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BRITISH AND GERMAN PRESS ADMIT JAPAN IS DRIVING HEADLONG TO WAR AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION

National Nominating Convention Called by Communists Winning Support of Masses Into Action!

TODAY'S news on the Far East must still further alarm and arouse every worker to action now against the Japanese drive for war on the Soviet Union. From London the organ of the liberals, the Daily News and Chronicle, declares: "Japan's policy, which led to landing an army of 100,000 in Manchuria, is driving to inevitable collision with Russia. ... We must assume the situation will soon come to explosion." The Chronicle is forced to admit that "every reason exists to assume that Russia is earnestly striving to avoid war." From Berlin come similar expressions of opinion and Inprecorr reports that "all newspapers reject the Japanese suggestion that only subordinate officers were involved in the murder of Premier Inukai, and declare that high military personages are behind this and other fascist outrages in Japan." The capitalist press of the whole world, the military experts here and in Europe talk openly and positively of an impending explosion and immediate war against the Soviet Union. Speculation and secret hopes have grown into positive assertions of imminent attack. All the elements of provocation, indirect and open troop movements toward the Soviet frontier, diplomatic intrigues, increased suppression and violence against the working class at home—have accumulated and piled up into a mighty spectre which threatens to sweep the entire world into a slaughter unparalleled in all history. Today's news of progress toward the formation of a Japanese coalition cabinet—a "super-party government"—embracing all capitalist parties, fully confirms our insistence that there has been no break in policy—only a more ferocious drive for immediate war and intervention against the U. S. S. R. For months all the imperialist powers, especially France, England and the United States, have backed the Japanese frightfulness in Manchuria, the ravaging of China and the war provocations against the Soviet Union. At the same time there have proceeded frenzied war preparations—concentration of armed forces, accumulation of arms and munitions, improving of air forces—in the vassal states on the Western borders of the Soviet Union. In all these moves the biggest imperialist powers have taken the lead. Now that this monstrous conspiracy of international bandits has reached the stage of imminent war and intervention against the Soviet Union, these scoundrels and imperialist butchers try to foster the illusion that they have had nothing to do with Japan's course. Such maneuvers are attempts at pacifist deception of the working class; attempts to make it appear that intervention is not a world imperialist plot, but only a Japanese venture. Not by words, but by deeds, must the imperialist powers be judged. Attempts of the imperialist powers to cover up their complicity by words are refuted by the despicable deeds of the imperialist powers, as from every port there speed toward Japan shiploads of arms and munitions for use against the Soviet Union. This imperialist war in which all the bandit powers, on the basis of their common hatred and fear of the Soviet Union, have come together, must be met TODAY by decisive action by the working class. From American ports munitions and war supplies are going to Japan. At the same time there proceeds the strengthening of all war bases of American imperialism, especially in the Pacific. These shipments must be stopped by action of the American working class. In every working class center, in every shop, there must arise furious protests against the despicable role of American imperialism, one of the chief accomplices in the war against the Soviet Union, of which Japan today is the spearhead for all the imperialist powers.

NEGROES APPLAUD COMMUNIST ELECTION PLATFORM GETS THEIR APPROVAL; BACK CONFERENCE

NEW YORK CITY.—"What you have said has appealed to us very much today. I personally have from a side view followed every move of the Communist Party and although the Communist Party has not in the past sent representatives here to speak I appreciate it very much that you have made this effort to speak here tonight and what you have said is very important for our members to know," was the statement made by the leader of a Negro organization after a speech made there by a member of the Communist Party Election Campaign Committee. The speaker was sent there to ask this organization to elect delegates to the May 22 City Nominating Conference, which was done after the speech. This is only one example of the attitude of the Negro masses towards the Communist Party. The Negro workers today are beginning to realize more and more that it is only the Communist Party that is really interested in the fight for the betterment of their conditions. All Negro organizations are urged to join with the white workers organization in selected real worker leaders that will fight for the improvement of the conditions of all workers—Negro and white. The Conference that will be held Sunday, May 22, at Manhattan Lyceum at 11 a.m. must be made to represent all workers organizations—must be made a real mass rally point for the support of the Communist Party.

CORRECTION.—Yesterday it was announced that the New York election conference would be in two sessions. It has been decided to hold but one session, about four hours long, and all should be present promptly at 11 a.m., so that no delays take place.

Credentials are already being received for the United Front Conference to ratify the Candidates proposed by the Communist Party to run for the offices of Congress and Assembly, in Westchester and Dutchess County. This United Front Conference is to be held in the Westchester Workers Center, 27 Hudson Street, Yonkers, New York, Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m. At this Conference delegates to the National Nominating Convention will be elected. In Dutchess and Westchester Counties thousands of workers are jobless, the factories running at less than one-third capacity and misery increasing every day. These are the counties that Roosevelt says are the richest in the state, yet the miserable crumbs of charity that were handed out providing the applicants lived in these counties for two years and did not belong to working-class organizations will be cut off completely after June 1.

Furriers! Hear the Scandalous Facts on the Convention NEW YORK.—Scandal and corruption, "election" of vice-presidents who were not even delegates, terror, whole sections of the union disfranchised and their delegates driven from the convention, is the story the left wing delegates to the International Fur Workers Convention have to tell. They will tell it at a mass meeting to which all furriers are invited. The meeting will be today, Thursday, at 2 p.m., at Irving Plaza Hall, 15th St. and Irving Pl.

London Paper Expects "Explosion" Soon; Admits U.S.S.R. Strives for Peace

LONDON, May 18.—Open admissions that Japan is steadily driving toward armed intervention against the Soviet Union continue to appear in the bourgeois press. The Liberal Daily News and Chronicle writes: "Japan's policy which led to landing an army of a hundred thousand in Manchuria, is driving to inevitable collision with Russia. Manchurian reports show that the situation is worsening. We must assume that the situation will soon come to explosion. Every reason exists to assume that Russia is earnestly striving to avoid war." BERLIN, May 18.—The German press is practically unanimous that the Tokio fascist outrages coupled with the ultimatum of the military for the establishment of a fascist dictatorship represents a tremendous intensification of the war danger in the Far East. The "Achtuhr Abendblatt" appeared in a flash headline "Japan Driving to War." "Tempo" declares: "If the Japanese military succeed in pressing through their demands, the strained Russo-Jap relations must break." The "Berliner Tageblatt" declares that the military ultimatum represents nothing less than a military coup d'etat. All newspapers reject the Japanese suggestion that only subordinate officers were involved in the murder of Premier Inukai, and declare that high military personages are behind this and other fascist outrages in Japan.

10,000 Beet Workers Already On Strike; Struggle Spreads

DENVER, Colo., May 18.—Ten thousand of the 20,000 beet workers in this state are known to be on strike. By hundreds and thousands more, the strike is growing from day to day. It started Monday, when the wage cut went into effect, but as the work does not begin in all the fields on the same day even though the season opened May 16, the full strength of the strike can not be learned until about Saturday. Rank and File Lead Strike. A central united front strike committee and central relief committee as well as many local strike and relief committees have been elected. They are all on a united front basis, the beet workers United Front Committee calling the meetings, and elections taking place without regard to membership in any union. In this way, the strikers mostly unorganized anyway, lead their own struggle. Organization work is being rushed ahead. The Central Strike Committee meets Saturday, and will broaden out the united front to include poor farmers. According to the contracts submitted to laborers by the farmers, at the dictation of the big sugar companies, wages will range from \$13 to \$15 a week. A report made to the state industrial commission last week by J. R. Ruberson, investigator, said beet workers will need charity at how cheaply they may live. The report assailed conditions in the beet fields as being industrial slavery. The Strikers' Demands. The strikers demand \$23 a week, the wages paid last year, which was itself the result of a wage cut from that paid the previous year. The strikers also demand payment instead of credit. Militant picketing has started. Workers who previously signed the contract are coming out on strike with the rest of the workers. Mobilize Thugs Against Workers. There is a full mobilization of city and county armed forces against the strikers. Friday, Sheriff W. W. Wyatt of Weld County announced in the press that the number of deputies would be increased, and "full protection" given to scabs. "Farmers should personally reassure their beet workers," said Wyatt, and then began to deputize fascist elements. The sheriff of Morgan county is acting the same way. The state militia unit at Longmont has been ordered to "stand a test" in full field equipment, right in the beginning of the strike. It is freely rumored the militia will be used against the strikers and that wave of terror will start at the end of the week. Workers Must Send Relief. All county charities are stopping relief, and telling the families who were getting it to go scabbing. Immediate relief funds are needed. The relief headquarters is P. O. Box 2823, Denver, Colo. A provisional relief committee there works with the Workers International Relief, 16 W. 21st Street, New York. Scores of evictions have taken place already. All available tents should be rushed to Colorado. There are 15 organizers with borrowed cars in the field. Charles Gynn and Joe Calazar particularly are scheduled to speak at two or three meetings a day, in Greeley, Johnstown, Louisville, Fort Lupton, Brighton, Fort Collins and other towns. Funds are badly needed for organization expenses, and should be rushed to Central Strike Committee, P. O. Box 2823, Denver, Colo.

Under the lying pretext that there was a "rumor of a Red riot," the United States Supreme Court Monday was placed under heavy police guard, according to a Washington dispatch to the New York Times. Police closely scrutinized all persons who entered the court. The action was admittedly taken in connection with the growing mass protests against the murderous Scottsboro lynch verdicts sentencing seven of the nine innocent Scottsboro Negro boys to burn in the electric chair on June 24. The dispatch attempts to give the impression that the International Labor Defense attorneys are lax in pushing the legal fight in the courts. This is a lie. The I. L. D. attorneys have already taken definite steps to carry the fight against the lynch verdicts to the U. S. Supreme Court. The I. L. D. has already paid the fee of the government printer for the printing of the appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. Walter Pollak, nationally known attorney, have been engaged to argue the appeal. In the meantime, the action of the U. S. Supreme Court in attempting to inject into the case the issue of a "Red Riot" clearly indicates its alliance with the Alabama lynch courts and its desire to help carry through the lynch verdicts. The white and Negro toilers and all honest intellectuals must answer this maneuver with thunderous protests, with a tremendous intensification of the mass fight to free the Scottsboro boys. Every fresh development in the Scottsboro case has served to convincingly prove the correctness of the Communist warning that only the united mass fight of Negro and white workers can stop the bloody hands of the ruling class and free the Scottsboro boys. LAUNDRY WORKERS TO DISCUSS NEGRO PROBLEM NEW YORK.—A prominent Negro member of the Communist Party will address the regular meeting of the Laundry Workers Industrial Union tonight at the Ambassador Hall, 3d Ave. and Claremont Plwy., on the role of the Negro worker in the labor movement.

SHOE STRIKERS REFUSE TO SCAB

Bring I. Miller Letter to Headquarters NEW YORK.—The I. Miller Co. has sent letters to workers telling them to come to work. The workers brought the letters to strike headquarters and refuse to scab. A mass picket demonstration was held yesterday at noon at the factory. At Andrew Geller the strike is in splendid condition. A cutter who worked several days during the strike, came down and joined the strikers. He reported that the shop is completely paralyzed. The Paris Co. strikers who were in jail for a day or two came back to the picket line yesterday more determined than before to win their demands. Relief kitchens have been established in all the strike headquarters. At the settled Elco Co. shop all the scabs have been sent down. Workers are asked to collect money to buy relief for the striking shoe workers. Money should be sent to 5 E. 19th St. to Shoe and Leather Workers Union. After hearing the report of William Schneiderman, Communist candidate for governor, on the election platform of the Party, the conference unanimously endorsed it as well as the presidential and state ticket of the Communist Party, and resolved to carry on an intensified campaign among A. F. of L. unions other workers' organizations to support the Communist ticket. A "Workers' Campaign Committee for Communist Candidates" was elected, with one representative from each organization, and is now working the preparations for the Foster meeting, Comrade William Z. Foster will speak in Minneapolis on Monday, June 6th, at the North High School Auditorium. Ten delegates were elected at the St. Paul election conference, to go to Chicago. Conferences will be held Sunday, May 22nd in Duluth, Virginia, and Crosby to elect delegates to the Chicago convention. The Duluth conference will be preceded on Saturday night by an election mass meeting at Court House Square at which William Schneiderman, Communist candidate for Governor, will speak.

DELEGATES OF 15,000 IN DETROIT

PICK 50 FOR CHICAGO CONVENTION—25 FROM TWIN CITIES DETROIT, Mich. May 18.—Two hundred and eleven delegates representing fifteen thousand workers from over one hundred organizations launched the Communist Election Campaign in Detroit on a mass and organized basis on Sunday, May 15th at the Workers Home. The occasion was the selection of 50 of Michigan's 100 delegates to the Chicago Nominating Convention. The other delegates will be elected at regional conferences in Flint, Grand Rapids, the upper peninsula and by a youth conference in Detroit. District Organizer Baker for the Communist Party opened the conference and gave the main political report. Delegates represented all the workers' struggle organizations, fraternal and cultural organizations, A. F. of L. locals and basic industrial units of the Detroit area including Lincoln, Ford, Dodge, Chrysler, Chevrolet and the Ford Motor companies. In had proportionately the largest delegation with an employed Ford worker elected to go as a delegate to Chicago. Meetings to ratify the delegates will be held as follows: Yemans Hall, on Wednesday, May 25th at 7:30 p. m. Monroe Hall, on Thursday, May 26th, at 7:30 p. m. Vanderbilt Hall, on Thursday, May 26th at 7:30 p. m. The delegates will leave on May 27th by truck caravans for Chicago. Other regional conferences will be held in Flint on May 22nd, at Tilden Hall, 829 Tilden; and in Grand Rapids on May 22nd at the LSD Hall, 1057 Hamilton Ave., Grand Rapids. The Youth Conference will be held in Detroit on Wednesday, May 18th, at 7:30 p. m. at the Finnish Hall. Twin Cities Conferences. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 18.—The Communist Election Conference last Sunday selected 15 delegates from Minneapolis to the Chicago Nominating Convention, and is arranging a big Send-Off affair for them in the middle of next week. After hearing the report of William Schneiderman, Communist candidate for governor, on the election platform of the Party, the conference unanimously endorsed it as well as the presidential and state ticket of the Communist Party, and resolved to carry on an intensified campaign among A. F. of L. unions other workers' organizations to support the Communist ticket. A "Workers' Campaign Committee for Communist Candidates" was elected, with one representative from each organization, and is now working the preparations for the Foster meeting, Comrade William Z. Foster will speak in Minneapolis on Monday, June 6th, at the North High School Auditorium. Ten delegates were elected at the St. Paul election conference, to go to Chicago. Conferences will be held Sunday, May 22nd in Duluth, Virginia, and Crosby to elect delegates to the Chicago convention. The Duluth conference will be preceded on Saturday night by an election mass meeting at Court House Square at which William Schneiderman, Communist candidate for Governor, will speak.

Court of Appeal of Massachusetts Denies Freedom to Berkman

By DOUGLAS McDONALD D. W. Special Correspondent NEW YORK, May 18.—Judge Jas. M. Morton, Jr., in the Circuit Court of Appeals of East Boston, upheld the decision denying freedom to Edith Berkman, according to a wire from the International Labor Defense attorney, who is immediately taking the appeal to the Supreme Court. Edith Berkman is now on the eleventh day of her hunger strike in the Central New England Sanitarium for tubercular patients in Rutland, Mass., where she was taken last Sunday. That the Hoover-Doak government, enraged and baffled by the mass fight against deportation, is redoubling its efforts to deport working-class leaders is shown by Hoover's congressional message, announced yesterday, in which, despite his "economy" program, he is recommending \$200,000 "for continuation of the very large program of deportation of undesirable and despicable aliens." (New York Journal, May 17.) The Protection Foreign Born Committee of the International Labor Defense will carry the fight for Edith Berkman at once to the doors of the Supreme Court. The workers of America must give mass support. Wire assurances of solidarity to Edith Berkman, Central New England Sanitarium, Rutland, Mass., (not to Massachusetts Memorial Hospital, from which scores of telegrams have been returned, Mrs. Anna Tillinghast having prevented their forwarding.) Wire protests to Secretary of Labor Doak, Washington, D. C., to Mrs. A. C. M. Tillinghast, Immigration Commissioner, Boston, Mass., and to Charles Evan Hughes, Chief Justice, United States Supreme Court, Washington, D. C. At the same time workers from all over the country are called upon to rush funds for the defense. Get Edith Berkman Defense Collection lists at 799 Broadway, Room 410, New York City. Report Shipment of Munition Materials from B'klyn Docks (By a Worker Correspondent) Longshoremen report that the Far East going vessels of the Prince Line have been loading scrap iron at the rate of four thousand tons a month from their pier at Bush Dock in South Br'klyn. Other reports state that the Isthmian Lines, a subsidiary of the U. S. Steel have been casing scrap rails at the rate of two thousand tons a month. All these vessels after leaving New York Harbor call in the Southern Atlantic ports and the gulf to load large quantities of cotton, which is used mostly for making gun powder. This gun powder if the Japanese plans materialize, will be used first against the Chinese masses and the Soviet Union, and after against their suppliers, the American imperialists.

18 Worker Organizations Assure Edith Berkman of Mass Support; Ask Her to End Hunger Strike

NEW YORK.—An open letter, signed by the delegates of 18 workers' organizations who made up the committee to Doak demanding release of Edith Berkman, asks Edith to end her hunger strike now. The letter assures her that it has already aroused the working class to mass protest against his mistreatment, has forced her removal to a sanitarium, and that the demand for her complete release will go in greater strength than before. The workers' representatives ask Edith Berkman to save her life by ending the strike now, so she may continue to lead workers' struggles in the future.

The letter is dated May 13, and is in full as follows:
"Dear Comrade Berkman:

"Your forcible removal from the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital on Saturday, May 10, by uniformed police and plainclothes thugs while dangerously ill with tuberculosis and extremely weak through seven days of hunger strike, was an outrage. The refusal of the Tillinghast-Doak strike-breaking outfit to permit you to communicate with your attorney, relatives and friends to inform them of the removal, the conspiracy and secrecy surrounding your removal and the refusal to give any information to the International Labor Defense is characteristic of the terror used by the United States capitalist boss class through their Department of Labor against militant workers.

"It was your heroic protest hunger strike that inspired the working-class to intensify the struggle for your release and broke through the government's attempt to completely isolate you, and forced the immigration authorities to admit that you are sick with tuberculosis and to take steps to remove you to a place where you can be cured.

"We, the Washington delegation to the Secretary of Labor on May 10, together with thousands of workers all over the United States, condemn these vicious acts. We know that your heroic protest hunger strike and the mass protest of the United States workers has shown the mill bosses and their government that the work-

ers will fight back. Abducting and isolating you by removing you 70 miles from Boston did not accomplish the aim of Doak-Tillinghast. Your courage and determination to continue your hunger strike was carried on.

"Your jailers and persecutors did not reckon with your determination and the working-class determination to smash the United States Hoover-Doak-A. F. of L. deportation policy. Now, more than ever, the workers will

continue the struggle against increased political reaction against the workers and for your immediate release.

"The working class will not be content with only the concession of having you removed to a tuberculosis sanitarium. The working class will continue and intensify the struggle for your unconditional release, and to defeat the whole damnable deportation policy of the capitalists and their agents, Hoover, Doak and Tillinghast.

"At the same time we are alarmed that you are in a serious physical condition as the result of your illness and protest hunger strike. You must not forget that a continuation of your hunger strike will mean the end of your life. While the bosses see in you their ruthless enemy whose life they would like to snuff out, the working class recognizes in you a militant fighter in the interests of the oppressed masses AND THEY WANT TO PRESERVE YOUR LIFE. The workers need your leadership and your inspiration for struggle against wage-cuts, unemployment and starvation. The delegation which appeared in your behalf before the Secretary of Labor to demand your release is convinced that your protest hunger strike has won the admiration of the whole working class and has exposed the anti-labor character of the Department of Labor. Your protest has achieved at least part of its aim. We therefore appeal to you to stop the hunger strike and recover from the illness which you have contracted while in Mr. Doak's prison. We ask you to consider our appeal on behalf of the militant American working class organizations represented on the May 10th Delegation.

"(Signed) By the Delegates of the Edith Berkman Delegation:
"National Textile Workers' Union.
"Protection of Foreign Born Committee.
"International Labor Defense.
"Ex-Servicemen's League and National Miners' Union.
"Trade Union Unity League.
"Food Workers' Industrial Union.
"Needle Trades Forkers' Industrial Union.
"Office Workers' Union.
"Metal Workers' League.
"Medical Workers' Order.
"International Workers' Order.
"City Central Club Committee.
"United Council Working Class Women.
"Lithuanian American Council.
"John Reed Club.
"Prospect Workers' Center.
"Bronx Workers' Club.
"Lithuanian Literary Society."

Canadian Worker Vets Support World-Wide Fight Against Scottsboro Verdicts

Send Vigorous Protest to Alabama Governor and United States Department of Justice

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 16.—Rallying to the world-wide fight against the brutal Scottsboro lynch verdicts, the Working Class Ex-Servicemen's League of British Columbia last week sent the following vigorous protest to Governor Miller of Alabama and the Department of Justice at Washington, D. C.

"We of the Working Class Ex-Servicemen's League at the general meeting held at Vancouver on May 4, 1932, with a membership of 1,400, passed the following resolution:

"We protest in the strongest language possible to the Department of Justice of the United States of America the decision of their courts in the state of Alabama to execute seven innocent Negro boys on the flimsiest evidence.

"That seven workers can be executed on such evidence fills us with

anger and disgust. We vigorously protest these lynch verdicts. We pledge our energetic support to the Negro and white workers of the United States of America, carrying on a fight against the attempt to murder seven innocent working-class youths."

BERGER STRIKER IS ARRESTED

Steuben Helps 1,400 A. F. L. Men Strike

NEW YORK.—George Kneller, a striker in the Berger Service Cleaners and Dyers walk-out, was arrested yesterday in the office of District Attorney Spurling. Berger Service is struck solid, even the managers coming out. The company has been withholding the men's wages. The managers are on strike, too, and the company agreed to pay the wages of the managers turned over the proceeds they had collected before striking.

A committee from Berger Service strikers, led by George Kneller, a striker and vice-president of the union, coming voluntarily to help explain the situation, and Irving Schwab, attorney for the strikers, met the bosses in the district attorney's office. The bosses refused to pay the men their last wages, and the strikers started to walk out. Police appeared; the police and bosses and district attorney surrounded the men, and attacked them, several blows being struck. One striker got out, but Kneller was arrested and is held on grand larceny charges. Attorney Schwab was threatened with arrest. The actual arrest was made by Milton Rich, vice-president of Berger Service, after police had refused to arrest.

Gives Leadership.

The example of the Berger Service strikers is bringing enthusiasm to another body of strikers, 1,400 other cleaners and dyers, striking under A. F. L. union locals. These 1,400 have a rank and file strike committee, which, as soon as it heard of the offer of a \$5,000 bribe to John Steuben, leader of the Berger strike, and of his rejection of the bribe, as told in the Daily Worker, invited Steuben to speak at its meeting. The meeting had heard Berkowicz, president of Berger Service, tell it how much he loves the A. F. L. When Steuben spoke on the objects of the Berger Service strike, on how to win a strike, on mass picketing, leadership by the rank and file committee, negotiations to be carried out by the strikers themselves, etc., he got a tremendous ovation. They actually lifted him up and carried him out. The strike committee then invited Steuben to sit with the shop delegates meeting and he did so, helping to organize rank and file leadership, picketing, etc. He was then invited to speak to a strikers meeting, and addressed some 800 of the A.F.L. strikers, in opposition to Kahn of the Movie Operators, a representative of the Central Trades and Labor Union, and a bureaucrat of the Tailors Union named Cannon. Steuben's speech got most favorable response.

LUCILLE WRIGHT WILL SPEAK IN HARLEM TUES.

Start of National Tour in Defense of Scottsboro Boys

NEW YORK.—Lucille Wright, militant young sister of two of the Scottsboro boys, will speak at the mass youth mobilization in Harlem for National Youth Day. She will speak at Saint Luke's Hall, 125 W. 130th St., on Tuesday, May 24, at 8 p. m. This meeting is under the auspices of the Harlem Youth Committee for the defense of the Scottsboro boys and the New York United Front Youth Committee for Second National Youth Day.

All forces of these two committees are being mobilized to make this rally a real success and a smashing answer to the determined attempt of the Alabama bosses and landowners to railroad the Scottsboro boys to the electric chair on June 24. This meeting will be a part of the National Youth tour of Lucille Wright. This fall be, also, the final rally in preparation for the celebration of Second National Youth Day in Harlem.

Numerous open-air meetings, conducted by the Harlem Youth Committee, are getting a real response from the oppressed Negro workers of Harlem. An example of the militancy and solidarity of the workers was shown last week when a group of gangster elements attempted to smash up one of the large open-air Scottsboro rallies.

The workers, however, were 100 per cent with the speaker of the Youth Committee and withstood all attempts to break up the rally. The cowardly gangsters, finding the masses against them, climbed up on top of a 6-story building and threw a huge brick into the mass of workers grouped around the speaker. Fortunately no one was hit and the meeting continued with a militant spirit. The Harlem Youth Committee is working on its plan to collect 50,000 youth signatures in Harlem protesting the Scottsboro frame-up. Thousands have been collected already.

"Two Days" OPENS AT THE ACME THEATRE FRIDAY

Following its promise to make May a Soviet film month, the Acme Theatre has completed its booking for the balance of May and can at this time announce the following Soviet pictures:

"Two Days," a drama of the civil war in Southern Russia, with I. E. Zamyachkovski, merited artist of the Republic, in the leading role, will be shown at the Acme on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Michael Gold, in his review, states: "Two Days" is the first Soviet film production which shows the struggle between old and new orders in the breast of an individual.

"Ten Days That Shook the World," based on John Reed's thrilling story of the first days of the Revolution, will be seen at the Acme on May 23, 24 and 25. The picture was produced in the U.S.S.R. by the great Soviet director, Eisenstein.

"The Yellow Pass," another Aminko production, will be shown on May 26, 27 and 28. The scenario and direction are by the noted F. Ozep. The leading role is played by the Russian artist, Anna Sten, whose exceptional work in Soviet films is well known. Miss Sten is now on her way to Hollywood to make some

NATIONAL YOUTH DAY CONFERENCE THIS EVENING

To Prepare for May 29 and 30 Meets in Harlem

NEW YORK.—A large number of delegates are expected to attend the Manhattan United Front National Youth Day Conference, being held Thursday night at 7:30 p. m. at the Labor Temple, Second Ave. and 14th St.

This conference will make plans for mobilizing the young workers of the Downtown Section for National Youth Day, which will be celebrated on May 29 and 30 with demonstrations in Harlem.

Preparations are already being made for a preliminary demonstration on Thursday, May 26, beginning at 7:30 at Seventh St. and Ave. B, and marching to Rutgers Square.

"National Youth Day," says the call for the conference, "must turn the bosses' Decoration Day into a real day of struggle against war." The call points out the necessity of a real mobilization against imperialist war, especially at a time when war is already going on in the Far East, and when a world war may be launched against the Soviet Union at any time.

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"Bronx Workers' Club.
"Lithuanian Literary Society."

Principal Tries to Break Up Meeting

NEW YORK.—Principal Mrs. O'Neill and some of her teachers of Public School 62 came to the open air meeting of the Bc. St. Block Committee and tried to get the police to break it up. The meeting was to demand free lunches without discrimination.

The provocation of the principal was understood by the workers, and the meeting went on. There will be another meeting near the school, May 19 at 10 a. m., on Fox St.

ILLUSTRATED BOOK OF 5-YEAR PLAN FREE WITH SUBSCRIPTION FOR A YEAR TO THE "DAILY WORKER"

The Daily Worker is offering a new and remarkable book on the Five Year Plan of the Soviet Union, told entirely in pictures—with a yearly (\$6) subscription to the Daily Worker. The title of this splendid pictorial—which has just been issued in America is "The Land Without Unemployment," meaning of course, the Soviet Union—one sixth of the earth—the only land on the face of the earth without unemployment.

The pictures in this book tell the amazing story of what is happening among the 160 millions of workers in the Soviet Union who are building the first socialist world in history. They tell the story of the glorious march of the Five Year Plan and Socialism from the center and into the most remote corners of the Soviet Union. They show the freedom of the working masses of people in the Soviet Union (who rule themselves) from poverty, misery or anything like the boss rule we have here in America where the masses are compelled to slave long hours and under the most miserable conditions, for their daily bread.

We ask every worker to subscribe

American FSU Delegation to the Soviet Union Sends Greetings from Red Square

The May 1st Celebration Vividly Described By A Member of the Delegation, Santo Mirabile, of the A. C. W.

On May First the American Workers' Delegation reviewed the mighty demonstration of the workers' and soldiers' of Moscow.

Santo Mirabile, clothing worker of New York City, writes the following: "From the Red Square, near the Lenin Mausoleum, on the spot where in the 1905 revolution, 1,000 workers were slain by the Czar's Cossacks, on this May First, 1932, I send you and the American workers, revolutionary, proletarian greetings.

"From 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., 50,000 soldiers, all technically equipped for the defense of the Soviet Union, with their own rifles, manufactured in the Soviet industrial factories, these soldiers marched through the Square and were followed by a million and a half workers.

This mighty army of the working class demonstrated their solidarity with the working class of the world, and their readiness to defend their successful Five Year Plan and giant factories, workers' homes, schools, etc. These workers marched in civilian clothes, many of them carrying rifles and guns and joining with the Red Army in being prepared to repel any imperialist invaders.

"The great mass, rank and file workers of the shops, women workers, students, boys and girls, Pioneers with banners of all descriptions, marching as one united, determined section of the working class that has built up through its Bolshevik enthusiasm and shock brigade spirit, the great Five Year Plan, and ready to defend that Five Year Plan against the war lords of France, Poland, and Japan and America.

"It was a splendid sight. Overhead 400 aeroplanes of the Red Army flew as the aerial defense. I

will never forget this demonstration. It seemed like a dream. Red signs in the windows, on the buildings of all the factories, at night, large electric signs heralding the great achievements of the Soviet workers on May Day."

At the time when the war movements against the Soviet Union are becoming intensified the American Workers' Delegation elected by the American workers in all parts of the country from basic industries, are seeing the great achievements, the gigantic factories in the building of the Soviet order.

Every word that the delegates report shows to the American workers that the capitalist papers are misrepresenting the true conditions.

Our tasks at present are to widen the support of the Workers' Delegation, to develop our anti-war work and to organize strength to show Hoover, Well and Schlesinger that the American workers repudiate their lies about the Soviet Union and are joining with their class brothers of the Soviet Union for a struggle against the imperialist war, for working class solidarity to support the building of Soviet construction—the building of a new workers' world.

To Hold Lecture on Soviet Union and Role of S. P. Tonight

NEW YORK.—Realizing that war against the Soviet Union is very near—and that it is absolutely imperative to mobilize immediately masses of workers in defense of the Soviet Union—the West Bronx Branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union is trying to fulfill its duty by initiating a campaign for hundreds of new members.

The first meeting to be held for this purpose will take place on Thursday evening, May 19, at Paradise Manor, 11 W. Mt. Eden Ave., Bronx, at 8 p. m. Comrade A. Netzer will speak on "The role of the Socialist Party and the Soviet Union." This meeting, which is being held in one of the strongholds of the Socialist Party, is an attempt to explain to the sincere but misled rank and file Socialist Party members of the West Bronx, the real function of the Socialist Party in relation to the Soviet Union. The fact that the leadership of the Socialist Party is allying itself with the rest of the imperialists in attacking the Soviet Union, will be clearly pointed out to the workers attending.

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START TERROR IN BRICKLAYER LOCAL UNION

International Refuses Strike Benefits

NEW YORK.—Perfectly plain evidence that the bricklayers are to be sold out was shown at the meeting Tuesday night of the Bricklayers' Local 34. The International refuses to pay strike benefits in a strike conducted by the local against the worst possible scab conditions, and has violated its own rule of union secrecy by working members to come to the New York Hotel to be "bawled out" because the local in its meeting May 10 demanded strike benefits from the International.

The last meeting was terrorized by police and plain clothes men brought in by the officials, and planted hucksters and strong arm men threatened all who oppose the officials.

SHOE STRIKERS CHEER W. I. R.

Relief Rushed to Striker Area

NEW YORK.—Solidarity relief yesterday again displayed its effectiveness as a powerful weapon in the carrying on of strike-struggles as squads of striking workers of the Andrew Geller Shoe Shop marched in mass picket formation, singing, shouting and taunting the furious boss with the sight of chicken drumsticks, bowls of delicious soup, sandwiches and coffee.

Seven crates of fresh eggs were shipped into the shoe strike area yesterday by the Workers' International Relief. The workers received this consignment of foodstuff with ringing applause.

A committee of seven was elected by the workers on strike at the I. Miller Shoe Co. to co-operate with the Workers' International Relief in strike-aid activity. A worker from the model, spick and span Geller kitchen has volunteered solidarity assistance in setting up relief work for the Miller strikers.

Meanwhile tickets are being sold for the film showing of "The Road to Life," to be held at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, Broadway and 28th St., on May 28, at 1 p. m. until midnight, for the benefit of the strikers. Admission is 25 cents in advance. The latest Soviet and Workers' Newsreels will also be shown. A benefit affair will be held on May 29 at the Brownsville Labor Lyceum. Artief, Workers' Laboratory Theatre and the Hinesdale Workers' Dramatic Club will provide entertainment. Alfred Wagenknecht, national secretary of the W. I. R., will speak. Tickets are 35 cents.

Cultural activities are being provided at the strike halls by the Workers' Laboratory Theatre of the W. I. R. and the Film Department of the W. I. R. Soviet Newsreels and workers' films are enthusiastically received. Solidarity donations to help win the strikes should be sent to the Central Strike Relief Committee in care of the W. I. R., 16 W. 21st St., New York City.

15 FAMILIES FACE EVICTION

NEW YORK.—The Williamsburg Unemployed Council is fighting against the eviction of 15 families at 3215 Holland Ave.

Yesterday two sheriffs came with 30 Negro workers to evict the families. They used the Negro workers to create an antagonism between the white and colored workers. One family was evicted.

Although the house was filled with police, with some on the roof of the house, and detectives and mounted police outside the building the workers showed determination to carry on a fight to stop evictions.

The Unemployed Council and the tenants of the house have called a mass meeting which will be held tonight at Holland and Burke Ave., at 8 p. m. At this meeting the workers will mobilize to discuss their plans to carry on the struggle.

Honolulu Murderess at Long Island Home

Mrs. Granville Fortesque, the "society" murderess who with her son-in-law, Lieut. Massie, and two enlisted sailors killed Joseph Kahahua in Honolulu, is now at her home, "Wildholme," at Bayport, L. I.

The murderess said she was "very grateful to Mr. Darrow," the defender of lynching as an institution, who was both attorney and publicity agent in forwarding the imperialist policy of placing Hawaii under complete military rule as a part of the war preparations in the Pacific.

Her daughter, Mrs. Massie, and husband, the naval lieutenant who participated in the lynching of the Hawaiian youth, are now in San Francisco, but intend going to Massie's former home among the lynch ruling class of Kentucky for a vacation.

What's On—

THURSDAY
Newtown Section, I.L.D., will hold a mass membership meeting at Grove Street Casino, 142 Second Ave., at 8 p. m. All members of Steve Baker's, Tom Messery, Polish, Harry Egan, Kasid Edwards and University Branches must attend.

The regular meeting of Branch No. 500, I. W. O., will be held at Workers' Center, Room 310, at 8:30 p. m.

Comrade A. Netzer will speak on "The Role of the Socialist Party and the Soviet Union" at Paradise Manor, 11 West Mt. Eden Ave., Bronx, at 8 p. m., under the auspices of the West Bronx F.S.U.

Comrade C. Alexander of the L.S.N.R. will speak on Scottsboro at 1213 East Tremont Ave., Bronx, at 8:30 p. m., under the auspices of the Inawor Youth Branch 491.

A general membership meeting of young dressmakers will be held at 131 W. 28th St., Room 24, at 8 p. m. All young workers are invited.

Brownsville Parkway Branch, F.S.U., will meet at 257 Schenectady Ave., Brooklyn, at 8 p. m.

A meeting of drug store workers will be held at 16 W. 21st St. at 8 p. m. A discussion on the three months' plan will take place.

Alteration Numbers will meet at 1120 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, at 8 p. m.

Alfred Wagenknecht will speak on "Culture and the American Working Class" at the W. I. R. Center, 16 W. 21st St., 8:30 p. m.

Alteration painters will meet at Irving Plaza Hall, 17th St. and Irving Place, at 8 p. m.

IRISH WORKERS HOLD DANCE FRI.

New Fighting Club's First Affair

NEW YORK.—The Irish Workers Club, which was organized about six weeks ago and has since played an important role in the struggles of the New York workers, will hold its first dance and entertainment Friday night at the Finnish Workers Hall, 15 West 126th St. There will be Irish and American dancing with music furnished by the Red Front Band. Other good entertainment is assured.

The Irish Workers Club members have been active in many working-class struggles since the club was organized. They have assisted the Unemployed Council in the fight against evictions, were in the forefront of the May Day parade and were the only ones to carry their banner back to Union Square from the City Hall following the brutal police attack in City Hall Square last April.

Workers all over New York should support this militant fighting organization. Come to the dance and get acquainted with the Irish-American revolutionary fighters.

Photographic Strike Pickets Keep Away Scabs Sent By Dicks

NEW YORK.—The Kalden-Kazanjian photographic workers' strike is solid. The boss has hired the Bergdorf Detective Service, Inc., to furnish scabs, and this outfit advises in the New York American for strikers breakers. But the picket line will keep them out. The Photographic Workers League calls all workers to help it raise funds for the strikers. It calls all photographers to a meeting of the League, Thursday, at 8:30 p. m. at 108 East 14th St. to hear about the strike.

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WORKER CORRESPONDENTS EXPOSE WAR PREPARATIONS SEND LETTERS TO THE "DAILY WORKER"! HELP FIGHT AGAINST WAR PREPARATIONS!

COMMUNIST CANDIDATE IN MINNESOTA IS NEGRO VET.

DULUTH, Minn., May 16.—Robert Turner, Negro worker of St. Paul, has been proposed by the Communist Party for the office of secretary of state of Minnesota.

He is an ex-serviceman, having joined the army in 1926, where he was put on labor detail, the vilest kind of slavery.

After witnessing the eviction of an unemployed worker in St. Paul in 1931, he joined the Unemployed Council, and was sent as a delegate on the National Hunger March to Washington.

Duluth Candidate Martin Kuusisto, section organizer of the Communist Party, is candidate for member of the board of education in the school elections May 17.

- 1. Free care, lunches, clothes, and school supplies for the children of the unemployed. 2. Free medical and dental service for all workers' children.

- 3. No reduction in teachers wages. 4. No discrimination against the workers' children. 5. Better school facilities in the schools located in working-class neighborhoods.

The Communist Party points out that the so-called "Labor Ticket" of Borg, Johnson and McKnight here is just another scheme like that of the Olson Farmer Labor Party, which has fought all unemployment relief measures.

NEWARK, N. J., May 16.—Forty-seven delegates, representing 34 workers' organizations and 1,600 workers, met here Saturday and pledged support to the Communist election platform and Communist candidates.

Resolutions were adopted condemning the terror campaign particularly the terror against Negroes, and demanding the release of the five Patterson defendants, the Scottsboro boys, Tom Mooney, and other prisoners.

On Saturday, May 21, there will be a grand send off affair for the delegates leaving for Chicago.

Foster in Gary GARY, Ind., May 16.—William Z. Foster, general secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, and the man proposed by the Communist Party for nomination to run for president of the United States, will speak here May 30.

Maryland Conference. BALTIMORE, Md., May 16.—Working-class organizations throughout the state of Maryland have elected delegates to a Communist Party State Conference, which will be held in Baltimore, Md., on Sunday, May 22, at 2 p. m. in the Musical Hall, 847 Hamilton Terrace.

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The European bourgeois press is exploiting the French disaster as a new anti-Communist provocation, declaring that the vessel was fired by Communists believing that it was carrying munitions to Japan.

BACKACHE? Suffering because of a stiff back? Headache? Dizziness? Stomach trouble? Check the cure. Sold by druggists.

On Saturday, May 21, a tag day will be held to raise funds to defray the expenses of the delegates and to finance the Maryland and National Election campaigns.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, May 16.—All workers' organizations are urged to elect delegates to the Communist Election Conference, which will take place in Youngstown on Sunday, May 22, at 2 p. m. at the Workers' Center, 334 E. Federal St.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 16.—Local conferences to elect delegates to the Chicago convention are being held in a number of states making up Communist Party District No. 10.

Next Sunday there will be similar conferences in Omaha, Neb.; Sioux City, Iowa; Kansas City, Mo.; Crawford County, Kansas; and Oklahoma City, Okla.

LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL REVOKES PERMIT FOR NAT'L YOUTH DAY

LAWRENCE, Mass.—Declaring that it was "too sacred a day to allow meetings for other than patriotic purposes," Alderman Eberhardt, Commissioner of Parks and Public Property here revoked the permit which had already been granted for Second National Youth Day.

MOSCOW PAPERS NAIL LIE OF NEW YORK TIMES

MOSCOW, May 18 (by Cable).—The Soviet press today officially denies a report which appeared in the New York Times that the Soviet Union is feverishly preparing to concentrate a quarter of a million men in eastern Siberia.

DULUTH, Minn.—With scores and resolutions pouring into the office of Safety Commissioner Moore of Duluth, demanding that a permit be given to the National Youth Day Committee is calling a huge protest meeting for Wednesday, May 18th at 2 p. m.

NEW YORK.—The Times story had attempted to show the Soviet Union in "a warlike gesture." It reported a steady movement of Soviet troops over the Trans-Siberian Railway to Eastern Siberia.

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NEW YORK.—A Paris dispatch to the New York Times yesterday reported that Gorgulov told an examining magistrate on Monday that he murdered President Paul Doumer because he considered French policy "traitorous" to the Soviet Union.

JAPANESE SPEED DRIVE FOR WAR ON SOVIET UNION

Use Bandit Pretext for New Advance on Soviet Border

All sections of the Japanese ruling class are openly supporting the ultimatum of the militarists for the establishment of a "national government." Tokyo press dispatches report that the Selyukai (government) party thus "indicated its willingness" to form such "a coalition government."

The Japanese Rango News Agency yesterday broadcasted "news" of an alleged "massacre" of Japanese by Chinese irregulars in the Manchurian town of Ilan, near the Soviet border.

PREACHER SELLS OUT ENDICOTT-JOHNSON STRIKE

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—Monday morning, May 16th 2,000 Endicott-Johnson shoe workers assembled at the ground of Victory plant to hear the report of the Committee headed by the preacher, Wilson on the conference.

PHILA. WIR to Have Camp for Children

The Workers International Relief has launched a campaign for a camp for workers' children. Last year the WIR managed to maintain a camp where over 300 children, mostly of unemployed and striking workers,

POPE ASSAILS REDS TO SHIELD BOSSES AND WAR PLOTTERS

From the Vatican at Rome the head of the Catholic Church, Pope Pius XI, has issued a denunciation of Communism and Atheism and has decreed that a week of prayer be carried out, beginning June 3.

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Dr. Paul Gorgulov is shown being led to police headquarters where he admitted killing President Doumer of France to incite war against the Soviet Union.

Ballots Show Veterans' Support of Bonus Fight

NEW YORK.—Ballots that have been returned thus far show that the war veterans are solidly behind the program of the Provisional Bonus March Committee which has its temporary headquarters with the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League at 1 Union Square, Room 715.

Some of the ballots that have been received are interesting examples of how the veterans show their support. One vet made a notation on his ballot that he is a truck driver and volunteers to drive a truck for the march to Washington.

One veteran made a notation on his ballot that his wife is a war nurse and that they have been reduced to a position where they have already been given a disposes note for their inability to pay their rent.

BONUS BALLOT

I am in favor of cash payment of the bonus to all veterans [] MARK AN 'X' I am in favor of a veteran's march to the capitol at Washington [] Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ What outfit did you serve in? _____ What organization are you in now? Send this to: Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, 1 Union Square, Room 715.

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What Our Readers Say on the Election Campaign

THIS is the tenth series of discussion letters on the election platform and campaign of the Communist Party sent in by readers of the Daily Worker. Articles will be written by comrades from the Central Committee on the various suggestions and proposals as the discussion progresses.

ALL READERS ARE URGED TO AGAIN READ THE PLATFORM AS PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY WORKER OF APRIL 28TH AND SEND IN THEIR OPINIONS AND PROPOSALS.

The special supplement containing the platform can be secured in the office of your district.

For Explanation of the Election Platform Points

Daily Worker: Over a month ago, on April 2, the Daily Worker printed the Central Committee call for the National Nominating Convention, together with the demands for the campaign.

Need Written Explanation

How is this situation to be accounted for? I think that it is because we have never had in the Daily Worker, Communist, or in pamphlet form a clear statement of what

Government Orders 2,500 Wartime Parachutes

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK.—The company I worked for has just received an invitation from the Navy Department at Washington to bid on supplying 2,500 canvas parachutes, to be shipped in 60 days to the Naval Ammunition Depot at Hawaii.

Another 2,500 is to be shipped to the Depot at Virginia. The president of this company says the dimensions required—37.25 inches—are for wartime parachutes, the parachutes in use commercially or for non-war purposes being much smaller.

War Shipments on Japanese Ships from U.S. Show Gain

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NORFOLK, Va.—A Japanese ship, Tai Ping Yang, sailed yesterday from Norfolk for "the Far East" with 6,000 tons of cotton. This is the third Japanese ship to sail from Norfolk since May 1, and more Japanese ships are expected here within a few days.

DUPONT GETS ORDERS. (By a Worker Correspondent)

NEWARK, N. J.—An announcement was made here that the Pompton Lakes plant, a DuPont concern, which produces munitions and explosives, will speed up production next week.

Send Rush Orders for Mines for U.S. Fleet in Pacific

The New York Navy Yard has just received a rush order for 200 mines. Welders are being forced to work night and day on the shells.

Mines are generally manufactured for the Coast Guard for use in breaking up icebergs and derelicts. The order now being filled, however, is for extremely large mines, built differently from the standard mines.

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COMMUNISM AND THE NEGRO

By JAMES W. FORD

Article 9

TODAY I turn to the article by Mr. B. M. Young, bourgeois Negro editor of the Norfolk Journal and Guide (Virginia) in the so-called Symposium on Communism which appeared in the April Crisis.

Like others of the editors contributing to this series of attacks on Communism organized by the N. A. A. C. P. assistant hangmen of the Negro masses, Mr. Young finds himself forced to admit the growing influence of the Communist Party among the toiling Negro masses. It is this fact that alarms Mr. Young, not the frightful oppression of the Negro masses by the white ruling class. Mr. Young admits that for the Negro masses capitalism (or what he calls "traditional American conditions") means "race prejudice, economic semi-enslavement, lack of equal opportunity, and discrimination of all sorts." He likewise admits that the Communist Party opposes all this, that the Communist Party practices true internationalism, promotes working-class solidarity and wages a relentless fight against the national oppression of the Negroes and for unconditional equal rights for the Negro people. He writes:

"The Communists in America have commendably contended for and have practiced equality of all races, and in their many activities, have accepted Negroes into their ranks in both high and lowly positions; more, they have dramatized the disadvantages of the Negro by walking in a body out of a Jim-crow Pittsburgh hospital (not a hospital but the Monahela Hotel—J. W. F.), by aiding ejected tenement dwellers, and in industrial strikes directed by them fighting against the practice of excluding Negroes from labor unions. All these accomplishments go to the credit side for the Communists."

Mr. Young's statement that the Communist Party has "accepted" Negroes into its ranks, and "aided" evicted Negro workers, reflects the condescending attitude of the Negro bourgeoisie



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toward the Negro masses. We Communists reject Mr. Young's attempt to saddle us with such an attitude. It is not a matter of the Communist Party "accepting" Negro workers. The Communist Party is NOT a party of white workers condescending to "accept" Negroes in their ranks. THE PARTY OF THE NEGRO AND WHITE WORKERS. The Communist Party is the advance guard of both the Negro and white American proletariat. It is a party of Negro and white workers, in which the Negro workers, as admitted by Mr. Young, participate in the leadership in the fullest degree. Negro workers are on its highest bodies. Negro workers are the leaders of two of its district organizations, as district organizers in Cleveland and Buffalo. I cite merely a few examples.

Likewise, it is not a question of the Communist Party "aiding" evicted Negro workers, but of the Communists organizing and leading the joint struggles of Negro and white workers to fight against and prevent the evictions of unemployed Negro and white workers from their homes, against Jim Crowism and lynching, against unemployment and starvation, against all forms of oppression and persecution of the Negro masses and for their immediate daily demands and for the overthrow of the system out of which this oppression and persecution grow.

Mr. Young starts out by pretending "fair-play" and "interest" in Communism in order to conceal his real aim of attacking Communism, of attempting to block the leftward trend of the Negro masses and their growing resistance to imperialist oppression. To the bourgeois outlook of Mr. Young, the Negro croppers of Camp Hill, Alabama, who organized into a union to resist the attempts of the landowners to cut off their food supplies were criminals whose resistance to the efforts of the landowners to starve them disturbed the good relations existing between the Negro bourgeoisie and the murderous white ruling class. Forced to recognize the leading role of the Communists in the growing struggles of the Negro masses against starvation and national oppression, Mr. Young charges the Communists with having aroused "such charged feelings in many sections which make it difficult for the best of both races to get together and study and correct problems in an orderly way."

Mr. Young here crassly expresses the mingled

fear and contempt in which the Negro bourgeoisie hold the toiling Negro masses. Any attempt on the part of the Negro toilers at resistance is frowned on and attacked by the Negro bourgeoisie. The conception of the Negro bourgeoisie of the role of the Negro masses is one of passivity, servile acceptance of oppression, and blind dependence upon the traitorous leadership of the Negro bourgeoisie and its shameless co-operation with the imperialist oppressors. In other words, the Negro masses are merely the base for the building of the economic power of the Negro bourgeoisie. And for the furnishing of funds to such typical organizational expressions of the united front of the Negro bourgeoisie with the enemies of the Negro masses as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Negro bourgeoisie has a stake in the system of Jim Crow capitalist oppression of the Negro masses. Revolutionary struggle against that system menaces the class interests of the Negro bourgeoisie as well as the class interests of the imperialists. Thus we find the Negro bourgeoisie viciously attacking the mass fight of Negro and white workers against the Scottsboro lynch verdicts, the mass defense of Orphan Jones, Willie Brown and numerous other Negro victims of class justice.

The Negro bourgeoisie energetically defend the lynch courts and try to bolster up the shattered prestige of these instruments of the ruling class for the suppression of the struggles of the oppressed and exploited Negro and white masses, for the maintenance of the system of exploitation, national oppression and murder. The Negro bourgeoisie shamelessly offer their services—at a price—to the white imperialists against the growing liberation struggle of the Negro masses, against the Communist Party, which alone leads and organizes that struggle. Thus, Mr. Young concludes his article with the following bid for the guidance of the Negro masses away from Communism, away from the revolutionary struggle:

"If the Negro masses are to be made Communism-proof, the disadvantages which have been raised against them by the white majority in power, must be voided by the union of the whites and Negroes of vision working together—fighting by all legal and sane means the proscriptions which are neither Christian, humane, or in the spirit of the fundamental laws of the land."

What does Mr. Young mean by the "white majority in power"? Everybody knows that a small group of capitalists control the United States and its government. Ex-Ambassador Gerard, a representative of this group, sometime ago admitted that the government was controlled by 59 capitalists! Twelve million workers, the majority of them white, are out of work today and starving. Are these Mr. Young's "white majority in power"? Other millions are on part time and having their wages constantly slashed? Are these Mr. Young's "white majority in power"? Are the ruined farmers and starving agricultural laborers the "white majority in power"?

I have already commented on Mr. Young's proposal for a "united front" of the Negro bourgeoisie with the imperialist enemy of the Negro masses. This is the program being carried out today by the Negro bourgeoisie. It finds its sharpest present expression in the shameful betrayal by the N.A.A.C.P. misleaders of the fight to free the Scottsboro boys.

Mr. Young prattles of "legal" and "sane means"—in other words of "boot-licking diplomacy" and childish faith in the lynch courts of the ruling class. He not only supports white ruling class oppression of the Negro masses but he proposes that the Negro masses prostrate and castrate themselves; unquestioningly accept the lynch verdicts of the murderous lynch courts. He prates of "proscriptions which are neither Christian," etc. As if he were ignorant that Christianity (and religion in general) is an instrument of the ruling class to befog the minds of the masses and divert them from the struggle against their oppressors; as if he was unaware that Christianity has always defended the exploiters and oppressors, and has justified the horrible institution of chattel slavery!

Tammany's Underworld Agents Vote While Thousands of Workers Can't Vote

By JOE PORPER

NEW YORK.—The workers now engaged in the collection of signatures which will place the Communist candidates on the ballot, are daily learning of the corruption of capitalism. In the City of New York, and particularly in working-class neighborhoods such as the lower East Side, flagrant examples of fraud and trickery are daily uncovered.

At 223 East Second Street, there is an old dilapidated bath house which the City Board of Elections (in its List of Registered Voters), credits with seventeen "registered voters." Bath houses, poolrooms, hawdy-houses can boast of registrations of "voters" that are amazing in numbers.

It is no less surprising, when we consider the fraud of American democracy, to learn that the bosses will not only fake, steal and vote votes; but that large sections of the working class are almost completely disfranchised; denied the right to vote.

Here, in the fact that the Negro is barred from the polls in the South; that the Seaman cannot vote; that large sections of the unemployed, too, cannot vote; is further revealed the class character of bourgeois democracy in the United States of America.

Negro Can't Vote

Heywood Brown has stated that the 14th and 15th amendments (bestowing citizenship upon the Negro) is not enforceable. In this position Mr. Brown is not alone. There is not a single socialist leader who proposes any way to stop the brutal hunger and terror employed by the white ruling class against militant Negro workers.

When we contrast this program of betrayal with the militant actions of the Communist Party, in the organization of the Negro and white sharecroppers in Camp-Hill, Alabama; with the splendid struggles for unemployment relief in Chicago, District and Cleveland, involving thousands of Negro workers; in arousing the working masses to the defense of the Nine Scottsboro Boys, against the vicious lynch verdict; only then can we understand the role of the Socialist party, as the main social support of the bourgeoisie.

The position of our enemies on this burning question is only part of the picture. To complete the picture, we must see, on one side of the barricades, Wall Street, and the big bourgeoisie, the Socialist party, the Lovestonites and the Trotskyites; and on the other side, in defense of the everyday needs of the workers, against hunger, oppression and imperialist war, the Communist Party and the revolutionary proletariat.

Seamen Can't Vote

When ships dock, it must be our duty to speak to the seamen explaining to them their disfranchisement. On the waterfront, to the seaman who is "on the beach" (and they number thousands), a definite sentiment must be developed among these workers against the trickery of the bourgeoisie.

Jobless Can't Vote

The unemployed workers must be reached, in the flophouses, on the breadlines, at the employment exchanges, and made to resent this last insult, which renders them impotent to even vote and thus register their indignation, their growing resentment against the Hoover-Hunger Program.

The Constitution of the State of New York states "the right to vote shall not be denied to any citizen because he or she may be wholly or partly maintained by public or private charity."

And yet, it is not a fact, that the Municipal Lodging House (a City institution) refuses lodging to any unemployed worker for more than one week a month? And does not the Election Law require a "legal residence"? And does not the bosses' hunger drive force workers out of their "homes" into the streets?

And yet, a gambling dive, or worse, is a "legal" residence under the law of the State of New York, by the Grace of God!

The unemployed must be made to understand that not Jimmie's Beer, nor Hoover's Reconstruction Board, nor any of the remedies which the spokesmen for the parties of capitalism will so loudly shout for during the Election Campaign, will have any effect on the mounting numbers of the unemployed, on the growing conditions of mass starvation. Only the will to struggle, organized, and led by the Unemployed Councils and the Communist Party, can determine what relief the bosses will be forced to concede.

Fight For Right To Vote

During the Election Campaign especially, the struggle for the rights of the Disfranchised (the Negro, the seaman, the unemployed) must be sharply raised; the leadership of the Communist Party established.

In the simplest manner, we must explain to the workers, that the only way capitalism can be "cleansed," is by rooting out the whole mass of corrupt capitalist relations; by the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a Workers and Farmers Government; only then will we finally put an end to the hypocrisy, the trickery and corruption of the capitalists.

The Political Situation in Ireland

By LIAM O'SLATTERY.

DUBLIN, Ireland (By Mail).—William T. Cosgrave and his "Association of the Boiled-Shirred Gael" have been booted out after ten years of office. Eamonn de Valera and his "Soldiers of Destiny," the "left" opposition party of the bourgeoisie, have risen to power. And the Irish working class, in the persons of two Communist candidates in Dublin, has emerged as a definitely independent political force.

These are the chief results of the Free State General Election, now concluded here. And all of them reflect the deepening of the economic crisis, the leftward swing of the workers and small farmers, and the rumbling discontent and restlessness of the petty-bourgeoisie.

Consider Cumannann Gaedheal's foul ten-year record. The party which had sold out the national struggle and made its peace with British imperialism, it built up the Free State by slashing the standard of living of every section of the working population. Unemployment jumped, while workless pay dropped. Under its rule the bosses in every industry hammered both wages and working conditions. The agricultural worker was reduced to penury; the small farmers sank further into debt. Civil servants, teachers and even the police all came under the lash. Corruption filled the jails with revolutionary fighters.

The Lesser Evil

The kicking out of Cosgrave is the reply of the masses, expressed through electoral support for the "lesser evil" of de Valera. "Give us the devil we don't know; we're tired of the devil we've had for ten years" was the feeling of the masses. So Cosgrave, conducting his campaign under the slogan of "Stump out the Communist menace" was himself stamped out.

Mr. de Valera, himself Gael, Catholic obscurantist, and chief of the Republican wing of the bourgeoisie, is to be the leader of the Fianna Fail-Labor Government; the Irish capitalists and landlords are to rule through their opposition wing.

For the workers and peasants the advent of the new government means the continuance and intensification of the ruling class offensive. Fianna Fail had steadily moved to the position it denounced in 1921; during the election campaign it openly declared for a new deal with

British imperialism. And while on the one hand it lavished promises upon the workers and farmers, on the other it assured the conservative bourgeoisie that it would have no touch with Communism; that, in fact, for private property it was the only alternative to Communism.

Fianna Fail takes office with the world capitalist crisis sucking Ireland more and more into the vortex. There is a budget deficit of nearly \$10,000,000, a large sum for a statelet like the Twenty-six Counties. The trade figures for 1931, just published, show a drop in the total of \$75,000,000 or nearly 15 per cent. Imports outside value exports by \$45,000,000—and the total trade, it should be remembered, amounted last year to only \$451,000,000. And week after week, agricultural prices tumble down.

Every company meeting—Great Southern Railway, Great Northern, Grand Canal Co., Dublin Tram Co.—is openly declaring for immediate wage cuts; the attack will be launched as soon as the new government takes hold of the reins. In addition, there are to be widespread tariffs, with the jump in the cost of living they inevitably will bring.

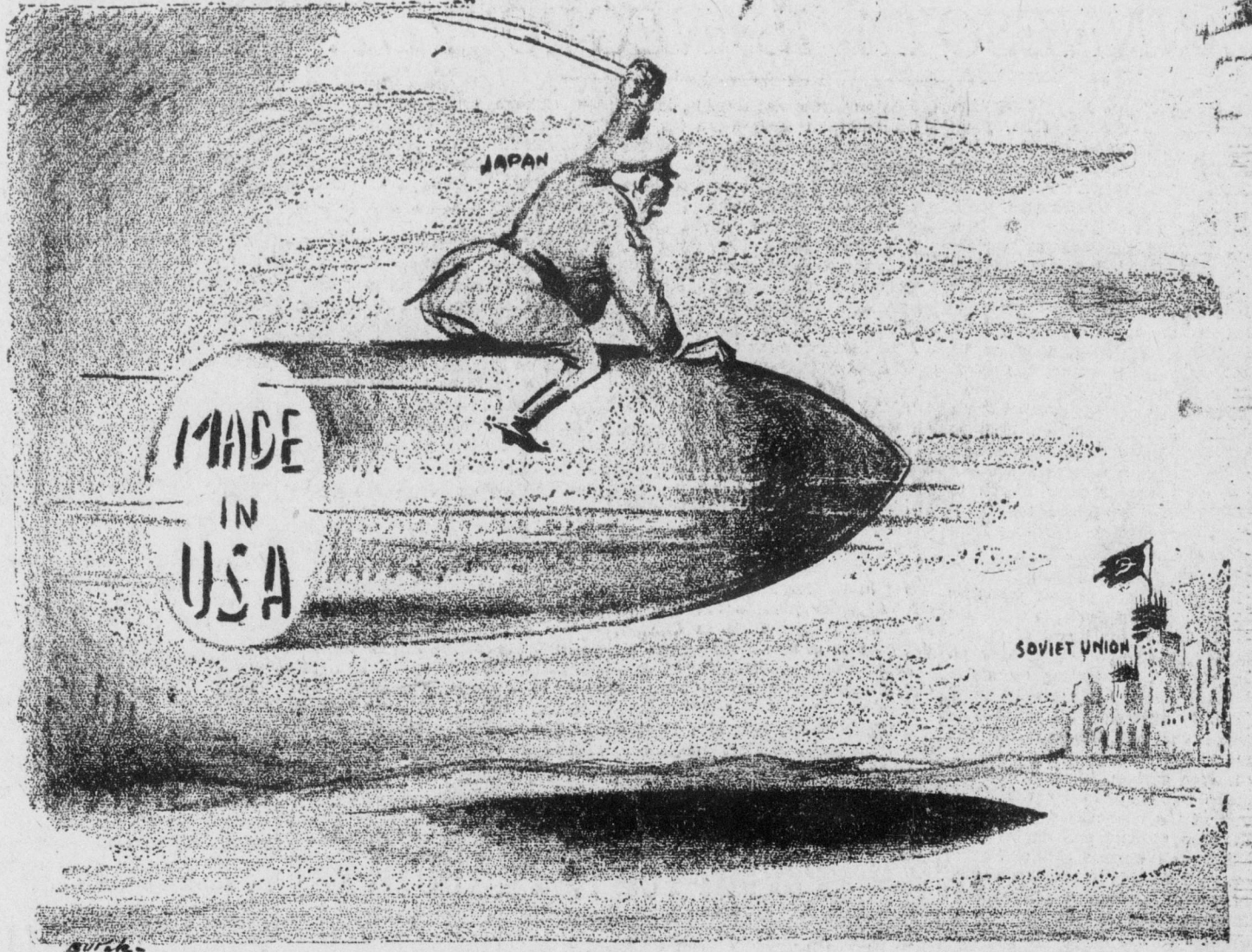
These, then, are the realities of the present situation in Ireland. The Communist candidates told the workers that the fight between the two capitalist parties was just a sham fight, and the die-hard British "Observer" underlines this very neatly in a recent issue: "There was not even a flutter on the Stock Exchange."

Canalized Revolt

This "lesser evil," therefore, will be the greatest enemy of the Irish masses. It canalized the growing revolt, kept it within constitutional limits, and it now has the task of continuing the offensive and disemboweling the militant Republican forces of the petty-bourgeoisie.

Communists Get 1,100 votes

The policy of running independent working class candidates was, therefore, quite correct. And despite the ferocious whoppings of the politicians and the virulent campaign of the bishops and priests, eleven hundred Dublin workers gave their first preference votes to the two Communist candidates and declared unhesitatingly for the revolutionary fight against capitalism. This when Jim Larkin, Sen., the corrupt and despicable labor party, and the physical force Republicans were all giving up the ghost and fall-



STOP THE SHIPMENT OF WAR SUPPLIES BY THE U. S. TO THE JAPANESE ROBBERS!

Toward Revolutionary Mass Work (DISCUSSION OF THE 14TH PLENUM) AGRARIAN WORK OF OUR PARTY

By H. PURO

(Speech Made at the 14th Plenum of the Central Committee.)

I AM going to deal with the question that Comrade Weinstein, reporter of the Polburo, did not find time to deal with, i. e., the agrarian work of our Party. We must understand, comrades, that our Party will not be able to become a real Bolshevik Party unless it becomes the leader of all the toilers. Even in ordinary times, this work from the point of view of Leninist conceptions, is one of the most important phases of the work of the Communist Parties. But now we have a special situation from the point of view of the struggle against the imperialist war, from the point of view of approaching our national election campaign and also from the point of view that there has been a continual agrarian crisis which is deepening together with the general economic crisis. This work assumes a very great importance also from the point of view of the Negro liberation struggle in the South with which our agrarian work should be linked up.

Although there are very great shortcomings of the Party in this field of work, and a real turn in this field of work is required, there was some attention given to this work during the last Plenum and also immediately after the Plenum by the Polburo. And partly as the result of this attention we have made some advances in the work between the time of these two Plenums. We have now definitely a weekly agrarian paper, "Producers News." The paper was taken over by the United Farmers League. It is published in Plentywood, Montana, and together with this paper was amalgamated the mailing lists of the old United Farmer. The paper has continually improved and we now have between 5,000 and 6,000 circulation for the paper. Although there are yet many shortcomings in the paper, it is very much liked by the farmers and there is considerable farmers' correspondence in the paper.

The Militant Struggles of the Farmers.

We have also made the beginning of the formulation of an immediate fighting program for the small farmers in the form of a pamphlet and other literature. But the most important of all these activities is that we have led farmers into struggles against evictions, sheriff's sales, against the burdens of taxation, and also arranged some hunger marches. Immediately after the last Plenum our comrades organized the St. Louis County farmers' hunger march of 2,500 poor farmers. A similar number of unemployed workers greeted them in Duluth. This hunger march established the United Farmers League and our leadership among the poor farmers in the Northwest. As a result of this march the organizational growth has begun and many local struggles against evictions and sheriff's sales occurred, many of which were successful. Thousands of farmers formerly under reformist leadership and even religious farmers took part in these struggles. As the result of these struggles, Minnesota, Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, in the Dakotas and Eastern Montana there has been laid a mass basis of the United Farmers' League in the Northwest.

However, there is a danger that the kulak farmers are coming into the movement. Where our movement is weak the kulaks are attempting to lead struggles against taxes and this is dangerous, as they will mislead the toiling farmers. There is also danger that the United Farmers' League will be developed by the infiltration into arms of Pianna Fail.

The small, but vigorous young Communist groups are now going forward to play their part in the immediate struggles, and a drive is being made for the relaunching of the "Workers' Voice" and the building of the foundations for the early formation of the Communist Party of Ireland.

Editor's Note:—Since this article was written the first issue of the "Workers' Voice" since its suppression, has come off the press.

3. Emergency relief for the poor farmers without restrictions by the government and banks; exemption of poor farmers from taxes and from forced collection of rents and debts. (from the draft election platform.)

bers of the United Farmers League into a political party in some localities not consciously but unconsciously where our leadership is weak. Of course, so far these farmers have been ready to be corrected and have rallied around the election program of our Party and around the demands of our Party. In this spring's elections we have elected already a few county officials to office. This shows the tremendous possibilities of growth of our influence among the toiling farmers, especially in the Northwest, where we have built the United Farmers' League, upon the mass basis in connection with struggles.

Last fall our comrades in the Boston District conducted an agricultural strike, and, while small, this was important. Also in Northern Minnesota last fall there was a strike on the county roads where farmers worked part time. This strike, conducted by the United Farmers' League, under the leadership of our Party, also established our work among the farmers to a great degree. In the Northwest also among the youth our comrades, especially in Districts 9 and 11, have been doing very good work and have developed many new forces for our agrarian work.

Concentration Amongst the Agrarian Workers.

Of course, the agrarian workers are the most important element in the villages. In this respect we have not made much advance, although lately we have again made a beginning in organizing the best field workers in Colorado and some very good beginning has been made in this respect.

But we must regret that from the Imperial Valley in California, where we have had such a glorious struggle a couple of years ago, we have not heard anything lately. Evidently our Party in California has altogether forgotten this field of work, which was to establish our organization among this important category of the agricultural workers.

I think a great part of the neglect among this most important element in the villages is due to Party and the T.U.U.L. center and the district centers which have not paid attention to the work among the agricultural workers. We must emphasize that the T.U.U.L. must pay more attention and give more help to those districts where we have these agricultural workers.

Share croppers, after the agrarian workers, are a very important element, and while we have had in Alabama the Camp Hill struggle, and we have some contacts in both Districts 16 and 17, our comrades have paid very little attention to the organization of the share croppers. Just now comrades tell me that there is a spontaneous strike taking place in Alabama among the Negro share croppers. In other places we discovered forty Negro subscribers to the Daily Worker in the same area. And our Party districts have no connection with these elements.

I don't know how it is that the Party has no connection with the struggles of these sharecroppers in the South? Of course, we must understand that our forces in the South are yet very insufficient, and comrades have not enough forces and not enough time to give attention to this work, but the Central Committee must see to it that serious work among share croppers will be taken up, and also give more help than hitherto to our comrades in the South for this work. This must be done because, as I understand it, the most important field for our agrarian work is particularly in the South, and therefore our next concentration must be there.

We must also very severely criticize the district of Kansas (which comprises seven agricultural states), because our Party has been sleeping

there as far as farmers are concerned.

Activities in the Industrial Districts. We have made also some beginnings in so-called industrial districts—some contacts have been made in Chicago, also in Detroit, in Cleveland, in Pittsburgh—although these contacts have not been developed systematically in these districts.

The response of the farmers to our work is very good, very excellent. As I stated that especially from the point of view of struggle against imperialist war and from the point of view of the election campaign, it is now very important that we will begin to make a real turn in our agrarian work also.

As far as the center is concerned, it has not been able to give enough help for the districts. We have practically no literature, though there is some in the making now.

I think our observations and our contacts with the farmers, especially in connection with the local hunger marches and also through the national hunger march, shows what tremendous possibilities there are among the poor farmers and I would like to emphasize that the work among the unemployed should be more closely linked up with the work among the farmers. I think in many small towns and smaller industrial cities the farmers could be drawn into joint activities with the unemployed. Also, unemployed industrial workers should be sent to the meetings of farmers to help them to fight against sheriff's sales, evictions, etc. By doing this we would establish a real contact with the poor farmers and really would lay the basis for the revolutionary alliance between workers and poor farmers in the spirit of Lenin's teachings.

Comrade Browder emphasized last fall—when we spoke about "concentration points"—that while we must concentrate for the important agricultural states, we must also work around the big industrial cities, to establish connection of the industrial workers and with the poor farmers, even in such districts as New York and Chicago.

There are about 900 farmers in the Party, as I saw from the statistics, but the weakness shows itself in that about half—if not more—are in one district. When we broaden our agrarian work we must at the same time establish Party nuclei. We must recruit agricultural workers and the poor farmers into the Party nuclei and through them give proper guidance and leadership for our work among the village masses.

Eye-witness Account of the Melrose Massacre

I was in the demonstration at Melrose Park and was arrested there. However, before I was arrested, they made us line up against the wall on the vacant lot, near an oil station. Myself and another worker said we would not line up against the wall, but it was no use arguing. Then the fire department came and parked across the street. They turned the hose on us, but as the police were coming towards us, the hose got loose and it turned upon the firemen and police. Then the shooting started. I started running and they started shooting at me. That is all I know.

Later on, in jail, we heard some arguments between some comrades and the police and the next thing we heard a revolver went off. We later found out that the police were beating one of the comrades with the butt of a revolver and at the same time the revolver went off.

Another young Negro worker, about 21 or 22, was put up against the wall in jail and beaten up. They told him they would fill him full of bullets, but they didn't do anything to him.