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## DALLAS OFFICER TAKES PLANE TO GET CODER, HURST

### Under False Colors

THE "progressive" conference at Washington was not progressive at all. Its every effort is directed to saving capitalism from the revolutionary seizure of power by the working class. Only the revolutionary power of the workers can assure progress. The "progressives" are against revolution.

It is true that they didn't openly say so. But the N. Y. "World-Telegram," which supports them 100 per cent, says so for them. "Do We Want Revolution?" it asks in the headline of an editorial. And—again speaking for those so-called "progressives," the World-Telegram answers—"most decidedly not!"

Now it is a fact, a hard, cold and ruthless fact, that this "progressive" conference would not have taken place at all if the word and the idea of "revolution" had not been admitted among the masses. The heart-throbs of these "progressives" would not have quickened a single beat, had it not been a fact that they were faced by the question: "Can capitalism survive?"

The World-Telegram freely admits that question. It says: "The alternative is revolution. Free men will not starve in the midst of wealth. They will destroy the government which protects a system of economic slavery."

Let all workers understand, then, that the "progressives" have, as the first concern of their hearts, the preservation of capitalism. The capitalist anarchy which produces mass misery of the workers they would transform into "organized capitalism," with a "permanent organized economic council, representative of capital and labor and (again that mysterious being which toils not nor profits not—yet lives!) the public."

Yet, gentlemen, after all, capitalists will still be capitalists, and labor will still be labor; namely, capitalists as a class will still take profits from the values produced by the workers as a class, and whether—as the "progressives" pretend to wish—the degree of profit will be small, or if they be large, the inexorable law of over-production cycles will return you gentlemen, and with you all society, to exactly where you are starting from.

But we give these "progressive" capitalists too much credit in implying their actions to ignorance. They, at least their mouthpieces, know that capitalism cannot be organized. Anarchy is inherent in it. These "progressives" chiefly voice the complaints of the pinched purses and discontent of the small businessmen, the professional groups and richer farmers, hit by the crisis and angered at big finance capital. But small capitalists, the petty-bourgeoisie, is the most anarchic section of the whole class of exploiters and—remembering that not they but big capital will shape the policy of the bourgeoisie as a whole, they will be hit nearly as hard as the workers by any attempt to "organize capitalism."

Hence it is also a demagogic deception of the petty-bourgeois masses as well as of the proletariat, this stuff put out by the "progressive" conference about "organizing capitalism." Indeed, under these false colors the "progressive" conference brought forward one step the big capitalist program of fascism.

Who can doubt it when the World-Telegram, deliberately putting the question as if there were three choices—either "democracy," or fascism, or Communism—advances precisely the fascist proposal of "organized capitalism" as the central aim of the conference?

Who can doubt the fascist and reactionary character of the conference when, in the name of a "progressive," there sat William Green, who protested at the very mention of recognition of the Soviet Union? The demagog who rambles about a six-hour day while preventing the workers from striking for an eight-hour day, not to speak of the seven-hour day, such as workers in the Soviet Union have.

What hypocrisy, for Robertson of the railroad "brotherhoods" to pretend to be interested and even excited about unemployed railroad workers, when—instead of rousing these workers to strike against mass dismissals—he "boldly" declares that if the great railroad merger goes through and tens of thousands are thrown into unemployment, he "will not hesitate"—to do what?—to appeal to federal authority—the very capitalist authority pressing the merger for the benefit of the companies!

Laying aside the grand noise made by these "progressives" at the mass misery inherent in capitalism—a misery the masses discovered long before they did—the net outcome is a program of fascist character propounded as a bulwark against fascism!

It was, possibly, not on the agenda for Father Ryan of the Catholic church to remind everybody that all the pretty things about "compelling industry to grant shorter hours, higher wages and stabilized employment with social insurance" could not be obtained by law, and that the "U. S. Constitution prevents" them. His idea being that the Constitution would have to be changed—a matter of a century or so!

We can assure these "progressives" that the working class will not wait that long. Even the petty-bourgeois masses will find that their very physical existence depends upon them joining the fight against capitalism under leadership of the revolutionary workers—and not that of fascist "progressives."

No new party comes out of the conference, though it stirs ambitions of various demagogues, including the social-fascist "socialist," Norman Thomas, who reserves judgment on the outcome. In this, as in program, the "progressive" conference represents futility where it does not represent fascism.

What would be the position of these "progressives" should tomorrow war, the most ghastly form of capitalist misery for the masses, their most rapid destruction, confront them? They would be supporters of war, yes, particularly war against the Soviet Union, whose mere shadow has so alarmed them as forecasting the end of capitalism that they meet in conference to conjure against it! Can these be, then, spokesmen for progress? Never! And the toiling masses have nothing in common with them, but do have a common class interest in exposing and fighting against them!

## Machado's Terror Grows; Shoot, Hang and Exile Reds

(Special to the Daily Worker.)

HAVANA, Cuba. — Machado's terror against the workers and peasants mounts daily. His latest act of terror was that of empowering a corps of 60 picked thugs to roam the city with machine guns and shoot upon sight any worker suspected as "bomb throwers."

Mass arrests, hanging, shooting and throwing of workers into the shark-infested bay continues. A few days ago a report appeared telling of a strangled worker near the Spanish embassy here. The corpse was recognized as that of a worker taken out of jail.

**Kill Peasants.**

While it is difficult to get news of what is taking place in the interior the little that leaks out indicates the terror in the provinces.

In Yateritas on the plantation "Yaguaramas" near Guantanamo two peasants, father and son were tied to a tree and shot. The child, 10 years of age was only shot in the hand and was left for dead when he fainted. Upon regaining consciousness he freed himself and ran home and told of the murder of his father

by soldiers of the 14th Reg. of their-  
guards.

**Fed to Sharks.**

Peasants are being beaten daily in a savage attempt to repress their mounting determination to fight starvation and misery that Machado, Wall St. butcher puppet, is forcing upon them.

During the first nine days of the month two severed heads have been found washed on the beach, probably of workers thrown into the bay.

A Lithuanian worker was shot in the back when he demanded his back wages in the neighborhood of Havana Central Park.

Large numbers of political prisoners are being exiled to the Isle of Pines. Though students and other opposition element are included, this move is directly aimed against the workers and their revolutionary organizations, especially the Communist Party.

Arrests average 20 to 30 daily as Machado continues his bloody drive to make the workers and peasants shoulder the burden of the great crisis shaking the Wall St. sugar colony

## NORTH WEST SYNDICALISM TRIAL TODAY

Bosses Prepare to Railroad Second of 13 Workers

(By a Worker Correspondent)

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—Monday, March 16 will see the beginning of another farce known as a trial in the courts here. Fred Walker, 23, second of 13 Portland workers to go on trial for criminal syndicalism will receive a dose of capitalist justice, similar to that which Ben Boloff received here a few weeks ago; ten years in the Oregon penitentiary.

Walker was the district organizer of the Young Communist League at the time of the raids last September which netted over 30 workers for deportation and the insane asylum on charges of criminal syndicalism, vagrancy, as part of the move of the boss tools who are trying to smash the growing revolutionary movement of the Pacific Coast and the Northwest.

Workers everywhere! Fight for protest resolutions on the floor of your organizations for Fred Walker and the other Portland defendants!

Rush funds for the defense of the Portland prisoners! They are resisting the attack of the bosses upon working class organizations! Their fight is your fight!

**WANT STATE SCAB HERDERS.**

NEW YORK.—The American Bankers Assn., urges its members to carry on a campaign for state police in every state where such an agency does not exist, on the plea that a state force cuts down bank robberies.

The fact that state police are more often used as strike breakers is not mentioned in the publicity. Bankers know that.

## Harvard Prof. Sees Capitalism Dying; Calls Fascism to Rescue

Not only will the Five Year Plan in the Soviet Union succeed, but the capitalists must take for granted that a ten and fifteen year plan will be successful, says Wallace Brett Donham, professor of business economics in the graduate school of business administration of Harvard University, in a special and sensational article in the New York Times, Sunday, March 15th. Professor Donham fears capitalism is rapidly dying and something must be done to save it.

He sees the rise of socialism in the Soviet Union raising the standard of living of the workers, planning economy and outstripping the capitalist countries. He insists that American capitalism must take the leadership to save world capitalism—if necessary by war against the workers' republic.

Professor Donham starts out by admitting the handwriting on the wall spells the end of capitalism. "The recurrence of serious business depressions and unemployment emergencies, such as we face today, constitutes a challenge to capitalism. Unless greater stability is achieved, it is doubtful whether capitalist civilization can long endure." In short, capitalism is dying and the most drastic measures must be taken by the capitalists to save their decaying civilization. What must they do? War against the Soviet Union is one of the measures; fascism at home, an attack against the workers is another.

Donham admits that "the Soviet government has a sufficiently good chance to maintain itself to bring its five, ten and fifteen year plans to some degree of actual success. We cannot with reasonable safety assume it will fail, but must, as a safer business policy, assume its success for this limited period." But while he sees Socialism rapidly advancing with the assurance that the Soviets

## 5 Face Jail for Leading 8,000 Jobless in Conn. Hunger March

Workers Battle Cops In Effort to Put Forward Demands

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., March 15.—The five leaders of the New Britain hunger march, arrested last Friday—Jackson, Forster, Prebor, Lucks and Benda—have been released on bail furnished by the International Labor Defense and will be tried on Wednesday.

The demonstration and march organized by the Unemployed Council was one of the largest and most militant ever held in the district. Nearly three thousand workers marched from the starting point of the demonstration, Winter, Star and Hartford Ave. to the city hall, after electing an unemployed delegation of six to present their demands to the mayor. In the square before the city hall, 8,000 workers were gathered, according to the most conservative estimates. The capitalist newspapers reported: "As far as the eye could reach the square and streets were jammed with people."

When the delegation and the

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## DRESS STRIKERS FIGHT INJUNCTION

Picket Garry Shop This Morning

NEW YORK.—The Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union, which is leading the struggle of the striking dressmakers against the rotten conditions in the dress industry has called for mass picketing this morning at 7 a. m. at the Garry Dress shop, 500 Seventh Ave., against the injunction with which the bosses of this shop, supported by the courts, have tried to break the strike.

Later in the day, at one o'clock, there will be a meeting of unemployed dressmakers at Bryant Hall to consider the struggle against unemployment and for relief and insurance and for support of the strike.

In the evening, there will be a meeting of the General Strike Committee at 7 o'clock at the office of the union.

## A.F. of L. in Move to Help Southern Bosses Crush Struggles of Negroes

CHICAGO, March 15. — The Chicago Defender, leading organ of the Negro bourgeoisie, carries an article in its current issue, exposing the efforts of the Alabama Federation of Labor, which it terms "the left wing of the industrial and political oligarchy in control of that state," to use the Communist Party for a smoke screen to cover up a campaign to beat down the rising resistance of Alabama's Negro workers and farmers against the appalling conditions under which they are forced to exist. Says the Defender article:

"E. C. Reeves, secretary of the white federation has been in constant conference with Storns (state commissioner of agriculture and industries) recently, advising him that it would be easier to stop the race's source of information by picking on the Communist Crowd than by any other means."

**A.F.L. ALLIES OF BOSSES**

The article reveals that the southern bosses and their allies the Alabama Federation of Labor (A. F. of L.) have appealed to fascist Fish aid in fighting the campaign of the Communists to unite Negro and white workers in common struggle and to combat the boss poison of race hatred and prejudice which has so far kept them apart and in hostile camps:

"The oligarchy spokesmen have gone so far as to ask Congressman Hamilton Fish if there is not some way by which the government can come in and help to scare the race into submitting to the schemes and plans of the die-hard."

The Communist Party is blamed by the white bosses for the growing resistance of the Negro workers and their demands for Negro rights. The Chicago

## Bridgeport, Shelton Strikers Prepare New Mass Picketing

Stand Firm Against "Red Baiters" and Do Not Let Department of Labor Agent Into Meet; Welcome National Textile Union

## TO EXPOSE PLOTS FOR INTERVENTION

Paris Commune Meet Wednesday Night

The trial of the 14 Mensheviks in Moscow at which they made full confession of their part in the plot for military intervention in the Soviet Union had for the time being hindered the further work of these counter-revolutionaries against the Soviet Union. The part played by the Social Democrats of the entire world of the Social International was exposed. The part taken by Hillquit, Thomas, etc., through the black counter-revolutionary Abramovich is known now to every worker.

But the war plot goes on! Mr. Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad proposes the creation of a railway war draft in case of war. It is clear that the United States government is heading for war and the plots of the American socialist party are now fully known.

The workers of New York will demonstrate their solidarity to the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union against these intrigues and the attempts at military intervention in the Soviet Union at the meeting called by the Communist Party at Central Opera House, 67th St. and 3rd Ave. on Wednesday, March 18th, 8 p. m. at which Foster will be the principle speaker.

This day is also the anniversary of the Paris Commune. The heroes of the Commune will be commemorated at this meeting.

The savage attacks upon Negro and white workers, the most recent one the attack of the sheriff's mob on Comrades Code and Hurst in Dallas, Texas; the deportation threats that hang over the heads of Comrades Devine, Murdock, Yokinen, Serio, etc., will be denounced and fully exposed as a part of the plan of the American workers by carrying on a campaign of terrorism against the foreign born and Negro workers. This is due to the fact that the American workers are being mobilized by the Communist Party and TUUL to fight for unemployment insurance, against wage cuts, and speed-up, for Negro rights, against discrimination and against persecution of foreign born.

Negro and white workers! Workers still supporting the socialist party! Workers in the shops, unions and fraternal organizations, unemployed and employed, attend this meeting.

## OLNEYVILLE, R. I. (National Headquarters N. T. W. U.), March 15.—

The 800 weavers in Bridgeport and Shelton, Conn., are now in the third week of their strike against a doubling up of looms from one to two and a simultaneous 45 per cent wage-cut. Frantic attempts made last week by the Blumenthal Co., whose mills are struck, to break up the ranks of the strikers have failed. Anna Weinstock, the "arbitrator" of the Department of Labor, was refused admittance by the workers to all strike meetings. The local papers last week gave wide publicity to red-baiting attacks on the National Textile Workers' Union by Kamp, a professional strike-breaker of the so-called "Constitutional - Educational League." In spite of this the representatives of the N. T. W. U. were enthusiastically received at all strike meetings.

Martin Russak, representative of the National Executive Board of the N. T. W. U., spoke at the strike meetings in Bridgeport and Shelton on

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## Kill Young Worker In California for Being Unemployed

(By a Worker Correspondent)

HONOLULU, Cal., March 15.—Morris Debrian, 25-year-old worker, of 115 South Clarence St., Los Angeles, Cal., was arrested in a private house, last Feb. 22 and badly beaten up by "peace" officers. The charge against him was drunkenness and resisting arrest. But he could not have been very drunk—because officers claim that Debrian knocked two of them out before they got the best of him.

Debrian was first sent to jail, and when nearly dead from the terrific beating, someone swore out an insanity charge against him and sent him to Norwalk state hospital for the insane. There he died 15 hours after he had been admitted to the asylum.

The police victim's father testified in court that his son was "neither a drunkard nor a madman." But, according to a post mortem examination completed on March 5th, under the supervision of Coroner Frank Nance, "Acute, maniacal delirium and results exhaustion caused the death of Morris Debrian."

Besides this, it has been learned that there was one policeman in the gang of twelve which took Coder and Hurst from the steps of the jail, where they had been placed a moment before their volunteer attorney, George Clifton Edwards.

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## MASS PROTEST GROWS; GALVESTON MASS MEET DENOUNCES TERRORISM

Dallas Mayor, Prosecutor, Chief of Police, All Members of Klan, Which Kidnapped and Flogged and Tried to Kill the Workers

Three Police Stood By While Prize Fighter Beat Up Coder and Hurst in Jail

Flogger Waited at Police Station Desk to Notify the Lynch Gang When Two Were to Be Placed On Steps at Their Disposal

(By Special Correspondent)

DALLAS, Texas, March 15.—The kidnapping and flogging of Charles Coder and Lewis Hurst, Trade Union Unity League and Communist Party local secretaries here, by a gang of armed klansmen and the dramatic rescue of the two workers who had been left for dead by their abductors, continues to be the burning issue here.

District Attorney McGraw has gone to Kansas City by airplane to bring back the two escaped victims.

The Dallas News, a local paper, declares that martial law will be declared if the two do return or if any Communist meetings are held.

Dallas is the Ku Klux Klan headquarters in this part of the South. Its strongest branch is located here. The local leader is a certain Dr. Evans of Dallas, Mayor J. Waddy Tate, District Attorney William McGraw, Chief of Police Claude W. Trammell, are all members of the KKK. Not one of them can be trusted with the lives of these two militants.

More facts continue to come to light, showing still more clearly that the whole leading officialdom of this city of nearly 300,000 was involved in the dastardly crime, which so nearly became murder, which was so clearly intended to be murder, that it was common talk here for six days that the men had been killed after torture.

It is now known that the beating of Coder and Hurst in the jail, which the local papers try to represent as the result of the indignation of other prisoners because of the preaching of race equality by the two militants, was not done by the other prisoners at all. The victims were first separated by the police, then three policemen stood by and watched while each man separately was beaten to a pulp by the prize fighter Holland, who was brought in for that purpose, and was only nominally, by means of a fiction, a "prisoner."

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## EX-SERVICEMEN OPEN CAMPAIGN

National Headquarters Are Established

The Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League is opening a campaign to mobilize the ex-servicemen to fight against the bonus steal.

At the last meeting of the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League a resolution was passed pledging solidarity with the working class and calling upon all ex-servicemen, sailors and marines to join in as a body with the May 1 demonstrations of the workers. The campaign will be conducted through open-air meetings, visiting of workers' organizations and reaching ex-servicemen in the Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and all other places where ex-servicemen can be found.

Permanent headquarters have been established at 79 E. Tenth St. in New York City. The campaign will be carried on nationally with this headquarters as its center.

## Buffalo Orders District Page

District 4 Buffalo, announces its intentions to order a district page every week, beginning April 17.

"It is still five weeks away, but it will take time to prepare the ground for the task in our district," writes Karlo Ilmoni, Daily Worker representative. "The units are to assign quotas at their next meetings and prepare for the most effective mass distribution of the papers."

The Buffalo district will find the unit apparatus tightened as these weekly editions go into effect, and will increase its circulation tremendously. (Sixty thousand circulation tips on page 3.)



# TEXTILE UNION PUSHES ORGANIZATION AMONG WORKERS OF LAWRENCE

## Those Still Left in Mills Forced to Work On 12 Hour Shifts Instead of 8 Hours

### U.T.W. Says That They Will Co-operate With Bosses to Introduce Staggerism

A. Harfield, organizer for the National Textile Workers' Union in Lawrence, arrested and railroaded through on a vagrancy charge in a vain attempt to close the union office in Lawrence, March 2, stated yesterday that the office was reopened immediately, and is being maintained at 234 Essex St., Lawrence. The police had nailed the door shut when Harfield and others were arrested there, but the workers tore the door open.

The union is growing, and the situation is good. Departmental meetings are being held nightly, and department committees formed.

The workers in many departments are sticking together solidly and refusing to work overtime except for time and a half. Only in departments where a number of "suckers" have been imported has the management been able to enforce overtime at straight time pay, on the workers.

The American Woolen Co. has begun to break its solemn promise not to discriminate against the strikers. The workers are organizing to fight this discrimination.

The sentence against Harfield was "filed," which means that he will get six months when the police pick him up again.

### Wage Catter Active.

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 15.—A sub-committee of the American Woolen Co. directors has been formed to find some way to abolish the reported \$4,897,584 deficit the company ran up last year, and to get profits. Prominent on this committee is Albert H. Wiggins, head of the Chase National Bank. This Wiggins some two months ago came out with a public statement that only extensive wage cuts and more speeding of the workers in industry would bring back the big profits of American factories.

### Try Deport Native Born.

BOSTON, Mass., March 15.—The U. S. government department of labor continues, under the administration of Doak, a railroad brotherhood bureaucrat, to push the deportation proceedings against the arrested Lawrence strike leaders, Edith Berkman, Pat Devine, and William Murdoch. This, in spite of the fact that Berkman was born in San Francisco, and Devine in Chicago.

It is learned here that a Philadelphia warrant has been obtained against Murdoch, to be served whenever he is bailed out. Murdoch was, at last accounts, still in the U. S. Marine Hospital, recovering from injuries given him by police when he was beaten up and arrested in Lawrence.

The federal and Lawrence bail on Berkman and Devine totals \$48,200 each. They are charged, in addition to being held for deportation, with a variety of offenses including, "Conspiracy to destroy, mar and deface the personal property of the American Woolen Co.; conspiracy to injure contracts of the American Woolen Co.; conspiracy to intimidate employees of the American Woolen Co."

Out on \$10,000 bonds is another worker, Danilovich, against whom also all these conspiracy charges are lodged.

## ISSUE MAY DAY CONFERENCE CALL

### United Front of Both TUUL and Party

The United Front May Day conference has been called by the Communist Party and TUUL and Unemployed Council of Greater New York at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St., on Monday, March 30, at 8 p. m.

The situation in the United States—growing unemployment, increasing wage cuts, and speed-up, increased application of stagger plan, persecution of the foreign born, the lynching gave against the Negro workers, the suppression of 5 Communist and revolutionary labor papers, the attempts to outlaw the Communist Party and TUUL in the various parts of the country shows the growing terror against which the workers, unemployed and employed, Negro and white, native and foreign born, must unite.

The growing revolt in the A. F. L. against the fascist leadership; the rebellion that is arising among the rank and file social-fascist, socialist party; the sold out strikes, the betrayal of the workers in all other struggles confront the workers of this city and country with the necessity of united and revolutionary leadership of unemployed councils, shop committees, shop groups, of trade unions, also the A. F. L. of fraternal and mass organization shall elect 3 delegates to this conference for uniting our forces for May Day.

Forward all credentials either to the Communist Party, 50 E. 13th St. or Trade Union Unity League, 16 W. 21st St., City.

## 5,000 MARCH IN NEW BRITAIN

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., March 15.—Five thousand employed and unemployed workers marched on the city hall today to present demands for immediate relief of the jobless. The mayor refused to see their delegation and the police attacked and clubbed the demonstrators, making five arrests.

## COMMUNISTS IN BULGARIA GAIN

### Despite Terror Make Gains in Voting

VIENNA.—The municipal elections which took place in Russia, Lom and Nova-Zagorra showed the steady progress made by the revolutionary movement in Bulgaria of late. In all three towns the Workers' Party won great increases in its poll. In Russia it doubled its vote and is now the strongest party in the town. In Nova-Zagorra the percentage gain of the Workers' Party was even greater. The social-democrats lost heavily in all three districts. In Lom they lost 30 per cent of their votes and in Nova-Zagorra they lost a seat.

The official results were: Russia—Workers' Party, 2,099, as compared with 1,102 at the last election; government party, 1,945; democrats, 744; liberals, 1,415; peasants, 893, and social democrats, 628, as compared with 652.

Lom—Workers' Party, 372 (this was the first time the Workers' Party put forward a candidate list in Lom); government party, 1,337; radicals, 894; peasants, 316; social democrats, 327.

Nova-Zagorra—Workers' Party, 338 (in 1929 124 only); government party, 738; democrats, 188; peasants, 108; social democrats, 141.

In the municipal elections, which took place on Feb. 22 in the town of Ichtiman, the Workers' Block won a great success and became the strongest party in the town. The workers' block received 359 votes and 5 seats; peasants, 267; democrats, 222; government party, 222, etc.

Prior to the reactionary Zankov coup d'etat Ichtiman had a Communist majority and a Communist mayor. The Communists in the town were practically exterminated. Their leaders were hounded down and slaughtered by the Zankov bandits or driven abroad. This was the first time since the Zankov coup that the workers' block put forward candidates here. In 1925 100 Communists from Ichtiman were placed on trial and 20 were sentenced to death.

"Rabotnichesko Delo" points out that these elections were conducted during a reign of terror against the revolutionary working class movement. The Party was numerically weak, having only 60 members in Russia. The Party must strengthen its organization and become a mass Party.

## What's On—

MONDAY—  
Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League. Open air meet. at 8 p. m. at 125th St. and 5th Ave.  
Dance of the Young Liberals. Which was to have been held at 210 E. 102nd St. has been postponed until a later date.  
All Needle Trades Workers. Meeting at the 28th St. pool bet. Ninth and Tenth Aves. will begin to-

## ADVENTURES OF BILL WORKER



## HOSPITAL KICKS OUT SICK WORKER

### Would Not Listen To Dope Peddler

NEW YORK.—John Ryan, aged 28, member of the Red Builders Club, and out of work for the last six months, arm broken twice by subway detectives, while selling the Daily Worker, and one of the Hunger Marchers to Albany, went into the Bellevue Hospital, on Saturday a week ago because he was very sick. So sick in fact that he was spitting blood. His story as told to Anne North, and Lester Baloy of the Workers International Relief is as follows:

"They said I had influenza. Thursday, while I was lying there, so sick, I couldn't see straight, a Salvation Army captain walks over to me and begins talking.

"He begins talking about god, and about praying, and asking me why I don't come over to their side. He saw a 'Vote Communist' button on my hand beside me. He kept on talking, and I asked him to go away.

"How long have you been out of work?" he said.

"Six months,"

"If you prayed to god," he said, "you'd find work and you'd get food, and you wouldn't be sick like this."

"I tried to chase him away, because I didn't want to hear him talk, and two other patients in the ward pulled him away from me."

"A few minutes later, he came back again and started preaching. I sat up and hit him and pushed him away. He gave me a New Testament, and I threw it across the room. Then he went out and told the nurse.

"Then the nurse came down and started bawling me out. Then she called the doctor and told him I was fighting with her. The doctors then discharged me from the hospital—threw me out, although I had a high fever and was so sick I could hardly stand.

"If I had not come to the Workers' International Relief, I would have had to walk the streets all night, and am still sick, and spitting blood."

## Opportunities for Engineers In USSR

### Program Staggers the Imagination Says One

NEW YORK.—The Soviet Union offers the engineer greater opportunity for constructive work than any country in the world, according to an article by James H. Pierce, Vice President of the engineering firm of Stuart, James and Cooke, Inc., of New York City, in the March 15 issue of the Economic Relief of the Soviet Union. This firm, during the past four years has concluded eleven contracts with various Soviet organizations for technical assistance to the Soviet coal industry. Since 1927 the company has had engineers working on projects for the coal mines in the Donetz Basin and the Moscow and Ural coal regions. According to Mr. Pierce, the working and living conditions, which were unsatisfactory when the American engineers first went to the U.S.S.R., have steadily improved and are now considered fairly satisfactory. The article goes in part as follows:

## How to Conduct Strike Struggles Taken Up in March 'Communist'

It is necessary to learn in particular and in detail how to lead the workers in strikes and struggles. The correctness with which Comrade Kusanov, in the March Communist, discusses work among women during a strike situation, is an example to follow. Stachel on Coming Struggles and Lessons of Strike Strategy and Foster on the Fundamental Problem of Trade Union Democracy, gives important directives for our trade union work with which we should all become acquainted.

## ARTICLES ON 'FORCED LABOR'

### Dr. Communist Deals With Capitalist Lie

With the hue and cry in the capitalist press about "forced labor" in the Soviet Union, we may well congratulate the "freedom" of labor in capitalist countries. Four articles in the March Communist are very timely in this connection. "A Charter of Slavery for the Indian People," reveals with hard facts the way in which the Imperialist Labor Government and its lackeys in the Indian bourgeoisie are trying to saddle themselves on the Indian toilers. "Why the Peasant Revolts in the Philippines," by Harry Gannes, discusses the "freedom" of imperialist robbery and feudalistic oppression inflicted by American interests upon these natives. The conditions under which the Negroes suffer in the South and the methods whereby the ruling whites work to provide "free" and "lawful" oppression, poverty, and degradation for the Negro masses through the systems of tenancy, peonage, convict labor, race hatred, and Jim-Crowism is vividly analyzed by two articles: "Some Rural Aspects of the Struggle for Self-Determination," by Jim Allen and "The Negro National Oppression and Social Antagonisms," by B. D. Amis.

## Theatre Guild Presents "Miracle at Verdun" Tonight

"Miracle at Verdun" by Hans Chluberg, will be presented at the Martin Beck Theatre this evening. Talking picture sequences will be included in the presentation of the play, enacted by the same players in the cast. The cast of seventy is headed by Claude Rains, Edward Arnold, Germaine Giroux, Jules Epally, Sidney Starvo and J. W. Austin. Herbert J. Biberman Directed the production and the settings are by Lee Simonson. Al Jolson will return to Broadway, "The Wonder Bar" at the Bayes Theatre on Tuesday evening. The Bayes has been entirely rebuilt for the engagement of "The Wonder Bar," which is a combination of musical comedy, drama, revue, cabaret. The play was adapted from the German of Geza Herczeg and Karl Farkas by Irving Caesar and Aben Kandel, and the music is by Robert Katscher. The company also includes Trini, Rex O'Malley, Wanda Lyon, Patsy Kelly and Vernon Steele.

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## HEAR REPORT OF HUNGERMARCHERS

### Council Will Build Naborhood Units

The Trade Union Unity Council at an open meeting tonight will hear the report of the Hunger March to Albany and will discuss the proposals of the Unemployed Council Executive for the intensification and concretization of the struggle against unemployment.

At the Unemployed Council Executive meeting last night it was decided to give special attention to the building of Neighborhood Unemployed Councils, to concentrate in the most congested workers' sections, to raise demands based upon the actual starvation conditions existing in tens of thousands workers' homes.

The lack of concreteness in our struggle against unemployment is shown in the death of seven Seamen in the Seaman's Institute, from starvation and lack of medical attention. The death of these seamen, disclosed the fact that numbers of similar deaths occurred in this institute alone but this brutal treatment is covered up by the authorities. A systematic check-up must be made and concrete special demands made upon the borough and city for immediate relief for those families that are in starving, destitute conditions. This, of course, is not a charity demand, but a very definite part of the struggle for unemployment insurance.

The whole plan of work will be outlined and discussed at the council meeting tonight at 7.45 at the Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St. All workers are invited to this open meeting.

## DEMAND AMNESTY FOR PRISONERS

AKRON, Ohio, March 15.—An Amnesty conference in preparation for the signature drive to demand the amnesty of all political prisoners now confined in the prisons of the United States was held at Akron Workers Center at 9 W. Barges St. on Tuesday evening, March 10.

Many working class organizations were represented by delegates and a resolution adopted demanding the immediate release of all working class political prisoners as well as the repeal of the Ohio Criminal Syndicalist law. The conference was addressed by Jennie Cooper, district organizer of the International Labor Defense, who explained to delegates the necessity of mass pressure in the campaign for amnesty of political prisoners.

## Int'l Harvester Cuts Pay of Salaried Men

CHICAGO, Ill.—Salary reductions ranging from 5 to 10 percent have been given the general clerical and salaried staff including the lower executives by the International Harvester Co.

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## Festivals of Working Class Culture to Be Held by Int'l Relief

An enthusiastic audience greeted the First Festival of Proletarian Culture last Friday evening, when the cultural groups of the Workers International Relief gave their first combined exhibition of a movement which marks the first steps in the organization of a proletarian culture in this country.

The Junior Dancers, children from 6 to 10, danced "Hunger," and other symbolic dances with true revolutionary feeling. The Symphony Orchestra of 40 pieces played Bach, Grieg, and working class songs. The English Chorus composed of 25, sang old and new songs with working class themes. The Red Dancers, who have appeared on the program of many working class affairs, danced "Barriades," "Red Flag"; the Workers Laboratory Theatre presented "Buy Now," a travesty on modern capitalist advice to starving workers.

This Festival will be followed by other performances of the cultural groups, which have been growing in popularity with the workers since their start.

## COUNCIL MEETS AT BREADLINE

### Held the Meeting in Spite of Police

The Downtown Unemployed Council held a meeting in front of the city free relief employment agency, at 59 Leonard Street, and another meeting was held on Houston Street, between Sixth and Seventh Avenue, at which point a breadline is located.

The police tried to break up the meeting but the workers militantly continued. At the end of the meeting many workers walked up to 27 East 4th Street where several Negro and white workers joined the council.

Another meeting will be held today at 12 noon, on Houston Street between Sixth and Seventh Aves., near the breadline. At 10:30 a. m. a meeting will be held in front of the fake employment agency, at 59 Leonard St.

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## DON'T FORGET NTWIU BAZAAR!

### Needle Workers to Have 40 Booths

The rank and file Dress Strike Committee issued an appeal to workers to aid in its struggle against the dress bosses, for better conditions in the shops. Many shops were settled, and the workers returned to work under better conditions. But many bosses are still stubborn, and refuse to settle. The union needs financial assistance to continue its work.

The Needle Trades Bazaar, to be held March 19, 20, 21 and 22 at Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave., will help the union raise finances for its work. The bazaar will be the biggest this winter. Workers will be able to buy their every need, at the lowest prices. Men's clothing, dresses, children's clothing, cloaks, raincoats, umbrellas, knitted goods, books, jewelry, slippers, white goods, underwear, shoes, jackets, groceries, fruits, lamps, pictures, leather jackets, blankets, art goods, candy, etc. will be sold at prices lower than any previous bazaar. At this bazaar, there will be a big selection of articles. There will be about 40 booths. No retail storekeeper could compete, and sell as cheaply as at the Needle Trades Bazaar, because large amounts of donated articles that will be sold at the bazaar at any price.

Every worker in New York will be at this bazaar. You can come to the bazaar right after work, and eat a real good home cooked supper in the bazaar restaurant. After supper, there will be a concert and entertainment. The Freiheit Gesangs Verein, will sing excerpts of the oratorium, "October." The Artel Studio will appear in Nadir's "Give Us the World, Bourgeois." There will be many other features. Tickets are only 35c. For Thursday, Friday and Sunday, 50c. For Saturday and the combination ticket, good for all four days, costing \$1. Buy your tickets now, at the office of the union, 131 W. 28th St.

Did your organization send in an advertisement of greetings for the Bazaar? Will your name appear on the Union Honor Roll list? If not, what are you waiting for? Hurry up!

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# BUFFALO HOTEL BOSSES AGREE ON PACT CUTTING PAY OF HOTEL WORKERS

## Statler Hotel Has Already Enforced 10 P. C. Wage Slash and Stagger System

### Toolmakers and Die Sinkers Offered 54 Cents An Hour In Stamping Plant

Comrades:— Buffalo, N. Y. In Buffalo all hotel and club managers met in the latter part of February and agreed to cut all the wages of their employees and to introduce the stagger system in all of Buffalo's hotels and clubs where the idle rich play and enjoy life while the unemployed are starving and live in shacks.

This agreement must be enforced by April 1st by all hotels belonging to this association.

Employees in the Lafayette Hotel receive the following wages: waiters \$15 a week and the kitchen help get from \$12-\$15 a week and these workers must buy their own food. The management does not even pass out the scraps to these employees as they did before.

**Statler Cuts Immediately.** The Statler Hotel has already introduced a 10 per cent cut and has the stagger system of 5 days a week, one week on and one week off.

The employees of this hotel are speeded up to such an extent that the hotel was forced to introduce rigid rules in order to subdue the

# "We'll Show You How Free It Is," Say Minneapolis Police Sluggers

To the Daily Worker: Minneapolis, Minn. On the evening of March 2, W. Z. Foster was scheduled to speak at Cataract Masonic Temple but a well-equipped army of Banker Kunze's cops scattered the crowd. We then hiked to Humboldt Hall thinking that the meeting might be held there. But upon our arrival we found another detachment of cops stationed outside of the hall.

Some of us entered the hall only to be driven outside. Again we were ordered to keep moving. One poor fellow told the cops that this is supposed to be a free country in which the people are guaranteed freedom of speech and of assembly. Whereupon one of the bulls replied: "We'll show you how free it is." U-wittingly the cop spoke the truth. Or can it be possible that he was bright enough to realize that our much-vaunted freedom is only an illusion?

—Worker Correspondent. P. S. This evening the bosses' yellow press announced "Reds Blocked in Three Trips; Plan Secret Meeting." The majority of us weren't Reds until last night. Today, however, we are Reds to the man.

# Installment Co. Robs Detroit Worker of His Furniture

(By a Worker Correspondent.) DETROIT, Mich.—Emil Weiler, 4208 Pennsylvania Ave., who has been unemployed for some time, but who recently got back to part time work, for which he receives about \$13 per week, was a victim of the vicious, profit-grabbing Peoples Outfitting Co. This Peoples Outfitting Company is a large installment furniture store which robs the workers so as to line the pockets of its owners with profits. Emil Weiler purchased some furniture from this store about two years ago on the credit system which amounted to \$217.50. He had it all paid up but the sum of \$30 when the company sent the Deputy Sheriff to his home to take back the furniture. In the meantime Weiler had secured the \$30

# Indianapolis AFL Fights Demands of the Unemployed

Indianapolis, Ind. Daily Worker: The "full belly boss class," together with its brother, the Central Labor Union here in Indianapolis, has because of the growing militancy of the workers for unemployment relief, appointed a Labor Skate in the form of Otto Ray to terrorize and intimidate the workers into starving without making a sound. This faker was hired as a sort of license inspector with a captaincy in the Police Department. This fascist, with a reactionary record in the A. F. of L. has also stuck his nose into handling out charity jobs—at starvation wages. This fascist of the A. F. of L. in order to stop the unemployed from organizing, has attempted on several occasions to railroad the leaders of the unemployed, T. Luesse, Ross and others, to jail, and in failing, this "kind gentleman" has forced them to work for the city for a measly wage of 20

# Vet Sympathizer, He Fights in the Workers' Struggle

Chicago, Ill. Editor Daily Worker: I've been a sympathizer of the Communist Party for about three years ever since I heard the first Communist speech when I was cured from my religion and other diseases of which I had been afflicted. I'm one of those who had something to do with that democracy stuff in the last war. We'll be still bothered from that war and as I don't feel as tho I could act as I

# JAIL 5; 8,000 IN HUNGER MARCH

## Cops Beat Jobless In Connecticut

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marchers reached the city hall, the police force, which had been mobilized and held in waiting, launched an attack on the demonstrators and the crowd. A battle took place which lasted for several minutes, as the workers militantly fought back. Lloyd Brown and several others received blows on the head.

It took some time before the police with difficulty cleared the space before the city hall and hustled away the five workers who were arrested. Meanwhile Lloyd Brown led the workers in a march back to the Ukrainian Hall, where over 100 workers took part in an organizational meeting for the Unemployed Council.

The mayor, in refusing to see the delegation and ordering the police attack, made lying statements that 9,000 were being fed by the city. The best answer to this is the fact that thousands of militant workers answered the call to demonstrate for relief. According to the mayor's admission, over 7,000 workers are unemployed.

Expose "Radical" Phrases of Olson. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 15.—New tricks are being used by the "labor" governor of Minnesota to keep the unemployed, whose ranks are constantly growing, from fighting for relief. Speaking at a mass meeting called by the American Federation of Labor locals in the St. Paul City Auditorium, Governor Olson did his best to deflect the growing mass discontent into safe channels. Starting out by proving he was from the "plain people," he went on to state that there "is a tide of unrest in this country. People are tired of the old platitudes, the old slogans; tired of being told what is apt to be."

"I challenge any economist defending the capitalist system," he went on to say, "to answer the question why, if the system is correct, food should rot on the ground while men go hungry?" He also talked about free speech, free assembly and freedom to organize. Very "radical" sounding phrases. But he forgot to mention how he had instructed police terror in Minneapolis, where the workers are not allowed to hold meetings, neither in the streets nor in halls, and how the cops break up every meeting.

To expose this faker and to show what his "radical" sounding phrases really mean, the Trade Union League distributed 3,000 leaflets in front of the auditorium before and during the meeting. The leaflet pointed out that the workers must realize that such tools of the bosses as Olson are the worst enemies of the working class; they shake your hand with one hand and cut your throat with the other.

Despite the arrests and terror, the T. U. L. is growing, the Unemployed Councils are increasing their influence and there is a fighting spirit among the workers.

Two Get 90 Days In California. HANDBO, Calif., March 9 (By Mail).—The case of four workers arrested in an unemployment demonstration on Main St. on Jan. 20 was placed in the hands of a jury March 4. The defendants were Hector Triana and Alex. Ivance, accused of beating a cop; James Conley, charged with "disturbing the peace," and Joe Holub, accused of distributing handbills and "disturbing the peace."

Witnesses testified that squads of police beat the demonstrators. Attorney Gallagher told the jury that "anyone who testified for the defense was in danger of losing his job because the 'Red Squad' of the police department would go to his employer and demand his job." The prosecution put on 11 witnesses, 10 of whom were policemen, "because policemen can't co-ordinate their testimony," Gallagher declared.

Holub was found guilty and Municipal Judge H. Parker Wood sentenced him to 90 days in the county jail. The jury failed to agree on a verdict on the other three. They were put on trial again. This time Hector Triana was found guilty and Municipal Judge Thomas L. Ambrose sentenced him to 90 days in the county jail for beating a cop. The jury failed for the second time to agree in the case of Alex. Ivance. James Conley was released.

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# Oakland, Calif. Plans District Page; Other Districts Debating Question; Districts Now Active

Oakland, Calif., is the first section in the entire California district to show any reaction to the advantages of the district page which was discussed at a recent Daily Worker Conference in Oakland. C. Muglian, section Daily Worker representative writes:

"Although the conference was not a large one, since very few Party comrades did attend nevertheless it was a very live one. Many points were taken up, a good discussion took place and four new members joined the Red Builders News Club. In a very short time the Red Builders are going to order many more copies. Plans are being made to order 1,000 copies of the Daily Worker in the near future. WE ALSO TOOK UP THE PROPOSAL FOR A DISTRICT PAGE, AND WILL SOON ORDER FOR THE SAME."

Comrade Muglian further reports that the News Club has a membership of 14 at present, who are very active in getting the Daily Worker into every worker's hand, and states

## WILL SHOW TROY HOW



This is H. "Ginger" Neilson, New York Red Builder, who is on his way to Troy to lend a hand in the Daily Worker activities there. Neilson was one of the star sellers here, and a veteran of the Club. The comrades will miss his humor and pep.

that the Conference pledged that Oakland will see that every factory and worker's home gets the Daily Worker. We welcome the first step taken by Comrade Muglian in getting the district page started in California, and urge the other sections to cooperate with her in the distribution of the weekly issue. Oakland has also increased its bundle order 100 a day. Other districts have shown interest and have inquired about these district editions.

DETROIT GAINS IN NEWSTANDS ORDERS Detroit is living up after a recent slump in Daily Worker orders. Sarah Victor, district Daily Worker representative, sent in five new subscriptions, two renewals, and an order for 15 copies for a new newsstand, as well as an increase of 10 for an old stand. We are still without reports on the Red Builders News Club. What action from them?

FRISCO PARTY MEMBERS ALOOF Some Comrades in San Francisco come in for some criticism on their apparent negligence in the Daily Worker campaign. Frank H., one of the Daily Worker agents writes: "Due to the numerous changes that have taken place in the literature department such as the Daily Worker agent, sales have dropped down considerably. We now receive 125 papers a day which you should cut immediately to 120 a day and 150 on Saturday. OUR MAIN SHORTCOMING IS THE LACK OF INTEREST IN THE PARTY MEMBERS TAKE IN BOOSTING THE DAILY WORKER."

Leading functionaries in the California district cannot afford to permit this negligence to continue on the part of the Party members, and should strengthen and give leadership to the Daily Worker activity down to the units. We want increases from San Francisco—not cuts!

"WOULD BE LOST WITHOUT DAILY" "Enclosed find \$3 to renew my subscription for another 6 months. We are having quite a battle getting the Daily Worker into the hands of the workers. It seems they are unable to grasp the lesson that the paper has for them. The capitalist press has poisoned their minds so much that the story of the class struggle is a hard pill for them to swallow.

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GOT SPARE TIME? PAY US A VISIT If any comrade who can spare an hour or two during the day will call at the national office of the Daily Worker, 35 E. 12th St., 8th floor, N.Y.C., we would appreciate their help.

# PROF. SEES END OF CAPITALISM

## Wants Fascism to Come to Rescue

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) not protected. Accidents and invalidism bring acute suffering. Self-respect of many men is impossible because such problems as these are not safely handled."

He shows the danger of war against the other imperialist powers, and takes it for granted that England and Germany would be defeated, would become Communist, and then the United States would inevitably follow. It is a gloomy picture for capitalism that the Harvard professor paints. But he has a solution—fascism and war. He wants capitalism to "plan" the economy. He insists that the capitalists maintain their profits, continue the exploitation of the working class, but adopt some method of planning by giving the state more direct power, through the capitalist executives to cut wages when they please, to direct war against the Soviet Union—to do anything to save wage-slavery and the parasitic, admittedly dying capitalist system. And the American capitalists must take the lead, he says:

"On our (the American capitalist's) ability to obtain such leadership in American business, the fate of capitalist civilization may well depend."

# French Toilers Are Faced With Pay Cut

## 200,000 Seamen Face Wage Slashes

PARIS.—Two hundred thousand seamen and fishermen, etc., are now threatened with wage-cuts. All the existing agreements are to be revised by the employers. The revolutionary unions are working feverishly to prepare the resistance of the affected workers.

The big mining associations in France are taking advantage of the large stocks which have accumulated as a result of the crisis to cut wages. They began operations in the less important districts, but at the moment 220,000 miners are threatened with wage-cuts averaging 3 francs a day. The coal areas—Aveyron, Loire, northern France and the Pas de Calais—are affected. There is, however, no doubts that the cuts will be extended to the whole of the 350,000 French miners.

Contrary to the expectations of the employers the miners are showing considerable fight and the reformist trade union leaders are being compelled to maneuver frantically. They have been forced to agree "in principle" to the general strike. However, behind the scenes they are conducting negotiations in order to effect some sort of compromise and avoid a fight. The revolutionary Miners' Union calls for a general strike on March 10.

# BRIDGEPORT MASS PICKETING TODAY

## Strikers Firm; Refuse to Admit Weinstock

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Thursday and Friday. He exposed the strike-breaking role of Weinstock and Kamp and pointed out the A. F. of L. leaflets, which had been turned up by the strikers when attempts were made to distribute them, had been brought in simultaneously with Weinstock's and Kamp's arrival. Russak's proposal for mass picketing was enthusiastically received. As a result it has been arranged for the Shelton strikers to come to Bridgeport in a body on Monday morning and picket together with the Bridgeport strikers. There are a few scabs in the Bridgeport mill. The Shelton mill has been closed down practically complete.

As a result of the unbroken solidarity of the strikers, the bosses have already been compelled to open negotiations with the strike committee. However, the strikers are not putting too much faith in these negotiations and are going ahead with their plans for mass picketing.

Welcome N. T. W. The confidence of the strikers in the N. T. W. U. was made very clear at the mass strike meeting on Friday. An attempt was made by a member of the strike committee, who was evidently under the influence of the bosses' agents, to deny the floor to Devine, National Secretary of the N. T. W. U. and Russak. A vote being called for on this question, the 400 Shelton strikers voted unanimously to give them the floor and make proposals.

The firmness and determination of the Bridgeport and Shelton strikers have made their prospects for victory very good.

(By a Woman Mill Worker.) BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 15.—The Blumenthal Co. is publishing in the yellow papers that the workers make \$40 or more a week. This is not true. On the night shift they make as low as \$3.35 for 11 hours work, and if anything breaks down and they have to wait three or four hours, they get nothing for that time.

The company saw no workers coming in when they set the date for reopening first on March 9 and then on March 10. Now they are sending company agents to the workers' homes and trying to get women workers especially in Bridgeport. They still do not succeed, for the women's interests are the same as the men.

We appeal to all workers who see advertisements of Blumenthal for help in the mills to pay no attention. The strike is still going on.

# NEGRO PREACHER HELP EVICT NEGRO

## Open Air Meeting to Be Held Tonight

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—By orders of the landlord, court and preachers Nancy Fowler, a Negro mother of four children, was evicted from her home, 850 Myrtle Ave., Tuesday. Nancy's husband having had an operation recently had not paid rent for two months finds his family penniless and homeless.

A Negro preacher of the Baptist Church of 850 Myrtle Ave. (base-ment), Mr. Edwards actively participated in helping the marshals to throw out of the home of this Negro family, the furniture and their babies.

When the Unemployed Council and the Tenants League of Williamsburg learned of this eviction case (one day later) and was trying to locate the whereabouts of this family this preacher refused to reveal it. The Salvation Army which has for two weeks given few pennies to this family as "relief" stated through one of their representative that "the Salvation Army will not give a penny more of relief to this family."

Nancy when approached by the Unemployed Council representative stated with frankness the misery under which this family has been suffering.

She said that even though her husband has been completely unemployed for the last three months he was working very little previous to that time.

She stated that in view of the starvation facing the whole family she went to the Gates Ave. police station for help and they referred her to the State Street employment agency where no help was given to her and her family.

The Tenants League of Williamsburg with the Unemployed Council will hold an open air meeting in front of the place where this Negro family was evicted to expose the landlords attack upon the workers and the alliance of the Negro preacher and the bosses court with the landlord.

The meeting will be held Saturday evening, March 14, at 7 p.m. at Myrtle Ave. and Marcy. All neighbors are called upon to respond to this meeting as a demonstration of solidarity in the fight against the landlords.

# Texas District TUUL Scores Official Aids to Floggers

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 15.—Texas District of the Trade Union League has officially sent a resolution to the Dallas mayor, to Governor Stirling and to the press, stating:

"The executive committee of the Trade Union Unity League, Texas District, after investigating the kidnapping of two leaders of the workers of Dallas—Charles Coder and Lewis Hurst—wants to state that this crime is an open conspiracy, led by Police Commissioner Graves, approved by Mayor Waddy Tate and sanctioned by Sheriff Hood; in fact, the whole police department is implicated in the affair.

"This also includes Governor Sterling, who encourages mobbing and framing up of workers as displayed on Feb. 25 in Austin.

Fought Attack On Negroes. "These workers' leaders were flogged because they were leading the workers in the struggle against unemployment and proposing measures for immediate relief for the unemployed workers of Dallas and Texas, for organizing a struggle against the terrible wages, long hours and for better working conditions in the southwest; also because of their fight for full social, political and economic equality of the Negro masses, and against the deportation of the foreign-born workers, especially the Mexican workers.

"We declare we will not be terrorized by mob lynchings and kidnappings and floggings, but will stay in Texas, and in Dallas especially, and go forward in our work of organizing the workers into the unions.

"We further want to state that this is a malicious lie when the report is circulated that Coder and Hurst promised to leave Dallas; this report is circulated by the hoodlums of Mayor Tate, who want to discredit organizers Coder and Hurst.

"We further want to state that the press in Dallas is trying to create a mob hysteria, though it is being shown they could not get the masses involved. So the police commissioner, Mayor Tate, Sheriff Hood, with the help of the district attorney's office, organized the mob personally.

Who Is Responsible? "We put the responsibility for the kidnapping and flogging of these two workers on the shoulders of Mayor Tate, Police Commissioner Graves and Governor Sterling, who are directly held responsible for these two victims of 'class justice.' "We demand that Mayor Tate, Police Commissioner Graves, Sheriff Hood and Norman Register be held on charges.

"Mayor Tate and his whole gang state that they got no official complaint. This is ridiculous! They only further damn themselves with these lying statements; in fact, it is not impossible that the mayor and the rest of the city hall machine were participants in the mob action.

"The investigation of the grand jury will lead to nothing, but will further expose to the masses the true character of capitalist justice.

"We call on the workers to protest in mass and defend our organizers throughout Texas, by action. Death to lynchers and kidnapers!"

TAKES PLANE TO GET CODER, HURST Mass Protest Grows; Denounce Terror (CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

three men to the city limits, where Edwards was released, the police having meanwhile notified Edwards's young son that this was exactly what would be done with Edwards. Then Coder and Hurst were taken eighteen miles out, through the little country town of Hutchins, and two miles south of the place, where they were flogged into insensibility, tied, and at least Coder, thrown into a knee-deep river of intensely cold water.

Details of Coder's escape from drowning, and his joining with Hurst, who according to present information seems to have been carried further and flogged again, will be forthcoming when the story of the two workers is told. (The Daily Worker expects to have their own account within a day or so.)

The campaign of mass protest against this terror upon militant workers who reflect the determination of the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League to fight for equality of Negro and white workers in the South, continues.

Galveston Protest Meeting. GALVESTON, Texas, March 15.—Between 500 and 600 workers gathered here in a mass protest meeting against the Dallas terror. Large forces of police had been stationed at the city hall to attack the crowd there, but it met at the county court house. The speakers spoke from the "Rebels Monument." Both Negro and white workers were in the crowd.

Demands were adopted for unemployment insurance, and for a 50 cents per hour minimum wage.

Jobless Protest NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., March 15.—The regular meeting of the unemployed council here March 12 adopted a resolution denouncing the outrage in Dallas, and sent copies to the governor of Texas, the mayor of Dallas and the press.

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# GERMAN REDS SWEEPING AHEAD

## Aim to Double Membership in 6 Months

BERLIN.—Following on the success of the Communist Party of Germany at the Reichstag elections, the Central Committee gave the districts the task of doubling their membership in six months, that is, by April 1. Only paid up members were to be counted.

The membership at the beginning of the recruiting campaign was 121,392. In October an increase of 25 per cent was to be obtained. The increase actually obtained was 27.6 per cent. The membership figures reached 154,886. In November the figures rose by 9.3 per cent and reached 169,416. In December a further increase of 6.6 per cent was obtained and the total figure rose to 180,657. In January the increase was 10.9 per cent and the total figure 200,477.

In January the figures for 8 districts had not yet been reported. The December figures were therefore taken again, although the percentage increase for January to date was higher. Assuming the percentage increase for January to have been the same as in the other districts, the Party has now 205,956 paid up members, and has won 84,664 new members inside four months.

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# District Pages Improve Activity

The apparatus of the Communist Party in the Daily Worker campaign which has hitherto been weak in certain parts of the country is now considerably strengthened in those districts which have ordered special weekly pages.

Units which formerly have shown no life and activity in selling the Daily Worker, are now mobilized for the sale, distribution and house-to-house canvassing once a week, thus becoming involved in spreading the paper in working class territories.

Chicago, Philadelphia and Cleveland have found this improvement in their district Daily Worker machinery. Pittsburgh, beginning March 23, will order its weekly editions every Monday.

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# SAVE THE MORNING FREIHEIT!

All working class organizations, industrial, political, fraternal, cultural, must rally to the support of the Morning Freiheit, whose very existence is in danger. All Party members and Party functionaries must do their utmost in the present campaign to secure adequate funds to save the Freiheit.

Statement by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. A.

Comrades, the Morning Freiheit, militant organ of the Jewish workers, is in financial distress. After a year of severe crisis, the paper finds itself in a situation where it will be compelled to suspend unless substantial aid is secured immediately.

The suspension of the Morning Freiheit would be a severe blow to the working class of America. The Morning Freiheit valiantly carried on the revolutionary struggles of the workers, both economic and political.

It was in the forefront in the organization of the Red Trade Unions affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League. It has helped organize the International Workers Order, the foundation of a working class fraternal organization in this country. It has helped to organize a number of cultural organizations, doing service for the working class. It is consistently combating the trade union bureaucracy and the social fascists of the "socialist party."

It has been fighting the vicious counter-revolutionary organ of the Second International, the Jewish Daily Forward, the organ of the Abramovitchs, who are plotting with the world imperialists to organize intervention in the Soviet Union.

The Morning Freiheit has consistently given its readers correct class information concerning the building up of socialism in the Soviet Union.

The Morning Freiheit is the only organ of the revolutionary class struggle in the Yiddish language in the United States, and it is the duty

of every worker to help it in its present catastrophic situation.

A united front was formed against the Morning Freiheit comprising the rich, the petty bourgeoisie, the religious elements, the socialists of the Second International, the union bureaucrats, the Zionists of all shades and varieties, the nationalists of every variety, in short a united front of all the elements outside of the revolutionary proletarian ranks.

This resulted in business machinations against the Morning Freiheit and withdrawal of advertisements. In spite of all this, the circulation of the Morning Freiheit has been increasing, but the deficit of the Morning Freiheit is still mounting and it finds itself in no position to continue unless aid is rushed immediately.

We appeal to all working class organizations, industrial, political, fraternal, cultural and we instruct all Party members and Party organizations to do their utmost to help the Morning Freiheit. Work for the Morning Freiheit is work for the cause of the revolutionary struggle. Aid to the Morning Freiheit is aid to the revolutionary movement.

The workers must save the Morning Freiheit. The workers must take up the question of aid to the Morning Freiheit at their meetings.

In the present crisis, when the workers must be organized to fight for shorter hours and higher wages, when we must fight for unemployment insurance and immediate aid for the unemployed, when we must fight against deportation of foreign born workers, when we must re-double our struggle against war preparations and in defense of the Soviet Union, when we must do our utmost to organize the workers, both white and Negro, in mass revolutionary organizations, at such a time the maintaining of the Morning Freiheit becomes increasingly important.

We hope the workers will avert the catastrophe which is threatening the Morning Freiheit. The Morning Freiheit must be saved!

Central Committee of the Communist Party of U. S. A.

## THE BLOOD OF CODER AND HURST



By BURCK

## Red Sparks

By JORGE

### For the Needle Trades

"Dear Comrade:—Last night I invited three Negro workers to come along and see the film 'China Express,' which was being shown at the Allerton Theatre benefit performance for the Needle Trades Worker Industrial Union. The program included revolutionary songs and recitation by Artef.

"To our surprise and disappointment, all announcements, speeches and recitations we could not understand.

"We would like to know why such an affair could not be conducted in English, or at least some of the announcements and speeches? The posters advertising the affair were in English. The captions were in English. And surely the majority of Jewish comrades and sympathizers can understand the American brand of English.

"We stuck it out and made the best of the lengthy speeches, and enjoyed the film immensely. The Negro workers were very enthusiastic over the first proletarian affair they had attended.—E. C."

Well, comrade, we also wonder why the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union acts that way. We called them up to find out if they know that there are other needle workers in New York besides the Jewish workers. They had to hunt around some to catch a comrade who knew the proposition of racial groups. Finally, on our second phone call the information was cornered. It is estimated that there are 167,000 workers in all needle trades in New York City; that some 75,000 are Jewish—or only about 45 per cent. Also that in dressmaking, one-third are Latin American, Negro and Italian.

So they know it all right. But when they start out to do anything, all that they know is put in cold storage, and the old habits and methods continue. Incidentally, we have heard that besides Jewish, Latin American, Negro and Italian, there are some Irish and even Americans in the industry. Anyhow, there seems to be a lesson for the union in the letter quoted.

## For a United Fraternal Class Organization

Dear Comrades—

In the last couple of months the executive committee of the Slovak Workers Society, the Hungarian Sick and Death Benefit Organization, the Russian Mutual Aid Association, and the International Workers Order, Inc., have seriously discussed the question of amalgamating these mutual aid societies into one big workers' benefit organization. As a result of this discussion, a joint committee, consisting of representatives of all these organizations has been established. This committee took up further, the matter of amalgamation. The following is the unanimous opinion of the committee:

The question of amalgamation of the fraternal movement has been raised at a time when the fraternal movement is going through a big crisis as a result of the sharpened economic crisis. Unemployment, and the worsened conditions of the workers that are still in the industries brought about a situation where tens of thousands of members of the fraternal organizations are compelled to leave those organizations. The reactionary fraternal organizations which boast about their big treasuries do not do a thing to come to the help of the membership which has been paying for years towards accumulating those big treasuries. The workers' fraternal organizations are divided up at the present into several small fraternal organizations, with small memberships, and none of them are at present able to play an important role in the class struggle. The amalgamation of all the workers' fraternal organizations, with thousands of members would be of great benefit to the membership of these organizations, and to the revolutionary labor movement as a whole.

- Why?
1. A united fraternal organization would be in a position to give to the workers more benefits, with no extra payments.
2. A united fraternal organization would be in a position to organize medical centers, sanitariums and other important institutions for the benefit of the workers.
3. A united fraternal organization would be in a position to develop an intensive campaign for workers' insurance at the expense of the government, insurance for illness, unemployment, old age, etc. The workers' fraternal organization would be the instrument of paying those benefits to the workers.
4. A united fraternal organization would play a very important role in counteracting the attacks of the enemies of the working class in their campaign against foreign born. The recent report of the Fish Committee to Congress makes it clear that the workers must unite to

fight against the discriminatory laws which are being prepared by the capitalist state against the foreign born workers.

5. A united fraternal organization would become a big force in drawing in millions of workers who are yet unorganized, or who are organized in fraternal organizations which are being controlled by reactionaries and capitalist politicians.

6. A united fraternal organization would be in a position to draw into its ranks the American section of the working class, which at present is under the influence of the capitalist fraternal organizations, such as the Elks, Woodmen, etc.

7. A united fraternal organization would be in a position to draw in the youth which is playing more and more an important role in industry, and in the class struggle.

8. A united fraternal organization would play an important role in helping the class struggle of the workers. It would help to build up the Trade Union Unity League and thus become a very important factor in the economic and political development of the working class in the United States.

The joint committee has discussed the possibilities of building such a united organization, and, at the same time, giving the widest possible autonomy, not only to every language group, but also to every single branch of this united organization. The committee is convinced that a federated fraternal organization of the various language groups in this country, with language secretaries and language organizational and educational committees, would answer the problems of the widest possible autonomy of each language group in the organization. This feature of the proposed united fraternal organization is in accordance with the cultural needs of the different language groups which would make up this organization.

We call on all the branches of the Slovak Workers' Society, the Hungarian Sick and Death Benefit Organization, the Russian Mutual Aid Association and the International Workers' Order, Inc., to thoroughly discuss the question of amalgamation, to support this position of the joint committee, to send resolutions, proposals to the National Executive Committee of each of the above mentioned organizations and a copy to the joint committee of amalgamation, 32 Union Square, N. Y. C., Room 606.

Hungarian Sick and Death Benefit Society, Anton Friedfeld, president; Slovak Workers' Society, John H. Schiffel, president; Russian Mutual Aid Association, D. Kasustehik, general secretary; International Workers' Order, R. Saltzman, secretary.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: I learned at N. Y. High School that a child which is born from a Negro and white couple is called "Hybrid." This is supposed to be a very unhealthy child and has physical as well as mental defects. The child is known as impure.

Answer: Have the Communists no consideration for this result of having an impure offspring when they draft a program of struggle for the working classes?

Are the Communists not interested in bettering the lives of the future generation?

Answer—This is typical of the poison being injected into the minds of the working class youth by schools and other capitalist-controlled institutions. Such a distortion of scientific fact follows naturally from the vicious theory of Negro inferiority by which the white master class seeks to justify its brutal enslavement of the Negro masses during chattel slavery and at present, and to keep the Negro and white workers divided so that they can be exploited more easily.

The idea of "impure" offspring of a Negro and white couple is based on the false assumption that there are "pure" races.

By "impure" is meant that different races have mixed, this has no reference to health or physical fitness at all. Furthermore no reputable biologist claims "purity" for any race, all are "impure," in this sense.

As to the offspring of Negro and white parents being unhealthy, even bourgeois scientists dealing with the mulattoes in the United States refute such an absurdity. On the contrary, biologists have proven that a mixture of races is good and as a rule produces better offspring physically and mentally on account of the mixture. Mulattoes are thus as pure and healthy as either Negro or white. (Incidentally, most of these offspring are forced upon black women by the white master class). That mulattoes are mentally defective is as much a lie as the nonsense peddled by the bourgeoisie that the black race is naturally inferior.

This race theory of white superiority and Negro inferiority, is in direct contradiction with the facts. That the whites are today on a higher cultural level is due to economic conditions and to the fact that they have been able to exploit and viciously suppress the Negro masses. It does not prove any racial superiority. Quite the contrary, when the whites were in an unfavorable economic situation, they were also on a much lower level than the Negroes and other dark races. History shows that with favorable economic conditions the black people have created very high types of civilization.

Communists are relentlessly opposed to the imperialist ideology of race hatred and lies about Negro inferiority and to all nonsense put out in support of this ideology.

Question: Please tell me the name of a recent book by a revolutionary trade union writer that tells about strikes in the Northwest lumber industry.—J. R. New Jersey.

Labor and Lumber, by Charlotte Todes. It can be bought from the Workers Library Publishers, Box 148, Station D, New York City. \$1.00.

Question: Why was France the last to be hit by the present crisis?—N. R. Cleveland.

During the world war the French territory was the hardest hit by the damage from the war. As a result, France took a longer time to rehabilitate itself than other countries in Europe. This meant work for workers, so that unemployment was delayed on that account. France also seized rich Ruhr industries, coal and iron fields. Besides she gets a huge slice of the reparations payment.

There was a shortage of labor, partly due to the low birth rate, and France imported foreign workers, Poles and Italians, who were shipped back out of the country when work began to get scarcer. This kept unemployment down.

France has a large tourist trade which has helped keep industry up. In addition many of the exports of France are of the nature that they could be called "luxuries" which depend upon the purchasing power of the richer groups.

But now, according to a Paris correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune, Feb. 6, France was "facing one of the greatest crises in her economic history," and that unemployment had already reached, counting part-time workers, the huge figure of 1,300,000.

## A. F. of L. Leaders Betray Tom Mooney

Those parts already printed of Mooney's exposure of the part the Crooked A. F. L. leaders played in his and Billings' frame-up and the part they play in keeping both these workers in prison for life are: a letter from Mooney to Billings, explaining why he tells of these things; a short review of the state supreme court case review of the case last year, an exposure of the treachery of Paul Scharenberg, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, and in the last installment, the story of Mooney's arrival in San Francisco, where he found the A. F. L. leaders actively betraying the McNamara brothers, who had sacrificed themselves to save these same A. F. L. fakers.

### INSTALLMENT 7. P. H. McCarthy—Traitor.

ONE of the dominant personalities on the Metal Trades Strike Committee was P. H. McCarthy, president of the State Building Trades Council, president of the San Francisco Building Trades Council, "Czar" of the labor movement of California, and Mayor of San Francisco when the Committee of 26 was organized. McCarthy's campaign slogan for reelection as Mayor was: "I promised industrial peace—I have made good." He was willing that strikes be called in Los Angeles, Oakland, or any other part of the state, but not in San Francisco, for the majority of lesser "labor leaders" held remunerative jobs under him and he, as all these job holders, was very much concerned lest the "Big Business" interests of the city be harmed by a militant labor movement.

Tom Mooney did not know that McCarthy had told McNamara and Schmidt to agitate and conduct strikes anywhere but in San Francisco. Mooney militantly tried to arouse the workers of San Francisco, and became the foremost disturber on the labor leaders' horizon after the Los Angeles "Times" case was settled to their satisfaction. It was very much to the advantage of P. H. McCarthy and his friends to have Tom Mooney, who had already taken part in a series of strikes and threatened to capsize the top-heavy political machinery that these traitors had erected on the backs of the workers, out of the way.

The powerful State Building Trades Council, under the rule of McCarthy, in convention at Marysville, March 21, 1917, refused to give any consideration to the Mooney-Billings cases, despite the urgings of many of the delegates. It was only in 1921, four years after the Mooney-Billings arrest, that the Building Trades Council passed a resolution requesting Governor Stephens to arrange a "new and fair trial." Even this weak resolution was passed solely through pressure from the rank and file, and over the protest of the labor leaders.

Two years later, in 1923, P. H. McCarthy, the mighty "Czar" of California labor, was thoroughly exposed as a slimy enemy of the workers. It was proven he accepted a \$10,000 bribe from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company—whose private detective, Swanson, was the Corporation's evil genius in the frame-up of Mooney and Billings.

Advocates of Public Ownership had succeeded after great efforts to have the State Legislature submit an amendment to the voters which, if passed, would have given the People of California the right to develop the vast hydro-electric power of the state. The privately-owned power companies would have lost millions of dollars had the amendment carried, and as usual, they resorted to bribery in order to defeat this law. The entire labor movement supported the amendment; the State Building Trades Council was especially active in its denunciation of the utilities who tried to defeat it, but McCarthy, for the sake of a few thousand dollars, was willing to betray the interests of labor. On the eve of the election, an article appeared in the official paper of the Building Trades Council, "Organized Labor," condemning the Water and Power Act and urging all the members of the Council to vote against it. Of course, this astounding reversal of policy was brought about by McCarthy, but the rank and file could not know that their leader had become a Judas, and so they followed his advice and helped de-

feat this law. After the Legislative investigation of the P. G. & E. and the Power Trust, McCarthy had to "resign" as a "leader" of the labor movement. Clever as he was, he could not give a valid explanation for the \$10,000 given him to influence the labor vote.

And it is such contemptible creatures as P. H. McCarthy that put Mooney and Billings in prison and keep them there!

### A. W. BROUILLET—DOUBLE-CROSSER.

The amazing treachery of the president of the San Francisco Labor Council, at the time of Mooney's and Billings' arrest, is still more unbelievable than McCarthy's. It must convince the readers of this pamphlet that the two framed workers were deliberately betrayed by the major California labor leaders. A. W. Brouillet, the president of the San Francisco Labor Council, was a brilliant young worker who had rapidly risen in the ranks of labor. He had studied law, was considered a capable attorney, and besides the presidency of the Labor Council he held the important position of prosecuting attorney for the State Board of Pharmacy. Immediately after the arrest of the bomb defendants Brouillet was asked to act as one of their attorneys and he agreed to act as associate counsel. All the facts in the possession of the defendants were given him and a few days later they were astounded to hear that Brouillet had withdrawn from the case. Why did he withdraw?

It was soon known that Charles M. Fickert had asked Brouillet to have a conference with him, and it was shortly after seeing Fickert that he withdrew as associate counsel for Mooney and Billings. A few days later defense counsel became aware that Fickert had come into possession of facts known only to the defendants themselves and—Brouillet. It was soon certain this arch-betrayer was violating one of the most secret ethical canons of the Bar.

The defense had secured the story of a voluntary witness, a known drug addict, which would have seriously impeached the statements of "Whittle" Reans, a drug clerk. The principle prosecution witness, John McDonald, claimed Reans corroborated his allegation that he was in a certain drug store on the afternoon of the parade, and that he had told the drug clerk he witnessed the bombers place the bomb at Steuart and Market Streets before seeing the police. This voluntary witness, as a user of drugs, knew that Reans was a "dope peddler"; that he was illegally selling narcotics; that he was falsifying the records of the drug store; and that he was deceiving the State Board of Pharmacy. It was the wish of the defense that Brouillet, a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, should secure the necessary evidence proving Reans was a trafficker of drugs. Had Reans been arrested as a "dope peddler" his testimony corroborating McDonald's would have been valueless. Brouillet betrayed these facts to Fickert, and it was impossible for the defense to impeach Reans.

Brouillet's connection with Fickert became so obvious that on February 23, 1917, Vance Thompson, then editor of the "Coast Seaman's Journal," charged on the floor of the Labor Council that "there is a secret wire between the Labor Council and Fickert's office." Brouillet's animosity toward Mooney and Billings was so overt that, when the Labor Council passed a resolution, March 31, 1917, declaring its belief in Mooney's innocence, he strongly dissented. A few months later, August 17, 1917, he wrote an open letter to the San Francisco "Bulletin" stating: "Mooney, Berkman, Billings, et al. coterie have done more to discredit labor than any single agency I know of. . . . When the bomb cases were first discussed in the Labor Council I took the position they were not labor cases. . . ."

Is it any wonder that when Oxman was arrested for perjury, Fickert, who had paid this contemptible creature for his perjured testimony, but who was now compelled to "prosecute" him, wrote to the Labor Council that he would be "pleased to have the cooperation of A. W. Brouillet as an associate" in the "prosecution" of Oxman?

### To Be Continued

Mooney refers to the enterprise in state capitalism by which it was proposed that the state of California would run the electric power of the state as "giving the people the right to de-

## The Problem of Approach

A comrade from Boston who likely thinks we have forgotten him, sent up a note some time ago about religion. He objects, and in general we agree with his objection, to an unreasoning way some revolutionary workers approach those who are still religious—a way that affronts the workers approached so that they feel personally offended and close their minds to whatever else may be said.

As an example of proper action—after eating a bad one—he tells how one comrade on Boston Common in speaking about the pope's anti-Soviet campaign, developed the subject from the following point of view:

"Why did not the pope start a campaign for the 10,000,000 unemployed in the United States, instead of against the Soviet Union?" "This," he says, "was well received even by the ones who had wanted to fight a previous speaker. Then he goes on:

"Incidentally, I do not believe Bishop Brown is correct in his approach to religion. In his 'Bankruptcy of Christian Supernaturalism,' Vol. 2, p. 134, he says: "Has this scenery (nature as it now appears) any lessons bearing upon our subject, the conflict of science with theology? I do not say the conflict of science with religion because there is none and never has been. Science and religion have always walked hand in hand on the way of life and neither could proceed a step without the other."

The Boston comrade proceeds: "The Workers International Relief is making a great mistake in selling his books which contain such things as the above quotation; especially when the books were not written with the purpose of showing that religion is the dope of the people." "Well, it does seem that the bishop was sort of leaning over backward to be convincing to the elders or whatever they are, of the Episcopal Church. 'Religion is the opium of the people,' now just as when Marx wrote it, and the only 'science' about it is the science of making workers swallow it in order to keep them from struggle for their emancipation from capitalism."

## If It Passes

Up at Albany, the New York State Assembly has had introduced a bill by Louis A. Cuvillier, "democrat" of New York City (which means a Tammany hound) which makes compulsory the singing of the Star Spangled Banner at all public meetings.

Now, gentlemen, if you go and pass that bill, we will start a contest for the most satirical parody, and you can bet your sweet life that it would be the most popular hit of the century.

## "Christian Science"

A reader in Denver calls our attention to the fact that the so-called "Christian Science Monitor" is trying hard to keep up with the pope as an inciter for war against the Soviet Union.

Some clippings from the sheet surely justifies the supposition that someone who has the animus of a Czarist cavalry officer is editing it. "Reds Start World Move For Athelstan," says one big headline.

Not that the article produces any proof of even this "move"; which is perfectly legitimate—formally, but not actually—in the United States. But the sub-headlines go on in the best approved liars' style: "Berlin group said to have been entrusted with campaign" and "Moscow believed back of policy."

Again, on Feb. 19, in answer to a question from Fort Wayne, Ind., the editor lets himself go. He is a hopeful cuss:

"It may well be that the nation at large will presently revolt against Soviet rule." Again—"Another revolution may overthrow Soviet tyranny."

But this Christian Science scoundrel takes the banner when he talks about how patient the Russians are:

"They endure the extremes of political and social injustice and patiently bear hardships which Americans would not tolerate for a moment. Breadlines form on the streets."

Now what do you think about that?

develop the vast hydro-electric power of the state." This, from our point of view, is incorrect. It would have given another group of capitalist a say in running the power plants, instead of the group which was bribing McCarthy. But a capitalist government can not represent "the people." —EDITOR.

## Peonage in Florida

By CYRIL BRIGGS.

EXPOSURE by the Daily Worker of slavery conditions in the South where millions of Negroes are held in peonage and share cropper slavery are further substantiated by admissions of Federal agents operating in Florida.

These agents admit that thousands of Negroes are every year impressed into peonage, but declare that the government is helpless to end this system of slavery. Several mild attacks by the Federal agents on the system resulted in complete failure. A Grand Jury investigation was held and a mass of evidence presented, but the Grand Jury refused to return a similar indictment. In another case a grand jury actually indicted one M. O. Taylor, a road contractor, for impressment of two Negro youths, but when the case came to trial it was dismissed.

Peonage is legalized by the State of Florida, by a law passed in 1919. The law reads:

Section 7363. Any person in this state who shall, with intent to injure and defraud, under and by reason of a contract or promise to perform labor or service, procure or obtain money or other things of value as a credit, or as advances, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Section 7364. In all prosecutions for a vio-

lation of the following section this failure or refusal, without just cause, to perform such labor or service or to pay for the money or other thing of value shall be prima facie evidence of the intent to injure and defraud.

There are many ways by which the turpentine camp bosses, road contractors and others can put a Negro worker or farmer in debt and thus accomplish his practical enslavement. One favorite way, in which the police and courts actively cooperate, is to arrest Negroes or any pretext whatever, hand them a stiff fine, and thus prepare the stage for the white plantation owner, turpentine camp bosses and others to come forward with the "generous" proposal to pay the fines of the Negro victims. The Negroes are then prohibited by law from leaving their "employer" until the debt has been paid, which is made practically impossible by a system of cheating and dishonest book-keeping.

The Florida peonage law was passed under the governorship of Sidney J. Catts, who campaigned the State on an anti-Negro platform and was himself indicted on peonage charges after his term of office but acquitted by a white boss jury. The law was drawn up by the present attorney general of the State, Robert Davis who, questioned on the constitutionality of the law cynically answered:

"Sure, the law is constitutional. It will stand. I ought to know. I drew up the bill. I was the author of this law."