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### "Valley Forge" Imperialism

"The very name, Valley Forge, swells within us a pride of nationality. Here men endured that a nation might live. They could have abandoned their claims to freedom. Instead, they chose the harder way of steadfast fortitude and, for many, of death."

WHILE President Hoover was, in the above words taken from his speech at Valley Forge on Decoration Day, trying to justify present day counter-revolutionary imperialism by reference to American capitalism when it was being born in the fires of revolutionary struggle for national independence, in the same hour, American imperialist hirelings of the Hoover Administration were arresting 300 Communists in the Philippine Islands for daring even to claim the democratic right to enter their Party in the elections on a program of national independence.

The Communist Party of the Philippines was born only a few months ago, on the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. But its appeal to the toiling masses, savagely exploited and brutally oppressed by American imperialism, has been answered by such tremendous response of the workers and toiling peasants, that such hypocrites as Hoover, who insulted the heroes of Valley Forge by using their memory to justify capitalist robbery and plunder both at home and abroad, have been filled with consternation.

In spite of the fact, therefore, that American rule in the Philippines is decorated with various fig leaves of "democratic rights" such as the rights of any political party to exist, to hold meetings, and to enter candidates in the elections, these "Valley Forge" imperialists have declared that the Communist Party of the Philippines is "illegal," and have "promulgated a ruling" (after the manner of any despotism) that Communist meetings are a violation of "the assemblage and sedition acts."

Thus there evaporates before the eyes of the toiling masses of all the world, the pretense that American imperialism, differently than "other" imperialisms, "liberates" the so-called "backward" peoples! Thus the falsity of any "democratic" guarantees is exposed by the fact of ruthless tyranny!

American imperialism, of course, is not suppressing the political parties of the Filipino capitalists and landlords, the "Nationalists" and the "Democrats" parties, although both of these pretend—in words—to stand for national independence. It is because the Communist Party of the Philippines is the only party that does not betray independence and that rallies the workers and peasants for actual struggle for independence, that American imperialists are trying to outlaw and suppress it.

In the same issue of the N. Y. Times (June 1st) in which the news is given of the arrest of 300 Filipino Communists because they dared to hold a meeting, there appears another item relating how corrupt are the two capitalist parties. "A block of votes in the Nationalist convention was paid for by check"—"Similar charges of vote buying grew out of the Democratic convention"—such are the evidences that the political parties of the Philippine capitalists and landlords are really "Americanized." And the suppression of the Communist Party comes along as a further proof of "Americanization," a la Fish Committee.

Workers and poor farmers of America must understand that the American imperialists whom the workers and peasants of the Philippines are struggling to drive out are real flesh and blood, not something abstract, but are the same finance capitalists who exploit the workers and rob the farmers of the United States. They are the mutual enemies of the toilers of both countries. And from this arises the necessity of a fighting alliance.

Every American worker and poor farmer should support the demand for immediate, unconditional and complete independence of the Philippines! Especially on the Pacific coast the Communists have a duty to organize and educate the immigrant Filipino workers and to give special aid to the struggle.

Demand the freedom of the workers arrested in the Philippines! Build the Anti-Imperialist League around the struggle for Philippine independence! Rally the American masses to the aid of the Communist Party of the Philippine Islands!

### Wall St. Rulers Jail 300 Philippine Communists

Three hundred Communists have been arrested in Manila, Philippines, because they attempted to hold an election campaign meeting despite the ban on Communist gatherings.

These arrests follow a whole series of other jailings in the Philippines carried out by the native rich land owning lackeys with the aid of the Wall Street rulers.

The arrests took place after Crisanto Evangelista, one of the leaders of the Communist Party of the Philippines, who is a candidate for the Senate, declared a meeting would be held despite the prohibition order of the Attorney General and the City Council. Masses of workers flocked to the meeting. The police raided it and arrested 300. They offered to let the mob on bail. But the arrested workers refused.

The jail is crammed to capacity. The workers are demanding an immediate trial. They are using their arrest as a means of demonstrating against and protesting the unity of the native Filipino bourgeois and the American imperialists in an effort to wipe out the only party in the islands fighting for independence from Yankee imperialism—the Communist Party of the Philippines.

Evangelista, before his present arrest, was indicted several times on the charge of sedition. Twenty-two other leaders of the Communist Party, likewise, were held on the same charge.

The Communist Party of the Philippines, whose influence is rapidly spreading among hundreds of thou-

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sands of Filipino workers and peasants, is carrying on a relentless fight against all efforts to shove it underground and to break its growing strength.

### Series Answering Attacks on Soviet Union Soon

Are you interested in knowing why millions of workers in America are more ready than ever to fight wage-cuts, unemployment and capitalism itself; why the capitalists are becoming more and more frantic in their talk of fighting and defeating the Soviet Union?

Are you interested in knowing the truth about the much talked "Red Trade Menace" articles against the Soviet Union?

Would you like to know the facts about the tremendous development of the Five-Year Plan of the Soviet Union? Then you will be interested in following the series by Max Bedacht entitled "The Holy Capitalist Crusade Against the Soviet Union" scheduled to begin in the "Daily" Wednesday, June 10.

This is the most important series that the Daily Worker has yet published. It is vital at this time of growing attacks on the Soviet Union that the Daily Worker publish this startling expose.

Its appearance depends on the continued publication of the Daily Worker, which is now threatened with suspension. Every class-conscious worker who knows the need of broadcasting this news must immediately respond with funds from himself and his fellow-workers. Make this series possible!

### 1,200 JOBLESS IN RALLY FOR NOON MEAL

Hunger March Today to Welfare Commissioner to Demand Food

Meeting in Flop House

Salvation Army Jobless Agree to March Too

NEW YORK.—A mass demonstration of 1,200 unemployed workers took place at the Municipal flop house, at First Ave. and 25th St. They had been urged by the Madison Square branch of the Lower Manhattan Council of the Unemployed to come up and demand the noon-day meal, ordered discontinued by the Tammany politicians.

The meeting adopted demands for three nourishing meals a day, sleeping accommodations every night without discrimination against Negro, foreign-born or out-of-town workers, sanitary equipment with laundry and dryer, pay for all work no forced labor, free medical attention, free clothing and the reopening of the South Ferry lodging house. A lot of police, commanded by sergeants and captains, failed to break up the meeting. When the committee marched up to the door with the demands and demanded to see Mr. Mannix, the superintendent, the police sneered at them, but the committee got by.

Mannix said the meal was stopped because most of those who come for it are from out of town. This is a lie, and the committee scored Mannix for sitting in his well-paid, swivel chair job while thousands starve. "I worked 17 years for this job," said Mannix. He promised nothing.

Just before this the jobless inside demonstrated, and when the speaker was attacked by a henchman of the superintendent that henchman was "flattened out."

A demonstration took place also at the Salvation Army headquarters, at 35th St. and Tenth Ave., and they have promised to be in the line of march today.

Today, at 11 a. m. there will be a mass meeting at First Ave. and 25th St., followed by a parade at 1:30 p. m. led by a delegation of 10 and 13 elected captains. They will go down First Ave. to Seventh St. and then south to Leonard where the demonstrators will be served on Commission of Welfare Taylor. All jobless should be in the march.

### WIN SMALL MARKET STRIKE.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—After routing thugs sent by the boss on several occasions, the strike of the one fruit clerk at Rubin's Market on 24th St., Coney Island, was one when the conditions demanded by the Food Workers' Industrial Union was recognized.

Militant picketing for one week by sympathizers was effective in making a few gangsters scur for cover when they showed themselves.

### 5 Seriously Injured, 1 May Die; 80 Arrested in Youngstown, O.

Steel Bosses Ordered Police to Fire Point Blank Upon Young Workers; Savage Terror Reigns in Steel Town

YOUNGSTOWN.—Acting on orders from the steel bosses of the Mahoning Valley, Youngstown police broke up the National Youth Day demonstration in the most brutal fashion. Five were seriously wounded, one perhaps fatally, by police bullets, scores were hurt, and at the present writing over 80 have been arrested. The local headquarters of the Communist Party were practically wrecked; athletic equipment for the track meet which was to have taken place on Sunday, and musical instruments for a dance orchestra, as well as office equipment, being completely destroyed.

Thousands of pieces of literature were removed from cars and trucks and burned. In addition trucks and cars parked near the headquarters which had brought young workers from Detroit, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Syracuse, Cleveland and many other small towns near these centers were confiscated by the police. Not only was the parade broken up as it started to the Public Square and also a demonstration at the square, but at midnight crowds of young workers were again attacked by the police as they peacefully left a downtown hall where a Russian movie had been shown as part of the scheduled Youth Day celebration.

Tammany police could profit by lessons from these steel town cops. All mounted men were equipped with two-foot clubs and swung the weapons continuously as they rushed into the crowd of young workers preparing to parade. Police broke their blackjacks from the force with which they were cracking heads. Cops were

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### HILLMAN PLANS NEW FAKE STRIKE

Rank and File Clothing Workers Meet Today

NEW YORK.—The Amalgamated Clothing Workers officials have been forced by the desire of the workers in the industry to take extreme measures to fight against the possibility of a real strike. They have in a special leaflet issued yesterday, called a meeting of Locals 2, 5 and 3 to "discuss the coming general strike." The meeting is Wednesday at Webster Hall right after work.

The purpose of this "strike call" is to put the officials at the head of a movement for struggle, in order to betray it, and in order to collect the 15 per cent tax for "strike relief," and in order to compel all to pay up dues in full before they go back to work after the stoppage.

There will be a meeting today right after work of the Rank and File Committees of the three locals, 2, 3 and 5, at 83 East 10th St., to decide on plans to bring about the struggle for a 40-hour week to be introduced immediately, the reintroduction of piece work, and unemployment insurance of 5 per cent, to be controlled by the rank and file, equal pay for equal work, etc.

National Executive Board, Trade Union Unity League.

### INDICT PATERSON WORKERS ON FRAMED CHARGES

Silk Bosses in Attempt to Smash Union of Textile Workers

PATERSON, N. J.—A Paterson grand jury, acting under the direction of the textile bosses, has handed down an indictment against five textile workers on a framed-up charge of murder.

Urban a silk boss who was connected with the bootleg industry and other sections of the underworld, was murdered in what was no doubt part of the Paterson underworld war among the rival gangs. The bosses seized this opportunity to try to destroy the campaign of organization of the National Textile Workers' Union by framing these five who were among the most active union workers.

Thanks to the mass campaign carried on by the National Textile Workers' Union and the International Labor Defense, these five workers are now released on bail. But the workers must not be fooled by this partial victory. Only the continued mass pressure of the workers can save these workers from the electric chair or long imprisonment. All workers must recognize in this frame-up an attempt to deprive them of the right to organize and strike. All workers and all workers organizations must rally to the defense of these workers and smash this vicious frame-up.

The answer of the textile workers in Paterson to this frame-up must be to intensify the campaign of organization, to rally to the National Textile Workers' Union; to repel all attempts of the leaders of the U. T. W., the Associated, the Giltows, who are at this time trying to do everything possible to weaken the National Textile Workers' Union campaign for the defense of the indicted workers.

The answer to all workers must be not only to rally to the defense of the five Paterson workers, but to organize and strike against wage-cuts, to rally to the Trade Union Unity League, the revolutionary trade union center in this country.

National Executive Board, Trade Union Unity League.

### MASS PICKETING ON AT ALL STRUCK MINES

Greenville, S. C., Workers Hear Scottsboro Mother in Plea for Fight to Save Boys

Entire Church Congregation Won for United Front Defense of Nine Boys After Hearing Mrs. Williams Speak

BULLETIN.

CHATTANOOGA June 1.—The delegates arrested here yesterday as they left the hall where the All-Southern United Front Scottsboro Defense Conference was held, have been charged with "loitering." They are out on bail. Their cases come up in local court on Tuesday.

The police picked them up as they were walking away from the hall. While the charge is loitering, the real reason for the arrests is that colored and white delegates were walking together, side by side, and that they had just come from the very successful united front conference where a fighting alliance was forged between thousands of white and Negro workers of the South and North in spite of the desperate efforts of the southern boss lynchers and their Negro agents to prevent it.

GREENVILLE, S. C., June 1.—The congregation of the Springfield Baptist Church of this city was completely won for the support of the united front defense of the nine Scottsboro boys after hearing Mrs. Williams, mother of 14-year-old Eugene, tell the story of the frightful frame-up and attempted lynchings of the nine children.

Mrs. Williams, holding her year-old baby in her arms spoke of the need of all workers rallying to the united front fight led by the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle to save the boys from the electric chair and win their unconditional release. Mrs. Williams did not ask for help for her son alone, but for all of the boys: "I am convinced that all are as innocent as Eugene. And all are being framed as he is."

She spoke enthusiastically of the work of the International Labor Defense. "They are doing all they can," she said, "but we cannot

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### To All Party Members:

All money collected in the Daily Worker campaign must be turned in tonight to the unit Daily Worker agents. Immediately after the unit meetings the unit D. W. agents must turn the money over to the section agents. There must be no change or delay in this procedure. The Daily Worker is in a critical situation and every cent counts.

District 2, Communist Party Daily Worker Management Committee

### ELECT DELEGATES TO WORKERS' CULTURAL CONFERENCE

With a large number of proletarian cultural organizations electing delegates to the conference that will launch a federation of all workers' cultural groups in the New York area, plans for this all-important gathering are now proceeding full steam ahead. The conference, which has been called by the John Reed Club, the organization of the American revolutionary writers and artists, will be held Sunday, June 14, at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Pl. It will start at 10:30 a. m.

Among the organizations that have signified their intention of sending delegates are the Workers' Laboratory Theatre, the Federation of Proletarian Chorus, the Proletarian (Yiddish proletarian writers), the Hammer and Sickle (Russian prole-

tarian writers), the Hungarian proletarian writers' group, the Proletarian (German), the Finnish Federation, the Red Dancers, the Department of Cultural Activities of the Workers' International Relief, the Educational Committee of the International Workers' Order, the Workers' School, the Labor Sports Union and the Trade Union Unity League.

The conference, which will lay the basis for a national federation, will include representatives of all the cultural forms, such as literature, art, music, dancing, drama, cinema, sports, education, science, anti-religious work, Esperanto groups, etc. All organizations working in the cultural field in New York and vicinity are urged to send delegates.

United Mine Workers Head Works to Break Strike

2,000 Join N. M. U.

To Call Out West Penna. Miners to Strike

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 1.—Thirty-four hundred miners struck today at eight mines, making a total of 5,500 miners out on strike in fourteen mines. The mines at Gilmore, Buffalo, Bertha, Kinlock, Corvendale, Hollenauer, Horning struck today.

They Are Striking Against Wage Cuts.

The strike is spreading to Allegheny and other sections. An additional five mines are expected to go on strike.

Over 2,000 joined the National Miners Union. Local and sectional strike committees are being organized at every mine and section.

Wednesday the General Strike Committee meets at Pittsburgh to formulate demands and to issue a call to all Western Pennsylvania miners to join the strike. Unemployed miners, women and children participate in mass picketing at every striking mine. Marches are also being organized to spread the strike to other mines. There is splendid unity between Negro and white workers, between employed and unemployed. A woman's auxiliary has been organized at every striking demands. Youth demands, also, are being put forward.

The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggle.—MARX.

GIVE YOUR ANSWER TO HOOVER'S PROGRAM OF HUNGER, WAGE CUTS AND PERSECUTION!

## Chicago Meet Pledges \$950 to 'Daily', Follow Its Example; Speed Aid Now!

"At Emergency Daily Worker Conference hastily called 51 delegates of 27 organizations present. Enthusiastic response. Pledged \$950. Permanent executive elected. We challenge both Cleveland and Detroit. Conference plans big mass meeting on 12th."

From Chicago comes this wire to the Daily Worker. It is a message of action, a message that shows the determination of the Chicago workers to save their fighting Daily. What will be the answer of Cleveland and Detroit? Cleveland has shown improvement during the last few days, but

Detroit is badly behind. You'll have to go some to beat Chicago!

The heartening message from Chicago comes in the midst of one of the worst weekends that the Daily Worker has experienced. Friday night the presses broke down and for a while it looked as if there would be no Daily Saturday. This would have been particularly disastrous in view of the special Chinese edition. The paper had to be gotten out at another plant, but where was the money to pay for this extra expense? Had it not been for the fact that \$350 was raised for the Daily at the opening of the Interna-

tional Workers Order convention Friday night, the Daily could not have appeared Saturday. The issuing of Monday's Daily again was faced with a question mark. Because there was no mail Saturday, a large portion of the funds sent in were held up.

But the Daily came out Saturday and came out yesterday and today, and with your help, comrades, with your devotion and the sacrifices you are making and will make, the Daily is determined to live, to be more than ever the voice and weapon of your struggles despite all the efforts of our enemies to crush us! Workers are respon-

ut they must respond more. Daily worker Clubs are being organized, not only to collect funds for the Daily, but to look after distribution, to stimulate workers correspondence, to offer suggestions and criticism, to aid the Daily in every way—but we must organize these clubs faster, with more energy, on a broader basis in every one of the 1,800 cities and towns which the Daily Worker reaches!

We must and will save the Daily Worker! Speed every dollar, every nickel and dime you can raise to the DAILY WORKER, 50 East 13th Street, New York City



# TO MARCH ON SPRINGFIELD ON JUNE 12TH

## "War Is Certain," Cries Chicago Press in New "Preparedness" Drive \$50,000 to the Legion

CHICAGO, Ill., June 1.—While hundreds of thousands are jobless and starving, the state of Illinois proceeds to stimulate a war scare, to appropriate thousands of dollars for the American Legion, and nothing for social insurance.

The answer of the capitalist class here to the growing demand of the unemployed that be allowed to live, is to make preparations for a war that will kill off part of them, and to subsidize the fascist organizations relied on to smash them back into starvation if they make their demands too urgently.

"War is certain; prepare for it!" is a headline in the Chicago Herald and Examiner, commenting on a speech made in Chicago by Major Gen. Smedley Butler at the Rotary Club in the Hotel Sherman. Gen. Butler, in his speech declared "War will come." And in line with this, he declared, "there is no finer government employe than the soldier and it is only fitting that we should honor him on Memorial Day." And then he called for full preparations for the next war.

The same day the Illinois State legislature appropriated \$50,000 from the County Fair and Agriculture fund to the American Legion. This is an open subsidy by the State to the American Legion, not only preparing for war, but primarily as a strike-breaking agency. The fascist bands attack the workers when they strike against wage cuts or demonstrate for immediate relief to the unemployed.

The workers in the State of Illinois, who march to Springfield, the state capital, demanding social insurance for the unemployed, and immediate relief for the unemployed workers and farmers, will not forget that the State of Illinois subsidized the fascist American Legion in war against the workers. Marchers will demand that this \$50,000 be turned over to the unemployed together with all other funds provided for military and police purposes.

"Not a penny for military preparations. All the funds for unemployed relief!" they will shout in mass meetings all the way to Springfield.

Every working class organization, every worker and poor farmer in the State of Illinois should rally behind the State Hunger March June 12 to 15 at Springfield.

Send your delegates! Write for all information to 23 So. Lincoln St., Chicago, Ill.

## Carpenter Local Does Bit for Five-Year Plan

NEW YORK.—The workers of Branch 1164 of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners presented a box of tools to a fellow member leaving for the Soviet Union.

The member, Samuel Ballinson, was also given a letter from the local. He left with a group of building workers who are going to build railroads to help make the Five Year Plan of the workers' republic a success.

## Yonkers Conference "For Daily Worker"

YONKERS, N. Y.—To push the drive for finances to save the Daily Worker in its present financial emergency the Westchester County Daily Worker Committee has arranged a conference on June 6 at the Workers' Co-operative Center, 252 Warburton Ave., Yonkers.

A call has been sent out to many organizations here urging them to send representatives to save the Daily Worker. The call says:

"The Daily Worker at this critical period appeals to the workers to rally to its support in order to make it possible for the Daily Worker to help lead the struggle of the workers."

## What's On—

**NOTICE**  
Houseworkers' Brotherhood of Greater New York  
Has transferred its headquarters from 217 E. Sixth St. to the Trade Union Unity League Building, 16 W. 21st St.

**WEDNESDAY**  
United Council of Working Class Women  
Of Williamsburg will give a lecture on "What Shall a Worker Do to Keep Well?" at 61 Graham Ave. at 8:30 p. m. Dr. Slatkin will deliver the lecture.

**THURSDAY**  
Lecture  
Given by Gina Medem at 3:30 p. m. at 2700 Bronx Park East (Co-op Colony). Subject: "Women of the New Russia."

## Rally Needle Workers For Knitgood Workers Campaign, Conference

NEW YORK.—The Cloaks Department of the Needle Trades Industrial Union has issued a call to all cloak-makers who are employed in the knit goods branch to rally to the campaign of the knit goods workers, especially for the conference which takes place on June 14.

Thursday night, at 8 p. m. the union is calling a membership meeting of knit goods workers at the office of the union to make final preparations. On Thursday night there will also be a mobilization meeting of all military workers at Irving Plaza right after work.

The union reports that Fay Losoff, the striker who was injured on the picket line, is still seriously ill. This comrade calls on all workers to support the fight which still continues at the Needleman & Bremner Shop and to support the struggle by joining the picket line.

## Amalgamated Aids Boss Fine Crew

### Levy \$2 on Each Man In Weisser Shop

NEW YORK.—An example of the Amalgamated's peace with the bosses at the cost of the workers is to be seen in the shop of Weisser & Co., 292 Lafayette St., New York City. Three weeks ago, when the workers came into the shop, they were informed by the boss that four machines had been stolen from the shop.

On the next pay day the boss informed the workers that he will take off \$2 a week from the workers' pay to refund him for the stolen machines.

A complaint of the workers in the shop was filed with Izzie Olander, business agent of Local 10, children's clothing workers, a branch of the Amalgamated. The agent of Hillman laughed in the workers' faces and told them if they wished to work in the shop, they must pay for the machines.

Work in the shop was slow. The wages of the workers in the last two weeks amounted to from \$7 to \$9, less the \$2 from each of the workers' miserably pay. One worker who made only \$13 in the last three weeks, refused to take his pay and complained to the Hillman agents. However, this did not help him as he was forced to accept the money quietly, or give up his job.

These workers should organize a rank and file committee in Local 10, and fight such a swindle, as the workers in other Amalgamated locals have been doing.

## Starved Is Under Porch in Buffalo

### Man Had Not Eaten for Several Days

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
BUFFALO, N. Y.—William Raymond, 53 years old was found under a porch of a vacant house, where he was dying of starvation. The children playing around the house first saw the man lying under the porch. They thought that this starved was dead, they started spreading news around that there is a dead man.

When the police arrived, they found that he was still alive, but was unable to move from weakness. He told the police that he had no home, and had not eaten for several days. He lapsed into unconsciousness before he reached the hospital, and later was reported that there is little hope for recovery.

This is one of many cases that can be found around here and other sections. The starving is increasing, while the bosses are hollering that prosperity is coming. This shows clearly whether better times are coming. The unemployed workers of Buffalo must not let themselves to this. Every worker should get into the ranks of the Unemployed Council, and fight instead of starving and dying.

## Name Bkln. Child Steve Katovis at Red Baptism

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Steve Katovis was the name given to the child of Comrade Kanner, who was initiated into the revolutionary working class movement on Friday at a Red "Baptism" held by the Communist Party of Section Six.

The Young Pioneers welcomed the child in his ranks and pledged to give him the proper training for a working class fighter.

A speaker from the District spoke, and the section organizer, Comrade Flaiani, spoke in the name of the Party Section, exposing religion, and called upon the workers to take the example shown by this working class family in refusing to be fooled into religious ceremonies.

Flaiani stated that "we are naming this child after a militant working class fighter who was murdered by the Tammany police thugs, Steve Katovis, and we will train this Steve Katovis to be a soldier in the ranks of the workers' red army which will carry on the fight for the freedom of the working class."

## THE ADVENTURES OF BILL WORKER



## Cut Out the Hooey!



## OAKLAND BLD'G JOB CUTS PAY

### Carpenters, Other Get Below Scale

(By a Worker Correspondent)

OAKLAND, Cal.—Chas. D. Vezev and Sons are contractors erecting new Fremont High School and are paying under standard wage scale to workers. The Carpenters are being paid a dollar a day below scale, hoisting laborers \$1 to \$1.50 below scale.

This is a public job and shows up clearly government and the bosses hypocrisy of talk about public jobs maintaining standard wage scale.

Workers have written of their grievance to local Board of Education. Patriotically inclined have protested because some non-citizens have been hired on the job.

What the workers should do is fight the wages reduction organizationally. Join up with the building trades group under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League, form a grievance committee on the job and fight this bosses' hypocrisy. Putting up workers to make an issue of non-citizens working there, is also up to the general line of the bosses of keeping the workers separated and drawing attention away from the main issue—namely their wage reduction.

Stand together workers of all races and nationalities and fight wage cuts. Get workers on other building projects to take same stand by visiting them and setting up grievance committees.

## Tammany Gets Ready For 1932 Presidential Election Campaigns

NEW YORK.—The democratic party is making advance preparations for the election campaign "to give the republicans a fight," especially in the up-state districts. The campaign opened yesterday in every up-state county.

The coming presidential campaign will see a sharp struggle between the reactionary parties to capture office, while at the same time the burning issues of the present crisis will receive nothing but the lip service and false promises. The Communist Party, on the other hand, will make the only real struggle over the real issues which affect the working class—mass unemployment and hunger—around which the fight will center to win the workers away from the reactionary political parties.

Tammany Hall is excited about its "democratic" rights and objects to private hearings, especially since they are to be investigated by republicans, although Seabury himself is a so-called "independent" democrat which is sufficient guarantee that Tammany Hall will not be investigated but a whitewash cover spread over its corruption and racketeering. The "inquiry" is to take at least one year.

## 168 Join N. Y. Int'l Labor Defense in May To Call Conference

NEW YORK.—A total of 168 New York workers joined the New York District of the International Labor Defense during the month of May. Final figures for New Jersey are not yet in, but it is believed that these will raise the number of new members to more than 200.

This coming Sunday, June 7, beginning at 10 a. m. the district plenum of the I. L. D. will be held at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place, at which all branch functionaries will be present. The plenum will adopt a two months plan of work, which will include the building of the I. L. D. and a drive to raise the circulation of the Labor Defender in New York City to 10,000. During May the circulation doubled over April, 5,000 being sold, and it is planned within a comparatively short time to double the figure again.

## Mary Adams to Speak at Scottsboro Protest Meeting Friday Night

NEW YORK.—A mass protest demonstration will be held at Dunbar Center, 605 Herkimer St., Brooklyn, to mobilize the Negro and white workers to fight against the legal lynching of the 9 Scottsboro Negro children.

This meeting will also expose the miserable conditions under which the workers in this territory live. It will be addressed by Mary Adams, Negro woman Communist leader recently returned from the Soviet Union, who will tell us how race discrimination was abolished in the Soviet Union. Also by Carl Hecker of the International Labor Defense.

In preparation of the indoor rally, open air meetings will be held on the same evening Friday, June 5, at 7 p. m. on Saratoga and Dearn, Rockaway and Dean, Herkimer and Schenectady, from there we will all go to the Dunbar Center, at 8 p. m.

## 'By Jorge' in Person to Lead Program at Affair for Pioneer

We're going to have "Red Sparks" as master of ceremonies at the affair that the John Reed Club is running at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St., New York, for the benefit of the New Pioneer. And look what's on the program!

Gropper slides, Hap Jingles, a sketch on Scottsboro by the Workers' Theatre, a Funny Sketch, Pioneer Red Dancers and Chorus, Hugo Gellert, Otto Sogolow and I. W. O. Band. A swell program—you bet!

And it's coming off Friday evening, June 5. Come yourself and bring your friends. They will thank you for it! Tickets are 50 cents and only 10 cents for children, to be gotten at the New Pioneer office or the Workers' Book Shop, 35 E. 12th St., New York.

## Unit 1 Pledges \$200 For "Daily Worker"

NEW YORK.—Unit 1, Section 2, realizing that now more than ever the demands of the crisis make it necessary to rally the utmost support for the Central Organ of the Communist Party to lead the workers in struggle, pledged to do its utmost in the present campaign. The comrades voted to raise \$5 each, which is to be turned in tonight. There are twenty members in the Unit which should therefore bring \$100 immediately. The remaining \$100 is to be turned in by July First, or the full amount by that time in case some difficulties develop in raising the \$100 in one week. The Unit also challenges Unit 7 to socialist competition to raise a similar amount by the same time.

## Start to White Wash Tammany Hall and All Its Notorious Denizens

NEW YORK.—The \$500,000 voted by the N. Y. State Legislature for the fake investigation of the government of the city of New York, will begin to be used up since the so-called investigation committee started its work yesterday. The Hofstadter Legislative Committee headed by Samuel Seabury who is the counsel for the committee, chose its staff of lawyers, most of whom are now working under Seabury and doing their best to whitewash the Old Master Hubbard of Tammany Hall, District Attorney Crain.

Tammany Hall is excited about its "democratic" rights and objects to private hearings, especially since they are to be investigated by republicans, although Seabury himself is a so-called "independent" democrat which is sufficient guarantee that Tammany Hall will not be investigated but a whitewash cover spread over its corruption and racketeering. The "inquiry" is to take at least one year.

## GRANT ARRESTED IN HARLEM FIGHT

### Police Spy Lands In Arms of Friends

NEW YORK.—Officials of the Negro World, Harlem Garvey reformist paper, called police yesterday to arrest the notorious police spy Gen. Sir William Welwood Wellington Grant, and several of his gangsters, including Rev. Lee, alias Carter, whom the League of Struggle for Negro Rights expelled from its ranks for robbing Negro workers.

Grant and his gangsters entered the office of the Negro World to protest against the failure of that paper to give publicity to the activities of the Tiger Division of the U. N. I. A., which is under his control. Finding only one person in the office, the Grant heroes proceeded to beat up this person. Screams of "murder" sent several neighbors to the telephone with the result that Grant's police allies came along and were forced to arrest him.

Grant and his gangsters have been collecting money in Harlem in the name of the Scottsboro victims and have failed to turn that money over to the organization conducting the defense of the nine boys. Grant has also been viciously active in the role of police and has several times helped the police to frame up militant Negro workers. Four such workers are now facing trial on charges trumped up against them by the traitor Grant.

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## FORCE WOMEN TO WORK OVERTIME

### Bosses Own Law In Cal Means Nothing

OAKLAND, Cal.—I have noticed in the Daily that a "Friend of the Workers" thinks the news are overdone, when it showed up that women are forced to work more than 8 hours. I have been working in a cleaners' establishment for the last 5 years and never were we forced to work so hard as now. The boss often tells us that he keeps us at work only because of his "big heart", that business is poor and so we must hurry to make more of otherwise we will have to close. So a little work has to be done nearly every day. From 15 min. to an hour we donate to him daily without pay. This has become a law here and we dare not kick or out we go. Some of the time when we work longer than an hour overtime he pays us extra for it.

No Overtime Pay.  
Pay is only straight time and naturally he does not put it thru his books (because law in Calif. does not permit women to work more than 8 hours), but jots it down as miscellaneous expense or something like that. Last week a worker worked about 6 hours overtime, but dared ask only three hours extra pay. The boss got mad, and screamed that we did not appreciate the fact that he gave us work these times and couldn't we throw that overtime in with the work.

Some may say why do we do it. Why? Because workers are unorganized and to keep a job, especially in a small house, we must do as others are doing. Showing up these instances and organizing into a militant Union will bring about better conditions.

## New Workers' Homes in Moscow



Scene from Soviet film, "Five Year Plan," now playing at the Central Theatre.

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## Illustrated Lecture at Center Sunday on The Five-Year Plan

NEW YORK.—Various aspects and the latest accomplishments of the Five Year Plan of the Soviet Union will be illustrated at a lecture to be given this Sunday night, June 7th, at 8 p. m. at the Workers School Auditorium, 35 E. 12th St., by M. Sherer, National Secretary of the Workers International Relief.

This illustrated lecture will be the first of its kind to depict the progress of the gigantic Five Year Plan as being carried out in different parts of the union. Big factories, collective farms, state farms, cultural developments and the new forms of labor as socialist competition. Shock troops, etc., will be systematically illustrated. The pictures were just recently taken by a workers' delegation to the Soviet Union.

## Work 30 Years for Co. Fired As "Too Old"

NEWARK, N. J., May 31.—After working 30 years for the Hay Foundry and Iron Works here, 35 men were fired when the company was absorbed by McClinic-Marshall corporation. "We have a rule that can't be changed," said President George H. Blakely, "never to hire old men." And he sent them away to fight for a place on the soup line if they can find one.

A small house, we must do as others are doing. Showing up these instances and organizing into a militant Union will bring about better conditions.

## SHOUT FIGHT IN CITY FLOPHOUSE

### Down Stool Pigeon with Cups, Bowls

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
NEW YORK, June 1.—Yesterday the unemployed workers of the Municipal flophouse and bread lines made a protest against the cutting out of the noonday meal. The demonstration started when Norma Lisberg, an unemployed young worker, jumped on the table and shouted: "Listen everybody. They are cutting off our noonday meal. That means more starvation."

Just then a stool-pigeon attempted to stop him, but soon turned and ran for a cop when cups and bowls began raining on his head.

No arrest was made because of the protest made by most of the workers. You can see that the bosses think because we stand in the bread lines we will submit to anything, but we must join the Unemployed Branches and fight against starvation.

## Smash Frame-Ups! Demand Amnesty!

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# WASHINGTON LUMBER BARONS PREPARE TO FORCE NEW WAGE-CUT

## Bosses Hold Meeting to Discuss New Slashes in Lumber Workers' Pay; Mill Towns Become Armed Camps; Prepare for Lockout

### National Lumber Workers Union Organizing Employed and Unemployed to Resist Cut

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
 EVERETT, Wash.—The bosses in Everett have organized to fight the workers. There are twelve mills here and only ten are running.  
 In the sawmills the wages are all the way from \$1.60 to \$3.20, but not many get \$3.20. They work from 8 to 14 hours a day and are speeded up to the limit. Still the bosses are not satisfied and are preparing to flog the already starved wages of the lumber workers, and this is how they do it. All the head men of the Weyerhaeuser mills got together and held a meeting in which, among other things, the wages of the workers were discussed. One fat mill boss by the name of Peabody said that the workers must be starved so that they will work for and take what the bosses are willing to give them.

Prepare to Cut.  
 No sooner was the meeting over than the workers of Everett saw the results of it. The Weyerhaeuser Mill B, the largest mill in Everett, put some unemployed and part time workers to work. They built a tall fence around the mill. The excuse is that the workers steal things, but of course the fence is to protect scabs

in case of a strike. All three Weyerhaeuser Mills, A, B, and C, are putting on their own police force. They are putting in cook houses and making provision for bunk houses to house scabs. Searchlights have also been installed in the mills. In other words, they are making ready for the struggle. The other mills in town are doing the same thing.

This means that the bosses are getting ready for the big slash in the meager wages of the lumber workers. A wage cut of from 10 to 20 per cent is expected.

N. L. W. U. On Job.  
 The National Lumber Workers' Union has been on the job and is busy organizing employed and unemployed workers together to resist this wage-cut. The N. L. W. U. is issuing leaflets calling upon the workers to organize and to fight against this attack of the bosses!

The bosses fear the organization of the workers in the revolutionary union and are trying to organize a company union in the A. F. of L., but the workers no longer are fooled by the tools of the bosses, the A. F. of L. misleaders, and are joining the N. L. W. U.

## Family Hungry, Worker Sends \$2 To the "Daily"

This letter received by the Daily Worker speaks for itself:

"New Britain, Conn., May 28, 1931.

"Comrades:  
 I just came from hospital; haven't any more money to pay for my further treatments. I come back home with painful joints in my body, I am attacked with arthritis rheumatism. I come back to my dear family of seven, haven't any funds to keep them from hunger. Comrades, this is all I can contribute—\$2 for the Daily Worker. Please, comrades, use all your strength to put out the Daily Worker!

"Keep on publishing the only paper of the working class, the Daily Worker.

"Keep on fighting to the finish with our dangerous capitalist gangsters and corruption.

"Let's try to save Tom Mooney, Billings, the Scottsboro Negro boys and many others.

"For the World Proletariat."  
 —A. P. S."

## BOSTON WORKERS PLEDGE AID TO SCOTTSBORO BOYS

### Give Great Ovation to Mrs. Wright, Mother of Two of the Boys

BOSTON, June 1.—Seventy-nine delegates, including 27 Negro delegates from sixteen Negro organizations, attended the United Front Scottsboro Defense Conference at Cairo Hall last Thursday evening and enthusiastically pledged their organizations for an intensive campaign to save the lives of the nine Scottsboro Negro boys being railroaded to the electric chair on a trumped-up "rape" charge. Altogether 43 organizations were represented, with a total membership of over 10,000.

The conference sent greetings to the nine boys who are held in Kilby Prison, Alabama, without bail, and a telegram of protest to Governor E. M. Miller of Alabama at Montgomery, Ala., and another to Judge J. A. Hawkins at Scottsboro, Ala.

A committee was elected to push the work in Boston and vicinity of mobilizing the white and Negro masses for the defense of the boys. A serious shortcoming in the preparation of the conference and in the future plans adopted by the conference is the failure to realize the importance of building block and neighborhood committees and of organizing the united front from below.

Great Ovation for Scottsboro Mother.  
 Over 300 Negro and white workers packed Butler Hall Sunday night, May 31, and gave a great ovation to Mrs. Ada Wright, mother of two of the Scottsboro boys, on her first appearance here. Mrs. Wright, condemned as a traitress and as helping to send the boys to the electric chair, the activities of the N. A. A. C. P. leaders in hamstringing the defense. She declared:  
 "If defense is red, then I'm red and will die red."  
 Other speakers were Eugene Goddon, McCarthy, Lucille Wright, Rev. Weems and Sol Harper. Anna Block acted as chairman. A collection of \$68 was taken up. Telegrams of protest were sent to Gov. Miller and Judge J. A. Hawkins.

## PREACHERS ADMIT NEW WAR COMING

### Don't Tell Why Bosses Prepare Slaughter

On Sunday, a number of preachers spoke about war preparations. A good many of them admitted that war is approaching rapidly and spouted the usual "peace" bunk. Dr. James MacLeod, speaking at the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas said that "the whole world is in process of preparation for another war that will make the last look like a polo match."  
 The Reverend went on to say:  
 "More than 68 per cent of our national income is spent on preparations for or preparations against war, Great Britain and the United States. In this time of depression, are spending upwards of a billion and a half yearly for their armies and navies."  
 Why the bosses are preparing for war, Dr. MacLeod did not mention. He did not say a word about the war preparations against the Soviet Union, by the imperialist powers.  
 On the same day, Frederick B. Rentschler, president of the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation, announced that the four leading Eastern and Western air transport lines would be consolidated—with the approval of the war department. The consolidation of the air lines is an end the War Department has been working to in order to prepare all the commercial airplanes in the country for the coming war.

habeas corpus, in San Francisco, last week. Goodiman appealed the decision of the district court which upheld the immigration thug in railroaded the workers to their fascist homelands.

## Prepare Program! Sbread Leaflets! Get Speakers. For "Daily" Club Meetings

Results for the first week of the Campaign for \$35,000 to save the D. W., from suspension are far from encouraging. Where \$7,000 was expected for the week, only about \$2,100 was received. Where all districts were expected to concentrate their forces to the breaking point on behalf of the "Daily," only about 60 per cent of them even took the trouble to answer our letters. Districts 1, 6, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 17 have yet to acknowledge receipt of coupon books.

Why have we not heard from District 6, Pittsburgh or District 12, Seattle outlining definite plans for the Drive? What is happening in District 1, Boston? Why are the Red Builders News Clubs and Section Daily Worker Agents so strangely silent in the Campaign? Why have no dates been set for meetings of Friends of the Daily Worker? We have yet to hear of functioning Daily Worker Clubs anywhere.

All districts have now received cards with names of subscribers. It is of the utmost importance to see that every subscriber on these cards is visited and revisited if necessary for donations, and for support as members of the Daily Worker Clubs.

Hold Meetings! Send Reports!  
 Programs for meetings of these groups of readers and sympathizers should be drawn up without delay. Arrangements should be made for able speakers and every effort made to hold meetings in the early days of the Campaign while the need is great.

Picnics and socials also, widely advertised, will result in drawing large masses of workers and sympathizers to the affairs. Notices of such affairs should be sent to all subscribers urging them to come and bring their friends.

Functioning Daily Worker Clubs, voluntarily supported, will give prestige and greater organizational

power to the "Daily." The hope of the workers' paper now rests with the masses. Daily Worker Clubs will create, intensify and hold this support. Comrades are urged to exert more energy and time in this direction and help build a powerful mass weapon for the defense of the "Daily" in time of need.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION? HAVE YOU ASKED YOUR FRIENDS TO SUBSCRIBE? SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RENEWALS WILL HELP BUILD "DAILY." SEND YOURS IN NOW!

To Arms! Red Builders!  
 Workers organizations are beginning to see the flight of the "Daily." "Realizing the necessity of immediate financial help of the Daily Worker, reads letter from Proletcult of Brooklyn, "we the members of the Proletcult contribute ten dollars and urge all friends and sympathizers to do likewise and show all its enemies that the Daily Worker will be saved, and lead the working class of the U. S. A."

A group of comrades from the Hinsdale Youth Club, arranged a farewell gathering for comrade L. K. leaving for the Soviet Union. "We did not forget on this occasion our own Daily Worker for whom we collected \$16.00," writes C. B. Coney Island, N. Y.

The Red Builders News-Club of N. Y., conducted a meeting at 14th St. & University Place, N. Y., Monday Evening. Eight hundred people were present—225 Dailies were sold and \$7.55 collected all of which will go to the Daily Worker Fund. The N. Y. Club, passed a resolution last Sunday, that they would hold several meetings this week for the benefit of the "Daily."

LET'S HEAR FROM THE RED BUILDERS AND WORKERS CLUBS WITH ACCOUNTS OF MEETINGS FOR "DAILY" BENEFIT!

## GREENVILLE, S. C. WORKERS HEAR SCOTTSBORO MOTHER IN PLEA FOR FIGHT TO SAVE BOYS

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leave all the responsibility and load to them. We must do all we can, too."

Several of those present spoke, in each case pointing out the need for a united front of white and colored not only to free the Scottsboro boys, but to fight against lynching, boss terror, low wages and all the intolerable conditions of the working class. One speaker said:  
 "I am proud to see this work. It is the first time I have ever seen a real united effort of black and white together, to help one of my race. Only by the organized strength of black and white together, will we be able to free these boys, and free all us workers from the slavery we are now in."  
 The meeting at the church, which was organized and put through by local workers, is the first open meet-

ing it has been possible to hold in Greenville, since the terror instigated by the Ku Klux Klan and police a month ago. In spite of the likelihood of the meeting being broken up, workers, unafraid and defiant, attended to pledge all possible help in the fight to free the boys.

Protests Still Coming In.  
 GREEN, Mich., June 1.—A resolution protesting against the frame-up and planned legal lynching of the nine Scottsboro boys was unanimously adopted by the Green Farmers Club, and a copy sent to the governor of Alabama.

NEW YORK.—The Tremont Workers Club, after hearing a report on the Scottsboro outrage, unanimously adopted resolution protesting "against the outrageous justice meted out to these nine Negro boys," and demanding their unconditional release.

## 6 SERIOUSLY INJURED, 1 MAY DIE; 60 ARRESTED IN YOUNGSTOWN, O.

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gay with excitement as they shouted encouragement to one another. Many young workers were run into alleys by two or three cops and had their heads cracked open. Plainclothesmen used brass knuckles left and right. Guns and maces were used, not only by police but by legionnaires who had been mobilized for the purpose.

Fully one-third of the demonstrators were Young Pioneers, the oldest of whom were not more than 13 or 14. Many were a good deal younger. All night police were picking up young workers. As they were pulled in, each was given a beating. In several instances two big cops dragged a young worker along, holding him with one hand and punching him with the other. Two young boys, arrested as they were leaving the movie, were punched until they fainted and had to be carried in.

In a statement to the press, Mayor James I. Heffernan upheld police action and assumed full responsibility. "The police were acting under executive orders," he said, "and I accept full responsibility for their action." In the same statement, however, he hypocritically upheld the right of free speech and assembly.

All day Sunday arrests continued to be made, leaving the total number of those held still unknown at the present moment.

## Ohio Workers Force Hearing On Murder of Unemployed Negro

AKRON, O.—The militant defense by white and Negro workers of a meeting called in Barberton, O., last Wednesday evening to protest the police murder of Louis Alexander, unemployed colored worker, has forced the authorities to make a pretense of investigating the circumstances surrounding a police raid on Alexander's home and his subsequent disappearance.

protest against the police murder of Comrade Alexander gave a good account of themselves when police, in an attempt to stifle the protests of the workers and to break the growing unity of white and Negro workers, attacked the meeting with gas bombs and clubs.

The local boss press admits that policeman Dean Shannon who lost his barge, club and gun and some of his cockiness in the fight, had red pepper in his pocket when he invaded the stage where Jennie Coover, district organizer of the International Labor Defense, was speaking. Quick action on the part of the workers defense corps prevented Shannon from throwing the pepper in the eyes of the I. L. D. organizer.

Mayor S. A. Decker, of Barberton, whom the Unemployed Council holds jointly responsible with the police for the murder of Comrade Alexander, threatens to place charges against the workers injured by the police in their attack on the meet-

## Scottsboro Defense Conferences

- June 2  
Hartford, Conn., at 27 Albany Ave.
- June 4  
Stamford, Conn., at 49 Pacific St.
- June 5  
Springfield, Conn.  
Indianapolis, Ind.—At Odd Fellows Hall, 530 1/2 Indiana Ave., at 7:30 p. m.  
Baltimore, Md.—At Galilean Fishermen's Hall, 411 W. Biddle St., at 8 p. m.
- June 6  
Chester, Pa., at Lithuanian Hall, 4th and Upland Streets.  
New Brunswick, N. J.—At the Workers' Home, 11 Plum St., at 2:30 p. m.
- June 7  
Danbury, Conn., at 14 Ives St.  
Gary, Ind., at Croatian Hall, 23rd and Washington St., at 2 p. m.  
Kansas City—2 p. m. Hall later.
- June 8  
Yonkers, N. Y.—At the Workers' Co-operative Center, 252 Warburton Ave., at 8 p. m.
- June 12  
New Haven, Conn., at 36 Howe St.
- June 13  
New Britain, Conn.
- June 14  
Detroit, Mich.—At 1343 E. Ferry St.
- June 15  
Bridgeport, Conn., at 57 Cannon St.

## U. S. PAY CUT EXCEEDS OTHERS

### Greater Than in Other Lands

A report on wage cuts issued by the League of Nations, Economic Section, states that wages have been cut more in the United States up to January, 1931, than in Germany, Great Britain, or any other leading capitalist country. The same report admits drastic wage cuts in all countries but shows that in the "richest capitalist country in the world" have been cut most.

That the wage cutting drive internationally is gaining momentum is also stressed by this same report. It says "in the spring of 1931, the tendency towards wage cuts seems to have gained strength in several countries."

This process can particularly be seen in the United States with a huge increase in pay cuts in the steel, textile, lumber and rubber industries being admitted.

As wage cuts increase the fake propaganda of some of the leading bosses to make it appear they are against such action grows daily. Al Smith a few days ago issued a statement about "being against wage cuts," and now another Democratic faker, Senator Wagner, laying the basis for winning over the votes of discontented workers, makes a statement purporting to be "against wage cuts." Wagner, early in the present economic crisis, started off with all sorts of schemes for curing unemployment. Now he declares in Albany that "recourse to wage-cutting is all too obviously an admission of incompetence." He tells the bosses not to cut wages directly but to get the same effect by firing workers and speeding up those left on the job.

## LEGION OFFICER STEALS \$2,500

### Robs Orphans of Food; Was Anti-Red

PONTIAC, Mich., June 1.—Stealing money from orphans, as well as supporting the Fish anti-Communist campaign, is now among the functions of high officials of the American Legion. Willis M. Brewer, a former national vice-commander of the American Legion was convicted here a few days ago of stealing \$2,500 from the Legion's orphan fund at Otter Lake, Michigan. This Legion commander, who many times stormed against the "Red menace," drops to the lowest kind of grafting—robbing the orphaned children of men he called "buddies" of a few thousand dollars. Brewer learned his grafting stunts as chairman of the county board of auditors, a political job.

At the time of his indictment, Brewer was business manager of the Michigan State Tuberculosis hospital at Howell where he undoubtedly robbed tubercular workers of food in order to fill his own pockets. Such deeds can be expected from American Legion commanders.

Build a Workers Group in your shop! Write About your struggles!

It was also revealed today that Decker had called Akron police Wednesday night and asked them to break up a meeting at 9 W. Bartsge St., which was called to protest the police murder of Comrade Alexander. Another meeting will be held soon in Barberton to rally the masses in protest against police brutality and the murder of Alexander.

## 3 KILLED IN GERMANY WHEN FASCISTS CLASH WITH COMMUNISTS; COMMUNIST PARTY ISSUES JOBLESS PROGRAM

### Demand Seven-Hour Day, Forty-Hour Week; Demand New Homes, Hospitals for the Workers Out of All Military Funds

BERLIN, May 29.—In connection with the Fascist demonstration at Straets and Hagen yesterday evening, fierce collisions took place between Communists and Fascists. Revolvers, knives, sticks and stones were used. Three were killed, including two fascists. Thirty were injured.

Fascists and workers fought in Koenigsberg yesterday when fascists attending the funeral of the fascist Teliere attacked a group of workers. Several workers, including two policemen, were injured. The fascist deputy, Krause, was sent to the hospital.

Collisions likewise occurred in Breslau yesterday when uniformed Stahlhelm fascist detachments arrived in town led by the fascist leaders Seldte and Duestenberg. Masses of workers booed and sang the Internationale. The police arrested a number of workers and innocent pedestrians.

Yesterday the Communist Party published a program against unemployment demanding the seven hour day, forty hour week with full wage compensations, earlier old age pensions, prohibition of dismissals, due to rationalization, etc.; extension of the housing plan by three hundred thousand homes annually, development of work on the railways, roads, canals, parks, gardens, etc., building hospitals, recreation homes, kindergartens, etc., trade union rates for all work; the program to be financed by the abolition of military expenses, cutting huge pensions and salaries of higher officials; abolition of all church subsidies; introduction of a millionaire tax of 10 per cent; 20 per cent tax on dividends and directorial fees, etc.; special tax on incomes of over 50,000 marks (about \$12,000) annually.

LUGANO, Italy, May 29.—The anarchist, Schirru, accused of attempting to take the life of Mussolini, sentenced to death yesterday by the Fascist special tribunal, was executed today. It was admitted that the attempt was no further than an alleged plot. Schirru denied having accomplices.

In Rome, Mussolini permitted the re-opening of one of the clubs of the Catholic Action. This capitalist newspaper correspondents interpret as a loophole through which Mussolini can rattle to make peace again with the pope.

## MASS PICKETING STOPS MINE SCABS

### Sheriff Leads Charge By Scabs in Autos

COUPON, Pa., June 1.—The strike at the Page Mine of Russett, Coal Co., which started May 1 against an 18 per cent wage cut, has resulted in mass picketing in the face of the orders of the sheriff to discontinue. Sheriff Homer C. George of Cambria County came up May 28 with a detachment of deputies, and state police, and escorted two carloads of scabs through the picket lines.

On May 26, twelve scabs broke through the line by driving their cars at top speed, and injuring two girl pickets, one 14 and one 15 years of age.

100 Picket.  
 On May 27 a hundred miners, their wives and children turned out in a most militant picket line, and when Sheriff Cook of Blair County, with Deputy Herbert Johnson and Corporal Charles Alexandra came to herd the scabs through, they failed time after time to break through. The scabs tried from 5 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. to break through or sneak through but could not.

The strike at the other mines on strike here is resulting in mass picketing also. At the Baker mine of the T. L. Jones Co., five who attempted to break through the picket line May 27 were stopped. The company offers to grant two demands of the strikers, but not to rescind the 18 per cent wage cut, and the strike still goes on.

Sheriff George invaded a meeting of the strikers at Pages mine, and ordered them to keep the pickets off the road leading to the mine. Tom Rodgers, section organizer of the National Miners' Union, answered that the pickets would stay on the road, the strikers are fighting for the right to live.

Fight lynching. Fight deportation of foreign born. Elect delegates to your city conference for protection of foreign born.

### Demand Amnesty!

## CARDINALS MEET ON FASCIST CLASH

### Seek Way to Patch Up Things

A meeting of 25 cardinals at the order of the Pope to discuss the fascist-Catholic controversy was held on Monday afternoon. The meeting was called after the rift between the pope, sponsoring the Catholic Action Society, with a membership of 500,000 and Mussolini, had widened due to bombings of churches in various parts of Italy. In many places priests and other church parasites were attacked by fascists. The Catholic Action Society has been attempting to put over a rival fascist program announced by the pope in his latest encyclical.

With 500,000 members, the Catholic Action group, despite its protestations of being "non-political" was carrying on widespread activity to ease out Mussolini's type of fascism and replace it with another and equally odious specimen, dominated by the pope and his anti-Soviet backers.

Meanwhile, both associates of Mussolini and the pope, are working behind the scenes to patch up a truce in order not to bring the struggle too much into the open and thereby give the real anti-fascist forces an opportunity to make the struggle a vital thrust against fascism. No statement was made after the meeting of the 25 cardinals.

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## JOBLESS FIGHT IN INDIANA

### Stop Evictions; Hold Series of Meetings

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 1.—The workers of Indianapolis under the leadership of the Unemployed Council, prevented another eviction on Lexington. The bosses thought that by jailing Luesse, state secretary of the unemployed, for practically three years they could stop the growing struggle. But the workers are fighting all the more.

On Thursday, June 4, at 8 p. m. at the Workers' Center, 932 1-2 S. Meridian, Richard B. Moore will speak at a mass protest meeting against the jailing of Luesse and at the same time against the lynch plans in Scottsboro. This meeting will be followed the next night at Oddfellows Hall, 538 1-2 Indiana Ave., by a United Front Conference, held under the auspices of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor Defense. The day following, June 6, at 3 p. m., starting at 13th and Senate there will be a mass demonstration of Negro and white workers, demanding the release of Luesse and protesting the barbarous murder plans of the Southern bosses against the nine Scottsboro Negro boys.

ANDERSON, Ind., June 1.—About 200 workers, employed and unemployed, attended a mass meeting called by the Trade Union Unity League and Unemployed Council at the Crystal Theatre. This was the first indoor militant labor meeting held in Anderson, since before the war, a town of 45,000 and the home of Delco Remy plant, subsidiary of General Motors.

The workers were very enthusiastic and 23 signed up to form an Unemployed League in Anderson. There were a few workers present from Delco Remy, which used to employ about 10,000 and now works about 5,000 part time at small starvation wages. There were also a few stool-pigeons from the Remy plant present and the speakers gave them a good razing.

## Council Bluffs Unemployed Branch Wins Fight

Not Council Bluffs Unemployed (By a Worker Correspondent.)  
 COUNCIL BLUFFS.—The Unemployed Council of Council Bluffs has again won a victory and shows how to do things through organized action.

A worker by the name of Sam Middleton bought a truck for \$50, an old wreck of a truck, in order to make a living by hauling ashes and any extra work that he might be able to pick up. The truck was bought on time. Through considerable scrapping he was able to pay the first \$25 on it, but on account of no work he was unable to make the regular payment of \$5 a week to the dealer, B. Yudson Motor Exchange, 123 West Broadway. The dealer found the truck standing on the street and without asking any questions, promptly took the truck away from the worker, demanding a \$25 payment that was due on the truck.

Middletown went to see an attorney to find out if anything could be

done about getting his money or the truck back. The attorney, seeing that there was no chance to make any money out of this worker who was so hard up, said "No." Then Middletown came to the Unemployed Council and asked if something could be done.

The Unemployed Council immediately organized a committee which went with the worker to the car dealer and demanded the return of either the car or the money to the worker. Yudson got scared that he ran out of his place of business and up the alley to the City Hall with the committee after him.

Unemployed Council Wins.  
 They got to the City Hall and the car dealer rushed into the Mayor's office and demanded protection. Of course a constable was sent down to protect the dealer's property, but the committee was so firm in presenting their demands that the truck was returned to the worker and the dealer had to wait for his money.

## Crane Co. Hires Stool Pigeons to Attack Militant Workers

Chicago, Ill.  
 Crane Co. has mobilized stool-pigeons outside the company gates for the purpose of preventing distribution by the shopworkers. 28 workers were distributing bulletins and they were attacked by the stool-pigeons who destroyed three hundred bulletins.

Frenchy comes out usually in front of the factory gates before the whistle blows. He is aided by a gang of hoodlums who as soon as they see any distribution start their attack. These gangsters try to threaten the workers with gun but, but the workers here are not paying attention to this bunch. They are determined to organize more workers to fight against these stoolpigeons and wage cuts.

## Farmers Make No Money; Point to New Drop in Wheat Price

(By a Farmer Correspondent.)  
 WALTERS, Oklahoma.—Altho it looks like a good wheat and oat crop in this locality, farmers expect 40 cents for wheat and about 15 cents for oats. There is no reduction of wheat acreage.  
 Cotton is getting a good start and there is no reduction in the acreage compared with other years. Tenants look for 5 and 6 cents cotton this year.  
 (75 Per Cent Tenant Farmers).  
 About 75 per cent of the farmers

here are tenant farmers. They must give the landlord one third of the wheat and oat crops and one fourth of the cotton crop. Land is owned mostly by loan companies.

A number of tractors were in use here last year, but now, because they are too expensive, farmers have gone back to horses.

Farmers make no money and they continually say "something will happen," unless things are changed. Hoover is a very unpopular fellow in this neighborhood.

## Daily Worker Gaining More Friends in Boise; Agent Increases Bundle

Boise, Idaho.  
 Conditions here are getting worse, unemployed are increasing. Some comrades here have been speaking about organizing an unemployed council, but the workers are too poor to hire a hall, where we can have speakers. I offered them the free use of my premises and I told them

that I would do all I could to help the cause.  
 The Daily Worker is gaining more friends, although at the Motor Company gates, I am forced out of selling the Dailies. Those workers who read the Daily are those who go hungry in the streets. I would like you to increase my bundle to twenty daily. With best wishes. —T. P.

## New Reader Lauds Work of Daily Worker

Dear Sirs:  
 Recently a copy of your paper came into my hands and I read it merely as a pastime. However, your points became so clear to me that I am absolutely won over to your way of thinking. Today the conditions of the workers are perfectly abominable and I think that your endeavor to uphold your rights in the midst of so much criticism is extremely

laudable.  
 Your cartoons are excellent and they sum up the situation in a trice. Do not fail in your great work! You have done much already; keep it up! Enclosed please find my subscription for two months. If I can be of help to you in any way please let me know. Damn those bosses!  
 Sincerely yours,  
 —G. A.

## Hold Six Finnish Workers for Hearing At Portland

(By a Worker Correspondent.)  
 PORTLAND, Ore.—Hearing for the six members of the Toveri, Finnish Communist paper, who were arrested by the immigration authorities last February at Astoria, Ore., will be held on the 26th and 27th of this month. The defendants will be given

separate hearings. These workers were all active members of the Communist Party and were arrested as part of the bosses' Fish Committee campaign to terrorize the foreign-born and native workers.

The eight Portland workers, who were arrested and ordered deported as a result of the activities of stool-pigeon Bacon, last September, are awaiting the decision of the circuit court of appeals where hie International Labor Defense attorney, Irvin Goodman, appealed for a writ of

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# Experiences of New York Unemployed Councils

By SAM NESIN.

To begin with I will briefly mention some of the activities thus far in our unemployment work.

The tremendous March 6 mass demonstrations which threw the lie into the teeth of the bosses about their so called prosperity.

The signature drive for the Unemployment Insurance Bill and the Washington delegation elected by local conferences.

The October 16 demonstration in New York where we exposed the graft and corruption and forced a million dollars to be appropriated for immediate relief.

The state hunger marches dramatizing the fight for unemployment insurance.

The prevention of hundreds of evictions by petitions, threats of rent strikes, by the tenant neighbors and putting back furniture after it has been thrown into the streets in hundreds of cases.

Forced the return of fees to unemployed workers, robbed by employment sharks. Issued thousands of leaflets dealing with neighborhood issues and the holding of open air meetings.

Participation of unemployed branches on picket lines in strikes, as in the Eagle Penicillin, against the wage cut, Zelgreen's Caterer's, against the injunction, needle, shoe, tobacco workers, etc.

Broke down the five day a month rule and the general practice of forcing workers to work without pay in the Municipal Lodging House.

Forced the Seamen's Institute to install more free cots for sleeping accommodations.

Recruited unemployed workers into the T. U. U. L., Ex-servicemen's League and the Party.

The organization of the Red News Club, increasing the sale of the Daily Worker and Labor Unity.

### Organization and Struggle.

There is more regularity in the functioning of the Unemployed Council than ever before. The functionaries and committees are made up entirely of new forces. The approach of these new forces to the masses is much more effective than that of many old members. They do not use unnecessary language and are more concrete in their demands and organizational proposals to secure them in many instances.

Organizational advances and the direction in which we are travelling in our unemployment work can best be related in the following reports.

The Madison Square Branch of the Unemployed Council in its week's activities from May 9 to 16 reports as follows:

Two hundred members—70 good standing—17 new members—2 business meetings, average attendance 50, 4 educational meetings, average attendance 75; 7 open air meetings, average attendance 500; 2 executive meetings; 1500 leaflets distributed, 20 Labor Unities sold, 179 Daily Workers sold. Block of concentration, 39th St. between Ninth and Tenth Aves. Leaflets distributed at Municipal flop house, Salvation Army line and St. Vincent line. Seventeen families canvassed in two houses. One family agreed to permit the use of their apartment for a meeting of a group of Negro workers from a contractor who withheld pay on a house wrecking job. \$34.50 collected for five workers from four employment agencies; 8 pickets sent out to a food workers strike, 10 pickets to a needle strike, 7 pickets sent to Middle Village strike against high cost of food. Money collected for initiation fees 85 cents, dues 52 cents. Expenses \$1.20. Turned into the City Committee 17 cents. In the space for remarks on the weekly report blank we have the following: The expenses of \$1.20 was for fare of delegates elected to the Foster-Muste debate. Five out of the 17 families canvassed are enthusiastic about the formation of a house committee.

The composition of the branch executive committee is also of some significance. Here are their names: Richard Sullivan, Joseph Mack, Robert Young, George Benton, Tony Perini, John Lembe, Albert Young, George McBurney, John O'Gara. Three of these are Negro workers. Many women workers are members of our Party in this section, but none are active in the Unemployed Branch. You can easily see that the old members of our Party are conspicuous by their absence in looking over the list of the executive committee.

**Struggle Against High Rents.** The next report is that of the formation of a house committee of tenants in the Bronx. Out of a house of twenty tenants at 735 E. 182d St. a meeting of nine, was held in one of the apartments. Several others promised to be present and support whatever demands were to be made upon the landlord, but were unable to attend for one reason or another.

At this meeting a secretary of the House committee was elected. Apartments not represented

were called and each tenant present was assigned to visit a tenant or two on their floor. Where the original canvassing committee was unable to convince them or had the door shut in their face, these intimate neighbors were more effective.

Demands were drawn up for a 10 per cent reduction in rent and that the landlord hire an exterminator to rid the house of mice with which every apartment is infested.

A committee of five was elected to secure the signatures of the rest of the tenants and present the demands to the landlord. A reduction of \$2 on each apartment was secured, and the landlord was also forced to make the necessary repairs.

### The Struggle Against High Cost of Food.

In Middle Village a food strike has been organized by means of leaflets and meetings. Demands were made upon the butcher shops for reduction in the price of meat. A picket line was set up, open air meetings held and many shops were forced to settle upon agreed prices, signs being posted in the windows of the shops with a 20 per cent reduction. This success is now being followed up with a strike for a reduction in the price of bread and rolls. The Women's Councils are playing a leading role in this struggle.

I cite these examples to give you a glimpse of the organizational forms that are being developed and how our general slogans are being concretized.

As a basis for the development of these activities questionnaires have been issued by the Unemployed Council of Greater New York, with the following directives how to canvass workers' homes:

1. Concentrate on one block at a time, going from house to house.
2. Comrades should go in couples, a man and woman wherever possible, and should have credentials with them.
3. If acquainted with the nationality of workers, comrades speaking their language to be assigned. If possible workers living on that block should be assigned, or sympathetic neighbors to be taken along.
4. Open air meetings shall be held and literature distributed in the neighborhood as preparation for canvassing.
5. When visiting the workers, inform the families as follows:
  - (a) Whom we represent (branch of unemployed council);
  - (b) Bad conditions in neighborhood.
  - (c) Work of unemployed councils (putting back furniture, stopping of evictions, preventing shutting off of gas and heat, collecting of money from employment sharks for unemployed workers. Demanding immediate relief for starving families. Free food and clothing for children of unemployed and our fight for Unemployment insurance.
  - (d) Our fight to lower rent and for sanitary conditions.
  - (e) The need for organization of a house committee in their building.
  - (f) That we are getting information to demand from the city government and the bosses immediate relief for our starving neighbors give specific cases where possible. Workers visited should also be urged to give information about unemployed neighbors.

6. Information as required in the questionnaire should be secured as much as possible during conversation, rather than in a formal sense.

7. If a particular family visited is not in need, ask their attitude towards our organization and whether they would join to help others.

8. If sympathetic, ask them if they will permit the use of their apartment for a meeting of the tenants in their house.

9. In some houses the landlord may live there himself. Be careful when speaking to them or even the janitor.

10. Leave some literature in house, inform them of address of branch of unemployed council in neighborhood.

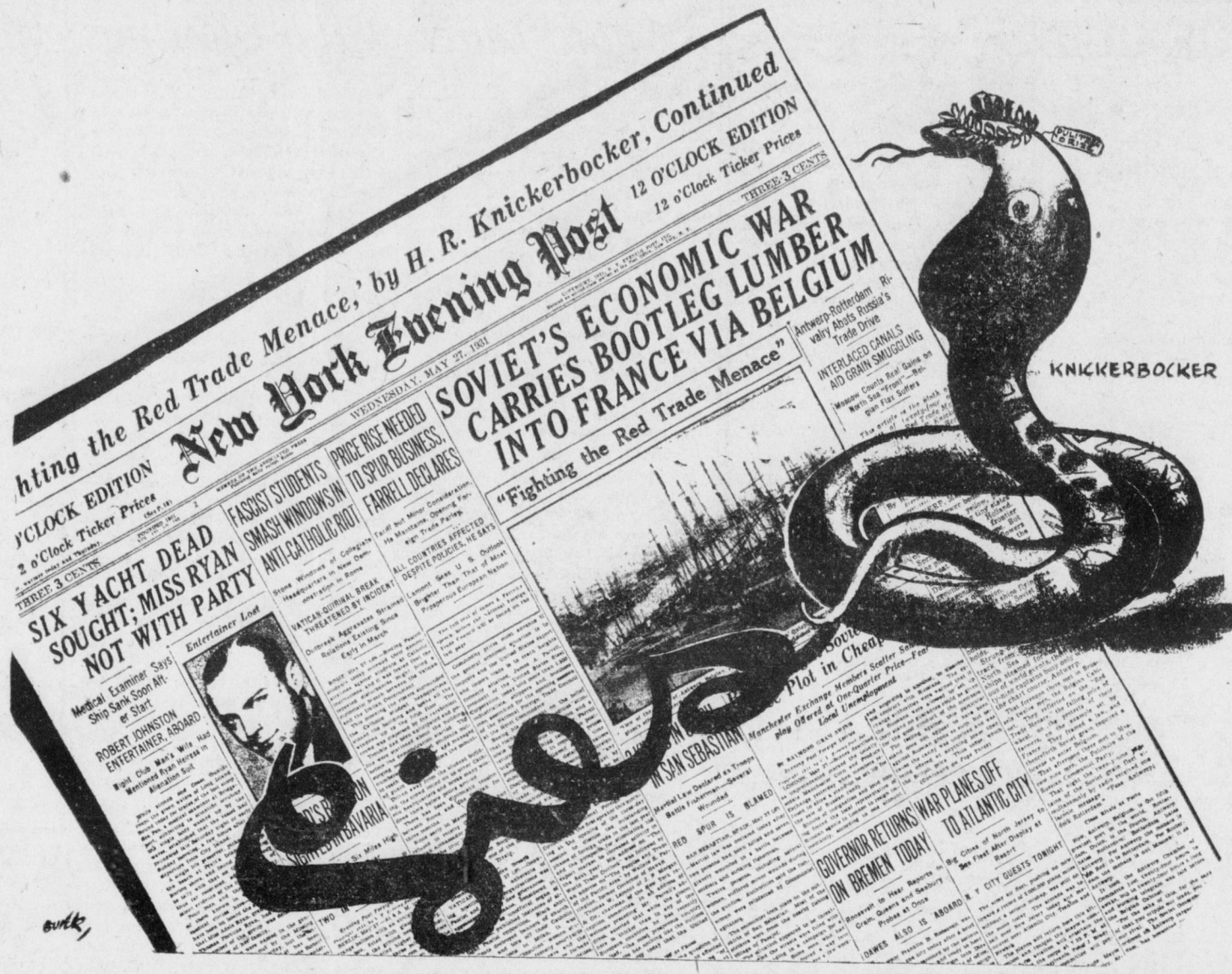
11. In the space for remarks put down what their attitude is towards our activities and suggestions for following them up, for organizational purpose. Also such matters that are of particular interest and not included in the question blank.

12. After a thorough canvassing of the block, it must be immediately followed up with a meeting in the neighborhood called by means of a leaflet.

13. At those meetings all information secured must be reported and a committee from the block together with the members of the Unemployed Branch delegated by the workers to make demands upon the city and large corporations in neighborhood, also the alderman of the district for immediate relief, as well as the charity organizations.

14. Committee should report results and further action planned.

## THE STAR REPORTER



## Something More Than Discipline

"Comrade Jorge—It seems to me that something ought to be done to enforce discipline in the Red Builders' Club in New York. They are doing good work, but there has been a lot of dissension between members over the possession of choice selling corners on 14th St.

"More than once I have seen Daily Worker salesmen squabbling over the question as to who should sell the Daily Worker or Freiheit in front of the Crusader restaurant. The other day a squabble of this nature occurred about 5 p. m. at that place. The sidewalks were packed with workers. I heard the argument way across the street. A big crowd stopped to watch them argue it out.

"Of course you know the bad publicity that the Daily Worker gets out of such fights. Isn't it possible to rotate, one week to one or two, the next week to others and so on. That's the choicest location in town for Daily Worker sales, so no one should monopolize it."

"Perhaps the rotation-of-crops idea might help. But there is something more needed than discipline. And that is comrades who sell the Daily from Communist conviction. The choice spot mentioned may be good to sell at, but we doubt that anybody is won for more than three cents there. And we respect those who take the Daily out where there are workers who never saw it before, in front of big factories and so on out of revolutionary recognition of the need for reaching workers.

Selling the Daily is more than just a business, and if there is no other motive than a business motive, one might just as well sell neckties or tangerines.

## A 26 per cent Liar

"Dear Jorge—You are the only one to whom I can appeal in my plight. Either my arithmetic is gone on the blink or else Knickerbocker of the N. Y. Post mixed up his lies while striving for another Pulitzer prize.

"In his article in the May 23 issue of the Post, I read in the first column, the following: "...the Soviet Union's share in all Netherlands imports rose from 37 per cent in 1929 to nearly 4 per cent in 1931 (for the March quarter)."

"In the 6th column of the same article, Knickerbocker, apparently forgetting what he wrote in the first column, or perhaps thinking that the level of intelligence of Post readers is so low that they will swallow everything, goes on to spread the scare thus:

"What really large place the Soviet wares have won recently in the Dutch market can best be judged by the fact that in the period under consideration Russia contributed more than 23 (69%) of all the wheat Holland imported, 93% of all rye, 75% of all oats, 64% of all lumber, 99% of all pulpwood, 94% of all manganese and so on down a long list of products, including 40 of the more important Dutch imports, of which on an average Holland took from the Soviet Union more than 30 per cent of her total requirements from abroad."

"How come that four per cent turned into thirty per cent between the first and the sixth column? Such, we gather, is what the comrade wants to know.

Well, you see that a "Four Per Cent Menace" is not much of a menace. But the demands of the N. Y. Post (which admits in the same issue the charge of a worker—"That in America you, the editors of the Post, are ready to take the leadership in the anti-Soviet campaigns") is for something more than a Four Per Cent Menace. So, like an obedient prostitute, Knickerbocker had to multiply the percentage in order to multiply the menace.

So he took such things as lumber (and who in hades would expect Holland to raise any lumber or to use a great deal, either) and "points with alarm" to that "64% of all lumber," and so on. Then, making "an average" of five such commodities named, adding in thirty-five which he don't name, he simply asserts without offering any proof, that this "average" is "more than 30 per cent" of the imports.

More, he distorts the truth into a lie by saying that this supposed 30 per cent includes "the more important imports"—when the fact already mentioned by him clearly proves that they are positively not the "important" imports, or how could they "rise" to "nearly four per cent" of the total and no further than four per cent?

This same four per cent also contradicts the "30% of her total requirements from abroad," the "total requirements" here being used deliberately by Knickerbocker to multiply the four per cent "menace" to thirty per cent. When caught in this lie, he will say that "Of course, I meant the total requirements of the wheat, lumber, etc."

But the distortion was clearly done deliberately to deceive, to create a "menace" that don't exist. Incidentally, besides the Pulitzer prize, such lies about Holland will, without doubt, receive a private "honorarium" from Sir Henri Detering, the Dutch oil imperialist who has financed many such a liar.

## A New Member's Impression

Dear Comrades:

I am a newly joined member of the Young Communist League. On coming into the League I had the impression that it was a well disciplined group. That is, I thought everyone came down on time, that there were no foolish reasons given for being excused from duty and that orders were obeyed, etc.

I found things quite the opposite, however. When duty was scheduled for 8 p. m. it came off at 8:30. This gives a bad impression to a new member. Besides this, it leaves us very little time to work and make the comrades rather indifferent to the work after a while. Just the night when we need the most comrades, about three show up.

Another thing that is bad for the morale of the group is having such a thing as the following come from an old member. He was asked to come down and picket at a certain strike. After giving his reasons for not coming down and having to look for a job, he was told that he must come down. To which he replied he was not coming down.

It was generally known that he never looked for a job earlier than 7:30 a. m. and the picket line only required his presence till that time and as his duty left him in the factory section, it really made no difference to him.

A group cannot function properly with such lack of discipline. —S. J.

## Graft and Gangsters

By HARRY GANNES

The origin of graft in the United States from the earliest days was shown in the earlier articles in this series. The use of gunmen by J. P. Morgan, the elder, in order to steal a railroad was exposed. Then the development of graft and gangsters in the A. F. of L.

unions before, during and after the war was taken up. The previous article dealt with Al Capone's connections with the city government and the exposures of the Zuta poison box.

## How Cermak Helped Thompson Hide Graft

How the Chicago chief of police used his investigators to list the bawdy houses, new dens, gambling joints and speakeasies so the regular share of graft could be collected, was told in a special grand jury investigation that was started on January 19, 1931. Mrs. Shirley Kub, once a \$300 a month "investigator" for Acting Police Commissioner Alocok and at another time an employee of the sanitary district a section of the city government) told how she collected graft. Another witness was a Miss Shaw, former sweetheart of Sergeant Jack Hardegen, who got his job as police sergeant because he paid \$5,000 to the gangster Jack Zuta. His main duties were collection of graft directly for Zuta, through the police department.

7,000 of its 10,000 men in 1930 and uses police to smash meetings of the Communist Party in front of the shop gates.

Cermak knows how to coin money from his political jobs. Although he never held a job paying more than \$12,000 a year his friends admit that "Tony" Cermak is worth over \$7,000,000.

### They Flock to Him.

Cermak had a sizeable gangster machine before he became mayor. Now all the gunmen and grafters who were on the Thompson bandwagon are quickly going over to Cermak's camp. Cermak is building an efficient grafting machine equivalent to Tammany Hall, and in many respects even worse. Mauritz A. Hallgren writing on the Cermak regime in Chicago in an article in the Nation (April 22, 1931) entitled "Chicago Goes Tammany," says of the gangster drift to Cermak:

"I have heard in the last few days from the lips of more than one speakeasy proprietor and more than one Capone henchman that far from fearing anything in the way of a genuine Cermak offensive against the gangsters, these men actually supported Cermak on election day in the belief that he is helpless to move against them."

The Communist Party was ruled off the ballot for the 1931 mayoralty elections in Chicago. This was done by agreement between the Thompson clique and the Cermak group. Otto Wangerin, Communist candidate for mayor of Chicago, in an article in the Daily Worker exposed the gangster connections of Cermak. He showed how all the A. F. of L. union gangsters who had not lined up with Thompson supported the demagoguery of Cermak.

"Among other things," Wangerin wrote, "Cermak has organized a 'Labor Union Club' consisting of about 75 of the most notorious scab officials and racketeer gangsters in the Chicago Federation of Labor, among whom are Martin Durkin, vice president of the Chicago Building Trades, William Tabor of the street car men's union (thus showing that Cermak is making a bid for the support of Sam Insull), James D. Ryan, secretary of the Sheet Metal Workers. Of course, all this shows the unity of the big bankers with the fascist officials of the American Federation of Labor who have but one purpose, and that is to carry the bosses' program of more attacks on the living standards of the workers."

### "Don't Dare Talk About Yet."

On January 18, 1931, detectives raided the Rex Hotel in Chicago and found two safes full of records linking police politicians and capitalist officials with crime, which even the callous Chicago grafters called "astounding." These records were never made public because, like the Rothstein documents, and the Zuta poison box they named capitalist politicians, bankers and rich exploiters who control the government and who have enough power to destroy any such evidence. However, we get a good inkling of what was in these two safes by the following description from the New York Times on January 19, 1931:

"These records cast a shadow of suspicion into every branch of government in Cook County and even into the halls of Congress. They showed illicit dealings between Capone gangsters and policemen, politicians and public officials including what they described as 'names we don't even dare talk about yet.'" The names they "don't even dare talk about" are the exploiters who wring profits out of the workers, cut wages and yelp for war against the Soviet Union.

### The Disappearing Act.

At first, the disclosures seemed so startling that a request was made for \$50,000 to pay the grand jury investigation. Then the usual thing happened. Mrs. Kub "disappeared." Then Miss Shaw couldn't be found. They were bringing in the names of leading city government officials who got the graft. The whole police department was involved. It was not only the Thompson administration that was being exposed but all the capitalist politicians in the City of Chicago. What happened to the investigation which for a few days was blared on the front pages of the newspapers? It was killed. It reached into the Civil Service Department. The examination papers on which Sergeant Hardegen was supposed to have obtained his promotion "disappeared." Every time evidence was needed to prove the witnesses' statements, the documents couldn't be found. Graft started in the house of prostitution and reached on up, ever higher.

### Cermak Comes In.

What became of this grand jury investigation? The \$50,000 had been promised. Here we see how all distinctions between capitalist parties disappear in the matter of protecting the exposure of graft and the connection of the entire capitalist city governments with the graft rings. The workers are told that the Big Boss of the Cook County Democratic Party, Anton Cermak is a bitter enemy of Big Bill Thompson. But they worked together like two fingers on the same hand when it came to the task of killing the grand jury investigation. The money for the special grand jury comes from the County Board. Anton Cermak headed the County Board, other democrats rule there, too. What did they do about the \$50,000? They refused it, and that ended the tale of graft leading up to the high office of the Chicago Police Commissioner, protecting Thompson and all his cohorts.

### \$12,000 Becomes \$7,000,000.

Anton Cermak became Mayor Thompson's successor on April 7, 1931. His action in quashing the grand jury investigation shows how closely his interests are tied up with the grafting police and the Al Capone gang. There will be no difficulty at all for Capone to transfer his business to the Cermak outfit. Mayor Cermak, who has his own efficient gangster machine and will inherit all of those who supported Thompson. Besides, he is building a new Tammany in Chicago.

Behind Cermak there have lined up the leading capitalists in Chicago. One of his supporters is Melvin Traylor, president of the First National Bank. Traylor came out in favor of wage cuts for all workers prior to his backing Cermak for mayor. Traylor, of course, knows about Cermak quashing the grand jury investigation which threatened to expose connection between the police department and the gangsters.

Another supporter of Cermak is the McCormick estate, which beside owning the Chicago Tribune of Lingle fame, is the chief owner of the International Harvester Co., which laid off

# Workers' Cultural Federation to Mean Big Step Forward

By A. B. MAGIL

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THE Lumber Workers' Club in Moscow. The place is jammed, but the workers insist on making room for us. There's something important happening; it's happening on a stage. And everyone feels that this is of tremendous significance to him, part of his life, his own problems, desires, experiences.

Young workers on the stage are giving a play, a play dealing with the sex problems of youth. There is humor here, but no vulgarity, earnestness, but no pedantry. The play is alive. I can see that though I don't understand a word—from the reactions of the audience.

After this come the Blue Blouses, about ten in all, both men and women. They are older workers, but they too radiate youth and energy. The program they present is timely. It must be; life moves so fast under the Five-Year Plan that ancient history is what happened last month or even last week. In a few days all Moscow will be celebrating the anniversary of the October Revolution, and the Blue Blouses must help prepare the celebration. Their performance is a rich, imaginative restatement, a re-creation in terms of pantomime, song and declamation of the history and lessons of October. It stirs the audience deeply, organically. They become

part of the play, they are themselves the actors on this stage—and on the larger stage of history.

In Berlin I saw one of the German Blue Blouse troupes—there are 500 of them in Germany. It was cruder, less developed technically than the one in Moscow. But not less vital. These too were shock troops of the cultural revolution, every phase of their work part of the class struggle, breathing its spirit. I didn't get a chance to see them performing before factory gates. But they do that too in Germany—this is no hothouse art.

What I have described here is only a small part of the immense, variegated cultural work that is an integral part of the daily revolutionary activity in the U.S.S.R. and Germany. And all of it develops not haphazardly, but in an organized, coordinated way.

What about America? Many workers will be surprised to learn that in the United States there are hundreds—perhaps thousands—of workers' cultural organizations—Blue Blouse and other theatrical groups, singing societies, orchestras, literary, art, sports, dancing groups, etc. The Finnish workers alone have about 600 cultural organizations in the United States and Canada.

Most workers are familiar only with those

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