of conditions must there be on the farms, if laborers get so little there that they leave and go to the towns to "live" on 51-2 cents a day?

And with what "moral indignation" does the whole school of Fish rise up and squeak about "forced labor" in the Soviet Union, while they are silent about this case where, to help the belly-robbing plantation owners, thousands of workers who are so starved that they welcome a 'ckel a day for food, are forced back into worse starvation than even that! And at hard

Of course, these are probably Negro workers and, as the New York Times recently said, Negroes are "sustained by their unfailing good humor." They don't need any food, according to the capitalist notion.

It's about time to figure that good humor is neither filling nor fattening, and Negro workers who want to let the white capitalists know they are not "sustained" on good humor, should get downright bad-humored and turn out to demonstrate it on Wednesday.

in the hell the Kaiser could have done to me any worse than this?'

"I am not mad at anyone and I try to use sense. We had a United Farmers' meeting at Maldon schoolhouse Monday night. We signed up 18 new members. I think the only thing that we want to do and are going to do is to write up our demands and bring them to the state and national governments in the most intelligent way we can. You tell Congressman Fish he will have some job keeping us from it."

It is right to "use sense" and to bring de mands "intelligently," but it is no harm to be mad at anologists for capitalist robbery. When you see how the capitalist government treats your demands, you'll have reason to be mad, Mc-

The farmer closes his letter by telling the congressman that if he will write and ask any question, he (the farmer) will answer with the truth. We believe it. But we also believe i would be whelly wasted, as a capitalist con gressman doesn't know what truth is. Take th truth to your neighbors, McDonald, and built the United Farmers' League to use as a weapo against those who rob them. The strength o their demands is not in their justice, but i the number and militancy of those who bac them up.