

steel trade. The Soviet does not export rubber, but rubber is a drug on the market in all capitalist countries. Literally tens of thousands

Benson is used to break it.

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these boys.

This committee will meet the A

W. C. officials in the Weybosset mill

of auto workers are jobless in Detroit alone because autos cannot be sold, yet the Soviet Union is not exporting autos, but is, on the contrary, America's best market for auto sales. Not even the most shameless liar of the capitalist press can say that the Soviet Union is "dumping" railroads, but the stock of the Northern Pacific Railroad, for example, fell below the price of 1901 on the Stock Exchange in Wall Street on Monday!

In the absence of any possible influence upon American steel production by supposed Soviet "dumping," let us examine briefly its condition. A capitalist humorist recently said that U. S. Steel stock in the first quarter of 1931 earned only "a cup of coffee"; namely, 5c per share. Of course, this is reckoned without taking into account the "water" in stock valuation. However, the corporation paid a dividend in that quarter of \$1.75. How did it do that?

Firstly, by throwing huge numbers of workers unemployed into the streets; secondly, by speeding up those left on the job; thirdly, by cutting wages; fourthly, by paying out of its cash reserves which were fattened by the kindness of Mr. Hoover and Secretary Mellon in refunding income taxes

Compare this, workers, with the distribution of "profits" from the operation of Soviet State industry during the past economic year (1929-). Of these profits 11 per cent went to improve the living conditions I the workers, in housing, etc. (this is in addition to the wage increases which have been made continually). 20 per cent of the profits went as income tax for the support of the government, and the balance. or 69 per cent, went for the development of the industries that are owned by the workers-namely, for socialist construction.

It is the duty of every revolutionary worker to explain this contrast of the accomplishments of Soviet industry in its material benefit to the Soviet working class, as against the starvation by unemployment, the age cuts and misery inflicted upon American workers by capitalism, ch is attempting to put the entire burden of the capit, shoulder of the workers.

More, it is the duty of every worker to explain that all this proanda about the "Red Trade Menace" is to divert attention from the robbers of the workers and to incite them to make war against Soviet Union, the first Workers' Republic. Expose the anti-Soviet

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Demonstrations Will Be Held in Answer

NEW YORK. - Two strike pickets, Mrs. Sylvia Gorelick and Mrs. Sarah Gross were arrested yesterday in front of the Weiss Bakery at Middle Village, Brooklyn, at the provocation of Mrs. Weiss, wife of the owner. Mrs. Weiss is lining up the gangsters and the police in an atagainst the high price of bread. Whe nthe picket line yesterday

morning was stronger and larger will take advantage of the situation Island City Jail on \$500 bail await- ing class.

ing release through the efforts of the International Labor Defense. An open air protest meeting wa held last night, to line up the whole community of working class women for a fight to the finish to cut the

price of bread which is higher in this neighborhood than elsewhere. The United Council of Working Class Women which is leading the strike has issued a call to rally all

forces for a demonstration. New Wall Street Crash NEW YORK. - That the crisi grows steadily sharper was shown again yesterday by the drop in steel which fell to 99. At the beginning tempt to intimidate the women who of this year steel sold for \$152 a went out on strike one week ago share; last year it was \$242. This shows a decline of about 66 percent This also means that the bosses

Kremlin (Soviet Government) wants than ever, with men as well as wom- with a more vicious drive to slash to raise living standards here and en, Mrs. Weiss called in the police. wages and put the whole burden of is determined to raise them, come The women were held at the Long the crisis on the backs of the workwhat may.' It does not want to keep them at their present level in

days, a "Leader" reporter had visited Mayor Neun and U. S. Labor Depthe scene three days before, and artment "Conciliator" Charles Wood, talked with the strikers. He knew to leave it all t oarbitration. This that 150 men were out at the time Wood is the notorious government he was there, and he told them they strike breaker who ordered the New couldn't win the strike unless the York shoe bosses to lock out their A. F. of L. led them. The fact that men and break the contract with the the workers turned down the A. F. Independent Shoe Workers Union. of L. and the socialist party probably The A. F. of L. officials have al had something to do with the out-rageous lying and lbaor treachery in ready postponed the strike itself from tomorrow to an indefinite time, and CAN STOP EXILE left "final action," until May 31 The socialists denied there was a Meanwhile the "arbitration" swindle strike, and the socialist sheriff Al gets under way.

Nothing To Arbitrate

At the union meeting held last Scottsboro Defense week, after the leaflet of the Trade Union Unity League has widely dis-**Developments** tributed and well received by the

1. All nine boys join parents street car men, the officials were forced to make a statement that in restating their endorsement of I. L. D. as the only organization there is nothing to arbitrate, and parture" to T. H. Li, Chinese student charged with their defense in Alathere could be no talk of arbitration. After the acting mayor called the to his death in China, the All-Amerconference, while preparing all the 2. United Front Scottsboro Defense Conferences scheduled in 26 forces to break the strike, they were overjoyed with the opportunity to arcities. Several already held. bitrate all questions. 3. More Negro papers come out

The Transportation Workers Inin support of united front defense dustrial League of the Trade Union policy of the I. L. D. 4. Committee of writers, artists Unity League calls upon the street car men not to permit their offiand intellectuals join Theodore cials to sell them out, but to or Dreiser and Lincoln Steffens in ganize committees in the barns and support of I. L. D. fight to save lead the workers into struggle against the wage cut.

competition.'

mon man."

points in Duranty's articles are im

Knickerbocker "red horror" tales:

"Strange as it may sound, the

Kremlin, despite all the accusa-

tions of cruelty at home and

knavish tricks abroad, is fantas-

tically idealistic in its desire to

improve the lot of the common man

not only in Russia but throughout

the world, and with that central

aim it prefers peace and agreement

to war, which always, everywhere

and throughout all time inflicts the

greatest suffering upon the com-

Soviet Union Strives for

'dumping" and pointing out that de-

spite repeated provocations of the

capitalist powers the Union of So-

cialist Soviet Republics is straining

advance the standard of living of

the masses, Walter Duranty, New

York Times Moscow correspondent.

to the attempts of the capitalist

states to form an economic bloc

Duranty, comment's on the

"But the Soviet Union is not so

stubborn and wicked as its detrac-

tors assert-nor so foolish. The

against the Workers' Republic.

harges of dumping, states:

devotes a long dispatch on Monday

Scouting all the lies of Soviet, order 'to ruin capitalism by unfair

and starvation deserving of nothing less than death. For Li's deporta-

statement:

"The All-America Alliance of **Peace Despite Provocations** Chinese Anti-Imperialists, of which

> n all Chinese workers to unite with the American masses in their common fight against imperialist oppression and for the support of the revo-

In view of the deliberate and lying lutionary movement in China, and attacks against the Soviet Union other colonial countries. now being published in the New every effort to prevent war and to York Evening Post, the following "Only the workers can save T. H Li from deportation to his death. Every support should be given to the portant and give the lie to the International Labor Defense in its efforts to step the deportation of Li to China.

port to the Scottsboro Negro victoms of lynch justice, the Serio and Kamatsu cases of persecution of foreign born, and to the victims of the Paterson five who have been framed up for strike activities

"The Alliance also pledges to intensify its activity among the Chinese workers to participate in all the struggles of the American workers for freedom."

nooga last night to aid in the prep- nard Mill, Waybosset, Manton, and arations for the United Front Scotts-National-Providence mills in Providboro conference here on the 31st.

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Chinese Alliances in **RAPE-MAD BOSSES** Pledge of Struggle LYNCH WOMAN NEW YORK .--- Hitting at the real

purpose of refusing "voluntary de-Negro Mother Denied now on Ellis Island awaiting exile Them Her Daughter FRANKFORD, W. Va., May 18 .-

Because she objected to the white League, has dropped from \$5 to \$4 bosses of this town taking her daughper person a week. "Odd jobs have become normal ter for "joy rides," Mrs. Jane Wise employment for girls and their 50-year-old Negro woman, was brually lynched by a boss mob on May 9 families feel 'as if they were perched The bosses dragged her into the on the top of a volcano,' the report woods and strung her up on a tree. stated.

Workers Correspondence is the May 10, by a small white boy. She had been taken from her home about backbone of the revolutionary press. 9.30 p. m. while she was cooking Build your press by writing for it about your day to day struggles.



CHICAGO, May 18 .- With an editorial praising the work of the International Labor Defense in rushing to the defense of the nine Scottsboro Negro boys, the "Chicago World" this week joins the united front movement to save the lives of the nine young victims of the frightful frame-up concocted by the murderous Alabama capitalists and landlords. The "Chicago World" is an influential Negro paper published in this city. In its editorial on Scottsboro it declares, in part:

"People have said and done many things against the Communists in America, you may not agree with them, but you will have to agree that they are right in trying to prevent the judicial massacre of eight youths accused of raping two white prostitutes.

"To them alone belongs the credit for starting the movement to thwart the horrible murder of eight youngsters still in their teens by the state of Alabama. The governor of that state has refused to intervene, despite the fact THAT the boys say they are innocent, he has washed his hands, and the state of Alabama intends to crucify the boys."

In its current issue the "St. Louis Argus" (St. Louis, Mo.), continuing its support of the International Labor Defense, adds its voice to the demand for a united front to save the boys.

The "New York News" and "Hareconomic campaign of Russia lem Home Journal" continues its atagainst other countries." tack on the treacherous policies of To prepare for this war against the the National Association for Ad-

Soviet Union, the American imperialists are massing their fighting planes at Dayton, Ohio. The cost of these few day's maneuvers will be over \$3,000,000-while not provided for unemployn relief for the American workers. After a few days' gyrating at Dayton, the planes will cover the country to stir up war

standard of living in order to make

her reduced earnings cover the

Wages of woman workers, the De-

partment of Labor reports, have been

cut from 10 to 60 per cent, in all

On the same day, the World-Tele-

gram reported that unemployment

s growing worse, with wage cuts in-

creasing. Commenting on a survey

made by the Girls' Service Friendly

League, this capitalist sheet writes:

coming worse and the average in-

come of wage earners, according to

a new survey by Stella Minor, di-

rector of the Girls' Survey Friendly

"Employment conditions are be-

necessities of life,"

lines of work.

feeling and to prepare for war. At the same time, General Douglas MacArthur, chief of the general staff of the U.S. army, reports that the army is being mechanized for modern warfare. This requires many hundreds of millions of dollars which the bosses readily find for their war defense campaign and is giving it its preparations.

vancement of Colored People leadership with an editorial in its current issue, which declares, in part: "The N. A. A. C. P. has been releasing statements as to its defense of the nine doomed boys. Dean Pickens proclaims that the I. L. D. and its Red associates are handling that defense. Read his words, read the records of the association relative to Johnson and Pickens.

The facts tell who told the great big falsehood." In San Antonio, Texas, the "Register." a Negro paper, has endorsed the united front Scottsboro

full support

672 War Planes Over Dayton; Bosses Call for War on USSR On Monday, when the United,

States War Department concentrated 672 fighting planes at Dayton, Ohio. for the largest air war maneuvers ever planned, the New York Times carried a report from Paris stating that the leading imperialists there were preparing for a world imperialist block for war on the Soviet Union. The Paris dispatch stated

"In some quarters (in the finanwith the capital and personnel

T. H. Li is one of the founders, calls

"The Alliance pledges its full sup-

cial district) the opinion is positively expressed that the drift of things will make necessary a union of other European states to fight Bolshevism in every way, and disapprove the present program of supplying the Moscow Government which is utilized for organizing the

government, together with the Wall Street bankers consider that those

tion to China means sure execution at the hands of the tool of American dinner. imperialism, the Chiang Kai Shek

who oppose their bloody rule of death | Her body was found Sunday morning

ica Alliance of Chinese Anti-Imper ialists have issued the following "The deportation of and the refusal to grant voluntary departure to T. H. Li by the American government means that the American imperialist

Maneuvers Over N.Y. Sat. Part of Anti-Soviet War Move

NEW YORK .--- Next Saturday at maneuver for which the bosses' gov' Battery Park 672 war plans will will spend three million dollarsó maneuver overhead. A similar exxhibition of the strength of the U.S. imperialist war machine was carried out in Detroit and in Chicago this week. 'The "Night Air Raid" which was scheduled to take place over New "world peace" and reduction of arm-York on May 22 was cancelled. The socialist party, tool of the bosses gov't claiming some credit for this change of program in the interests of "world peace" and the safety of New

The bloodthirsty militarism of Wall St. imperialism is driving ahead for war, against the Soviet Union which York's population which might be in-talks "peace" to befog the issue, and challenges its existences. Hoover jured when 36 heavy bombing planes go into action over the city, dropping high power candle flares.

The "attack" on New York is the

the delegates of the imperialist nations are gathering at Geneva to "talk" about the economic crisis, to second part of the yearly army air hide war preparations.

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NEEDLE WORKERS WORKERS SCHOOL **SMASH FRAME-UP! STUDENT SENDOFF**

Defense Conference Big Graduation Affair Thursday After Work May 27

NEW YORK .- The Needle Trades NEW YORK .- Students who have Workers Industrial Union has issued been through a rigorous training for a circular pointing out the attempt the class struggle will be graduated of the employers to hamstring the from the National Training School union by arresting its active mem- Wednesday evening, May 27, with a bers and leaders on frame up mass meeting and concert to follow. charges, and either keeping them in for which preparations are now unjail or bankrupting the union with der way to make this the most imbail bond payments.

the strikes in the recent past and body. some still going on, there are 21 ac-

tive workers facing trial on serious program includes a String Ensemble, charges, with bail amounting to \$35,- also the WIR chorus, and dancing 800. Among them are: Irving Potash, after the program. Secretray of the Industrial Union:

Joseph Berger, all organizers of the union. to enter the field of active partici-The others are all active workers. pation in the task of organizing the Two workers are held for deporta- masses of workers of this country for All of the twenty-one were the revolutionary movement, and in tion. framed-up because they were in the giving the workers the correct revoforefront of the struggles for better lutionary leadership. conditions.

In order to organize the fullest support and to establish a permanent Defense Fund, the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union is calling a defense conference of all its shop charimen, all connections in open and company union shops, Trade Department representatives, and All secretaries of opposition groups in company-unions locals. This confer-

ence will be held on Thursday, May 21, right after work, in the Union BOXING TOURNEL Hall, 131 West 28 Street.

"Take up the question of the framed needle trades workers among the workers in your shop and in your trade go up! Rally to the workers who are being framed up because they fought for your interests! Come to the Defense Conference! Bring a financial contribution from the workers of your shop to this conference!" says the Industrial Unions

RELIGIOUS MAN

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This rehearsal for war again gives

the lie to Wall Street's declaration

at the recent meeting of the Inter-

national Chamber of Commerce in

Washington where Hoover talked

The 57 students who were enrolled Jack Schneider; Isidor Weissberg; this term have declared that they Winogradsky, and Rubin feel "far better equipped than before

All workers and working class organizations are urged to obtain tickets in advance for the affair on the 27, which will be held at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East 4th Street, as the advance sale of tickets already indicates the hall will be, packed to capacity. Tickets are 50c, obtainable at the Workers School and Bookshop 50 East 13th Street

ON SAT., MAY 30th all comrades that the communist league, 35 E. 12th St.

LSU Sports Meeting Despite AAU

NEW YORK .--- Final arrangements for the Spartakiad Championship Boxing Tournament have been made and the following resolutions regard-

ing the meet have been adopted: That the boxing tourney originally scheduled to take place at Belmont Park, Garfield, N. J., Sunday, May 31, in conjunction with National

av has been



which graduates 57 students on Wednesday evening, May 27, calls on all workers' organizations to purchase prepare to participate in what promses to be one of the most enthu-

munist fighters who will be sent into the field for action. Wm. Z. Foster is scheduled as the

main speaker with addition1 fetures tht promise to pck Manhattan Lyceum to capacity. Tickets are on sale at the Workers Book Shop and the Workers School, 50 E. 13th St.

Need Housing for Young Workers May 30

At the coming First National Youth Day we expect to have in New York several hundred young workers. These workers are coming from other districts. The New England district, the Connecticut district and the Youth Day Committee. Philadelphia district. The problem of housing these young workers that

will come to participate in all the events that will be held in Passaic and also in the Spartakiade (Sport) finals that will be held in the city

We need the names and addresses of all comrades that can house some calls were sent for participation in the united front for National Youth

MEXICAN NATIVES HUNT FOR ing by refusing to participate in any way in the work.

Negro Artist Praises

Murderers Of Masses

the coast of Lower California, a posgreat deal of preparatory work in session of Mexico, have one of the preparation for this conference Many donations and pledges were must unusual occupations ever heard of-that of catching sharks for the given in the conference. Arrangements have been made for a special sole purpose of using their fins. The shark fins are removed by the train to take young workers to Pas Mexicans, dried in the sun and sold saic, N. J., tickets for this train can to the Chinese. This unusual dish be gotten from the United Front

of the fishing expedition led by Har-The conference endorsed the hold where "Monsters of the Deep" was meo Theatre. preparatory work. The Hippodrome bill this week includes: King Brawn, Keller Sisters **Robeson Kowtows** and Lynch, Milo ?, Franklin D'Amore and Company, Billy Wells and Four Fays, Bert Ford and Pauline Price and Five Hot Shots. The screen feature is "Gun Smoke," with Bill Boyd, Richard Arlen and Fay Wray

Up Real Relief Plan Up Conference

NEW YORK. - Preparations for the first annual National Youth Day to be held in Passaic, N. J., on Saturday, May 30th and in New York on Sunday, May 31, were completed

last Saturday at the final conference before the demonstration. One hundred and five delegates, representing 25 youth and adult organizations of over 5,000 young and adult workers were present.

Resolutions supporting the fight of the nine young Negro workers in Scottsboro, Ala., and the fight for the release of the 5 Paterson prisoners were passed unanimously

The meeting was opened by Chairman Lemberg of the Labor Sports Union and the main report was given by Kaplan of the Young Communist League in the name of the Provisional United Front National

Representatives were present from employed many youth organizations which are participating for the first time in the fight against bosses' wars and for the relief of the 9 Scottsboro vict-

(New York City) will be a big one. Representatives from the Young Peoples' Socialist League, to whom

Day, attempted to disrupt the meet-

Many organizations reported The natives of Magdalena Bay off was one of the amazing discoveries Committee.

old Austin into the Southern waters ing of button days on Saturday and News Record,' that negotiations with ren, jr., reports "there were 2,345 Sunday to popularize National Youth the bosses will start on Monday, filmed. It is now playing at the Ca- Day and to collect funds for the ' May 18, and also that the bosses are highest number ever recorded, mak-**To Imperialism**

READY FOR NAT'L JOBLESS CUTTERS Madison Sq. Jobless Council Makes Job TAXI RACKETEERS TUUC TO HOLD Council Cough Up GO TO LAUNDRIES

YOUTH DAY, N. Y. HIT PIECE WORK NEW YORK .-- Another gang of Yipsels Try to Break Expose Orlofsky; Put job sharks were forced to give in to Gangster Tactics to Aid Jobless Councils; ob sharks were forced to give in to Unemployed Council delegation to refund money for a misleading job.

An unemployed painter paid \$5 to NEW YORK .- The Cutters Unemthe Herald Square Agency. When he ployed Committee, a rank and file applied for the job at a paint shop organization of members of Local 4, he was told he would have to work Amalgamated Clothing Workers, has 12 hours a day for \$131 a month. issued a letter to the jobless and em ployed alike, in their union. The etter denounces the referendum ballo

issued by the Orlofsky clique in the Agency refused. local. This ballot proposes the 36hour week with standard of producwas informed of this the picked squad tion, and continuation of the ten per of members acquainted with such cent assessment supposed to be for sharks set out. They brought back unemployed relief, but most of which the \$5 and returned it to the

the jobless don't get. painter The unemployed cutters committee points out to other unemployed cut

ters that there is grave danger that the jobless may vote for this sugar NEW BABY, NO coated poison pill because it scems to give them a chance to work. But. the committee shows, the standard of production to make the cutters do a 44-hour day in 36 hours, with only 36 hours pay, will not help the un

Another Froposition

The committee calls on all cutter employed and unemployed, to be at the special meeting of the local to morrow, and fight to have another baby daughter, Karl Karlsen, 35 yrs. proposition put on the ballot. This old, an unemployed carpenter, who would be for a real 40-hour week, had been out of work for months and then for the cutters to work 36 and unable to provide the bare ne hours, and let the jobless have the cessities for his wife and another other eight hours. The assessment child, hanged himself from the bathshould be stopped, which would then room door. leave the employed cutters getting

the same as they have now, and the jobless getting some work. This prop osition has already been adopted by the membership and approved by the executive of Local 4, but is ignored by the officials.

Open Treachery

was announced in the

The Cutters Unemployed Com mittee points out in the letter:

1930 a new high record has been , and the workers were told to come to The Commissioner of the meeting they will call some other reached. Health at Albany, Dr. Thomas Partime

8 Hrs for Firemen NEW YORK. - The Trade Union

NEW YORK .- The group of rackcteers headed by Larry Fay, who have been trying to form a fake organization of taxi drivers, are turning to the laundry workers as their next prey.

Get \$2 Dues

So far they have called only upon the drivers. Thursday night they to hold Section Conferences to build called a meeting of laundry drivers

in the Bronx, to which about 30 responded. However the workers soon found out that this is merely a swin-

One of the racketeers is a former vice-president of the Laundry Drivers Local 810. A. F. of L. He addressed the meeting and stated that the reason the drivers have not organized until now, is because they FOOD; HANGS didn't use force. He added that now laundry workers have a group of people who will back them up physically, build an organization for them, and as soon as they are organized they will be able to work with the bosses in harmony

> This means that gangsterism is to be used to force the workers into this fake organization.

Another speaker by the name rooks, an executive member of local 810, further gave away the nature of this racket. He stated that drivers do not have to organize. In fact, he said, they are already blessed with

organization. They (the racketeers) The Karlsens lived at 350 45th Si have opened an office, and already Brooklyn. The acute misery among they have a president and a secre- at the Brownsville Youth Center, 12 starving jobless workers who have tary. All the workers have to do, is not yet come into the ranks of class, pay an initiation fee of \$2 and \$2 as

conscious workers, has brought a the monthly dues, and get others to startling increase in the rate of sui- ; do the same.

The workers present responded

The Cleaners and Laundry Work

ers' Industrial League of the Trade

In New York State alone during coldly. The meeting was adjourned,

up the Unemployed Councils,

tions and rally all to save the lives of the 9 young Negro workers.

The T. U. U. C. also toolk up a communication received from the firemen of New York City requesting the support of the T. U. U. C. in their demand for the 8-hour day The council decided to endorse the campaign while at the same time pointing out to the firemen's organization that this can be accomplished only through militant struggle and

leadership The Food Workers situation was discussed and proposals made for fighting injunctions and driving a wedge into the large trustified food

This discussion is to be continued a the next meeting of the T. U. U. C

Osborn Street, Brooklyn

Use your Red Shock Troop List every day on your job. The worker next to you will help save the Daily Worker.

Intern'l Workers Order

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Cooperators

Unity Council discussed the question of unemployment at its meeting Thursday night and also gave special consideration to the recent strikes

in N ew York. The decision was made

SECTION MEETS

To support the Scottsboro defense campaign each Union and League will be required to assign a minimum of two members to visit organiza-

factories to organize the workers.

The Unemployed Council of Brownsville meets daily at 11 a.m.

Jobless Suicides Increasing NEW YORK. - Driven to desperation because his wife was coming home from the hospital with a new





The National Training School



SEES THE LIGHT

Branch of the Lower Manhattan Unemployed Council was called on for help yesterday by Rev. A. Frimerman. a 71 year old "Mohel" (circumsizer) and "Performer of Marriages," who has lived 17 years at 116 East Fourth Street, and owes six months' rent. He stated that the religious ceremonies are no longer so popular, and when performed, the poorly paid or unemployed workers can not pay for them. His landhod had thrown him out. He stated that although a religious man, he now realizes that only the action of the workers through their own organizations can help them.

The council went down and put his furniture back, held a mass meeting and explained the issues, and organized the tenants in the house. Frimerman spoke at the meeting and pledged to support the jobless counoil

Collect Wages

branch of the unemployed council above office not later than May 26. was told by Mrs. J. Veteran, his landlady at 661 East 222 Street, that "she would not pay him for services PARTIAL VICTORY he had rendered. A committee went to see her and collected \$10 for him. after a lengthy argument.

The landlady thought so well of the committee as collectors that she then offered to pay one of them a fee if he would collect some back stantial victory has been won by the rent for her from a tenant. They workers in Anton Bock Cigar Facbroke the news to her that they were tory, Second Avenue and 55 Street. on the other side of that quarrel.

The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggle.-MARX.



TUESDAY-

Brighton Beach Center 140 Neptune Ave., with co-opera-tion of the Workers' Laboratory Theatre has called a meeting to or-ganize a dramatic section at 8:39 p.m. All Brighton and Coney Island young and adult workers are invited to come. . . .

Workers Ex-Servicemen's League Open air meeting at 86th St, and recognition and the strikers are still

That the boxing meet will be staged despite the fact that the A.A. a bosses sport organization, has notified the L.S.U. that a boxxing license costing \$50 must be obtained

from them before they will allow the boxing matches to go on. The A.A. U. demands also that their officials supervise the meet. The Labor Sports Union as the

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only workrs sport organization representing thousands of worker athletes throughout the . S., will not be intimidated by any opponent boss sport organization, and justifies its stand in ignoring the demands of the A.A.U. The L.S.U. has its own competent referees.

The L.S.U. places no restrictions on anyone wishing to enter this boxxing tournament which will decide the delegate who will be eligibile to compete in the Spartakiad in Berlin next July. The L.S.U. harbors no color distinctions as is attested by the many negro athletes that have been

won into its ranks. Entry blanks can be obtained in person or in writing to Labor Sports Union, 2 W. 15th St., Room 309 New A member of the Bronx Boro Hall York City, and must be sent to the

IN CIGAR STRIKE

NEW YORK .-- A partial but sub-A wage cut was announced Friday

was issued calling a meeting on Monday (yesterday). After a fourhour strike, and a picket line, the boss agreed to rescind the cut. The workers then demanded recognition

of the Tobacco Workers Industrial the 44th St. Theatre tonight. The League of the T.U.U.L., but the boss delayed opening is due to the failure would not agree. The workers, by of the costumers to function in time a vote of 26 to 15, went back without | for the earlier date. winning this point.

There is a 100 per cent strike, Elmer Harris' new comedy. "A Modern Virgin," will be presented Wednesday evening at the Booth Theatre. The cast is headed by Roger Pryor, Margaret Sullivan, Nicholas co Workers Industrial League, and Joy, Lola Raine and Claudia Morgan. increased wages. The boss agreed Stanley Logan directed the comedy. to some of the demands, but refused Lee Shubert will continue the engagement of the Civic Repertory Company's production of Susan Glas-

"Pinafore" Opens At the Erlanger Tonight

SHARK FINS

LONDON, May 14. - Because a Milton Abor will bring his second London Bobby tips hat to him and Gilbert and Sullivan production, British imperialism sees in him a

'Pinafore" to Erlanger's Theatre this tool that can be used to delude its evening. This operetta is now some Negro colonial masses concerning fifty years old. Fay Templeton, who its "justice, impartiality and demoplayed in "Pinafore" many, many cracy" Paul Robeson, Negro baritone seasons back, will have the role of and actor now sings peons of praise Buttercup. Other players include: to imperialism.

Frank Moulan, Joseph Macaulay Paul Robeson says he will live in Howard Marsh, William Danforth London, "because here people are and Ruth Altman. unprejudiced and fair."

"Old Man Murphy," a comedy by In Africa and the British West Patrick Kearney and Harry Wag-Indies more than 85,000,000 Negroes staff Gribble is scheduled for this groan under the iron heel of British evening at the Royale Theatre. Trimperialism. Negro women were thur Sinclear and Marie O'Neill of last year shot down like dogs in the Dublin head the cast.

streets of Nigeria, West Africa, by At the Vanderbilt Theatre tonight the armed forces of these "unprejudiced and fair" people. In Batt-Mark Linder's new melodrama "The hurst, Gambia, West Africa, the Ne-Honor Code" will have its first showgro strikers of the Lever Margerine ing. The chief players are: Betty Kashman, Jack Harwood, Valeria Co., a concern owned and operated Bergere and Marian Mattista. by these people who give "the Negro

the fairest play" were bayonetted on Philip Merivale in "Death Takes a the picket lines. Holiday" returns this evening for a

Robeson has followed the route limited engagement at the Shubert marked out by DuBois, Chas. S. John Theatre. Others in the cast of Alson, Kelly Miller, Walter White and berto Casella's fantastic comedy includes Viva Birkett, Helen Vinson, the long list of Negro reformist Ralph Locke, Wallace Erskine and "leaders", who lend their names to to take place Saturday. A leaflet Olga Birkbeck. The play had a long the intrigues of the imperialist powrun here last year. ers which only results in the enslave-

ment and further exploitation of the The opening of Billy Rose's revue, "Crazy Quilt," starring Fannie Brice, Negro masses. Phil Baker and Ted Healy, scheduled

pell's Pulitzer Prize Play, "Alison's for last Thursday, will be open at House," at the Ritz Theatre Gale Sondergaard replaces Eva Le Gallienne in the cast this evening and Janet Young takes Josephine

Hutchinson's role.

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suicides in the state last year, the ing a rate of 18.6 per thousand popudemanding especiall yto reduce conditions of the cutters, a standard of lation, which was 22 percent above production, which would eventually the average rate for the preceding establish piece work, as they did five years. Not suicide but a conamong the tailors. Before even the tinued fight for Unemployment Inofficials of the Amalgamated had a surance is one way out. chance to officially meet with the

of the officials will undoubtedly give

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"Readjustment" Will Bring Wages Down to \$12 Per Week; Steel Mills Also Firing

Chicago, Illinois.

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and then he is a school board direc-

tor at \$200 per month and last but

not least he is the cashier of the

first national bank. I don't know his

salary there but it is not less than he

ling is a councilman in the village

at \$150 per month besides his posi-

Graham is on the village as council-

board as doctor at \$400 per month.

The other two are business men that

do not need the job at all and do not

The Chicago meat barons in the stockyards are again laying off packing house workers. Armour and Company is going to discontinue operating old Morris and Company's Plant. There's much discontent amongst the this summer for more wages. The workers

packers just signed an agreement Negroes Suffering. with the truck drivers and the chauf-There is much suffering amongst Negro workers. The majority of the fers' union for another period at the of the boss ideology of race hatred Negro population here is starving old scale of wages. The other work-Most of them eat only 2 ers now realize what unionism means. slowly. meals a day. The rent sharks and The workers here say they've got to arranging defense conferences. In Negro real estate agents are keejing organize and strike because the new packers contemplated "readjustrient" up the high rent. Rent is being rewill mean the average earning per duced all over. worker will be reduced to about \$12 ggaed in intensive activity for the Al Capone, the nation's famous rangster is a piker besides the real per week. The steel mills here are defense, visiting organizations and state racketeers here or the food laying off men. Persecution of Negro churches, both Negro and white, to

sharks. than ever. Talk Strike.

The conditions here in the stock-The capitalist cool the new May r yards' packing house is very bad. The Tony Cermak, docsn't even think of workers. He has alrerdy forgotten superintendent of Armour and Co., Edward Innis, is so disgusted that he when he used to work as a laborar resigned. He acepted a position in in the coal min's and got fired be-Soviet Russia, where he is going to caute of union membership. Stock help operate meat slaughter houses. yard workers join the Food & Park Many others here are talking about ing Pouse Workas Industrial Union going. Stockyard workers here are which protect you and your wife and also talking about going on the strike children -J. C.

Mayor Holds Three Jobs; Workers Earn \$20

to \$40 a Month

cessful united front Scottsboro Defense conferences already held in several cities and 26 others arranged thruoghout the country during the next three weeks, the mass movement to save the 9 Scottsboro boys is rapidly taking organizational form. In New York City fully 200 organizations were represented at the united front conference last Sunday. In

Bridgeport, Conn., a conference was held last night. That the movement to save the boys is nationwide and rallying support even in the southern stronghold is seen in the fact that workers of several southern cities have joined in San Antonio, Texas, white and Negro

members of the local branch of the International Labor Defense are enand white workers is getting worse organize mass support for the fight to save the lives fo the boys. Already

10 Negro churches have sent resolutions of protest to the governor of Alabama. Dates have been made for speakers at several other churches and at workers' organizations. Two San Antonio churches have

Spanish Communist

Party Shows Up the

(Cable by Inprecorr.)

Government's Lies

Several Conferences Already Held With Delegates from Hundreds of Organizations; 26 More Arranged for Late May and Early June

meetings. Two white churches have protest meeting on Public Square on permitted speakers from the I.L.D. Saturday, May 23, at which Richard boys. Block and neighborhood comto adress their congregations and B. Moore wil speak. have adopted resolutions denouncing the frame-up.

organizations have respondede to the meeting in the Olney Church last call of the International Labor De- Tuesday, and received an excellent fense and the League of Struggle for response. Negro Rights for a United Front Scottsboro Defense Conference in this city on May 24, at Labor Temple, 808 Walnut Street, at 2:30 p.m.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., May 18. rally behind the defense of the nine conference for June 6 in this city at the principal speaker. 11 Plum Street.

. . .

Youngstown Workers Protest.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 18 .-Defense Conference in Milwaukee. Provisional Scottsboro Defense Com-Stanley Johnson, secretary of the MILWAUKEE, Wisc., May 18 .- mittee, spoke before a protest mass

Shoe Workers.

HAVERHILL, Mass., May 18 .- The shoe workers here, both employed and unemployed, are preparing to

-Determined to smash the murder- Scottsboro boys. A protest meeting Bethel Baptist Church and the iZon ous boss frame-ups against the 9 has been scheduled for Thursday, Hill Baptist Church-joined the uni-Scottsboro Negro youths and the 5 May 21, at 8 p. m. in the Union Hall, ted front movement to save the nine Patterson silk strikers, the I. L. D. 11 Washington Street. A well-known boys. A protest telegram was also has called a United Front Defense Negro worker from Boston will be

. . . CHESTER, Pa., May 18 .- A con-NEWARK, N. J. May 18 .- The YOUNGSTOWN, O., May 18 .-- A Chester in the struggle for the lib- "Sietynas," voted a unanimous proconsented to give the use of their United Front Scottsboro Defense eration of the Scottsboro boys has test against the Scottsboro outrage. church for mass meetings, and the Conference has been called for May been aranged for June 6 at Lith- A telegram was sent the governor of

United Front Scottsboro Defense Conference has been called for May 26 at Fishermen's Hall, 320 F. Street 5. W. Speakers are being sent t operating in the preparation of these It will be preceded by a huge mass organizations and churches to rally upport for the fight to save the nine mittees are being built to strengthen the base of the conference and the movement to stop the legal lynch. ing of these inocent Negro youths.

> ZEIGLER, Ill .- A May Day meetterrorize the workers into submisng of miners and their families unanimously adopted resolutions demanding the release of the nine six and wounding many more framed-up Scottsboro youth. A resolution was also adopted endorsing

> organized demonstrations throughout the June 14th State Conference for Sweden to rally the workers in pro Unemployment Insurance. test against the murder of the Aal

den strikers. At the protest demon-CLEVELAND, O., May 18 .- Two stration in Stockholm, police attacked the workers with drawn sabers, wounding several. The killing of the six strikers and the indignant protest which swept the country resulted in the withsent the governor of Alabama by an drawing of the troops. The unions

strikers' ranks.

I. L. D. branch with 105 members.

ference to mobilize the workers of Lithuanian Workers Singing Society, Aalden strikers are given all their demands. membership of these churches are co- 24 at 2:30 p. m. at 334 E. Federal St. uanian Hall, 4th and Upland Streets. Alabarna.

Conferences May 22. Erie, Pa .- Hall to be announced. May 23.

Scottsboro Defense

Buffalo, N. Y., at the Michigan Avenue "Y."

May 24. Chicago-Forum Hall, 323 E. 43rd St. New Orleans, La.-At Marine Workers' Hall, 308 Charles St. Charlotte, N. C. Hall to be an.

nounced. Rockford, Ill. Hall to be an. nounced.

Youngstown, O., at 334 E. Fed. eral St., at 2.30 p. m.

704-7th St at 2 p. m. Milwaukee-At Labor Temple.

May 25. Philadelphia, Pa. At the Knights of Pythias Hall, 19th and Lom-

Wa hington. D. C., Galilean Fishermen's Hall, 320 F. St., S. W. at 8:30 p. m.

Pittsburg, Pa .- At the Pythian Temple, 2011 Center Ave.

Minneapolis, Minn. Hall to be nnounced. Boston, Mass. Hall to be an

May 29.

100,000 March With Flags in Stockholm; Sympathetic Strikes Spreading; But Demonstration Attacked by Cops

Protest demonstrations against the noesand to sand ready to unload deliberate killing of the six strikers more troops. The strike is becoming in Aadalen, Sweden, is spreading a show of military force by the government to aid the scabs and put throughout that country. The six strikers were killed when troops were down the strike. sent to the Aalden pulp industry to

Many sympatheic strikes were call ed throughout Sweden as a protest sion. The strikers refused to be teragainst the murder of the six strikers rorized and the soldiers shot point In Stockholm building workers blank into a group of men, killing struck Friday. At 2 p. m. all municipal workers followed, and the Com-On Saturday, the Communist Party munist Party is calling on all work ers to join a national general strike

to protest the murder A crowd of 100,000 assembled in the main squares of Stockholm on Friday night and marched in dem onstration against the murder. Red

flags were carried by the demonstrators. The government, realizing the rising indignation of the masses, is resorting to the usual trickery of a cap of the Sundsvall area are calling for italist democracy to make the masse a general strike and 12,000 workers think that a fair investigation will be have pledged to stay out until the carried out and the "guilty" brough to "justice.

In order to put over this stunt, the The attempt of the bosses to crush famous lawyer, George Branting (and the Aalden strike by mass murders several members of the Rigsdag (parhas strengthened the determination liament) are going to the strike scene of the workers and tightened the and conduct an "investigation." The whitewash that will result will un-

Two days ago when a military train, doubtedly absolve the troops and was sent to reinforce the troops at blame the strikers. Meanwhile, the Aalden, strikers smashed the window attempt is being made to quiet down pains of the train. The government the militancy of the workers by withthen sent two armored submarine drawing troops from the immediate chasers to the district to help the scene, but concentrating more at a local authorities break the strike. A point nearby, and starting an "inmilitary transport was sent to Haer- vestigation."

Stop Feeding 24,000 In June; Korkers' Income Is Halved

NEW YORK .- The Mayor's Com- | last two years, a survey conducted mittee "for the Relief of Unem- by the Girls' Service League of Amployment" which has been making erica reveals. The League attempts at least a bluff at relief work, by to secure jobs for girls between 15 distributing food to about 24,000 and 22 years of age, and questions families, will discontinue that about applicants on their family condition June 15. The food was bought main-In 1929 a sample group of family with money taxed out of city emlies was found to have an average ployes, teachers, etc. But now the income per person of \$10 a week. In program is to starve the jobless a April, 1930, the average was \$5.57 a little more severely to put through family and in May, 1931, the figure the wage cutting campaign. The had dropped to \$5. In 1929, 500 jobless will be expected to scab. families were studied, in 1930, 300, Four leading charity societies of and in 1931, owing to the fact that New York City, which heretofore applicants at the bureau had inhave always urged needy families not creased from 40 to 150 a day, it was to borrow on their insurance policies. possible to study only 168 families. are now advising them to do so, even Of these, it was found that 27 ner where it means the loss of insurance cent were trying to live on less than

\$4 per person a week; 13 per cent It is the general opinion in charity had no incomes at all. Very few had ever applied for charity. circles that next winter will be

The league reports that only odd harder than last, although last winjobs are now available. "We feel as The weekly income per person of if we were perched on the top of a sample of New York working fam- a volcano," said one family's spokesilies has been cut in half in the man.

month to the laborers and \$30 to the Chisholm, Minn. teamsters with \$1.75 per month taken Some of our citizens have three or out for hospital fees. And only on MADRID, Spain, May 15. more jobs while some others have the twentieth of the month can the The Communist Party has issued none. Here are the names of some men get any money. When ever posa manifesto demanding the govand what their jobs are.. First, our sible the men are forced to take ernment produce proof in support mayor, Edward Wheelecor, has three trade from the company store. They of its slanderous allegation of jobs. He is mayor at \$200 per month

Mining Co. Cuts.

A man firing a locomotive or steam shovel makes about \$40 per month. gets from the others. O. F. Wicker- They work six hours per day and four days per week, one week on and one week off. When anyone hires tion with the Snyder Mining Co. at to them it is almost like going to \$200 per month. And then Doctor prison or to the army. You are finger printed and must tell where man at \$150 and is also on the school you have worked for the past ten years, who was the foreman, why you left. If you are with any kind of labor organization you do not go handle it as it should be to benefit to work. They want no union men

working for them of any kind. A the labor and tax payers. man joined a motion picture oper-Lumber Camps Bad. The Mesaba Tie and Timber Comators union and was let out because pany, owned by John McCusick, have of it and he had a pretty fair job cut to the bottom. They pay \$20 per | with them, too.

Speedup Increases in Minn, Mines; Force Royal Commission on unemployment Miners to Pay for Burnt Out Motors

Hibbing, Minn. ; are also due to the speedup system of

Dear Comrades: the bosses.

The terror in the mines here on But this is not all yet, after the the Masaba Range is something miner has put in his days work all in that a human can't stand very long. and out, and happens to go home There is continuous speed up here, where in the evening, the company And every now and then they cut spies and stools are in some corner wages in one way or the other. And watching him so he doesn't make a

get a double profit out of their stuff Communists cooperating that way Monarchists.

The government has not answered yet. the roayal property.



Jobless Funds

(Cable By Inprecorr.) LONDON, May 18 .- A semi-offi-

appeared in today's Daily Herald, or-

gan of the British Labor Party. The prospects for the unemployed in Great Britain if the Royal Commission findings are adopted will mean: A weekly reduction of men's benefits of 50 cents a week; a reduction

tion that the cost of living has fallen.

OMAHA ORGANIZING FOR ACTIVITY WITH THE DAILY WORKER For some time we have been trying | ing down little by little," writes to point out to comrades in Omaha, I. M., Ironwood, Mich., "and there

Neb., that this city offers a wide are rumors among the miners that field for development with the Daily those still on the job will get a 50 Worker. Now after a long silence, per cent wage-cut. No wonder the R. P., Daily Worker agent, writes: Daily Worker and our press is wel-'We have the second largest packing comed in the ranks of the workers industry in the world as well as many Send 20 copies every day." What other industries here and a large better proof of the importance of number of unemployed. We should have a large circulation here and are putting in intensive efforts to organize a Party unit. When this is established, will increase our bundle order. In the meantime increase the

the Daily in the regions of strikes? Comrade J., Trenton, N. J., who now gets 10 a day, writes: Trenton, N. J., Increases to 100. "I want my bundle increased to 100 a day. I sure am wanting my cus-

tomers satisfied." "At first," ap-There are any number of cities of pends P. H., Daily Worker Agent, large population in the middle west there, "it was hard to get him to go that have hardly been grazed with out and sell the paper. But at presthe Daily. Des Moines, Dubuque, ent you can see he is doing a good Lincoln, Council Bluffs, Davenport, job of it." We hope this is not a fly-Pierre offer countless opportunities by-night increase, Trenton. Keep it

for building real circulation. At a up! time when workers are continually "Start me off with 10 a day," writes engaged in strike struggles, it is of N. V., West Charleston, W. Va. "Also utmost importance that the Daily is five copies a day for Unit No. 18, bought, read and handed around says C. M., Birmingham, Ala. C. C. everywhere. This distribution can be at Uniontown, Kan., wants "a bundle greatly simplified through the work of 25 each Saturday for sale at Fort of Red Builders News Clubs. Scott, a railroad town of about 15.

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Rockford. Ill., at Viking Hall. 808 Walnut St., at 2:30 p. m. May 26.

May 27.

May 28

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St. Paul, Minn. Hall to be an-

ter was the hardest on record.

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After permitting Alfonso to escape with his jewels and other valuable property, the government announces now it will confiscate present bundle by five copies." Now

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to their own employees? cially the workers in the steam laun- Workers League. dries, are today the most exploited

men were down at the Moon ship- I have been a seaman for sixteen yard after a job the other day on one years and this is the worst I have of the yachts. They were told by the ever seen it. The name of this yacht captain of a yacht that he would ship is the Sea King. them at once.

tyrant of the seas how much he and strike against the wage cut was paying, he replied: "Oh, forty Join the Marine Workers Industria bucks for able seamen and thirty-five Union

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By BURCK

Hold City Conventions Against Unemployment and Starvation

By ALFRED WAGENKNECHT Secretary Trade Union Unity League Committee on Work Among the Unemployed.

JUST at a time when we could carry on more effective struggles for immediate relief for the unemployed and starving families and for unemployment insurance, we are experiencing an impermissible lull in our activities in the field of work among the millions of jobless.

The starvation relief given by the city governments and charity institutions has been practically cut down, in some cities as much as 40 per cent. Bread lines and flop houses are being discontinued.

In Boston, New York, Newark and other cities deep-going exposures of graft in the charity organizations and welfare boards of the city are going on. Money and relief collected for the starving families has lined the pockets and stomachs of capitalist politicians. In New York 60 cents out of every dollar collected was given as collection commission to capitalist organizations that specialized in collecting funds for charity

In New York, 24,000 unemployed workers, who had been given three days' work a week by the Prosser charity committee, have been laid off. Seven thousand were laid off in Philadelphia. Additional thousands lost this ralief employment in other cities.

City governments everywhere report that charity funds have been exhausted and that they do not know where to turn to meet the immense demands for food and relief for the unemployed.

Jobless thousands stormed the election board employment bureaus in New York, where registrations were conducted for only those who had voted for two years in the city.

Five thousand unemployed men and women, representing 1,500 poverty-stricken and starving families threatened a food riot in Henryetta, Oklahoma

Capitalist charity organizations announce that budgets must be increased as much as 50 per cent if they are to continue relief work.

Capitalist experts on how little the unemployed can eat and still remain alive are again issuing charts on diets in profusion. Prof. McCallum of the John Hopkins University announces that "those unable to afford butter should eat leaf food, should consume in large quantities dried alfalfa (hay) leaves and clover." The Bureau of diet of the Hoover administration 'issued a chart which demands that a family of five should live on \$5 worth of food a week.

Hoover's national committee on employment is engaging in a national advertising campaign for jobs under the slogan "There are plenty of horses if they'll all pull (the prosperity wagon) together." Paint, paper, plumb your home and fix the leak in the roof, sweep your sidewalk and clean your back yard, is, according to the program, going to give jobs to the ten million unemployed!

Doak, Green, and other megaphone artists of the vuling class are telling the country that unemployment is decreasing, prosperity is staging a comeback, wait and have faith. A new flood of capitalist demagogy is sweeping thru the capitalist press

In New Jersey, city constables entered the home of a starving family of six, put chains around the wrists of the head of the family, twisted the chains and held the starving worker in this position while they threw his furniture into the street

Aloyse Meyer, steel cartel head, demanded world wage cuts and lower standards of living for the workers, at the meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce at Washington, D. C. Industrial leaders at the meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce decided to launch wage cuts in the basic industries.

Increasing starvation among the unemployed, hunger, misery, sickness and death. This is answered by the employers and their governments with brutality, terror, lessening relief, fakery and graft. Here is a field for work, for mobilization for immense struggles, an opportunity to win large masses of unemployed and employed workers for our movement, unparallelled in the history of our organizations. And yet, since February 25, excepting in two or three cities and excepting the May First demonstrations, no mass struggles against lessening relief and increased starvation have occurred. This failure to respond to the needs of the unemployed, to lead counter-offensives against lessening relief, starvation, wage cuts and prosperity fakery, has already brought about disintegration in our ranks. In the Boston district only one branch of unemployed workers is functioning; in northern New Jersey only one branch is barely existing; and investigations may uncover similar dwindling of our forces in other parts of the country.

We are much too slow in applying the additional activity indicated in the resolution of the Trade Union Unity League, that of fighting for food for starving families. This activity, investigation of the conditions of families in the neighborhoods, ascertaining their demands, mobilizing them for struggle, was intended to root our movement deeply in workers' neighborhoods and thereby supply a mass base for struggles for immediate relief for all the unemploved and for unemployment insurance.

In many cities this activity has not even been started, and while our leading district comrades are discussing and delaying, the big issues of intense interest to the unemployed, occuring in the city and nationally, have been entirely lost sight of, have found no response in our ranks. When lessening of relief by 40 per cent in some cities, and entire discontinuation of the little relief given in others, does not even result in resolutions of protest by our branches of unemployed workers, our TUUL organizations and other workers' organizations, then it becomes plain that our movement among the unemployed remains crippled and wharped, to say the least

To bring about a sharp correction of this situation the Trade Union Unity League now calls upon all workers' organizations, together with our branches of unemployed workers and delegates from all agencies and points where unemployed workers gather, to hold City Conventions to Fight Unemployment and Starvation. These conventions should be held within six weeks. The call for these conventions, together with the agenda and its elaboration, will be sent to any comrade interested and active in the unemployed movement. Address the Trade Union Unity League, 2 West 15 Street, New York City.

THE WORKERS "CHAMPION"

Shoe Bosses and May Day in Binghamton, New York

By F. G. BIEDENKAPP.

OT more than 20 minutes as the crow flies, lie two shoe manufacturing towns known as Johnson and Endicott cities where some 17,000 shoe workers are employed at wages ranging from \$6 to \$25 per week. The cities are named after the two shoe magnates by that name, also called the Square-Deal-City.

The shoe companies own the entire propertyworkers live in company houses and have-company privileges-such as a library, a bathing pool, a ball ground, a dance hall, a merry-go-round, a hospital and medical service and Hunger Wages. The medical service and hospital are no longer

Workers may buy the houses they live in by paying double rent, but they cannot buy the ground. They have the privilege of living in the houses and paying interest on the company's invested capital, but cannot sell the property no matter how much they may have paid in. If they want to quit, they can bargain with the company, who might pay them back the original purchase price, though the property might have been contracted for 20 years ago.

Profits Are Only for the Company.

May First the workers celebrated by holding a mass meeting, which was attended by many eing National Orga

handbills-their "pickings" will be lean. And They Want the Workers to Swallow

That Bunk. Only bosses and bosses' agents who repeat "as a parrot" all the boss says, could or would print such capitalist dope intended to chloroform and throw sand into the eves of the workers, that they may not see or understand the truth.

Swap bosses-why not-it's time the workers had a chance to go to Florida to roll in the sand and let the bosses and bosses' suckers sweat their skin off their bones at starvation wages in the "Square Deal" city-square for the bosses and coupon clippers and a "deal" for the workers with the cards stacked against them.

Yes, we do know what competition and who the stock "howlers" are and why they are demanding wage cuts and we know that for every nickel the workers received in the past either in cash or by virtue of the grace of the mighty Geo. F., known as "privileges," the bosses and stock gamblers got dollars. Who the Sam Hill wants privileges? Who the Sam Hill produces the wealth these parasites live on? Who the Sam Hill has a better right to enjoy the fruit of toil, if not the workers who do the toiling? Privileges! Two times a couple Huh's. To the Sam Hill with privileges-the workers want their hts and-over a million Huh's-the worker

brating its fifth birthday this Wednesday night, May 20, at Webster Hall. We won't attempt to give the bill of fare; it is too overwhelming. There's a lot more than

just dancing, anyhow; and we feel more kindly toward the New Masses now that it seems to represent something, or at least promises to be more intelligible in the future than in the past. But that dollar admission sort of strangles our enthusiasm. No doubt but it's worth more, but there it is

Not a Bad Idea

The N. Y. Times is getting smart these days. It is editorially suggesting that landlords print or paste on their rent bills to apartment tenants, little notices saying something like this: "If your rent is \$50 a month, \$90 a year of

that goes to pay exorbitant real estate taxes." That, says the Times, would rally all the tenants to help the poor and downtrodden landlords to get a tax reduction

Yeah, our heart just bleeds for landlords! Suppose they call a mass meeting of their tenants and call us in to explain what we think should be done about it. While it don't go far enough, let us take even the suggestion of the brilliant editor of the Times.

The landlord puts a note on the rent bill: "Your rent bill is high because I pay high taxes. Out of every \$50 I get from you for rent. I, alas, must pay \$7.50 taxes. That's \$90 a year. Don't you feel sorry for me? So? Then protest about it! Your loving landlord."

To which the astonished and sympathetic tenant might reply:

"My dearly beloved landlord: Your heartrending message is received. I am deeply touched. In fact I have been touched regularly every month. How you can afford to pay \$90 a year taxes out of \$600 rent I pay you is beyond my imagination. That leaves you only \$510 a yearand the house I live in when I move out.

"Your tragic situation affected me so that I went from flat to flat in your whole apartment house to see if something can be done about it. And we organized a Tenants' League, connected with the Unemployed Council, and have decided:

"Whereas: The landlord complains that 15 per cent of every dollar he collects from us in rent goes to taxes;

"Resolved, that, to stop this outrage, we will pay only 85 per cent of the present rent. And be it further

"Resolved; that the House Committee examine the landlord on his other expenses with a view to our taking similar action, even if it reduces our rent to zero. We refuse to be accomplices to the robbery of our loving land-

Mr. Pooh-Bah of Binghamton

The son-in-law of the head of the Endicott-Johnson Shoe Corporation owns the Binghamton, N. Y., "Sun," which editorializes about the Hunger Marches of the unemployed, in a way that reminds me of the character Pooh-Bah in Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado."

Pooh-Bah boasted, readers may recall, that he was "born with a sneer on his face."

So was the editor of the Binghamton "Sun." He sneers at the hunger marchers because they are fed by sympathetic workers along the lines of march. Instead of seeing the significant social fact of hungry men and women their homes (and what homes!) to march hundreds of miles to dramatize the demand of millions of workers for Unemployment Insurance. this pin-head reactionary sneers: "The marchers seem to have a good time. .. so well fed, by the time they reach their destination, they may have forgotten what they came for. Some red propagandists. Some plain bums." And the editorial opens up with a cheap sneer at the "bunion derbies." Concerning which an unemployed worker of Binghamton says: "They make a joke out of the misery of the hungry workers, but the time will come when the workers will make bunion racers out of the editors of the yellow press and their masters."



The New Masses, which is something close to

the heart of the John Reed Club, tells us that

it has "completed its five-year plan" and is cele-

Oi, Oi! the New Messes!



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ot Two Scottsboro Children

The Story of Mrs. Wright, Mother

As Told To Sadie Van Veen

MY home is in Chattanooga. I have five chil-dren, Roy, 14, Andy, 17, Lucile, 10, and two grown married daughters. Lucile is with me in New York. My two boys are in the Scottsboro jail.

"I been having the hardest time in the world making an honest living for my children. I worked the skin clear off my hands scrubbing and washing so as my children could have something to eat. I been making five and sometimes six dollars a week and you know that you can't feed a family on that. Why we paid pretty near a dollar alone on car fare every week. My little girl is underweight because we couldn't get only one or two quarts of milk a week. You know we couldn't buy any more than that. And I always worked no matter how sick or tired I was.

"My boys are good boys. I never brought them up to have them hung. They was always good to me and good to sister here. But they couldn't find work no-how in Chattanooga, so they asks me if I would let them go to Memphis to seek work. Well, you know, I didn't want them to leave up but I saw as how they couldn't get work and I says 'Well, boys, if you must go, alright, but don't get in any trouble. Andy was going first, but his little brother Roy. the fourteen year old, he said, if Andy goes he goes too, 'cause them two boys they always been crazy about each other and just pals all the time. So Roy, who was always my baby boy for all he is fourteen years, he said, "Mama, you let me go too, 'cause we can't get anything to do here and you don't earn enough and just as soon as we get any work we'll send you some money.

"So they starts off and I went to work the same morning and I sent Lucile to school with ten cents for her lunch; that is all I could ever give has and you just know she couldn't get very much for that.

"The next morning when I starts off to work. my sister she came running over with the newspaper in her hand. She says "Aida, 'where are your boys?' And I said 'Why my boys, they gone to seek work in Memphis. And she says 'Aida, read this', and she hands me the paper. I just looked long enough to see the names of my children Roy and Andy and I dropped the paper. I felt so sick I just couldn't read any more. You just know how I felt. Here they started off the day before, to seek work and now I see this in the paper and it just made me clear sick; but I just went off to work just the same and the lady that I works for she said 'Why Aida are you sick or something? You look like something terrible is the matter!""

"Well, I said 'there sure is something terrible the matter. Just look at this' and I gives her the paper to read. She says 'Aida I sure am sorry that your in such trouble and I know that your boys is innocants And when her huse

band come in (he is from the north) he says 'Aida you better hire a lawyer' and he gives me five dollars. Well you know I didn't know anything about lawyers but I began collecting money from everybody I could. That night the minister comes over to us and he says they hired Roddy to go and defend the boys. Roddy said he wanted one hundred and ten dollars. So we collected that much and gave it to him but he never did defend those boys. He just told them to plead guilty and to get life. He just plain railroaded them to the electric chair. There are two other boys besides mine only fourteen years but with Roy they declared it a mistrial because he is only fourteen. They was afraid to send him to burn in the chair.

"The newspapers never did tell the whole story and they just lied about everything. They didn't want any one to know that three boys are only fourteen. The Patterson boy and Eugene Williams and my boys was friends and they started off together to Memphis but they never did see the other five boys till they saw them in jail. You see the police just went through the train and picked up all the poor Negro boys on the train. That's how come there was nine boys picked off the train and all of them framed up to burn on July ten.

Well we all told Roddy that he just took our money and never did nothing to defend our boys but just sent them to the chair. The man I worked for, he said to me, 'Aida that Roddy won't do no good. He is low and he drinks so that the court had to wait two hours for him to get sober and come to the trial.' I says 'I know he ain't no good but I am just a poor woman and I am just near crazy with worry. What do I know about lawyers?'

"Then the International Defense came to us They sent a committee to see us. And they explained the kind of organization they are and now they defend strikers Negro or white and the foreign born and like that. And they said 'Mrs. Wright are you willing to have us defend your boys?' And I says I sure am. And they said 'Would you be willing to come up North and go around and help us to get support for your boys?' Well you just know that I said I would do anything in the world to save our boys. And I don't want only to save my two boys. I want to save all those boys not only mine. They are all innocent and all framed up and we just got to save them.

"Well we all told Roddy that he was just working together with the Ku Klux and we didn't want ever to see him again and that we had handed over the case to the International Labor Defense. Some of our people said to me. Aida you just stick to the International Labor Defense. They are your friends. They mean well. They will sure move heaven and earth so as to save your boys.'

"So that's how come, Lucile and I are up here in New York and we sure here a lot of

Secretary of the Shoe and Leather Workers' Industrial Union, it was natural that I go to Binghamton not only to speak on May First, but also to meet with the shoe workers and discuss organization and T. U. U. L. work.

Though we held our organization meeting quietly and privately, the bosses, nevertheless smelled the presence of an organizer and issued the following article, no doubt prompted by the big boss, Geo. F. Johnson, himself and signed by a stool-pigeon and bosses' agent by name of A. Very. This article appeared in the Labor column of the Binghamton Daily Sun (owned by the shoe boss, Geo. F. Johnson) who writes whole page labor articles every week for his wage slaves.

"Handbills and Cuts," is the title of one article from which we take the following:

We seemed to have been showered with handbills the past two weeks-all along the same line: "Strike! Down with the Bosses!"

Just why are these union agitators so sympathetic because we got a 5 per cent cut? Surely they don't expect to organize us free gratisjust out of kindness of heart. Why should they care whether we make 5 cents or \$50?

"Down with the Bosses!" Huh!! All they want us to do is SWAP bosses-trade the ones we have now for their own bosses.

Soft pickin's! A couple of Huh's!

We don't know what business competition or stockholder "howls" forced the company to give us our five per cent sut. But we know that in the past they have been generous beyond measure, have apparently had our interests at heart and given us more than most companies give their workers. We can at least be grateful for what favors we have had.

Truth is most of us in this community have been spoiled with too much "free" stuff, until we all more or less have developed the "give-me's." But it will take more than a 5 per cent cut or the curtailment of the many other privileges I've enjoyed in the past to ever make me trade "Geo. F. Johnson" rule for union rule. We have been having work when shops dominated by unions haven't. Stick to the "Old Man," he is a grand guy to tie to-he'll see us through-and I for one am for him "hook, line and sinker," even if I don't enjoy the 5 per cent cut for medical relief.

Don't let these agitators "kid" you. They can't bring you "better times" or any more prosperity, or half as quick, as "Geo. F." could or would

Pity the "agitators" with their "frothing"

friends. It just makes me feel so good I just don't want ever to see the South again. If I kin get all our boys free that's all I want and then I want to stay here and stick by the International Labor Defense. I ain't never going to leave them. No matter what happens I want to help this organization and I just mean to do everything in my power to help to build it up for the are to a great work these are doins."

are going to get their rights.

It will take more than a 5 per cent cut to drive a skunk out of his hole. The fact is that skunks don't suffer from wage cuts-they live on Judas' pay, which they get for betraying and selling out the workers.

Every bosses' agent sticks to the "old man." the "grand guy" so long as the easy money, the graft is to be gotten. These hypocrites and labor fakers get all they can get while the getting is good. But the time is coming when they will In this Unit, the Organizer, considering himself need more than a hook, line and sinker to keep them in easy pickings.

This clever stunt of trying to make the 5 per cent wage cut look like paying for medical treatment needs a little explanation. First. Give the workers enough of life's wholesome needs-food, clothing, shelter, vacation, education, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of press, no exploitation, no speed-up, shorter hours of labor, more time for leisure, no unemployment, and we won't need so many doctors and medicines.

Secondly. Don't tell us that it takes \$1,000,000 -which is 5 per cent of a payroll amounting to more than \$20,000,0000 a year-for medical relief for 17,000 workers-none of whom on the average spend more than \$20 a year for medical service (according to U. S. A. statistical records) or a total sum of \$340,000. (17,000 x \$25.) But, of course, we forget the graft. And also we toilers must remember that when a worker's wife has a baby that costs \$50, but when the bosses' wife has a baby it costs \$5,000 (the bosses' wife and baby must go to Florida with doctor and all). Well-ten more Huh's.

The bosses say it is wasting money to spend 15 cents to hear an agitator on Industrial Revolutionary Unionism, but-it's worth while and a privilege to give 5 per cent of your wages to see the boss go to Florida-just to have him come back and to hear him say "Hello." Well, let's have-15,000 Huh's and 15,000 workers organized under the banner of the S. & L. W. I. U., affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League, and we will make it ten Huh's for every worker every day of the year. Who the Sam Hill wants a wage cut?

Workers! Join the Party of Your Class!

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Union Organizer, Negro Director, etc., feel that in view of their "high" position in the Units their function is that of "giving instructions to others." This situation prevails (with some exceptions) in every Section, especially in Sections having Units with a large membership, where the activities of every comrade remain unchecked. In one Unit we find a situation which is characteristic of other Units' functionaries. the "highest," in some cases failed to attend Unit meetings and gave instructions to another "high" functionary to conduct the meeting. The Unit Organizer Secretary felt that every comrade was to give out leaflets at the shops, and house to house in the Unit territory; however, when the assignment comes down from the Unit Buro you never hear that the Organizer Secretary is in the list of those to give out leaflets, or Daily Worker sale or canvassing of workers for Party, TUUL, etc. The TUUL organizer, another "high" functionary could not "spoil" his "dignity"by going near a shop of the Unit concentration and therefore assigned the other comrades.

PARTY LIFE

Conducted by the Organization Department of

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Unit Functionaries Must Part-

icipate in Routine Daily Act-

ivities of the Units

By D. FLAIANI (New York)

DEVELOP new leadership" slogan, in our Par-

tice in the New York District. In all Sections

and Units we have some 800 functionaries. Hence

a new problem arises which must be solved in

the shortest period of time. Elements of buro-

craticism have been creeping in here and there

among the Unit functionaries in an impermis-

sible form. With the establishment of the Unit

Buros as the authority of the Units, practic-

ally every member gets his assignments for the

week, also of D. W., leaflet distributions, visiting

of contacts, etc. Each Unit has at least 10 func-

tionaries, each having one specific task to per-

form, which is that of involving the entire mem-

bership in the Party campaigns, thru the Unit

Buros. However, in some Units while the func-

tionaries have a very good way of planning

work for the membership, they forget the fact

that they also plan work for themselves as mem-

In many cases the Unit Organizer Trade

bers of the Unit.

ty, has been to a large extent put into prac-

The Literature-agent at the Unit meeting gave hell to every one for non-co-operation in the sale of the new pamphlets, and instructed every member to get five copies of "Race Hatred on 'Trial," and while practically every one took five pamphlets and paid cash (with the exception of the Organizer and organizer secretary) the literature agent forgot that she was also to sell the same amount as the others.

The same situation holds true for the rest of the functionaries. This of course happens with functionaries, who even tho they cannot be called burocrats in the real sense of the word, have acquired an air of "superiority" in their Units in view of their "high" position.

This kind of functionaries should not exist in our Party. These tendencies lead toward the development of the worst form of burocraticism. which does not serve as an example to the membership and does not encourage the rank and file to work. The Sections must analyze this situation at once and guard against the development of such a kind of leadership in the Units. The Unit Buros, must participate in the every-day routine work of the Unit, and must also guard against such functionaries whose tendencies are that of only giving instructions to others.

The participation of our Unit functionaries in the every day routine activities of the Units will help tremendously to improve the work of the Units. Our functionaries can be of best aid to the rest of the members of the Units by working together, teaching the other less experienced comrades how to carry out some tasks. It will help the functionaries to better plan the work for the whole Unit thru the experiences and contact of the functionaries with the workers outside the ranks of our Party,

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To All Correspondents

Those who write in wanting Red Sparks to answer this or that point, should include their name and address-and, even better, a postage stamp-as we are unable to reply to erything asked of us in the column itself.

What you ask, you see, may be of importance to you, but not to others. And there is such a multitude of things to discuss in the column that we cannot perhaps give space to your special point. Some points require a long answer, or a reference to sources where the correspondent can find what he or she wants t know.

For example. Bertha J. of Boston recent wrote us-without giving any address-asking question about the capitalist crisis which r quires a lengthy article to explain adequate. She will find such an article in the magazir "The Communist International," Vol. VIII, No 8, price 10 cents, Workers' Library Publishers, 50 East 13th St., New York. In fact, there are two articles on the question in it.

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Jim Thompson, **Bond Salesman**

James P. Thompson, I. W. W. tremulo orator of the Pacific Northwest, whose knowledge of social forces became petrified about 1908, with the revision of the I. W. W. Preamble, is still explaining how it happened that the police and immigration officers raided the Communist Party hall and left the Wobbly hall untouched on May 10.

Well, why should the police raid the Wobbly hall? They might just as well have raided the local headquarters of the republican party. Indeed, according to a correspondent, James P. himself has become so comforting to the capitalists that our correspondent writes:

"J. P. Thempson hasn't the workers at heart. If he had, he wouldn't have asked the workers, as he did at one of his meetings on the skidroad, to buy industrial stocks, such as Scars Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, Milwaukee and other stocks, because they were so low and couldn't go lower, so there was a good chance to get rich as they were bound to go hishe