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## WORKERS' BILL ARGUED ON HOUSE FLOOR

### 30,000 in Paris Rally Demand Freedom for Thaelmann

#### COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST PARTIES ACT TOGETHER IN ANTI-FASCIST FIGHT

Many Groups Respond to Call of Thaelmann Defense Committee

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
PARIS, April 15 (By Wire)—A monster mass meeting expressing a magnificent unity of all anti-fascist elements was attended this afternoon here by more than 30,000 persons whose leading sentiments were framed in the two leading slogans: "Against fascist repression!" and "For the liberation of Thaelmann and all other imprisoned anti-fascists!"

Organized by the Thaelmann Committee of France, the meeting was supported by the International United Action Against Fascism, the powerful united front of the Communist and Socialist Parties of France, the liberal League for the Rights of Man, the League Against Anti-Semitism, the Catholic Pacifist League, the International Red Aid, and numerous famous writers, artists and scientists. The noted writer, Andre Malraux, presided.

A mass meeting of 20,000 workers was organized by the Communist Party here yesterday in a suburb of Paris, at which detailed plans were laid for continuing the struggle against war and fascism. Attempts by the police to intimidate the demonstrators met with immediate and effective resistance.

#### Second Gallup Victim Dies

GALLUP, N. M., April 15.—Solomon Esquibel, a member of the Section Committee of the Communist Party, died here Friday, the second worker victim of the murderous police attack upon the unemployed, who were arrested by sheriff's deputies on April 4. Indications show that he died under distressing circumstances, hounded by police. Rumors persist among the Gallup workers that he was poisoned just before defense attorneys arrived to get his story of the shooting.

Esquibel was shot in the back, the bullet lodging in his spine and paralyzing the lower half of his body. Nevertheless, a heavy police guard held him at the hospital. Just before his death, workers of Gallup, who worked with him and loved him, were informed that he was improved and on the road to recovery.

Attorneys Arrive After Death  
It was then learned that defense attorneys would arrive to question him.  
He was treated very badly, it was learned, and attempts were made to write a police "confession" from him. Attempts were also made to get him out of the ward, but he would not go. No doctor was in attendance when he died.

Preparations are being made for a mass funeral for Esquibel, who was very active in the International Labor Defense and the unemployed branch of the National Miners Union.

Four other workers remain at St. Mary's Hospital with bullet wounds. Three of them are charged with murder.  
Shortly after Esquibel's death, the defense staff arrived here from Santa Fe. The defense staff includes A. L. Wirin of the American Civil Liberties Union; Clarence Lynch, Clifton, Ariz., International Labor Defense lawyer, and Weston Augar, Santa Fe attorney. Others included Ann Webster, Santa Fe lawyer; Professor F. O. Mathieson, Katherine Gay and Henrietta Harris. State motor patrolmen were assigned to accompany the legal staff in Gallup.

Police Plan Provocation  
One hundred armed deputies patrolled Santa Fe Plaza Friday and high-pressure fire hoses were strung about in preparation for a demonstration of workers. In the face of the overwhelming armed force and the deliberate provocations of the authorities, plans for the demonstration were changed. Workers lined the streets but made no attempt to demonstrate their deep-seated resentment.  
Judge Otero ordered the release of three of the workers charged with murder. These three, Margarito Medel, Celso Esparrza and Jesus Galindo, were dismissed, but District Attorney Investigator Martin said that they are still subject to immediate arrest at his discretion.

#### Rubber 'Pact' Meets Strong Opposition

Akron Press Admits Deal is Victory for Owners

(Daily Worker Ohio Bureau)  
AKRON, Ohio, April 15.—Strong opposition was registered against the Washington agreement at yesterday's meeting of the Goodyear, Firestone and Goodrich locals of the United Rubber Workers Union and when a vote was taken it was adopted by only a slight majority.

Rank and file representatives voiced opposition to the agreement and received great mass support. The agreement was put over through pressure methods employed by Coleman Claherty, personal representative of William Green here.

The opposition was not only from the rank and file workers, but came from local officials as well. E. E. White, secretary of the United Rubber Workers Council declared:

"You can just put it in your little book that this thing is not settled and those guys in Washington had better not think so. I believe they were with Miss Perkins too long."

George E. Roberts, A. F. of L. organizer, declared:

"It means nothing but stall and delay to me, and I certainly would not try to sell it to the union membership. . . ."

"The peace pact brought smiles to the faces of prominent citizens, rubber executives and company union leaders, but it brought frowns of perplexity to some of the men who sent Coleman Claherty and his committee to the nation's capital."

The columnist Dale Cox, writing in the Plain Dealer declared:

"From every indication the rubber strike which threatened to be . . ."

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**Nazis Reject Demand of Swiss Government to Return Journalist**

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
LAREDO, Tex., April 15.—Machine guns were mounted here today against the general strike of 1,500 agricultural workers who are out for wage increases and against actual conditions of serfdom in the field.  
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The workers are on strike for the first time. Texas Rangers are ever-present, and the strikers are watchful of them, ready to resist the first sign of the traditional Ranger brutalities. The strikers are determined to stay out until a complete victory is won.

#### Socialists, Unionists Denounce Lang, Recruit to Hearst's Prostitute Army

Oneal Silent on Lies by Managing Editor of Jewish Forward

By Milton Howard

(Tomorrow's 'Daily' will carry statements on Hearst's latest attacks, by Socialists and others.)  
Socialist workers in New York are deeply disturbed by the bargain which has been entered into by Harry Lang, editorial writer for the Socialist Daily Forward, and William Randolph Hearst, leading propagandist for a fascist war against the Soviet Union.

Under a scare headline, "Socialist Bares Soviet Horrors," Hearst is blaring across his pages a series of articles by Lang "exposing the famine" in the Soviet Union, falling in completely with Hearst's anti-Soviet drive which he began after his recent visit to Hitler and the leading propagandists of the Nazis in Germany.

I spoke to many Socialists walking in and out of the Socialist Party building at 7 East Fifteenth Street. I tried to get as many opinions from prominent Socialists as possible.

But where many of the Socialist workers, after they had gotten over their initial reticence, expressed their uneasiness, their dismay, or their anger, the leadership displayed uniform unwillingness to commit themselves. They were not shocked by the phenomenon of an accredited Socialist writer peddling anti-Soviet articles to the yellow, fascist press of Hearst. They could summon with the greatest ease the spectre of a peculiar kind of "discipline" which prevented them from commenting on the dirty bargain whereby one of their colleagues could find himself collecting checks from the dirtiest reactionary in America for articles against the Soviet Union.

Outside, in front of the Rand School, I introduced myself to many Socialists walking in and out of the school. They hesitated to be quoted, many of them. They were shocked. They did not know what to make of it. Some gave vent to their opinions. Some felt that they would not be quoted accurately, they had been fed long years with the poison of suspicion and antagonism. Finally, they spoke, but they insisted that their names not be used.

"It doesn't smell right."  
"He should be brought up on charges."  
"Did you ask him how much he gets for his articles?"  
"We cannot give our individual opinion now, but it's bad."

One worker exploded into profanity.

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#### Guns Mounted in Farm Strike

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#### Scottsboro Donations Lag Behind Daily Cost of Fight

Contributions of \$125 raised by the New York District of the International Labor Defense, and \$12 from the St. Paul, Minn., I. L. D., together with smaller contributions, yesterday swelled the total received by the national office of the I. L. D. in its \$20,000 Scottsboro defense fund drive, to \$1,904.

The need for funds to carry out the immediate legal steps, and to develop the mass campaign to push the recent Scottsboro victory wrong from the United States Supreme Court to its conclusion, is daily increasing. Anna Damon, acting national secretary of the I. L. D., said. The present rate of income is far below the daily expenditures essential to carry on the fight for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys and Angelo Herndon, she stated.

All the districts of the I.L.D. and the Communist Party, trade unions, mass organizations, were called on to redouble their activities in the mass campaign, and to raise funds, to save the Scottsboro boys and Angelo Herndon.

Eighteen thousand and ninety-six dollars must still be raised for the \$20,000 fighting fund of the I. L. D.

#### Seamen Weigh General Strike

Sharrenberg's Expulsion Demanded by San Pedro Sailors

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 15.—Action that may possibly result in a general West Coast marine strike involving 35,000 in support of the striking tanker seamen was expected here as the West Coast Marine Federation meeting opened here today. The meeting was called especially in view of the continued refusal of the shipowners to grant collective bargaining to the striking seamen on all tankers.

The International Seamen's Union is now also part of the Marine Federation. Following a vote in all West Coast locals, the Federation was endorsed by more than two-thirds majority of the seamen.

Demand Expulsion of Sharrenberg  
SAN PEDRO, Cal., April 15.—Following the action of the Marine Engineers and other locals affiliated with the International Seamen's Union on the West Coast, the San Pedro local of the I.S.U. at its regular meeting last week, adopted a motion demanding the expulsion of Paul Sharrenberg, district treasurer and secretary of the California Federation of Labor. The action is in view of his part in signing a secret sell-out agreement with the shipowners, and declaration at an arbitration board hearing that he "wishes there was a war with Japan so the sailors could get what they want."

The resolution passed declared:  
"Be it resolved that we the San Pedro branch of the International Seamen's Union of America go on record as demanding the immediate expulsion of Paul Sharrenberg from the office and membership of the I.S.U.A. to never hold any office or membership in any branch of the I.S.U.A. during his lifetime."  
"Be it further resolved that as long as he retains membership in the I.S.U.A. he will be detrimental to its well being."  
This resolution was sent to all branches of the I.S.U. on the Pacific

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#### Union Leaders and Rank and Filers Score Hearst Slanders

By John Davis (See Editorial)

It takes courage to walk through the garment district flashing a copy of Hearst's yellow-jacketed Journal—until you explain you are a Daily Worker reporter. And from the opinions gathered there from workers on the united front of the Socialist Forward with Hearst, I think it won't be long before it takes courage to flash a copy of the Forward around here, too.

Even leaders tied up with the union administration of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union had to admit that this—well, this was too much.

At the union headquarters at 218 West Fortieth Street, the only officials who were in were the leaders of the Italian Dressmakers Union, local 89, Luigi Antonini, manager of the union, and behind his huge desk with his eyes looking at the floor while I read him choice doses from Lang's poison. I thought he had gone to sleep.

Suddenly he looked up, lifted his arms above his head. "I am surprised," he said. "I am amazed. I couldn't justify a thing like that. You know my opinion of Communism."

"But to assist the fascists—well, I am surprised."  
John Gelo, assistant manager, walked to the door with me. "It's ridiculous," he declared, "—more than ridiculous. It's criminal. Even if these stories were true, no one would have any business to help them."

To the rank and file dressmakers, sitting around the headquarters, the news of a leading Socialist's treachery did not cause so much surprise as indignation. When I showed the paper to a group of women sitting on the fourth floor, one of them said slowly and distinctly:

"I think it is very wrong for a leader of the Socialist Party to fight against the government that is for the workers."

In answer to my question, she explained she was not a member of the Socialist or Communist Parties or of the left wing group of the union.

When I asked the other women their opinion, they said, "She is right. I agree with what she says."  
At the headquarters of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union of America at 15 Union Square, Joseph Schlossberg, secretary-treasurer.

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#### Wagenknecht and Dukes Held

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 15.—Samuel Dukes, Negro leader of the unemployed here, and Alfred Wagenknecht were arrested yesterday at the May Day conference and charged with "grand larceny," in a brazen frame-up. Workers here see the arrest as an attempt to discredit the two working class leaders and thus impede the mobilization for May Day.

Immediately after the arrest, Negro and white workers, driven still closer together in natural bonds of unity, sent joint delegations to the city hall to demand release of their leaders. A telephone campaign was also instituted.

Release under bond was effected today, a hitherto unprecedented thing here, where working class prisoners are usually held for court next day. They will face Judge Dickman's court Monday, April 22.

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#### ENEMIES OF MEASURE, LACKING ARGUMENTS, RESORT TO 'RED SCARE'

Anti-Nazi Riots In Two Cities In Corridor

Windows are Smashed as Burgomaster Leads Parade in Neustadt

GENEVA, April 15.—While discussions were going on before the League of Nations Council here today on France's protest over Fascist Germany's rearming, news arrived of the serious anti-German riots in the Polish Corridor.

Hundreds of windows were smashed at Neustadt when a demonstration led by the Burgomaster paraded against the Nazis in the Polish Corridor.

Nazis Injured  
Similar demonstrations took place in the village of Kellinkatz, near Zappo. Three Nazis were gravely injured and were taken to hospitals. The outbreak followed meetings at which the German Fascist treatment of Polish nationals in Germany was denounced.

The French delegates before the League Council demanded that severe action be taken against Germany.

Delegates to the League from Scandinavian countries made efforts to tone down the French proposal for a direct rebuke to the Hitler government. When the council sessions adjourned no action had been taken.

It was reported that the three powers which met at Stresa would support the French request to the Council. It was stated here to the United Press by authoritative sources that Great Britain and Italy are prepared to give military assistance to France if Germany violates the demilitarized zone along her borders.

It was further indicated that the joint declaration of Stresa constitutes a warning to Germany to respect the demilitarized zone.

British spokesmen said that the joint declaration implies that Britain would intervene to safeguard the zone but also said the declaration was not aimed at Germany.

Open support for Germany came from the Scandinavian countries, all of whom have Socialist governments, when a strong move was started before the sessions of the League of Nations Council today to tone down the French resolution calling for a rebuke of Fascist Germany.

Peter Munch, Norwegian foreign minister, on behalf of the Scandinavian countries, conferred with Sir Simon British Foreign Secretary, and urged a vague resolution not condemning Fascist Germany.

Half of English Budget Increase for War Use, Chamberlain Declares

LONDON, April 15.—More than half of the increase in the British budget will go to war preparations, Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, admitted when he presented his "optimistic" budget today in the House of Commons.

With the coming general elections next year undoubtedly in mind, Chamberlain rest off a series of "grants" to the English masses—cheaper theatre seats, restoration of pay cuts to 5 per cent of the workers and the assurance of greater employment—in the war industries.

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#### Dunn Answers Dickstein Attack on Only Real Aid for Jobless

By Marguerite Young (Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, April 15.—A "red scare" was flung out against the Workers' Unemployment and Social Security Bill, H. R. 2827, and was answered immediately, in today's formal debate in the House on the Roosevelt so-called society-security bill.

Revealing the weakness of the Administration's position in its inability to meet squarely the issue between real unemployment insurance and the fake Wagner-Lewis-Doughnut Bill for State unemployment reserves, Representative Samuel Dickstein of New York harangued the House: "This (H. R. 2827) is just a Communist bill. . . . The Communists got hold of you fellows and sold you a bill of goods."

Dunn Answers "Red Scare"  
"We are simply trying to take care of the aged and unemployed," replied Representative Matthew Dunn (Dem., Pa.). "Whenever we propose anything that is humanitarian, it is immediately called 'Communist.'"

There is special significance that the effort to dodge under a "red scare" was led by Dickstein, a William Randolph Hearst protégé and the Democratic co-author of the McCormack-Dickstein program to outlaw the Communist Party in preparation for fascist reaction against all independent worker organizations and in order to render labor important against continued blows at their living standards. Dickstein's pal, Representative John McCormack (Dem., Mass.) was in the leadership of the Administration's fight to put over the trick rule of procedure last week. Dickstein and McCormack headed the special committee which suppressed evidence of fascist ac-

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#### Delay Hearing On NBC Writ

The hearing on making the injunction against strikers of the National Biscuit Company permanent was postponed until next Monday by Justice Edward S. Doherty, yesterday. Meanwhile, the temporary injunction remained in force.

Strikers, however, are answering the injunction with increased mass picketing at the plant and picketing of stores during the day.

Wall Street circles are known to be alarmed at the effect of the national boycott on Uneda products. The Wall Street Journal recently revealed that no dividends will be paid on that account. It was also reported recently that the company had to draw on \$5,000,000 to buy its own stock so as to prevent it from falling to a still lower price.

The Wall Street Journal reported as follows:

"Delayed settlement of the National Biscuit strike is seen responsible for the continued selling in the stock. . . . National Biscuit's largest plant in New York, occupying several city blocks, is closed and while orders are being filled from other plants, the additional cost of distribution is no doubt cutting heavily into the earnings."

"The eastern seaboard provides National with the bulk of its business and a disruption of this territory is serious. Dividends were not earned on the common last year and the showing for the first quarters is expected to be even less favorable."

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## Scripps-Howard Press Joins Hearst in Call for Fascism in America

AN EDITORIAL

"PUBLIC ENEMY No. 1, President Roosevelt," is in a very tight spot and his best friends want to blast him out of it. Now what do you propose? That the gentleman in the White House himself get on the White Horse. It is the usual run of things to read the Hearst press demanding more Fascist measures against American Labor. But now we have the so-called "liberal" Scripps-Howard newspapers coming out more boldly in urging President Roosevelt to go the way of Hitler and Mussolini.

Setting up the alarm of mass discontent with the New Deal, the World Telegram in a front page special editorial virtually calls for fascist dictatorship.

Mr. President, says the World Telegram, speak up! And how? All the chief executive of the wealthy exploiters, of the oil, steel, auto and rubber trust who has served his pals so faithfully, speak up! "The time has arrived for the President to crack down," says the World Telegram. "The people need and want aggressive personal leadership. (Shades of Hitler and Mussolini!) Our people will not run in group circles indefinitely. We have respected the President's patience and his tolerance. . . . We have understood the necessity for some resort to political strategy. But we believe the time has arrived to lay aside the fly-swatter and use the club."

Use the club against whom? The World Telegram again answers: "Now is the time to turn the heat on the dangerous demagogue advocating revolution under the guise of plans they know will no more hold water than a sieve."

They are not specific about those who they charge with "advocating revolution." Though they mention Huey Long and Father Coughlin the fact remains that Coughlin's slogan is "Roosevelt or Ruin," which is the main theme of the World Telegram editorial. Nobody ever accused the Hitler of Louisiana of being a "revolutionist."

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# Masses of the World Greet Thaelmann on His 49th Birthday

## WAR SERVES FASCISTS, PEACE HELPS MASSES, SAYS NOTED NOVELIST

### Romain Rolland Calls for the Support of Anti-War Struggle

In these hours of dangerous international excitement, when the real opinions of the French masses are buried without scruple by the press of the industrialists, it is the duty of every man who sees clearly to assume responsibility of speaking clearly.

In days such as these our Amsterdam appeal against war and fascism is being realized in a full and precise sense.

There is no one now who does not hate Fascism. No one who is not convinced that a permanent danger the Hitler dictatorship constitutes for France and for the whole world.

Fascism's Ugly Goal No one now remains unconvinced that Fascism covers the ugly goal of revenge, of aggression and conquest, all concealed under the machiavellism of diplomatic protestations of peace, which contradict the chauvinist proclamations and enraged militaristic appeals in Germany itself.

There is no one now who does not hope for the downfall of Fascism. But precisely for this reason we do not want the masses of France, of Europe and of the whole world to fall into the trap of war held out by those eternal adventurers, the nationalists and the international profiteers of war.

War can only serve the purposes of the Hitler dictatorship. It is not war but peace which would be deadly to Hitler, who is incapable of resolving by ordinary means the economic and social difficulties which have him by the throat.

It will suffice if, surrounded by a determined Europe whose interests make for peace, his prestige fatally wounded, Hitler should find himself the object of a just vengeance inflicted by the people whom he has abused, deceived, oppressed, degraded, and led to ruin.

Peace is Witness Peace is the victorious witness of those states which have a clear conscience and a healthy economy. The U. S. S. R. needs no other weapon to assert itself than the powerful truth of the doctrine upon which it is founded.

War can never be anything but the recourse of ambitious or moribund states, the ultima ratio of desperate and degenerate gamblers, the inhuman speculation of profiteers and careerists, who prosper like vermin on the dirty hides of sick monarchies and rotten democracies.

We call for the support of all wholesome and determined persons to call a halt to the perilous machinations which are being hatched today in order to draw anew the peoples of the East and West into the sinister adventure of war, a slaughter aimed at the ruin of nations for the profit of a few imperialists.

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## Thaelmann—Leader Against War and Fascism

Since Youth He Has Been in Forefront of Workers' Fight

By L. N.

FASCIST terror daily celebrates new "triumphs" in Germany. Not a day passes without new death verdicts or inhumanly long prison terms being handed down to revolutionary fighters. The bloody hands of the fascist executioners even reach abroad, as was shown by the kidnaping of the anti-fascist journalist, Berthold Jacob.

The new wave of terror seriously endangers all workers in the hands of the fascist murderers. First among them is the leader of the Communist Party of Germany, Ernst Thaelmann. Ever since his arrest the Nazis have plotted against the life of one of the most courageous of all fighters against war and fascism.

Two Years in Dungeon Yet two years of cruel tortures in the Nazi dungeons have not been able to break his revolutionary resistance. Though the whole hatred of the fascist mob is concentrated on Thaelmann, the flag-bearer of the heroic illegal fight of the Communist Party of Germany, the Hitler-Goering-Goebbels clique has so far not dared to put him out of the way by its well-known methods. The fascist butchers are afraid of the revolutionary mass resistance of the German working class. For two years they have been preparing the "legal" murder of Thaelmann under the pretext of a trial for high treason. In the person of Thaelmann they want to put the Communist Party, Communism, on trial.

The vanguard of the German proletariat, heroically conducting its struggles in illegality has been mangled by him. He educated the cadres of the Communist Party as steeled revolutionary brigades which arouse the admiration and the enthusiasm of the international proletariat by their courageous and undaunted bearing on the underground fighting front and before the bloody fascist judges.

THAELMANN's youth, the years of his development and struggle are typical of many thousands of his class brothers. He was born in 1886, when the Bismarck reaction raged. As the son of a working class family in Hamburg he experienced early misery and want, and felt the hatred of the bourgeoisie for the revolutionary proletariat.

Bismarck's anti-Socialist law forced his father to give up his job and leave his family. These experiences were deeply impressed on Ernst Thaelmann's mind and were decisive factors in his whole further development. At 18 he was a member of the Social-Democratic party of Hamburg and of the transport workers' union.

Hamburg, with its strong trade union and cooperative bureaucracy was a hot-bed of reformism. Ernst Thaelmann's healthy proletarian class instinct brought him to early recognition of the dangers of reformism, and he thoroughly despised any attempt to smuggle reformist ideology into the ranks of the revolutionary proletariat. He belonged to the revolutionary wing of the social-democratic party of Germany.

War-Fighter at Front As by hammer blows, Thaelmann was struck by the attitude of the social-democratic party of Germany on the war question, their vote for war credits, the chauvinist howling of the Hamburger Volkzeitung. In those days of general war psychosis we find Thaelmann in the district meetings of the social democratic party, denouncing and exposing with revolutionary fervor the betrayal of the social democratic leaders. The answer of the bourgeoisie was not long in coming. In 1915 he was drafted, came into contact with the army court through his anti-militarist attitude and was sent into the trenches. He could not be deterred. With redoubled vigor he continued his anti-militarist work at the front.

In the first days of the revolution of 1918 we find Thaelmann in Hamburg. He was a delegate to the Council of Revolutionary Shop Stewards. In this body he opposed the policies of Noske and Scheidemann, called upon the workers, to arm themselves and fought with workers' blood the struggle for the advancement of the revolution. It was due to Thaelmann's influence that 95 per cent of the Independent Socialist Party of Germany, after the memorable party convention in Halle in 1920, joined the United Communist Party.

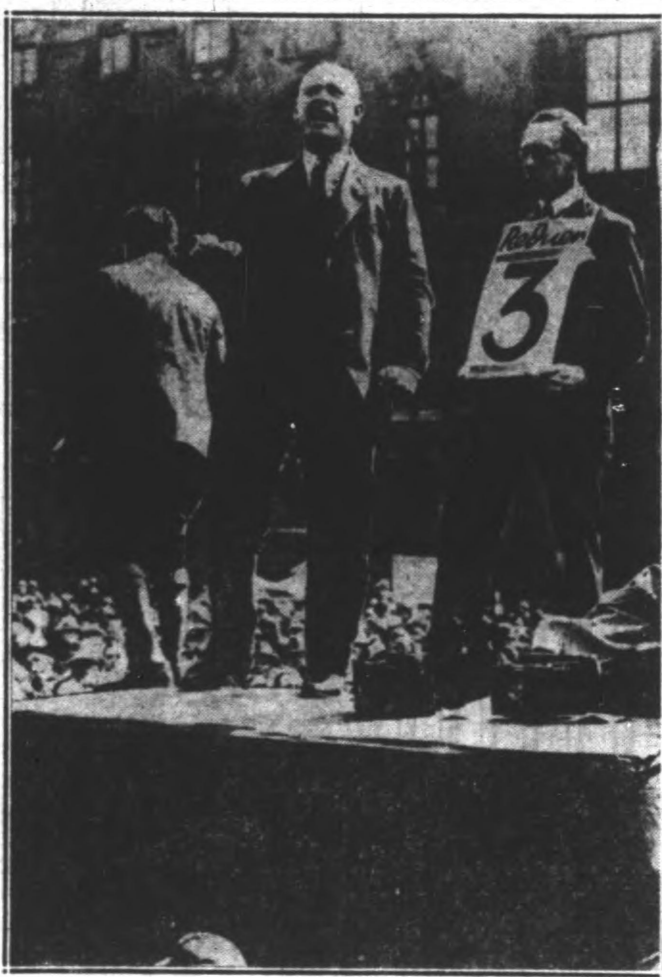
IN Hamburg Thaelmann built up the Communist Party. He became a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. In 1925 Thaelmann took over the leadership of the Party, engaged at that time in bitter factional struggles against sectarians, opportunist and liquidators. He initiated the process of bolshevization, cleaned up the factional disputes, taught the Party the application of the Marx, Engels and Lenin tradition. It was he who put the Party on a clear-cut revolutionary basis and who defended the line of the Communist Party courageously against all deviations.

Through the correct application of the united front policy the Party quickly developed into a real revolutionary mass party. Again and again he lashed reformism as the main danger within the working class which prevented it from dealing deadly blows to the class enemy. He helped the social-democratic workers recognize the reformist dangers and always held a brotherly hand out to them. On June 11, 1931, he appealed thus to the social-democratic workers:

"We hold our hand out to you, social-democratic workers, come to us, convince yourselves that in the Communist Party every revolutionary worker will find his place and will help decide the fate of the Party through revolutionary work. Come to us as members with equal rights, shoulder to shoulder with us, you will carry on the struggle for socialism."

As a good pupil of Lenin, defender

### DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGN



This photo of Ernst Thaelmann was taken during a meeting at which he addressed thousands of workers, shortly before the Nazis began their reign of terror and butchery in Germany.

of his strategy and tactics, he taught the Party how to correctly carry on the struggle for the winning of the small farmers and of the middle class, as allies of the proletariat. To the small farmers he said: "With the help of the Soviets the small farmer has done away with his slavery and exploitation. With their help he has become a human being who works eight hours a day, has eight hours for his education and eight hours for rest for the next day. The agricultural crisis in Germany put before you small farmers this alternative: either with us Communists under the banner of our program for freedom, for victory on the tractor—or with the bourgeoisie, with the fascists; then you will be run over and mangled by the tractor."

Fight Against Fascism With the utmost political clarity Thaelmann showed the danger of fascism and the ways and means of resisting it. With relentless Bolshevist severity he fought a disposition in the Party to underestimate the danger of fascism, exposed the damnable actions of the social-democratic leaders and untiringly called for the establishment of a revolutionary United Front. At the anti-fascist congress in July, 1932, he declared:

"He who really wants to fight fascism must not mislead the masses with the treacherous flag of bourgeois democracy, must not lie to them that democracy and fascism are two opposed systems, one of which can defeat while defending the other. But he must clearly state: Struggle against fascism—that means struggle against the capitalist system, proletarian class struggle."

"Whoever holds fast to a policy that supports Brüning, that restores Hindenburg to power and that actually leads to Papen and Hitler—does not fight fascism, but helps fascism. Without clarity we cannot defeat the enemy; and we must defeat him if we want to defend and safeguard the existence of our class, the freedom of the German proletariat."

we speak of Hitlerism, that the imperialists which the French and English imperialisms have given it, crushed and annihilated the true German revolution, and we never forget that all imperialist nations are involved together with the one which tramples Germany and must be combated in the same way. To attack a single imperialist nation and not the others is to be guilty of imperialism. Our loyalty, our force is to hate them all and to strike at all of them.

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## As Leader of German Party He Moulded the Heroic Fighters

Thaelmann anxiously watched the process of fascist demagoguery ensnaring part of the starving German youth, oppressed by a double slavery. Again and again he called upon the Party to oppose these developments and in Karl Liebknecht's flaming words showed the importance of the youth in the fight of the proletariat and in the struggle against imperialist war. He really was a friend and adviser of the youth; he did not talk down to them, but tried his best to help them and give them the full support of the Party. It was he who, as a trade unionist, 25 years ago, persisted in the organization of trade union youth sections, against the will of the union leaders, and on Youth Day, 1930, at Leipzig, he so assured the youth:

The Communist Party is intimately connected with the youth of the proletariat, just as it will be connected with it for life or death, when the final struggle for the liberation of labor, for the overthrow of capital, for the dictatorship of the proletariat approaches. We consider it our highest task to bring the youth into the ranks of the class front and to prepare them to replace the old guard of the revolution.

Thaelmann has always been the fervent internationalist, the standard-bearer of the struggle against imperialism. When, in the fall of 1932, the madness of chauvinism threatened to immerse the world in a new blood-bath, when on both sides of the Rhine the chorus of the "eternal enemy" resounded, Thaelmann appeared in Paris and called to the French workers:

"On both sides of the frontiers the bourgeoisie is trying to make the masses believe that the enemy of the worker is not the capitalist class in his own country, but the worker on the other side of the frontier. We Communists tell you French workers and toiling masses: Your fellow-sufferer in Germany, the worker and farmer there, is not your enemy, but your natural ally. And in the same way we tell the German toilers that the French worker and toiler is never his enemy, but his class brother and comrade."

Twenty-four hours after this speech Thaelmann was in the Sport Palace in Berlin, where he told the German workers:

"Can this be a fatherland, when in Germany a few capitalists oppress and exploit millions of workers and toilers? Can this be a fatherland when thousands of technicians, engineers and other intellectuals are on the streets, unemployed, together with the million masses of the proletariat? Only social-democratic leaders, together with the fascists, can call this capitalist land of slavery and oppression their fatherland."

THAELMANN—his name is a symbol to all enemies of fascist exploitation and slaughter of workers, the symbol of struggle against imperialism, the symbol of the defense of the Soviet Union, the symbol of all fighters for socialism.

Take Thaelmann out of the dungeon! Under this fighting slogan, Communist, non-party, Socialist workers, intellectuals, unite, together with the masses of poor farmers! The workers of Moscow and Paris raise this banner; the youth of the Chinese Soviet Republic and the demonstrators in New York.

The working class of the peoples of all countries must enter the arena of the struggle for Thaelmann's life and freedom. They must make his cause their own. Thaelmann's stroke is the cause of the whole German revolution and therefore that of the toilers of the whole world, in the fraternal discipline of civilization, in the parcel of their struggle for emancipation, because the victory of the workers in the heart of Europe must and will be followed by victory over the whole of European reaction.

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To see clearly, to clear away the chaos, to effect a bloc to organize for the refusal to kill and to die; to foil the gigantic attempts which are being prepared through side collective murderous theories, commercial advertisement and demagogic utopias—that is the duty of all of us without exception—men, women and youth.

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## THAELMANN LIBERATION STRUGGLE IS SPURRED ALL OVER THE WORLD

### WRITES TO MASSES



## Paris Workers Hear German Leader Speak

### Toilers of France and Germany, Unite! Says Thaelmann

At the period in 1932 when French-German tension was at a high pitch, and a flood of war talk had been let loose, Ernst Thaelmann, leader of the Communist Party of Germany, addressed an audience of French workers who packed and overflowed Bullier Hall, the largest indoor auditorium in Paris, on Oct. 1, 1932.

Following are a few extracts from his speech:

I have come here to Paris to bring and indictment against the capitalist governments of both countries. We Communists of Germany and France join together under the banner of proletarian internationalism, against nationalist war-mongering, against military armaments, against the imperialist policy of war preparations—to the end that we may carry out our international action and struggle against imperialism, against chauvinism, against militarism and against the Versailles system.

Fight Together Against War The workers and peasants of Germany are not your enemies but your natural allies.

Only by working together can we be successful in the struggle against the preparations for a new imperialist war, and by the victory of the working class free the masses of the people from the scourge of imperialist war.

Our struggle, our international action against the Versailles system, has nothing to do with the imperialist claims and nationalist propaganda of the German bourgeoisie and the National Socialists.

Only the victory of the working class can bring the Versailles system to an end.

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### Militant International Mass Action Will Stay Nazi Axe

By JUNE CROLL

(Secretary, National Committee to Aid Victims of German Fascism.) The new wave of Nazi terror which is gripping Germany places the life of Ernst Thaelmann in the gravest danger. Working bravely with the maniacal viciousness of desperate beasts, the Nazis have kidnaped, murdered and executed five German refugees and anti-fascist prisoners.

They have heard of, but knowing Nazi methods, we shudder to think of the hundreds who must have been tortured and butchered in secret in an effort to stifle the growing open resistance of the German masses to the Hitler Fascist dictatorship.

Unprecedented even in Nazi boldness, this new wave of terror reaches out beyond the borders of Fascist Germany into the refugee centers where persecuted anti-fascists have in the past enjoyed some measure of safety. Everyone is familiar with the case of Berthold Jacob, liberal journalist kidnaped from Switzerland and carried back to Fascist Germany on March 9th. Jacob had incurred the hatred of the Nazi regime for his able, well-informed and tireless exposes of the Hitler war plans.

The sudden death by poison of the two women refugees who were living in London, Mathilde Wurm and Dr. Dora Fabian, following their cooperation with the Swiss attorney, Dr. Ganz, in investigating the Jacob kidnaping is typical of Nazi methods in destroying valiant anti-fascist fighters.

Barbarous Beheading But the sudden and barbarous beheading of Sol Epstein and Hans Ziegler, uncompromising Communist opponents to the Hitler fascist, war-mongering regime is the beginning of the bloodiest of all Nazi onslaughts upon the leaders of the German masses. Frenzied over their failure to gain world support for the Hitler military plans, the Nazis are determined to destroy every obstacle in the way of their efforts to throw Germany into another bloody war.

The life of Ernst Thaelmann, whose very existence—even in a concentration camp—is an inspiration to the German masses in their struggle against the Fascist regime and its war preparations, is a challenge to the Nazi butchers. Thaelmann stands in the shadow of the same execution axe which beheaded Sol Epstein and Hans Ziegler. The silence about Thaelmann is ominous.

Let us not forget that Thaelmann, Osietsky or any other political prisoner will not have the opportunity to fling the Nazi axe back to the fascists, as Dimitroff did in the Reichstag fire trial. The People's Court, which was hastily set up after the Nazi defeat in their attempt to frame Dimitroff, Popoff, Tamer and Torgler, for the bombing of the Reichstag acts quickly and viciously behind closed doors.

The time to carry through a world-wide protest movement of such tremendous force as to paralyze the fiendish hand of the Nazi murderers, is NOW.

The National Committee to Aid Victims of German Fascism has mapped out a campaign for a nationwide and stirring anti-fascist demonstration, in which all friends of peace and freedom, to weld together a powerful blow at Nazi terror; to carry through a mighty movement for the freedom of all political prisoners, Ernst Thaelmann, Carl Osietsky, Berthold Jacob, and to render moral and financial support to their families and all German refugees.

For Open Trial Launching this campaign on the 49th birthday of Ernst Thaelmann, the National Committee has issued and distributed 50,000 birthday greeting cards to be mailed to Thaelmann at Moabit Prison, Berlin, Germany, throughout the week, on April 18th and the week following, every German Consulate in the country should be picketed; demonstrations should be arranged and resolutions addressed to the Consuls, carrying through our pledge on the Thaelmann birthday greetings: "A world protest movement greater than that which freed Dimitroff will help battle for life and liberty, will force open the Nazi prison gates."

"We call for an open public trial for you, with lawyers and witnesses of your own choosing."

"In all cities of the United States of America, in the cities throughout the world, we will meet, march and demand: FREE THAELMANN—FREE OSIETSKY, BERTHOLD JACOB—FREE ALL PRISONERS IN FASCIST JAILS AND CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN GERMANY."

A free Thaelmann and all fascist prisoners fund is being set up for the purpose of spreading the campaign throughout the country, reaching every worker and intellectual opposed to fascism and arousing them to immediate action in this campaign. Steps are also being taken, with the aid of this fund, to prepare a committee of attorneys to go to Fascist Germany, which will demand the right to defend Thaelmann and other political prisoners. The National Committee to Aid Victims of German Fascism calls upon all organizations and individuals to take immediate action on the plans outlined.

## Henri Barbusse Addresses a Letter to the German People

By HENRI BARBUSSE

THE man who now addresses you in these terrible days of universal disorder comes to you deliberately to bring his fraternal greeting of solidarity against our common enemies—the exploiters and executioners of all nations. Since the World War this man has always acted and fought as a friend of the great German people.

Even during the war, because I am one of those whose eyes were opened on the battlefield, under skies streaked with the lightning thrown by the hands of men, I and many others with me, discerned the reasons for the everlasting massacre.

Protested Treaty Before the Allied governments had organized their pompous rendezvous at Geneva, we French war veterans, already united against war in the heart of battle, went there to make the great beginning. We wanted to unite with other war veterans and especially with the Germans. We stretched out our hands to them and solemnly swore that we would exert our energies to mould strong generations of the same will.

We were among the first to protest sharply against the exactions of the Treaty of Versailles, the treaty which duped the French war veterans and which, in addition to the crime of enclosing in a peace treaty the germs of future wars, perpetuated the injustice of attributing

only to German imperialism responsibility for the war, which lay at the door of all other imperialist nations.

I was swamped with insults, my comrades and I, we, who still bleed and dirty from the war, publicly embraced the German soldiers, also just released from the trenches, and we fraternized with them against future wars. We felt honored at being labelled pro-German and defeatists, and we were proud at bearing some of the brunt of the humiliating attacks then being directed against the German nation.

Today if I address myself to you, German men and women, workers and intellectuals, in an ardent entreaty, in a supreme appeal to your conscience, it is not to tell you that I have changed, but to tell you that I have not changed.

Enemies of Hitlerism I come to you stronger and firmer than 16 years ago, because I represent not only war veterans, but a multitude still greater: millions of men and women who in France (as in other countries) have united in respect of political parties or religious opinions, in order to strike together the final blow against war and fascism. Over and above me are these masses that speak to you, they are the enemies of Hitlerism because Hitlerism has oppressed you; it is driving you all toward ruin and death. Hitlerism is not our sole enemy. We do not forget, when

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# HOME LIFE

— By —  
Ann Burton

INTERNATIONAL Press Correspondence No. 15, March 16, 1935—gives still another insight into that new life that the Soviet worker is enjoying. It tells of life in the Leningrad factory until recently called "Elektrosila," and recently renamed the "Kirov Works."

After describing how the workers are enabled to "obtain a medium and higher technical education,"—attending schools, classes, colleges to become technicians, engineers, it speaks of the cultural life of the men and women that comes from the factory.

ONE of the most characteristic features of proletarian democracy consists of the fact that here the toiling masses are actually given the possibility of taking part in every branch of science, culture and art. In this respect the "Elektrosila" sets an example. The workers meet not only on the common ground of the factory work, but in the further fields of art and culture.

THE "Elektrosila" recently held an amateur Olympiad among its workers. This event enabled much talent to be brought to light among the workers. Karzev, a fitter, with the worker actors, Savelyev and Mamayev of the Theatre Studio of the "Elektrosila" took part in the Union Olympiad.

TALENTED children of the "Elektrosila" workers are given the possibility even as children of developing their gifts on properly organized lines. At the present time 150 of the most talented of the children of the "Elektrosila" workers are being taught the piano, violin, acting, ballet-dancing, wind instrument playing, etc., in the municipal fine arts school and in the children's branch of the factory Culture House.

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# From Factory, Mine, Farm and Office

## Negro Minister Convicted As Traitor to His People

NORFOLK, Va.—Rev. Hunter, slanderer of the International Labor Defense and traitor to the Negro people, was put on trial April 8th by the workers of Norfolk and found guilty of being a traitor to his people, by a jury composed of Negro and white men, women and youth representing various organizations.

Rev. Hunter, fearing the wrath of the workers and the ruthless exposure of the trial, did not appear. No witness took the stand to defend this lackey of the ruling class.

The first witness against Rev. Hunter was C. Brown, Secretary of the I. L. D., who was present at the Baptist Ministers Conference when Rev. Hunter attacked the I. L. D.

A committee went before the conference to ask the Baptist ministers to support the fight for the freedom of Johnson, framed Negro worker. Rev. Hunter did everything in his power to prevent such support. Knowing that the tactic of bringing in the bogey of the "Red Menace" no longer scared the workers, Hunter used the religious issue.

He proclaimed that the members of the I. L. D. called their jackasses, Jesus Christ and their cows, Virgin Mary and all smaller animals after the apostles and therefore such an organization should have no support from the ministers.

The first witness for the prosecution, C. Brown, was asked if he knew of any members of the I. L. D. who named their jackasses, Jesus Christ and cows Virgin Mary and smaller animals after the apostles. Brown replied in the negative and continued that he knew no member fortunate enough to possess a jackass or a cow.

The judge, Rev. H. S. Carrington, charged the jury that they have heard the witness testify as to the charge of liar and betrayer against Rev. Hunter, heard the defense appeal for leniency and the prosecution summarize the crimes against the Negro workers; the sabotage against the I. L. D. and its fight for the freedom of the framed Negro worker Johnson.

The jury returned with the decision that Rev. Hunter was guilty; and proposed that the Baptist Ministers Conference should expel him; that letters of this decision be sent to the press and all I. L. D. workers at the trial all rise in full support of the decision and proposals.

## Shady Production Rise In Caterpillar Plant

PEORIA, Ill.—Workers in the East Peoria Caterpillar Tractor plant report large increases in production the last few weeks. There is much speculation as to why the sudden increase in orders and as to where they are going.

Workers in the shipping department report that the parts are not assembled and are all sent to New York. Workers in another department report that gas tanks are being made which are sheathed in armor plate. Those workers hired recently were put on at a rate 25 per cent under what is being paid to the older workers.

When the men are forced to feed themselves they get 50 cents a day food allowance instead of the 35 cents per meal they are supposed to get.

## Lykes Brothers Break I. S. U. Agreement

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The Lykes Brothers have signed the agreement with the I. S. U., yet they do not live up to it in employing extra seamen to clean up the various ships that arrive in port.

The men are hired through the United States Shipping Board and are paid only at the rate of \$50 a month. This is work that by rights should be done by shipyard workers at the scale they get.

## The Ruling Clawes



"I'm going to lunch, Miss Farber—I'm starving."

## Speedup Drives Worker Insane

PEORIA, Ill.—The April 1 issue of "THE ORGANIZER," local Communist Party bulletin for Peoria and vicinity, exposes a rather pathetic and tragic incident in the East Peoria Caterpillar Tractor Works.

Andy Thomas, grinder from Department M, is now in an insane asylum. For more than a year, Thomas had been slaving for the company, giving all he had.

He was working for 26 cents an hour less than the top men in his department. Several times he asked for a raise. But the bosses were determined to get all they could out of him without paying for it.

Now the Caterpillar Tractor Company is through with him. He gave all he had, but he didn't have enough.

## Court Acts Against Laundry Strike

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The courts are being used openly to break the laundry strike here. The laboring Judge Henry Martin is giving the laundry strikers kangaroo trials.

He sentenced Robert Taylor on three counts to a total of 150 days in jail and fined him \$100.

All the testimony showed that when Taylor was ordered to move away from the police he obeyed but the cop didn't think he was moving fast enough so he knocked Taylor down and searched him.

The White Legion is doing its part to break the laundry strike. Bob Gullede, the head of this fascist gang has been advertising for white women to take the place of the Negro women on strike.

## Boston United Front Rally Hails Scottsboro Victory

BOSTON, Mass.—Last night I attended a branch meeting of the I.L.D. in the South End. This meeting was held to celebrate the recent Scottsboro victory. I judge about sixty persons were assembled in the hall not counting the red squad.

## Loses Hand In Steel Mill

By a Steel Worker Correspondent GARY, Ind.—Again no. 5 Open hearth of the Illinois Steel leads in speed-up. On the night of April 4, 11:30 p.m., another accident happened, the stock foreman being injured.

What we call the stock foreman is really the man who is in charge of putting up scrap iron for the open hearth furnaces. The bosses allow him to make a few cents a day extra in the form of a bonus, so that the bosses can speed him up all the more disregarding all safety rules in the plant.

When the charging crane was through chugging the furnace on the floor, it shoved out the charging buggies out on the cross-over. The stock foreman went up with the engine to pull them out. Trying to make the coupling, which is on a very sharp curve, he missed it.

George Blake, representing the Communist Party in New England, spoke eloquently on the need for widening the Scottsboro campaign, linking it up with the local struggles of the Negro people in Boston.

## Sheriff Introduces 'Modern Methods'

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—"We are now coping with modern crime and must be up-to-the-minute in our methods."

That is what George Brereton, Sheriff Dort's "expert" undersecretary, recently offered as an explanation for the sheriff's office's unusual busting and activities in preparation for the Exposition—and could there be any other reason for these preparations?

Let us examine these up-to-the-minute methods. First, the deputy sheriffs are going to go to school. At these weekly classes, they are going to be taught how to use tear-gas bombs; how to operate Thompson sub-machine guns; and how to become alert in emergency crowd control.

Second, all deputies must practice twice a month at firing pistol, rifle, and machine guns, at the police range.

Third, Dort is making a big effort to build up a volunteer flying squadron of deputy sheriffs. He is terribly anxious to get his deputies up in the air.

NOTE Every Tuesday we publish letters from steel, auto and metal workers. We urge workers in these industries to write us of their conditions and efforts to organize. Please get these letters to us by Friday of each week.

## Starvation Stalks In Aberdeen

ABERDEEN, S. D.—Starvation in Aberdeen is no longer an imaginable word. That starvation actually exists has been unquestionably proven by the events in the last two weeks.

Edward Fleock, a relief worker with a family of five children, had two checks coming to him. The family had no food in the house for two days, in desperation Fleock went to the County Commissioners and received their permission to get a grocery order from the relief office.

He was arrested for assault and battery. He went to trial and was sentenced to twelve days in jail. During the trial the judge, John Ruckman, said, "of the fourteen hundred families living on relief today in Aberdeen, seven hundred of them have nothing to eat but bread, potatoes, and coffee."

The results of this diet of bread, potatoes, and coffee is clearly shown by the case of Walter Pasch, single relief worker in Aberdeen. Pasch was receiving one day's work a week or \$2.40. He was paying \$5 a month rent, and from the remainder of his check had exactly 54 cents to spend for each meal.

He was continually bothered with stomach trouble and finally went to a doctor. The doctor examined him very thoroughly and told him he wasn't getting enough to eat. Pasch asked him to read out exactly what was wrong with him. The doctor then took an X-ray picture of his stomach and after examining the pictures found that his stomach was shriveling up for lack of food.

Remember the May Day Conference of delegates this Saturday at Manhattan Oddfellows' Temple, 105 West 106th Street. Is your organization sending a delegate? Have we received his credentials?

## Slipper Workers Score Leader for Concluding Pact Over Their Heads

More than 400 slipper workers, members of the Boot and Shoe Workers Union, A. F. of L., and the United Shoe and Leather Workers Union, Local 23, unanimously condemned the actions of Mike Tesoro, of Local 654, B. and S. W. U., at a mass meeting Thursday night at Manhattan Lyceum.

The United Front May Day Arrangements Committee can furnish union bands to all organizations participating in the May Day parade and demonstration. Call Stuyvesant 9-5557, or at 799 Broadway, Room 539.

## Transients Drilled For War

DES MOINES, Iowa.—The Des Moines Transient Center is trying to outdo Franklin "Destruction" Roosevelt in his war plans and are cooperating 100 per cent in mobilizing the fellows for military training.

As soon as you get in the camp and go through the routine of registering you are shipped to Camp Dodge which is connected with Fort Dodge Post. They tell you to go or get out. They are abandoning the camps here in town and are sending the transients outside to the military camp for they don't want them to get the ideas that some of the unemployed have here.

There is about one of every five that stay here over two days and very few stay any length of time at all. The food is so terrible that they can't stand it and they don't like to be run around like a bunch of convicts.

What is a dollar a week any way in return for the work that you have to put out? Some of them have to work as much as ten hours, seven days a week. Those on the road know that Wall Street is getting ready for war and they don't want to stay in camp and get ready for it. They also see what happened to those in the last one and don't want the same thing to happen to them.

You can hear them talking of war most any time and they all hate the idea. They would rather face the "freights and cold nights and hungers" than the thought of preparing for war. Lots of them are boys from good homes and jobs. They see what is happening in the camps and on the outside world as well and don't like it. As one fellow put it, "In the next war they will have to burn the woods and sift the ashes to find me," another one, "There were lots of officers killed in the last one and could be more in this one."

Editor's note: Although the haired of these transient workers against imperialist war is a healthy one, the method they propose in combating it is not a correct one. Dodging the draft will not stop the war. All militant and advanced workers should take the guns given them by the bosses and with the help of the others in the armed forces turn them against their real enemies, the bosses, to smash this system that breeds war, that breeds this great transient problem, and in its stead set up a workers' and farmers' government.

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## Relief Workers Defeat Trades Council Scheme

TARRANT, Ala.—The Relief Workers League of Tarrant applied to the Trades Council in November for an A. F. of L. charter, but did not get any action out of them until we appealed to the rank and file in the Tarrant locals.

When the president of the Trades Council, Pritchard, saw that he would be forced to do something for us he figured out a way to trick us into a company union. He proposed to us that we get a charter under the City Employees Union (A. F. of L.) and said that the Trades Council would pay \$8 on it if we would raise \$7. He made us think that only relief workers would be in this union so we went ahead and raised \$8 towards the charter.

On last Tuesday we found out that Pritchard was raising the \$8 by selling charter memberships to our project foremen and city officials. When Dave Smith, the president of the Relief Workers League found out the trick the big shot labor fakers were trying to put over on us he returned the money that was raised to the workers and explained what Pritchard was doing.

The workers agreed that they did not want to belong to a bosses' union. We voted at our last meeting to build up our League, charter or no charter. Mr. Bowers, an honest union leader, spoke to us on how Gullede, the head of the White Legion was trying to break the laundry strike and promised to help us get a Rod Carriers charter.

# Miners Strengthen Position Against Companies' Union-Smashing Plan

By CARL REEVE

The Rank and File of the United Mine Workers is in a stronger position today than it was before April 1st. Although the local unions were not strongly enough organized to strike over the head of John L. Lewis, the miners saw, in the April 1st campaign, that the Rank and File was the "only force in the coal fields which put up a fight for the interests of the miners."

It was due to the campaign of the Rank and File that the drive of the coal operators to smash the U.M.W.A. was temporarily halted. The coal operators didn't want to sign any agreement. They had built up huge reserves of coal. As one miner told me, the U. S. Steel Corporation in places like Clairton, had "three shifts going day and night, pushing back the stars and the moon so they could make their coal piles bigger." The coal companies had deputy sheriffs

sworn in and were making big strikebreaking preparations. Hails Operators' Plans But the miners, led by the Rank and File, showed the greatest determination not to work if there was no signed agreement. At the last minute the coal companies signed the "truce" which extended the agreement until June 15. This "truce," while unsatisfactory and not granting the miners' demands, at the same time brought to a temporary halt the union smashing plans of the coal companies.

At one meeting of several thousand miners I saw the leaflet of the rank and file being distributed. Every miner read the leaflet, folded it carefully and put it away. The overwhelming sentiment of the miners was, "These demands are the demands we must fight for." The Rank and File leaflet demanded the six dollar day scale with proportional increases in ton-

nage rates; the six hour day five day week; increased wages with increases in living costs; no settlement until ratified and approved by the membership. The leaflet called for elimination of open shop clause from the new agreement. The Rank and File, which held a conference on March 24th with over 100 delegates from U.M.W.A. locals, called for strike for April 1st if no satisfactory agreement was signed. The leaflet called for a fight for the demands of the unemployed miners.

The reaction of the miners to the leaflet was that in view of the "truce" extension the miners were not in a position to strike all together, and that isolated strikes would break the unity of the union. They felt that the leaflet pointed out the only road whereby the miners could win their demands. This was clearly shown at the meeting of the miners in New Kensington on April 1st. Pat Fagan, district president of the U.M.W.A., tried to attack the leaflet giving the program of the Rank and File.

# YOUR HEALTH

— By —  
Medical Advisory Board

Doctors of the Medical Advisory Board do not advertise

Vaccine Against Whooping Cough. COMRADE C. F. of Ozone Park, N. Y., would like to know whether the inoculations to prevent whooping cough really do prevent it or whether they check the severity of the disease.

Up to the last few years, we had a vaccine for the prevention and treatment of whooping cough, which, in most cases, was not very effective. Recently Dr. Sauer and others have elaborated a vaccine which, according to them, must be given four months before exposure and which produces immunity. So far their claims are not supported by conclusive evidence.

We cannot, therefore, tell you that its use is absolutely a preventive of whooping cough; however, its use will not result in any harmful results that we know of, and may prove of some value.

WE HAVE received several questions on the use of Femojel. This product is advertised in the March issue of HEALTH AND HYGIENE. The advertisement specifically states that the jelly "is effective when used in accordance with the advice of a physician."

Further Notes on Infantile Care. COMRADE D. S., of the Bronx, raises the following questions in her letter: 1. Do you think that one hour is too long to cook cereal?

2. Is cereal mixed and cooked in pure milk only, constipating to a child of four if the child is inclined to be constipated, but who is given a daily dose of mineral oil? 3. If I cook the cereal in pure milk, then is it all right to cook it on an open flame or in a double boiler? How long should I cook it then?

4. Will orange juice spoil if it is squeezed out from the orange during the evening and placed in a refrigerator and kept there until the following morning, to be given to the child? 5. During the summer months is it safe to give a child ices or the very cold malted milks which are prepared directly in the confectionery stores?

6. If a child has worn a shirt of 55 per cent wool during the winter, is it safe to discard it during the warm spring month of May, and put her in a shirt of a much lesser percentage of wool? Our Advice COOKING cereal on an open flame (small flame) for one hour is not too long. By cooking cereal in milk, one gives it in a form that does tend to constipate. However, if one wishes to give the child sufficient milk, which the child will not take in other ways, then it is a good method. If you will cook the cereal and whole milk in a double boiler for one hour, the prepared food will be less constipating.

Keeping orange juice in a good ice-box or electric or gas refrigerator overnight is perfectly safe. Milk and ices are more apt to be contaminated (contain germs) during the summer. Therefore their purchase in stores and administration to very young children is not advisable. Clothing must be used in accordance with weather conditions. During the latter part of spring, the clothing should contain very little wool (about 10 per cent) or only cotton.

Fresh Air Fund DUE to the lack of space in this column we will not be able to publish a list of the contributions to the Fund. We will, however, report from time to time on the progress we are making. To date we have received through this column \$22.80, leaving a total of \$477.40 of the quota set by the Medical Advisory Board.

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Change the World!

By MICHAEL GOLD

BELIEVE it or not, Mr. Ripley is a damn liar. Mr. Ripley's contribution to the anti-Soviet and anti-labor campaign of Mr. Hearst was in the form of an informal talk over the radio during the "crusader" hour.

Believe It or Not... NOW, for Mr. Ripley's curious and nimble mind, I suggest that he try to use the following "Believe It or Not's" I propose. They'd make swell cartoons for his boss to admire.

Some More... AND believe it or not, about four hundred Negroes were lynched with and without the connivance of judges, sheriffs, and national guard officers during the last year for crimes which were never proved.

Believe It, Mr. Ripley AND believe it or not, the majority of Americans hate bankers, brokers, insurance companies, Wall Street and war.

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Hail May 1! Through the Daily Worker

Comrades: Through the Daily Worker, I send greetings to the American working class on May 1! I pledge my support to the fight against war and fascism, for the defense of the Soviet Union, and for the establishment of a true workers' and farmers' republic—a Soviet America!

LITTLE LEFTY



YOU Figure It Out!



Radio Priest's Program Analyzed In New Pamphlet

THE TRUTH ABOUT FATHER COUGHLIN, by A. B. Magil, Workers Library Publishers, 5 cents.

Reviewed by OAKLEY JOHNSON THOSE who listen to the three-cornered debate that has been going on for weeks between Huey Long, General Hugh Johnson, and Father Coughlin will—lost in the windy wailer of their words—appreciate some well-presented and accurate facts upon which to base a sensible judgment.

The new pamphlet, "The Truth About Father Coughlin" by A. B. Magil, is carefully prepared, planned, documented. The author



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has listened to Father Coughlin's sermons and lectures, interviewed him, read his biography, scrutinized his recent career and his social and political program. The author knows his stuff and tells it well. He has taken up a social phenomenon of great interest and importance, and has treated it so thoroughly and to settle every question that either the worker or the intellectual is likely to ask.

Here is a Catholic priest, born in Canada but naturalized as an American citizen, who talks over the radio from his own church to an audience of a dozen million, is credited with preventing a favorable Senate vote on American adherence to the World Court, and sets up a political program purporting to be one which will solve economic and other ills. Incidentally, this priest apparently has the right of way along with a few chosen fellow big game hunters like Hearst, Fish, Woll, and MacFadden—in a noisy campaign of attack upon the Soviet Union.

JUST what does this situation mean? How much truth is in Coughlin's claims? Is Coughlin a conservative or a radical? What is his role in a behind-the-scenes account of the three-cornered Long-Johnson-Coughlin battle of epithets?

Magil answers these questions. He begins with the National Union for Social Justice, organized by Coughlin at the Shrine of the Little Flower—Coughlin's church—and sets forth its program of vague planks for labor and precise formulations for monetary "reform." He quotes Coughlin's own sermons and speeches to demonstrate the priest's demagogic straddling and self-contradiction. Along with indefinite advocacy of better treatment of labor, Coughlin finds it possible to oppose unemployment insurance and to engage non-union men to build his church. Along with attacks on Wall Street he finds it possible to make money out of the purchase of silver—an aspect of the "remonetization of silver" that many are not familiar with. Along with daily Christian exhortation he finds it possible, in sermons such as "Christ and the Red Fog," to make more or less open incitements to war against the Soviet Union. And the Communists? "I'll shoot them with bullets," says Coughlin.

Coughlin's support of Roosevelt in the slogan "Roosevelt or Ruin," and his not-too-well-concealed friendship with Huey Long, indicate a rapidly developing plan for a role that he is to play in this country's immediate history. If Roosevelt cannot be used as the instrument for the final infliction by American finance-capital of fascism upon this country, it may be that a Huey Long, backed by Father Coughlin, can be that instrument. As Magil says near the close of the pamphlet: "The National Union for Social Justice, though its members do not know it, is a national union for the preparation of fascism. Its real headquarters is not in Royal Oak, but in Wall Street."

NEW PAMPHLETS Unemployment Insurance—The Burning Issue of the Day—by Earl Browder, 3 cents. Revolt in the Railroad Unions—Prepared by the R. R. Brotherhoods Unity Movement, 5 cents.

Ernst Thaelmann

By Friedrich Wolf (Translated by Nicholas Wirth)

On the waterfront of Hamburg, Germany, eleven years ago, revolt was kindled to flame; the attack of the proletariat was bold and the workers seized the police station. There they were slaughtered together, there they were steered their ranks firmer.

But thru the terror a mighty thunder broke, Free Thaelmann! We demand his freedom! We, the millions still at liberty You, the thousands rotting in fascist jails.

Nine Old Men Thumbing Law Books Sit in Judgment on Herndon Case

Whitney Seymour Gives Splendid Argument for Reversal

By SASHA SMALL Editor, the Labor Defender

WITH all the mummy and pomp dear to the hearts of high-school dramatic societies and middle-class lady tourists from Iowa, exactly as the hands of the ornamental clock reached 2:30, the nine old men who are the Supreme Court of the United States filed into their courtroom on Friday afternoon, April 12.

The deep silence in the small courtroom is broken only by the swish of their black robes and they stand before their very large and comfortable black leather thrones until Chief Justice Hughes gives the signal to be seated.

On the long desk before them—one long desk for all nine—are piles of legal documents, briefs and many volumes of law books. Almost immediately after he is seated, Hughes announces: "Angelo Herndon versus the State of Georgia, and Whitney North Seymour, retained by the International Labor Defense, rises to begin the oral argument in the appeal for Angelo Herndon's life."

Angelo Herndon himself is seated in the middle of the front row reserved for spectators. No one but attorneys admitted to the bar of the highest court in the land are permitted beyond the sacred confines of the brass rail that hemms off the two rows reserved for the "public."

We had a little difficulty about getting him into the courtroom. Outside the portals is a uniformed policeman who bars the way. "Line forms to the right for getting into the Supreme Court," he murmurs politely. When asked whether or not anyone could get in without standing on line, he referred me to the marshal's office. The marshal is a pompous individual with a stiff wing collar and a starched shirt.

"Isn't he colored?" I told him: "Mr. Angelo Herndon whose case is coming up this afternoon is outside and cannot get into the courtroom because of the long line ahead of him."

"Angelo Herndon? Isn't he colored?" "Yes, I answered as defiantly as politeness would permit. "But he's in jail," says the marshal.

"I beg your pardon, he is right outside your door. He has been out of jail, on bail, since last August."

At this point he wrote out a little slip, handed it to another flunkie



ANGELO HERNDON

and we were ushered into the hushed courtroom. Whitney North Seymour presented a splendid argument. It lasted for exactly an hour and was packed with telling and convincing reasons for reversing the reactionary decision of the Georgia courts. He was interrupted several times by the various "their Honors." They were following with the greatest interest, turning the pages of the various documents he referred to.

Reactionaries and "Liberals" The cleavage between the out-and-out reactionaries and the so-called liberals on the bench is sharp and clear. However, none of the reactionaries' baiting confused Seymour and he presented his lucid and impressive case.

Mr. Crow of Georgia lost no time in showing his true colors in spite of his references to Seymour as his "brother." He very soon began to shout in the traditional Southern lynch-court style of oratory. He waved his documents and rolled out certain words—"Revolutionary—ad-vo-cacy." He had a little difficulty with some of them, particularly with the "Third International" that sits in Moscow, Russia, and the "working class struggle against the Boo-shawzee."

Here was the assistant solicitor-general of Georgia, bravely defending those whose interests he serves. Here he was before the Supreme Court, staunchly defending the position of the white landowners of the South on "this self-determination for the Black Belt." After the first slip in which he fumed about how the Communists wanted to "seize the land and give it to the niggers," he very carefully said,

Solicitor General of Georgia Lashes Out at Daily Worker

"Nigras" But he fought hard to make his point, even though the judges kept interrupting and asking him just what this young man did to prove the charges of inciting to insurrection for which he was sentenced.

Attacks Daily Worker He was particularly insistent on repeating the fact that Communist literature found in Herndon's possession, carried such slogans as: "Smash the National Guard and the C. M. T. C." Justice Butler, after the third time Crow referred to it, asked, "What is the C. M. T. C.?" At one point he waved the proclamation of the Daily Worker, shouting: "35,000 copies of this thing are circulated throughout our country and on every one of them it calls for self-determination of the Black Belt."

With the able assistance of the reactionaries, Van Devanter, Sutherland and McReynolds, he emphasized the most salient parts of his argument, especially one technically about one of the legal steps in taking the appeal from the trial court.

Nine Old Men Listen Nine old men listened carefully to both sides. Nine old men thumbed many volumes of laws and opinions during two and a half hours last Friday afternoon, while Angelo Herndon sat and watched them in the courtroom and millions throughout the world await their decision.

Those who have participated in the nation-wide campaign to free Angelo Herndon on bail, have given their verdict: "ANGELO HERNDON MUST GO FREE!" But these nine old men must be made to hear that verdict sharply and distinctly. It must pour in on their secluded chambers from every corner of the land. Four years of battle in the Scottsboro case forced them to a decision which is one of the greatest victories in the whole battle for Negro rights. Millions of voices broke through the august silence of the United States Supreme Court. It can be done again. It must be done again. Angelo Herndon must be freed.

The International Labor Defense is intensifying the Scottsboro-Herndon campaign to fight these cases to a victorious conclusion. Twenty thousand dollars must be raised within the next month to continue this vital work. The I. L. D. calls on all its friends and supporters to help achieve our goal—a complete freedom for the Scottsboro boys and Angelo Herndon.

WORLD of the THEATRE

Feeble Anti-War Play

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST—a play by John Van Druten; presented by Katherine Cornelli; staged by Auriel Lee and designed by Jo Mielziner; under the supervision of Guthrie McClintic.

Reviewed by LEON ALEXANDER

THIS play is laid in present day England. Into the placid, comfortable existence of the Jacklins, the memory of the war years is suddenly brought back by the death of Naomi Jacklin's father. Mercia Huntouch, Naomi's sister, brings her some old letters, long forgotten in the paternal attic, from a lover who died in the war.

We are also made acquainted with a young man, the fiancé of Jacklin's secretary, dying of tuberculosis, and endowed by his illness with second sight.

The second act goes back to the war days, and shows us first the ferocious war fever of 1914, and then the lassitude, disenchantment and bitterness two years later. Naomi's and Mercia's life are ruined by the war; Mercia repudiates her fiancé when he does not seem to her sufficiently rabid in his hatred of the "Huns"; and he dies later at the front; Naomi's lover, a young poet singing of the glory of England and the joy of dying for one's country, turns an embittered, sardonic hater of war. His disillusionment is carried over into his relation with Naomi, and when he learns that she is pregnant with his child, he advises her to do away with it, not bringing a new life into a world gone awry. He himself is killed soon afterward.

The third act takes place the same evening in the Jacklin's home. The futility and the bitterness of those war days has crept back into the mood of those people when the tubercular young man has one of his fits, and during his trance finishes a poem which the war poet on his death bed had meant to be his last testament of faith in living and in the beauty of life and love.

BORING and futile: it seems almost impossible that a play dealing with the last war and contemplating the next one could be so dull; that a playwright given such dramatic material could have produced so much hollow verbiage and looked for his climax in a spiritualistic trance.

Mr. Van Druten has looked upon the wreckage of war, and has been horrified by it. Also, he is aware of the cancer which the war left eating in the mind, the heart, the will, the moral fiber of the war and the post-war generations among the bourgeoisie and the petty bourgeoisie. For them, I suppose, his play was to bring a message of comfort and of hope, a reaffirmation of the goodness of life.

But the author was blind to the larger moral issues, to the most significant causes and conflicts which brought on the war; what he sees of these issues and conflicts is only as much as is apparent to the limited sensibilities of the dull, narrow, middle class people whom he depicts without satire. One of them himself, he is not even aware of their limitations and their stupidity and he accepts their notion of tragedy on their own trivial basis. The play is about as brilliant, as dramatic, as stimulating as an afternoon tea in an English vicarage.

THE acting honors of the play go to Miss Margalo Gillmore as the shrewish, old maidish sister. Burgess Meredith, as the consumptive endowed with second sight, turns in a protechnic performance of the trance scene. Moffat Johnson remained as undistinguished as his part. As for Miss Cornell, she is probably the most overpraised of our present day actresses. She possesses grace of motion, a voice of some beauty which she uses rather self-consciously, and no little control of her technical means. But she is sometimes guilty of bad taste and worse histrionics, and it will be a long time before I forget the gauche love scene or the hysterical curtain of the second act.

The sets by Jo Mielziner were as dull and pointless as the play itself; the lighting was bad and even amateurish.

More Authors Respond To Writers' Congress Lewis Mumford, Sidney Howard, John Wexley, Robert Moxon Lovett and Lincoln Kirstein are among the most recent signers of the call for the American Writers Congress, whose first session will be held at Mecca Temple on the evening of Friday, April 26. The initial session at Mecca Temple will be open to the general public and will be followed by two days' sessions at the New School Auditorium, which will be attended only by delegates to the Congress from various parts of the country, and invited guests.

Questions and Answers

Communists and "Love of Country"

Question: If Communists are opposed to nationalism, then why do Communist leaders use such phrases as "We Communists love our country?" —B. N.

Answer: Communists are opposed to jingoistic nationalism as a political expression of the ruling class. They are fighting to establish the international union of all the toilers of the world into an International Soviet. But they are not opposed to a genuine love of country, and all that is fine and best in their country's culture and traditions. It is that Comrade Browder had in mind when he stated at a recent speech that "We Communists love our country with the same passionate love which Lenin bore for Russia." For it is the workers who really love their country, it is they who in Browder's words are the "unchallenged heirs" of the revolutionary and best cultural traditions of the United States.

Capitalists have no love of country. To them it is something to be plundered and ruined for the sake of profits. The American capitalists are selling munitions and other war supplies to the Japanese imperialists which will be used against American workers in the event of war. During the last imperialist war British soldiers were killed by shells sold to the German armies by British companies, just as German soldiers were butchered by guns sold to the Allied forces by the German munitions makers.

The capitalists do not love their country or its traditions. They will at any moment sacrifice them both for the sake of an extra dollar. Their jingoistic slogans are raised for the purpose of mobilizing the nation behind their plans for imperialist expansion and war. Against this reactionary nationalism Communists fight. They point out to the workers that to succumb to the kind of "patriotism" preached by the Hearsts and other capitalist jingoes is to aid in the enslavement of the working class. We must oppose the greed for profit common to the ruling classes of all capitalist countries with the international solidarity of the working class of the world. And to rescue our country from the disaster which the capitalists are plunging it into, the workers of the United States will employ the revolutionary solution that is not something foreign to American history, but represents the only vital and progressive trend in the American tradition.

Literature to the Masses

Revolutionary Competition in N. Y.

On March 1, a contest was started among the Sections in New York District for the distribution of literature. The Section selling the highest number of pieces per member is to receive \$150 worth of books and the Section literature director is to receive \$50. The prize for second place is to be half the above amount.

Following is the standing at the end of the first month of the drive, March 1 to 31. Included in this report are also the figures for the corresponding months in 1934. We can therefore judge the rate of progress that has been made.

STANDING IN LITERATURE DRIVE—MARCH 1935

Table with columns: Rank, Name, Sec. Per Mem., Cents per Mem., Theoretical Drive—Average sale for 3 months, Actual Drive—Actual sale for 3 months, Jan to Mar 1934, Jan to Mar 1935. Lists various sections like 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.

\* Average of total of Communist, C. I., Imprecor and P.O. per member.

In analyzing the figures of the drive so far we find: 1. The Sections that did the best are the ones that prepared a definite plan of work. For instance, the leading Section planned its work so that each individual member of the Party in the Section received his full quota of literature for distribution at one time. This was successful because of the preparatory political discussions held on literature.

2. The location of the Section has no bearing on distribution of literature. Whether a Section is in a thickly populated territory or in a thinly populated territory, the question of literature distribution depends mainly on the understanding by the individual comrades of the necessity of literature distribution. For instance, Section 23 is in Long Island, 3rd place; Section 2, in the heart of the garment section, surrounded by hundreds of thousands of workers, 16th place.

3. There is no such thing as a good and a bad Section in distribution of literature. It all depends on the attention that the Section Committee gives to the organization of the apparatus.

4. The reports show that we have already made a beginning in more than half of the shop nuclei in the distribution of literature and, where the shop unit has seen the political necessity of bringing literature in the shop, the distribution has gone up by leaps and bounds.

5. The reports show that we are beginning to go outside of the ranks of the movement itself. For instance, in Section 18, Unit 10, Comrade P. B. sold on one of the busiest corners of the city in a period of three days, 450 Father Coughlin pamphlets.

6. The results show that more comrades are beginning to understand the necessity of selling literature and if we could achieve these results with so few comrades participating we can imagine the field of literature that would be let loose in New York if ALL our comrades were to act as literature distributors and organizers.

Finally, in order to reach our goal of 5,000,000 pieces of literature sold in New York District, we must triple and quadruple our efforts especially in the remaining two months of the contest.

R. FRANKLIN, District Literature Director, Dist. 2.

TUNING IN

8:30-WEAF-Wayne King Orchestra; WOR-Minervitch Harmonica Band; WJZ-Welcome Valley Sketch with Edgar A. Guest

Laughter in Hell

He's Still Waiting An old Berlin resident was waiting patiently for a trolley. A brown-shirted auxiliary policeman sauntered by, paused, and looked the old man over from head to foot.

An hour later, when the cop walked by again, the old man was still patiently waiting. The Nazi sneaked up behind him and bellowed: "Hey you! What are you waiting for all this time?"

The old man guessed the color of the speaker's shirt from the tone of his voice. "I am waiting," he said dryly, "for the socialism Hitler promised us." (From the Illegal SA Liederbuch)

WJZ-Red Trails-Sketch; WABC-Bing Crosby, Songs; Still Orchestra; 9:30-WEAF-Ed Wynn, Comedian; WOR-Gabriel Heister, Commentator; WJZ-Cleveland Orchestra, Arthur Rodzinski, Conductor; WABC-All-Ortiz Orchestra and Chorus, Phil Spitznagel, Conductor; 9:48-WOR-Variety Musicale; 10:00-WEAF-Opera; 10:15-WEAF-Voice of the Stars; 10:30-WEAF-Dance Music; 10:45-WEAF-Talk-Graham McNamee; 11:00-WEAF-News; Noonbeams Trio; WJZ-Sailing Around the World-Morton Clark and Philip E. Carr; WABC-Dance Orchestra; 11:15-WEAF-Jesse Crawford; 11:30-WEAF-Dance Music (Also WOR, WABC, WJZ)



# Hearst Presents 'Socialist' Lang of His Prostitute Army

MANAGING EDITOR OF JEWISH FORWARD STRUTS OUT WITH LATEST LIES ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION

A "SOCIALIST," Harry Lang, managing editor of the Jewish Daily Forward ("Socialist"), is the latest recruit to Hearst's prostitute army.

For years Lang has slandered the Soviet Union in the Jewish press, and allied himself with every white guard enemy of the workers' fatherland. Now he sells his filth to Hearst's New York Journal to bolster up the Hitler-inspired war incitement against the Soviet Union.

Hearst, who last summer dined, supped and caressed with Hitler, Rosenberg, Goering and the other butchers of the German workers and the Jewish people, took up the campaign against the Soviet Union with his especial virulence and poisonous vigor.

Hearst, whom Professor Charles M. Beard declared "no decent person would touch with a ten-foot pole," turns out to be the best company for the spokesmen for the Old Guard leadership of the Socialist Party.

In the spirit of Hearst, the "Socialist" Lang finds no lies too foul, no sensationalism too yellow, no slander against the Soviet Union too dirty for his use to assist the Hitler-Hearst campaign for war against the Soviet Union.

And this man writes as a "friend" of the oppressed Jewish people in the land of Hitler fascism where most of the lies he now peddles were originally concocted and are spread most avidly.

Hearst's own correspondent in Moscow, Lindsay Parrott, was forced to deny the so-called "starvation" stories of a certain unidentified individual by the name of Thomas Walker. But the "Socialist" Lang agrees with Hearst and with Walker one hundred per cent!

Every capitalist correspondent in Moscow—no friends of the Soviet Union—have been forced to deny all of Hearst's slander. But the "Socialist" Lang slanders these correspondents as "untrustworthy." He greets Hearst as the upholder of the "traditions of free American Journalism."

The venom, the hatred of the "Socialist" Lang for the Soviet Union surpasses—if one can conceive of so great a degree of depravity—that of Hitler and Hearst.

Oh, for a Jeremiah, wails Mr. Lang! Oh, for a Hitler to smash the workers' fatherland, to bring Fascism into the country of the victorious proletarian revolution, to re-introduce the pogroms of the days of Czarism! It is to such depths that the "Socialists" of the Jewish Daily Forward have sunk.

And all of these slanderous fabrications gathered from a mysterious Walker, from that pen prostitute Bob Ripley, from the degenerate Emma Goldman, from the counter-revolutionist Trotzky, and now from the "Socialist" Lang—all in service of Adolph Hitler's chief publicity agent in the United States—come at a time when the standard of living of the masses in the Soviet Union is gaining by leaps and bounds. When the bread card system is abolished, when wages go up, when there is and has not been for over five years any

unemployment in the Soviet Union, when the quantity of food produced is 100 per cent above the 1928 figures, this "Socialist" in the pay of a Fascist steps forward to slander the Soviet Union.

Socialists! What have you to say to this man who becomes a lackey of the worst enemy of labor in the United States, William Randolph Hearst? Socialists! Is this the answer of the Old Guard to the Communist appeal for the United Front? Is this the united front with "labor" that the Socialist Right Wing talks about to keep you from joining the united front with the Communists that could win the whole labor movement behind it?

Socialists! Lang and the Old Guard have thrown their lot on the side of the Fascists and the war mongers. They must get your answer. It should be a powerful united front demonstration on May First against all enemies of labor, against hunger, war and Fascism. Drive these Hearst-Hitler lieutenants out of the labor movement!

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### The Rubber Settlement

COLEMAN CLAHERTY and other top leaders of the Rubber Workers Council have forced through a vote in the Goodyear, Goodrich and Firestone locals of the A. F. of L. rubber union accepting the agreement calling off the rubber strike. By preventing the strike at this time, and signing this agreement, these officials have harmed the cause of the rubber workers.

The agreement engineered by the Roosevelt government does not grant the demands of the rubber workers. The company union is not abolished or curbed in any way by the agreement. The companies agree only "to meet with employees and with chosen representatives of any group of employees"—This legalizes the company union.

The agreement includes compulsory arbitration of complaints by a "neutral" board of three. Experience has shown that these "neutral" boards always function for the benefit of the employers.

Not only did the rubber workers fail to get recognition, but they did not win any concessions regarding better wages or better working conditions.

The rubber workers will find that as the provisions of this agreement are applied, it will work out exactly as the agreement (also signed by William Green) in the auto industry worked out. The "neutral" board will mean more speed-up, lower wages, firing of active union members, blacklist, and the entrenching of the company union in the rubber plants.

The lesson of the present swindle of the rubber workers, in which William Green, Claherty and others took part, is that only through the preparation of strike, under control of the rank and file in the local unions, can the rubber workers win anything from the employers.

It is now up to the militant elements in the locals, especially the Communists in the union, to take the initiative in exposing the meaning of the agreement in all its phases, and in the preparation of the rubber workers for strike in order to win their demands.

### Demand H. R. 2827

CONGRESSIONAL sponsors of H. R. 2827, the Workers' Bill, have characterized the Roosevelt "social security" measure as "sixty-pages that grant not one penny of unemployment insurance."

Sweeping as this statement is, it is only half the picture. H. R. 7260, the Roosevelt bill which bears the sponsorship of Wagner-Lewis-Doughton, not only gives nothing in the way of "social security" other than a few beggarly crumbs to the aged and a pittance to the social services, but by the admission of representative spokesmen of the administration, will use its reserves to defray cost of government.

This surely appeals to the Manufacturers' Associations, the Chambers of Commerce and the other bosses' groups.

They will pay the payroll tax, which the bill provides, and then proceed to deduct it from wages and boost the prices of their manufactured goods. Their other taxes will be cut.

Arguments against the Workers' Bill are moss-grown. Roosevelt administration leaders do not even dare to use them. Instead, they limit themselves to the statement that they are "confident" that the (Lundeen) Workers' Bill "can be defeated."

An impressive support of H. R. 2827 has already been rolled up in Congress. Yet these supporters have allied themselves with the Workers' Bill simply because of the mass pressure.

Such pressure can win. Such pressure can force other members into line. Let your Congressmen know that their votes for or against H. R. 2827 will be watched. Demand that they vote against the Roosevelt scheme and actively support H. R. 2827, the genuine unemployment and social insurance bill. Write or telegraph Washington today!

### The Gas Workers' Strike

THE Laclede Co. gas house workers in St. Louis are putting up a stubborn strike in the face of the united efforts of the Morgan controlled company, the city, administration, police, and the fascist gangsters of Ahnert's Detective Agency. The militancy of the strikers, led by the Gas House Workers federal local (A. F. of L.) is increasing.

Now another danger confronts the strikers. The disruptive Trotskyists are attempting to enter the situation with their splitting tactics. Vincent Dunne is reported in St. Louis. The Trotskyists are spreading rumors against the Communists and against the Soviet Union. They are now spreading the white guard lies of Hearst against the workers' fatherland of the U. S. S. R.

The gas house strike in St. Louis can be won only by the complete unity of the rank and file on the basis of a militant fighting policy and with the support of the entire labor movement for the strike.

### Protest I. S. U. Gangsterism

DISTRICT officials of the Atlantic-Gulf district of the International Seamen's Union, with the aid of gangsters and police, continue in possession of the Philadelphia local headquarters following the raid a week ago.

Local officials were removed without even the formality of a trial. A score of the best fighters in the local were arrested. Hiring through the union, established by the local, was destroyed by the raiders, and seamen must once more hire out through the shipping sharks.

Yet the very same gangster officials who carried through this job, have been for years issuing statements and leaflets charging that Communists or former members of the Marine Workers Industrial Union are disrupters.

The seamen can now see who the disrupters are and who really want to build the union. The members of the I. S. U. in Philadelphia only wanted to establish union conditions. But that does not fall in line with the interests of the racketeering district and national officials of the I. S. U.

The I. S. U. is affiliated with the A. F. of L. and all members must view with great alarm the example set in Philadelphia. If the outrage there goes unchallenged, union democracy will be meaningless and a raid on any union by higher officials because its actions are not to their liking will be a common practice in all A. F. of L. unions.

The action of the I. S. U. district officials should be protested in every local and Central Labor Council! An investigation should be demanded immediately!

## Party Life

By CENTRAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT

Three Weeks to May 1 Putting on Steam Recruit New Members

ONLY three weeks remain before May Day, the International Day of Struggle of the working class—three short weeks which must be utilized for the most intensive preparations to make the First of May, 1935, the greatest May Day America has ever seen.

In the short time left, we must intensify our efforts to reach new masses of workers by increasing our agitation in the factories, in the mines, on the docks; by speaking to the organized masses in the trade unions, in the cultural and fraternal organizations. We must issue more leaflets through which we bring to the masses the message of our Party, popularizing the slogans raised in the May Day campaign of 1935. We must make greater efforts to speak from the floor of the various trade unions and other mass organizations; canvass the neighborhoods and reach every worker's family with the Daily Worker, with our leaflets, neighborhood papers. We must show concretely that the demands raised by the Party are the demands of the working class and convince the workers that in their struggle against the attacks of the N. R. A. for workers' rights, for the Social Insurance Bill (H. R. 2827), against war and fascism, in defense of the Soviet Union, the building of a powerful united front movement is an urgent necessity.

Each unit, each fraction, according to the sphere of its activity, must improve its methods of work with the aim of reaching ever wider masses. Now is the moment for each shop nucleus to issue a special shop paper in which the conditions in the factory, the immediate demands of the workers, must be connected with the May Day slogans that embody the main demands of the toiling masses as a whole.

Now is the moment to take a pall of paint pasted and paint our slogan pasters, calling upon the masses to demonstrate on May Day.

Now is the moment to connect the May Day campaign with the strikes already in progress as well as those in preparation. We must especially point out to the organized workers of the A. F. of L. unions that this day of struggle was born in the United States, and while it was officially endorsed by the A. F. of L. at its first convention in 1885 at the time that the struggle for the eight-hour day was initiated, the bureaucrats of the A. F. of L. have now abandoned May Day. Today they are putting obstacles in the path in order to prevent a mighty united front of the toiling masses in their struggles against even greater exploitation, against the fascist process which destroys those workers' rights won by the masses in the course of their struggle and against war and fascism.

While presenting our position to the masses through leaflets, through a wider distribution of the Daily Worker, we must in the next few weeks take additional steps to reach the working masses by arranging special meetings in front of the factories, and on a neighborhood scale. In the large industrial centers, for example, at least two to three meetings should be held in front of the largest factories.

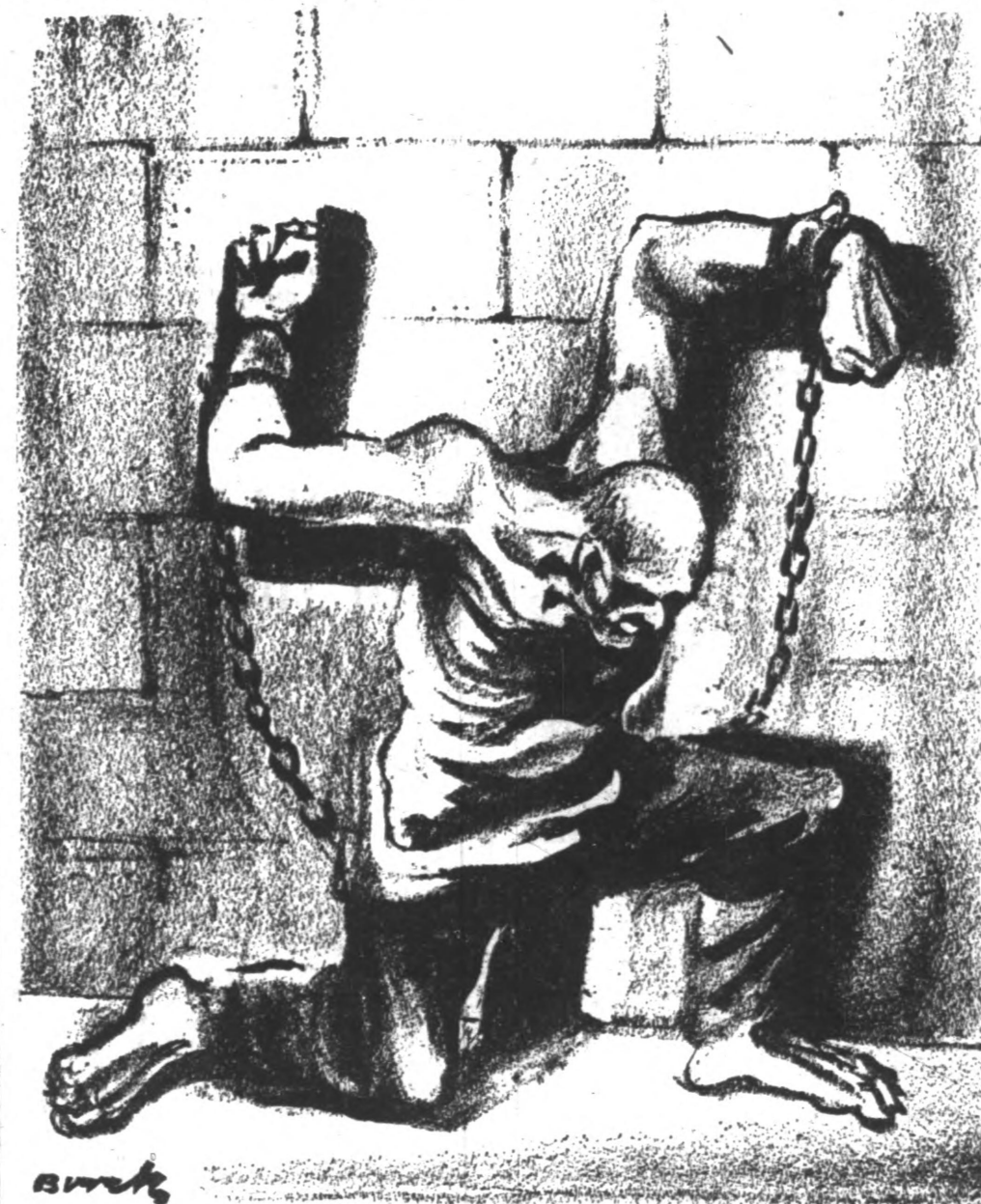
AGAIN we emphasize the necessity of approaching the Socialist workers and the A. F. of L. workers, urging them to build a united front of the toiling masses, in view of the sharp attacks upon the working class movement and upon unionization, to fight the rapidly growing fascist danger and the threatening breakout of a new imperialist world war and intervention against the Soviet Union, the first Socialist state and the bulwark in the fight for the prevention of war.

We know that in many cities the rank and file of the Socialist Party, as well as the rank and file of the A. F. of L. are responding to our united front call. Yet, they are still held back by their leaders. We must point out to them very emphatically that no time can be lost in building the united front as a powerful weapon of struggle which will not only repulse the attacks against the working class, prevent Fascism in the United States, but will forge a mighty united front of the working class in the greater struggle against capitalism.

All leading committees, from the districts down to the unit bureaus must emphasize the importance of recruiting while conducting the May First campaign.

## FREE ERNST THAELMANN!

by Burck



## Letters From Our Readers

'American Guardian' Gives Strike-Breaking Advice

St. Louis, Mo.  
Comrade Editor:  
Recently you printed a letter advocating more exposure of American and his American Guardian. I agree with this idea.

For instance, take the article by one George H. Shoaf, in the April 5 issue, on "Today, the Guardian is Four Years Old," in which the aims and "policies" of the paper are set forth.

Under a large, black-faced sub-head, "Only One Way," Shoaf writes: "Labor strikes, as a rule, can end only in defeat. . . . There is only one way. Through political action, the people must capture the government. When they have won that objective, they can use the full power of government to do anything they desire to do."

Note how this disarms the working class by advising them that all that is necessary is to vote right—thus keeping them from waging day to day struggles against the employers.

CONSTANT READER

N. Y. Times Carries 'Ad' For Stool-Pigeons

Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Comrade Editor:  
The following is a want ad that was put into the male help-wanted section of the New York Times: "INVESTIGATORS for confidential work among foreign population; state past experience, qualifications and languages spoken; must stand closest checking; former government agents or intelligence men preferred."

The Red Builders must remember

Because of the volume of letters received by the Department, we can print only those that are of general interest to Daily Worker readers. However, all letters received are carefully read by the editors. Suggestions and criticisms are welcome and whenever possible are used for the improvement of the Daily Worker.

Note especially, "For confidential work among the foreign population." Is our well-known friend, Mr. Ralph Montgomery Easley, looking for material to start another drive of the Department of Justice to keep tabs on militant foreign-born workers, or is the United States Steel on the hunt for new recruits for its espionage branch. Or could it possibly be Willie R. A. T. Hearst on the look-out for more bait for his dirty sheet. Anyway, readers of the Daily Worker will recognize the spots of the beasts of prey.

L. L.

Editorial in March "Life" Supports H. R. 2827

Newark, N. J.  
Comrade Editor:  
Enclosed you will find very interesting editorial comments from the March issue of "Life" magazine. As far as I know, this is the first time that a capitalist publication has mentioned the Lundeen Bill (Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, H. R. 2827) favorably.

I think that our comrades should write to this magazine, complimenting them on their sensible analysis and for bringing this important bill to thousands of people. It will encourage the editors of "Life" to write on other phases of the workers' struggles in the future. M. C.

Thanks Friends Who Send Him Daily Worker

Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
Comrade Editor:  
Thanks to the thoughtful persons who have been sending me the Daily Worker, already they are out in circulation here.

At present, unemployment keeps me from subscribing to any publication. If ever I have work, I plan to have a daily copy of the Daily Worker.

E. S.

## Required Reading for Every Worker

THE AIM OF IMPERIALIST WAR AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION

IMPERIALIST war against the Soviet Union is open, bourgeois, counter-revolutionary class war against the proletariat. Its principal aim is to overthrow the proletarian dictatorship and to introduce a reign of white-guard terror against the working class and the toilers of all countries. (Resolution of the VI World Congress of the Communist International, July-August, 1928.)

Proletarian democracy, of which Soviet government is one of the forms, has given a development and expansion of democracy hitherto unprecedented in the world, precisely for the vast majority of the population, for the exploited and for the toilers. (The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky, by V. I. Lenin.)

## World Front

By HARRY GANNES

German Workers Speak Through Nazi Barriers "In Many Enterprises"

HITLER does not have much confidence in the outcome of the Nazi factory "confidential council" elections. The Nazi press refuses to publish the complete figures of the fascist-controlled factory elections because they undoubtedly are an overwhelming defeat for the Fascists.

We do not yet have our own returns, factory by factory, from our German comrades. This will come in due time, just as soon as they pass the figures and send it past the Nazi watchdogs at the border. Last year the Daily Worker published detailed figures for many factories, though the Nazis never dared publish the complete results.

This year we are for the moment dependent on capitalist correspondents' cables from Berlin, permitted out by the Hitler regime. But they show plenty.

Hitler knows his fate lies mainly in the hands of the millions of factory workers with their Socialist and Communist organizations, with the growing united anti-fascist front. To give a semblance of "labor representation" the Nazi "German Labor Front" thought up the idea of allowing the workers to vote in each factory for a slate of hand-picked "leaders." These leaders are supposed to be led by the "leader" of the employers. Last year the Nazis own figures showed more than 50 per cent of the workers scratched out the names of the Nazi candidates and included their own representatives.

This year, the results are even more critical for the Nazis because of the ripeness of Hitler's war plans, because of the world spectacle of the Nazi rebuff in Danzig. The Nazis now have the complete returns in their hands of the voting that took place over the week end.

WHY don't they publish the figures? Why doesn't Hitler show the great love which he maintains that the workers have for him? Because the factory council elections this year after the energetic united front campaign of the Communist Party of Germany were even a greater defeat for Hitler than last year.

Take the New York Times report by Otto D. Toltschus, who has more often taken the Nazi view of things than not. His story is headlined "Shop Council Poll a Rebuff to Nazis." The larger the factory, the more important the industry, the greater was the rebuff.

The rebuff came from the war industries, from the proletariat whom Hitler wants to see against the Soviet Union, from the great toiling masses who will be the grave digger of German capitalism and its Fascist ally.

"Angriff," Toltschus informs us, organ of the Nazi "Labor Front" published selected figures, which claimed from 70 to 100 per cent of the votes in selected factories. "Naturally," comments Toltschus, "the Angriff publishes merely the most favorable results, but there are indications in its (1) figures of a considerable number of ballots being scratched, nevertheless."

"FURTHERMORE," continues Mr. Toltschus, "it is known that official tickets were defeated in many enterprises, in some of which old labor leaders, even former Socialists, were elected while Nazi candidates were defeated."

To "prepare" for the elections, the Fascists carried on a veritable mass pogrom against the Communists, holding mass trials against them to terrorize the workers.

But what must have been the real voice of the German workers showing through the tremendous barriers of a Nazi factory election! Overcoming terror, facing the danger of death or the concentration camps, breaking through the Nazi election watchers, right through the chief Nazi organ, Angriff, (the fact cannot be hidden that Hitler received a tremendous rebuff in his own factory elections!)

The German proletariat has again spoken so that even the deafest Nazi scoundrel can hear. "Down with German Fascism!" is its cry. "Down with the war plans of Hitler!" "For the united front of the proletariat in its revolutionary battles against the enemy!" Smashing through the Fascist terror the German workers will let their voice of international solidarity be heard this May Day. Let them hear ours in one united May Day demonstration of Socialists and Communists.