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MILL FASCISTS TRY TO LYNCH THREE ORGANIZERS

'Peace' Preparations for War

The forthcoming meeting of Herbert Hoover, representatives of American imperialism, and Ramsay MacDonald, representative of British imperialism, to fix "naval parity" with a "yardstick" has been heralded by three months' intensive propaganda of the big-bourgeois and social-democratic press in chorus so as to make it seem that this meeting will end Anglo-American rivalry and bring peace on earth. Yet even the professed purpose of this meeting, as well as of the proposed five-power conference to follow it next year, bears no such interpretation. It is a meeting ostensibly to put an upward limit to cruiser tonnage, just as the Washington conference of 1921 put an upward limit to battleship tonnage. Just as the pact to limit battleships at Washington in 1921 was of no avail to end Anglo-American rivalry but was followed by a more acute struggle, so the Hoover-McDonald meeting to limit cruisers will be but the starting point of a new phase of acute conflict. That is to say, it is to settle certain conditions of the coming naval warfare, and has as little to do with stopping that warfare as the preliminary arrangements in a prize ring have to do with putting an end to prize fighting. Actually, if the reported terms of the naval parity are carried out, it will mean an enormous building of cruisers. Therefore, even on the surface of the matter, the task of a peace conference is merely an attempt to gull the petty bourgeoisie and to deceive the workers. But in any case no speeches or policies of capitalist statesmen, no agreements between capitalist governments, can solve Anglo-American rivalry, whose roots lie deep in the nature of capitalism itself. Capitalism itself is the cause of wars. Only by the destruction of capitalism, by the establishment of the proletarian dictatorship, can there be peace. Especially in this period of intensified inner and outer contradictions of capitalism the drive to a fresh series of wars becomes swifter every day. The limitation of cruisers is accompanied by the limitless expansion of war preparedness in peace-time war industries, such as rayon, in airplanes, in poison gas, etc., etc. What then is the significance of this proposed agreement? It is the basis of a united front of British imperialism and American imperialism against the Soviet Union, whose success in socialistic construction is revolutionizing the workers of every country, whose strength makes it more and more dreaded as the stronghold of the world revolution. Over all these questions, over all maneuvers of British imperialism to surpass France inside Europe, over all maneuvers of American imperialism to play off one European power against another, there stands out one dominating factor. Only for the war against the Soviet Union can there be the least temporary accord between British and U. S. imperialism.

Defeat the Gastonia Terror

No worker should be fooled for one second about the role of the state in the present reign of terror in Gastonia and vicinity. As the special instrument of coercion in the hands of the ruling class for the purpose of keeping the working class in submission to the ordinary forms of state power—the police, the judiciary, the executive machinery, the jails and hangmen—have proved inadequate in the struggle to stem the rising tide of working class resistance against the increasingly devastating exploitation in the slave pens. In spite of the full force of state power being brought into action against the textile workers, they have intensified their fight against wage cuts, lengthening of hours, the speed-up, women and child slavery. The ruling class finds its ordinary state machinery cumbersome, slow to function, in this sharpened class struggle. Hence it utilizes the state power for the purpose of creating extra-legal fascist bands to carry out its murderous policies. The imprisonment and attempts to railroad to the electric chair the sixteen organizers of the National Textile Workers' Union was invoked as an act of vengeance against these militant workers for defiantly defending themselves against Chief of Police Aderholt and his gang of assassins. The collapse of the first trial revealed such a mass sentiment for the strikers and against the capitalist class that the terror was resumed with increased force. The identical officials who were indicted in the legal prosecution of the Gastonia defendants, left the court room and proceeded to utilize their positions to arm gangs of hooligans and organize them into murder bands. While creating armed fascist squadrons the officials of the government utilized their police power to take away from the workers the few guns they possessed. They wanted the workers disarmed and helpless before the murderous attacks of the fascists. The prosecuting attorney, Carpenter, with a special commission from Governor Gardner, not only led the mob action against the workers in the kidnapping and assaults immediately after the collapse of the legal trial, but directed the disarming of the workers and paved the way for the vile murder of Ella May Wiggins. Certainly, in view of these facts, no one can for one moment imagine that the government of the state of North Carolina will take action against the fascist murderers. It will not act against its own creatures. The trivial fact that a few of the participants in the mob violence have been arrested and released on bail will deceive no one. These arrests are only for the purpose of trying to conceal the role of the chief butchers, the capitalist class and their governor, Max Gardner, and his vassal, Carpenter. In Gastonia today the class struggle in the United States has reached new heights. But it is not an isolated thing. It is not something alien to the rest of the country. It simply dramatizes to a high degree the struggle of the working class against its capitalist exploiters in all parts of the United States. Even the insolent organization of fascist bands by the state government in an attempt to crush, through terror, the counter-offensive of the working class, is in evidence, in a lesser degree, in many sections of the United States. The extent of the terror is apparent when we consider only a few of the outstanding recent events in the class struggle: the bloody suppression of the car strikers of New Orleans, the state militia against the workers in Marion and Elizabethton, the breaking up of meetings and wholesale arrests of Communists in New York, Chicago, Boston, Pittsburgh and other parts of the country. This systematic organization of fascist terror against the workers in Gastonia must be defeated. With the most relentless determination, there must proceed the mass mobilization of the working class. In the shops, factories, mines, mills, on the railroads, the workers, men and women, the Negro masses, the youth, must be mobilized to defeat this terror and to save from the electric chair the sixteen Gastonia prisoners who heroically defended themselves and their fellow workers against extermination on the night of June 7th last. In the South every ounce of energy must be directed toward the Charlotte conference on October 12th which will be the signal for a more intensive struggle for the seven-hour day, for higher wages, for unemployment insurance, against capitalist rationalization and for the right to organize. Everywhere there must be created Workers' Defense Committees to resist all fascist attacks upon workers no matter what form they take. The fascist thugs and gunmen must be disarmed. In every industry, in every section of the country, conferences must be called in behalf of the Gastonia victims in preparation for a strike of protest against the terror in Gastonia and against fascist attacks against the workers everywhere. While preparing to resist with every means at hand the fascist attacks the working masses must give the maximum of support to the International Labor Defense and the Workers International Relief. The fascist attacks of the ruling class must be turned into a counter-offensive by the working class.

Bury Ella May, Victim of Mill Thugs Terror



Beside the grave of Ella May Wiggins, murdered by mill thugs for her activities in the National Textile Workers' Union, Ella May's fellow-workers pledged themselves to carry on the fight for unionization to which their martyred leader had been so devoted. The five children left by Ella May are shown at the grave. Left homeless and destitute, they will be cared for by the Workers International Relief.

HOOVER ON AIR HINTS AT WAR

France Threatens Blow at Five Power Plan

ROME, Italy, Sept. 19.—Italy is strengthening the army reserves. All university students are drafted as reserves, and will serve in special detachments. While the resistance of the French militarists rapidly stiffened against the British intrigue, for the encirclement of France, in which France says U. S. has a big part, President Hoover made a significant statement Wednesday night over a special radio hook-up arranged for the dedication of Columbia Broadcasting Co.'s new building in New York. Columbia broadcasting is one of (Continued on Page Two)

HIT MILL TERROR BY COLLECTION

Sept. 21-22 Is Drive For Gastonia Defense

The unbroken bravery of the workers and organizers in Gastonia, in face of the most brutal terrorism, has inspired the working class of America to unparalleled activities on the Gastonia Joint Defense and Relief Campaign, especially the two days of mass collections, Sept. 21 and 22. Reports from Detroit, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Cleveland and New York today assured vast activity on the streets, in the shops, mills and mines, for Gastonia, and a great outpouring of workers to gather funds on Sept. 21 and 22. Detroit Holding Weekly Collections. Workers of Detroit are coming to the following headquarters every Saturday, Sunday and holiday to Sept. 29 to secure collection cans. Workers Hall, 116 East Six Mile (Continued on Page Three)

Daily-Freiheit Bazaar Will Be Workers Dep't Store

Hand Made Articles at Great Savings On Sale At Huge Affair for Red Press

Unlike the usual run of "bazaars," at which gaudy knick-knacks are foisted upon reluctant purchasers, the Daily Worker and Morning Freiheit Bazaar will turn Madison Square Garden into a huge department store for New York workers. Not gimcracks, but useful articles and necessities of life will be featured at this four-day gala market—clothing, furniture, shoes, hats, books and everything else essential to the well-being of workers will be on sale in the colorful booths, and at a saving of at least one-third. Many trade union groups and fraternal organizations are mobilizing their membership to make by hand, on their own time, the various wares to be offered when the bazaar opens, less than two weeks from today. These workers, determined to prevent the black forces of reaction from crushing their militant press, put their best into their (Continued on Page Two)

Pit Fire Kills 2 Coal Diggers at Powhatan, O. Nine Others Severely Injured

POWHATAN, Ohio, Sept. 19.—Two men were killed and five overcome by black damp today when fire broke out in the Powhatan coal mine here. Four others were trying to escape when they were severely burned. Only 30 of the 700 men employed in the mine were in the diggings at the time the fire started. The night crew had just gone off duty. The rest escaped uninjured. A strong local of the National Miners' Union is functioning here, and is preparing for struggle to force the mine operators to take safety precautions to protect their lives.

FERRARI GAVE JUDGE \$25,000

Cashed checks, endorsed by Francis X. Mancuso, Tammany Hall judge of the court of general sessions in New York, show that he was getting a thousand dollars a month from the swindler Ferrari, though he swore several months ago that he was only nominally chairman. (Continued on Page Two)

Gastonia Leaflets Are Ready at the District

Fifty thousand leaflets, issued by the Communist Party, New York District, calling upon the workers to fight the fascist lynchings and murderers, to support the Gastonia prisoners, to participate in the Gastonia Defense and Relief Tag Days on September 21 and 22, and to organize Workers Defense Committees, are now ready for distribution. Comrades must call at once for these leaflets. All must be distributed before Sunday.

ARAB TRIBES HIT SAUD AS BRITISH

Battle of 60,000 Near; Maxton, Labor Traitor

Capitalist press reports from Jerusalem and Bagdad indicate that three large confederacies of tribes have risen against Ibn Saud, sultan of Nejd and king of Hedjaz, and until recently governing the larger part of Arabia. Armies of 30,000 on each side are nearing battle. The revolt seems to be directed as much against British imperialism as against the native ruler. The quarrel seems to have started in 1927 when Ibn Saud's right hand man, Feisal El Dawish, leader of the Mutair tribesmen, and the Ajman confederation, headed by Ibn Hithlain, began to raid into the British mandate of Iraq. (Continued on Page Three)

HAIL COMMUNIST TRIUMPH SEPT. 27

Celebrate Ten Years' Struggle at Rally

Mobilization of New York workers under Communist Party leadership, to fight against the fascist terror of the employers and their government, will sound the keynote of the combined celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Communist Party and election campaign rally on Friday night, September 27, at Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave. The story of ten years of struggle of the American working class, ten (Continued on Page Two)

Report on Cleveland Conference Will Be Given Here Saturday

A report on the Cleveland Trade Union Conference will be given Saturday at 1 o'clock, at Irving Plaza, Irving Place, and 15th St., at the conference of the Metropolitan Area Trade Union Center. Other reports will include Negro Work by Otto Hall, T.U.U.L. organizer, also reports on work among women and youth activities. The conference, it was announced (Continued on Page Two)

HUNTED BY 50 AUTOMOBILES OF GUNMEN LED BY GASTONIA POLICEMAN ROACH; WERE TO SPEAK AT BLACKSBURG RALLY

All National Textile Workers Organizers to Meet Sunday to Defeat Bosses' Terror; Intensify Campaign For Charlotte Conference

Mass Meeting to Condemn Murder of Ella May, Protest Continued Terror, to Be Held in New York Friday; Communist Municipal Candidates to Speak

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 19.—Three more union and International Labor Defense organizers narrowly escaped from the murderous terror of the bosses' black fascist gangs last night. Hubert Carrol and Sam Phifer of the National Textile Workers' Union and Paul Shepard of the I. L. D. went to Blacksburg to speak to the mill workers there. When they arrived at one of the worker's homes, they were informed that the Lory gang was there under the leadership of Charles Roach, a Gastonia policeman who, according to testimony presented at the trial of the Gastonia textile leaders, fired the first shot at the raid on the tent colony June 7. This gang had been roaming the town for hours, looking for victims of their vicious brutality, threatening that if the speakers came they would be lynched. The three organizers immediately sent word through a union member to the workers, that the meeting would be postponed, as the workers were not sufficiently prepared to defend themselves against the murderous onslaught of such a large gang. The three then got into their car and left town. As they drove through the streets they were spotted, and bosses' gangs pursued them in numbers of cars bristling with riot guns furnished them by the Lory mill and the Gastonia police department. Fortunately the union auto was fast enough to outdistance the bloodthirsty fascist gang. A conference of all organizers of the N. T. W. U. will be held next Sunday to plan a campaign to resist the offensive of the bosses.

Roach



Charles Roach, Gastonia policeman who led the latest fascist attack yesterday. Roach, according to testimony presented at the Gastonia trial, fired the first shot at the Aderholt raid on the tent colony. He also took a couple of shots at a stand proprietor several hours before the raid, but when the trial came up all witnesses were "absent."

TEND HUGE MEETS TO PUSH FIGHT ON MILL TERROR

Communist Candidates Will Speak

"Organize strikes for Gastonia defense! Combat the fascist violence of the capitalist state! Organize Workers Defense Corps! Form a broad united front in the shops against the boss offensive. Struggle against the parties of the capitalist class by fighting for the Party of the working class!" These will be the central slogans to which thousands of New York workers will respond tonight in protest meetings against Gastonia mill-boss terror in which Ella May Wiggins, active union organizer, was murdered. Broad mass movements, with the International Labor Defense and the Workers International Relief as a base, will be launched at the key meeting of the series at Central Opera House, 67th St. and Third Ave. Communist Candidates to Speak. William W. Weinstein, Communist Party candidate for Mayor, (Continued on Page Two)

MILL OUTRAGES DEFY LABOR

I. L. D. Head Calls All To Answer Blows

The bleeding body of Cleo Tessner, lying on a cot in a local hotel; thirteen strikers and organizers caged like wild animals in the local county jail, facing death, and the dynamite (Continued on Page Three)

Ella May, Murdered, Lives in Her Songs of Class Strife

Southern Workers Will Never Forget Songstress Who Gave Life for the Union

By JESSIE LLOYD. (Federated Press.) GASTONIA, N. C.—Ella May Wiggins was a heroine long before her death. Twenty-nine and widowed, she worked the 60-hour week at the American Mills in Bessemer City, and supported her five little children—the oldest 11—on a \$9 wage. Some women would find that enough to sap their energy. But when the call to union came, Ella May answered with her whole heart and soul, and worked without fear or fatigue. For she had reason to know the needs for union. Of nine children that she had borne before the age of 29, four had died. It is hard to keep youngsters healthy on the mill wage, and when a spell of whooping cough came, Ella May grew desperate. "Change me to the day shift," she had begged the company, "so (Continued on Page Two)

WORKERS INDIGNANT

Terror continues, and bitter indignation among the workers is tense. For the next few days it may operate underground, but at any moment it may break out again into open violence—gangs of mill superintendents, overseers, their hirelings and police sweeping through the state, shooting unarmed workers as Ella May was shot, beating organizers as Wells, Tessner, Oehler, Gerson, Harry and Martin were beaten, and carrying out their threats of lynching. Capitalist papers are proclaiming that the terror is over, that "the decent citizens of North Carolina have come to their senses" and "that the governor has control and supremacy of law has been re-established." The beating of Tessner and the attempt to victimize three organizers last night gives the lie to this pretense that the state stands against the fascist terror. With the full cooperation of the local government authorities and the open condonation of capitalist newspaper editors, fascists still have complete control of the forces that rule Gaston County and continue to ride rough-shod over every right of the workers. The life of every organizer and active member of the N. T. W. U. is in jeopardy. Slaughter continues on two fronts, legal and fascist, with hegemony in the hands of the mill barons. While maintaining the pretense of impartiality, and spreading illusions of the "classless" character of the state, public officials and editors give full support to the fascists, blaming all violence upon the unionists. Those who have been identified by witnesses as leaders of fascist gangs, namely, Solicitor Carpenter and Major Bulwinkle, are white-washed, while lesser lackeys of the bosses are indicted in order to keep up the illusion that "the state punishes lawlessness on the part of Communists and anti-Communists alike." But when they are tried, these hirelings will also be white-washed. Declaring that he did not believe Saylor's testimony that Carpenter and Bulwinkle were in the gang that kidnapped Wells, Lell and Saylor, Judge Shaw refused to call to the witness stand other witnesses who would identify these two Manville-Jenkes lackeys, and they are free to continue their generalship of fascist forces. One of the weapons of the bosses is legal persecution of organizers of the N. T. W. U., the I. L. D. and the W. I. R. Seven organizers arrested and charged with conspiracy to overthrow the government last week were released and the charges were thrown out of court as there was absolutely no evidence against them. Similarly this morning Caroline Drew, representative of the W. I. R., was tried in Gastonia on a charge of possessing liquor. It was so manifestly framed up that Solicitor Carpenter, admitting that there was no evidence, threw the case out of court. Such cases interfere with the work of the organizers and add to the enormous expenses of the I. L. D. and therefore these cases multiply. Schultze, an N. T. W. member who was distributing literature yesterday (Continued on Page Three)

