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A WAVE of deportations spreads over the country!
It is as serious as the "deportation delirium of 1921," but significantly different from it.

In New York Tao Li is facing deportation to China. His case is on appeal to the Department of Labor in Washington.
Eduardo Machado, a Venezuelan, arrested at the office of the Trade Union Unity League, faces deportation and medieval torture. Guido Serio, an Italian worker arrested at Erie, Pa., with evidence against him largely that he is an enemy of fascism and the Catholic church, is threatened with death. The government determinedly insists on deporting him to Italy. It refuses to let him voluntarily depart to any land where they do not have the rifles already loaded in the hands of a fascist firing squad.

August Yokinen, a Finnish worker, is also being railroaded to deportation. Why? Because, at a mass trial called by the Communist Party, he admitted that he was guilty of acts of white chauvinism and promised to fight for the complete equality of Negro and white workers thereafter.

Bebricz, editor of "Uj Elore," Hungarian Communist daily, is slated for exile.

In Boston: Bill Murdock is headed for deportation to Scotland; Edith Berkman to Poland; Pat Devine to Ireland. These are all leaders of the National Textile Workers Union in the partially successful Lawrence strike, and their deportation is demanded by the American Woolen Company.

In Boston also: Benjamin Saul and Goldie Waldman are held for deportation. They led the February 25th unemployment demonstration.

A. Pinto, arrested in the New Bedford strike is being kept in this country only thru the vigilant efforts of the International Labor Defense.

John Peltzer, a German, was taken off the boat where he was working in Galveston, Texas, and held for deportation. They are trying to find his family in order to deport them too.

Most of these cases are on the Pacific coast. Ed Wing, a Chinese worker, has been held in Los Angeles jail for nine months. He was granted voluntary deportation, but then they refused him a passport. The authorities plan to send him to Chiang-Kai-Shek's torturers and stranglers. Ten workers are held in jail in San Francisco, facing deportation.

Seventeen workers lie in jail in Portland, Oregon, waiting for ships to scatter them among the fascist lands of Europe, where many of them will be hanged.

This flood of deportation cases is not accidental. The Fish Committee has been talking about more and easier deportations for a year. The instantaneous action of the Department of Labor in the Lawrence, Mass. and Yokinen cases shows that their policy is ready made, that their agents are instructed and watching closely. It is not yet a policy of widespread "Red raids," of a frontal attack on the workers' main organizations. That will come later.

The whole policy of the government is one of flank movements just now. They do not yet suppress the Daily Worker, they snipe off the less well known papers Vida obrera, Young Worker, Young Pioneer. They do not yet drive underground the National Textile Workers Union, they snipe its active strike leaders. Right now, they do not eliminate the principal leaders of the revolutionary movement, they bash-whack Yokinen, a rank and file member. They do not yet attack the main offices of the Communist Party; they raid and smash up the Los Angeles and other district offices. They do not kill the better known leaders of the unemployed movement; they kidnap and flog two local leaders in Dallas, Texas.

Now this is a campaign with a strategy which is becoming plain enough. The capitalist ruling class of America learned something from the Palmer raids and the deportations of 1921. That sort of stuff did not succeed, for in the main it made a lot of noise and roused sympathy for those persecuted. The present campaign is an encircling movement, aimed to isolate and then crush the main centers of militant labor action in America. All the more distant points are attacked first, the lesser known publications, the weaker sections of the working class. Shorn of its limbs, the capitalist rulers think they can more easily destroy the main body later.  

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The whole wave of deportations is obviously part of the program. The Negro and foreign born workers are in a peculiarly exposed position. So the Negro is lynched — and meanwhile the masses of white workers are deluged with the propaganda of race prejudice. Likewise the foreign born workers are harried and terrorized. The terror begins with individuals, and is worse in the inland industrial centers. All the deportations, the terrorizing of the foreign born, are part of the encirclement of the whole militant labor movement, leading to more ruthless wage-cutting and speed-up of the entire working class. They think this will be easier if the large section of foreign born is cowed, silenced.

Already large lumber concerns of the Northwest have perfected elaborate check-up systems on militant workers. Directly imitating the police, with their Rogue's Gallery, the employing class is keeping perfected Bertillon records for a Militant Workers Gallery. This is spreading over the country. Finger-printing of all workers — equally with criminals, is the aim of the bosses. Will the workers stand for this?

They start first with the foreign-born and Negro. Next they get the native-born. And that's how they want to encircle and attack the entire working class.

The workers must be on guard against all these stratagems and trickery.

Part of the attack against the foreign born workers involves the simultaneous campaign to divide them from the native born, to rouse American nationalistic prejudices against them, to make a pogrom, just as the lynching of Negroes is accompanied by a campaign of race prejudice.

But the whole working class must see this movement in its entirety. Each of these flank attacks on the working class leads up to an attack on the mass organizations of native as well as foreign born workers. This is foreshadowed plainly in the Fish Committee reports and indicated in the bosses' own press, the financial organs which the workers do not read. And any injury that could be done these mass organizations (for they cannot be crushed) would lead directly to wage cutting, lengthening of hours, speed-up and unemployment of which the present samples are only dim beginnings.

The fight of the foreign born is the fight of the native born — it is the first round of the fight of the whole working class for the right to live. March 28, "Solidarity Day," has been chosen for mass nationwide demonstrations against deportations and against the persecution of the Negro masses. Make this the beginning of a mass movement that will give the capitalist campaign a sharp check at the very start.

A WORKER ENROUTE TO EXILE! 125 were shipped from the country in one day at Ellis Island last week. Wives and children left behind homeless and starving.

IS YOUR PICTURE HERE YET? The employing class is filing away the pictures of all militant workers, native and foreign-born, for identification.
PROFESSIONAL PAY-TRIOTS

By Robert Dunn

The Fish Committee recommendation for wholesale deportations of radicals and the creation of a heavily-financed Federal secret police to spy on workers, originated with a group that has come to be known as the “professional patriots.” A book by that title, edited by Norman Hapgood, tells us something about these American Black Hundreds.

Perhaps the most vicious group among the “professional patriots” is the National Civic Federation. Matthew Woll is its Acting President. Its secretary is Ralph M. Easley. Concerning him Hapgood says: “The personal relations of Mr. Easley of the Civic Federation to Mr. William J. Burns [head of the Burns detective agency and the country’s leading frame-up artist] have been close, and were particularly close during Mr. Burns’ incumbency in the Department of Justice. Mr. Easley is said to have taken credit for Mr. Burns’ appointment. . . . Mr. Easley raised a considerable sum of money to help Mr. Burns finance work in connection with the prosecution of Communists in Michigan.”

The Civic Federation is largely supported by Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, the former Helen Gould, reputed to be the richest woman in the world. Mrs. Shepard, whose husband is a railroad magnate with large holdings of timber that, incidentally, competes with the Soviet product, has more than a financial interest in the Woll-Easley outfit. She is known for her research work which is devoted partly to preparing material for use in Woll’s anti-Soviet speeches.

The Woll-Brady-Frayne labor “leader” gang in the National Civic Federation is tied in closely with an outright monarchist crowd in which the official advisors of the Fish Committee, George Djamaroff and Gregory Bernadsky, night club proprietor, play a leading part. For example, on January 9, 1931, the patriotic groups ranging all the way from the Daughters of the Holland Dames and the Keymen of America to the Central Trades and Labor Council of New York City, held a meeting at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Everybody who went to this meeting, excepting the steering committee, probably thought they were attending a bona fide gathering of 100 per cent American elements all with ancestry dating back to the signers of the Declaration of Independence. They didn’t know that the whole business was a private racket arranged by George Djamaroff who describes himself as “formerly an officer in the White Russian Army.”

The workers should also note well the fact that the Russian Black Hundreds not only indulge in these “united front” meetings with Woll and Fish. They also render practical aid to the police—for a consideration. When Phil Raymond of the Auto Workers Union and the Trade Union Unity League was arrested and taken to the police station in Flint, Michigan, a few weeks ago the Commissioner of Police told him that the man Raymond had seen leaving the office as he entered was none other than forgery-expert George Djamaroff, friend of Whalen and Woll. He intimated that George was rendering him practical assistance in cleaning militant unionists out of Flint.

From such evidence as this workers can see quite plainly that the Russian monarchists in this country are working with local police as well as with the Federal government advising them on ways and means to crush the radical movement. One must not forget in this connection the fact that the sister-in-law of Secretary of State Stimson, Mrs. Henry Loomis, is a regular contributor to Djamaroff’s anti-radical racket. Concerning this lady a “social note” in the Atlanta Constitution recently said: “If the Soviets should fall and the exiles of the old Russian aristocracy be restored to authority in Russia, Mrs. Loomis would probably receive many decorations and invitations to court.” It can safely be predicted that should Mrs. Loomis ever be decorated on such a hypothetical occasion, we would find hanging on her right arm, Mr. George Djamaroff, and on her left arm Mr. Ralph M. Easley—with Mr. Matthew Woll, himself, close in the rear, holding up the lady’s train.

A 100% AMERICAN MINER OF THE PITTSBURGH AREA; Half started when on the job, as you can see. It’s him as well as the foreign-born the Professional Pay-triots are after.
TOM MOONEY and GENERAL AMNESTY

By ROBERT MINOR

States was not yet in the war; a large part of the bourgeoisie and its handymen, the trade-union bureaucrats, was still "against the war," the profound changes in the whole trade-union and socialist movement by the war and the capital attacks on the working class after the war, and, above all, the fundamental transformation wrought in the labor movement of all countries by the Russian proletarian revolution—all of this still lay in the obscurity of the future.

Mooney in 1916 was a Left-Wing member of the Socialist Party—in fact had to transfer to a Hungarian workers' branch of that party in order to avoid expulsion. With the clear proletarian eyes of the son of a coal-miner, being neither a swivel-chair bureaucrat nor a sectarian, Mooney saw the crookedness of the bureaucracy and the necessity to organize the workers despite the bureaucrats and against them and always with the revolution goal ahead. For this he was framed-up and sent to the death-cell by an outright collaboration of the California bourgeoisie and the corrupt and wealthy trade-union bureaucracy.

In these fifteen years the A. F. of L. bureaucracy that tried to hang Mooney in 1916, has come out in the open as an outright Fascist machine, making no more than the slightest pretense that the bloody hangman Mussolinii made, to fight for the cause of the working class in even its daily needs. The conscious worker today, when on strike, is filled with dread when he hears that an A. F. of L. "organizer" (Continued on page 78)

STEEL AND STONE CELLS for working-class prisoners. Mooney has been buried alive in such a prison for more than one third of his life. At Jersey, III., 4932 prisoners rehabilitated last year in a "modified" prison like this. At least four were murdered by the guards.

HERDED LIKE PIGS the prisoners eat their hash at San Quentin.
A Texan Kidnapping Party

Forced Labor in the U. S. A.

By WALTER WILSON

PEONAGE—slavery of 1931—rages in Texas. I have seen this form of American slavery, with my own eyes.

A railroad worker—a friend of mine, was murdered by prison guards near Houston.

Texas, the largest state in the union, has millions of Negro, Mexican and American white workers, toiling side by side under the scorching sun.

Texas grows cotton on 80,000 acres of prison land, much of which is exported. (Forced labor in the Soviet Union?) Prison officials get the first take-off from the profits—the remainder slides into the state politicians’ pockets.

The bosses problem in Texas is three-creek into which they were thrown when unconscious is also no longer news. That Dallas is the Ku Klux Klan headquarters of this section of the South is a fact. Why do the Texan authorities fear these two men so much? Why are they out for their lives?

Well, here are some of the reasons. Coder and Hurst were in the growing movement to break down the barriers between the Negro, Mexican and white workers.

All over Texas Negro and native white and Mexican workers slave under rotten conditions and at starvation wages. All over that vast area—larger than France or Germany—they slave and starve in lumber camps, on ranches, in railroad

gation of the bosses by keeping Mexicans from membership in all unions and Negroes from most.

There is an understanding in the Longshoremen’s Union that any Mexican who attempts to join the union will be black-balled. Negroes are allowed in this union. The result is that the Negro is made to feel superior to the Mexican; the Mexican to the Negro and the native white worker to both.

The Gallican-Chipley turpentine camp near Weirgate, Texas, holds about 150 Negro workers in virtual peonage. The foremen pack guns. Their boast is of shooting and beating “niggers.” The workers in these turpentine camps are kept perpetually in debt. The workers are held in camp by a system of legalized force and terrorism.

Peonage is particularly common in the lumber camps of East Texas and on the big ranches. And it isn’t always the Negro and Mexican who are in peonage for native whites are held also. A year ago a white tenant farmer near Dallas and his wife and daughters were stripped and flogged for refusing to work. Cain Anderson, the owner of the plantation, had stolen their share of the crop. The family recognized Anderson and his grown sons as the masked floggers and tried to have them prosecuted. The only result was that the reporter who had written the story for the Houston papers was himself flogged.

The cotton produced on 80,000 acres of prison land—by prisoners most of whom are guilty of the crime of “vagrancy”—is sold in general trade. On these farms imprisoned workers slave from sunup to sundown during the hot summer months in the cotton fields. Occasionally a man gets too hot and dies. What matter? There are plenty others.

A friend of mine, Wiley Zeigler, a member of a railroad workers’ union of Houston was whipped and spurred to death by guards of the “Imperial Farm” near Houston in 1927. I went to view his body as it lay in the morgue. His back was criss-crossed with long, deep, blood-shot cuts. On his neck were many tiny holes made by the guard’s spurs. Zeigler had failed to do his task—keep up with the pace setters hoeing cotton in the hot, July Texas sun.

The penalty for exposing such conditions—is death! That’s the verdict of the Texas bosses. But not the verdict of the workers who are organizing despite this terrorism under the Trade Union Unity League, Unemployed Councils, and the International Labor Defense.
On the Job—Or Off—It's Every Workers Fight!

By N. Honig

EVERY strike against wage cuts and the speedup system is a fight on behalf of every unemployed worker as well as the employed workers. We must get that fact across! It's important!

Every demonstration and Hunger March of the unemployed is a fight that concerns every employed worker. We must understand that too.

The Fall River textile workers, and the steel workers of Donora, Pa., to take but two examples, know it now. Here's what happened:

About two weeks ago the vast American Printing Co., one of the huge textile mill chains, announced it would reopen its Mill No. 2 of the cotton division, in Fall River, after the mill had been idle for 39 weeks.

They were going to give several hundred of Fall River's thousands of starving, unemployed workers a break—at wage cuts ranging from 10 to 27%.

The four other mills of the cotton division of the American Printing in Fall River were not to be reopened when the No. 2 mill started up. (They are still idle, entering their 42nd week of idleness.)

The Fall River Textile Council, headed by the old-time sellout hero Tansey, announced that it would call a strike of American Printing Co. workers against the wage cuts.

Came Monday, when the mill was supposed to reopen. And only a handful of loom-fixers and slasher tenders responded to the strike call, a few of the most skilled workers.

Why didn't the bulk of the American Printing workers—the carders and the weavers, respond to the fakers' strike call? Because the fakers hadn't bothered to give them a thought during the 39 weeks they were unemployed. In that 39 weeks not a single labor faker in Fall River opened his mouth to demand unemployment relief for the thousands of unemployed textile workers of Fall River. Unemployed workers can't pay dues, you see.

Most of the steel plants in the Mahoning Valley and around Youngstown have put thru the stagger system. Here are workers who are both employed and unemployed at the same time. They are being forced to bear the burden of the crisis. They must join the fight of the unemployed steel workers to make the steel bosses bear that burden, make the steel bosses fork over unemployment insurance from their huge profits.

Just the other day the American Steel and Wire in Donora, Pa. announced that labor-saving machinery in its new plant will displace 594 out of the 600 workers in the plant—make 6 workers do the work of 600. Here are 594 workers who should have been in the fight of the unemployed for unemployment relief and insurance all along. They know why now.

Unemployed and employed workers, get together in the fight of the unemployed for relief and insurance, and in the fight of the employed against wage cuts and speedup!
WE MUST COUNTER-ATTACK

by Richard B. Moore

Together—we must fight back!

Negro and white, native and foreign born, all the workers, united in one mighty working class phalanx! We must marshal all the forces of the working class for militant resistance to the savage, terrorist boss attack.

Already the workers have begun to struggle in solidarity against their increasing misery, starvation, and persecution. Negro and white workers marched and fought shoulder to shoulder in the hunger march to Albany. They displayed the staunchest courage and militancy in meeting the attacks of the state troopers along the road and in the state legislature. The mass protest of the workers of all races and nationalities against the attempt of the capitalists to deport August Yokinen, following his pledge at a workers' mass trial in New York to struggle with the Negro masses against the vicious Jim Crow lynching system, is another splendid example.

In the depths of the reactionary South, in the terrible and little-known slave pen of the bosses, the Negro and white workers united in about equal numbers, 4,000 strong, to demand unemployment insurance from the slave drivers of Dallas, Texas. This splendid demonstration of solidarity so alarmed the bosses that they jailed the leaders Hurst and Coder along with a militant Negro worker, William Grove. These heroic white southern workers, Hurst and Coder were "released" into the hands of the bosses' murder gang, the fascist Ku Klux Klan who beat them into insensibility, leaving them for dead. But here again we witness the solidarity of the toilers. Negro farmers rescued these workers, nursed them back to life, and asked them to get to Kansas City. Now Negro and white workers of Dallas are organizing to meet Hurst upon his return with another mass demonstration and are uniting to form a workers' defense corps to protect these working class heroes from the bosses' Ku Klux Klan lynchers.

The white workers are thus joining with the Negro toilers in the struggle against segregation, persecution, and lynching. It is high time indeed. Lynching has increased from 11 in 1929 to 38 in 1930, 36 Negro and 2 white workers. Already this year 5 Negro and 1 white worker have been brutally murdered by the bosses' lynching mobs. During the 35 years from 1885 to 1910 (first nine months) there were reported 3,185 lynchings, 2,650 Negroes and 1,532 whites. This is the savage terrorist act by which the rich white ruling class enforces its system of robbery and slavery, particularly upon the 13,020,000 Negroes—the majority of whom are held in the most brutal slavery upon the farms of the South. The 11,000,000 Negro workers in the industrial centers of the North and West are likewise segregated and discriminated against, held to the most ruthless exploitation at the bottom of the social system.

Very close to the Negro workers are the foreign born workers who are segregated by the bosses in narrow national ghettos and forced into the most laborious and dangerous occupations, under the most oppressive conditions of work and pay. They number 45% in mining, 35% in manufacturing, 45% in iron and steel, 52% in the blast furnaces and steel rolling mills, 43% in the clothing industries; 42% in woolen and 31% in cotton mills. Of the women workers in manufacturing industries, 25% are foreign born.

The foreign born number over 13% of the total population of the United States, and those of foreign parentage constitute 21.46% of the population. Over 34% of the American people are of foreign born stock. Even the capitalist oppressors in the National Association of Manufacturers are compelled to admit that "we are a nation of immigrants." The bosses' professors are forced grudgingly to admit "Without the immigrant, the vast growth of American industry in the last century probably could not have been achieved." (Herbert Voilman, Racial Factors In American Industry.)

Workers of all races and nationalities! Unite to fight the unemployment, starvation, and oppression of the bosses. Defeat the vile attempts of the bosses and their fascist murder bands to split and crush the working class movement. Build the International Labor Defense into a mighty shield! Fight the brutal boss terror with the united and militant resistance of the whole working class!
“HE’S a strikebreaker! He’s a strikebreaker!”

This was the welcome which Father Milanes, Catholic priest and the Lord’s messenger among the textile workers in Lawrence, Mass., received when he sidled his way into the strikers’ hall.

First the bosses tried persuasion and trickery; then they attempted to exploit the deep-rooted catholicism of the majority of the strikers in an attempt to lure them back to the looms. When that failed they called upon their chief strikebreaker, the Department of Labor.

What started the struggle of the textile workers in Lawrence, Mass., last month?

It was the attempt of the American Woolen Company to put into force a new “efficiency” system by which two workers operated 9 combs instead of one worker operating two.

What began as a departmental strike in one mill immediately spread to all departments in three mills of the company. Continuous activity of the N.T.W.U., and the victories it had gained in other mills made the union the natural leader of the 8,000 strikers who had learned the value of solidarity and militancy in the historic struggles of 1912 and 1919.*


Before Father Milanes had gotten the bum’s rush from the strikers, another strikebreaker in holy vestments joined in the attack on the textile workers. After several pickets and organizer Berkman had been arrested on a minor charge, Father MacDonald rushed into print with frenzied denunciation of the leaders of the strike whom he charged with being “in league with the devil.”

The strikers simply ignored his ravings and strengthened their forces.

Then appeared the “Citizens’ Committee.” This was a group of “impartial” gentlemen who felt that the time for the clubs and tear gas bombs was not yet at hand. Give ’em soft soap just now, was their slogan.

Pat Devine, acting secretary of the N.T.W.U. was arrested but not before he had been viciously slugged by Marshall O’Brien, head of the Lawrence police force and a number of his bulls. Then, breaking into a meeting of the strike committee, they attacked the workers with their billies and arrested practically the entire committee. O’Brien reserved for himself and his best “bull,” Murphy, the manly sport of bruising and choking Edith Berkman, after dragging her down two flights of stairs, and of smashing Bill Murdoch’s skull. Murdoch is now in the hospital, an infection having set in. To top all this, Devine, Murdoch, Berkman, Alex Danilevich and John Czarnecki were held under $40,000 bail each on four charges apiece. Devine, Murdoch and Berkman were immediately arrested and are now facing deportation — Devine to Ireland, Murdoch to Scotland and Berkman to fascist Poland.

Thus we see that the mill owners using their triple-agencies the church, the state and the police, are determined to drive the union out of Lawrence.

But the textile workers know that they won outstanding demands in the recent strike under the leadership of the N.T.W.U. They know that without the union these gains will soon be lost.
EDITH BERKMAN ARRESTED AT STRIKE HEADQUARTERS. Look at the big dicks it took to arrest this working-class girl. They choked her to keep her quiet.
At the time this issue goes to press, President Hoover is on a warship, on a warship, on the West Indies.

"I want to take a vacation," he says, "and to help the poor Haitians and Porto Ricans."

And he rides there on a warship.

That’s the kind of help the enslaved workers of the Caribbeans can expect from Yankee imperialism. War-ships . . . machine-guns . . .

Hoover is going down to help tie the knot a little tighter.

For American imperialism is using every method of oppression imaginable upon the masses of the West Indies. And especially the Negro workers are hard hit. Theirs is the worst lot of all.

In Cuba, for instance, the Negro masses suffer from racial discrimination in a very violent form, and above all, in the eastern provinces. In many cities of Santa Clara, the Negro workers cannot go to the parks and plazas which are reserved for whites and not infrequently, Negro workers have been killed for breaking this custom. The Haitian and Jamaican Negro workers of the sugar plantations and mills in the east are traded to Cuba much the same as the slaves were formerly imported, are thrown into corrals around the custom house and are transported en masse to the place where they are to be exploited. It is no rare sight to see the railroad conductor chalk numbers on the heads of the Negroes being so transported, as a means of identification. When they arrive at the sugar mills they are beaten by clubs encased with rubber, just as were the slaves, for the slightest “offense,” and if the crime is considered sufficiently grave, they disappear or are found assassinated in a public place.

The barbarous persecution by Yankee imperialism, aided by the native bourgeoisie, reached a climax in 1912, and as a result there was a Negro insurrection under the leadership of Estenoz and Ivo net, Negro leaders, who demanded the constitution of an independent Negro republic. This insurrection was drowned in blood with the shooting of its leaders and a massacre in which more than 10,000 Negroes were slain. The groups of assassins organized and protected by the Jose Miguel Gomez government and the intervention of U. S. marine forces on that occasion resulted in all sorts of deprivations. Negro women were violated, the ears of Negroes were cut off as trophies, Negro men and boys were castrated and Negroes were slaughtered in the streets and the fields.

In all the Central American countries there is a large Negro working class population, “imported” from the West Indies for the banana plantations. These are principally concentrated in the eastern part of Guatemala, Northern Honduras, Eastern Nicaragua and northeastern Costa Rica. This population is totally segregated from the rest of the country and their conditions do not differ substantially from those of the Negro workers in Cuba.

In Panama the majority of the working population is Negro. At the Canal all the Negro workers are English speaking, bar-

ory of the Negro workers, the most recent having taken place last year, have claimed thousands of victims, mainly workers and farmers on the coffee plantations.

In the European colonies of the West Indies and in the Guianas the Negro population is divided by language differences. These islands produce fruits and some have sugar mills. The majority of the investments are in the hands of Canadian and British capital, which have much antagonism in colonial exploitation.

But oppression in the West Indies is so barbarous that in spite of a great emigra-

PRESIDENT HOOVER AND WIFE ABOARD THE MONSTER WARSHIP ARIZONA on the West Indies. Hoover wants a rest. And also to "listen" to the plea of the Porto Ricans to "help" them. Yes, help them to go deeper into Wall Street’s grip.
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The "Socialists" Want A Little Intervention

THE MENSHEVIK A. GUINSBERG PLEADING FOR HIS LIFE. In the Trade Union House in Moscow before the worker judges who passed sentence on these "socialists" for their counter-revolutionary activity against the working-class of the world.

By Paul Novick

FOURTEEN "socialists" — Mensheviks were tried in Moscow, between the 1st and the 8th of March, and were sentenced to various terms of prison — ten years, eight years, five years. But it is not the members of the Menshevik leading group in the Soviet Union who were on trial in the Marble Hall of the House of Columns, headquarters of the Moscow Trade Unions. The entire Second ("socialist") International was on trial.

In the person of the fourteen defendants — Groman, Sukhanov, Yakubovitch, Sher & Co. — there were on trial before the Revolutionary Tribunal of the victorious Soviet proletariat, the leaders of the Second International, the Vanderveldes, the Hendersons, the Hilferdings, the Hillquits.

The fourteen Mensheviks confessed their guilt. They were caught by the G.P.U., caught red handed, with no way of escape or denial. The defendants immediately met with a wave of protest, anger, scorn and determination on the part of the Soviet workers. Face to face with the facts uncovered by the G.P.U., face to face with the millions of workers engaged in building Socialism under the leadership of the Communist Party, there was nothing left for the defendants but to confess. And here are some of the points of the Menshevik plot.

1. Since the beginning of the Five Year Plan when it became clear that the Menshevik theory that the Soviet Union is "naturally" drifting towards capitalism is bankrupt, it was decided that military INTERVENTION from the outside is the only means left for overthrowing the Soviet government. The Menshevik bureau in the Soviet Union began its "work" in that direction.

2. The new policy of the Mensheviks, for a military intervention from the outside, was a result of the general change of front of the "socialists" of the Second International all over. Whereas before 1927 the platform of that "International" was — officially — in line with the Menshevik platform of 1924 which was based on the hope of the "gradual" disappearance of the Bolshevik regime, the leaders of the Second International, with the advent of the Five Year Plan and its successful development, likewise changed their tactics. Kautsky, the theoretician of the Second International, in his new book on Bolshevism, openly came out for military intervention.

3. Abramovitch, member of the Executive Committee of the Second International, in 1928, according to the confession of the defendants, illegally came to the Soviet Union. In his conferences with the defendants he told them to "work" hand in hand with the party of Kondratiev (leader of the party of rich peasants — "Kulaks" — who was also arrested) and with the party of Ramsin and other technicians tried in Moscow three months ago.

4. In working together with the Ramsin party ("Torgprom" — party of Commerce and Industry), the Mensheviks accepted money from the former Russian manufacturers and land-owners. With that money they tried to foment dissatisfaction with the Bolshevik regime and to create uprisings.

5. As experts working for the government, under the pretense of having given up their old party affiliations, the defendants miscalculated the figures of the Five Year Plan in order to bring about over-investments in certain branches of the industry and shortages in other branches. As experts working for the government bank they tried to disorganize the Soviet finances. While occupying important positions in the Food Commissariat the defendants tried to disorganize the supply of food for the workers in the cities and in this way, thru starving the workers and their families, create dissatisfaction.

All this was part of the general policy of the leaders of the Second International in order to overthrow the workers' government and bring back capitalism to the one-sixth of the globe where socialism is now being built. The Second International was trying, and IS trying, to do to the October revolution what it did to the German Revolution. It tried, and IS trying, to save capitalism from the effects of the Five Year Plan.

It is not the fault of the Second International that the Mensheviks in the U.S. S.R. have failed. Because the working class in the Soviet Union represents one powerful solid front behind the Bolshevik government and is achieving unheard-of successes in the building of the socialist society, to the amazement and fear of all capitalists. The "Socialists" have failed, because the workers all over the world look toward the Soviet Union, are deriving hope and encouragement from that fatherland of the proletariat in fighting capitalism with all its evils, and are ready to come to the defense of the Soviet Union.

The danger is just as acute. The "dumping" propaganda is part of the general campaign of capitalism to thwart the growth of the Five Year Plan which will be completed partly this — the third! — year. The workers all over the world must be on guard, ready for the defense of the proletarian fatherland.
THE MENSHEVIK A. GUINSBERG PLEADING FOR HIS LIFE: In the Trade Union House in Moscow before the worker judges who passed sentence on these 'socialists' for their counter-revolutionary activity against the working-class of the world.
GAGGING THE AMERICAN WORKERS

LEGISLATORS throughout America are tumbling over each other to draw up criminal syndicalist laws to stifle any worker who dares answer that cry rising from a thousand cities in America—"How can we live?"

The reply to that question is poison to the employing class. The fact that 10,000,000 jobless workers ask it today shoots quivers of terror into Mr. Hamilton Fish's brethren.

The fact that 35 states in the U.S.A. (free speech, free press, free assemblage?) have criminal syndicalist laws is not enough for the ruling class. The fact that more than 42 workers may be buried within the four gray walls for the best part of their lives, on these charges, is but a beginning. The fact that six young workers, Negro and white, the oldest of whom is 28, face the electric chair in Atlanta, on such charges, pours light on the frenzy of the boss class. "DEATH" for speaking to workers!

Imperial Valley—eight workers serving 28 and 42 year terms—FORTY-TWO YEARS!—for organizing the agricultural slaves in that hellish region. Do you know that in Portland, Ore., 13 workers are on criminal syndicalist charges—one of whom Ben Boloff, has already been sentenced to 10 years?

Pennsylvania—stronghold of Andy Mellon, secretary of the Treasury, has in its talons two young girls, 19 and 20 years old, Tess Ryder, and Anna Lynn, sentenced to 10 years. Bill Lawrence, Peitz and Holmes, the three imprisoned at Woodlawn for five years, all violated that sacred tenet of capitalism, "free speech, free press, free assemblage."

They dared to speak out. And that's "criminal" in capitalist America. Consider Yetta Stromberg—19 year old girl of Los Angeles—who raised a red flag at a children's camp in San Bernardino, facing 10 years.

Her case comes up for appeal before the Supreme Court this month.

It's all part of the boss drive against the entire working-class.

"Gag the mouths of the outspoken" they figure, "And halt the workers from organizing against starvation."

And so the bosses' are burning midnight oil, poring over their law books, and tightening up the loopholes.

Deportations, lynching of Negroes, persecution of foreign born, and Negroes is in the same line-up with criminal syndicalist laws. Sensing that the tide of militancy of the working-class is rising against speed-up, starvation, misery, the bosses are doing a frenzied war-dance.

"Gag them"—"Send them up for life for speaking"—"meeting and organizing"—"Lynch them"—"Deport them" they howl. Their fear overwhelms them and they turn to extra-legal methods of halting the workers. Hurst and Coder are kidnapped, flogged, and left to die!

The fight against the criminal syndicalist laws is one of the chief sectors of the I.L.D. front today.
It Takes A Mass Fight to Defeat Deportation, Lynching and Boss Terror!

By George Maurer

The working class must greatly strengthen the fight against the legal and extra-legal attacks of the bosses—especially on the Negro and foreign-born workers. All workers must mobilize in an organized mass offensive under the slogans: Smash the deportation menace! Death to Lynchers! Down with all persecution of Negro and foreign-born workers! Only on this basis of a united fight—native and foreign-born, Negro and white—can the increasing fascist persecution and the bosses’ splitting tactics to divide and weaken the working class, be stopped. This is true, just as Tom Mooney says regarding political prisoners; only gigantic mass pressure can win amnesty, free him and all class-war prisoners.

The International Labor Defense therefore calls for solidarity and greatly increased support by the worker-masses, and strengthened leadership by the I.L.D. (its locals, branches, membership, sympathizers, Labor Defender readers) in the struggle:

1. Against the Deportation Menace: Raising the major cases of Yakonin, the Lawrence strikers, Serio, Bebritz, etc., to the fore.
3. Against persecution of Negro workers (discrimination, white chauvinism, Jim-Crowism): Yokinen, cases in Southern states. During April the I.L.D. raises to the fore these major tasks and calls for ten-fold exertion to arouse the working-class to recognition of the great danger to itself—to its very organized existence. The result must be that class solidarity and united demands hold back the onslaught of the government and the other tools of the ruling class and expose Uncle Sam’s fascist-democracy in its murderous, tyrannical role.

At the same time the campaign already under way on the following issues, must be strengthened.

(A) For general amnesty: Mooney-Billings, the Imperial Valley prisoners, all class-war prisoners.
(B) Abolition of sedition or syndicalism laws: California, Alabama, Oregon, Penna., Ohio, etc.
(C) Against suppression of workers’ press: Young Worker, Vida Obrera, etc.

What To Do

1. Wide agitation on the major issues for April must be extended in every way possible—meetings of various kinds, factory and house to house contacts, every territorial and organized section of the working-class reached by speakers, leaflets and literature. Protest resolutions and telegrams should pour into Washington, D. C. and to state capitols. Local issues to be linked up with general campaign.
2. Major efforts must be made to reach foreign-born and Negro sections; activate the language branches, build up a larger membership among these and all groups.
3. Full co-operation must be given to and asked of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the Councils for Protection of Foreign Born in developing this counter-offensive. The I.L.D. especially must give leadership in mobilizing the workers for continued widening of the struggle against lynching, deportations and persecution beyond March 28th, the day of nation-wide protest demonstration.
4. The fight around the demands above set forth must be raised to the fore on International May Day. The I.L.D. shall in every locality take part in the United Front Conferences preceding May 1st.
5. The work among white and Negro workers on issues of persecution of Negroes must be strengthened. Preparations are in order for a Solidarity Drive, May 16th-23rd, with mass meetings on the anniversary of Touissant L’Overture, May 20th.
6. In connection with the Terror in Caribbean and Latin American countries and Philippines, more attention must be given to this fight against Dollar Imperialism’s persecution regime. The millions of Spanish speaking workers in the U. S. must be aroused on these issues along with all other workers, as well as on so-called domestic issues.
7. The Labor Defender must be a powerful fighter in these and all campaigns. The circulation of the April Anti-Deportation-Lynching issue should be extended widely. Preparations for a doubled distribution of the special enlarged May Day issue should be thorough. Indeed, strenuous efforts are necessary to save the Labor Defender from decline, since a fall in paid subs of nearly 20% has hit it in the past 2 months.
8. On the basis of these mass activities hundreds of new members can and must be recruited into International Labor Defense and many new group-affiliations secured in April. Last but not least funds must be continually and intensively raised in connection with the mass campaigns for defense and relief for prisoners and to broaden the mass protest movement.

Just as the working-class must today Fight or Starve; so must we organize the fight to smash the bosses’ “Iron Heel.”

MORE MASS ACTIVITIES: Mass campaigns and agitation to build the International Labor Defense, and strengthen our counter-attack against the boss drive on the entire working-class. Above: a demonstration against Yankee imperialism in the Caribbean.
Dear Comrades:

Please notify all the members of the Hattie Carnegie (hat factory) Branch of the I. L. D. that it has my earnest good wishes and sincere hope that it will become the largest branch of its kind in membership. If your shop is too small for the future growth of the Hattie Carnegie Branch, then it must go into action, and secure members from other large shops or factories. Once it goes into action, with an object in view, and will to do it, it will easily overcome all resistance and become the largest branch of its kind.

Your two letters of December 21, 1930, and January 27, 1931, pleased me very much. Your branch’s adoption of me was gratifying and I shall watch with great interest and much hope the efforts of all the members of the Hattie Carnegie Branch to arouse the workers to the need of building up the I. L. D.

Comradely yours,

J. B. McNAMARA (25314).

READ THIS—THEN MEND YOUR WAYS

The Labor Defender must at this time warn all its readers, the members of the I. L. D., and agents that the subscription list is dwindling at an alarming rate.

Look at this record of subs received from the districts—we will publish a similar report each month.

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February 16

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| Chicago         |     |
| Pittsburgh      | 28  |
| Pittsburgh      |     |
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| Detroit         | 43  |
| Detroit         |     |
| New York        | 93  |
| New York        |     |
| Seattle         | 19  |
| Seattle         |     |
| Buffalo         | 34  |
| Buffalo         |     |
| Philadelphia    | 25  |
| Philadelphia    |     |
| Agricultural    | 12  |
| Agricultural    |     |
| Kansas City     | 3   |
| Kansas City     |     |
| Los Angeles     | 11  |
| Los Angeles     |     |
| Connecticut     | 4   |
| Connecticut     |     |
| Southern        | 2   |
| Southern        |     |
| San Francisco   | 16  |
| San Francisco   |     |
| Denver sub district | 3  |
| Denver sub district |     |
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| Total           |     |

And in the month of March ONE THOUSAND SUBS expired! The situation is critical, comrades! We must hear from YOU!

Cebu, Philippine Islands.

I am in receipt of the $20 you sent for the dependent of my husband Danny Roxas, a prisoner. I thank you ever so much for it and hope for the continuance of the good work of the International Labor Defense.

I have appreciated very much the cause of the workers who have been nobly defended against the bosses. LORENZA ALCUITA ROXAS.
(This letter below was received from the wife of Danny Roxas. Her picture and that of her child, is shown above. Roxas is serving 42 years for his militant leadership in the Imperial Valley strike in California.)
“Build The I.L.D.” Final Plea of Jakira

FROM his sickbed in a New York hospital, just before he died March 20, Abram Jakira, organization secretary of the I.L.D. issued an appeal to build the I.L.D. They were his last words.

He was unable to write the statement himself, owing to his weakened condition, so he had to give it verbally to a stenographer. It follows:

“The I.L.D. must at this time be rapidly built to a mass organization, stressing especially its mass activities and mass agitation. In looking over the dues reports for December, January and February, we find that we must again issue an appeal to all our district and sub-district organizers and to all the branch secretaries as well as the individual members.

“The Eight Months Plan of work called for a quota of more than 12,000 dues paying members by March 18. Figures for December, January and February, while they showed an increase in comparison with the previous months, did not reach the quota of over 12,000 by March 18. We now aim at 16,000 by June 28.

“Every organization is therefore called upon immediately to place this question of dues payments on the order of business and take the necessary steps which will raise our membership to the quota set.

“Special attention must be paid to proletarian competition with which the drive began, but which was neglected. The branches also failed to carry on in the main the instructions in the 8 Months Plan about regular house-to-house canvassing. Only by taking the most rigid action will we be able to carry out the 8 Months Plan.” Let us all join in renewed efforts to carry through Comrade Jakira’s last plea for building the I.L.D.

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is on the way—knowing that the A. F. of L. official machine will do no less than the Baldwin-Felts or Pinkerton detective agency in smashing their strike and selling them out to the bosses. Practically every worker in the A. F. of L. unions who rallied to the defense of Mooney in 1916-17-18 was later identified with the Trade Union Educational League under the leadership of William Z. Foster. In fact, the Chicago Convention of the Mooney-Billings defense organization in 1919, which was wrecked by Ed Nolan and others in the service of Gompers, was in a certain sense a forerunner of the later crystallization of the Communist Party, and its trade-union elements later practically formed the core of the Trade Union Educational League.

The Socialist Party that betrayed Mooney in 1916 (when a California state official of the party flooded the country with secret correspondence in which she warned that Mooney was “guilty” and “an anarchist, not a socialist”), has in these fifteen years lost every man, women and youth who defended Mooney in that organization when Mooney was in the death cell. Practically every defender of Mooney in the Socialist Party then, with the exception of Eugene V. Debs, later was expelled from the party in the Left Wing which formed the Communist Party, and the Socialist Party today is “social fascist”—merely covering itself with “socialist” words while it fights tooth and nail against the working class, to break every strike, even collecting funds for the infamous counter - revolutionary Abramovich to use in conspiracy for armed overthrow of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

These things have been developing while Mooney and Billings were behind the bars in severe restraint and not always fully able through the stone walls to see the significance of these changes.

(Here is absolutely necessary to point out the necessity of winning every honest worker still remaining under the influence of the Fascist bureaucracies of the Socialist Party and A. F. of L., the framers and hangmen of Mooney and of the working class fighters everywhere — a necessity which must not be confused with a truckling to the misleaders of these workers, but which is the exact opposite.)

Mooney seems to see it now. To quote from his pamphlet (p. 48):

“This pamphlet deals with a particular phase of treachery of the A. F. of L’s bureaucracists—that of actual aid in the ghastly frameup of Mooney and Billings. Nevertheless, the purpose of this pamphlet will not be achieved if it fails to point out with unmistakable clearness that the betrayal of Mooney and Billings by the A. F. of L. leadership is but a part of the history of their betrayal of the American workers.

“The whole world is at present undergoing a terrible economic crisis which is shaking Wall Street’s rule to its very foundations. The richest land on earth—the United States of America—has not escaped the iron law of capitalist development. The crisis in the U. S. A. is more acute, more wide-spread, because of the greater peak reached in industrial growth in this country. Over nine million (9,000,000) jobless workers are today starving with their families, and Wall Street offers them contemptible crumbs in the form of charity, in place of genuine unemployment relief or work at living wages.

“Capital do not propose to bear the burden of the crisis; it loads its weight upon the toilers and finds the A. F. of L. leaders willing tools who do their utmost to help crush labor and hammer down its standards of living. In every struggle of the workers against brutal exploitation and political oppression, the A. F. of L. leadership acts as an open strike-breaking force—true to its role—the mortal enemy of labor within its own ranks. They act thus in the Mooney-Billings case in which they are no less scabs than they are in most struggles of the workers.”

I do not overlook certain soft words that Mooney still has for a few “exceptional” capitalist judges, trade-union bureaucrats, etc., but maybe these remaining illusions will be dispelled by a little time and the own actions of these bureaucrats—such as, for instance, the recent actions of Ed Nockels at the so-called “Progressive Conference” in Washington, supposedly in the interest of “preserving democracy,” where Nockels appeared with Green, Robertson and other bureaucrats and spoke about the radio business (!!) but had not one public word for Mooney and Billings, and did not even contradict Green’s dirty Fascist pro-war talk against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

If I am right in my judgment of Mooney’s present stand, it will greatly aid in the world-wide militant mass movement to open the prison gates to the working-class prisoners in capitalist jails for which the situation is now rotten ripe. The handicap which I have mentioned here has been only one of many that have heretofore kept the work of the International Labor defense in behalf of Mooney and other prisoners on a too narrow track. Above all it is necessary to link up in the closest possible manner the Mooney case with cases of the Imperial Valley prisoners, the Centralia victims, the Atlanta cases and other outstanding cases, so as to draw the issue actively into the vast current of the revolutionary world labor movement.

Remember the Sacco-Vanzetti case! Remember the amazing volume and beligerency that that movement attained throughout the world almost overnight, even though it was not yet strong enough to succeed in saving the victims. Learn from the Sacco-Vanzetti case not only the ruthlessness with which capitalism commits murders, but also the vast and irresistible currents that the workers are able to set in motion when we do our work right and correctly estimate the possibilities.

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YOU MUST HELP!

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