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## Into the Shops! Into the Struggle!

THE action of the New York State Ratification Convention of the Communist Party at Schenectady on Sunday in approving unanimously and with tumultuous ovation the name of William Z. Foster as candidate for governor, is symbolic as a challenge to capitalism which has imprisoned not only Comrade Foster but hundreds of fighters who led the workers in the fight for Work or Wages on March 6 and afterwards.

The election campaign will not be a Communist campaign unless it focuses the attention of millions of workers, employed and unemployed, upon the fighting issues born out of the daily struggles of the workers, one of the foremost issues being the demand for release of the victims of March 6 and the persistent, daily, determined organization of the unemployed movement of which March 6 was but the beginning.

The election campaign, during which the million masses will be attuned to political issues, must be the class conscious workers' opportunity not only to explain what the Communist Party stands for, but to organize the workers in the shops, mines and mills to fight for what the Party wants for.

The greatest weapon with which the workers can assail the bosses in demanding the release of the Unemployed Committee, will be a basically organized movement around the demands for which Foster and all the other fighters of March 6 went to prison. The convention which is to take place in Chicago on July 4 must be a monumental protest at the capitalist persecution of the leaders of the unemployed.

The Chicago convention must be built solidly upon the basis of the revolutionary trade union movement of the Trade Union Unity League and its demands for Work or Wages, against speed-up and wage cuts, for the seven-hour day and five-day week, for genuine social insurance at the cost of the capitalists. Only by pushing this work will we be carrying forward the banner of struggle left in our hands by Foster, Minor, Amter, Raymond and the scores and hundreds of heroic fighters whom capitalist vengeance has cast into prison.

This work is a basic part of the Communist program in the elections. Every class conscious worker knows that it will require the same fighting force to pry open the prison doors as it will to force capitalism to fork over its dollars for unemployment insurance; that such ends are not to be gained by waiting till the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month of November and dropping a piece of paper in a ballot box on that day.

The fight for "Work or Wages" and the leaders of the unemployed now in prison must go forward every single day in every shop where a class conscious worker toils with other workers. On this there can be no doubt. On this there can be no excuses offered by those who cherish the name of Communist.

Organize your shop for struggle! Struggle for the daily interests of the workers there; struggle for Work or Wages for those millions who stand at the factory gates; struggle for release of all political prisoners; struggle to elect if possible the Communist candidates so they may cry out from the vantage point of capitalist parliament: "Workers of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to gain!"

## The Bosses' Medicine Men "Make Pow-Wow"

THE approach of the congressional and other elections has spurred Hoover and the Wall Street administration to "decisive leadership" in Congress. With the economic crisis growing rather than lessening, with unemployment, wage-cuts, speed-up, etc., weighing terrifically on the shoulders of the entire working class, with the agrarian crisis spreading ruin, disillusionment, and active discontent among the poor and even middle farmers—Hoover and the republican party are desperately in need of "positive" results with which to appeal for re-election.

This is the reason for the decision of the republican chiefs to rush the passage of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Bill and get a swift ratification of the Landon Naval Treaty. This also is the reason for Hoover's sudden emergence as a "decisive" leader, contrary to his previous habits, and his threat to call a special session of the Senate, if they insist on adjourning before ratifying the treaty.

With these two "achievements" to his credit, Hoover and the republican party can then go before "the country" and "demonstrate" their accomplishments to all classes. To the workers and farmers, they will point to the "increasing employment" which the tariff "will" (of course not) provide, as well as to the "peace" which the "reduction of armaments" treaty will (and never intended to) guarantee. To the finance capitalists, they will point to the same tariff and naval treaty, only this time as weapons strengthening them in their struggle for world markets and guaranteeing an unequalled war machine for the approaching slaughter.

As a matter of fact, the administration is not only rushing the passage of the Landon Naval "Treaty," but it has already begun to push legislation for the billion dollar naval construction program guaranteed by the treaty. Both the tariff and the treaty are in reality instruments of war which will hasten the transformation of the acute economic conflict into an imperialist conflict by force of arms.

Economically, the position of the American finance capitalists is a mess of tangled contradictions. If they pass the tariff bill, it will give them a billion dollars out of the pockets of the American masses. It will help them in their offensive struggle for the desperately needed world markets. At the same time, however, it will call forth a rising wave of tariff reprisals by foreign capitalist countries, thereby immediately restricting their world market and further deepening the economic crisis at home and abroad.

In addition to reducing the real wages of the American workers by increasing the cost of living, a further wholesale wave of unemployment due to curtailment of production in export industries will add new sections of workers to the already tremendous army of hungry, jobless workers.

These are the "achievements" which Hoover and Wall Street have to offer the exploited masses. These are the "solutions" to the catastrophes which they bring down on the heads of the toilers.

The democratic party can offer no better "solutions" even if it questions these of Hoover; and as for the so-called "socialist" party, it has proven with blackjacks in Milwaukee that it will club the workers in defense of capitalism like the other capitalist parties.

Not a new set of capitalist jailers, but the sharpest struggle against the entire capitalist system of robbery, war and plunder is the only thing to free the workers from the "blessings" of capitalism, from unemployment, wage-cuts, speed-up, imperialist war, etc. In the coming elections, register your determination to fight against this system by voting for the candidates and program of your own Party, the Communist Party. And not only by voting but by organizing your shopmates for struggle in defense of your class.

## LAY DEMANDS ON SCHOOL OFFICIAL

Parents and Children in Mass Meeting Plan Demonstration.

A mass meeting in the Bronx Co-operative houses last night of parents and workers' children took action against the reign of terror against those who took part in the March 6 and May 1 demonstrations. Thirty working class parents have been served with summonses to appear Wednesday in Upper Bronx Court as second offenders. They were told when sentenced to two

days for every child who stayed out to demonstrate March 6, that they would be given 30 day sentences if it happened again. School children have decided on a school strike if the demands that the principal of Public School 89 call off his war against working class children and their parents are not granted. The meeting last night was called by the International Labor Defense, New York district, the Working Women's Councils, and the Young Pioneers. It elected a committee of five to lay demands before the principal of School 89 tomorrow at 9 a. m.

## REVOLT FLARES UP IN INDIA; WORKERS BATTLE

Fight Scabs in Rangoon and Delhi; Stone Police, Bombay

Kill Police Official Troops Fire on Crowd; Indian Police Mutiny

BULLETIN The latest reports allowed through by the British censor give the dead in the fighting in Rangoon as 26 and the number of injuries as 600. Calvacades of mounted police ride through the streets.

Capitalist press reports coming through the imperialist censorship in India show a blazing forth of sentiment, with whole sections of the proletariat involved now and completely disregarding the Gandhi theory of non-resistance.

In addition, the native police in British service at Bombay refused to attack the raiders on the salt pans.

At Rangoon, Burma, striking dock workers picketed in force when imported strike breakers arrived, fought both the scabs and the police, and in a day of fighting managed to hold their lines. Eight were killed and 300 injured at Rangoon. Two regiments of troops are in the city, one native Bengalese and the other Scotch highlanders. The Scotch regiment fired on the strikers.

Another outbreak took place on the northwest frontier, near Peshwar. All details have been suppressed, except that at the village of Gujargarhi a British assistant superintendent of police, D. B. Murphy, was killed.

Fifty scabs and strikers were injured in mass picketing at a cloth mill strike in Delhi.

They were repeated raids Sunday and yesterday on the salt works on and near Bombay island, during which 200 were injured and over 200 arrested. The great bulk of the raiders were textile workers, the Gandhi nationalists having shrunk back in

## HAIL 1ST CHINESE SOVIET CONGRESS

Mass Meeting Friday Central Opera House

"The Red Armies are near to Hankow and the red propagandists distribute pamphlets, but the authorities dare not arrest them."

This report given by the capitalist press characterizes the tremendous power of the Chinese revolutionary movement. The Soviet power is rising in the countryside and nearing the great industrial cities, under the leadership of the Communist Party of China.

On June 6, Friday evening, there will be a mass meeting in the Central Opera House, 67th Street and 3rd Avenue, to celebrate the first Chinese Soviet Congress and to mobilize mass support for both the Chinese and Indian revolution.

## Copper Miners Ready to Contest Ten Per Cent Cut; Led by N.M.U.

DULUTH, Minn., May 26.—Under the leadership of the National Miners Union, the copper miners of the Great Lakes fields will fight the ten per cent wage cut announced for July 1.

A very successful conference of the metal miners, with delegates from all parts of the Northern Minnesota and Michigan fields was held here yesterday. It was called by the district office of the N.M.U. The conference elected nominees to the Fifth World Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions, and the district will have a big delegation at the Pittsburgh national convention of the N.M.U., which comes June 28.

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## Foster from Prison, Calls for Class War

Accepting Nomination, Urges Election Fight Be for Work or Wages and for Workers' Rule

New York County Penitentiary, Harts Island, New York, May 23, 1930.

To the New York State Ratification Convention: Dear Comrades:—I have been informed that my name will be presented to you as a prospective candidate for governor in the coming convention, hence I am sending you this letter to be read to the convention in the event that I am nominated.

Let me say at the outset, that if nominated, I shall do whatever I can in spite of my present position, to be worthy of the confidence reposed in me by the Party in nominating me to head its New York State ticket in the fall elections.

The worsening economic situation in the U. S. is rapidly radicalizing vast millions of workers in spite of the growing terror of the bosses. The capitalist class can't succeed in crushing the militant fighting spirit of the American workers. The jailing of militant workers can't halt the determination of the masses to

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## MASS PROTEST ON ATLANTA DEATH CASES

Powers and Carr Case Postponed to June 17 Still Deny Bail

Minneapolis Meetings South Will Be Roused Over Legal Lynching

ATLANTA, Ga., May 26.—Without calling the Powers and Carr case into open court, the Atlanta judiciary has postponed it from tomorrow, the already postponed date of trial, and announces that the two Communist organizers will now face on June 17 the trial which is likely to send them to the electric chair.

Application for bail was again made in this case Saturday, and the decision was postponed until June 7. They are charged under a Civil War law with "insurrection" and "circulating insurrectionary papers."

The actual basis of this charge is that Powers, Communist Party district organizer, and Carr, Young Communist League district organizer, were uniting Negro and white workers for a strong fight against the wage cuts and unemployment that is rife in this part of the South, as it is elsewhere.

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## COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN IN ELECTION TO FIGHT FOR RELEASE OF PRISONERS

Schenectady Convention Closes With Delegates Pledging to Push Program in the Shops

Delegates from Jobs Take Floor to Support Communist Platform of Class Struggle

SCHENECTADY, May 26.—Not only did the State Ratification Convention of the Communist Party honor the imprisoned Unemployed Committee by honorary seats on the convention presidium, and greet with ten minutes tumultuous ovation the name of William Z. Foster as candidate for Governor, but after numerous speeches upon various political prisoners from different delegates, it adopted a resolution pledging that the election campaign will also be a campaign to release every one of the workers held in the dungeons of the bosses, North, South, East and West.

The convention, which closed last night, was a most enthusiastic gathering, astonishing the Schenectady chief of police, who with many of his men "watched the Reds." It was a lively affair, with the delegates breaking into song with the Internationale frequently, and wildly cheering the many good speakers.

The best of the speakers were workers straight from the job, led off by a railway worker of Syracuse, James Elliott, from the Unemployed Council of Harlem, a Negro worker made a strong point of the fact that all parties but the Communist Party are "Jim Crow" parties.

Strenuous applause greeted Comrade Li, a Chinese worker, especially when he told how the Chinese Revolution, after years of defeat, was now signaling its triumph by the First Soviet Congress in China.

The "Daily" a Campaign Organizer. Alfred Wagenknecht, business manager of the Daily Worker, earnestly protested that not he, but every worker, Communist member or supporter, "managed" the Daily Worker, whose circulation must be built by these very same workers in their shops or no business manager in the Center will have any business to manage. The Daily Worker must be put into the hands of the workers by the rank and file workers who now support it and the Party for which it speaks.

So must the Platform, which he praised as the voice of the Party, written in words which every single worker will understand.

A seaman from the Marine Workers Industrial Union called attention to the fact that the new Red Union has a Ship Committee on the great liner "Leviathan" and said that the seamen would keep up the work till the Red flag flies from the stern of every ship.

Frank Martin, of the Spanish Workers Center of New York called attention to the 250,000 terribly exploited Latin Americans in New York City alone, and proposed that special attention be given them in the coming campaign.

Beatrice Siskind of the International Labor Defense told how the rising struggles were bringing more persecution, urging the delegates to rally workers to the shield of the workers, the I.L.D., to defeat capitalism.

Section 8, Brooklyn, is arranging an open air anti-lynching meeting at the corner of Dean and Howard Sts., on Friday, May 30, at 8 o'clock.

While the police attempted to prevent the taking up of a collection \$35 was collected to help the International Labor Defense appeal the case and defend the other workers facing trial.

Other speakers at the meeting were Elias Marks, Communist Party; Veronica Kocacs, Young Communist League; Julius Rubin, Trade Union Unity League; Morris Langer, Needle Trade Workers Industrial Union, one of those scheduled to go on trial June 2 and Lotie Blumenthal, chairman of the Labor Jury which brought in a verdict acquitting Flaiani.

Two workers were arrested giving out leaflets announcing the demonstration. They were Eugene Jones, a Negro worker and Bernard Riazanski. The I.L.D. secured their release on bail. They are to go on trial tomorrow.

The Newark International Labor Defense announced today that further protest demonstrations are being arranged full details of which will be announced later. It was also made known that Joseph R. Brodsky of New York City will be associated with the defense attorneys when the trial of the eight workers starts on June 2.

## Special China Soviet Edition Will Be Out on May 30th, Friday

We have decided to publish a special issue of the Daily Worker on May 30th, Friday, to celebrate the convening of the First Chinese Soviet Congress which is scheduled to meet on that day. Therefore we will postpone until Friday, the printing of the Map of Soviet Districts in China which is specially made for the Daily Worker and the special articles on China we have already in our hands. The Friday issue will also contain an article on China by Carl Marx, entitled "Revolution in China and Europe," written in 1853 for the New York Tribune. Don't miss this issue.

## "Propaganda Worth a Million Dollars"

"Try and Stop Us!" Our Reply to a Gentleman Who Thinks We Might Get Something for Nothing

One of the bosses' representatives at Washington, D. C., who has the illusion that Communist propaganda, the Communist Party and the Daily Worker will disappear into thin air if capitalism will cover its iron fist with a silk glove, had the following to say when the capitalist politicians in the White House voted the other day to investigate us:

"What we are doing here is to start a movement which will give this Communist propaganda publicity which the Communists could not buy for a million dollars. Everybody will know the Daily Worker. It will be quoted from the press of the nation. It will be sought eagerly by the discontented and dissatisfied and the radicals everywhere. In my opinion we could render a greater service in meeting this situation if, instead of trying to shut off the supply of this propaganda, we tried to do something to lessen the demand for it."

Every Communist and class conscious worker has a quick reply to this. We say that the lackeys of the boss class who think they can suppress us by what, in the language of these gentlemen, they call an investigation, and those lackeys of the bosses who think that by sticking their heads into the dunghill of their own bloody capitalist system, we will cease to exist, are both barking up a sour apple tree.

The capitalist system is the abortion of the bosses you represent, gentlemen of Washington, D. C. The stench of it is mighty disagreeable to the working class. The masses of workers are undertaking a revolutionary house cleaning. And this just can't be stopped!

You stick your heads into your own dunghill and you pull out a worm for the unemployed workers, gentlemen of Washington, D. C. You think this will lessen our propaganda! Some one once said to a starving "mob"—if they have no bread let them eat cake. And the Czar of all the Russians had the fond idea that his subjects would live on grass. Both of them are up above now, playing silver harps on heaven's golden streets for a period of eternity. A worse job even than sweating on Ford's belt system!

Getting back to earth. We workers are here, trying to live here now, demanding to live here damn well. Nothing is going to stop our revolutionary march forward towards being masters of our own lives. We need the Communist Party, our political leader, and the Daily Worker, our fighting daily paper. We are raising \$25,000 (no less) to keep the Daily Worker going and growing. Try to stop us!

# U. S. ANTI-IMPERIALIST LEAGUE RE-ORGANIZED TO FACE HOT STRUGGLES

## Will Direct Its Main Activities Within the Working Class

### Three Major Campaigns for Independence of India, Haiti, Philippines Under Way

The Anti-Imperialist League has been re-organized in accordance with the decisions of the Frankfurt Congress of the League Against Imperialism held in Frankfurt in July, 1929. The Anti-Imperialist League is now to direct its main activity within the working class. In this period of growing war danger and systematic plan by the imperialist powers for an attack against the Soviet Union, the best guarantee for the Anti-Imperialist League in its struggle against this danger, is the widest mobilization of the American workers together with the colonial workers residing in the U. S. With the growing revolts in the colonies, as witnessed recently in the uprisings in Haiti and Santo Domingo, it is of the utmost importance that all anti-imperialists in the U. S. rally behind the Anti-Imperialist League for an effective struggle against American imperialism and in defense of the liberation movements in the colonies.

The following statement just issued by the national office of the League clearly indicates the immediate necessity for a nation-wide campaign that the League is now undertaking in support of the Indian revolution for independence, for a systematic struggle against Mr. Hoover's Commission Report on Haiti, and for the unconditional independence of Haiti and the Philippines. It is urged that all workers and sincere anti-imperialists give full support to the campaigns of the Anti-Imperialist League and help build the organization on a sound working class basis.

"The Anti-Imperialist League of the U. S. is committed to an uncompromising struggle for the complete and unconditional independence of all colonial people from foreign rule and against the economic exploitation of semi-colonial peoples not under direct foreign rule.

"The League, which is an autonomous body, is affiliated with the All-American Anti-Imperialist League with sections in most Latin-American countries, and with the International League Against Imperialism, with headquarters in Berlin. These movements are the only internationally organized forces devoted exclusively to the struggle against imperialism. These organizations base their activity on the support of the workers' and peasants' movements as a foundation for the freedom of the oppressed peoples."

The United States League, while dealing with issues of anti-imperialism all over the world, specializes on the liberation of people under American rule. The League stands for immediate independence for the Philippines and for Porto Rico and immediate withdrawal of marines from Haiti and Nicaragua. It supports Latin American movements against economic and political exploitation by American capital.

"The reorganized League is composed of three elements: (1) Representatives of the colonial peoples living in the United States; (2) members of left wing unions and of the Communist Party, and (3) independent intellectuals and liberals, together with persons affiliated with other political parties than Communist. The work is under the control of an Executive Committee of 18 members, aided by an Advisory Committee of 50. The acting Chairman is Robert W. Dunn of the Labor Research Association, Acting Secretary Albert Moreau, and the Vice Chairmen, James W. Ford and Roger N. Baldwin. Among the members of the Executive Committee are: Andrew Bingham, Unifred Chappell, L. J. De Bekker, Manuel Gomez, R. K. Kangleon, Carlos Lezama, Jessie Lloyd, T. H. Li, Angel de Lyon, Vincent Rogers, Beatrice Siskind, Jorge Paz, Charles Webber, and T. P. Yu.

## Textile Workers Meet Wednesday

The National Textile Workers Union calls a meeting for Wednesday, May 28, 7 p. m., at Irving Plaza Hall. Speakers will be William T. Murdoch, national organizer of the union, Jack Johnson and Rose Wortis. The union is in a campaign to build the union in the New York knitting mills, and to elect delegates from a broad basis to the Red International of Labor Unions Fifth Congress and the simultaneous international conference of textile workers.

## France Intensifies War Preparations

PARIS, May 26.—Mussolini shouted war to France. The French imperialists are also not idle. Minister of Marine Dumesnil made a visit to Tunisia not long ago. There was also a naval review off the African coast. These quite significant moves are now being followed by the visit of War Minister Andre Maginot to Algeria. The French press is conspicuous by its reserve in receiving Mussolini's war cries, perhaps for diplomatic reasons, but the war and marine departments are not slow in taking the warning and are quietly intensifying their activities.

## Another Fascist War Preparation Stunt

MILAN, Italy, May 26.—Mussolini, the fascist chief who was once a socialist, today most shamelessly spoke to the workers in Milan. He said, "We think of your interests, all your needs, because we love you as workers and fellow-Italians." Mussolini knows very well that without the support of the workers, modern warfare is impossible. Thus this speech is part and parcel of his feverish preparation for war. But class-conscious workers will not be deceived by his words. They will be able to see that, even in these supposedly sweet words, Mussolini betrays the true fascist attitude toward workers. Notice how he uses the pronouns "we" and "you"—the boss speaking to the wage-slave.

## Socialists Ask State to Investigate

Application for a state investigation of the New York City officials who co-operated with County Judge Vause, now under indictment for fraudulent use of mails, grand larceny, perjury, was filed yesterday. The application also calls attention to the position of William F. Doyle, called "attorney general" of the board of estimates, who got large fees from people who wanted him to intercede with the board to grant them licenses.

## Marysville, Cal., Barbers for Closing at Eight

MARYSVILLE (Yuba Co.)—The Marysville master barbers have protested a rule, recently adopted by the journeymen barbers, advancing the hours of Saturday night closing from 9 o'clock to 8 o'clock. They threaten to remove their cards if the rule is invoked on next Saturday night.

## War Preparations on the Sound

Another war maneuver game in the New York vicinity prepares coast defense forces for the coming real war. Light cruisers, destroyers and planes will make a sham attack on the coast defenses along the shores of Long Island sound, if they establish a base, then it is considered an English fleet could do so too and raid by air New York and Boston.

## Open Shoppers Tell How to Cut Wages

The open shop committee of the National Association of Manufacturers stated yesterday that \$28,000,000 could have been saved on public school construction last year if nonunion wages had been paid. Saved to the employing class and the big taxpayers, of course.

## Workers Must Beware of George Carter

George W. Carter, a Negro and for some time chairman of the Washington Council of Unemployed, has been definitely exposed as unscrupulous and as one who has not hesitated to steal money from unemployed Negro workers. He used his position as chairman of the Washington Council to collect money from a few Negro workers, promising them jobs, and leaving the city with the money taken from them.

Recently he was located in Norfolk, Va., where he had repeated his Washington stunt, delivering sham speeches, claiming loyalty to the working class and on that basis collecting money from Negro workers, after which he left town.

Carter is five feet four inches tall, slightly plean-faced, short and chunky, and speaks in a rasping, husky voice. All workers must beware of this poisonous leech.

# U. S. WORKERS HAIL 5-YEAR PLAN

## Its Results Surprise American Delegation

### MOSCOW (By Mail)—"The Five-Year Plan is the greatest economic project in the history of mankind. Its greatness is constantly growing because of the fact that it is for the betterment of the conditions of the working class."

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"In the time we spent in Moscow," Donovan said, "we visited many big factories and shops. Our contact with the workers of Moscow again showed us how strong are the bonds of international solidarity between the workers of the U. S. S. R. and of the United States.

"The socialist competition of the factories and shops made a tremendous impression on us. We saw that the socialist competitors understand clearly that the increase of production, the betterment of the quality of goods and the decrease of days lost is a great step toward socialism.

"We had heard about the Five-Year Plan, but when we saw it in operation, we were amazed at its gigantic tempo. Our stay in the Soviet Union is strengthening us for our future fights with capitalism. When we return to America we will tell the American workers the truth about the U. S. S. R."

## WORKERS GROUPS SPURN LOVESTONE

Lithuanian, Ukrainian, Russian Workers Reject "Conference."

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., May 26.—More than a dozen workers' organizations to date have denounced the Lovestone renegades in the anthracite led by Vretarich, and have refused to send delegates to the fake conference called by them for May 25.

"The Lovestone renegades call to a conference we have spurned," said F. Stefanik, secretary of the Slovak Workers Benefit Society. "We will not elect delegates to it. We have no use for these people who fight the working class movement."

Kozakoff, president of the Russian Society, and a leading member of the Russian I.L.D. branch, expressed himself likewise. Herman wrote in to the National Miners' Union and stated: "In the lower anthracite, hardly anyone has heard of this 'conference.' Even if we did, nobody would elect delegates anyway."

Many Lithuanian and Ukrainian organizations in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, etc., have either refused to elect delegates, or in a few cases where they did by mistake, as soon as they found out the purposes of this conference, have withdrawn their delegates.

## Nadir Jubilee for Release of Foster

The M. Nadir jubilee, which was held Saturday night, May 24, at Carnegie Hall, was a great success. Hundreds of people were compelled to go home because the hall was crowded.

Comrade Almazov of the Freiheit staff read the address which Nadir wrote for the occasion. Thunderous applause greeted almost every line of the Nadir address, in which he called upon all the workers to join the Communist Party and to demand the release of Comrades Foster, Minor, Amter and Raymond, and all other political prisoners. In the same address he also suggested to send greetings to the imprisoned comrades, Foster, Minor, Amter and Raymond.

Among those who contributed to the concert were The Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra, the "Artiff" (Jewish Workers Theatre), and the "Prolet Dancing Group" under the leadership of E. Sigel.

## Labor and Fraternal Organizations

Office Workers Annual Dance. June 15, at the Heckscher Road Garden, 10th St. and 5th Ave. Admission 50 cents.

Workers' Laboratory Theatre. Important membership meeting. Wednesday, May 28, 8 p. m. sharp, Workers Center.

Gala Inter-Racial Dance. Thursday, May 29, 8 1/2 Whipple St. Brooklyn, corner Broadway. Ticket 50 cents. Admission 35 cents. Auxiliaries: Williamsburg Local A.N.L.C.

## Communist Activities

Attention Units. Next Monday and Tuesday there will be only two points on the agenda of every unit: (1) Dues payment, (2) Discussion of the Thesis. Part of discussion will be T. E. L. and the Daily Worker. Assistant Director, District Two.

Unit Meetings Tonight. Unit 2, Section 4, 8 p. m., 143 E. 102nd St., room 6. Unit 1E, Section 2, 8 1/2 Whipple St., Unit 1, Section 4, 709 Seventh Ave.

# TEXTILE UNION PICKS DELEGATES

## Mass Meeting Wednesday Nominates for Red International Congress

Wednesday, at 7 p. m., a mass meeting will take place at the Irving Plaza Hall at which William T. Murdoch, national organization secretary; Rose Wortis, of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, and Jack Johnson, national organizer of the Trade Union Unity League, will be the speakers.

At this meeting nominations for the delegation to the Fifth World Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions will take place, and all textile workers present at the mass meeting will participate in the nominations and elections.

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The rest of the crew is expected to join the ranks of the strikers today.

A membership meeting of shoe workers is called by the Independent Shoe Workers' Union for Wednesday evening, May 28, at 7:30 p. m., at the union headquarters, 16 West 21st St., New York.

The purpose is to rally the forces of the union, to start an extensive campaign for the organization of the unorganized, including the slipper workers.

A meeting of the organization and membership committee is called for Tuesday evening at 7:30, at the union headquarters. This meeting is of the utmost importance and every member must be present. All the former shop chairmen and Dept. chairmen are also included in the above meeting.

## BOSSSES ADDRESS BARBER MEETING

Fake Stoppage Ends With Expelled Members Defrauded; Bosses Gain

Tartamella's fake "barbers' strike" is over, with nothing gained for the members. A joint meeting of bosses and barbers was held in the Rand School to wind it up, with the president of the Master Barbers Association (the bosses') lecturing on the unity of capital and labor. All the bosses who came up to sign were forced to pay \$6 and join the Master Barbers, and this was the sole purpose of the strike.

Lies to Expelled Members. Expelled barbers, told by Tartamella that they would be reinstated if they struck, found the clique breaking all its promises. One of the barbers working in the Greenwich Village shop had been told by his employer that he would remain whether he was in the union or not.

Tartamella's gang not only refused to reinstate him, though he struck from the beginning with the rest, but sent agents to force the boss to discharge him. He was discharged.

Thursday morning Tartamella approached Bass, manager of the Co-operative Barber Shop, with a request to come to his office and talk over a deal. Bass replied that whatever was said could be said right

## CELEBRATE 5-YEAR PLAN MEET MAY 31

Carefully concealed behind the pious phrases of the investigation of all militant organizations which was voted by the House of Representatives is a new war drive against the Soviet Union—one of its chief aims. Throughout the country workers are preparing to give a mighty answer to these new attacks on the first Workers Republic by demonstrating on defend the Soviet Union Day, Saturday, May 31.

In New York City this day will be observed with a big mass celebration of the tremendous progress of the Five-Year Plan, to be held at Ulmer Park, Brooklyn, under the auspices of the Friends of the Soviet Union and the Workers International Relief.

Tickets for the Ulmer Park celebration are 50 cents. They are on sale at the National F. S. U. office, 175 Fifth Ave., room 511; Workers Bookshop, 26 Union Square; Freiheit, 30 Union Square, and at other stations.

## NEEDLE WORKERS HOLD MEETINGS

In connection with the membership and convention campaign of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, the membership drive committee has made special efforts at certain important buildings in the garment center. During lunch hour yesterday a large group of needle trades workers who are active in the membership drive gathered in front of the building at 323 West 38 Street, the center of the cloak district, and in front of 69 West 38 Street, the center of the millinery district, with special building bulletins calling on the workers to organize shop committees, take up a struggle for union conditions, join the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, elect delegates to the Shop Delegates Council, and delegates to the rank and file convention of the Industrial Union, which takes place on June 6, 7 and 8.

Many Join. The workers of the buildings responded to this call of the Industrial Union and many declared their readiness to join the Union. Today similar concentration will be made in front of the building at 325 West 37 Street, the cloak and dress center, and 39 West 37 Street, the millinery center. Active workers employed in the district are called upon to be in front of these buildings and help in the campaign to organize these buildings.

New Initiations. Last night there was also a group meeting of new members who were officially initiated into the union by the Manager, Joseph Beruchowitz. The new members related their experiences with the company-union, the deplorable conditions in the open shops, and declared their readiness to actively participate in the building of the Industrial Union. They all pledged to take an active part in the membership drive.

Tonight there will be a street meeting of union, open and company-union shops of 7th Avenue, 8th Avenue, and Broadway, at Bryant Hall, 42nd Street and 6th Avenue.

# LASTERS STRIKE IN MORSAM SHOP

## Union Calls Members to Meeting Wed.

The lastest department of the Morsam Shoe Co. of 443 Glenmore Ave., Brooklyn, went out on strike yesterday to prevent a wage cut and to improve their conditions in general. The bosses took advantage of the general unemployment among the workers to treat them like slaves.

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# "Turksib", Soviet Russia's Great Achievement on Screen

## One of the great achievements to date of the Five Year Plan in the Soviet Union, the construction of the Turksib railroad connecting Turkestan and Siberia is shown in film form at the Eighth Street Playhouse (formerly the Film Guild Cinema).

A well produced picture, it gives an intelligent version of the building of this link between the Southern and Northern points of the Soviet Union, over 1,000 miles in length, much of which goes through the desert.

We are first shown the difficulties of life in Asia where the camels are used for transporting the cotton and wool, also the dry seasons. This is followed by a sandstorm that is one of the most effective scenes yet shown on the silver screen.

Then the work of constructing the railroad is started. The surveyors are sent ahead to prepare for the tasks to be faced. At first the natives who live under conditions that prevailed several hundred of years ago, are fearful of the automobiles and airplanes, but after their first contact help the engineers in their work.

After the plans and the route are adopted, the actual work starts. Although a great deal of desert land must be covered between Siberia and Turkestan there are other places where the potential tracks are barred by mountains which must be removed by blasting. As no obstacles can be allowed to stand in the way, dynamite is brought into play and the tracks go forward. One difficulty after another are thus removed until the great link is finished, one which the workers of the Soviet Union and the rest of the world can be proud of!

This historic document of the rapid stride forward being made by the Soviet government was directed by Viktor Turin and its showing at the Eighth Street Playhouse is its American premiere.

All workers interested in the Five Year Plan should see this important film.

The supporting program is worthy of mention. It includes a Pathé comedy, screen snapshots and a short called "Evening on the Don" with a group of capable Russian Singers.

Our own age, the bourgeoisie age, is distinguished by this—that it has simplified class antagonisms. More and more, society is splitting up into two great hostile camps: into two great and directly opposed classes: bourgeoisie and proletariat.—Marx.

there, as the matter would have to be taken up with the T. U. U. L. group.

The faker walked out. The Trade Union Unity League barbers' section is going ahead in its drive to organize the unorganized barbers.

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# WHITE GOODS ORGANIZER CASE PUT OFF, JUNE 10

## To gain time to materialize a substantial charge against three members of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, Judge Stern of the 57th Street, court, yesterday postponed the case of Caroline Drew organizer of the white goods department of the Union, charged with assault, together with Fay Roth and Dora Fischberg, who are charged with disorderly conduct, until June 10.

These militant workers are being defended by Jacques Buitenkant of the International Labor Defense, who will protest the lying charge of assault by Policeman Meegan.

The three white goods workers were arrested at an outdoor meeting at 30th Street and Madison Avenue, in the heart of the underwear district, during the noon hour, Wednesday, May 21. Over 150 workers gathered and listened eagerly to the organizer Caroline Drew. Police and fascists attacked together, and some of the girls were badly beaten.

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# COLUMBUS, O. POLICE KILL HUNGRY NEGRO WORKER; TOOK LOAF

## Unemployment the Greatest Yet in History of Columbus

### Increasing Layoff and Short Time in Local Plants; Wages Slashed

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—Unemployment is the greatest it ever was in the history of Columbus. Even the A. F. of L. officials admit this. The I. L. D. is carrying on a campaign of protest against the brutal murdering of a colored worker by the police. Robert Burney, 28 years old, was killed by the police as he attempted to steal a loaf of bread for his starving family. The police shot and beat him to death. Then they gave out a story that he had died eating raw dough. They were afraid of the protest this would raise among the colored workers if the truth were known. But the I. L. D. will carry on open air protest all over the city.

Now about the conditions in the factories. The Jeffries Mfg. Co. normally employs about 3,000 men. Now a man works about 5 or 6 hours a week, since there isn't enough work. Hoover's prosperity, you know. In the Columbus Auto Parts Co., employing 500 to 600 men, mostly young workers, the night shift works 12 hours and the day shift works 10 hours for an average wage of \$25. Negro workers are discriminated against, getting 35 cents for what the white workers get 40 cents an hour.

The highest a man can earn is 54 cents an hour. The Bedoe speed-up or efficiency system has just been installed.

The sixteen women who work here had their wages cut from 70 cents to 50 cents an hour.

Sanitary conditions are bad. The air is filled with oil, and infection is common because of this.

The workers almost went on strike but they were unorganized and a few suckers were able to hold them back.

The TUUL should get on the job organizing the auto parts workers here.

—COLUMBUS WORKER.

# Gassed Midland Miners Must Hunt Own Doctor

(By a Worker Correspondent)

TAYLORVILLE, Ill.—Miners' conditions at Taylorville are worse than at any other mine in Illinois or even in West Virginia. No use talking about non-union fields. We've got them right here. An empty pocket—that's all they see, but too late! Last fall they won't let the dues a little down, because they smelled what might come a few months later. Too late, fellow.

I read the Daily Worker of February 3 about Eldorado, Ill., and the poor conditions there, about laying off two days and that they won't recognize a doctor's certificate for being sick. Here in the Midland it is a little different, a little worse. If a miner gets hurt or "overcome by bad air" they won't even furnish him a "slip" to see the company doctor. But he must go on his own expense and hunt a private doctor. The question is if he has got money, if he hasn't, cure yourself. If a miner gets hurt in the wash house, they tell him that the company doesn't pay any compensation to one who gets hurt outside of the mine.

A while ago I heard of a miner who got injured, "overcome by bad air" in the mine. They took him to the hospital for four days, to take the poison out of his lungs, and on the fourth day the company doctor sent him home and advised him to go to the mine and ask for a "slip" so that he could furnish him medicines. All that he got at the mine was "No." He didn't know what to do and was 14 days without any phys-

ician and had to hire a private doctor as long as he had money. He was out of work close to two months and on February 1 last he felt better and the country doctor that he had last, gave him a certificate to go to work. But instead of giving him the job back, he was discharged. Brothers, don't talk about bad conditions down in the south of this state. Come over here. But if you are not a good doctor for yourself, better don't come to Midland.

An Eldorado miner wrote about little dog holes every 60 feet to get into. I worked here for many years and I didn't see any such hole yet, even though the General Mining Law of Illinois, effective July 1, 1927, page 40, section 15a and page 41d says: keeping refuge places clear. Well, we haven't any. But we are safer here, because they know what they should have according to the State Mining Law, and that's the reason that the boss don't let you go home in case a miner has nothing to do in the afternoon. They know that the miners are not safe, going home on a single track without refuge holes 60 feet apart and whitewashed every six months. Look out, if a miner does not obey the boss' law and goes home before quitting time. The next day the poor devil must answer all questions in the office before a boss' son. They might send you home and you not to come back any more, put you in the dirt gang for a few days.

—MIDLAND MINER.

# Sell Wildcat Stock to Farmers Under State Protection

(By a Worker Correspondent)

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Young Bros., a high-powered brokerage firm in St. Louis, has filed a petition of bankruptcy, the old, old way for refusing to pay debts. These men sent their high-powered salesmen into small towns, where they painted rosy pictures of twelve per cent and future independence to workers and farmers, many of whom invested their life savings, and in return, received gold engraved stocks and bonds which were not worth the paper on which they were written.

City and state officials knew of this wholesale robbery, but Secretary of State Chas. U. Becker, to whose campaign Young Bros. had contributed some hundreds of dollars, was loth to stop the stream of workers' money that was pouring into the brokerage firm's coffers. Instead, in return for the campaign contribution, Charlie indorsed a group of spurious stocks which were immediately launched upon an unsuspecting public. The company

books were juggled until they were no longer able to make them balance, and now after the bankruptcy sale, the Youngs are planning to go into business again.

In fact, they have already rented offices in an expensive office building, and will probably in some other illicit way pick the people's pockets, knowing as they do, that they have the protection of Secretary Becker, and a few others. In spite of the fact that all this is known to the judicial department here, the Youngs are not yet indicted, and Becker's word has not even been questioned!

In direct contrast is the arrest and conviction of Minor, Foster, Amter, and other militant Communists and organizers, the immunity of southern lynchers, the employment of Mr. Whalens to keep down the much-heralded "free speech," which is as much a mockery as the word "justice!"

—G. D. H.

# Cleaning Boss Keeps Workers In from Hearing T. U. U. L.

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK.—Yesterday, at 5 p. m., I passed by a cleaning plant at 143d St. and Brook Ave. and found there quite an assembly of people. Upon inquiry I was told that the Cleaners and Dyers Union of the T. U. U. L. was to hold a meeting there at 5:30 p. m., when the workers were supposed to leave the factory. I waited together with the crowd until 6 p. m., but no one came out. The boss had his slaves work overtime, to prevent them

from hearing the speakers of the union, and he even went as far as to close the windows and doors, to make doubly sure. The temperature was 70 degrees. The meeting was opened anyway with much applause by the listeners and quite a number of Daily Workers were sold there.

Measures such as these only serve to open the eyes of the workers. Mroe power to the Trades Union Unity League.

—A FELLOW-SLAVE.

# Boss Has Pick of \$10 a Week Office Workers

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHICAGO.—This is my sixth week out of work and no job in sight. I have applied for work at places offering 15 a week and when the boss saw the number of applicants he hired one for \$10. I am a former slave of the Kellogg Svd and Supply Co. I was suspected of having

# FOSTER, FROM PRISON, CALLS FOR CLASS WAR

## Accepting Nomination Urges Election-Fight

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resist wage cuts, increasing speed-up and exploitation.

On the contrary, the coming elections offer a splendid opportunity to organize the masses of discontented workers, to awaken their class consciousness, to unite them under the leadership of the Communist Party for struggle against capitalism. For the first time our Party was accepted by great masses of workers (over a million) as their leader. The Party must enter the present election campaign with the utmost vigor.

American and world capitalism is today, in a deep economic crisis which capitalism can't solve. Over 7,000,000 workers are now unemployed and the number is increasing. Millions of men, women and children are forced to starve. New York state has its full share of these, over 1,000,000. The lies of Hoover and his agents can't conceal this crisis. With the approach of fall and the shutting down of outside work, undoubtedly industry will drop into a far deeper sag than that of last winter.

The bosses are putting the burden of the crisis on the workers. The unemployed are forced to starve. The speed-up is increasing. Wages are slashed. The tax burden is more and more shifted by direct and indirect means on to the backs of the workers and poor farmers. To break the resistance and militancy of the workers, to destroy their spirit of struggle for better conditions, the bosses are resorting more and more to fascist means of terror and suppression. A wide campaign of terror and lynching is initiated by the bosses against the Negro workers.

To the demands of the millions of unemployed fighting under the leadership of the Communist Party and the revolutionary trade unions for work or wages and social insurance, the bosses have answered with an investigation of Communist activity in the United States. This is only a part of the general campaign of the bosses to defeat the workers by crushing the revolutionary leadership of the working class, the Trade Union Unity League and particularly the Communist Party.

Free speech and free assembly have become only memories. The right to organize and to strike are being rapidly liquidated. When the workers strike, they confront injunctions, police, and armed private thugs. Their leaders are jailed by hundreds and given ferocious sentences. Powers and Carr in Georgia actually facing the electric chair for organizing white and colored workers, while the Doheneys, Falls, etc., owners of hundreds of millions, go free. The courts brazenly show their capitalist class character.

When the unemployed demand relief they are ridden down by mounted police or insulted by Governor Roosevelt's pauperizing old age pension bill or by Wagner's hypocritical bill to take a census of unemployed. Night sticks bread lines, jails, fake statistics, are the capitalist answer to the unemployed. In New York the Tammany Hall administration, the expression of the reaction and terror of the bosses is clubbing and killing workers because they dare to demonstrate against unemployment. Whalen, the Chamber of Commerce, and all other agencies of the bosses have forged documents in order to discredit the Communist Party and to create war sentiment against the Soviet Union.

In the present bosses attacks against the workers they have included the support of the American Federation of Labor and the Socialist Party. The American Federation of Labor, the vice-president of the American Federation of Labor has united with the most bitter open shop and fascist enemies of the working class. The American Federation of Labor and its history of countless betrayals of the struggles of workers, has today proven very clearly and definitely to be the American working class that in its policy and reactionary leadership it is an openly fascist and bureaucratic organization working hand and glove with the bosses against the working class.

While the United States is the scene of paralyzed industry, mass unemployment, and growing fascist terrorism, world capitalism shows a similar picture of crisis. The various capitalist countries driven on by internal crisis and an insatiable thirst for markets and world control, come into violent conflict with each other. They fight by building tariff walls against each other, by building up larger armies and navies and ruthlessly suppressing the colonial people. They are now particularly preparing a war against the Soviet Union. The London Naval Conference has definitely proven that the bosses are preparing for war and that disarmament is impossible to achieve under capitalism.

Meanwhile, as world capitalism goes deeper into crisis, the workers of the Soviet Union almost daily startle the world with their great successes in the building of Socialism. The standard of living of the Russian workers is continuously rising. The superiority of Socialism

# Labor Faker



The mug above belongs to Margaret Bondfield, whom British "Labor" Party put in charge of unemployment. She has had the same "success" as when she took a joy ride to America in 1926 to "collect funds" from John L. Lewis for the striking British miners. Margaret is just too sweet for words, and "helped" the unemployed by proposing that their debt be reduced. She felt deeply grieved, don't you know, that the poor, dear capitalists had to pay so much taxes.

over capitalism is definitely established before the workers of the world. Such achievements can only be possible under the rule of the workers and farmers led by the Communist Party.

While the masses of American workers are preparing for bitter struggle to resist the attack of the bosses the millions of the colonial people in India, China, the Philippines, Haiti and other American colonies are rising in revolt against American and world imperialism. The Indian workers and peasants are now engaged in a revolutionary struggle for emancipation and independence against British Imperialism and its tool the labor government.

On the Eve of the First Chinese Soviet Congress, millions of Chinese workers and peasants are now fighting with the Chinese Red Army against world imperialism and its native militarist henchmen. In the American colonies, like Cuba, Haiti, Philippines, etc., the masses are rising in struggle for complete emancipation from the yoke of American Imperialism. World capitalism is in decay. Millions of toiling masses are now engaged in a bitter struggle against capitalism.

In the coming elections the working class must organize under the banner of the Communist Party and the revolutionary trade unions and fight for their interests. The democratic, republican and the so-called "socialist" parties are the parties of the bosses. To vote for these parties means to vote against the very interests of the working class. The American Federation of Labor, an organic part of American capitalism, in calling upon the workers to vote for the candidates of these parties, shows again that this fascist strike-breaking organization is the tool of the capitalist class.

The Socialist Party and its so-called Muste group in the American Federation of Labor is also a part of capitalism, but it disguises its essential capitalist character under the pretenses of radicalism. However, where the Socialist Party goes into action it openly exposes its anti-working class program and policy. The Socialist Party has nothing to offer to the working class. It openly acts as the third political party of the bosses.

In Reading, Pa., and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where the socialists control the city administration, the police clubbed the unemployed workers as brutally as Whalen's cossacks did in New York. In the New York cloak and dress strike the pious Reverend Norman Thomas, made a solid united front with the employers, Tammany Hall, the underworld, and the capitalist newspapers, against

the workers. In England, the Labor Party now shows the classical role of the socialists and is trying to drown the Indian revolution in blood. In Berlin, on the first of May a year ago, the Socialist chief of police, Zoergel, completely outdid Whalen by having his police murder thirty demonstrating workers. The Socialist Party in every capitalist country is the bridge to the establishment of the fascist dictatorship of capitalism.

The Communist Party is the sole Party which defends the interests of the working class. It alone has a program both to defend the interests of the workers now under capitalism and to ultimately smash the capitalist system and emancipate the workers. The Communist Party is the American Section of the Communist International. The election program of our Party represents the basic interests and demands of the workers. It is a program which every class conscious worker should support.

While fighting for the immediate interests of the workers, the Communist Party warns the American workers not to have any illusions that capitalism can be reformed or that the misery of the workers can be completely abolished under the rule of the bosses. Only the proletarian revolution can completely emancipate the working class.

The coming elections must therefore serve as a mobilization and preparation of the American workers to prepare themselves for a struggle against capitalism. In this election campaign we must fight for unemployment, insurance, for social insurance against old age, sickness, accidents, protection of women, etc. For the seven-hour day 5-day week. The six-hour day for young workers. We must fight against the injunction, the criminal syndicalist law, for the right to strike, picket and defend themselves from the attack of the bosses and their thugs. We must demand the release of all political prisoners. The abolishment of all criminal syndicalist laws and all other class legislation prepared by the bosses against the workers.

One of the great tasks that now faces the American workers in this election campaign is to fight against race discrimination, segregation and all discriminatory laws of capitalism used against the Negro workers. We must fight for the vigorous suppression of lynchings. The defense of the Negro workers against the terror of the white ruling class must be the task of the entire American working class. Against the feverish war preparations of the bosses we must mobilize the toiling masses to fight imperialist war, and to defend the Soviet Union.

The bosses succeeded in putting me and other members of the New York delegation of the March 6th Demonstration of the Unemployed, together with hundreds of other working class fighters, in jail, they will not succeed in breaking our revolutionary determination and loyalty to the working class.

While we are kept in jail we see the working class, under the leadership of the Communist Party and the revolutionary trade unions continuing the struggle against capitalism and for the program of the Communist Party. No matter what brutality and terrorism the bosses might use they will not succeed in breaking our confidence in the heroic revolutionary struggles of the masses.

The workers must answer the bosses by joining the Communist Party, by making this Party a mass Communist Party of revolutionary action, and by building up the Trade Union Unity League.

All the bosses' terror and reaction will be wiped aside by the revolutionary struggle and sacrifices of the workers, and in the place of the blood-thirsty oppressive capitalist system, living upon the sweat and toil of the millions of workers and farmers, there will be established a Workers and Farmers Government.

With Revolutionary Greetings, (signed) WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

# COMMUNISTS IN ELECTION FIGHT TO FREE JAILED

## Delegates Pledge to Push Program

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talist war and defend the Soviet Union.

A Ford worker from Buffalo related how the Ford bosses have reduced speed up to a science, brutal and life-wrecking, while a seaman from Buffalo, telling of rationalization in shipping also spoke of Ford, provoking uproarious laughter at his tale of how a worker dreamed that Ford had died, and six workers were called as pall-bearers. But Henry Ford, according to the story, raised the lid of his coffin and protested: "What, six men! Put wheels under my coffin and fire five of these fellows!"

Comrade Hoffbauer, an iron worker, was followed by a woman textile worker of Utica. She had worked since she was 11 years old, but failed to get the million dollars supposed to be the reward of years of toil. The mills kept laying off workers, then collecting from those left working three days a week—for charity. "The capitalists have lots of money; let them pay!" she said.

Many other workers spoke, one from the Youth Section of the T.U. U.L. Paper Bag and Box Makers, a girl worker, a farmer from Troy, driven into the shops as a proletarian; Harrison George directed attention to the fact that the Communist message must be taken to the farming population of New York State, just as well as in the Dakotas. But the biggest ovation was given to Comrade Thundervoice, Iroquois Indian chief when he came in, delayed but happy to take the platform. He, the most genuine of Americans, was the only one searched by the police!

Comrade Thundervoice Speaks. "Didn't find any bombs or even a tomahawk," he said. "Wish I'd brought my tomahawk. Might have done a little scalping! Talk about a free country! We're free to starve. I've worked in factories. We Indians cannot live on the land we have. Now the Snell Bill is proposed to take away that little we have left. Capitalism is robbery. We are all workers, and all workers are robbed."

"I see the government is going to investigate. There are lots of Reds here. The capitalists don't have to go to Russia to find 'em."

"We're all proletarians, pale faces and Indians alike. We shed our blood and gave our lives on the fields of France to end war. Now the capitalists pull off this fake "disarmament" conference at London. But the nations will never disarm until the workers control the governments."

J. Louis Engdahl and Richard B. Moore, the two candidates present to make acceptance speeches, vigorously dealt with the issues of the campaign as outlined in the platform (Foster's letter of acceptance is published in another column of this paper), and after all business was done the convention adjourned with the singing of the Internationale.

# Demand Release of Jobless Leaders

HANCOCK, Mich., May 26.—The International Labor Defense section conference held here on May 18, adopted a resolution demanding the release of Foster, Minor, Amter and Raymond, leaders of the New York jobless who demonstrated March 6. The resolution also called for the release of Powers and Carr. The conference also adopted a resolution condemning the Halonen right wingers in the local Co-operative movement.

# ITALIAN FASCISM AND BRITISH IMPERIALISM IN WAR MANEUVERS

## British Seek to Establish 15 to 7 Ratio for France in Small Cruisers

### French Imperialism Objects Because British Proposal Favors Italy

While Mussolini was shouting war threats to France from Italy, negotiations were and are going on in Geneva, where the diplomatic sermons of French imperialism are bargaining with British imperialism for more cruisers. British imperialists are reported to be trying to establish a 15 to 7, 8-inch gun cruiser ratio for France.

France of course objected, alleging that since Italy already had six 8-inch-gun cruisers, France, after providing parity in the Mediterranean, would have only one of the big cruisers left for the whole Atlantic coast and oceanic colonial routes.

Here the extremely significant relationship of British foreign policy on the notoriously noisy antagonisms between France and Italy can be seen.

Ramsay MacDonald is a good social-fascist, whose fascist characteristics in the realm of foreign politics is to prepare to make war by peaceful slogans. But mere peaceful slogans are not enough. Some occasional war threats are also necessary, both from the point of view of bourgeois diplomacy and the ideological side of the preparation for war. Here Mussolini comes handy.

There is every reason to believe that Italian fascism is now more or less hand in glove with British imperialism. MacDonald preaches peace and his friend and ally, Mussolini, complements him by shouting war. What an idyllic picture of friendly cooperation between Fascism and Social Fascism!

# Palestine Terror on Militant Workers

JERUSALEM (IPS).—The authorities conducted mass arrests of Jewish and Arabian workers immediately prior to the 1st of May. Over 100 workers were arrested. As a protest against the brutal treatment of proletarian political prisoners (which recently resulted in the death of a young girl) 117 proletarian political prisoners in various parts of Palestine have now gone on hunger strike. This is the third hunger strike of the political prisoners under the regime of the religious Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in order to obtain humane treatment.

# MASS PROTEST ON ATLANTA

## Powers and Carr Case Put Off to June 17

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Storey, an active member of the Atlanta Branch of the American Negro Labor Congress, and Gilmer Brady, national organizer of the A.N.L.C. are in jail, without bonds, waiting the attempt of the capitalist class to railroad them through the prejudiced Atlanta courts to the electric chair on the same charges. They were arrested on May 21 at an American Negro Labor Congress meeting here.

Protest Grows. Intensive and large scale protest campaign by the workers of all sections of the country can alone save the victims of the legal lynching spree on which the bosses of Georgia have embarked, states the International Labor Defense.

A huge meeting held in Moose Hall in Minneapolis demanded the immediate release of the six militant workers.

Resolutions demanding their release have been passed by the Minneapolis Finnish Workers Club, Ukrainian Women's Auxiliary, Minneapolis; Icor Branch, St. Paul and the St. Paul Central Branch of the International Labor Defense.

Active Organizers. Further information relative to Fight for Work or Wages!

Engdahl Goes South. J. Louis Engdahl, national secretary of the I.L.D. starts immediately for the South to lead the campaign for release of class war prisoners there. He will stop in Winston-Salem, I.L.D. headquarters for the Carolinas, and will be in Raleigh, N. C., Wednesday, the date on which the North Carolina state supreme court is expected to render the decision on the seven Gastonia defendants.

Engdahl will be in Atlanta during the Powers and Carr trial, and will continue on to Birmingham, to rally the steel and coal workers there for defense of the right to organize on a class basis and a basis of racial equality.



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# TWO CONVENTIONS

By TOM JOHNSON.

THE Alabama State Federation of Labor opened its 28th annual convention at Tuscaloosa, Ala. on May 12. The Trade Union Unity League will call to order its first southern conference in Chattanooga, Tenn. on June 8. It will be interesting to compare the convention of the State Federation, its compositions and results with the conference of the Trade Union Unity League.

The Birmingham "Labor Advocate," fascist labor sheet supreme, characterizes the convention as the "stormiest session ever held by the State Federation since its organization." The convention lasted from May 12 until 2 a. m. the morning of May 15. Even according to the "Labor Advocate" nothing was accomplished. Almost the entire time of the convention was spent in squabbles over the removal of President Hurst and Secretary Griffen on the charge of "borrowing \$1,000 from one of the largest printing concerns in the state, without the knowledge of the other Federation officials. This pair of worthy thieves were finally kicked out by the convention.

Their "Good Friend."

The convention was opened by the president of the Tuscaloosa Central Body, who promptly turned the chair over to a "good friend" of labor in the person of Mr. Norfleet Harris, the president of the Tuscaloosa City Commission! The next speaker was another "good friend of labor," ex-Governor William W. Brandon. The present Governor of Alabama, Col. Bibb Graves, was invited but failed to put in an appearance until the second day of the convention, when he, too, spoke. This is the same Graves who in 1920 commanded the State Militia which succeeded after a bitter struggle and after the murder of several miners, in smashing the 1920 coal miners strike in Alabama.

The credentials committee reported the second day of the convention and the fight started. In the first place some of the more naive delegates were opposed to the seating of the delegation of the Mobile Street Carriers Union on the ground that this organization had last year built a new hall and headquarters with non-union labor. This matter was finally referred to the national headquarters of the A. F. of L. at Washington. Bill Green promptly wired the convention that such a little thing as one A. F. of L. union scabbing on another should under no circumstances cause the unseating of delegates, and the Mobile delegates resumed their places in the convention.

The second fight centered around the person of one J. L. Clemo, former Secretary of District 20 (Alabama) of the United Mine Workers of America. Mr. Clemo, with the able assistance of Van Bitner, of West Virginia fame, sold out the 1920 strike of the miners. This no one disputes. Since this time it has been common knowledge that Clemo is on the payroll of the Alabama coal operators, ready to smash any new efforts of the miners to organize. Clemo showed up at the convention representing himself as a "delegate" from District 20 of the U.M.W.A. In the credentials com-

mittee several facts were revealed. First that Clemo was expelled from the U.M.W.A. following the 1920 sell out. Second that there is not a single local of the U.M.W.A. in Alabama today, and no district organization to send Clemo as a delegate. Third that it is common knowledge that Clemo is a labor spy. After these facts had been aired the convention voted to seat Clemo!

Jim Crow.

The convention was made up of some 275 delegates. Of these 20 were Negroes from the Longshoremens Union and a couple from locals of the Plasterers Union. Some 10 women were present. The Negro delegates were of course segregated from the others in true Jim Crow fashion. The delegates present were almost exclusively from the highly skilled trades. The textile workers had a negligible delegation. There was not one delegate to represent the 20 odd thousand steel workers in the state. Not one to represent the thousands of coal and metal miners. In other words it was a typical A. F. of L. convention.

The convention had not one word to say about the recent wave of lynchings that has swept the South. Not one word to say about the terrible social and political oppression of the Negro workers. From start to finish it was a Jim Crow convention.

As to the organization of the unorganized workers, the keynote of the convention was sounded by Paul Smith, one of the worst scoundrels in the entire labor movement and at present chairman of the Southern organization campaign of the A. F. of L. in his speech on the results of the the campaign. Smith said: "We have come here on the invitation of the Southern workers (read bosses—T.J.) to help them. We realize that we must help the employers of labor if the workers are to be benefitted and we are anxious to be of assistance. . . . We have made considerable headway in our organization campaign, but the employers, some of them at least, are unfavorable to us, though why I don't know." Such was the convention of the Alabama State Federation of Labor.

Quite Another Matter.

The coming Southern Conference of the Trade Union Unity League will be quite another matter. There will be no ex-Governors or present governors with the blood of working class victims still on their hands, to welcome this conference. This will be a conference of workers, direct from the bench and the face in the mines. The largest delegation will be from textile, next will come metal, and after metal, mining. The overwhelming majority of the delegates will be Negroes.

Far from being welcomed by the bosses and high officials of the state, the T.U.U.L. Conference will meet in an atmosphere of raging white terror. It may be broken up by the police. It may have to meet underground, but it will meet and lay the basis for the building up of the revolutionary unions into the mass organizations of the Negro and white workers of the South.

# Negro Masses in South Africa

THE appeal of the Provisional Committee calling an International Negro Labor Conference in London in July, is finding a warm response among the workers in South Africa. The South African Federation of Non-European Trade Unions has issued a call for a Conference to be held in Johannesburg on Sunday, May 18. The call is addressed to all the South African Negro organizations, to the affiliated organizations of the S. A. Federation of Non-European Trade Unions, as well as to all workers in the mines, factories and on the land. It is hoped in this way to reach, not only the organized workers, but also the unorganized and particularly the miners, who are living in compounds under almost unbearable conditions.

The main purpose of the Congress will be to discuss the question of the International Negro Labor Conference and to secure the proper delegation. The agenda also includes various questions appertaining to the conditions of life and work of the natives in South Africa. The Conference will discuss the question of a struggle against imperialism in the light of the economic crisis, and the struggle for the establishment of the Native Black Republic of city and land owners.

The Conference will also consider various bills now pending in Parliament, which are directed against the Labor movement of the

country, and particularly the so-called Anti-Riot Bill, which will establish an open Fascist Dictatorship, by giving the Minister the right of prohibiting meetings, publications and of deporting without trial any workers from the province or from the country.

It is expected that the Conference on May 18 will be well attended, since the sharpening economic crisis is bringing in its wake much suffering to the native toiling population, which works at wages averaging nine shillings a week and a still smaller pay for the land workers. The native in South Africa is deprived of all social, economic and political equality, and even the churches do not permit the attendance of natives in the churches jointly with the white population. There is a growing dissatisfaction among the natives, which expresses itself in the recent uprisings in Durban, Worcester and other places.

The South African Delegation will expose all these conditions before the International Negro Labor Conference. The South African natives are glad to have the opportunity of meeting the oppressed Negroes of America, Haiti, French Equatorial Africa and all other countries, in order that all the forces may be united in the struggle against imperialist oppression, and also that the Negroes may be able to unite their forces in the struggle of other colonial people and with the workers in the capitalist countries.

# "When Thieves Fall Out..."

"WHEN thieves fall out," the old saying runs, and has a new application in the fight between the Lewis gang in the United Mine Workers of America, and the Howat-Fishwick-Farrington crowd. Lewis, headquarters in Indianapolis, and his rivals, headquarters in Springfield, Ill., have fallen out so completely that they have organized gunmen and espionage systems on each other. Both are experts in stealing elections and other things, and both are for the coal operators—different groups of operators, which is the main reason for their falling out.

Where Power Lies.

A Lewis victory is the securing, by what means your correspondent knoweth not, but has a pretty good suspicion, of a letter signed in Frank Farrington's own inimitable handwriting which now appears plastered over two pages of Lewis' official organ, the United Mine Workers' Journal. Farrington is a former president of District 12 of the U. M. W., who, in 1926, was caught taking \$25,000 a year from the Peabody Coal Co. He admits it, but such are the ways of thieves, that now he is the power behind the throne in the Howat-Fishwick "Reorganized U. M. W."

The letter shows that this Peabody Coal Co. agent was the real originator of the "reorganized U. M. W." and had to club Fishwick into line. One paragraph is amusing:

"I regret to advise that a large part of the Illinois miners, particularly those in Franklin County and the Peoria District have no confidence in Fishwick and are rebelling against his leadership. He, in turn, is so vain and egotistical, I think there is little difference between he and Lewis in that respect, that

he will not be guided by the advice of, nor openly accept the aid, of anyone. In fact when Judge Jones rendered his decision, Fishwick told Ameringer that he knew he would win the decision because God was with him and all of the churches had been praying for his success. Ameringer told him that he thought Farrington had rendered him greater aid than God."

With the S. P. In It.

Ameringer, it may be mentioned, is a socialist party man, editor of the Illinois Miner, the Fishwick official organ.

The letter has a postscript on the back, in handwriting, which says in part:

"Since this was dictated, there has been a complete change in policy due to a meeting with Fishwick that lasted nearly all of last night. In fact up to last night Fishwick had no policy for the future. He has finally admitted he needs help. I am going to Franklin County at once to try and line up the men for the district" (i. e., for the "Reorganized Union"). "A district convention will be called. . . ." It was, and after a little flurry, Farrington stayed in, with Howat the new president, and Fishwick still running the Illinois district, as much as Peabody Farrington would let him.

The miners have nothing to gain from either of these cliques of fakery. They have a union, a real union, the National Miners' Union.

The Daily Worker is the Party's best instrument to make contacts among the masses of workers, to build a mass Communist Party.



By FRED ELLIS

# Our Tasks in the South

By GILBERT LEWIS.

AT the convention of the Party to be held in June many questions in relation to our work in the South will have to be taken up and given serious consideration. For instance, the gap between our ideological influence and organizational results must be overcome. The convention will have to take up and find out the reason for this. Down here the workers are radicalized, they are prepared for struggle. They listen to and agree without program—even the most backward white worker is willing to accept our program on Negro equality, agree with us that the Negro and white workers must be organized together. Yet our organizational gains have not been commensurate with this degree of radicalization.

Not An Experiment.

Let us analyze the situation and see if we can find out some of the reasons for this. The recent Plenum of our Party pointed out that no longer must the South be regarded as a sort of experimental laboratory but serious and sustained attention must be given to the work here. In many things the decision has been put into effect. The tour system (where an organizer would get into a town, get a number of workers together, call a meeting and form a nucleus only to return in a few weeks to find that it had disappeared), which greatly affected organizational results, has been overcome. Our comrades are fast coming to realize that Southern workers with practically no experience in the labor movement and many of them never before having heard of a revolutionary Party, cannot be expected to carry on long in the absence of competent leadership. It will be sometime yet before we can form nuclei after one of two meetings with workers and come back weeks later and find them functioning. (In Atlanta, a nucleus so formed, wrote in later to ask the Party to reconsider its stand on the Negro question. When this was not done the organizer resigned and the nucleus was practically dissolved).

Also the comrades in the North are overcoming what might well be termed a geographical attitude in regard to the South. They are gradually, but by no means rapidly enough, coming to realize that the South is not an isolated section of American capitalism and that the semi-feudal repressive measures now being utilized in Georgia (Powers-Carr case) and other parts of the South (lynching and burning of Negro and white workers) will, if not severely resisted, rapidly spread to other sections of the country.

Failures on May Day.

This geographicalness expressed itself in our preparations for May Day. At a time when May Day meetings, because the existing repressive measures, should have been held in every city in the South, only two can be recorded, one in Rome and one in Chattanooga. If the Central Committee truly understood the situation, it should have drained itself of forces to hold meetings in at least all of the big political centers of the South, and particularly in Atlanta. This failure to hold a meeting in the city which is taking the lead in the effort to drive our Party into illegality, where two and by now probably six more), of our comrades are facing death in the electric chair and a city which is incidentally the Wall St. of the South, was a decided setback for our Party.

In this connection it should be pointed out that organizers should at all times, give in accurate reports on which the C.C. may base its estimate of Party forces in a district. For no doubt in the case of Atlanta, the C.C., on

the basis of reports given at the Plenums to the Party units and the Left Wing Workers' Circle group, was counting on something it did not have. What was actually there can be judged best by the fact that the Party unit no longer actually functions and the Left Wing Workers' Circle crowd came down to City Hall on May Day with their water bills in their hands.

In other things also does the dead hand of the past weigh heavily on the present. Lack of adequate organizational preparations for staging real fights still manifests itself. An American Negro Labor Congress meeting, called in Atlanta to protest lynching, was held without any organizational preparations. It is not really true to say that the meeting was held, for all of the comrades connected with the meeting were in jail half an hour before the time scheduled for the meeting to open.

Not the Way.

Mass meetings to protest lynching cannot be arranged in this manner. The comrades must realize that lynching is one of the means of terror that the Southern capitalist does not intend to give up without a determined struggle. Any mass meeting in the South against lynching, is going to be met with the sharpest resistance by the capitalists. Without organizational preparations, meetings called to protest lynching can, and in many cases probably will, result in other lynchings. We must guard against this.

In my opinion the national office of the A.N.L.C. made a mistake in specifically declaring that there should be a Negro chairman of its Southern meetings. For while the A.N.L.C. is an organization voicing the specific racial demands of the Negro masses, on a class struggle basis, any fight against lynching must be a united front affair, united front of Negro and white workers, and not only in the audience but as speakers, chairman, etc.

In our mass work, in the building of the T.U.U.L. and revolutionary unions, much quiet determined work will be necessary in order to overcome the gap between ideological and organizational strength. There must be less mass meetings and more group and shop gate meetings. We must raise the political consciousness of the workers in the shops. For this more shop papers must be built up. The workers are with us ideologically but have not quite reached that stage where they are willing to take hold on a mass scale. We must overcome this.

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# PRE-CONVENTION DISCUSSION

## The Needle Trades Under the Surgical Knife of Self-Criticism

By H. KORETZ.

EXACTLY two years after the expulsions, the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union was launched. Should we not ask ourselves why it took us fully two years to be convinced about the necessity of building a new industrial union? Is not this in itself proof of political blindness of a vacillating leadership? This exemplified "revolutionary leadership" was fully under the influence of the great leader, "Mr. Lovestone," at the time. It was the "expert exponent" of Leninist strategy—Mr. Lifshitz, who bitterly attacked the writer for insisting at a discussion meeting, that the launching of the National Organization Committee, meant laying the base for a new union outside the A. F. of L. It was the same lieutenant of Lovestone, who insisted that the Los Angeles local does not withdraw from the LL.G.W.U., even after the National Organization Committee was organized.

For two years we failed to amalgamate our own Joint Boards, (Furriers and Cloakmakers). Each one fighting its own battles, having separate offices, separate committee, separate lawyer—a separate craft ideology. While at the same time the entire labor bureaucracy has united against us, by organizing the famous committee for the preservation of the labor unions. Unhindered by any outside force, we again failed to reorganize on the basis of the Shop Delegate System. We have failed to draw in the out-of-town centers into the struggle, most of them left wing locals, which instead of helping us, helped Sigman against us. For one year and a half, we maneuvered with the so-called Centrist Movements (Shelly, Sorkin, Winnick, etc.), with the result that the bulk of the membership remained outside both the right and left organizations. The masses said: "We are waiting till peace will be concluded, and one union established, then we will join."

Instead of mobilizing the masses for determined struggle we have mainly concentrated on maneuvers on top, thus creating illusions among the masses of a possibility for rapprochement. Instead of coming out to the masses with a clear cut statement about the absolute impossibility of building a union together with the right wing social fascists, we, ourselves, were responsible for paralyzing the struggle. This was due to the fact that the leadership at the time, under the influence of Lovestoneism, falsely calculated on

differences between various cliques in the machine, for a possibility to come together. (Failure to fight Shelly for his conferences with Dubinsky and for his endorsement of Schlesinger to the convention of the company union, while being a member of the National Organization Committee.)

The Source of All These and Other Mistakes.

The needle trades industry for the last decade has undergone a tremendous change. From a highly competitive industry it became more and more centralized with finance capital, gradually assuming major control. Standardized prices, standardized styles, introduction of new machinery, were on the order of the day. This rationalization of industry was quite apparent already in 1925. The right wing, whose darling creature is the class collaboration policy, has never conducted a real struggle in the interests of the workers. However, in the early stages, when the industry was still competitive, when they still could count on one group of manufacturers against the other, they gained some concessions for the workers even though the strikes were not strikes in the real sense of the word. When, however, a small group of jobbers and chain stores became the real controlling factor in the industry, the socialist bureaucracy gave up any pretense of struggle entirely. Hence, the process of complete company unionization of the industry. The right wingers don't need any more the workers. Decisions about strikes, taxes, etc., is being prearranged, first with the consent of the bosses. As a result of this the state power—the police, the courts, are openly cooperating with the social fascists because the latter served their masters, the bosses. Confronted with this formidable combination of the social fascist, the bosses and the state, the left wing could only come out victorious if broad masses are involved in struggle. Individual strikes, surprise general strikes, insufficient preparation for them, failure to draw in the unorganized into struggle, cannot help to build a militant industrial union. The Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union was born as a result of these changes in the industry. The Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union was born to lead thousands upon thousands of exploited needle trades workers into struggle for better conditions. The Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union was born to give leadership to these masses. What it has accomplished, and what it has failed to do, the next article will deal in.

# Shortcomings in Lower Party Units

By M. SILVER (District 3).

WHILE there is an improvement in the functioning of the Section Committees in District 3, to the extent that they meet regularly and take up problems confronting them, the units still do not recognize the authority of the Section Committees, do not get individual guidance and are too dependent on the district. The Section Committee is more of an advisory board to the Section Organizer than a leading committee composed of comrades in charge of different departments of the section, who participate in the everyday work of their particular departments. We can find many a unit Daily Worker representative or a unit Negro director who is better acquainted and actually participates in the campaigns of that particular department, than the section Daily Worker representative or Negro director, unless, as is often the case, the section functionary is also a unit functionary of the same nature. In that event the comrade is actually a unit functionary and only carries the title of a section functionary.

District 3 will have to develop the sections to become real political leaders of their respective territories. The units will have to go to their sections for instructions and guidance instead of to the district office. At present the units are still being nursed too much by the district office, with the result, therefore, that the district office does not give sufficient attention to the out of town sections.

New Elements.

We are at present involved in a recruiting drive which is to further strengthen our Party and improve its social composition. The workers joining our Party today are not the type that have been at the fringe of our Party for a number of years, which elements will remain traditional sympathizers but will go no further. The elements we are getting now are new as far as our movement is concerned—Negroes, unskilled workers of basic industry, who have been attracted to our Party through the Party's participation in the class struggle. These workers, if retained, are the elements who will radically change the composition of the Party. The problem of keeping these new members is of utmost importance. The unit meetings, however, are conducted in such a manner that unless improved immediately we shall not be able to keep a great number of new members. We don't have enough political life in the conduct of the meeting to explain to the new members what it is all about, and the discussions are too "political."

To illustrate: At one of our unit meetings, the organizer reporting for the Executive on the Daily Worker Campaign, Call to the National Convention of the Party and the I. L. D., reported in the following manner: "The Executive has decided that every comrade must pay a dollar for a Convention Assessment Stamp, that every comrade must go out to collect money for the Daily Worker and that all members are instructed to participate in the house to house collection this Sunday." Using a few words like "plenum," "Fred Sunday" at the meeting where 8 or 10 workers who joined the Party came down for the first time to a Party meeting were sitting and waiting for an explanation of what all this money was needed for. Comrades claim that a report of this nature is necessary in order to be thorough with the business side in order for a discussion. The discussion which is held

later in the evening is conducted in such a manner that the new members do not get the meaning of seventy-five per cent of the words used, besides the comrades who introduce the discussions are of the opinion that they must speak for 40 minutes to an hour, which prevents even the old members from participating in the discussion, due to the lateness of the hour. Our unit meetings must be conducted in the following manner:

Every discussion in the executive, must be followed by an explanation, why this decision was reached. Our comrades must get part of their political education in the every day work of our Party. Especially at unit meetings, our leading comrades must learn how to introduce a subject for discussion in 15 or 20 minutes which will result in having discussions at every unit meeting with a large number of members participating. Our unit organizers must learn to come to the meetings not only with military instructions given to the army, but the unit organizers must be the political leaders in their respective units.

Talk Their Language.

Our Party, at the present period of sharpened class struggles, is attracting the most exploited sections of the working class. These workers, however, are not acquainted with our terminology. We must speak to them the English that is being used by the ordinary workers. They are not ready to take order from a unit organizer unless they know why these orders are given to them. Experience has shown that those units that have managed to keep the new members recruited in our last drive find them the most active participants in the life of the units as compared with the old members—who are getting tired, stick to old traditions and have remnants of language federalism. The workers joining the Party at the present period, do so, not because the Party sponsors humanitarian ideals, or culture, but because it is a Party of struggle in the full sense of the word, and they will be ready to struggle provided we will manage to keep them in the Party.

# "Build Five Year Plan in Four Years"

LENINGRAD, (By Mail).—3,000 scientific workers who heard a lecture by Lunacharsky on the role of technicians and specialists in the Reconstruction Period sent the following telegram to the Central Committee of the C. P. U. S.:

"The engineers, technicians, agronomes, physicians and scientific workers of Leningrad in assembly here send their fiery greetings to the headquarters of the working class and proletarian and give without hesitation all their strength, knowledge and experience to the building of socialism, and to strain all their energies in order to carry out the Five-Year Plan in four years; that they will carry on a vigilant struggle against all enemies of the land. We will stand in the ranks of the struggling proletariat to socialism from all the attacks of international capital, trying to crush socialism with their crusades and fascist outbursts against the workers. Long live the vanguard of the proletariat—the All Union Communist Party. Hall the world social revolution."