

# Lawrence Sellout Plotted at Secret Meeting in Boston by U.T.W. Officials and Governor

The Daily Worker has just received, on unimpeachable authority, the following information which has already been confirmed by the latest developments in the Lawrence strike:

1) Governor Ely held a secret three-hour conference last Thursday at the Hotel

Plaza, Boston, with prominent American Federation of Labor officials, among whom were State President James T. Moriarity, Secretary Robert J. Watt and others. The same source states that Gorman, vice-president of the U.T.W., was there also. Plans for a "settlement" of the strike were discussed and the

following conclusions were reached:

2) Strikers are to be forced back into the mills with the wage cut in effect.

3) A commission of five, two "albor" men and an "impartial" chairman selected by the other four, to be appointed to conduct a survey and decide whether a wage cut is

justified. If the finding is in favor of the workers, the old wage cut is to be restored to date of going back to work. If the result favors the mills, the workers are to continue on the job with the wage cut.

4) The A. F. of L. and U.T.W. fakers accepted this plan and it was immediately submitted by the Governor to

the mill bosses who still have it under consideration.

5) Governor Ely informed labor misleaders that if the mill owners agree to the strike-breaking plan, he wants the union fakers to call as big a meeting as possible of the workers on the Lawrence Common. The Gov-

ernor proposed that he go to Lawrence to address the strikers, and urge them to accept the sell-out. Gorman, Watt and others will also urge them to accept, and a vote will be taken to rush through the "arbitration" method of putting the wage cut over.

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## BRITISH PRESS SAYS 'WAR ON SOVIET UNION IS COMING'

### Fight Unemployment, Wage-Cuts! Vote Communist Today!

#### Negro and White Workers-- Don't Let the Negro Hating Gov't Suppress the Liberator!

THE government has struck another savage blow at the masses! The Post Office department has decreed the Liberator, the organ of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights shall be denied the right to the U. S. mails as a means of driving it out of existence.

The Post Office Department named the issue of June 27, which was devoted to the call for the defense of the Negro boys framed up at Scottsboro, to prove that the Liberator is so hated by the ruling class that it must be suppressed!

The government controlled by the organized finance capitalists and trust heads and hun for them by the war-mad engineer at Washington has become frightened over the tendencies among the masses. And especially they are uneasy about recent developments among the Negro workers and exploited farming population. So deeply concerned are these "Simon Legrees" about the "dangerous" drift of the Negro population that the U. S. War Department has for several months been occupied with the disbanding of regiments of Negro soldiers, transforming the remaining Negro troops into labor battalions and stopping all recruiting of Negro soldiers. Feverish preparations for war are now being carried on by the United States Government. Hoover as the agent of Wall Street is bending his foreign policy to the purpose of becoming the leader of a group of imperialist powers for a war of extermination against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, which is also to be a war for the conquest and dividing up of China--another "inferior people!"

Not alone the federal government, but also the city, county and state governments of this land of Jim Crow capitalism are now engaged in the most active offensive against the Negro masses that has ever been seen since "slavery was inscribed upon the banner of revolt" by the Southern Confederacy. Against a background of economic crisis, of unemployment and ruined agriculture, the bloody tide of lynchings is rising. Lynching and sharper discrimination are being stimulated by the capitalist press, the church, the "reformists" and the instruments of government itself. The sentence to death of nine innocent Negro boys within 72 hours to the tune of a brass band, not alone to terrorize the Negro masses of sharecroppers, but also to attract trade to the town, has become an example that has startled the world. Three Negro workers are shot to death in the streets of Chicago for daring to protest against the eviction of an unemployed Negro woman, and before that blood is dry, two more are shot to death in Cleveland. Throughout the South the massacre of the Negro sharecroppers at Camp Hill, Alabama, is followed by an epidemic of cases of frame-up, lynching and individual murder against the Negro workers and tenant farmers, while the capitalist press spreads the wild insane propaganda of "rape" to stimulate the murderous orgy. The "Negro reformist" newspapers in many cases cold-bloodedly join in the baiting of the Negro masses, as in the case of a spokesman of the "National Association for the Advancement of Colored People," the Pittsburgh Courier, which branded the nine innocent Negro children at Scottsboro as "boy rapists."

The forces of the ruling class, together with their obedient servants, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Socialist Party and the American Federation of Labor, are not worried about the murders of Negroes. They are worried only by the growing determination of the masses to resist this orgy of terror. Oscar DePriest, the Negro congressman from Chicago, who is no more than a flunkey for "white supremacy" imperialism against the Negroes, after "extensive travel over this country" and "study of the political, civic and social status of the Negro," recently wrote: "In all of this experience I have sensed serious and deep seated dissatisfaction among all classes of Negroes in every section of the country." The Hunger Marches which are developing in all parts of the country will converge upon Washington on December 7th to make their demands upon the Wall Street congress for relief from starvation--and this Hunger March is the center of the nightmares of the wealthy parasites. Not least of all they fear the black faces that will appear en masse mingled with their white brother workers in this Hunger March. The solidarity of the Negro and the white is a terrible omen for American capitalism. They know well that this solidarity is the result of the leadership of the Communist Party.

#### MASS HEARING ON UNEMPLOYMENT THIS THURSDAY

City Officials Are Challenged to Be Present

NEW YORK.—Letters of invitation to the public officials have been sent out by the Downtown Unemployed Council to Mayor Walker, assemblymen, and heads of charity institutions and heads of city departments to attend the mass public hearing on the extent of unemployment and destitution among workers in the lower Manhattan section of New York. These officials were challenged to appear and defend their handling of the unemployed situation in that section of the city. All newspapers were also invited to send representatives.

A delegation of workers from the free city employment agency will present an invitation to the Commissioner of Welfare Taylor plus the demands of the unemployed for jobs, immediate cash relief and unemployment insurance. The delegation will be elected by a mass demonstration of unemployed at Lafayette and Leonard Streets, Wednesday, November 4th, 12:30 p. m. The delegation will consist exclusively of workers who apply for jobs at the city agency.

Dozens of workers from the blocks, breadlines, flop houses, registration lines and the city employment agency have already signified their willingness to testify at the public hearing. Henry Rosenlicht, an unemployed ex-serviceman who applied for a job at the American Legion, and was offered employment for 14 hours a day at 2 dollars, and was threatened with jail by the American Legion when he refused this slave offer, will be one of the witnesses. The entire system of driving the unemployed workers to mass starvation, disease and death will be exposed at the hearing. J. Louis Engdahl, National Secretary of the International Labor Defense, will be judge and chairman of the hearing. The jury will consist of representatives of trade unions and other workers' organizations. A worker from the unemployed council will act as prosecutor. All the Tammany Hall, Republican and Socialist grafters are invited to defend themselves. All workers are urged to attend. All unemployed and employed of the neighborhood are requested by the unemployed council to produce testimony of cases of destitution and suffering of workers and their families.

Unit Meetings Will Be Held Tomorrow

Due to the Election Campaign all unit meetings in New York City will take place on Wednesday night instead of Tuesday.

a blow against their enemies! Utilize the very attack against the Liberator as a means to stimulate the mass campaign to defend and support the Liberator! Make this vicious blow at the Liberator result in the stimulation of the campaign to build the Liberator into a big mass organ of the struggle!

White and Negro workers! Get in touch with the League of Struggle for Negro Rights in your city or town, and make yourself an active, militant agent, not alone for increasing the circulation of the Liberator, but also to join in the struggle for those causes for which the Liberator fights! Build up in every neighborhood and town branches of the LSNR, centering around the defense and support of the Liberator.

And--last but not least--remember that the Communist Party, the Party of the Negro and white working class, is the real leader and inspirer of the whole struggle. The Party back the Liberator and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights with its whole strength! Draw Negro workers by hundreds and thousands into the ranks of the Communist Party to strengthen it for the fight!

#### Imperialists Store Wheat For Attack on U. S. S. R.

Rise in Prices of Wheat and Oil Due to War Demand; No Economic Basis for Increase

The sudden rise in the price of wheat and oil in the past several weeks in the absence of favorable economic conditions is the result of the buying of these war commodities in preparation for the attack against the Soviet Union. The capitalist press is trying to "explain" the rise in the price of wheat through the statement that Soviet wheat sales have been stopped. Actually the Soviet Union sold 25,000,000 more bushels in the three months of July, August and September of 1931 than in the same amount of 1930, when 14,000,000 were sold.

After the plans had been made for the attack on the Soviet Union in 1930 by the imperialists, as revealed in the trial of the "Industrialists" in Moscow, the Farm Board of the United States started buying up wheat in huge quantities in order to be prepared for the war. After the recent Hoover-Laval conference it was reported that the United States was selling a large amount of wheat to France. This is to be financed by the Federal Reserve system since the French imperialists demand this as a part of the war agreements.

The present rise in the price of wheat and oil occurs at a time when there is absolutely no economic basis for such an increase. The markets of the world are glutted with both commodities and the basis for the present rise in the price is the plans for war, the plans for the attack on the Soviet Union.

#### Admit Huge Growth In Soviet Production

NEW YORK.—The tremendous advance of socialist construction in the Soviet Union at a time when the entire capitalist world is in the grip of a terrific crisis is sharply brought out in yesterday's dispatch to the New York Times by Moscow correspondent, Walter Duranty. Figures included in the dispatch show an amazing growth in production in many industries, the completion of gigantic enterprises and a steady rise in the wage scale. Duranty states: "During October the Putiloff plant produced 2,245 tractors in twenty-five working days, while the Stalingrad plant made 2,300 International type tractors, slightly surpassing its monthly program. Yesterday the Amo plant at Moscow completed the program of its first month's work of seventy-five 2 1/2 ton trucks, the first five of which have just made a successful test trip to Leningrad in heavy weather conditions. The daily production

#### Open Drive for Food, Clothing and Trucks for National Hunger March

Thousands of unemployed workers, from all parts of the country, will march to Washington, D. C., arriving Dec. 7, for the mightiest national struggle for unemployment relief and unemployment insurance yet mobilized in this country.

Huge preparations are necessary to feed and clothe the hungry marchers to prepare against the terror; to provide trucks and sleeping quarters. Many of the thousands of unemployed who will take part in this

#### U. S. SENDS "OBSERVER" TO WAR ZONE

Japanese Transport More Troops Into Frontier Area

Hold War Conference To Establish Cordon Around USSR

The Japanese imperialists are trying to hide their military moves under the spreading of rumors that the Soviet Union has reached an agreement with the Chinese generals. They are moving large detachments northward and westward toward the Soviet Union frontier. The British imperialist press is most interested in reporting the details of these movements in order to divert the united front of the Japanese and the United States against the British empire toward an anti-Soviet attack immediately. The correspondent of the British "Daily Express" reports that the Japanese troops are being moved with "extra caution"--they are being moved cautiously to hide the fact that they are war moves of the greatest significance. These war moves are being covered as far as possible "under strict censorship on news dispatches." The "Daily Express" correspondent reported further that "all Japan feared a clash with Soviet Russia was inevitable and that Japan would not need the League of Nations demand to withdraw occupation troops by Nov. 16."

The United Press correspondent

#### U.T.W.-Ely Pact Basis of Lynch Call

By BILL DUNNE.

In Lawrence, Mass., the exercise of the basic rights of the working class to organize, strike, picket and assemble are being met with a demand for the blood of organizers and the most active strikers. To defend these fighters is a sacred working class duty.

23,000 Lawrence textile workers have been on strike for four weeks. Less than one hundred strikers have gone back to work as this is seen.

Not even the whirr of one loom can be heard in the city of Lawrence--the center of the woolen section of the textile industry and the stronghold of the American Woolen Company--the giant of woolen textiles.

Three times, in the course of the four weeks' strike of 23,000 Lawrence textile workers, the officials of the "United Textile Workers" (American Federation of Labor), Gorman and Riviere, and the local state federation of labor officials, Moriarity and Watt, have tried to sell out the strike.

Three times, with Governor Ely and the mill owners, they have conspired to cajole and drive the workers into the silent mills--at a 10 per cent reduction in wages.

Three times they have failed. Three times the National Textile

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#### Workers Mass Forces to Smash Boss Lynch Threat in Lawrence

LAWRENCE, Mass., Nov. 2.—Five hundred strikers at Lincoln Court meeting today voted in favor of picketing the "Leader," the paper which printed a two column editorial Sunday calling for the lynching of Communists and other militant strike leaders. Jim Reid, Ann Burlak and Conroy, of the National Board of the National Textile Workers Union will speak here at Lincoln Court at 2 o'clock Tuesday.

NEW YORK.—Immediate response of the workers here against the lynch terror proclaimed by the Lawrence mill bosses through the Lawrence Sunday "Leader," which openly called for the shooting of militant strike leaders and Communists, was expressed in three important meetings on Sunday.

The International Labor Defense plenum voted to rally immediate support to the Lawrence strikers in their defense against the new wave of lynch terror.

At the Workers' School Forum, where a resolution was adopted by 600 workers backing up the struggle of the militant Lawrence strikers and their leaders against the murderous threat of the bosses, the workers contributed \$19.50 for telegrams and other defense expenses.

Three hundred workers at the Marine Workers Industrial Union Forum also responded with immediate action, preparing to mobilize all their forces behind the Lawrence strike, against a sell-out by the A. F. of L. U.T.W. misleaders, and against the threatened wave of lynching.

#### 10000 PICKET IN REPLY TO LYNCH CALL

Carr of Citizen's Committee Admits Sell-Out Plans

4,000 Hear Foster Police Try to Break Line by Arrests

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LAWRENCE, Mass., Nov. 2.—A total of ten thousand strikers picketed this morning as follows: Fifty-five hundred at the Wood Mill, five hundred at the Ayer Mill, two thousand at the Washington Mill and two hundred at the Arlington Mill. These are all the United Front Rank and File Strike picket lines directed by the United Front Rank and File Strike Committee, with no A. F. of L. badges or leaders present.

Two hundred pickets with leaders wearing badges of the American Textile Workers Union picketed the employment office entrance of the Pacific Print Mill.

The picket formation at the Wood Mill was much better than ever before, with a solid line of 600 marching in two before the main entrance on Union St. At about 7:30 hundreds of the strikers who are accustomed to picket along Merrimac St. in disorganized fashion were rallied in lines by two by the United Front Rank and File Strike Committee captains. Many uniformed police were present. O'Brien with a squad of detectives interfered with the picketing of the Ayer Mill and tried to prevent the picketers marching past the gate, but the line grew so large it flooded past the gate.

O'Brien stopped a girl picket captain on Merrimac St. before the Wood Mill and put her through an inquisition as to her nationality, age and address and threatened arrest if she was ever seen again. O'Brien and his police drove thousands of Washington Mill pickets out of line and across the street. These pickets formed a new line there and both sides of the street were picketed.

There were practically no scabs at any of the mills.

The following were pulled out of

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#### Cook, Miners' Sec'tary, Dies After Operation

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Arthur Jay Cook, Miners' Secretary, died today at the age of 45 after a throat operation. He formerly declared himself a humble disciple of Lenin and fought bureaucracy as a left winger. He was bitterly opposed and slandered. Later when he was threatened with the loss of his job, he joined hands with bureaucracy and fought against revolutionary movement. Bureaucracy and the coal owners now jointly are honoring him in death.

Give your answer to Hoover's program of hunger, wage cuts and persecution!

#### Kentucky Miners Organize For Strike on Starvation

HARLAN, Ky., Nov. 2.—Fifty miners, representing mines in Pansy, Caswood, Everts, Wallins, Coxton, Harlan, Elcombs, Greach, Dayhoite, and Blackstar sections held a National Miners Union conference in Harlan County and reported that 75 per cent of the miners want an immediate strike. A great majority of the miners are already members of the National Miners Union.

Thousands of miners in this section of the coal country, where terror is rampant, have been organizing against the worsening conditions. Harlan County, where many miners have been murdered, is controlled by the biggest coal operators in the country, the U. S. Steel Co., Peabody, Insul, etc.

The latest meeting of the National Miners Union in the heart of this coal mining section shows that the miners are preparing for a new struggle under the leadership of the National Miners Union.









