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JURY ORDERS DEATH!

PROTEST MURDER VERDICT---UNION SQUARE WEDNESDAY AT 6 P.M.

Union Sq. Meet Wednesday to Score Lynch Verdict

New York workers will reply to the lynch verdict rendered in Decatur, Ala., by mobilizing in a protest demonstration at Union Square, New York, Wednesday, April 12, at 6 p.m.

Bring your shopmates and friends! Announce this meeting everywhere! Make this one of the most impressive demonstrations ever held in New York. UNION SQUARE---WEDNESDAY---6 P. M.

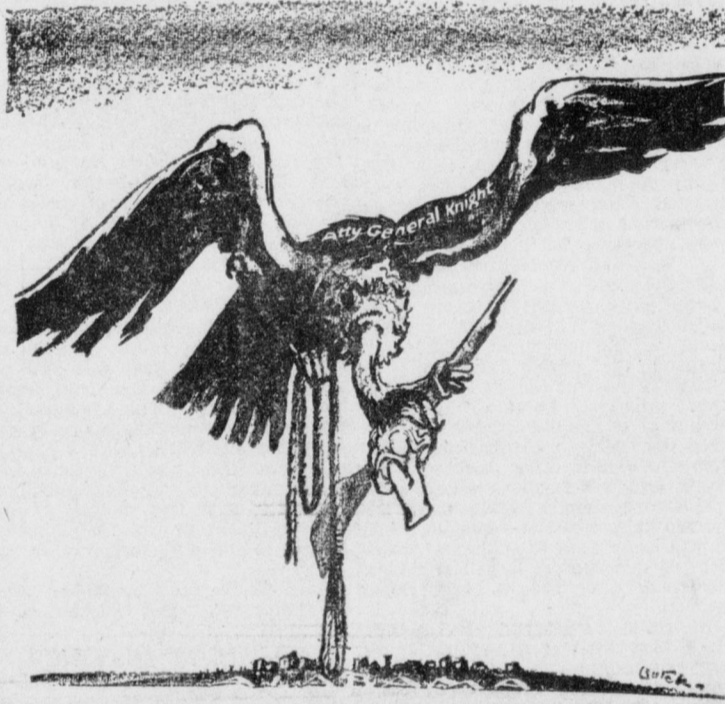
The New York district of the I. L. D. is calling mobilization meetings throughout the city on Monday evening and Tuesday in preparation for the Union Square demonstration.

On Monday night open air meetings will be held at 26th St. and Lexington Ave., at 7:30 p.m.; at 41st St. and 8th Ave., at 8 p.m.; at 26th St. and 8th Ave., at 7:30 p.m.; under the auspices of the Midtown Section, I. L. D.

The Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union will hold a demonstration in conjunction with the Midtown Section, N. Y. District, I. L. D., Tuesday. Place and time to be announced.

WINGS OVER ALABAMA

By BURCK



Unpaid Chicago Teachers Parade to Bank, Demand Pay

CHICAGO, Ill., April 9.—More than 500 of Chicago's unpaid school teachers held another demonstration at the office of acting Mayor Frank Corcoran demanding that steps be taken to provide their back pay, part of which was promised on the pressure of a student strike of 20,000 this week. Unpaid for nearly a year, with their savings used up or lost in the bank crashes, many teachers are faced with destitution.

The Acting Mayor told the delegation of teachers that he was trying to solve the problem. Dissatisfied with this answer the teachers paraded from City Hall to the First National Bank demanding to see Melvin Taylor, its president. The police forced the teachers to leave and prevented them from seeing Taylor.

BRITISH MARINES IN CHINA

LONDON, April 9.—British warships have landed marines at Chinwangtao, below the juncture of the Great Wall to the sea, to "protect mining property" according to an admiralty report today. It is said the mines are threatened by Chinese soldiers fleeing from the Japanese attacks. Thus while Britain endorses the League resolution against Japan's action in China, the British armed forces aid Japan against the Chinese.

THIRTY WISCONSIN CAMPS

MILWAUKEE, April 9.—Thirty forced labor camps of 200 men each are to be established in the forests of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota, Crosby Hoar, assistant regional forester stated today. Recruiting in army posts will begin at once.

AUTO PRODUCTION FALLS

NEW YORK, April 9.—Automobile production during the first quarter of the year was 10 per cent below last year.

HAYWOOD PATTERSON SENTENCED TO ELECTRIC CHAIR, JURYMEN GRIN AS THEY FILE BACK INTO COURTROOM, "MONSTROUS LYNCH VERDICT," SAYS LABOR DEFENSE

"We Do Not Surrender Any of Scottsboro Boys to Southern Murderers," Says I.L.D. Calling for Mass Protest Throughout the United States

Report That Delay in Reaching Verdict Due to One Juror Holding Out for Sentence of Life Imprisonment for Patterson, Others Demanding Electric Chair

BULLETIN

NEW YORK.—The National Executive Committee of the International Labor Defense, in a statement issued today, denounced the Decatur verdict as "a monstrous attempt to lynch a Negro boy in the face of the most indisputable evidence of his innocence." The I. L. D. declared that it would appeal the verdict to the highest courts of the country, at the same time "increasing a thousand-fold the mass protests and activity of the international working class which has thus far succeeded in keeping the nine innocent Scottsboro boys from the executioners."

(By Our Special Correspondent)

DECATUR, Ala., April 9.—Death in the electric chair!

This was the verdict of the all-white jury in the case of Haywood Patterson, 19-year-old Negro boy originally framed up in Scottsboro in 1931.

The verdict was rendered at 10:50 this morning, after the jury had been "deliberating" the case for eighteen and one-half hours.

At 9:58 a.m., while only a half a dozen reporters, the bailiff and one old Negro were in the courtroom, three loud knocks were heard on the door of the jury-room.

ABOUT 20 MINUTES EARLIER LOUD LAUGHTER HAD BEEN HEARD ISSUING FROM BEHIND THE LOCKED JURY-ROOM DOORS.

The first ballot of the jury was eleven for death and one for life imprisonment, thus accounting for the many hours the jury stayed out.

Judge Horton hurried here from his home in Athens, 12 miles away, to receive the report of the jury.

A hush fell over the court room as the 100 spectators, who had arrived in the meantime, heard the verdict read.

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty as charged and fix his punishment as death."

Several of the jurymen had grins on their faces as they filed into the jury box.

As soon as the verdict was read, Judge Horton thanked the jury, and soldiers with fixed bayonets rushed Patterson back to the jail.

The boy's head drooped and tears formed in his eyes as the verdict was read.

Patterson had been brought in at 10:30 by six soldiers with automatic rifles on their shoulders. He smiled bravely, but his lips trembled in anticipation of the verdict.

To Be Sentenced April 17

Klansmen and their supporters rushed gleefully from the courtroom, shouting "Sentenced to death! Sentenced to death!"

Formal sentence upon Patterson will be passed by Judge Horton on April 17, when the re-trial of Charlie Weems, another of the innocent defendants, begins.

Newspapermen made a rush for the telegraph and telephone wires as the verdict was read.

Lynchers Ready
Last night, with lynch mobs girding for action in the event of an acquittal, all the Negro boys but Patterson were suddenly taken to the Birmingham county jail. It was to this jail that the boys had been brought after I. L. D. attorneys had forced their removal from the death cells in Kilby prison.

Samuel S. Leibowitz, chief trial lawyer of the defense, denounced the

verdict as the "working of bigots." He added that he would "fight this case to my dying days."

Gen. George W. Chamble, chief defense counsel, served notice of an immediate appeal.

"We will carry it straight back to Washington. It will be back in Alabama in another year or two."

Obviously jubilant, Prosecutor Knight, who engineered the present frame-up trial, said:

"I have no comment to make."

Yester, while the jury was still deliberating, Joseph R. Brodsky, counsel for the International Labor Defense, appeared before Judge Horton together with Attorney Leibowitz, and demanded a change of venue to Birmingham in the trials of the remaining Scottsboro boys.

Judge Horton, who earlier in the day sought to conceal his aid to the prosecution by a pretense of an "impartial" charge to the jury, promptly

denied the motion. He set the trial of Charlie Weems, another of the Scottsboro boys, for Monday, April 17.

The trial of Weems will thus take place in the same lynch atmosphere in which the murder-verdict against Patterson was arrived at today.

Fight Begins Anew
Brodsky declared that he had been threatened three times since Wade Wright, Morgan county solicitor, had made his speech to the jury, and that fiery crosses had been burned by klansmen in Huntsville and Jackson counties.

When the trial of Charlie Weems begins, the defense will again move for the dismissal of the indictment on the ground that Negroes were barred not only from the grand jury which returned the indictments, but that they were also excluded from the petit jury which convicted the innocent boys at the original frame-up trial.

FEDERAL SALES TAX DRIVE ON

Roosevelt Again Hits Hungry Masses

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The next stage of the offensive of the Roosevelt administration against the standards of life of the masses is to take the form of a tax program that will include a federal sales tax.

Although not yet made public, it is known that such plans are being prepared and that the democrats are all primed for rushing it through as soon as the signal is given.

Adds to Tax Burdens

The 1 cent a gallon federal tax on gas, piled on top of the high state taxes, is to be continued and in addition there is to be a general federal retail sales tax on everything which will force the impoverished workers and farmers to further reduce their standards of life so the federal government can continue to help the rich and carry out its program of strengthening the army, the navy, the air forces in its drive toward a new world war.

500,000 Scottsboro Signatures, Plan of 'Amsterdam News'

NEW YORK.—Immediately upon the announcement of the verdict in Decatur, the "Amsterdam News," New York Negro weekly, began a campaign for 500,000 signatures, demanding a change of venue to Birmingham in the remaining trials, and the immediate release of the innocent Scottsboro boys.

According to the plan of the "Amsterdam News," 50,000 men and women—white and Negro—will be mobilized to present these signatures to President Roosevelt in Washington.

All day Sunday thousands of Negro and white workers were placing their signatures on the Scottsboro petitions.

FIRST BREWERY STRIKE

NEWARK, April 9.—Machinists at the Krueger Brewery here have gone on strike over a wage dispute, and members of the engineers' and firemen's unions will go out unless the company meets demands of the workers. This, the first strike of its kind since prohibition, occurred less than 24 hours after legalized beer began to be sold.

A LYNCH VERDICT---EDITORIAL

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty, and fix his punishment at death."

Through the lily-white jury of Decatur, Alabama, the Southern bourgeois and despots have spoken.

This lynch verdict decrees that Haywood Patterson, first of the nine Negro lads, must die.

This barbarous and malignant verdict of the Alabama lynchers cannot but rouse a storm of indignation and anger among all people who hate oppression in every quarter of the globe.

Expressing all the venom and savagery of the ruling class butchers, this sentence is a terror sentence, meant to intimidate the millions of Negro people, to quench the rising flames of revolutionary struggle of the white and Negro masses of the United States.

Never has a frame-up been so thoroughly exposed. Never has such a mountain of lies and perjuries, built up by the prosecution, been so utterly torn to shreds.

The testimony of Ruby Bates and Carter laid bare the hideous methods used by the prosecution to cook up the entire frame-up. The whole system of perjured testimony was carefully organized and prepared by the state.

The whole mechanism of capitalist justice is revealed in all its rottenness.

What is the meaning of this barbarous sentence? In the case of Barney Lee Ross, innocent young Negro farm hand, executed by the legal lynch machinery of Texas, Governor Sterling voiced the policy which is at the basis of the Scottsboro lynch verdict.

"It may be that this boy is innocent, but it is sometimes necessary to burn a house to save a village."

Yes, they want to burn a house to save the village.

To save the "village", the whole hideous system of Jim-Crow national oppression of the Negro people, the landlords and capitalist masters are ready to shatter the bodies of the nine innocent Scottsboro boys with the chained lightning of the electric chair.

This lynch verdict cannot be explained alone by local provincialism and prejudice. It can only be understood in the light of the growing awakening of the Negro masses who no longer bow down in submission to the whips of the slave masters.

The crisis strikes the South with extraordinary force. Falling upon the semi-feudal social and economic structure, based upon the brutal national oppression and super-exploitation of the Negro people, the crisis has brought in its wake the most devastating suffering and poverty. But the Negro masses are rising against their slavery and misery. In these struggles they are welding an unbreakable unity with the revolutionary working class.

It is not enough for American imperialism to keep in bondage a whole people through a system of the most fiendish national oppression. The American ruling class stops at nothing to perpetuate this. It has turned the South into an American Congo, inflicting upon the Negro people torture equalled to the most unbridled savagery of the colonies.

The Scottsboro verdict expresses the barbarity of American imperialism. Here we can see the savage determination to crush under its heel the whole Negro people.

The Scottsboro verdict expresses the fear of the Southern rulers before the rising mass movement.

The militant struggles of the Negro share-croppers at Camp Hill, the heroic armed resistance at Tallapoosa, the fighting solidarity of Negro and white against hunger in Birmingham, the powerful thunder of protest against the

Scottsboro and Herndon frame-ups, are indications of the growing struggles against the hunger program and national oppression of the Southern bourgeois.

It is American imperialism, through its Southern wing, which has handed down the lynch verdict. It is significant that the whole capitalist press throughout the country, liberal as well as reactionary, Northern as well as Southern, all were mobilized to carry through the lynching, by maintaining to the very end the illusion that this verdict would be an impartial one.

The charge of Judge Horton to the jury was given the greatest prominence throughout the country with the direct aim of diverting the vigilance of the masses from the actual danger of death facing the boys.

This lynch verdict of the Alabama court shatters the democratic illusions that the courts of the capitalist class are impartial tribunals of justice. Here we can see the disgusting hypocrisy of the talk about "fairness, equality and justice". Here the courts of the capitalist class stand out as nothing else but the "legal" organs of oppression.

The avalanche of protests that poured into the courtroom during the trial are proof that the masses of American toilers will not accept the lynch verdict. For two years the powerful protest actions of the masses in every corner of the world have stayed the hand of the executioner. Only the determined and resolute actions of the masses can tear these boys out of the clutches of the lynchers. The American ruling class hopes through this verdict to browbeat the resistance of the masses. But their hope is vain. They will soon discover that the Scottsboro lynch verdict will spur the people to more determined and heroic actions. Instead of dividing white and Negro workers, the Scottsboro lynch verdict will cement their unity.

The Southern lynchers say the Scottsboro boys must die. The American toilers, white and Negro, must hurl back into the teeth of the lynchers the cry that has echoed time and again throughout the whole world and thus far saved these innocent victims! "The Scottsboro boys shall not die!"

1. Organize and fight for the release of the Scottsboro Boys.
2. Immediate unconditional release of innocent Scottsboro Boys.
3. Protection of Scottsboro Boys.
4. Disbanding of boss lynch gangs.
5. Formation of defense corps of Negro and white workers against boss lynch terror. Against disarming of Negroes. For the right of self defense.
6. For Negroes on the jury. For white workers on the jury.
7. No reliance on lynch courts. For mass action.
8. United struggle of Negro and white workers against capitalist landlord terror and starvation.
9. Organize mass meetings and street demonstrations.
10. Protest to Governor of Alabama. Protest to President Roosevelt.

Support the I. L. D. Struggle for a Change of Venue to Birmingham for the Remaining Eight Scottsboro Lads—for a New Trial for Patterson

Mass Pressure Has Saved the Boys So Far

(The following article by Loren Miller, Negro journalist of California, was written before the verdict in the case of Haywood Patterson was rendered—Editor's Note.)

By LOREN MILLER

THE issue of the Scottsboro boys' freedom rests on the success or failure in completing the task of wresting the case from the hands of the Alabama courts. Thanks to the efforts of the International Labor Defense, that process has saved the boys thus far. The completion of the job rests with those of us who have been insisting that the boys must not die.

I need not linger over the point that the courts of Alabama, and the other American courts, for that matter, are rigged against Negroes. The "justice" that comes out of these courts is recorded all too vividly in the dry records of those thousands of Negroes dragging out their lives on chain gangs, rotting away in jails and murdered in prisons—for the basic offense of being poor and black in an America dominated by the white and rich. More than that, American "justice" is reflected by the universal denial of common everyday rights and privileges.

The sacrosanct supreme court of the United States has had a thumb in the pie. It overthrew the civil rights bills. It added its judicial blessings to Jim Crow schools, cars, and toilets.

Other courts have been no less hostile. Bewhiskered justices of the peace have unemployed Negroes into jails on vagrancy charges with clock-like regularity. Forms of violence, such as the ones presided over by Judge Hawkins, are as numerous as judicial districts.

NOR would I give the impression that the courts have done these things because of the cussedness of the judges. It goes deeper than that. These judges are simply carrying out the orders of those who select them. And the selectors are those who reap the profits that flow from keeping Negroes chained to the soil as peons or share croppers or in the cheap labor class in the industrial centers.

RETURNING to the case in point, that of the Scottsboro boys, let me point out that the first attempt to take this case out of the hands of the courts met with stiff opposition. Led by N.A.A.C.P. leaders, who pretended a Simple Simon faith in courts and refuse to permit a Negro to serve on a jury, this opposition tried to stifle the honest protest that went up when the world learned the facts about the near legal lynching. It is to the everlasting credit of the workers and intellectuals of the world that this opposition was brushed aside.

Protests rolled in on Alabama. They're still rolling. These protests rolled in on the United States Supreme Court. Today the boys have a new trial. That new trial is in the offing not because of legalistic formulae, but because the high court understood and Negro protesters were in no mood to countenance the butchery of boys on so flimsy a pretext.

But the Alabama courts still have their masters, the profit takers, to serve. So they are digging up new and more involved judicial and legal technicalities. They hope to raise such a smoke screen of legalisms that they will obscure the real issue: the oppression of Negroes, with its consequent demand for legal and extra-legal violence to "keep us in our places."

The ever obliging—for cash—preachers, publishers, professors, politicians and other parasites are performing their chores with new gusto. They are screaming that the International Labor Defense and the rest of us who have endeavored to save the boys are trying to hang them! They want us to still our voices and deliver the boys to the tender mercies of district and supreme court Judge Hawkins.

I DON'T believe that we who have got the case in our hands now are going to hand it back to these courts. If we do we will be guilty of contributing to the death of the boys. Our weapon is protest and mass protest. Protest that will penetrate to the remotest corners of Alabama, staying the hands of the courts while it makes the issue plain that even the victimized and kept-ignorant whites of that region will enlist on our sides.

Mass protest—from England, Germany, France, Africa, America, all corners of the world—has saved the boys thus far. Our judgment is that they must go free. It's up to us to enforce our judgment. Mass protest is our only weapon of enforcement. Its volume must swell a million fold. The lives of nine innocent boys are in our hands!

SOUTHERN EDITOR PLUNGES IN THE FIGHT TO KILL

He's Absolutely Not in Favor of Negroes on the Jury

(By Our Special Correspondent) DECATUR, Ala. (By Mail)—The editor of the only newspaper in Limestone County, adjoining Morgan, is a chubby, red-faced, high-browed farmer. He is a leading citizen of this poor-white, cotton county, having served twice in the state legislature and he was a teacher in the graded school. He is representative of the fairly well-to-do farmer and the city middle class, caught sufficiently between the hammer and anvil of the crisis to harbor some resentment against the rich and Wall Street. This is all the easier for him since both the rich and Wall Street are associated in his mind with the North. He is old enough to feel more keenly than other what the Bourbon south considers to be the degradation of Reconstruction—the period that followed the Civil War in which the North with the aid of the Negro people and by means of an armed dictatorship subjected the former slave-holding class. In the minds of such gentlemen Reconstruction is synonymous with "Negro domination" with "uppity niggers," with widespread rape of white women by Negroes, with social equality. And in the minds of such people the Scottsboro case, particularly the issue of the right of Negroes to sit on juries so sharply presented by the International Labor Defense at the Decatur trial, is nothing more but Reconstruction reborn.

"LET them sit on juries and vote and," he added significantly, "the next thing you'll have is social equality."

"I have nothing against niggers. I like them—if they know their place and keep it. A nigger mammy brought me up and one takes care of my children now. A nigger can come into my house—but he must come by the back door. He is made different from us white men. I really don't think he is a human. He looks so much like an ape, the shape of his skull and everything." And he adds judiciously: "He even smells different."

"I'm not a Baptist preacher and don't claim to know the bible thorough. But there it is written that Ham was cursed by Noah and this curse was a black skin. And he has borne it ever since."

Then very seriously he wants to know what the position is in the North would think about repealing the Fourteenth Amendment. His idea is that just as the question of beer is left to each state to decide, each state should also determine whether or not it should observe the Fourteenth Amendment.

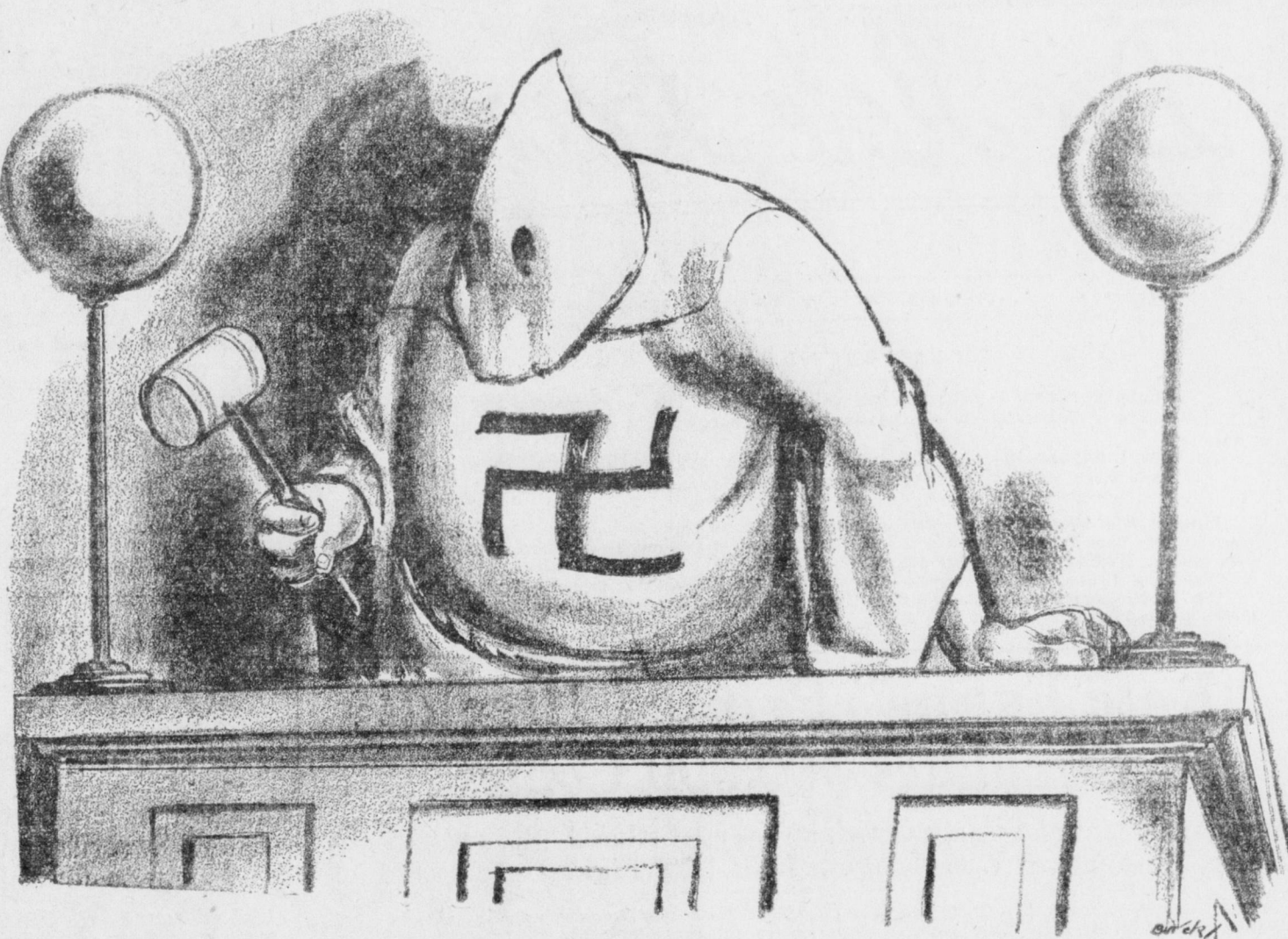
"That's the point at issue—and it might lead to Civil War, yes sir!"

"THIS is greater than Ghandi and the untouchables in India."

It is a Negro of Decatur speaking in the solitude of his small living room to the rear of the doctor's office. He is a tall, husky man, his whole huge frame animated by the perspective opened up by the events in the Decatur courtroom.

Slapping his knee with his broad palm and laughing with delight he told how Lawyer Leibowitz made the attorney-general turn turtles when he asked him to address the witness as Mister and referred to the Negro witness by their true titles such as Doctor and Professor. "They tell me that the reds are doing this. As long as they continue, then I'm with the reds." He arose and lifted the mattress of his cot revealing some metal objects. "I feel that those boys are going to get off. And if anyone tries any monkey business we are ready for them."

LYNCH JUSTICE!



By Burek

'The Stench of Southern Slave Market'

(From Our Special Correspondent) DECATUR, Ala., April 9.—Twelve bigoted southerners exhalng the stench of the slave market walked into the Decatur courtroom today and upheld the system of oppression of the Negroes.

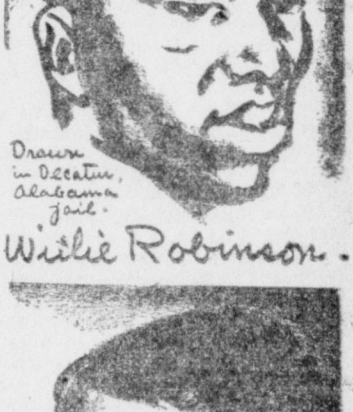
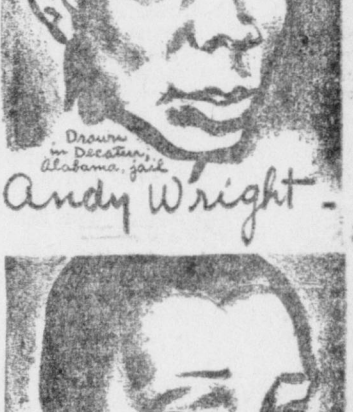
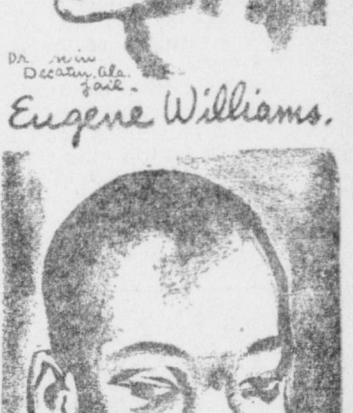
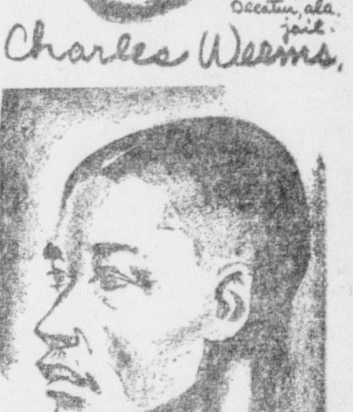
In the face of the whole world they flung their verdict of "guilty and the electric chair" for Haywood Patterson with a grin on their faces. That grin said, "We will teach those niggers a lesson."

At 11:55 a.m. they turned over their slip of paper bearing the verdict of the Bourbon South: "We find the defendant guilty as charged."

Haywood Patterson, standing between the soldiers armed with automatic rifles, lowered his head and was immediately escorted out of the courtroom.

Seventy-eight telegrams and hundreds of protest letters were admitted during the last days of the trial, and the hundreds of protest wires received by Attorney-General Knight are only an indication of the storm of protest that will now be let loose.

The Scottsboro case has only begun. As it goes through all the legal stages for re-trial and appeal to the higher courts of capitalism, it will gather about itself all the forces that will finally remove the dead weight of oppression of the Negro masses.



'Daily' Is Deluged With Phone Calls On Scottsboro Case

So great was the interest of New York workers in the events in Decatur in connection with the Scottsboro case, that the telephone office kept ringing all day Saturday and Sunday, with requests for information. Many of the calls were made on behalf of workers' organizations.

WORKERS AID FIGHT OF I.L.D.

NEW YORK—From every part of the country, from the South and the North, hundreds of letters have come in to the International Labor Defense Scottsboro New Trial Emergency Fund, in response to the appeal of the I. L. D. The letters, enclosing contributions for the Scottsboro defense, are from individuals, schools, clubs, and churches, Negro and white. Most of them indicate that it is the poor who will share their little most readily, to save their own.

The United States Supreme Court has ordered that her story of "rape" in the Scottsboro case, issued by the I. L. D.

Leo Peck, white worker, wrote: "I received your letter and the penny stamps. I will distribute them among my friends. I am not working for a long time, but when I read the letter you sent me I think it's my duty and every worker, white and Negro to protest and send money to save the nine innocent Scottsboro boys. I donate three dollars."

Minimum Wage Bill

NEW YORK, April 7.—The Wald Eberhard minimum wage bill passed the N. Y. Assembly today and will go to the Governor for signature. Lehman's approval is assured. This bill, while called a minimum wage bill, merely sets up a state board which will investigate the conditions in each industry where women and children are employed and will recommend a minimum wage. The bill carries with it a small penalty for those employers who violate the decisions of the Board.

Victoria Price on the Stand, Pliant Tool of Prosecution

By STANLEY GIBSON (Special Daily Worker Correspondent) DECATUR, Ala. (By Mail)—Victoria Price takes the stand. For two years the eyes of the working class of the world have been turned upon the frame-up system of Negroes by the state



Haywood Patterson

which she now represents in court. The United States Supreme Court has ordered that her story of "rape" in the Scottsboro case, issued by the I. L. D.

When a question is put, she seeks the danger immediately and seeks refuge in a high pitched "wh-a-a-t?" It gives her the moment she needs to escape from the trap this shrewd lawyer has carefully set to catch the truth.

She has told her story and intends to stick to it. Her's is the world's spotlight, even though she shares it as part of a frame-up system and only as a tool—and she enjoys it even though this Northern lawyer takes up her past, tells of her arrest for lewdness in Huntsville, tells how she broke up a married man's home, probes whether she had not been an inmate in a notorious house of prostitution.

HER mind is working at full speed with the swiftness and the hardness of a steel trap. Her imagination is stimulated. An innate sense of the dramatic shows in her testimony. She embellishes her original evidence with descriptions of scenes that might have come from a melodramatic movie.

"I don't know what's in the record," she retorts sharply.

"It's not in the record," he reminds her.

"I don't know what's in the record," she retorts coldly.

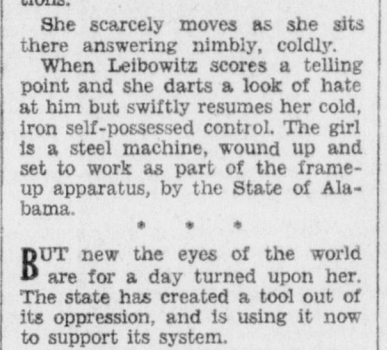
"If it ain't in the record it should a-be."

She does not look at the defense attorney. She never looks at the defense attorney. Her face is always turned towards the attorney-general's table, quick to watch for his objections or forms of questions.

Jew-Baiting in Ala. Denounced by Jewish War Vets, Lawyers

NEW YORK—On behalf of the Jewish War Veterans, J. George Fredman, its commander, dispatched a wire to Solicitor Wade Wright of Decatur, Ala., demanding an apology for his reference to "Jew money" in the latter's speech to the jury in the Scottsboro trial on Friday.

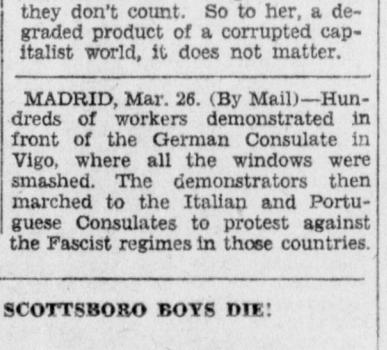
At the same time a group of New York lawyers, headed by Nelson K. Scherer, sent a sharp wire to Gov. Miller of Alabama, demanding the removal of Wright for his speech.



JOSEPH R. BRODSKY



SAMUEL S. LEIBOWITZ



GEN. GEORGE W. CHAMLEE

All White Jury in Jackson Convicts Third Degreed Negro

JACKSON, Tenn. (CNA)—An all-white jury last week, returned a verdict of guilty against Roy Ross, 22, accused of killing Ernest Benson, white. The jury ignored Ross' sworn testimony that the "confession" presented as evidence of his guilt was extorted from him by brutal third degree methods by the police. No direct proofs was offered to connect Ross with the murder.

Condition of Negro Students in South

(By a Negro Worker Correspondent) COLUMBIA, S. C.—I have been reading the Daily Worker and like it better than any other paper I have ever read. I am a student of the Booker T. Washington High Colored School of Columbia, S. C. I can't hardly go to school because I haven't books, shoes fit to wear or sufficient food to eat.

Lynch Evidence

NEW YORK.—That the lynch gangs that have been organized in Decatur and vicinity are continuing their activity is seen from a wire received by the "Amsterdam News," New York Negro newspaper from two of its correspondents now in Decatur who telegraphed that they have received "assurance of protection from any mob action."

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I WILL NOT LET THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS DIE!

International Labor Defense, Room 438, 30 East 11th Street, New York City.

Enclosed find my contribution of \$..... to help save the Scottsboro boys.

I want to join the I. L. D. to fight to save the Scottsboro boys.

My name is..... Street..... City..... State.....

MEET WED. TO HIT MURDER VERDICT

World-Wide Pressure Halted the Execution; Only Protest Can Save the Boys!

"Why Didn't the British Cabinet Await Verdict?"

Pravda Denounces MacDonald Demand for Special Privileges for Wreckers in USSR

By N. BUCHWALD.
(Special Correspondent.)
MOSCOW, April 9.—In reference to the bill prohibiting Soviet imports into England, Pravda, official organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, writes: "According to the statements of the British ministers the sole basis for the bill is that some employees of Metropolitan Vickers are brought up for trial in a Soviet court."
Why didn't the British government wish to await the verdict? They understood very well that the trial of a few British subjects is no excuse for extraordinary measures.
Tried Colonial Measures.
Pravda, quoting extracts from the correspondence of the British ambassador to the Soviet Union, Sir Esmont Ovey to the British foreign secretary, Sir John Simon, showed that Ovey tried to apply toward the U.S.S.R. the same demagogic measures which imperialist states use in dealing with colonial countries.
Sir John Simon, in the course of his speech, found it necessary to take under his defense the counter-revolutionary wreckers of agricultural enterprises recently sentenced by the state political department. He compared the arrested English engineers to these counter-revolutionaries.
English Bourgeoisie Scorned.
Continuing Pravda goes on to say that the accused Englishmen will hardly be pleased by Simon's comparison of their case with that of the saboteurs in the farming areas. The Soviet government shall deal mercilessly with wreckers and does not intend to take into consideration whether or not the English bourgeoisie approves of the Soviet criminal code.
Recalls British Betrayal.
Pravda reminds the British bourgeoisie of the execution of 26 Bakus Bolsheviks in 1918 in utter disregard of all laws. "How dare these gentlemen," says Pravda, "make attacks against the judgment of these wreckers by a public trial. It appears to be a question of special privileges

SONDERDRUCK 5 PFENNIG Die Rote Fahne

1. illegale Charlottenburger Ausgabe, Auflage 760 Stück.

TRÖTS ALLEDEM!
Reichstagsbrand - Kommunistenverhaftungen - Presseverbot - Lügenachrichte - Forderungen - Arbeiterverhaftungen - Mord
Das Frühjahr 1933 ähnelt den Januartagen des Jahres 1919. Daraus wurde Spartacus geblutet, gebetet, zerhackt, erstochen und ermordet.

Photograph of illegally published Communist Party official organ in Germany. The name of the paper appears: "Die Rote Fahne" (The Red Flag). Translation of the rest is as follows: "Illegale Charlottenburger edition. DESPITE ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING."
"Reichstag Fire—Communist Arrests—Suppression of the Press—Lying Reports—Tortures—Murder."
"Spring 1933 resembles the January days of the year 1919. Then the Spartacus was hunted, persecuted, beaten and murdered."

"Rote Fahne" Printed Illegally Circulates 300,000 Copies

German Communist Party Official Paper, Ordered Suppressed by Hitler, Re-Appears With Ringing Call: "We Fight Until We Win"

BERLIN, March 30 (by mail).—Of the first number of the illegal Rote Fahne 300,000 copies have been sold in all Germany. The demand among the workers was so great that the street nuclei typed the contents of the Rote Fahne on small sheets of paper and circulated them. Although the price for one copy was 5 pfennigs, many workers gave 20 and even 50 pfennigs for it.
The first illegal edition (picture of top of first page is printed above—Editor Daily Worker) declared: "Spring 1933 resembles the January days of the year 1919. Then the Spartacus was hunted, persecuted, beaten and murdered. The commander of the White Guards was called Gustav Noske. The officers in his army were former Imperial officers, students, little sons of the bourgeoisie. The dead bodies lay around in the streets, and the blood smoked up to the skies. The massacre reached its climax with the murder of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg."
"Spring 1933. The German bourgeoisie, which saw with fear and trembling the growth of anti-Fascist strength, sent for a new butcher of the masses. This time his name is Hitler. His officers are the same ones as before. Again death is being cried against the representatives of Socialism. Again the gutter press is screaming for persecution of the workers' party of freedom. Our leaders are hunted and arrested. Our newspapers are forbidden."
"Our Party headquarters are locked up, or destroyed by vandals. Day after day workers are killed. The police reports say: 'Shot by persons unknown.' Out of the Brown Houses are heard the cries of pain of those who are tortured, and the death cries of the murdered."
But just as from the January struggles of 1919, the Communist Party was developed victorious, to become the hope of millions of workers, so

3,000 DENOUNCING FASCISM MARCH THRU PHILADELPHIA

Headed for German Consulate; Will Make May First a Day of Giant Protest Against Fascism, Hunger and Terror; Newark Prepares

PHILADELPHIA, April 7.—Three thousand workers demonstrated in a united front against fascism in Reynburn Plaza today. The crowd marched through the central section of Philadelphia, but was prevented by mounted police from demonstrating in front of the German consulate.
May Day will be made the occasion for a giant workers' united front against fascism, speakers at the demonstration declared.
NEWARK, April 7.—A united front conference to mobilize the masses of Newark against fascism in Germany will be held on April 16th. The call was issued by a provisional committee including representatives from the Needle Workers (Industrial Union, the International Workers' Order and the I. L. D.). The conference follows a number of mass demonstrations against fascism which have taken place in Newark.
The Newark May Day Conference, initiated by the Communist Party, has issued a call to the Socialist Party in Newark for a united May Day demonstration against fascism, forced labor, and wage cuts.

NAZIS TO FIRE ALL JEWS IN OFFICIAL POSTS

Fascists in Canada Brand Swastika on Money to Jews

BERLIN, April 8.—The civil service will be completely reorganized on the basis of refusal to admit any Jews to government posts, and the expulsion of all Jews from civil service positions who were appointed after 1914 and who did not fight in the World War. Anyone with a Jewish grandparent is to be considered a Jew. While the expelled Jews will be given pensions, civil service officials who are politically opposed to the "National State" must be dismissed without compensation.
MONTREAL, April 8.—Five dollar bills are being circulated in the Jewish and French quarters of the city marked with the swastika emblem, and bearing the inscription "Great Germany Awake."

Japan Demands From U.S.S.R. \$2,000,000

Regular Hold Up Game and Provocation to War; Seizes Road and Demands Money Too

Capitalist news services report that the Manchoukuo government has leveled a blackmailing demand on the Soviet Union for payment of four million gold roubles (about \$2,000,000). The excuse given is that rolling stock of the railroad is in the hands of the Soviet Government, on the U.S.S.R. side of the border.
HARBIN, Manchuria, April 6.—The Japanese are intensifying their campaign of provocation against the Soviet Union. The Chinese Eastern railway lines have been cut at Manchuria and will probably again be cut at Bogranichina, thus destroying all rail connections between Manchuria and the Soviet Union. The pretext for this Japanese act of aggression is that the Soviet Government has been guilty of a "theft" of rolling stock and of diverting the box cars of the Chinese Eastern into Siberia. At the same time the Japanese complain of "unauthorized" Soviet arms shipments to Vladivostok.
TIENTSIN, China, April 6.—At the same time that the Japanese claim that Chinwangtao, important mining center, has been captured in the new Japanese advance, Chinese reports indicate that the Japanese are being driven back, and Haiyang has again fallen into Chinese hands. Larger troop engagements are taking place as the Japanese attempt to fill the revolutionary discontent at home by spectacular military successes on the Chinese mainland.
TOKYO, April 7.—The direct intervention of both Premier Saito and the Emperor managed to delay the resignation of the Japanese Minister of Justice who is under fire because his ruthless measures of suppression have been unable to check the growth of Communism. Internal dissensions are leading to the fall of the cabinet.
As the Chinese Eastern, connecting Vladivostok with Central Siberia, is entirely Soviet owned it is difficult to see how Soviet shipments on the line can be "unauthorized" or how the Soviet can be guilty of "theft" of its own rolling stock.
The Japanese chauvinist press, always eager for war, states that the

NEWS OF U. S. S. R.

By A. G. BOSSE

AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION

The Soviet Union plans to turn out 115,000 automobiles this year. Annual production will be stepped up until in 1937, the last year of the Second Five-Year Plan period, it is expected to reach 480,000. That year all cars in the country will have an aggregate horsepower equal to 100 Dnieper power plants. The bulk of them will be trucks.
The socially productive character of the automobile in the U. S. S. R., which is apparent in every phase of activity, is evidenced by the proportion of trucks to passenger cars. Of the 45,000 autos in the country at the beginning of this year, three of every eight were trucks, a higher percentage than anywhere else. In the U. S. S. R. one of every eight autos is a truck. The total freight turnover for 1937 is planned at 80,000,000,000 metric tons (one metric ton equals 2,205 lbs.) of which autos are to transport 72 per cent. The Soviet auto industry is only three years old, and during that period production has tripled.
NEW TYPES OF CARS
An example of the progress of Soviet technique in a new industry is the designing of four new types of autos by the Scientific Auto-Tractor Institute at Lihobory, a suburb of Moscow. Two are passenger cars, with air-cooled motors, one a one-half ton truck, and the fourth a three-axle light truck.
The first three are lighter than the Ford and will cost less in mass production. They will require less than half the amount of gas and rubber than the Ford, will not need heated garages, and will be especially adapted to Soviet conditions. The three-axle truck has been accepted for mass production by the Gorky (formerly Nizhni Novgorod) plant. Its tonnage and mobility are greater than those of the Ford truck, and it is assembled from the same parts as the Gorky truck.
These experimental cars have shown up well on rough roads. A passenger car with rear caterpillar tread, called in Russian a "vzeshkhot" (go anywhere), travels over steep snow, sand, marshes and steep hills. One crossed the Kara Kum desert in Soviet Central Asia, and made a better showing than the French Citroens built for an African expedition.
MODERNIZED ALPHABETS
In the past five years some 68 languages spoken by national minorities have been latinized, it was announced at the recent plenary session of the Scientific Council of the All-Union Committee for a New Alphabet. A unified system of shorthand is now being worked out which will be applicable to all languages using the new alphabet.
URBANIZATION AND NEW HOUSING
The urban population has increased one-third in the last half dozen years and now totals 35,000,000. This is 22 per cent of the total population, before the war persons living in cities made up only one-seventh of the total. There were only 24 cities with over 100,000 population; now there are 50. Moscow had 1,600,000 in 1912, as against 3,200,000 at the end of last year. Over 100 new socialist cities have been built in recent years, such as Magnitogorsk, with over 250,000. Stalinsk, with over

Letters from Germany Tell of the Savage Repression by the Nazis

These letters were not written by workers, but by persecuted Jews, one of whom is even opposed to the Communists, but they reveal the savage repression by the Nazis.
For obvious reasons "The Daily Worker" is withholding the identity of the writers.
March 20.
Nobody can imagine what Germany looks like today. There is complete suppression of the newspapers. One periodical, for instance, asked certain questions concerning the Reichstag fire. It was suppressed for six months. Even weeklies selling for 60 pfennigs and more, which is very expensive for Germany, are suppressed if they criticize.
Goering's March 10 speech, broadcast over the government radio, was so violent that Hitler had to follow him in an hour with a very mild address, and the press reports of Goering's talk were censored. It has already been decided that no Jew will be allowed to have a government job or to enter the army. Jews will be excluded from certain professions. All the big Jews who were the heads of political, commercial, scientific and other organizations are now standing by and dare not open their mouths.
I do not think it was very smart of the Nazis to expropriate the Communists and use the offices and buildings of the Communist Party for their own work. This must excite the Communists quite unnecessarily. You know that I am not sympathizing at all with the Communists, but they have never been worse than the Nazis, and it is surprising enough that the material which the Nazis pretend to have found in the Karl Liebknecht House is today, after 20 days has passed, as yet unpublished. They promised to show us the "terrible things" that the Communists planned, but the material is hidden by the Nazis, God knows why.
Nazis who have murdered Communists or Socialists are acquitted, those in prison have been freed, many of them given high government jobs. The speeches of Hitler, Goering, Goebbels, etc., are broadcast all day. Besides this, there are war scenes broadcast with the best possible illumination of machine guns and heavy artillery, etc. Instead of real music, only military marches.
Tomorrow the opening of the Reichstag will take place in Potsdam, what they call the "sacred soil of Germany." I've seen and read the safety measures they are taking; you would see how uneasy the National Socialists must feel. No one is allowed to throw flowers; the people of Potsdam are even forbidden to open their windows; no packages or suitcases may be taken into Potsdam tomorrow. Old cellars and vaults which are no longer in use have been walled up; airplanes are not allowed to fly over the city, etc.
If Hitler does not keep all his promises, the biggest part of the mob will wake up some day and will turn against him.
Cordially yours,
Hamburg, March 21, 1933.
Dear Julius:
Sending this letter to you and to

HERRIOT TO ACT AT U. S. PARLEY

Will State French Terms to Roosevelt

PARIS, April 9.—Edouard Herriot is to go to Washington to confer, as the representative of the French government, with Roosevelt in the series of conferences being held prior to the convening of the arms and world economic conferences.
It is considered significant that Herriot should be chosen because the government he headed was defeated last winter when he insisted that France do not default on its December 15th debt installment to the United States.
Will Outrage MacDonald
Herriot is to leave on April 19th and expects to arrive for a conference in Washington before the arrival of J. Ramsay MacDonald, British prime minister. Herriot is not in favor of the proposed four-power pact agreed upon by Mussolini and MacDonald and insists that European frontiers cannot be changed by such a combination except through the machinery of the League of Nations. France hopes that it can mobilize its puppet states in the League assembly to defeat such proposals.
It is also anticipated that Herriot will ask Roosevelt some embarrassing questions about the discussion between Norman H. Davis and Hitler over the Polish corridor, which is regarded as a plot both against Poland and France, whose imperialist ruling class has maintained a Pruski government in power for years.

POWERS INVITED TO WASHINGTON TO FORWARD U. S. IMPERIALIST POLICY

Roosevelt Tries to Take Lead in World Reaction and War Against U.S.S.R.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Invitations from the Roosevelt administration through Secretary of State Hull have been sent to eleven nations inviting representatives to come to Washington for discussions preliminary to the world economic conference.
The latest invitations were sent to Canada and Mexico. The Canadian invitation will most probably be followed by one to Australia, making twelve nations invited in all. Invitations to British dominions are a further attempt of Wall Street imperialism to take advantage of the disintegrating tendencies in the British empire to force the English government to retreat from its support of Japan against American aggression in the Pacific.
Will Increase Conflicts
The other nations invited are Britain, France, Italy, Germany, Japan, China, Argentina, Chile and Brazil. The objective of Wall Street's government at Washington is to arrive at preliminary agreements in regard to its war drive in South and Central America, defeat the British attempt to take the lead in European affairs, also weaken the position of France, strengthen its own position in the Pacific and try to take the lead in world reaction.
This marks a terrific speeding up of American imperialist aggression all over the world and increases tremendously the danger of imperialist war.
Arms Reduction Manover
Although Wall Street knows it can never collect the inter-allied war debts, it refuses to cancel all these debts, and uses them to try to weaken the war machine of its imperialist rivals through arms reduction proposals. The British press is aware of this and MacDonald is expected to raise the question of a debt stay when he arrives in Washington. The London Observer today says:
"It is hoped, almost believed, that President Roosevelt had in mind, if he did not specify it, the question of a June moratorium. It is taken as an axiom that the World Economic Conference cannot meet unless a similar arrangement is made to that which was made at the Lausanne conference; namely, that debt holidays be held, without prejudice, in suspense for the duration of the conference."
There is also the central question of the date and place the conference will be held, with the United States striving to defeat the British attempt to dominate the conference so that Wall Street can dominate it.
Invitations to the nations for preliminary discussions are a part of the maneuvering for position before going into the conference.
Against the Soviet Union
In the midst of all the imperialist conflicts and, as a consequence of their sharpening, there runs through all the preparations the most concerted drive yet made for war and intervention against the Soviet Union. So plainly does this fact stand out that all the capitalist press comments upon the fact that Roosevelt, in his invitation to other powers, deliberately excluded the Soviet Union.
It is clear that the Roosevelt administration, in trying to take the lead in world reaction, is proceeding along the line of trying to find some temporary patch-work system that will enable the imperialist powers to attack the Soviet Union and try to bring back into the world of decaying capitalism that one-sixth of the inhabitable globe that was wrested from it in the Bolshevik revolution.

SWEDISH SEAMEN STRIKE IN MANY PORTS, DEFYING UNION OFFICIALS

International of Seamen and Harbor Workers Rallies Support in Other Countries

NEW YORK.—Special information received by the Marine Workers Industrial Union indicates that the strike of the Swedish Seamen is of a militant character and spreading.
The strike was called March 7th against a wage cut of 7 to 11 percent. The officials of the reformist union did everything possible to prevent it.
The crew of the S. S. Begonia refused to continue work when ordered to do so by the officials in Copenhagen. Picket lines, mobilized by the International of Seamen and Harbor Workers; the militant union center, prevented seamen from being brought aboard and the ship was then towed to Helsinki where the entire striking crew were arrested.
In response the I. S. H. call for international action two Swedish ships came out on strike in Hamburg. The entire crew was arrested and removed by the Nazis. Then uniformed Nazis, members of the "Marine Storm Troops" were

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man what he is accused of. You can imagine the atmosphere. Please be a bit careful when you write to me. One never knows, and it doesn't pay to take risks. Whoever thought that in a country as boastful of culture as Germany, it wouldn't be safe to write in a private letter what you think about people and conditions.