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## Defend the John Browns of Today

On December 2, 1859, John Brown, famous fighter against chattel slavery, who sought to free the Negro slaves by insurrection, was hung at Charlestown, West Virginia, for an attack on the United States arsenal at Harper's Ferry.

In 1861 the State of Georgia, then in armed rebellion against the federal government, under the banner of secession and slavery, passed a law making punishable by death any "inciting to insurrection."

Tomorrow, that law, which was enacted by the Southern slave-owners to prevent their slaves from breaking their chains, will be invoked before the capitalist court at Atlanta, Georgia, in a demand that two Communist organizers, H. M. Powers and Joe Carr, be sent to death in the electric chair for "inciting to insurrection."

The State of Georgia, through Solicitor General Hudson, demands the death penalty against Powers and Carr, because these proletarian abolitionists of wage slavery spoke at a meeting of both Negro and white workers and distributed leaflets in the name of the Communist Party. This, to the Southern capitalists, is "inciting to insurrection." Meanwhile seven workers face 20 years each in prison for organizing the textile workers of Gastonia against wage slavery, and the Georgia capitalists invoke the law of 1861 in the hope of preventing their wage-slaves from breaking their chains.

Seventy-one years have passed since John Brown was hung for fighting chattel slavery, which was wiped out as an incident in the capitalist development of wage slavery. Today the Communist Party is fighting against wage slavery, and Powers and Carr, along with the Gastonia prisoners, are the historic symbols of the forces of freedom fully as significant as was John Brown.

Powers and Carr are the proletarian John Browns of today, and the American working class—indeed the whole world proletariat—appreciating the vast political meaning of their trial, must arise as one man to defend freedom against slavery, to demand and to enforce the demand, that Powers and Carr be not sent to their death by the slave-driving capitalist class.

Rush to defend Powers and Carr!

## A Prophet Without Honor

"I am convinced we have now passed the worst," said Hoover to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce on May 1, referring to the economic crisis. And the papers which reported his speech on May 2, also reported that while Hoover was talking "stocks declined violently" from 2 to 18 points.

"We have attained a stage of recovery," said Hoover on the front page of the N. Y. Times of May 2, and on the back page it was set forth: "240 stock issues down \$1,237,671,061"—and—"Failures last month most numerous recorded for any April."

"We have succeeded in maintaining confidence," said Hoover on Thursday, and a wave of selling threw 6,000,000 shares on the market before Friday night and in the two hour session of Saturday morning 4,862,000 shares were dumped in a panicky liquidation, the greatest dumping in history for the short time the Stock Exchange was open.

There is "continuously decreasing unemployment," said Hoover, with the additional hokum about "we" having had "no substantial reduction in wages." Unfortunately this was met by a statement of Governor Roosevelt of New York saying that "Unemployment has increased rather than decreased since the middle of January," adding that, "Unemployment will increase in May rather than decline." This, while hundreds of thousands of those remaining at work recognize as a lie the Hoover statement that there have been no wage reductions.

The fact is that the crisis is only now beginning to show its more severe character; that Hoover is talking what he knows to be hot air; that by so doing he aims at quieting down the mass discontent resentful of the fact that the government lades out \$3,000,000,000 in three years to the capitalists in tax reductions, and tariff protection, while it refuses the over 7,000,000 unemployed the least penny in relief and social insurance and administers a policy of blackjacks and jails to the unemployed.

The working class will understand Hoover's prophetic hokum for what it is, and will follow the lead of the Communist Party in building the revolutionary trade unions of the Trade Union Unity League, in genuine organization of the unemployed movement around its demands for the great Chicago Convention of July, in persistent campaign to gain new subscribers and support for the Daily Worker, the official organ of the Communist Party, leader of the working class on all fields of struggle against capitalist exploitation.

Workers! Answer Hoover's lies, answer the increased attack on your conditions with energetic action—class against class! Prepare the mass forces which will one day overthrow capitalism and all its misery, hunger and war!

## "DEFEND SOVIET UNION WORKERS WON'T AGREE DAY" ANSWERS FORGERY ROCKEFELLER IS SQUARE

The friends of the Soviet Union, 175 Fifth Ave., yesterday joined in branding the documents made public by Commissioner Whalen, implicating the Amtorg Trading Corporation with alleged activities of the Communist International, as forgeries, and denounced their publication as part of the international campaign to injure and foment war against the Soviet Union.

The statement of the Friends of the Soviet Union declares:

"The recent 'holy crusade' was a miserable flop. The Whalen 'documents' are a new device intended to delude the masses, but what the Pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Manning and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise could not do, Grover Whalen will not be able to do.

"The Friends of the Soviet Union, which is organized for recognition and defence of the Soviet Union, calls upon all workers and sympathizers to reply to Whalen's forgeries by redoubling their efforts in behalf of the Soviet Union and of the Five-Year Plan. We have set aside May 31 as Defend the Soviet Union Day and we call upon all friends of the U. S. S. R. to celebrate the progress of the Five-Year Plan at our outing at Ulmer Park, Brooklyn, on that day."

The Friends of the Soviet Union also announces that it is arranging the first Five-Year Plan exhibition ever held in this country, to open some time this month.

### KILL 4 IN QUARRY

UPTON, Ky., May 4.—At least four workers were killed and nearly a score injured in an explosion in a rock quarry near here yesterday. The quarry is owned by the Consolidated Stone Co. Carelessness on behalf of the bosses caused the death of the workers.

SILVER SPRINGS, Md., May 4.—Mother Jones, 100 years old May Day, is in the grip of her enemies at last. Surrounded in her feeble old age by none but the class collaborationist liberals and A. F. L. leaders, she has been led, according to reports in the capitalist press, to send the following telegram to John D. Rockefeller, Jr.:

"Your good wishes and hopes for continued long life on my one hundredth birthday was a happy surprise and among those messages most appreciated by me. Knowing all the responsibilities on your shoulders, it was a human act to think kindly of me at this time and your message was the expression of a Christian heart."

Does It "Square Things?" She is also reported as saying, "He's a damn good sport," and "this telegram (from Rockefeller) rather squares things."

Workers who remember the slaughter by bullets and by burning to death of men, women and children in the Ludlow massacre, and the strikebreaking by armed force of the Rockefeller through their career, will not follow the aged former militant in her statement (if she is correctly quoted) that a few good wishes "squares things" for all the workers' blood that has been shed.

### Pershing Speaks May Day, Gets 30 Days

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., May 4.—George Pershing, who was arrested at the May Day meeting for speaking without a permit, has been sentenced to five days in jail or to pay a fine of \$100. Phil Frankfeld, who was also arrested, was given a thirty days jail term, or a fine of \$500. Frankfeld is still in jail.

## POWERS, CARR GO TO TRIAL MAY 6; FACE DEATH

"Crime" Is Organizing Workers and Giving Out Leaflets

Held Without Bail Only Might of Toilers Will Save Them

ATLANTA, Ga., May 4.—Keen interest is being displayed by the Negro and white workers of the South, especially those in and around Atlanta, Ga., in the trial of M. H. Powers and Joe Carr, Communist organizers, which starts here Tues-

### SEND GREETINGS TO POWERS AND CARR

All workers and workingclass organizations are urged to send solidarity messages to M. H. Powers and Joe Carr, now in Fulton County Jail. The case of Powers and Carr goes on Tuesday, and they are threatened with death in the electric chair for their militant workingclass activities. Send telegrams to Powers and Carr, Fulton County Court House.

day. If convicted the two workers will be sent to the electric chair.

While at first many workers did not understand the seriousness of the charges against the Communist organizers, with the day of trial almost at hand, they now realize that unless the workers of the country rally to the defense, they will be convicted and sentenced to death.

Powers and Carr were arrested at a mass meeting in Atlanta arranged by the Communist Party and Young Communist League, which was attended by Negro and white workers. They are charged with "inciting to insurrection," which carries with it the death penalty, according to a state law passed in 1861 and made more deadly in 1866. This law has never been used up until the present time. They are (Continued on Page Three)

## 3,000 MARCH IN SAN FRANCISCO

(By Special Wire)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 3.—Three thousand workers, strikers and unemployed, attended the May Day demonstration here at the Civic Center at 1 p. m. Speakers assailed Mayor Rolph's lying promises made to the March 6 unemployment demonstration that he would do something for them.

After the meeting, the demonstration marched in parade down Market St., and other streets, passing many factories. At the evening meeting in Civic Auditorium, 600 attended, and 13 new members of the Communist Party were secured. The evening mass meeting of the "May Day Federation," a mixed body of socialists and labor leaders with some renegades from the Communist Party, was a failure. This "Federation" had refused to accept the Communist Party program of struggle, and the workers would have nothing to do with it. San Francisco is established now in May Day as the revolutionary day of the workers.

## Arrest Los Angeles Defense Organizer

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Frank Spector, International Labor Defense district organizer, arrested several days ago, has been taken to the Imperial Valley where he is lodged in jail. The charge is under the sedition law. No bail has been set as yet. He was arrested as a result of the I. L. D. activity in behalf of the 11 Imperial Valley workers who are held in \$5,000 bail each.

## CUT WAGES IN STEEL

### A. F. of L. Union Helps Bosses' Slash

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, May 2.—All puddlers and finishing mill crews were cut 25 cents per ton on First of May. About 3,500 men are affected by this latest reduction. The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin workers, the organization that first betrayed the great steel strike of 1919, is a partner with

## 25,000 Chicago Workers on the March



May 1, 1930, in Chicago, as the workers paraded down Maypole Ave. from Ashland Ave. on their way to Ashland Boulevard Auditorium. The workers answered the call of the Communist Party to continue the struggle of March 6 against unemployment, wage cuts, speed-up, for the seven-hour day, five-day week, for social insurance and against the entire capitalist system.

## ITALIAN-FRENCH RIVALRY MOUNTS

Hasten Navy Building; Others Must Follow

Official admission of a naval arms race between France and Italy was made in Paris yesterday. This, in turn, will intensify the arms competition between the two leading imperialist powers, Great Britain and the United States.

The fascist government has made plans for laying down 29 new battleships this year for war purposes. The first step for the actual building of these ships was made immediately after the close of the London conference.

At the same time plans were made public at Toulon last Thursday for huge French naval maneuvers off the coast of Algeria in connection with the French president's official visit to that country. These maneuvers, which are viewed as an open demonstration against their Italian rivals, is scheduled for May 13 and will be the largest staged in the Mediterranean in years. A dispatch to yesterday's New York Herald Tribune states:

"Another incident stressing what may be termed Franco-Italian naval rivalry, as given impetus by the London conference, is the Italian announcement made yesterday of a prompt naval building program which will increase Rome's smaller vessels. It is certain, however, amicable the French Mediterranean naval display may be in intent, it will attract much comment on the Italian peninsula."

## INDIA RULED BY ONE ENGLISHMAN

Even Fake Government Suspended.

Indian dispatches state that British imperialism's appointed ruler of India, Viceroy Irwin, has prorogued (suspended) both the Executive Council of the British-Indian government and the Legislative Assembly, which has served as a futile sham of native rule. This means that the growing revolutionary situation is so serious that England is forced to abolish even the miserable pretense of "democratic" government and that the British "Labor" regime is imposing a direct and open dictatorship on India without any disguises.

That this step is not due to Gandhi's pacifist foolery but to the revolutionary masses, is shown by the fact that his "salt" movement is dying out in Bombay and has marked support only in the Gujarat district; while at the same time British troops are patrolling the streets of Calcutta and Madras after violent mass actions there, and also at Lahore and Amritsar. In addition, orders are issued against "seditious meetings" not only in the "salty"

## Get Into Line With the Drive For the 'Daily'

An organization without a publication is like a man who has lost his voice. The Communist Party has advanced in tremendous strides recently on all fields precisely because it has used the Daily Worker to rally great masses of workers to its program of revolutionary class struggle.

Continuously, the Communist Party has been called upon to rush to the defense of workers under attack and to drain every resource of the Daily Worker to send out, without regard to the fact that they could not be paid for, hundreds of thousands, even millions, of Daily Workers to aid the striking miners, to defend the Gastonia prisoners, to help Powers and Carr, to rally great masses on March 6 and to mobilize the workers for May Day.

No worker, recognizing the great service the Daily Worker has already rendered to the working class, will remain indifferent now that the paper which has been the clarion voice of Communism in so many great fights, calls each and every worker to rally to its support, to make it a personal duty to subscribe to the Daily, to get subscriptions from his fellow workers, to take a contribution list and solicit donations to the fighting Daily, to build up a group of subscribers that will take the daily in bundles for factory distribution.

Everywhere the workers are really anxious to learn more of the Communist Party. Everywhere the worker who approaches his class brothers finds a response to the call of the Daily Worker.

## Madrid Students Raise Red Flag; Fight Police

University students at Madrid, Spain, declared a strike for twenty-four hours Saturday, against police brutality during a student demonstration on Thursday when the students welcomed the return of a prominent republican who was expelled by the dictatorship. The Red Flag was raised on the Medical School Building during the strike by one group of students. Severe clashes between the police and students occurred and about twenty of the student leaders were arrested.

south, but also all along the northern frontier. The European Association at Bombay has urged a "firmer attitude" on the British government, and demanded that processions be prohibited.

## Today in History of the Workers

May 5, 1818—Karl Marx, founder of scientific socialism and leader of First International, born at Treves, Germany. 1821—Order issued by authorities of Wycomb, England, for whipping of all unemployed. 1871—Rosa Luxemburg, German Communist leader and one of founders of Spartacus group, born in Samost, Russian Poland. 1920—Workers of General Electric Co. at Schenectady, N. Y., struck. 1920—Sacco and Vanzetti arrested on framed up murder charge. 1923—National Conference of Needle Trades Workers met under auspices of Trade Union Educational League in New York

## ARMED PRISON GUARDS ON MAY 1

Minor Is Ill in Jail Hospital

Double shifts of armed guards patrolled Welfare Island on May 1, the International Labor Defense, 80 East 11th St., New York City, learned yesterday. The five leaders of the March 6 unemployment demonstration—William Z. Foster, Robert Minor, Israel Amter, Harry Raymond and Joseph Leston—are confined on this island, and apparently the authorities feared that the message of May Day solidarity would reach the spokesmen of the unemployed, resulting in the guard being established. Probably the prison authorities feared the May Day Parade might turn in that direction.

A decision on the demand to release the imprisoned workers on bail while their case is appealed to the Appellate Division may be given Monday. Last week Joseph R. Brodsky and Robert H. Elder, International Labor Defense attorneys appeared before the Supreme Court and requested that they be granted bail pending the appeal. The plea was "taken under advisement," but it was hinted that the decision would be handed down shortly after May 1. If the Supreme Court refuses to allow the prisoners out on bail they will have to stay on Welfare Island until the Appellate Division acts on the appeal.

Attorney Brodsky visited the prisoners on the island yesterday and told them about the plans being made to appeal the case.

Minor is still in the prison hospital and is quite ill with chronic appendicitis. Foster, Amter and Raymond are in their cells most of the day.

When the imprisoned workers heard of the successful May Day parade and demonstrations held in New York City and other sections of the country, they expressed their satisfaction on the militant workingclass spirit displayed, which they view as a fitting answer to their jailing for leading 110,000 workers on March 6. They point out that even more workers turned out on May 1, at least 150,000 being massed in and around Union Square. Reports on the huge demonstrations held in other sections of the country were received very enthusiastically.

### ZIONIST FAKERS ASK FUNDS

To aid the imperialist-supported Zionist movement in Palestine, a campaign has been started in New York for the collection of \$2,500,000. Funds raised in this drive will be handled by the Joint Distribution Committee and its Palestine Jewish Agency, which works hand in glove with British imperialism.

## 200 MEN RUN INDUSTRY

### Banker, Politician, Boast of Czarism

Concentration of power over the living conditions of 120 millions of people in the hands of less than 200 men was admitted by Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat, in a speech before the National Democratic Club booming Gov. Roosevelt for president on the power issue. Senator Wheeler quoted a banker as saying: "In my estimation about 50 or

## JOBLESS ARE FACTOR IN DAYTON PLUMBER STRIKE; INSURANCE DEMAND MADE

Plumbers Walk Out May 1, Demand Five-Day Week and Provision for the Unemployed

Truck Drivers Also Out; Many Demonstrate; Organize for Chicago July 4 Convention

DAYTON, Ohio, May 4.—Every effort is to be made to organize the 20,000 unemployed in this city around the demand of work or wages and the five-day week and seven-hour day. The matter is not one merely of general preparation for the national unemployment convention in Chicago, July 4. There is an acute situation. The plumbers and truck drivers have struck, against the wishes of their A. F. L. leaders, and are fighting for the five-day week and for unemployment insurance. Many strikers attended the May Day meeting called here by the Communist Party.

There is a general feeling, that only by united front of the strikers and the thousands of jobless, can progress be made.

### Struck May 1

The rank and file members of the plumbers' union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, called a strike on May 1 for the five-day week and for relief for all unemployed plumbers. The most militant of the members know that their leaders are anxious for them to go back to work and would sell them out in a minute, and the rank and file is determined to fight for their demands. These plumbers are from the largest shops in Dayton and will put up a strong fight in spite of their leaders.

The truck drivers also declared a strike beginning on May 1 and intend to stick to their battle against their bosses.

### 10 Cents an Hour

This is in the fair city of Dayton where the chief of police stated that everyone is satisfied and the workers' conditions are the best in the country and that no one was going to come in to tell them any different.

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## CHIANG BRIBES MORE WAR LORDS

Prepares War Against Yen and Feng

Shanghai reports recently show that Chiang Kai-Shek is again ready to use "silver bullets," which are partly squeezed from the Chinese workers and peasants and partly supplied by his American imperialist masters. By bribing, he seeks to "win" over as many northern war lords for American imperialism as he can before actual fighting starts.

In the meantime, Chiang Kai-Shek is making feverish preparations for the inevitable war with Yen Hsi-Shan and Feng Yu-Hsiang, the agents of Japanese and British imperialism in China.

A Hongkong Chinese newspaper reports that the imperialist diplomatic corp in Peking called a special meeting April 1, discussing the question of the formation of a new government by Yen and Feng in Peking. A certain diplomat (presumably the Japanese Ambassador in China) strongly supported the idea of forming a new government in Peking. But on account of the opposition from the American Ambassador and another representative from a European country, they decided to postpone the discussion and wait for further developments.

### CLOSE ASIATIC EXPEDITION

MOSCOW, May 4.—The Modern Graves North Asiatic Expedition for the American Academy of Natural Science has discontinued its work in the Soviet Union for this year, it was announced today. Unfavorable climatic conditions caused the step.

## WHALEN FALTERS ON FORGERIES

Woll and Others Aid Enemies of USSR

Fearful of complete exposure of his collaboration with Russian white-guardist forgers, Chief Cossack Whalen, in a letter written Saturday to Peter A. Bogdanov, chairman of the board of directors of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, refused to permit an examination of the original forgeries.

Whalen's letter was in reply to a demand by Bogdanov that he submit his scurrilous and obvious forgeries to a public examination. Bogdanov's letter points out that the publication of the letters is designed to injure the trade between the Soviet Union and the United States.

A statement issued by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the United States of America clearly showed the crude forgeries of all the documents issued by Whalen, which he undoubtedly obtained from czarist forgers who have been attempting to peddle the fakes in other countries.

Whalen's latest letter says nothing about the genuineness of the documents which he handed to the capitalist dons sheets, showing that even his skill may have been penetrated with the fact that they are the baldest forgeries ever to be published by czarist enemies of the Soviet Union to stir up war moves against the Workers' Republic.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Representatives Fish and Hamilton both said they would push their resolu-

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## MAY 1 MEETINGS IN ANTHRACITE

(By Special Wire)

SCRANTON, Pa., May 2.—Meetings at Scranton and Wilkes-Barre in the anthracite coal region were attacked by he police and speakers arrested.

Over 800 miners at Scranton met to demonstrate on May Day, in Scranton Square. When Phil Frankfeld was arrested, they followed him as he was taken away and demanded his release and right to address them. He was later released on bond.

John Pershing and Dan Slinger of the National Miners Union were arrested in Wilkes Barre when they spoke to 300 gathered in the Square. They are held for hearing today.

Indoor meetings were held in Hanover and Luerne.

## LEAVE SICK WAR VETS DIE WITHOUT ANY CARE

That sick and disabled war veterans are left to die because of lack of medical treatment was the forced admission made Saturday night by O. L. Bodenhamer, national commander of the American Legion, at a dinner given at the Hotel Astor. "As conditions are now," reluctantly admitted the fascist officer, "the veteran is lucky to get necessary care within two or three years of the time that urgent need is made apparent. Meanwhile, the disabled veteran has been waiting as best he could, if he still lives." Yet the American Legion is one of the leading organizations working with the government against the ex-servicemen.



# AMALGAMATED BAKERS EXPOSE BURKHARD AND GO TO JOIN NEW UNION

## Faker Had Called Meeting of All Locals With Promise to Discuss New Agreement

## Members Disgusted When Found Clique Had No Plan to Improve Conditions; Smash Meeting

Mass rebellion developed among the rank and file of the bakers' locals belonging to the Amalgamated Food Workers at a special meeting of members of all these locals, held Saturday at the Brooklyn Labor Gymnasium.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 were present and the meeting was scheduled to discuss the wage scale, the old scale having expired May 1. The Burkhard clique launched into a diatribe against the Food Workers' Industrial Union and the Trade Union Unity League. Showering threats of expulsion and other punishments against any militants who might show themselves, Burkhard and his henchmen talked of the great fight they were going to wage for the eight-hour day and five-day week, but, of course, not until they judged conditions ripe, some time in the future, no immediate plans for it.

The members of the bakers' locals had been told when the matter of new agreements came up that there would be a full discussion and decision at this meeting Saturday. Many, in disgust, left the hall. Some took the floor and exposed the Burkhard machine as a sell-out clique. One member stood up and offered to prove Burkhard was elected only by a trick. Miller, the reactionary chairman of the meeting, would not give him the floor for that purpose.

# 1,500 MEET AT CALIF. CAPITOL WORKERS BATTLE MONTREAL POLICE

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 4.—Fifteen hundred May Day demonstrators in the Plaza showed great interest in the Communist Party program, defense of the Soviet Union, and the struggles against imperialist war.

At a street meeting in the evening, police attacked and broke up a crowd of 500. The workers are indignant, and ask the establishment of a Communist Party hall, and organization.

The Sacramento slave market is glutted, with the prevailing wages \$2 a day and board.

# BIG MASS MEETING AND PARADE THRU PATERSON

PATERSON, N. J. (By Mail).—In spite of police action against the spreading of the May Day Call, thousands of employed and unemployed demonstrated at the City Hall, crowding on the sidewalks and far into the streets.

The Communist Party, Young Communist League and Trade Union Unity League speakers exposed the government brutality against the unemployed.

A resolution demanding the release of the New York Unemployment delegates and for stronger fights for work or wages was unanimously adopted.

Ending the City Hall monster mass meeting with a resolution for struggle for the 7-hour day 5-day week, and against war on the U. S. S. R., the workers joined the first May Day parade held here in many years, and marched singing and cheering through mill and working class sections. Industry and business was practically at a standstill as the workers greeted and cheered the parade. "Defend the Soviet Union," "Long live the N. T. W. U.," "Build the C. P. and Y. C. L." were slogans enthusiastically applauded by the workers at the mill windows.

The parade was followed by hundreds on the sidewalks, and many joined in the march.

At Union Hall, thousands massed at the door and cheered for the unity of the working class, against the bosses.

Soon the hall was packed. A short meeting was held. M. Kuschinsky, organizer of N. T. W. U., spoke, calling to join and support the C. P. and revolutionary trade unions.

# IMPERIALIST WAR THREAT IN TARIFF

Economists Admit It. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 4.—That the pending tariff bill threatens war with other competing imperialist powers was the gist of a series of papers read by leading bourgeois economists at the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, now in session here.

"If we breed antagonism we may expect American business to be hopelessly harassed to the four corners of the globe, and we shall have no recourse," said Dr. Dennis, one of the speakers. He could have finished his remarks by adding, "We shall have no recourse but war."

All the papers read bristled with instances of sharp competition between the United States and Great Britain for the control of the world markets and sources of raw materials.

Tell the Advertiser—"I Saw Your Ad in The Daily Worker."

# Armed Revolt, Not Salt



Gandhi hopes to throttle the Indian revolution by turning the revolutionary will of the masses into harmless channels, such as the illegal manufacture of salt. (The picture shows his adherents after the manufacture of a pot of salt at the Manu River.) But already vast sections of the people in every part of the country are passing over to armed revolt against British imperialism.

# VA. NEGROES DEFY TERROR

NORFOLK, Va., May 4.—Two hundred Negro workers defied all attempts of the police and bosses to intimidate them at their first May Day meeting here. Norfolk police and detectives were trying hard to keep them away, but failed.

The crowd heard Joe Keen, of the International Labor Defense, and George Carter, of the American Negro Labor Congress, tell of the significance of May Day, and many there joined the I. L. D. and A. N. L. C.

A meeting to demand the release of Powers and Carr, facing a trial that may end in the death sentence for distributing leaflets in Atlanta, will be held here May 12.

# NATIVES REBEL IN SO. AFRICAN CITY

South African reports state that at Worcester, several policemen were killed Sunday in a clash with natives, evidently in an attack on the natives, such as those recently carried out at Cape Town, in an effort to force the payment by Negro workers of a head tax to benefit their British oppressors. At Worcester the police were forced to retreat leaving the dead ones behind, as the natives were in control of part of the town. Reinforcements to the police were being rushed from Cape Town as the battles continue.

# WALL ST. WANTS MORROW IN MEXICO FOR PRESENT

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Dwight W. Morrow, leading member of the firm of Morgan & Co., Wall Street, lately returned from the London race-for-arms conference, declared yesterday that he would decline the job of U. S. Senator from New Jersey. He will return to Mexico as U. S. ambassador to give direct instructions to the Rubio fascist dictatorship.

Morrow's real reason for declining the job and entering the elections as candidate for the senatorship were not stated in his letter to Governor Larson. Stark defeat faced him in the coming elections—and with it defeat of all the Hoover policies. Morrow and his Morgan associates in the government did not want to take the risk at this time. Hence he will carry out Wall Street's policies in other government posts.

# Yonkers Cops Break May 1 Demonstration

YONKERS, N. Y., May 4.—Despite police refusal to issue a permit, over 500 workers gathered here on May Day at City Plaza, on the call of the Communist Party. A group of comrades passed the police lines with the speakers' platform. T. P. Barrett, who was chairman of the meeting, had barely begun to speak, when he was thrown off the stand by a detective and arrested. McLoughlin then got up, but he too was immediately pinched. Another speaker was not permitted to get on the box, and the cops then dispersed the workers.

# Trial for Strike 17 Miners Go To

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., May 4.—Freeman Thompson, president of the National Miners' Union and 17 other active members of the organization, will go on trial here on May 5 for their activity during the recent miners' strike in this state.

# Punish Pioneers for May Day Talks

Because they told their fellow school children the meaning of May Day, the international revolutionary working-class fighting day, Florence Seldin, Eli Cohen and her brother were demoted one term by the principal of Public School 188 at 3314 Neptune Ave., Coney Island.

All of those punished by the Tammany school principal are members of the Young Pioneers. Their "crime" was informing other school children of the slogans of the workers for May Day.

# Jobs, Gives First Earned Dollar to ILD

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 4.—A Negro worker of this city, who had been unemployed for seven months, after receiving his first week's pay amounting to \$12.60, donated \$1 to the International Labor Defense, to defend the workers arrested in connection with the May Day Demonstration.

# UMW CONVENTION SPLITS ON SCALE

HAZELTON, Pa., May 4.—Conditions of miners are so horribly bad in the anthracite, the official United Mine Workers policy of always helping the boss interpret contracts to his advantage and selling out the workers with secret contracts, that even the delegates in the machine controlled tri-district U. M. W. convention here revolted yesterday.

John Lewis, international president of the Indianapolis section of the U. M. W., had his henchmen on the scale committee bring in a proposal for a contract at the same rates as the last one, and a promise of no raises. There is a general understanding that Lewis, Boylan and others of the clique have already agreed to a new contract, beginning Sept. 1, on the basis of a wage cut, either open and recognized, or by interpretation of the contract.

# Vote Down Report.

Dozens of delegates denounced the committee's report, and the report was voted down, in the face of every effort of the administration machine.

Debate was closed yesterday at noon, and the convention adjourned until tomorrow, by which time the Lewis Boylan gang will have some new trick to force adoption of their program.

The National Miners' Union is distributing leaflets to the miners at and around the convention, calling on them to prepare and organize for a strike Sept. 1, against the wishes of Lewis, and for wage raises and recognition of their own pit committees.

# One Way to Duck Dinner; Walker Goes to Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda, May 4.—Yesterday Mayor Walker arrived incognito, and received a royal welcome from the suave British authorities. "Incognito" means unknown, but this is a special political kind of "incognito."

The whole wide world knows Walker went to Bermuda, nobody believes he is sick, and the question is only, how much of a quarrel is there inside Tammany?

On the sixth, Whalen gets a dinner, from some of the anti-Walker faction as well as some of Walker's bosses. Dreadfully embarrassing thing for Walker, who doesn't want the open scandal of refusing to go to the Whalen dinner, and certainly doesn't want it ever thrown up to him that he was there.

But if the honorable mayor of New York were ill, politically or otherwise, and "incognito" in Bermuda at the same time, well, that ought to be an excuse for not eating at a Whalen dinner.

Walker starts back from Bermuda Wednesday, day after the dinner.

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# Beaten by Police May 1



This Negro worker, who marched in the New York demonstration under the leadership of the Communist Party, was attacked by one of Whalen's co-sacks because he was selling Communist pennants. (Photo by a Worker photographer.)

# RAIN IN BUFFALO BUT 3,000 MEET

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 4.—Despite the heavy rain storm, over 3,000 came out in May Day demonstration yesterday. Speakers were Siroko, Harvey, Melvin and the representative of the Iroquois Indian tribe, Chief Thundervoice. The spirit of the workers was splendid. At night there were Red rallies, featuring the Indian speaker in war costume.

# COPS USE WHIPS AT MINER MEET

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., May 4.—The May Day demonstration here was attacked by police and coal company and United Mine Workers thugs with clubs and whips. Whip lashes rained about the heads and shoulders of the miners. One miner, Dujon Ivkovich received a broken head, in which three stitches were necessary. Speakers Early and Ries were beaten up.

# FIGHT DEPORTATION OF WORKERS TO CHINA

Two Chinese workers arrested in San Francisco in connection with the May Day demonstration there, are facing deportation to China, which would mean certain death at the hands of the Chiang Kai-shek Nanking government.

The International Labor Defense is fighting the case. The federal authorities secretly took them to Angel Island, but the International Labor Defense managed to have bail set preventing immediate deportation. The Chinese workers are Chang Dea and Fung Dea. The arrests followed the holding of open air meetings in Chinatown.

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# 5,000 BRAVE RAIN AT MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 4.—Braving a heavy rain storm, 5,000 striking and jobless workers demonstrated at Minneapolis Bridge Sq. yesterday. They then paraded with many banners and two Red flags to the court house, where Carl Reeve, Communist Party district organizer, read the resolution presenting the demands of the demonstrators, and the workers unanimously voted for it. Reeve read from the court house steps, surrounded by police.

The parade marched through the business centers in the driving storm and dispersed at the Communist Party offices.

In an evening meeting at Humboldt Hall speakers Reeve, Charles Carson, Stover and an unemployed worker, Stern, spoke.

The St. Paul demonstration was held at Rice Park, with Rebecca Grecht as the main speaker. The workers braved the storm to demonstrate.

# Labor and Fraternal Organizations

Daily Worker Conference, South Brooklyn, Borough Park, Bath Beach, Wednesday, May 7, 1930

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# 'Apron Strings' Has Freudian Idea as the Principal Theme

Forrest C. Harding is presenting a new play, "Apron Strings," a comedy by Dorrance Dais, at the 48th St. Theatre. "Apron Strings" is not exactly what the title implies, for the name conjures up another version of the theme beloved by Frank Craven and another current comedy, "Broken Dishes," with Donald Meek. However, in this case the apron strings are not tied to a long suffering husband to be broken at last with comedy complications, but to the fiancée of a prosperous mid-western family.

Returning to the bosom of her family from a summer hotel, where she has met the afore-said lad, the first act shows the introduction of the youth into the girl's household, and it is learned, that the youth is suffering from a mother complex. His parent, now dead, left behind her a trunk full of letters containing instructions to her boy, covering practically any situation in which he may find himself in later life. Dominated by his mother while she was alive, the boy continues to seek her support in the letters. Rather a novel idea but unfortunately not worked out as well as it might be and overplayed by every member of the cast but Roger Pryor and Jefferson de Angelis.

Withal, it provides an interesting evening in the theatre. With a tuning down here and there and a speeding up in other places, "Apron Strings" might go farther than it does in its present shape.

Frank Monroe gives a good portrayal of the matter-of-fact father of the girl. Audrey Dale, as the daughter of the house, is satisfactory, but, as previously stated, Roger Pryor, as the inhibited fiancée, and Jefferson de Angelis, as his old family lawyer, carry away the acting honors.

SCENE FROM "OLD AND NEW."

Eisenstein's latest Sovkino film, "Old and New," now being shown at the Cameo Theatre.

# NEW SOVKINO FILM OPENS AT SECOND AVE. PLAYHOUSE WEDNESDAY

The Second Ave. Playhouse succeeded in hooking a new Sovkino picture, "Jewish Luck," by Solomon Alechem, as a first premier showing in America. This film will start on Wednesday. On the same program will be shown the latest Soviet news reel showing many important current events in the U. S. S. R.

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# TULIP HOSIERY TOILERS SWINDLED BY BOSSES, OUT ON STRIKE AGAIN

(By a Worker Correspondent)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The strikers of the Tulip Hosiery Mills, having been promised "arbitration" to result in bettering their conditions, returned to work last week.

This week, seeing that nothing came of the "arbitration," the entire mill went out again, 100 per cent of the workers responding and establishing picket lines.

The bosses claimed that the strike (the new one) was caused by illogical demands of the workers who had not completed a four years' "apprenticeship." Previously the bosses were willing to negotiate. Some of the "illogical" demands was the shortening of the 13-hour day prevailing in this factory. No doubt

all bosses are agreed that 13 hours a day is a logical workday for girl workers.

Instead of the A. F. of L. officials of the Carpet Weavers' Union calling all the workers out on strike against a 30 per cent wage cut at the Hardwick and Magee Carpet Co., here, only 12 workers, those directly affected by the cut, were called out on strike. This is a typical tactic of the A. F. of L. misleaders and is an example of how not to win a strike and win demands. The workers of both the Tulip Hosiery and Hardwick and Magee should join the National Textile Workers' Union for real gains.

—PHILADELPHIA WORKER.

## Bad to Worse for Trenton Cigar Slaves

(By a Worker Correspondent)

TRENTON, N. J.—The condition of the American cigar workers of Trenton is getting from bad to worse. Wages are cut every day. If we should compare conditions of a few years ago which were by no means any too good we will find that the conditions at the present are worse than they ever before.

In 1927 we used to get 80 cents for a 100 straight cigars; in 1928 it was cut to 70 cents and today we are only getting 60 cents for the same amount of cigars. The bosses don't give a damn if we only make five or seven dollars a week. The boss, Mr. Gold, gets more in a day

than many of us get in a month, not because he is doing hard work but because he knows how to squeeze the last ounce of energy out of us and turn it into profit.

These are our conditions at the present in the American Cigar Company of Trenton, N. J.

The only way that I can see how to better our rotten conditions is to organize in a union which will fight these rotten conditions. The only union that will fight at the present and will really take up a struggle against these conditions is the Tobacco Workers Industrial League affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League.

## Sun Ship Has Agencies to Snare Cheap Labor in Many Cities

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHESTER, Pa.—I am writing something on the conditions in Sun Shipyard.

The Sun Shipyard is maintaining employment agencies in various cities in order to fool the workers about the miserable wages and conditions under which they are compelled to work. The A. F. of L. representative here has been asked by letter if the Sun Shipyard has a strike on because of the fact that they have an agency in Newark, N. J.

The situation warrants a strike, but the A. F. of L. has not tried to organize the workers.

The T. U. U. L. is trying to. The company is pursuing a policy of discharge to those who do not want to work piece-work or overtime. Workers from all over the country come and many do not stay long, because of speed-up and small pay.

Sun Ship workers must join the T. U. U. L. and those who have been laid off, the unemployed council, and demonstrate on May Day under the T. U. U. L. and Communist banner.

—CHESTER WORKER.

## Chester Times Did Not Flash This News on the Front Page as it Did Last Week

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHESTER, Pa.—About 150 workers were thrown out of their jobs when the blast furnace of the Delaware River Steel Co. was closed down for an indefinite period.

The Chester Times did not flash this news on the front page as it did last week when it printed fake news about a 10 per cent raise in the plant of the General Steele Casting Co. There is no such raise that I can learn about and already the Times has admitted that it was a lie. A worker told me he guessed the extra 10 per cent they were talking about was an increase in hours from 9 to 10, but he remarked that they hardly notice a thing like that out there because they work so much overtime anyway.

—CHESTER WORKER.

# Campaign News

### DAILY WORKER 60,000 DRIVE

## Here's the Program for Your Daily Worker Conference and Workers' Mass Organizations

The following concrete program of tasks was adopted by the May Day conference in New York. The languages department of District Two accepted this program for all language fractions as well. All cities should organize permanent Daily Worker conferences for building and supporting our paper, and place this program before the conference for adoption.

1. Have a Daily Worker agent elected in every sympathetic workers' organization.
2. Canvass the members of the organization when they meet and at their homes for subscriptions.
3. Request every workers' organization to subscribe for the Daily Worker out of the organization treasury so that the paper can be read by workers belonging to the organization when they visit its headquarters.
4. Request all organizations to purchase a daily or weekly bundle of the Daily Worker to distribute to its members when they meet.
5. Request the members of the organization to secure readers for the Daily Worker in their shops and neighborhoods.
6. Request the organization to insert advertisements of their affairs in the Daily Worker. Have the organization insert an inch advertisement of the date and place of its meetings once a week for \$5 a month.
7. Request organization to make a money contribution to the Daily Worker to help extend its circulation into new fields.
8. Secure the cooperation of all organizations in bazaars, concerts, motion picture showings, tag days, etc., held to raise money to help publish the Daily Worker.
9. Secure the cooperation of the organization and members of the organization in concrete tasks contained in the Daily Worker campaign problem. In the work of organizing the unorganized workers, demonstrations, strikes, election campaigns, these organizations and its members should help reach workers with the Daily Worker.

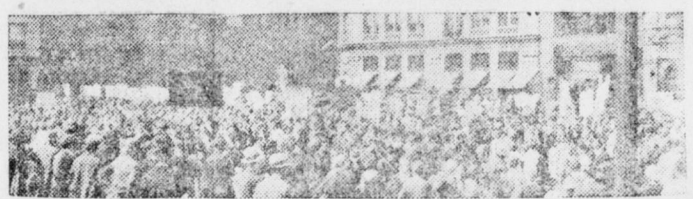
Carrying this program into effect will win our Party thousands of new recruits in the workers' mass organization and will draw these mass organizations into activity in behalf of all our Party tasks.

Cleveland is to be commended for its thorough campaign preparations. All other districts will do well to emulate Cleveland. Philadelphia is registering concrete accomplishments, but has shown weakness in preparatory mobilization of forces for the campaign. Comrades in both districts and nationally will watch with interest the achievements of both districts in their mutual challenge to revolutionary competition.

Just arrived: An order from Cleveland for 800 Daily Workers every day for factory gate, house-to-house and meeting sales.

Philadelphia has concrete achievements to report. Subscriptions secured to date, 55. The bundle order has been increased from 150 a day to 400 a day. A total of 25,000 Daily Workers were distributed in Philadelphia and vicinity and an additional 5,000 in the anthracite section for which \$260 in greetings were secured.

## The Historic May Day March in New York



(Top) workers' ex-servicemen's organization in the revolutionary parade. The sailor in the uniform on the right, when the parade arrived at Union Square, was pulled out of the ranks by Whalen's cossacks and beaten up because he showed his solidarity with the working class. (Second) part of the crowd in Union Square. (Third) section of the Trade Union Unity League in the ranks. Second and third photos by I. L. D. photo group.

## WHALEN FALTERS ON FORGERIES Powers and Carr Face "Death Trial" May 6th

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also to be tried for "circulating insurrectionary papers," which carries a sentence of five to twenty years in prison.

Quote Leaflet.

The bill of particulars issued after the arrest of Powers and Carr, cited the charges against them. It quotes from Communist Party and Young League leaflets which had been distributed to the Negro and white workers.

The arrests are based on the following quotations from the leaflets:

"The program of the Communist Party includes the organization of the working class in every phase of life. It leads the struggles of the workers from the simple, everyday demand for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the workers' government—the proletarian dictatorship."

"Against bosses' wars! Defend the Soviet Union!"

"Smash the National Guard, the C. M. T. C. and R. O. T. C."

Threatens Death.

Solicitor-General Hudson, who will prosecute the case, has stated on several occasions that he will demand the death penalty. In fact, he had the bail of the two workers withdrawn several weeks ago. They are now in prison and are practically held incommunicado, no one being allowed to visit them with the exception of Attorney Hancock, who has been retained by the International Labor Defense to defend the workers.

Hold Defense Conference.

Plans for an extensive campaign for the defense of M. H. Powers and Joe Carr, Communist organizers who go on trial in Atlanta, Ga., on Tuesday, and who, if convicted, will be sentenced to the electric chair, and for the release of the seven Gastonia strike leaders whose appeal will be acted upon any day by the North Carolina Supreme Court, and the hundreds of sedition and deportation cases, many of them in Pennsylvania, were taken yesterday at a conference at the national office of the International Labor Defense, 80 East 11th St., which was attended by representatives of the national office of the organization and the Philadelphia district of the I. L. D.

In commenting on the Whalen forgeries, the New York Times says the following:

"The police are also said to be taking advantage of the factional fights within the Communist Party, as a result of which some Communists formerly prominent in the movement but now expelled are said to have come forward with important data bearing on the intricacies of the operation of the Communist machinery and the links connecting the Communist movement in this country and the Communist International in Moscow."

Revolutionary workers will perforce ask certain renegades whose activities in the past have been very valuable to Whalen and the bosses to explain their implication in the present activities of the chief cossack of New York City.

Negro Toilers Applaud May Speaker, Bayonne

BAYONNE, N. J., (By Mail).—The workers who shortly after the war fought against police bullets at the Standard Oil plants, protested their working conditions and demanded a change in the social system at the May Day demonstration here.

Negro workers especially, were enthusiastic over Sadie Van Veen's speech for the solidarity of all workers, regardless of age, sex, nationality or creed or race.

Revolutionary Greetings to the Communist Party upon the success of May Day Demonstrations

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# BELGIAN IMPERIALISTS SECRETLY IMPRISON AFRICAN NEGRO LEADER

BRUSSELS, Belgium (IPS).—The Negro leader Grenard and the other leaders of the suppressed native mutual aid association sentenced with him, have been secretly transferred under cover of darkness to the penal settlement near Lake Chad on the Northeast frontier of Nigeria. In Leopoldville alone the police discovered 887 members of Grenard's organization and it would appear to have had considerable mass support.

According to the police reports the confiscated material shows that intimate relations existed between Grenard's organization and the Kibango movement. The insurrectionary movement of the prophet Kibango against imperialism led to a number of risings in the lower Congo district, and despite the cruelty with which this movement

was suppressed, it still exists in various parts and particularly in the Belgian Congo. There is, of course nothing surprising in the idea that Grenard's movement maintained relations with the Kibango supporters, but still the information must be accepted with reserve as it may be merely an excuse for a further intensification of the repressive measures.

The imperialist authorities have confiscated about eighty thousand francs collected with great care by the Negroes. In order to justify their action the official thieves now declare that there were bookkeeping irregularities. With this perfidy they hope to conceal the real reason for their action and at the same time to cast base suspicions on the heroic leaders of the Negro emancipation movement.

## Soviet Airmen Who Found Eielson Send Greetings to "Daily"



SLEPNEV

For the second time in less than a year, Soviet aviators have visited this city. This time it was Aviators Slepnev and Fahrig, the Soviet airmen who discovered the bodies of Carl Ben Eielson and Earl Borland. Their visit came directly after the showing of the picture, "Krassin," which depicted the rescue of the survivors of the "Italia," and shortly after the visit of the "Land of the Soviets."

Commander Slepnev asked that his revolutionary greetings be conveyed to the Daily Worker and sent his autographed photo for its columns.

The Soviet aviators sailed April 26 on the Chichibu Maru for Japan enroute to Moscow.

## JOBLESS FACTOR IN DAYTON STRIKE

### May 1st Prepares for July 4th Convention

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ent. Workers in Dayton are exulted to the utmost. Only last week a young worker of 18 told how he had worked for an airplane manufacturer for 10 cents an hour. The National Cash Register workers are employed two and three days a week and almost 50 per cent of the workers are laid off. The Frigidare Company, part of the General Motors, laid off 1,000 workers two weeks ago. Unemployed in Dayton number 20,000.

For the first time in Dayton a May Day demonstration was held. A thousand workers gathered together at the call of the Communist Party at Liberty Park. Many Negro workers and young workers were there. A permit was granted to hold the demonstration and no interference took place.

First Read Daily Worker.

For the first time many of the workers saw the Daily Worker. They bought them up quickly and eagerly read the news. Many workers bought five and ten copies in order to give it to their unemployed fellow-workers.

Rose Clark of the Communist Party and John Zimmer of the Young Communist League spoke. They exposed the free speech bunk of the capitalists.

The speakers called on the workers to join in the free-speech campaign that the Communist Party District Six will launch immediately in the section of Dayton, Cincinnati and Columbus. The workers cheered loudly when they were told the next meeting to be called by the Communist Party would be for open air again, but no permit would be requested. The workers have a right to the use of the streets and they will fight for that right.

The Communist Party slogans, calling on the workers to fight for work or wages, to defend the Soviet Union, against the criminal syndicalist law, for full political and social equality for the workers, etc., were greeted with enthusiasm by the workers.

In the crowd of workers were many of the striking plumbers of Dayton, and when they heard the platform of the Trade Union Unity League, they asked for a speaker to be at their next meeting, because they know that their leaders are anxious to sell them out.

4,000 to 5,000 in New Britain May First

May Day demonstrations also took place in New Britain, where about 4,000 to 5,000 participated, in Springfield, Bridgeport, Waterbury, Hartford, Norwalk, for the first time in the history of that town, and in Portchester.

Build The Daily Worker—Send in Your Share of the 15,000 New

## Basle Building Workers Strike

BASLE, Switzerland (LPS).—The building workers strike in Basle is being continued with determination and enthusiasm. The union still refuses to recognize or support the strike in any way, and the social democratic press thunders against the "wild strike." Only very few strike-breakers have been found to work under police protection. Under the leadership of the Communist Party a great campaign is being conducted in support of the strikers. In a few days 13,000 Francs were collected for the support of the strikers.

The strike of the carpenters and woodworkers is also still proceeding. The builders in Zurich have decided to strike against the will of the reformist leaders. The strike will commence tomorrow. Today the reformists pasted up posters warning the workers against the "wild strike," announcing that no support will be paid out and threatening the workers with expulsion from the union.

## N. Y. Boss Press On May 1st

# MAY DAY RIOTS AS 50,000 JAM SQUARE

One Guess! Who is It? The NEWS in Tabloid

## DAILY MIRROR FINAL

## MAY DAY 30,000 REDS 'SURRENDER' FLOPS AS 30,000 REDS TO WHALEN

## 50,000 REDS QUIT UNION SQUARE WITH NO VIOLENCE OR DISORDER

WHALEN AT THE VETERANS' MAY DAY RALLY

New York evening papers on May Day and morning papers on May 2 were faced with a problem. They have always grotesquely underestimated the strength of workers' demonstrations. But this time the fascist parade was there for comparison. The fascists, by actual count, had 2,000, but lied about it and claimed 10,000. Anybody could see the workers had many times more than the fascists. Papers which accepted the fascist figures of their own march had a merry time deciding what to say about the workers' march.

All the way from 30,000 to 80,000 they gave us. But we know how many there were in each parade and have close estimates on the number in Rutgers Square and those prevented by the police from getting into Union Square. Actual count of the ranks as they passed gives 25,000 marching, with 60,000 at Rutgers and 150,000 around Union Square.

## CUT IN BANK RATES

Discount rates were reduced simultaneously in the leading money markets of the world the day before yesterday, allegedly in the hope of overcoming the economic crisis.

## Persecute 15 New Utrecht High School Pupils for May Day

Fifteen pupils at New Utrecht High School, who staid away from classes on May 1 were sent around to the principal and referred to the board of education. Campbell, acting superintendent of schools, told the principal to hush the matter up and referred them back to the school. They have to bring their parents.

This is the same high school which got so much publicity recently by suppressing its history club, where the students were learning some of the real facts about this capitalist government.

Here, too, a bulletin was given out by the Young Communist League, and Lison, head of the "service squad," beat up a girl distributing them.

## ARRESTED FOR SELLING DAILY WORKER

EDGEWATER, N. J., May 4—Chas. Burke, Mike Mazaika and a third member of the Communist Party were arrested for distributing and selling the Daily Worker in front of Sugar Refining Co. and the Spencer Kellogg Oil Refining Co.

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# THE NEW INQUISITION

By JOSEPH ZACK.

**DURING** the dark middle ages, dark because of the atrocities committed by the papacy and its clergy, to preserve the feudal system against the then rising revolutionary bourgeoisie, the feudal ruling class, led by the papal hierarchy, instituted a regime of black terror that became known as the Holy Inquisition.

The black terror of the Holy Inquisition, "The Tribunal of Faith," became particularly vicious as the peasantry, that is, the serfs, began to join the nascent bourgeoisie of the cities against the churchly feudal lords. This congregation of sadists, Catholic clergy, priests, monks and "sisters" all included, was then headed by his "holiness" Pope Gregory IX. In Altesse, Germany, there is a monument which reminds the world as it is today of the deeds of this dead sadist who applied "the Sword of God" to several thousand traditionally independent peasants who refused to become serfs to the bishops and feudal lords of those days. These simple souls had the idea that the results of their labor should go to those that work and not to the loafing clergy and dukes. Hence, under terrible tortures this population of "heretics" was murdered almost to the last man.

### Inquisition Harasses Poor.

In the south of France, north of Spain and Lombardy, the Inquisition was used against the poor but very numerous *Kathereers*, a people of peasants and handicraftsmen who could not understand that the clergy, feudal lords and their military are entitled to bathe in luxury, while the laboring people should starve and suffer from cholera, pest and other diseases. They got it into their heads that the church is headed not by a "holy man, successor of Christ," but by the devil himself—they looked to Rome, where the high clergy lived in the most sensual pleasures, in the greatest of luxury, where the Vatican was one great fancy boudoir and where everything that they thought that Christ condemned reigned supreme.

For 300 years the masters of Rome were busy rooting out these dangerous ideas through the most fiendish tortures. The monuments to their fantastic fiendishness still lay all over the southern part of France.

No one should think that the Inquisition was per chance one of the "visitations" of the Catholic church, for it was upheld by all the popes for 300 years. The high point of the Inquisition in France was reached when the "holy" Pope Gregory XIII opened the slaughter of the Huguenots (1572) with a "Thank God" service and a memorial Medaille.

The sadistic fiendishness and abysmal depravity of the popes of Rome played its most stupendous orgies however in the country of their greatest reliance, Spain. Here his "Christian Majesty," Philip III, the strong man of the pope in Spain, upheld the Inquisition by transforming the whole country into a phantasmagoria of slaughter and torture. During the 300 years of the Inquisition in Spain, which was to crush the bourgeois opposition to feudalism, various bourgeois historians estimate nearly 400,000 persons, mostly serfs, peasants and artisans, perished in the dungeons of the Inquisition and on the "christian" convict ships of Queen Isabella.

### Hide Class Character.

The church always found a way, of course, to hide the true class-character of its regime. The black terror was supposed to be against the heathen, against the Jews, against the Moors, etc. Never would the church admit that it was against the laboring population and for the preservation of the most barbarous of all systems of exploitation, *Feudalism*. Religious hypocrisy was used to cover the class character of the black terror, just as the bourgeoisie today oppresses in the name of "preservation of democracy."

Toward the end of the black terror the weak sex, the women, became the object of the sadistic pleasures of the clergy. "Witch" hunting was introduced under the reign of Pope Innocent VI (how innocent!), Clemens IV and Sixtus IV. Thousands of women, young and old, were burned at the stake while the popes maintained public brothels from which they received 20,000 ducats of income per year. (The church still indirectly maintains many brothels in Spain.)

In addition to the above-mentioned "holy" men, the pope that acquired particular renown for their fiendishness during the reign of "faith" were Popes Paul II and Paul IV, who ruled during the reformation. Particularly the last mentioned one was such a fiend that the embittered people of Rome threw his cursed statue into the Tiber.

Only in 1781 did the world see the last death sentence in Spain under the rule of the Inquisition; that is about 150 years ago. Never have the "infallible" rulers of the church of Rome repudiated Inquisition as a policy. They only suspended its application, not having the strength, with the rise of the people's revolutionary movement, then led by the nascent bourgeoisie, to put this "holy law" any longer into effect. Even today the popes of Rome are still committed to the papal bull of Gregory IX which inaugurated the Inquisition in the fourteenth century and which aims to remove "heresy" from the earth by death.

That much about the history of the gentlemen of the Vatican who today in their bottomless hypocrisy dare to speak about "freedom of conscience" and "persecutions" of their dark breed in the Soviet Union. What about today?

### Where Faith Burns Hottest.

We will take the most Catholic countries, those countries where the faith burns hottest, that is, the Spanish-speaking countries, and illustrate by the practices there today what the Inquisition was yesterday.

As we take the flower of the Catholic faith in South America, *Venezuela*. In this country of three and one-half millions population, immensely rich in natural resources, bigger than New England and New York state combined, there are about 15,000 political prisoners in the dungeons blessed by the church, and twice that many are outside in the country. As the regime there is in many respects typical of other Catholic countries in Latin America and Europe, we will describe the regime there more in detail. The bulk of the land is owned by the Catholic church and Gomez, the dictator. The regime is sustained by Washington because of the rich oil resources, mostly owned by Standard Oil. The slightest criticism of the regime is punished by the tortures we will

enumerate. Only lately a poor clerk who dared to send to the governor of the oil area clippings of the foreign press, criticizing the regime, was condemned to 20 years imprisonment. No opposition, much less an organization of that character, is tolerated in the country. Here the Catholic church and Washington show their true face. Here is a brief description of what happens to those that dare to forget in these most Catholic countries that they are slaves.

### The "Red" Road of Venezuela.

To construct railroads is very expensive. Modern automobile roads are cheaper, particularly if they are built by convict labor. Were not the convict ships of the "christian" Queen Isabella one of the main sources of strength of the "holy" regime in Spain?

### The Chain Gang.

Anyone that is in Venezuela caught protesting against the regime, even in whispers, is transformed into a "Vago," a chain gang convict. No sooner the "citizen" is caught often upon a mere denunciation, just as in the Inquisition days, he is, without any further ceremony, dressed into a coarse convict suit of red material taken to one of the roads under construction and submitted to the hardest labor from sunrise to sunset and very often continual labor until exhaustion. He is clothed red not only as an irony, but to hide his bleeding from the chains around his legs and brutal whippings administered continually (like on Isabella's convict ships) by the guards, in order to drive them on to the maximum of exertion. They live on a loaf of corn bread and a few spoons of beans a day. At night they are chained together, to prevent escape and sleep, irrespective of weather, next to their work on the road. They awake with the crack of the whip. At the least slowing down in work the whip cracks over their bodies, and if any should dare to even show a sign of resistance he is whipped till his skin peels off his back. The roads, constructed across swampy, yellow fever and malaria infested regions, are built in this manner. Under such treatment they die like flies, of course, but, you see, the death penalty has been abolished in "humanitarian" Venezuela.

This is the regime for the mass of prisoners. But then there is special treatment for those that are considered of special importance.

### The Jails.

The "blessed" Gomez, dictator, "elected" by the "democratic" congress—you see there is election, congress and all that—has made prisons of two old castles, San Carlos and Puerto Cabello. There is also "La Rotunda," situated in the center of the capital. The procedure of breaking the rebellious is as follows: The political prisoner is put in a square hole of two yards diameter. There is no light and very little air. He is kept in there half naked, he is chained, a bit of bread and a spoonful of beans is his meal per day. He is deprived of all communication with the outside world or reading material. Very often water is poured deliberately into the hole. He is whipped and tortured by the brutes especially selected for their depravity to guard him. This is his introduction to prison life. On the slightest pretext he is put through the second treatment. Bars of iron "grillos" are attached, weighing 60 to 80 pounds, in a way that he can neither eat nor sleep. Ulcers form where the iron is fixed on the body, and often he is given "company," that is, another prisoner is attached to him with the same bars, which is worse than the isolation. Very often they are left to die this way, and then they are transferred to the hospital, to make the relatives believe they died naturally. The great majority of those that got into these prisons never left them alive. This is the treatment for the mass of prisoners in the prisons. But then there are prisoners that receive "special" attention.

### Tortures.

In order to obtain confessions they have a special commission of experts from Italy. The Inquisition specialists have devised three particularly agonizing tortures, the "Tortol," the "Soga" and the "Cepo."

The one particularly used to get confessions is the "Tortol." This consists of a rope, tied in such a way that it can be put around the ren's most sensitive part. The rope is then attached through a tackle on the ceiling and the prisoner, hands tied, is lifted to the ceiling very slowly. The pain is such that often the man swoons before he can even declare his intention to confess. He is then let down and refreshed, and, if he does not confess, put through the same procedure until he is mutilated. Similar torture is carried out in various fashions. Another torture with the rope is to tie it around the chest and then gradually tighten it more and more till the rope penetrates the flesh and crushes the ribs. Very often the tortured, having been arrested upon false denunciation, have nothing to reveal, tell lies and are tortured till they implicate other innocents, or till they die.

The "Soga" is a torture by which they hang the "prisoner" by his feet till the blood runs out of his mouth, nose, eyes and ears; if he does not "confess" he dies of hemorrhage.

The "Cepo" is a torture by which they make the prisoner crouch and pass his hands beneath his legs. The fingers are then tied up in a certain way. The rope is then tightened up till it penetrates into the flesh and the fingers are stretched out under the weight and strain. The pain is so awful that the victims very often become insane.

### Tortures Today.

The tortures of today reflect the tortures of the inquisition of yesterday. Just read the account of the dungeons and tortures of catholic (fascist) Italy, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria, etc., etc. In what do they differ from the "heathen" in China? You will find the experience of the inquisition applied to the working people under the blessings of the catholic church even today. These very degenerates who speak about the "sacrilegious crimes of the Bolsheviks" never utter a word against that.

Needless to say the proletariat, the rising class, now in power in Russia, the class that will abolish all classes, has no need whatsoever to use the methods of the "Christians," of the Vatican. They do away with this hideous breed which thrives upon the ignorance of the plain people, by the very growth of Socialism which destroys the material base of these vultures. Surviving from the past. The monstrous hypocrisy of the popes when they speak of "freedom of conscience, now is of service in revealing to thousands the true character of these human scum.

Christianity arose during the struggle

# "LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART!"



By FRED ELLIS

# From Gitlow to Hillman

By ANDREW OVERGAARD.

**WHILE** the workers throughout the United States on March 6th showed the tremendous desire to struggle, and it was proved to the most doubtful that the analysis made by the Central Committee of our Party on the radicalization of the American working class is 100 per cent correct and also that our primary task is the united front from below, the Lovestone renegades are travelling further and further into complete amalgamation with the A. F. of L. fakers and the Muste-ites.

While the rank and file miners in the United States through bitter struggles have shown that they will have nothing to do either with the Lewis machine nor with the Farrington-Fishwick fakers, while the great majority of the coal miners in the South, in Ohio, the Antracite and in Western Pennsylvania are today unorganized and the only fighting force in existence in these territories is the National Miners' Union, Mr. Gitlow, the trade union figurehead for Mr. Lovestone, still insists on complete orientation and support to the Farrington-Hovat-Fishwick group of fakers. In the April 7 issue of the Revolutionary Age, Mr. Gitlow attacks the analysis made in Labor Unity on March 8 to the effect that "the main job of the miners is to smash the Fishwick-Farrington convention scheduled for March 10th in Springfield, Illinois. This convention is organized by and for the coal operators. It is a stool-pigeon convention."

against slavery. Slavery was abolished, but the people, those that produce, were not freed. The institutions created in the struggle evolved into supporters and organizers of the new feudal order, of which the catholic church became the expression par excellence.

In order that humanity might progress, it became necessary to overthrow the regime of the church, feudalism sought to save itself through black terror and the holy inquisition. Political freedom and bourgeois individualism was necessary to develop the productive forces and resources of the earth. The bourgeoisie who led the masses against the church and feudalism, terror-stricken before the desire of the masses of working people of town and country to fully liberate themselves, went only half-way. The possessing classes compromised under bourgeois hegemony. Now the remnants of the feudal order, the most reactionary landlords of whose interest the catholic church is the typical representative, are in the vanguard of the white terror regime being inaugurated by the finance bourgeoisie which has expropriated the masses of individual producers and made the masses wage slaves or peons. In old inquisition, the catholic church, is the seeks to save itself by terror, just like feudalism, just like the slave order of bygone days.

### Use Most Desperate Means.

The expropriated masses, now working by the thousands in huge enterprises, are organizing to expropriate the expropriators and to establish collective economy, Communism. Hence, as in the past, the dying ruling class use the most desperate means. The feudal classes and big capital merge into one reactionary stream, the czar and the canon, confronted by the masses of exploited, who now have their own leadership—the world destruction of their dying regime by combination of all possessing classes against the proletariat and the peasant and poor by the use of white terror, by "the new inquisition."

Nevertheless, gentlemen, your end is already in sight. Even the fact that all of your churches, Protestant, Jewish, reverends and rabbis, and are accepting the leadership of the old inquisition, the catholic church, is the best proof of that, and this time it will be the end of all inquisitions, not in hundreds of years, but in a few years time will be up.

Mr. Gitlow, in this article entitled, "Springfield and Indianapolis," is actually trying to convince the coal miners that this was a rank and file convention and states that "Springfield could have been used very effectively to lay the basis for the actual building of the National Miners' Union." According to Mr. Gitlow, Howat, Hagwood and this whole tribe of discredited "progressives" represent the rank and file of the miners in the United States. Whenever a miner knows that the struggle between two sets of fakers is a struggle between one set of coal operators against the other, and thus Gitlow becomes the defender of the Peabody Coal interests in Illinois against the rank and file miners. The logical conclusion of Mr. Gitlow's policy was shown more clearly in his vote against a loan to the National Miners' Union and also in the Lovestone promises to Hagwood to deliver the anthracite miners to the new Howat-Fishwick union through his group in the anthracite.

The most interesting quotation, however, by Mr. Gitlow in this article is when he states, "The Hillman officialdom is supporting the Springfield Convention. The future is therefore full of many important possibilities as a result of the Springfield Convention." Perhaps Mr. Gitlow believes that Hillman is going to lead the movement against the American Federation of Labor in the United States. Mr. Hillman, the chief proponent of class collaboration in the United States in the needle trades has all of a sudden become a very important figure, and according to Gitlow, Hillman is supposed to fight Beckerman, the right wing of the socialist party, at the next convention of the Amalgamated. Mr. Gitlow thinks that a new trade union center of miners, railroad workers and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers is going to develop under the leadership of weeping Walker, former president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, Hillman of the Amalgamated, and the reactionary leaders of the railroad brotherhood, and states: "If the new organization will not be recognized then there is possibility that it will follow the course that was taken by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. This will make possible the creation of a new trade union center of the miners, railroad brotherhood and the Amalgamated." Yes, it will make possible a stepping stone for Mr. Gitlow to become a new organizer for Mr. Hillman in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. But the rank and file miners, the unorganized railroad workers who are slaving on the tracks of American railroads for as low as 17 cents an hour and the needle trades workers who have been slugged and beaten up by the Amalgamated fakers in collusion with the New York police, the miners who have felt the united front between John H. Walker, Fishwick and Farrington, the police and soldiers in the last Illinois strike will give the effective answer to these fakers and to Mr. Gitlow, who is trying to fool them back into following the U.M.W.A., discredited outfit. The rank and file of the miners, railroad workers, steel workers, marine transport workers, needle trades workers have forgotten about Mr. Gitlow and Co. and under the leadership of the revolutionary unions affiliated to the Trade Union League are building new revolutionary unions who will answer all of these fakers and forever eliminate them from the organized labor movement in the United States.

We wish Mr. Gitlow good speed in his rapid travelling into the arms of Hillman & Co. when the rank and file of the Amalgamated are beginning to rally under the leadership of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union. Perhaps Mr. Gitlow may become the impartial chairman between the Amalgamated and the losses in the men's clothing industry.

# HOOVER'S MAY DAY BLABBER

By HARRY GANNES.

**MAY** First Hoover made another statement about the crisis. The dates of Hoover's blabber about the "economic storm" are very significant.

The first one in which he said, "The tide of employment has changed in the right direction," was made on January 21st, following huge preliminary unemployment demonstrations organized by the Communist Party and the Trade Union-Unity League.

Then followed another series of militant actions by the workers, under revolutionary leadership. Again a statement from the White House, with Hoover saying (Jan. 28): "The increase of employment is current in practically every industry. . . . The reports show that the increase was distributed over the whole industrial world. It is an encouraging sign."

This should have warmed the cockles of the heart of any Conquistador or Christian Scientist. But it had no effect on the 7,000,000 unemployed because new recruits came into their ranks, swelling their number to 8,000,000, and this was not "an encouraging sign."

### May 1st and March 6th.

Then came the capitalist-shaking March 6th tremendous "Work or Wages" demonstrations. Hoover was disposed to speak again. Why was this necessary? Nearly two months previous he had assured the world "the increase of employment is current in practically every industry." Every capitalist statistical agency had branded Hoover's statement as a scoundrelly lie. But this did not phase the unperturbed Wall Street efficiency engineer. He reached for his slide rule; made computations and glibly announced (March 7):

"All the evidence indicates that the worst effects of the crash upon employment will have been passed during the next sixty days."

### "Economic Storms."

The sixty days were virtually over when Hoover made his May Day declaration. Did he say unemployment had ended? He did not. For the first time since the tremendous cyclical crisis of American imperialism he admitted that:

"We have been passing through one of those great economic storms which periodically bring hardship and suffering upon our people."

At every stage of the crisis he and his fellow liars, Barnes, Klein, Davis, Lamont and Green, had denied that capitalist economy had suffered even a flea bite. But now we get official admission of a "great economic storm"—that's a new name for "crisis."

### A Liar and an Optimist.

Besides being a liar, Hoover is a confirmed optimist. He could not forbear repeating his usual ballyhoo: "I am convinced we have now passed the worst and with continued unity of effort we shall rapidly recover."

Hoover began his predictions about upturns in industry in January. Here is what the Annalist index of business activity shows. These figures are based mainly on government statistical data, as well as information from capitalist corporations:

	1930	1929 (1926=100)
January . . . . .	93.2	104.1
February . . . . .	92.1	104.9
March . . . . .	89.1	103.0

In short, we see a constant decline from the low point of January, which has continued right down to date. The Annalist factory employment index (based on the Department of Labor figures) shows the following:

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The passage of the tariff will first of all impose a heavy burden upon the shoulders of the American consumers—the working class and the farmers. The capitalist press itself recognizes that after the tariff will go into effect it will cost the American consumers over one billion dollars. In addition to that, however, the tariff will also have very far reaching political effects as far as capitalist rivalry is concerned. This was very well demonstrated in the tariff imposed upon French laces, which called forth a serious protest from the French lace manufacturers. In turn, however, French automobile producers will increase the import duty on American made cars from 20 to 30 per cent.

The most significant development has, however, been promulgated of a new tariff schedule in Australia. The economic crisis which has sharpened appreciably in Australia in the past several months has its basis in the slump in the wheat, wool and other markets and has made it impossible for the Australian government to balance its budget. Australian exchange slumped. In the new tariff import commodities have been divided into three groups.

### Cuban Fascist Terror

HAVANA, Cuba (Esperanto-Servo).—The fascist government of Cuba had driven underground the "National Labor Confederation of Cuba," and "Labor Federation of Havana." On March 9 two protest meetings were attended by many workers. The meetings were held in the morning and in the evening. The one held in the evening was characteristic of the fighting spirit of Cuban workers. The ing, but as a strike meeting of hatmakers, meeting was not announced as a general meeting. However, the workers instinctively felt that it was a general protest meeting, because they are devoted to their organizations.

The speakers (organizers of the outlawed organizations) related the events to the workers and explained that the attack of the government is directed against the entire trade union movement, and that the government is being helped out by the Cuban Federation of Labor and A. F. of L. institution. The government is wrong if it thinks that it can destroy the revolutionary trade union movement. If lawful existence is denied—it will work underground, but keep on leading the economic struggles of the Cuban working class. The suggestion to call a general strike on March 20 was received with great enthusiasm.

### A Large Strike of Hatmakers

HAVANA, Cuba (Esperanto-Servo).—About half year ago, the hatmakers organized a trade union. Later the workers presented their demands to the factory—Mariano Ferrero, which refused to accept these demands. A strike was called which kept up for five months, at the end the reformists sold them out.

	1930	1929 (1926=100)
January . . . . .	95.8	100.7
February . . . . .	94.2	101.5
March . . . . .	93.2	102.3

Hence despite Hoover's glowing statements we find the Annalist forced to admit that employment had dropped to "the lowest since August, 1922."

### Worse and Worse.

What has happened since merely confirms the view often expressed in the Daily Worker, namely, that the crisis is sharpening and is yet to enter severer phases, in turn sharpening the already deep-going world cyclical crisis. We recently printed the statement of the financial editor of the New York Evening Post in which he stated that "We go into the month of May this year without any visible evidence of an upturn."

The facts indicate even worse than this negative statement. They show there is every evidence of a further, sharper downturn.

All basic industries continue their curtailment of operations. Foremost is the steel industry, which, in a way, reflects almost every other basic industry's activity. The latest pronouncement on this point comes from the Journal of Commerce (May 2, 1930):

"There is an idea pervading the steel trade that the seasonal late spring decline is already setting in. At no time so far this year have operations surpassed 81 per cent of capacity, whereas last year 101 per cent of theoretical capacity was reached about this time of the year. Some expect that summer business will be unusually dull. . . . An analysis of the situation reveals that the automobile industry was in largest measure responsible for the comparatively poor showing in steel so far this year."

Thus we account—rather badly—for two of capitalism's main props—the steel industry and the automobile industry.

### The Drop in Prices.

As Comrade Varga pointed out in a special article in the Communist International, one of the most significant features of the present world crisis of capitalism, is the continuous drop in commodity prices. This portends the virulence of the crisis and its world-wide, ever-increasing disturbances. This is now recognized by the leading bourgeois economists. The latest issue of the National City Bank of New York bulletin (May 1, 1930) says:

"What is giving more concern everywhere than anything else is the price situation, which presents a problem arising from overdevelopment of production in the principal commodities of world trade."

Yet commodity prices still continue to decline all along the line. The latest Annalist index of Wholesale Commodity Prices show them at a new low record. During the past week (May 2, 1930) prices declined 0.7, showing the index at 5.5 per cent below the beginning of the year, and 8.44 below the corresponding date last year.

The most significant fact of these drops during the past few weeks is the break in monopoly commodity prices which began with the sharp slump in the price of copper, instigated by the copper trust, and now spreading to every branch of the steel industry. It will soon turn into a rout. This will have its reverberations throughout the capitalist world.

And as if to punctuate Hoover's May Day declaration with further proof of the "upturn" in capitalist economy, the stock market the following day crashed to the lowest point of the year.

# The Tariff and World Market

Importation of commodities in the first group is completely prohibited except on the written consent of the Australian minister of foreign trade and customs. Imports of the second group are cut to 50 per cent of the volume for the year ended March 31, 1929. The import duties on the third group have been increased by fifty per cent. This tariff is called a "bold ex- 'ment'" and the "highest tariff barrier in the world" by the bourgeoisie. This tariff will cut sharply into the export from the United States to Australia of a whole mass of commodities. The "highest tariff barrier in the world" is so high that it will, despite the 12½ per cent empire preference, narrow still further the foreign markets for British exports. It will tend to accentuate the economic crisis in the United States and in England and to sharpen the struggle between them for the world markets that have been thus narrowed. Such is one feature of "organized-empire-capitalism" in the economic crisis. It is significant not only as an individual phenomenon but as a foreshadowing of other tariff restrictions that will grow out of the present crisis.

Later on a new committee was elected which put forward new specific demands: (1) Recognition of the union. (2) Acceptance of two delegates from the union. (3) A raise in wages.

Another strike was called. The owner of the factory went to A. F. of L. fakers and with their advice fired all workers who were organized—about 500. The answer of the union was—a general strike. After one week of struggle the bosses gave in. Six comrades were imprisoned, and ten other factories drawn into the strike, with about 400 workers.

Lately the radicalization of the workers has reached such an extent that the police does not dare to use the same tactics as before. Of course, the bosses unite together with the police to attack the workers. This last strike of hatmakers proves that they cannot destroy our organization so easily. And the workers are ready not only to defend their organization, but also with a united front strike for victory.

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