# NAT'L MINERS UNION LEADS 9,000 IN STRIKE AGAINST STARVATION



Strike pickets marching to Montour Mine No. 30. Note the women in the front ranks, fighting along side of the men. Unemployed and employed united in the mass picketing. Negro workers took part in this mass picketing demonstration. Tear gas bombs were thrown at the pickets in some of the mines but failed to route the strikers.



strikers at the order of the bosses in the Pennsylvania coal strike.



This is a view of a group striking miners of the Pittsburgh Terminal Mine No. 8, Coverdale,

being addressed by Frank Borick, National Secretary of the National Miners' Union



Above are state troopers with rifles sent by the Greensburg to guard the Pittsburgh Coal Co. Mine No. 10 in Library and to protect scabs



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## The Miners March Again!

By BILL DUNNE.

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DITTEBURGH, June 3 .- The Western Pensylvania miners are march ing again and there is panic in the ranks of the coal and steel barons of this district of heavy industry. Under the leadership of the National Miners Union affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League, with rank and file strike committees elected at every mine and with the central district strike committee in session in Pittsburgh today, working out the plans to extend the struggles, the miners, their wives and children, have struck against starvation

It is true that the ranks of the miners are thinner than in 1927-28 but already close to 10,000 miners, one-third of those employed, have left the mines at the call of the strike committees, after strike votes taken in mass meetings, have joined the marching picketers that have swept once more through the coal fields. The ranks are thinner because the speed-up, the blacklist and starvation have taken a heavy toll in four years,

"No War in Coal!" says the headline of the first page editorial of the Pittsburgh Press-the liberal Scripps-McRae sheet that is the most ponsitive to the exigencies of the lords of coal and steel

The strike is spreading. Altho the miners and their families have hed on the edge of starvation for more than five years, the Pittsburgh ress has never before got excited about this fact. It is only when the levolt of the miners, as in 1927-28, is being led by revolutionary trade unionists with the Communist Party taking a leading part, that it calls the attention of its masters to the statement of the Russell Sage Foundation which, "after studying 10,000 disputes which occurred in 30 years, concludes that the coal industry's problems have come nearest to being solved where miners and operators have organized to act co-operatively and as equal partners in their enterprises.

The coal industry "is vital to Pittsburgh," says the Press. "It should have far more help and consideration from Pittsburgh as a whole, from business, professional and labor leaders, than it ever has had. If we have leadership in the Pittsburgh district, now is the time for it to show itself."

It concludes: "Above all, let's have no violence."

This is the kind of strike-breaking hypocrisy which forms the basis of the united front between the local capitalist press and Fagan, secretary of the one skeleton local of the Lewis U. M. W. A., composed of

# Warning! **Readers:**

Today is the crucial day in the life of the Daily Worker. Yesterday only \$612.75 was received and we still are \$3,146 short of the \$5,000 that had to be raised within three days. Unless we receive a substantial part of this money today, we will not have sufficient paper to get out tomorrow's issue. Only you, the workers, can save the Daily Worker! What will be your answer? Keep our Daily alive and tighting! Rush contributions by wire to the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13th St. New York City.



Sheriff Fails to Break Ranks; Demands Are Formulated By Strike Committee

Miner's Slogan Is: "Might As Well Starve Striking As Starve Working!"

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 4.-Mass picketing by over 300 took place at the Cedar Grove mine of the Carnegie Coal Co., near Avella, led by Frank Note of the National Miners Union Nasional Board. The Sheriff of Washington County ordered Note to disperse the pickets and get out of town or he would be arrested and taken to Washington, Pennsylvania. Note refused and urged the pickets to stand fast. The sheriff ordered the deputies to attack with tear gas. Tear gas bombs were thrown but the pickets held their line olid until the regular time to end .the morning picketing.

backs of the miners Wednesday night mass picketing at The National Miners' Union and the Montour mine, No. 10, at Library Strike Committee organization of was broken up by the deputies' at- local, section and district strike comtack, but this morning 1,400 went on mittees is proceeding rapidly. Three the mass picket line here and it was thousand joined the National Miners' not broken up. This is the answer Union yesterday. Over 9.000 are out of the miners to the attack on the on strike. smaller picket line yesterday. This morning the strikers of the the Pennsylvania District Rank and Soudan mine of the Valley Camp File Strike Committee yesterday are: Coal Co., who walked out yesterday, "Fifty cents a ton for machine marched on Gibson Mine of the Hill- coal; 75 cents a ton for pick coal; man Coal Co. at Bentleyville and 12 cents a ton for cutters; \$5.50 a caused a hundred per cent strike of day for day men; \$5.40 a day for day 400 miners there. They are continu- helpers; 67 cents a yard for narrow ing their march into the territory work; 15 cents a yard for cutters of the Bethlehem Co. There is intense militancy and en- based on day man rate; outside thusiasm among the miners. They skilled labor to be paid \$4.50 per day; say: "Might as well starve striking as outside unskilled labor to be paid starve working!" The main slogan \$4; all supplies to be delivered to is: "Fight starvation by means of the face and adequate supplies to be on strike." The second slogan is: "Spread the strike!" The Negroes weighman at every mine; enforceimported in the 1927 strike are leading in this strike and are strongly of the National Miners' Union." represented on all committees. Fagan, bureaucrat of the United

company hangers-on, in this district.

The local press has been trying for four days to hand the leadership of the strike to Fagan but the miners will have none of it. Not a single mass meeting, to say nothing of a strike meeting, has been held by Fagan but the press nevertheless, as the Sun-Telegraph, for instance, continues to refer to the "leaders of the U. M. W. A. who are instigating a strike at other mines in the district," and to the "two-fold phase" of the strike.

As for the call for "no violence" issued by the Pittsburgh Press this is sheer provocation against strikers since the various police agencies -state cossacks, coal and iron police and special deputy sheriffs-are already in the field in large numbers. Their activities at this stage can be judged from the following description in the Hearst sheet-the Sun-Telegraph:

"The coal and iron police, armed with heavy caliber revolvers and their maces, kept the strikers moving. The state police, in three automobiles, each containing a sergeant and three men, kept moving up and down the highway."

A dozen arrests have occurred, a number of women numbered among them.

This strike is a strike against starvation. There are concrete demands which have to deal with this major question in the strike call and program of action adopted by the district strike committee today, but both strikers and unemployed-between whom there cannot be seen the slightest rift-understand fully the nature of this struggle.

It is for this reason that the district strike committee meeting, composed of elected representatives of the local mine strike committees, and because of the success of the NMU in developing and carrying through the policy of stimulating leadership directly from the ranks of the workers, affords a sight that is still too rare in the United States-a meeting of working men and women, Negro and white, with large numbers of Negro women, working out together their demands for strikers and unemployed, and developing the central plan of campaign on the basis of their experiences of the bitter struggle all of them have left for but a few hours to carry out this important work. Here is a battle staff with the marks of battle on it. (Remember that only four years ago the Negro workers were lured into this field to take the places of the strikers.)

Thousands of applications for the union have been received. No one can say exactly how many because two typists have been busy for two days compiling the applications, assigning them to their respective mine locals, etc., and the work is not yet finished.

Two great tasks confront the district strike committee:

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The first is the extension of the strike to the Eastern Ohio and Northern West Virginia fields where conditions are as bad or worse than in Western Pennsylvania.

Second, the organization of strike relief. It must not be forgotten that these miners and their families have no reserves-either of money, food or clothes. Eviction notices have already been posted for many of them. The slow starvation while at work is replaced by a more rapid progress of actual aching hunger.

The strike committee plans to have the wives and children of the strikers and the unemployed organize and carry through mass campaigns for relief in the cities and towns of the district-in Pittsburgh first of all. We will see whether the apostles of "cooperation of miners and operators" will respond to this form of cooperative appeal.

Some immediate relief will be secured in this way but the Workers International Relief, the Metal Workers' Industrial League-so closely connected with the struggle of the miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia-and other working class organizations, must assist in every way possible to give the miners and their families the sinews of war-for war it is, a war of workers for the right to live.

Rally with all forces to the striking miners whose unbroken spirit and fighting will show the way to the whole American working class

### Daily Worker Management Comm.

#### NEWS FLASH

We have just received an urgent appeal from Pittsburgh asking us to send bundles of Dailies to help spread the mine strike. . We must have money to meet this demand. What will be YOUR answer to this appeal, comrades?

## Hearings Today on Motions of I.L.D. FOSTER TO SPEAK For New Trials for 9 Scottsboro Boys METAL MASSMEET

hearing on the motions filed by the International Labor Defense for new trials for the nine Scottsboro Negro boys facing the electric chair on a vicious framed-up charge of having

raped two white girls, will take place today in Scottsboro, Alabama. The International Labor Defense

in its motions for new trials for the first verdicts were announced. The boys challenges the boss court lynch boys were sentenced on the unsupverdict which in the first farcical ported testimony of two white pros-"trial" sentenced eight of the boys titutes who, at first denying that the to burn in the electric chair on July boys had been traveling with 7 white 10. The trial of the ninth boy, 14- men on the freight train which the year old Roy Wright, was declared boys had hoped in search of work. a mistrial. Two of the other boys The girls at first denying that the are also only 14. The oldest boy is boys had molested them were forced

just 20. "Tried" In Lynching Atmosphere ficials to lie against the boys. In this The boys were "tried" in a tense they were ably aided by Stephen R.

CHATTANOOGA, June 4. - The Many Organizations was in the case without the consent Start Drive in New of either the boys or their parents. Start Drive In New Vouls Motel Shows Wiring Demands to Roddy declined to cross- examine the girls, in spite of the glaring contra-Trial Judge dictions in their testimony. Roddy has been denounced by the nine boys of 10,000 surrounding the court house

> band was on hand to play the "Star be representing the N.A.A.C.P. Spangled Banner" and "Dixie" as the **Boss Terror Against Defense**

As the hearing on the I. L. D. motions for new trials nears, the by the Alabama bosses and court of-

(CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE)

York Metal Shops

NEW YORK .- Metal workers from many shops and factories are exand yelling for their blood. A brass is now claimed by Walter White to meeting called by the New York to one of the largest halls in Detroit local of the Metal Workers Indus-

trial League. The purpose of the meeting, is to officially open the organization drive in the shops and factories.

Machinists, tool and die makers. metal polishers, spinners, molders, auto mechanics, helpers and workers from all other trades are invited. The New York. Admission free.

The strikers' demands, adopted by payment for all dead work, to be hand at all times; union checkment of the 8-hour day; recognition

Demands for mechanical and conveyor loaders are to be formulated. Mine Workers here, is forming fake at the next meeting of the District committees of the Carnegie Co. mines Strike Committee. to meet the bosses and try to settle

and betray the strike behind the (ADDITIONAL NEWS ON PAGE 3)

### Workers of Detroit Rallying Against the Registration Bill And for Fight for Scottsboro 9

To Hold Mighty Protest Demonstration June 19 in Grand Circus Park Against Attacks on Negro and Foreign-Born Workers

DETROIT, June 4 .- In militant | Michigan legislature to photograph protest against the new Michigan and fingerprint the foreign-born Alien Registration Bill and the workers. In Michigan, as in Ala-Scottsboro boss court lynch verdict, bama, these vicious attacks on the the workers of Detroit will hold a tre- working-class are aimed at crushing mendous demonstration on June 19. the resistance of the native and The demonstration will take place foreign-born Negro and white workin Grand Circus Park at 5 p. m. ers against the starvation capitalist as "a traitor to our cause." Roddy pected to come tonight to the mass From the park the workers will march system

> to be addressed by well-known working-class leaders.

The mass struggle against the Alien Registration Bill is combined eign born, can only be defeated by with the struggle to free the nine innocent Scottsboro Negro boys being railroaded to the electric chair by the boss courts of Alabama on a lying, framed-up charge of raping

two white girls. The workers of Detroit realize that meeting will take place tonight at it is the same ruling class which 8 p. m. at Stuyvesant Casino, 142 condemned these innocent boys to Second Avenue, corner 9th Street, burn in the electric chair that has

Only Mass Protest Can Defeat Bill. These vicious attacks on the workers, white and black, native and for-

the united mass action of all the workers, banded together in a fighting alliance against the ruling class. The workers of Michigan are indignant over these attacks on the foreign-born and Negro workers. They are determined to fight against the registration bill. A City Committee of the Councils for the Protection of the Foreign Born has been set up,

passed this infamous bill in the GONDANDED ON PAGE TERES

Alabama bosses finding their bloody plans for a legal mass lynching challenged by millions of white and Ne-

against the I. L. D. and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the two organizations which initiated the mass movement to save the nine boys.

gro workers throughout the country, are carrying on a terroristic campaign

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N. J. State Ratification Convention of the Communist Party Opens Sunday, June 14 AT 10 A. M., LAUREL GARDEN, 457 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, NEWARK, N. J. Leather Workers Slave in Brunswick N.J. Ratification Meet To agents of the A. F. of L. leadership **RELIEF FOR JOBLESS, Boss Parties in N. J. Dodge** and its record of betrayals in New Jersey and at the same time lay Expose A. F. of L. Grafters FIGHT ON PAYCUTS ARE down a plan of action for winning **Burning Issues of Workers** the workers into the ranks of the (By a Worker Correspondent.) Trade Union Unity League during NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J .-- Just CHIEF N. J. ISSUES the election campaign, linking up A new scandal developed last week the gangsters of the A NEWARK, N. J .- The democratic, throughout the state. few words about the conditions of the economic and political struggle of in the ranks of the American Fed- doubt shared with the bosses of the Thousands of workers are facing the workers in the Lefkowitz Leather nd republican party state conventhe working class, especially in the eration of Labor officialdom in New Iron League, with whom Brandle ions are over. Both parties have eviction every day for non-payment Shop. campaign for unemployment insur-Jersey. In the Building Trades, works hand in glove. Republican and Democratic Parties Try Hide nominated candidates and have ance, which is a major plank in the of rent. Thousands of workers have week. Toworking for notorious for its racketeers, famous Brandle's latest deal involves the adopted their platforms for the 1931 lost their homes because they can't platform of the Communist Party. for gangsterism and graft, Theodore | firm of Meltzer Bros., who contracted **Real Issue Behind That of Prohibition** day we are putting out more work county and state elections. In their pay the mortgages and taxes. Dis-Brandle, organizer of the Iron Work- for a \$500,000 apartment job in Jerease and sickness are spreading than ever before. We are working platforms each party tries to be weters' Union, is now the storm center. sev City and refused to buy the ter than the other, making prohibiamong the workers. Thousands of for \$10 to \$14 a week for the same Communist Party Has Program to Lead Poor CONCERT AND DANCE Brandle is also general director of building supplies from Brandle. The tion the major issue. Both parties production. Today there are just workers' children are undernourished the bosses' Iron League of New Jer- Meltzer bosses claim they would have Farmers Into Struggle Against Bankers give lip service to unemployment, and underfed and go without proper one-half of the workers left in the Saturday. June 6th sey at the small salary of \$25,000 a had to pay \$10,000 more for supplies taxation and the plight of the New food and warm clothing. In the shop. In other words, 75 workers are year, and at the same time head of if they had done so. The A. F. of L Jersev farmers. bank crashes of Elizabeth and Linden By JOHN J. BALLAM. upon the rich corporations, bankers doing the work that took previously Downtown Workers Club the Hudson Builders' Material Sup- racketeers got even, by pulling a thousands of workers have lost their (Communist Party candidate for and business men who have amassed The Communist Party Election 150 workers to do it. The motto of ply Corporation, which controls all strike on the job, robbing the build-11 Clinton Street, N. Y. C. Campaign Committee of New Jersey lifetime savings. The Communis millions out of the sweat and toil the bosses is to make two men out building supplies in Hudson County. ing trades workers still more who Governor of New Jersey.) Arranged by Unit 1, Sec. 1, C. P. calls attention to the fact that both | Party, in contrast to the democratic of the workers This is what is going on It goes without saying that this of have been among the hardest hit by of one. 8 P. M. Admission 25 The capitalist parties have just conventions and the platform of each and republican parties, stresses a in the Lefkowitz shop today. When hungry unemployed workers We RYAN WALKER, Cartoonist itself is a fruitful source of graft for the crisis. Meltzer took the case to concluded their state conventions at party pay no attention to the burn- the outstanding issue of this election under the leadership of the Comare forced to slave the whole day court, where it is still pending, but Other Attractive Attractions on Trenton, N. J., nominated their ing problem of the starving half campaign the issue of immediate un without a stop, in one breath. munist Party, in their hunger march **Colorful Program for** in common with the bosses' policy Program,-JAZZ BAND. candidates and adopted their platmillion unemployed workers of the employment relief and unemployment to Trenton, demanded that the gov One department in our shop gave in to the racketeers in order to PROCEEDS TO SAVE THE forms state, to the wage-cuts sweeping the and social insurance. The Commu the New Pioneer ernor an state legislature give im called the "rush room," that is the have the strike called off. DAILY WORKER Both wings of the bosses' party length and breadth of the state, the nist Party Election Campaign Com mediate relief and unemployment girls room where they slave away for Affair Friday Eve. Associated with Brandle are Jos (Republican - Democratic) adopted part time work and speed-up of the mittee of New Jersey calls attention insurance, they were met with blund \$7 or \$8 for a whole week. Many F. Fay, Edw. Shinn and James Laremployed workers, to the fact that to the fact that when delegates of identical platforms and have nomrefusal to even consider these pro times the girls have to work over The John Reed Club and the New kin, all of them American Federa inated two capitalist exploiters of five militant textile workers have the jobless and employed staged ENTERTAINMENT AND posals. In many cities the unemtime in order to get the work out. Pioneer invites all workers to a large tion of Labor officials, members of labor as their candidates-Moore been framed up for murder in Pat- hunger march to Trenton demanding ployed were clubbed and jailed by All they get for it is on occasional affair tonight at 8 o'clock at Webthe International Union of Operating and Baird. erson, or to the persecution of for- relief, the state legislature, made up the brutal police cossacks controlled thanks from our parasites, the bos-DANCE Engineers. In addition to the milster Hall, 119 E. 11th St. In their attempt to befuddle the eign and native-born workers, Negro of democrats and republicans, re by democratic and republican polises, then the boss takes his share workers, both charge each other and white, that is being intensified | fused t oeven consider their demands. By Jorge, well-known writer of Red lions piled up in graft each year by tical puppets of the bosses. Saturday, June 6th with a big smile on his pan. these gangsters, these corrupt, fas-Sparks column, will act as chairman: with representing "invisible govern-Framed Five Workers cist labor fakers also draw salaries ment"-the government of bootlegthe Workers' Laboratory Theatre will at the Jersey Laundry Workers Are from the treasury of the union. In Paterson these same republican present a satirical sketch and also a gers, gangsters and racketeers-the ways wet and hale the steam from Ukrainian Workers Hall Brandle, for example, draws salary truth being that both represent the and democratic political stoolthe chemical which is very injurious one-act play on Scottsboro: A. B. 66 East 4th Street from the union as paid organizer, Magil will read some of his revoludictatorship of finance capital. to the health of the workers. pigeons of the bosses are framing up Speeded-Up at Heavy Pace the DAILY WORKER \$35,000 while thousands of starving unemtionary poems; Bill Gropper and Both candidates and platforms five members of the National Tex All workers in the Morgan Launployed workers in the trade tramp EMERGENCY FUND Phil Bard will show colored slides ilraise the fake issues of booze as tile Workers' Union on a charge of dry Service are urged to organize lustrating Hap Jingles: Albert Mothe streets desperately looking for Arranged by Section 1, Unit 2 their central plank and both stand murder and are attempting to send and fight against these conditions. JERSEY CITY, N. J .- The Morgan minutes he is right on our heels Communist Party rales will sing some Mexican revoluiobs for lower taxes for the landowners them to the electric chair for the Elect your delegates to the Com-Laundry Service Inc., located on 481 hollering at us. The men and women tionary songs: Hugo Gellert and his The Ratification Convention of the and capitalists. crime of striking against long hours munist Party Ratification Convenworkers are in fear of their jobs and Communist Party. which opens June Johnston Avenue, with branch launyoung artists will make pictures and Harry Heher, the chairman of the and wage cuts and speed-up in the tion to be held June 14 at Laurel dries in New York City, known as chase each other. 14 in Newark, will expose the bosses' New Jersey State Convention of the silk mills. there will be two corking numbers by Garden, 457 Springfield Avenue, STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL Hudson Laundry at 307 West 29 St., The conditions of the Mangle Press the talented Pioneer Red Dancer Democratic Party, said: Now is the time for every worker Newark, beginning at 10 a.m. and 315 West 41st St., has the honor "The republican nominee (Baird) an poor farmer in New Jersey to and Finishing Department is terrible. Admission, 50 cents for grown-up Join the Laundry Workers Indus-AND DANCE of being worst hated by the workers The Mangle machine runs at a terdivorce himself from his watch these fake candidates and 10 cents for kids cannot trial League. who had worked in this plant. The rible speed which starts from the financial interests." their so-called platforms. **CONCERT** of company here receives their work shakers and ends by the parkers Saturday, June 6th A vote for Republican-Socialist-Bankers' Candidates. AMUSEMENTS from Steamship Co's, and from Rail- This continues the whole day thru Democratic candidates is a vote for Quite so-and neither can the Boro Park Workers Center road Pullman car's that terminate Most of the workers suffer from wage cuts, speed-up, unemployment nominee of the Democratic Party at 1373 43rd Street, Brooklyn in local and nearby stations, and vocational diseases, especially those and starvation; for the attacks upon (Moore). Here are the "financial They take such as towels, piers. working by the Mangle, and are Admission 25c Fine Program and deportation of the foreign-born (connections) of both interests" table and bed spreads, therefore it stifled by the extreme heat. workers; for the discrimination PROCEEDS FOR THE these candidates as recorded in 2ND BIG WEEK is well known to be one of the worst The Washers and Pullers are al against and Jim-Crowing of the DAILY WORKER "Who's Who" places to work. The workers here -FEDERATION OF WORKER Negro workers: for eviction of work-NEIGHBORHOOD THEATRES Arranged by Women's Council 18 David Baird-Republican candidate for Governor. President of the ers' families from their homes; for are super-exploited and one of the CHORUSES EAST SIDE\_BRONX The 5-YEAR PLAN lowest paid places to work in this police brutality and denial of free-D. Baird Lumber Co. of Camden, Freiheit, Ukrainian, Lithuanian city. For instance, the women work dom of press and speech and assem-KZ N. J.: Director North Camden Build-Russian, Yugoslav, English D-6 full days per week (48 hours) for Gottlieb's Hardware bly for workers; for injunctions, desing and Loan Assn.; Chairman of Always a Good Show the miserable wage of from \$9 to \$12 truction of workers' organizations Board of Directors of Smith-Auster-SATURDAY, June 6 119 THIRD AVENUE and \$14 a week: the men in the and brutal suppression of the right RUSSIA'S REMAKING-A Talking Film (I muhl Co.: Director of First National Stuyvesant 5974 Wash Room work 9-12 and 14 hours JEFFERION SOVIET RUSSIA SMASHING ITS WAY TO to strike; for imperialist war and in-WED. Bank of Camden, N. J.; Director of All kinds of a day, especially at the beginning tervention against the workers' re-SOCIALISTIC SUCCESS Public Service Corporation of N. J. of the week, for which they get \$18 beautiful) **KLASHUS CLINTON PARK** ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES public-the Soviet Union. 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etc., for all workers state government, the capitalist poli-What Communist Votes Mean. ticians and A. F. of L. leaders, and A vote for the Communist Party lays tribute upon the working s a vote to make complete social inmasses of New Jersey.)

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A. F. of L. and Bankers. The leaders of the Democratic Party (Frank Hague, Edward I. Edwards, Ted Brandle, etc.) are all pootleggers, bankers and racketeers. representing big state business inerests in whose services organized angsters, including the A. F. of L.

Mficials, are maintained to keep labor in subjection. Both the so-called platforms of the Big Bosses' Parties are silent on the guestion of unemployment insurance. although they both carry a weak and inadequate statement on the appalling effects of the economic crisis on the workers and farmers of New

for inability to pay taxes, improved township roads and reduction of electric light and power rates for small For the working women of New Jersey, a vote for the Communist

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inemployment insurance on an equal basis with men, and maternity insurance to include 8 weeks before and after childbirth at full trade union wages

Against Lynch Terror.

With over five hundred thousand workers unemployed in the state. wage cut after wage cut is being forced upon those remaining at work reducing the already miserable wage. This is accompanied by the terrific speed-up and long most nours. The stagger system is being introduced, which still further reaces the workers' income far below the subsistence level.

Jersey.

Jobless Got No Relief. The New Jersey state and city governments do nothing to help these housands of jobless workers. Out of the score of millions of dollars annually appropriated by the state egislature, now under the control of one penny is devoted to relieve distheir families.

ry out against increasing taxation lation.

United States, especially in the Black Instead the state platforms of both Belt region of the South, where the iemocratic and republican parties Negroes form a majority of the popu-ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCE given by the PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKERS LEAGU SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 6 at 8:30 P. M., at the PYTHIAN TEMPLE 135 West 70th treet, New York City.

-Admission 75c-

Today, Tomorrow, Sunday June 5, 6, 7, 1931. All Funds raised will be used to purchase agricultural and industrial machinery to be sent to the Jewish Pioneers in Biro-Bidjan, U. S. S. R.

#### For the youth and children of New

Jersev, a vote for the Communist Party is a vote for prohibition of la-514; Downtown Workers Club, 11 Clinton St.; Downbor for children under 16 years of town Jewish Workers School, No. 1, 134 E. 7th St.; age, a 6-haur day for youth between East Side Workers Club, 196 East Broadway. the ages of 16 and 21 with equal pay for equal work, necessary clothing food and equipment to be supplied free to all children in the public 143 E. 103rd St. schools, the establishment of playgrounds and recreation centers in the

working-class districts and vacation camps for the free use of working-

class children. For the Negro, a vote for the Communist Party is a vote against all discrimination against the Negro people, against all forms of segregation and Jim Crowing, against lynching both democrats an republicans, not for full social and political equality, including the right of self-determinaress among the jobless workers and tion for the Negro nation in the

Aleichem Houses, 3451 Giles Place, G 32, Comrade Hoffman, Captain, Washington Heights and Inwood, 508 West 178th St.; Bronx Workers Club, 1472 Boston Road; Prospect Workers Club, 830 Westchester Ave.; Middle Bronx Workers Club, 1622 Bathgate Ave.; Tremont Workers Club, 749 Crotona Park North; Jerome

> BROOKLYN-Williamsburg Workers Center, 795 Flushing Ave., Brownsville, 162 Sutter Ave., 122 Osborn St., 261 Utica Ave., 118 Bristol St., 412 Sutter Ave., 313 Hinsdale St., Canarsie, 9105 Ave. L, near 91st St., Coney Island, 2921 W. 32nd St., near Mermaid, Brighton Beach, 140 Neptune Ave., near Coney Island Avenue, Bath Beach, 48 Bay 28th Street, Bensonhurst, 2006 70th St., 4080 65th St., Boro Park, 1373 43rd St

Bronx Icor, 3204 Wallace Ave.

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All Jewish workers' children schools of the I. W. O. and Councils of Working Class Women, also branches of the International Workers Order, participate.

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Page Three

## Illinois State Hunger March JOBLESS IN WIS. Voted Support at Many Meets PLAN MARCH ON

CHICAGO, Ill., June 4 .- Mass meetings held by the Unemployed Branches of the Trade Union Unity League in Ledford, Ill., Harrisburgh, Ill., Benton, Ill., endorsed the Hunger March to Springfield, Ill. In Boston, the meeting elected seven miners and two wives of miners to be included as hunger marchers. These marchers will join | Union" resolution. the line of march when the hunger Delegate Mike Kukivina, from Local marchers come through Benton. Ill.,

#### on Saturday, June 13. **Entire Town Starving** In Ledford, a small town around

Harrisburgh, the entire town is on the verge of starvation. Over 100 miners, their wives and children attended the mass meeting and endorsed the hunger march.

On Saturday, May 30, at an affair attended by 250 miners, given by the Slovene National Benefit Society, Joe Tash spoke. The miners present endorsed the march, and took up a collection of \$8.90 to support the marchers. On Sunday, May 31, at an affair given by the Lithuanian workers organization of Zeigler, Phil Frankfeld spoke. The meeting, which was attended by over 200 miners their wives and children, endorsed the hunger march and took up a collection of over \$4.

At a sectional convention of the Supreme Lodges of America, representing branches in West Frankfort. Zeigler, Benton and Royalton, held Sunday, May 31; the convention attended by over 25 delegates went on record endorsing the hunger march. These lodges represent over 300 members in those towns. The delegates took up a collection of \$6.10 to help the marchers get to Springfield.

Mass meetings have been organized for Christopher and Zeigler for Tuesday afternoon and evening respectively-June 2. On June 3-meetings will be held in Benton and Buckner. On Thursday, June 4, meetings will take place in Johnston City and Or-Councils intends to appeal directly ROY PELTZ IS ient. On Friday, June 5, meetings will be held in Eldorado and Harris- of the officialdom. The issue will be burgh. On Saturday, June 6. meetings will take place in Carry Mills Mine Workers and attempts made to and Ledford.

. . CHICAGO, Ill., June 4 .- By an overwhelming majority, the special "new" leadership, who profess to be conventino of the United Mine Work- and speak for the rank and file in ers of America sub-district No. 9, de- sub-district No. 9, have exposed themfeated resolution No. 32 which called selves by this act of treason against for a militant fight for unemploy- the thousands of unemployed miners ment relief and insurance at the ex- in the Illinois coal fields. By adoptpense of the coal operators nad gov- ing a harmless. meaningless resoluernment appropriations, which called tion for "insurance" and without one for endorsing the hunger march to word of explanation on how to get Springfield, Ill., on June 12 to 14; it; by voting against the hunger and also for the election of delegates march. the sub-district officials are to the State Convention for Unemployment Insurance on June 14.

Coello Local 232 despite the oppo- will take place despite the petty ofsition of some local fakers. These ficials of the U.M.W.A. fakers, representing the Coello Local. refused to fight for the resolution adopted by their rank and file members, and instead, repudiated the res- the marchers as they come through olution as a "red and National Miners your town!



MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 4-The 303, Orient, spoke strongly for the Trade Union Unity League and the resolution. He ponited out the mis- Unemployed Branches of Wisconsin ery and suffering that exists in the are mobilizing the workers for a

coal fields. He stated that simple Hunger March to the state capitol talk about unemployment would not June 16. The Unemployed Branches help. Action was needed, and this are calling mass meetings. resolution offered definite action. He

There will be three lines for the further stated that this resolution March, from the most important called for a united front of all workindustrial sections of the state. No. ers organizations to get relief for the l line will start at Milwaukee, thru jobless miners and workers of Illinois. West Allis, Waukesha, Oconomowoo Another delegate spoke, stating that and Watertown. No. 2 line will the U.M.W.A. was not the only orstart in Kenosha, thru Racine, Elkganization on the face of the earth, horn, Janesville, Stoughton. No. 3 and that other organizations existed will begin in Superior, thru Ashthat fought in the interests of the land, Philips, Prentice, Bradely, miners and workers. Machine-con-Merrill, Wausau, Stevens Point trolled delegates made voious speeches Portage, to Madison against this resolution, and against

On Sunday, June 14, a state con the National Miners Union. vention will be held in Madison A motion made by a delegate to give the floor to a representative of for the purpose of working out the the state committee which is organ- demands, which will be presented to the state legislature on June 16 izing the march was not even enter-The Hunger Marchers will detained by the chair. One delegate, mand the state legislature abolish a machine-man for Buckner, stated that the mayor there had turned the Forced Labor system, and to pass over a communication from the State a statewide Unemployment Insur-Committee to him, asking his opinion ance Bill, paying \$15 a week to every on what action he should carry out. unemployed worker, and \$3 addition-This delegate reported that he told al to each dependent.

the mayor not to cooperate in any Calls have been sent out to all way with the marchers because it workers' organizations, A. F. L. locals was not approved by the U.M.W.A. in the state of Wisconsin, calling upon them to take an active part in and A. F. of L.!

A number of delegates voted for the Hunger March and to elect delethe resolution endorsing the hunger gates to the state convention for June 14.

march. The local representatives of the State Committee of Unemployed to the rank and file over the head raised in the locals of the United

rank and file. The U.M.W.A., and especially the

## NEW YORK FAR AHEAD; OTHER DISTRICTS FAIL TO ACT

Note .- All contributions from the New York District should be brought to the Daily Worker district office, 50 E. 13th St., fifth floor.

The emergency call in Wednesday's Daily Worker produced the sort of Begin June 16th to response that we should have been getting right along, a total of \$1,241.50. Though this sum was below what was needed in this acute emergency, had it been received regularly, the Daily would not now be in the greatest crisis in its history. And again it was the New York District that saved us. Of the total of \$1,241, New York contributed \$1,058.51. After two weeks of the drive New York has already raised about \$5,500, more than half of its quota of \$10,000.

But look at the other districts, and you'll see the reason for our crisis. District 8 (Chicago) is the best of them, and it is pretty bad. District ? (Detroit), with the third largest quota, increased its totals on Wednesday by five whole dollars; the comrades in District 7 must think the campaign ends in 1932. District 3 (Philadelphia) is way behind, while District 13 (California) comes close to being the worst of them all, with only a fraction of 1 per cent of its quota of \$2,000 raised so far. If the Daily Worker is forced to suspend, the blame will rest squarely on the shoulders of those responsible comrades in the districts outside New York who have failed to show any action in the drive!

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Scottsboro Defense Conferences

June 5.

Indianapolis, Ind .- At Odd Fel-

ws Hall, 5301/2 Indiana Ave., at

Baltimore, Md.-At Galilean

Fishermen's Hall, 411 W. Biddle

June 6

Hall, 4th and Upland Streets.

Chester, Pa., at Li:thuanian

New Brunswick, N. J.-At the

Workers' Home, 11 Plum St., at

June 7

Danbury, Conn., at 14 Ives St.

Gary, Ind., at Croatian Hall

Springfield, Conn.

:30 p. m.

st., at 8 p. m.

2:30 p. m.

Hear Motions For  $5.00 \\ 3.00$ New Scottsboro Trial National Miners Union.

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 $1.00 \\ 1.00$ Organizers and members of these two organizations are being attacked and arrested by boss police and Ku Klux 30.75 Klan elements throughout the South. .\$1,058.51 NAACP Leaders Support Boss Terror In Chattanooga, a misguided Negro

2.00 vorker incited by the N.A.A.C.P. lead-1.0 ers and the preachers under their influence shot a Negro worker for sup-2.00 porting the fight to save the nine boys. He had previously brutally .\$ 13.00 beaten up his wife for accepting as 1.00 a delegate to the All-Southern United 1.00 Front Scottsboro Defense Conference 6.50 held in Chattanooga on Sunday. Ar-

rested on the demand of his daughter. 15.00 he was congratulated by Judge Fleming and told to use a shotgun on the Reds. His attack on the other worker cllowed. This shows that the N.A. A.C.P. leaders and those under their influence are working hand in hand with the southern bosses, their police and courts in a desperate effort to hamstring the defense of the boys .\$ 28.00 This co-operation of the N.A.A.C.P leaders with the southern boss lynch-1.00 \$ 5.00 ers is not confined to Chattanooga but is being duplicated in hundreds

of cities throughout the country and 2.00 in the press releases sent out by Walter White, national secretary of 25.00 the N.A.A.C.P. 1.00

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10.50 \$ 14.00 fight of all forces to save the boys. Party work both in New York City scabbing by the United Mine Work-DISTRICT 13

STRIKE CALL TO ALL BITUMINOUS **COAL MINERS IN PENNSYLVANIA** 

#### BULLETIN.

PITTSBURGH, June 3 .- William Z. Foster spoke to the strike committee of 275 striking miner delegates. He was received with tremendous enthusiasm by the strikers. Foster emphasized the necessity of spreading the strike, and that the control of the strike must be taken over by the broad mass of the workers.

"This strike is one of the most important in the history of the miners," declared Foster. "It marks a turning point in the struggle of the miners and the birth of a fighting National Miners' Union. It is a new day for the coal miners.

"The strike must be won, and it can be won, if the strikers take the operation of the strike into their own hands.'

Foster pointed out the difference between the working class manner of running strikes such as in the present strike, and the A.F.L. manner of conducting a strike as in the manner of the United Mine Workers of America. He pointed out that this is the first district where a rank and file committee of miners had ever conducted their own strike.

When the Avella delegation of more than 20 arrived in the hall late due to transportation difficulties they were given an enthusiastic ovation, as a tribute to the fighting spirit of the Avella miners.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 4.-Over 250 delegates representing local strike committees, unorganized and unemployed miners, adopted a district strike call this afternoon at the first meeting of the District Strike Committee. There are 9,000 miners striking under the leadership of the

Among other things the call states: "Immediately upon receipt of this strike call do the following: call a meeting of miners in your locality and elect a broad strike committee

for each mine involved: send delegates to the section and district strike committee: establish mass picketing and strike each mine; organize marches to surrounding mines and SOVIET UNION marches to surrounding mines and strike them; spread the strike. Every mine of the Pennsylvania bituminous fields should organize for strike.'

The following slogans were adopt ed: "Miners! Spread the strike to every bituminous s mine in Pennsylvania!" "Organize Strike Committees!" "Smash the United Mine Workers of America Strike-Break. ing!" "Join the National Miners Union!" "Employed and Unemployed Unite and Fight!" "Strike Against Starvation!" "Stand Together and

Win Our Demands!" The strike call states: "Beware of the United Mine Workers of Comrade Lewis had been ill of America. It is a strike-breaking tool uberculosis since the first day of of the operators. These traitors unhis arrival in Moscow. He had con- der the instructions of the coal opracted the disease in the United erators are now trying to break this States. Despite the greatest fefort strike as they have broken so many to save his life and the attention of others. The capitalist press is now leading physicians, the disease was openly praising them and helping too deeply entrenched to be arrested. them in their endeavors to defeat this Comrade Lewis will be buried in new battle of the miners for better the Crimea. Memorial meetings conditions. They are the enemies of will be held both in the Crimea and the miners and their treachery is in Moscow, where leading Interna- responsible for the terrible conditions now prevailing in the mines. The have gone as far as to call the police Comrade Lewis was born in New miners must repudiate and get rid to make arrests at mass meetings Orleans in 1904. He joined the Com- of these operators tools and their called by the N.A.A.C.P. of workers munist Party of the U. S. A. about policy of surrender to the bosses. The who dared to advocate a united front three years ago and was active in only protection against organized

(Special to the Daily Worker)

get direct endorsements from the

giving encouragement to the sheriffs in different towns to break up The resolution was adopted by the march through So. Illinois that

Miners, repudiate the action of the

#### Convention! Get your local union to endorse the hunger march! Greet

Simultaneously Judge McDade, vicious labor hater, recommended his imme diate deportation. Peltz was arrested January 16, 1930 ogether with Thomas Holmes, for distributing leaflets at the Vicose (rayon) mills. A jury of business men found the leaflet "seditious" and Peltz

was sentenced to the Media County Jail and Holmes sent to the Huntingdon Reformatory. During his 14 months in jail Peltz

was subjected to vicious mistreatment and often placed in solitary confinement for his militancy Feeling High in Youngstown

more on Saturday, June 6.

The International Labor Defense here which rallied mass support that forced Peltz's release has arranged To Oust Mayor, Police Chief for several banquets and mass meetings to welcome Peltz back into the ranks of the workingclass.

### A banquet will be held in Washing-

workers generally for the develop-

The workers of Michigan must not

In the meantime, Mayor Murphy,

another great "liberal" and a mem-

against this bill. It ties the hand

and feet not only of the foreign born

Workers! Out on the streets of

June 19 in militant demonstration

but of the entire working class.

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# **RELEASED ON 19-**

YEAR PAROLE PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 4.-Roy Peltz, youthful organizer of the Communist Party in Chester, Pa., who was sentenced from one to: twenty years in prison for his activities, was yesterday released on a 19-year parole.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, June 4 .-- Five more young workers have been released on bail here after fifty-two were arraigned on charges of "inciting to riot and violence" after they will be held in Boslover Hall, 701 Pine had been savagely attacked and shot by police National Youth Street, Philadelphia. Day, May SO. federal immigration outhorities came

Every possible barrier has been put in the way of raising bail bonds. The Municipal Court clerk insisted on certification from the county auditor before approving any property bond. Attempts to intimidate property owners were made by the court as they offered bond. "Do you know to whom you are giving this bond?" one man was asked. "Do you knwo that you are likely to lose your property?" Upon the man's reply that he didn't care, the court refused the bond on the ground that if its owner didn't care anything about it, the property could not be worth much!

Try Deport Five Five young workers are being held incommunicado for deportation when

BALT. DEFENSE CONF. TONIGHT

ght to Stop Legal Lynching of 9

BALTIMORE, June 4 .-- Under mass pressure of its rank and file members, the Baltimore division of the Universal Negro Improvement to save the nine Scottsboro boys. The division has elected two delegates to the United Front Scottsboro Defense Conference called by the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights. The conference will be held tonight, June 5, at 8 o'clock, at the Fishermen of Galillee Hall, 411 W. Biddle St. At a mass meeting last night over | ture. 200 Negro and white workers pledged their support to the conference and the fight to save the boys. The conerence will also be utilized as a neans of initiating a mass campaign to demand the repeal of the Maryland Jim Crow laws. Many organizations and churches have been visited and enlisted for poort of the conference.

The history of all hitherto exing society is the history of dass

On June 13 a banquet and concert Philadelphia and Chester workers are urged to attend this concert and

to the aid of the Youngstown police. give Peltz a welcome home. One child has been released from the Detention Home while another **Detroit Workers** is still being detained.

Over thirty young workers are still held in jail, including Jay Anyon and Rudolph Shohan, leaders of the Youth Dev celebration. Charges of assault and battery have been placed against the latter two despite the fact that they were brutally beaten when arrested by the police.

Children Wounded "It is now known that seven young

workers and children were wounded by bullets fired by the policemen, including a child of seven years. Public feeling against ths city administration is running high. The spirit of the workers is splendid, all without the mass protest of the uniting in condemning the city ad- workers. The C. L. U. took out an ministration for refusing to give the permit for the demonstration and for ing of which comes up on June 22. breaking it up so brutally when the when the "constitutionality" of the attempt wa smade to hold it. At a bill will be argued. meeting of the city council on Monday night accusations against the po-

lice were made by sympathizers who were applauded vociferously by visitors to the meeting who jammed the lice to attack Scottsboro defense galleries. The court room was also meetings in this city, spoke from the filled with workers while the hearing was going on.

Many steel workers have come to slightest protest against this vicious Association is supporting the fight the office of the International Labor bill, thus giving it his approval. Defense saying that they would like to help in any possible way but could not offer property bonds because they were agraid of losing their jobs. This fine spirit of the workers has in the Scottsboro case. to strangle forced the city administration to give mass protest against this latest ata permit for a protest demonstration tack on the working class. They this week, although the chief of po- must look behind the "constitutionlice has earlier announced that he ality" or "unconstitutionality" of the would use every method to suppress bill and see the class line-up beworkers' demonstrations in the fu-

#### Big Defense Campaign

The police further intimate that the A. F. of L. bureaucrats, the fedfascist Legionnaires would be utilized eral immigration officials and the to break up the meeting. The demonstration called by the only of Michigan but of the entire International Labor Defense will de- country. mand the release of all prisoners and Every worker must be aroused

the ousting of Mayor Heffernan, Chief of Police Lyden and Police Commissioner Olson who himself participated in the slugging and shooting. Th eILD is planning to mobilize

the workers for a big defense cam- against this bill, and against the legal lynching of the nine Septispaign and will hold tag days Sat-· · · · · · ·

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Section 1, Unit 1. same platform as Buckers, the author of the bill, and made not the The workers must be on guard against being lulled to sleep by the reassuring phrases of the liberal bourgeoisie, whose purpose it is, as Section 1, Unit 1 Section 1, Unit 27 Section 5, Unit 21 hind it. The forces that put through the bill are the motor manufactur-A Tieten, N Y C Section 1, Unit 10 Rasp, Section 7, Unit 3 Section 4, Unit 9 Section 1, Unit 6 Section 8, Unit 5 Section 9 A Tieten ers of Michigan, the Fish Committee. whole reactionary ruling class, not Section Section 4, Unit 10 Section 1, Unit 13 Section 7

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In Milwaukee, the N.A.A.C.P. lead-5.00 ers have allied themselves with the to the chain gang in Chattanooga solidly building the National Miners Jim Crow "socialists" in an attack for his activities in organizing Negro Union and holding our picket lines on the united front conferences and workers and share croppers around firm.'

and in the South. He was sentenced

LEWIS DIES IN

Revolutionary Negro

Worker

(Cable By Inprecorr)

Negro worker, who had been study-

ing in Moscow, died on June 1 from

tuberculosis of the lungs and stom-

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Yalta Sanatarium in the Crimea

where he had been sent for treat-

MOSCOW, June 3 .-- Gilbert Lewis,

campaign to save and free the boys.

Defense Movement Grows 2.00 In spite of the joint attack by the Chattanooga, knowing the horrors women. One woman also was arrest-1.00 posses and the N.A.A.C.P. leaders and of the chain gang and realizing that ed inAtlasburg today . 6.73 other boss tools, the movement to Lewis, as a militant Negro worker, 1.00 free the nine boys is growing to huge would have been murdered by the mass meeting in Burgettstown. proportions throughout the country, is bosses if permitted to serve his sen-

forging a fighting alliance of white tence on the chain gang, collected Party. Shortly after his return to and Negro workers. It is this growing money and paid his fine. Lewis re- New York City, where he was active unity of the Negro and white workers mained at his post in the South in strike movements, he went to that the bosses and their henchmen until recalled by the Communist Moscow to study.

this unity will express itself in scores .50 of new protest telegrams from organ-.50 ditional release for these innocent boys .\$ 32.50

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fear. Today, as the hearing opens izations and meetings to Judge J. A. Hawkins at Scottsboro, Ala., and Gov. B. M. Miller, at Montgomery, Ala., demanding a new trial and uncon-



Chattanooga. His case was appealed Five hundred strikers marched in by the International Labor Defense Duquesne mine in Avella protesting and the white and Negro workers of the arrest of three pickets, two being

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# You Must Free the Imperial Valley Prisoners

#### By EMORY RAYMOND.

COFTY-TWO years is a long time. Indeed, it is pretty nearly the average life of a worker engaged in the hammer-and-tongs struggle for existence in capitalist society.

Forty-two years! It is a horribly long time for one to remain in a six-by-six prison cell.

And what manner act against society, undoubtedly one must ask, could warrant such brutal treatment. Murder? Yes, perhaps that would not be an excessive sentence for a coldblooded murder. But scores of such cold-blooded killings go unpunished or even scarcely noticed in this class-ridden society of today. All depends upon the station in life of the accused.

Can it be a crime of such gravity for a worker who toils to dream of a better day for himself and his fellows?

Undoubtedly this can be no crime at all. But such is the crime for which the eight Imperial Valley prisoners, Oscar Erickson, Carl Sklar, Braulio Orosco, Eduardo Herera, Frank Spector, Tetsuji Horiuchi, Danney Roxas and Lawrence Emery, are being deprived of the best part of their lives in California prisons, framed up under the Criminal Syndicalism Law of that state. Only criminals of the most hardened character, or men broken in body and mind could emerge from such servitude.

The sentences under which these workers are robbed of their freedom carry the catch-terms "from two to 42 years," "three to 42 years," and "two to 28 years." But make no mistake about it, fellow workers, the heart of the owning class does not soften toward members of the working class. It did not soften toward Tom Mooney and Warren Billings, Sacco and Vanzetti and the hundreds of other class war prisoners, and we can not expect this case to be an exception. The Imperial Valley prisoners will only gain their freedom through decisive action of the working class. If they are not kept in prison the maximum of the sentences it will be because the working class rises up en masse behind the International Labor Defense to fight for their release.

And what of the conditions in Imperial Valley against which the workers under leadership of the eight victims were revolting?

Although the outside world (thanks to the chambers of commerce) usually thinks of California only as a land of sunshine and happiness, these much-desired conditions of life are little known to the larger part of California's population. When the chambers of Commerce advertise California thusly, they are not thinking of the thousands and thousands of agricultural and other workers who actually produce the products so widely advertised. Little do these parasites think or care of the long hours of back-breaking toil under the boiling hot sun exacted of the workers.

#### No Happiness for Workers

In the Imperial Valley alone more than ten thousand workers are employed in the harvesting of crops on the huge fruit and vegetable factory-fields. Two thousand of these workers man the packing and shipping sheds where the products are crated, graded and shipped.

Mexicans, Filipinos, Hindus and Negroes comprise the bulk of the field workers who are by far the most severely exploited. In the packing sheds mostly whites are employed, the greater number of which are migratory workers. By the use of the modern machinery furnished by the large land owners to the tenants from huge "headquarters farms" a negligible number of workers are used in the actual cultivation of the fields.

Working in the blazing heat of the valley sun, most of the field and shed workesr are

And the conditions existing in the Imperial Valley present only a small picture of the exploitation and misery under which workers in capitalist countries exist.

#### Stir Up Race Hatred

The age-old trick of those who exploit, of playing one race or nationality against another, is prevalent in Imperial Valley. Race segregation and discrimination fostered by the bosses and their hirelings keep the workers apart and unorganized. In one section of the towns live the whites while in another dwell the Mexicans, Filipinos, Negroes and others in their ramshackle hovels. In the white sections store windows display large signs "For White Trade Only." Race hatred is further engendered in the matter of wages. White workers in the sheds are paid at rates ranging from 60 cents to a dollar an hour, while the field workers, mainly Mexicans, Negroes and Filipinos, toil 16 and 18 hours a day at 25 to 35 cents per hour. Another dirty method of fanning the sparks of racehatred is by cutting the wages of one group of workers by telling them that another group will work cheaper. Mexican workers are told the Filipino workers have agreed to take the jobs at a few cents less; Filipino or Negro workers are likewise victimized by lies that the Mexicans will work for less.

#### Defraud Workers

The vicious contract system affords another means of defrauding the workers of a part of their miserable wages. Large land holdings are leased to the tenants by the huge combines which own the land. As the harvest season approaches the tenants conclude contracts with "pickers," or labor contractors. These contractors, usually Japanese, Mexicans or Filipinos agree to furnish the laborers needed to harvest the crops. Wages are arbitrarly set by the tenants while the pickers, or contractors, receive a certain per centage, usually around two cents a crate, as commission. The tenants retain 25 per cent of the contractors' commission until the completion of the harvest as a guarantee of fulfillment of the contract. The pickers in turn hold out 25 per cent of the workers' wages until the final settlement of accounts is made. It is not an uncommon occurrence, however, for the contractor to "disappear" near the end of the harvest or the tenant refuse to pay the contractor on a pretext of bad crops. In both cases it is the worker who is left holding the short end of the stick, and the big companies which own the land are protected from any blame while at the same time they are assured their profits.

#### **Government Serves Bosses**

Recourse to the hypocritical State Department of Labor has been tried but without success. It is too easy for the large land companies to curl the labor department puppets into the palms of their hands.

Living conditions in the valley are wretched. Workers live in make-shift company camps consisting of ancient tents and brush-covered thatched shacks. Mud-caked irrigation ditches bring the workers their drinking water which is scarcely fit for animal consumption. As a result of the complete lack of sanitation, disease and death are the playmates of the workers' children.

Such are some of the conditions against which the Imperial Valley prisoners were struggling. And it is for their fight that the bosses have grabbed them and railroaded them to prison under provisions of the hateful Criminal Syndicalism Law of California. The fight of the International Labor Defense and affiliated organizations against the Criminal Syndicalism Law and to free Erickson, Sklar, Spector and the other Valley prisoners i sone in which every worker is concerned. This law can and is being used against any individual holding membership in any working class organization which takes up the challenge of the capitalist masters and fights for better conditions. There is no telling who will be the next framed under this infamous class-law; our only hope is to get rid of it. Every worker is duty bound to sign the petition being prepared for circulation by the International Labor Defense for the repeal of this law. One hundred and eleven thousand signatures will be necessary to place the issue upon the ballot in the next election. Your turn may be next, fellow worker. No carelli: worker is safe as long as this vicious law is being used as a weapon against our class. Fight criminal syndicalism laws. Freedom for the Imperial Valley prisoners.



### Graft and Gangsters By HARRY GANNES

In the last article, the role of the socialists in protecting the basis of graft in the capitalist governments was exposed. Previous articles dealt with the origin of graft and gangsterism in the United States.

NEW YORK has its Capones. But Tammany Hall is wiser than to separate the functions of the gunmen and grafters. It knows it is cheaper to hire the killers, when needed, than it is to let one grafter build up a big machine which may be a bit unwieldy. However, there are many who divide the honor of chief gunmen to Tammany. Foremost is Bill Dwver, who moves in the highest political and financial circles and is an intimate friend of Mayor Walker. Dwyer's influence extends far into the confines of city hall and police heaquarters. It was Dwyer who inaugurated the very practical method of running rum into New York on city garbage scows, thereby saving the necessity of sending the scows back on the twenty mile return trip without a pay load. The capitalist press reported the rum running but it refrained from mentioning some of the further details.

#### "Legs" Diamond-Strikebreaker.

"Legs" Diamond more recently has been in the public eye. He has many killings to his credit. On every occasion that this gunman has appeared in the Tammany courts he has gotten treatment that he never complained about. Four times he was discharged after being held for murder. Magistrate Andrew J. Macrery, who later was bumped off, freed "Legs" Diamond. Judge George W. Olvany, later head of Tammany, freed Diamond on a robbery charge. "Legs" Diamond is on the inside with Tammany Hall and has done them many services. At one time he was a bodyguard for Arnold Rothstein. Later he became a gorilla for Jacob ("Little Augie") Orgen, gangster hired by the bosses to break strikes.

Senators Downing and Koenig; Assistant District Attorneys Cardone and Mancuso (Mancuso was later made a judge and helped to loot the City Trust Bank); Sheriff Riegelman of Queens; Public Works Commissioner Folks; Alderman Charles McGillick, and Commissioner Roberts of the strikebreaking Department of Conciliation of the Department of Labor, in Washington. Strikebreakers, labor-haters and exploiters all.

"A new clubhouse, near Gun Hill Road, was opened by Vaccarrelli in April, 1930. Among the gunmen, politicians, labor misleaders and professional strikebreakers who accepted invitations to the Legion's housewarming banquet were:

"Governor Roosevelt, Mayor Walker, Aldermanic President Joseph McKee, Supreme Court Justice John McCeehan and Bronx Borough President Henry Bruckner. Included in the list of honorary members of this gunman-strikebreaker organization are Joseph Miller, Borough President of Manhattan, and appointed to the Supreme Court bench; Borough President Henry Bruckner; Commissioner William Weber of the oBard of Education; the Reverend James Gaffney and Alderman J. J. Hanley."

It is hard to beat the Chicago Municipal Court Judges for sheer corruption or for gangland connections. But the New York Magistrates have won this honor. Jobs as City Magistrate in New York are peddled like so many sacks of potatoes to the highest bidder. Not content with the usual "income" of the bench, the City Magistrates and Municipal

### Party Life **Build Where You Work**

#### By I. AMTER.

There is not only the tendency but the very practice for the overwhelming majority of the membership of the Party not to conduct revolutionary Communist work in the shop where they work, but everywhere else. Comrades who will not do any Communist work in their own shops, will go to other factories to distribute leaflets, get contacts, sell Daily Workers, etc. They will attend demonstrations and work hard at night, they are militant fighters on the picket line-they will carry out every Party decision and instruction-but they do no Communist work in the shops where they work. This is curious, and evidently is based upon the fact that the comrades fear to be fired if discovered; and they do not wish to be responsible for their being fired. Even young comrades, members of the YCL and of the Party, who have no personal responsibilities, will hesitate and fail to do work in the shops where they work, but will be most militant outside the factory. This fear has been instilled into them by the bossand yet many never consider that millions of workers who have not engaged in any revolutionary activity whatever, are today out in the streets, having been fired by the bosses.

True, the Party does not want members to be fired, firstly because it puts the Party members in a bad situation, and secondly because it separates the Party from the masses in the shops. But if the comrade only works for the boss in the shop, if he fails to carry on Comunist work while he works, then he is of no use to the Party in the shop, and, though working there, is isolated from the masses. He is isolated because today the workers are waiting for leadership and organization: they look to militant workers to give them policy. If this is not given them, the workers remain apart from the Communists, and the Communists have no influence on them.

Red Sparks

#### **Toot Your Own Horn!**

"Dear Red Sparks :-- In the news of the National Youth Day parade in Passaic, I found nothing about the National Textile Workers' Union Band of Paterson, N. J., which marched at the head of the parade, and of course not only marched, but played our revolutionary marches with gusto ad enthusiasm.

"This may be news to you, as it was to many of the marchers, who thought we were a hired band. For this reason, and not that we want any praise, I am writing you. For by participating in parades of workers we are only fulfilling the purpose for which we were organized.

"It may also be of interest to other workers" organizations, especially youth, that our band, after only one year of learning band instruments, were able to come out in the street and play in such a manner as made comrades from other cities think we were a hired band. This should be an incentive to other workers' organizations to get busy along this line of cultural activity. so that next year's Youth Day will see not one band, but many of them, in line .-- P. L."

A good idea, and we hope that your NTWU band also gets a delegate to the Cultural Conference in New York June 14, initiated by the John Reed Club. By the way, the John Reed Club has organized a special group to help song-writing workers along. To write, or help workers write, the words for revolutionary music, or the music for the words, and to do missionary work in teaching workers' organizations the many splendid revolutionary songs already available but which many organizations do not know.

### American Dumping

We are downcast at the news reported in the N. Y. World-Telegram of last Friday, that American dumping has taken on a form peculiarly obnoxious to Europe

Texas Guinan, who joined the "socialist" party last election to support Heywood "Gin" Broun and the Reverend Norman Thomas, undertook to go abroad with about twenty of her night club "hostesses," business in New York having fallen off alarmingly since the Stock Market crash.

News reports are that she was barred from England, and certainly she and her "hostesses" were prevented from landing in France. The World-Telegram, being friendly to "socialists" and "hostesses" used two columns and a front page picture telling of the outrage.

It seems, strange enough, that somebody had whispered that Texas was one of those dames who makes money by introducing girls to tired business men, and that British morals might suffer if she landed with her "hostesses" or "performers," who, it is said, perform things that are not listed even in the Ten Commandments.

Texas, in truly "socialist" indignation, resented the charge, offered a reward if anybody could prove it, and remarked bitterly that "England was only too glad to welcome me when I worked for her during the war." What kind of "work" she did, remains vague. Then she and her "hostesses" started for France.

But a squad of French dicks met her and refused to allow any scabbing on the girls of the Montmarte. Not a "hostess" could go ashore. She had "falsified" to get a visa. French officials said. The affair endangered relations between France and Washington.

The U. S. Consul, Edwin Kent, went down to the ship and tried to get the French to let the outfit land. Nothing doing. He pleaded that, the poor girls were "forced to undergod the hardships of a cold luncheon"-certainly more than a U.S. official does for the unemployed in America. But nothing doing. Cables to Washington, but Secretary Stimson would not send the marines-France is not Nicaragua. The French ambassador at Washington was interviewed. No, it was not a question of morals, he said. "The reasons are economics rather than moral." It appears that if Texas and her "hostesses" were moral and didn't intend to compete with the Paris girls, things would be different. "Too many night club ladies in Paris already," said the ambassador. Meanwhile, from the top deck, Texas was screaming at the French dicks: "Hey suckers I've been thrown out of better places than this Is this the land Jack Pershing and 2.000.00 Americans helped to liberate? There's no mor liberty here than in Russia!" That last crac was picked up straight from Heywood Bround column in the World-Telegram. It was all very touching. Norman Thomas should protest. The Civil Liberties Union should demand the civil rights of an American citizer be made effective. The American Fund for Public Service should send Kerensky a check to finance an appeal to Aristide Briand, and the New Republic write another editorial saying the it is all due to the "silly Communists" attac' ing the good, constructive "socialists."

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entirely dependent upon the short harvest Thus they are projected from long season. periods of unemployment into the feverish maelstrom of the harvest season, lashed on by the whip-cracking foremen. Such a condition in itself is enough to snap the endurance of the human system. weakened as it is by the long stretches of deprivation and unemployment. Little wonder that many workers drop of sunstroke and sheer exhaustion. But for every worker who succumbs ter press forward to take his place in a pitiful effort to secure a few cents with which to stave off the gnawing pangs of starvation. Therefore, it is of little concern to the fruit and vegetable trusts and their hirelings how the harvesters suffer. The first, last and sole aim of these trusts is to pile up huge profits for stockholders and it is the blood and sweat of the working man who pays

### **PRE-CONVENTION DISCUSIONS** YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, U. S. A.

#### **Experiences** in Shop Work

#### By L. COOPER (New York).

IN the New York District we have gone through quite a few experiences in our work at the factories. We have made many mistakes, most of these coming from our lack of consistency in our work. We can divide our experiences at the factory concentration points into the following:

#### 1.-New forms of activities.

2 .- Failure to raise partial demands and mobilize young workers for struggle on these.

Let us take for example our work in the Gem Razor Plant. First in planning this factory as a section concentration for Brooklyn where we have several units in four different territories it was wrong. This whole section was to be made "Gem conscious," that is, involved in the life in and around this factory, therefore we proceeded in a purely mechanical manner to have shock troops composed of representatives from all units and assigned beside this were the three units that were around the plant to do all their work at this plant. One big mistake in this was the following-we did not take into consideration factors which are important, such as local interest in the factory and the reflection of this local interest in the life of the unit. The unit response to such a mechanical step was plain disregard of work at this factory. Although I don't want to excuse the units for not carrying out the instructions of the district, this response was a reaction to a wrong decision. The units responded either with no representation or bad representation. Taking the case of one unit (the Brownsville unit) we see the general attitude that was taken by units that we did not feel it necessary to help. As the comrade that represented that unit stated in her own words. "I am on the shock troop because we did not have anybody else that wanted or could be on it."

Practical experience forced us to drop this rather cumbersome form of organizing the work. We were forced back to the units around the plant.

In line with the procedure that the National Office has been following of sending shockers to the various districts, the district has sent the leading comrades to be responsible for the work carried on at our factory concentration points. Not only does this method gain a lot of experience for the YCL and also act as training for even these comrades but has also kept the district in direct touch with these points.

Coming to the Gem Factory we found the following situation. Not so long ago when we began work here we had a group of workers who came to meetings called by the Metal Workers' Industrial League. Everytime that these workers met, the union always managed to have a different rep., who went through the same procedure as the previous rep. Always asking their names, their addresses, their age, then leave with the assurance that the Union would do something. Always it was that the union would do something and the workers act only as an information bureau to the union. No concrete, definite activity was given these workers. These workers were not made to feel they are the union. Because of such methods we reached a period when the workers wouldn't

#### Vaccarelli and Tammany Hall.

In his series of articles on graft in New York which appeared in the Daily Worker, Allan Johnson exposed the role of another A. F. of L. gunman, Paul Vaccarelli. Vaccarelli is the New York prototype of "Big Jim" Murphy of Chicago. Johnson wrote as follows about Vac-

"Paul Vaccarelli, alias Paul Kelly, is a convicted gunman. He has been a prize-fighter and a saloonkeeper, and he earns a very, very comfortable living today by labor racketeering, strike-breaking, supplying gunmen to officers in A. F. of L. locals, and rum-running on garbage scows owned by New York City.

"Vaccarelli was once tendered a testimonial dinner 'because he refused to tie up British supplies and prevented the New York longshoremen from striking' during the World War.

"The following 'personages' attended the strikebreaker's dinner: Justice Freschi, of Special Sessions commonly called the 'slaughter house' by workers); Magistrate Corrigan (one of the three 'honest' judges, so-caled in New York); Municipal Court Justice Levy (an accomplished crook and now elevated to the Supreme Court); Municipal Court Justices Snitkin and Prince; Congressman George Loft; State

attend.

After making a new start we had four workers who were ready to help. Besides using these workers for getting contacts, speaking to friends and in general trying to organize workers, they are putting out a paper issued directly by them. A new method that is being utilized and is meeting with some response from the workers inside is the method of issuing little slips of papers and putting these in convenient places. This in many cases is the center of discussions among the workers because it shows that the union is inside, and a part of them. The method of chalking up walls, etc., is another method that can be used. The main shortcoming in our work here has been the complete failure of raising in an organized manner any partial demands. Because of raising these demands as they came to our attention we made a few mistakes by issuing wrong demands. Demands that the workers did not want. In those places that we did raise these partial demands they were raised only as propaganda slogans. Let us take the Polymet Radio as an example. There a simple demand based on unsanitary conditions was raised. This demand was raised in the shop bulletin as one the workers were to get only by going to the union. This demand

Judges in New York invariably have "side-lines." An example is given by Judge Vause's case.

In 1929, Judge Vause started the Columbia Finance Corporation with the huge capital of \$128. The company later did business in the millions. It was only through the eventual bankruptcy of the Columbia Finance Corporation that it was discovered Judge Vause forged a stranger's name to a note on which he borrowed \$2,500. One slip led to another. It was further discovered that he got \$250,000 from the United American Lines for negotiating the transfer of Piers 84 and 86 in New York.

Judge Vause is not different, just unfortunate, and a bit careless.

Then there were Judges Ewald and Rosenbluth. 'Ewald purchased his job too openly. He paid Walker \$12,000 in 1927 for the right to evict workers and send strike pickets to jail. Judge Ewald, for instance, sent 150 pickets to prison. Coaching him on which of the strikers to give jail terms to was Samuel Markowitz. lawyer for almost all the "socialist" unions in New York. Markowitz sat on the bench next to Ewald while the workers were being "tried." Judge Ewald was a good friend of "Legs" Diamond, and at a dinner given to Diamond on his release after being suspected of killing two other gunmen, one of those present to toast him was Judge Ewald.

Tammany Hall is not content with pulling the strings in the Municipal Courts alone. The Supreme Court judgeships likewise are for sale. Hereby hangs a sensational story. (To be continued)

was taken all right by the workers, but where we fell down was to use such demands for taking organizational form, such as, grievance committees or else used to rouse the workers to action for winning this point. How? If the shop bulletin for instance was to arouse the workers to action in the form of say, chalking up the inside of the factory, or issuing slips of papers to all workers or organizing into a grievance committee on such an elementary issue. These are small immediate actions that lay the basis for our broader struggle against the bosses. Calling workers to organize in the abstract form will not have the effect that these small actions have.

Because of this lack of partial demands do we continue to hammer away against a stone wall. In our practical work on the outside of the plant we had to use varied methods. One of these was sports. Every noon hour many young workers would come out in front of the factory and play ball. We had comrades go out and play with them. Even some non League members who were members of the Unemployed Council helped us in this work. Here the LSU could be utilized effectively in breaking through. The mistake was that we discontinued this foun of activity. Here is where we must real-

This situation must be changed. True, it is difficult to work in the shops-but it is also difficult to get contact with the workers outside the shops. But surely when working in the shop, knowing the workers of the department, and they knowing our comrades-if we make a careful selection, it is not difficult to carry on work. It is not difficult to smuggle literature into the shop-leaflets, stickers, etc. It is not difficult to work out ways and means of reaching the workers, of providing information for bulletins, leaflets, for the Daily Worker, which are distributed outside the shops. But if the contacts obtained outside the shop, and the contacts that may be obtained inside only by the Party and YCL members who work inside the shops, are not organized with the active aid of the workers in the shops, then the work of organizing the workers is hampered.

Party members are working in some of the most important establishment in the countryand yet the movement inside the shops for the Party and the Trade Union Unity League does not move forward. This is due to the fact that that our Party and YCL members do not build up the Party, YCL and revolutionary unions where they work. Many workers inside the shops are much more militant than Party members, not because they are more revolutionary, but because they show more daring and not the caution that too many Party members display.

This situation must be changed. The workers look to the Party for leadership not only in the streets, but also in the shops. The Party members in the shops must build where they work. That is their main task-and on this depends to the greatest extent the building of the revolutionary unions and the Party in the shops.

#### ize a mistake-call those responsible to account and revive this activity.

Even the Young Pioneers who have a group in this section can't be utilized. Due to activity that the Young Pioneers have carried on. a child was gotten in, whose mother works in the factory. No attempt so far has been made to sound out this parent, yet here we can see what can be accomplished.

In spite of these varied forms of work that have in many cases met with partial success no systematic approach towards activity on this plant has been worked out. And only through systematizing and organizing our approach to the workers will we be able to succeed.

### We Set No Date

A comrade who corresponds with friends in France tells us that there, among the newspaper men the rumor is current that war is to "break out" in the coming July. Our comrade notes that this agrees with the prophecy of Ludendorff, the German general whose book on the coming war was commented on in the N. Y. Times only about ten days ago.

. . .

What do we know about it? Well, we know that imperialist war is certain as sunrise. But whether it will come in July or not we do not venture to prophecy.

Everywhere, and just as much in America as elsewhere, the imperialist governments are in a real fever of war preparations. Any day, both before and after, as well as during July, the new world massacre may begin. War hysteria, particularly against the Soviet Union, is being consciously whipped up. That is clear.

But don't be deluded by the apparent mass enthusiasm for war when it begins. Before it is over, there will be more mass enthusiasm to stop it, determination to overthrow the imperialist governments which started it and continue it

Even the little "imitation bombs" dropped by "accident" over upper New York the other day, sent half a million people into hysteria. A lot of patriots will learn what it's like to be a Nicaraguan before the next war is ended, and they'll be ready to be called "bandits" and an end to it.