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## BIG RESPONSE TO CALL FOR STRIKE OF BEET WORKERS

Agricultural Workers Union Leads Fight Against Wage Cuts

Expect Early Victory  
Many Mexican and Filipino Workers Involved

DENVER, Colo., May 20.—Five strikers were arrested in Greeley yesterday, released and re-arrested and held without charges. Seven more jailed in La Junta in beginning of a vicious terror campaign. Ten thousand answered the strike call.

An urgent appeal for food and tents is being made especially for the 2,000 strikers on ten colonies near La Junta. Rush relief at once to United Front Relief Committee, 2736 Lawrence Street, Denver, Colo.

(By Federated Press)  
DENVER, Colo., May 15.—A strike of the beet workers in the states of Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska, has been called by the Agricultural Workers Union of the Trade Union Unity League, taking effect May 16 at 10 a. m.

These workers, who are mostly Mexican but include Russo-German and Filipinos, have been exploited bitterly for years. During the days of prosperity for the sugar companies, when the Great Western Sugar Co. was averaging 45% on the investment over a period of 20 years, these workers were averaging less than \$600 a year a family. This year they are offered a third less and they are ready to fight against the cut.

**TERROR STRATS**  
Immigration officials under the direction of Sec. of Labor William N. Doak, former labor official, have already started strikebreaking deportation arrests. Mr. and Mrs. Herrera have been held for deportation, he to Spain and she to Mexico. John Bojinhoff has been jailed for deportation to Bulgaria and a Greek worker named Koltis has been arrested. Since most of the beet workers are foreign-born, and many of them will see their families divided as in the Herrera case, this is planned as a severe blow against the strike. But since native-born workers will not do beet work because of the difficulty, long hours and small pay, it is pointed out here that the arrests may cause an exodus from the district which will make beet raising impossible.

The beet workers are hired by the farmers rather than by the companies, but the companies fix their pay and fix the price of beets in proportion to their pay. Therefore the companies join with the farmers in beating down the pay.

**EXPECT EARLY VICTORY**  
The beet workers contract to handle so many acres of beets, depending on the size of their families—the more children the more acres. Then they put every child big enough to stand up into the fields from dawn to dark and drive them to thin the beets in the spring and top them in the fall. During the summer they hoe the crop, too. For the two weeks beginning May 16, the workers' families would every possible hour, were there no strike, crawling on hands and knees along the rows. With his right hand holding a short-handled hoe, the thinner cuts out the beets so that a half dozen are standing  
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## Plan Wage Cuts for Seattle Employees by Cutting Hours

SEATTLE, Wash., May 18.—A six-hour day for all city employees other than in the Fire, Police and Street Railway Departments was proposed today by two councilmen in an effort to cut city government costs.

The councilmen, John E. Carroll and W. C. Webster asked corporation counsel A. C. Von Solen to prepare an ordinance embracing their proposal.

## Fight Eviction in Sacramento; Six Workers Arrested

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 17.—"This is a case of class war and class prejudice. We are political prisoners. I ask that we all be released on our own recognizance and not be required to put up bail."

This is what F. W. Holmes of the Unemployed Council, speaking for himself and five other workers, told Police Judge W. J. Gallagher, who held them under \$100 bail each following their arrest in an eviction demonstration. Trial date was set for June 8.

Several hundred workers had gathered in front of a house at 1218 Seventh Street, with the intention of replacing the furniture of the evicted worker.

The capitalist press, seeking to aid the landlords in framing up the arrested workers, are busy concocting fantastic tales about "overhearing reports" about "blowing up the house, etc."

Undaunted by these methods, the Unemployed Council, in a statement following the arrests declared that it would continue to lead the struggle against evictions and for relief for the jobless.

## JAPAN FASCISTS MOVE FOR POWER

Aim to Speed War Against Soviet Union

TOKIO, May 19.—Flatly stating that they will refuse to tolerate the formation of any cabinet not dominated by the military clique, Minister of War, Suzuki, and General Sadao Araki continued their efforts toward the formation of a so-called "Super-Party" to take over the government.

Both Suzuki and Araki are members of a fascist organization known as the Kokuhunsha, one of the most reactionary in the country and with a history of terrorist acts similar to the assassination of Premier Inukai by a band of officers three days ago.

The Japanese authorities are trying to suppress reports of mutinies in the army and navy by sailors and soldiers protesting against the latest campaign of terror by the officers and generals.

Danger of an immediate attack on the Soviet Union through Manchuria was seen, should the fascists succeed in establishing a military dictatorship.

Tokio, Yokohama and all large cities resemble armed camps with civil guards patrolling all main thoroughfares.

**CLASHES IN MANCHURIA**

HARBIN, May 18.—Repeated clashes between the Japanese army of invasion and independent guerrilla bands of workers and peasants are reported from Kirin province in the northeast of Manchuria and along the South Manchuria Railway—also in the Sungari region.

The peasant detachments are using hide-and-seek tactics to great advantage against the superior  
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## MASKED, ARMED GANG TAKES FOUR JACKSON GOLD MINERS 'FOR RIDE'

Midnight Kidnaping Seen as Part of Drive to Smash Union, Party Activities

JACKSON, Cal., May 14.—Brandishing revolvers, a group of masked men, understood to be Legionnaires, invaded the rooms of three gold miners living in the Sutter Creek boarding house at 2:30 a. m., dragged them from their beds into waiting cars, mauling them badly.

The three workers, Andrew Brandic, John Poul and Harry Bridgewater were blindfolded, their hands tied from behind, tape placed across their mouths and brought across the county line. To this spot a fourth worker, Oscar Gruter, was brought who was picked up earlier at the Glabe Hotel in Jackson.

A message to the local press boasted that "a number of members of the Amador County Post of the American Legion" were among the kidnapers. They justified the mob action on the ground that the following was found in their rooms: "Party Organizer," the Western Worker, and a letter announcing the District School in San Francisco.

**THREATEN WORKERS**  
On the way to the county line,  
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## RICHARD MOORE, MOTHER MOONEY BEGIN NEW TOUR

Big Meeting in Polk Hall, San Francisco, Tues. Eve., May 24th

Other Meets Follow  
Fight to Free Tom Mooney, Scottsboro Boys

A large number of mass meetings thruout California will open the national tour of Mother Mooney and Richard B. Moore, Negro working class leader of New York. The meetings arranged jointly by the International Labor Defense and the Tom Mooney Molders Defense Committee will be followed by dates in various parts of the country and prelude to the European tour which Mother Mooney will make on behalf of her son, now serving his sixteenth year in San Quentin.

With Moore as the chief speaker, a capacity crowd is expected at the indoor demonstration arranged at Polk Hall, Civic Center, for Tuesday evening, May 24, at 8 o'clock. Mother Mooney will bring a message from her imprisoned son.

The meeting will protest the brazen decision of Governor Rolph, and the murderous verdict of the Alabama state supreme court, condemning the seven innocent Negro Scottsboro boys to die in the electric chair. A feature of the evening will be a mass Scottsboro-Mooney chant, directed by the John Reed Club of San Francisco.

"As a result of the mass pressure organized by the I. L. D. and the Communist Party," a statement by the I. L. D. says, "the Alabama court was compelled to grant a stay of execution until June 24. This court is now blocking the appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court, which does not meet until October, by denying a further stay. This shows clearly the bosses' determination to legally murder the Scottsboro boys. Together with the Mooney Molders Defense Committee, the I. L. D. calls upon all San Francisco workers to fill Polk Hall on the 24th, and to support all other meetings, in the campaign to free Mooney, the Scottsboro boys and all class-war prisoners."

**MEETINGS IN MANY CITIES**

The California meetings will bring forth the fight for the repeal of the vicious Criminal Syndicalist laws, the prevention of deportation of Horuchi, and the victimization of Carl Sklar, two of the Imperial Valley prisoners convicted with six others to 42 years in Folsom for leading the agricultural workers' strike in 1930.

From California, Mother Mooney and Moore will proceed to cover the following cities: Portland, May 28; Seattle, May 30; Spokane, June 2; Great Falls, Mon., June 6; Dakotas, June 8, 9, 10, 11. From there the tour will extend thru Minnesota, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, W. Virginia and Pennsylvania.

**PARADE IN OAKLAND**

Following the refusal of both Chief of Police Drew and City Manager Carr to authorize a permit for Scottsboro automobile parade, the Oakland city council by a vote  
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# NEARLY 30,000 VOTERS PETITION TO PUT COMMUNIST PARTY ON BALLOT; EXCEED QUOTA; FIGHT IN SANTA ROSA



## May Day Scenes in West

Upper Left—Pioneers in the Seattle parade in which 6,000 workers participated. Upper Right—Mother Mooney and San Darcy, Communist Party district organizer, speaking at the Civic Center, San Francisco. Lower Center—Part of the crowd at the Phoenix, Ariz. demonstration. Lower Right—Section of the crowd at the May Day demonstration in the City Hall park, Fresno, Calif.

## 90-DAY JAIL TERM IS GIVEN FEINGOLD

Leader of 'Frisco Jobless Is Railroaded

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Jeremiah Feingold, a San Francisco worker active in the Unemployed Council, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Lazarus to serve 90 days in the county jail following a "trial" lasting barely three hours. He conducted his own defense.

He immediately announced an appeal, and after spending several hours in the city jail, Feingold was released on \$500 cash bail posted by the International Labor Defense.

**JUDGE OFFERS "DEAL"**

Feingold was arrested April 1 with two other workers, Hougardy and Danforth, when they appeared at the Associated Charities with 14 families seeking relief. The trials of Hougardy and Danforth will be held later.

The following week Feingold was "taken for a ride" by plainclothesmen and viciously slugged.

After Judge Lazarus sentenced Feingold he tried to make a "deal," saying that he would cut the sentence to 30 days if the International Labor Defense would promise not to appeal the case. Feingold contemptuously rejected this offer, and said he wanted "no bargains."

**COURT PACKED**

Following the procedure established during the past few weeks, the court was "packed" with hungry workers from the soup lines who had been given ten cents each at the City Registration Bureau on  
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## Terror, No Union, Defeats Strike of 1,500 in San Mateo

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—In a spontaneous strike, 1,500 pea pickers of Halfmoon Bay, San Mateo county, walked out yesterday, demanding an increase from 44 cents a bag to 75 cents, last year's scale. The strikers were mainly Filipinos, Porto Ricans, Portuguese and Mexican workers.

The ranch owners immediately mobilized police and deputy sheriffs from Redwood City and San Mateo county, who arrived with sub-machine and riot guns and tear gas bombs. Aimed to justify a reign of terror, San Francisco capitalists papers carried fake stories about strikers "rioting."

The police issued an ultimatum to the strikers to return to work at the current scale or be driven from the county. Unorganized, and with no leadership, the workers were intimidated back to their jobs after a brave stand.

Realizing their inability to stage a fight while unorganized, the once to lay the basis for struggle.

A committee from the Filipino camp met with Mexican and Porto Rico camps to discuss ways and workers say they will begin at means of smashing the deportation and police terror inspired by Cunya, the leading contractor. It was decided to form a mass union of all workers regardless of race under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League. An organizer of the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, which is affiliated with the T. U. U. L., is now in the field, and a program of partial demands for the camps are being worked out.

## YOUTH ANTI-WAR MEET ON MAY 30

Demonstrations Backed by Counter-Olympic

With the meeting of Northern National Youth Day Committee on May 12, final plans were made for the demonstration against war on May 30, in Oakland, Cal.

The demonstration will start from 7th and Peralta, in the Negro section of town to 7th and Broadway, over to 10th, down 10th to Jefferson, where a short meeting will be held in Jefferson Park. Trucks will then take the delegates out to Sport Field at Oakland Technical High at 42nd and Broadway.  
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## PRESIDENT OF SANTA ROSA LABOR COUNCIL BACKS COMMUNIST PARTY

Raps Boss Parties, Tells Why He Signed Petition, in Signed Letter

SANTA ROSA, Cal., May 16.—Vigorously putting forward the reasons why he signed the petition to place the Communist Party on the ballot in California, Jack Green, president of the Central Labor Council of Santa Rosa, in a letter published in the Sonoma County Labor Journal, denounces threats of intimidations made by local bosses and their political henchmen.

The letter, which carries the heading, "Why I Signed the Petition," follows:

I have been criticized and threatened (behind my back, of course), for signing one of the

## Vigorous Demonstration for Communist Program; So. California Leads

Delegates Enroute to Nominating Convention in Chicago; Foster Will Tour West

Indicating the wide support for the Communist Party thruout the state, nearly 30,000 registered voters have signed their names to petitions to place the Party on the ballot in the coming primaries in August in a thunderous demonstration in favor of the whole Communist program of struggle—against imperialist war, for the defense of the Soviet Union and China, against wage-cuts, speed-up, for the Unemployment Insurance Bill.

## SONOMA OFFICIALS TRY TO FRAME UP MILITANT WORKER

'Perjury' is Charge Made for Activity in Signature Drive

SANTA ROSA, Cal., May 17.—Revealing completely the sham of capitalist "democracy," officials of Sonoma county are attempting to frame up a militant worker, Thomas Bertino in an attempt to terrorize those who have signed the petition to place the Communist Party on the ballot in California.

**BEAT FIRST CHARGE**

Bertino has been arrested and charged with "perjury" on complaint of District Attorney E. J. Dole following an attempt to send the worker to San Quentin for two years on a felony charge of "obtaining the signatures thru fraud." So instantaneous was the protest of the workers that the authorities were forced to dismiss this charge when a hearing was held on May 12 before Judge Fulwider. The courtroom and corridors were crowded with sympathetic workers.

The first charge of fraud was concocted on the ground that Bertino had said that only the Communist Party thru its program, could provide genuine relief and work for the unemployed.

**PUBLISH NAMES**

The attempted frame-up of Bertino is seen as the first step in a statewide drive to keep the Communist Party off the ballot despite the fact that it has obtained far more than the required number of names of registered voters.

The drive of the bosses of Sonoma county began with the rejection of 87 of the 89 names filed on petitions, hiding behind the most obvious technical subterfuges. At the same time, in an effort to intimidate the workers who had signed the petition, the newspapers published the complete list which they had obtained from the county clerk.  
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This is twice the number of signatures required by law, 14,500 names being demanded, and 7,000 more than the quota set at the beginning of the drive by the Communist Party campaign committee of District 13.

**13,000 IN LOS ANGELES**

Southern California (Los Angeles section) led in the signature drive, 13,000 registered voters thus showing their opposition to boss terror typified by the notorious "Red Squad" which has been making almost daily raids on working-class organizations.

In the San Francisco section 8,000 names were obtained. 3,000 names rolled up in the Oakland section, and 1,000 in San Jose, where the quota set was only 250. About 100 signaures in San Jose were those of members of the American Federation of Labor.

Exact figures are not yet available from smaller centers in the northern and central parts of the state.

While hailing the signature campaign as a great achievement, the District Campaign committee pointed out that workers must prepare to wage a sharp fight to prevent state officials from keeping the Party off the ballot.

**FIGHT ON IN SANTA ROSA**

The committee called attention to the situation in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, where the local authorities have refused to accept the signatures on purely technical grounds, have instituted a campaign of intimidation, against workers, publishing their names in the press, and are trying to frame up one worker, Thomas Bertino, on a charge of perjury.

The action of the Sonoma county officials was taken despite the express provision in the California election laws declaring that "in no case shall failure to comply with some technical formality negate the intention of the signer of the petition."

Warned by the situation there, workers thruout the state are preparing a stiff fight to compel the placing of the Party on the ballot. Mass meetings, protests and demonstrations are being prepared. Workers are urged to rush protests at once to Sanborn, county clerk of Sonoma county, Santa Rosa, Cal.

**DELEGATES TO CHICAGO**

While California is swinging into action in the state campaign with the Communist program, five delegates are now on their way to Chicago, for the National Nominating Convention on May 28 and 29. William Z. Foster is the proposed candidate for president of the U. S. and James W. Ford, Negro worker, is the proposed candidate for vice-president.

Immediately after the convention, Foster and Ford leave for a national speaking tour, Foster's national speaking tour. Foster's tour follows:

Dakotas, June 10-13; Butte, June 15; Spokane, June 17; Seattle, June 19; Tacoma, June 20; Portland, June 21; San Francisco, June 23; Oakland, June 24; Los Angeles, June 26; San Diego, June 27; Phoenix, June 29; Salt Lake, July 1; Denver, July 3; Omaha, July 5-6; Fort Worth, July 8; Oklahoma City, July 9; Kansas City, July 10.









EDITORIAL COLUMN

FIRST VICTORY IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

As we go to press we have reports that almost 30,000 signatures of registered voters were secured on the petition list to put the Communist Party on the ballot.

This is the first great victory of the California workers and farmers in the current election campaign. The 30,000 citizens who signed have given a tremendous answer to the bosses' attempts to suppress and outlaw the Communist Party.

FIGHT NOT OVER

The fight to get on the ballot is not over, however. Only 14,500 signatures are required by law, and over 30,000 are being filed. However, if one is to judge from what is happening in Sonoma County, the fight has only begun.

When the workers in Santa Rosa and Petaluma, the two leading towns in Sonoma County tried to hold mass meetings to protest this intimidation, the police forced the hall owners to cancel the rental agreement for which they had already accepted deposits.

In contrast to this crawling we cite the fine, militant stand of Jack Green, the president of the Central Trades Council of Santa Rosa who not only refused to withdraw his signature from the Communist Party petition, but wrote a letter challenging the intimidators.

CAPITALIST "DEMOCRACY"

The action of the Sonoma County officials exposes the fake which is capitalist democracy. Workers have a right to vote so long as they vote capitalist but when they want to nominate their own candidates then all the forces of terror are loosed against them.

Workers of California! Stand on your guard! At the first sign of any attempt to nullify the expressed wish of the 30,000 voters to put the Communist Party on the ballot, you must organize tremendous demonstrations of protest and force the arrogant election bureaucrats who represent the bosses to honor the petition submitted by militant labor.

PLAIN WORDS ON FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

At least twice as many western workers participated in May Day demonstrations this year as last. Cities such as Phoenix, Ariz., and San Diego, Cal., which never saw a militant May Day procession before saw hundreds and thousands march the streets under Communist leadership.

Already we have won many victories. The bosses would never have appropriated 10% of the sums that they did for relief were it not for the bitter struggles led by the Communist Party in the face of unparalleled police brutality.

"Mixed with this situation (unemployment and hunger is the element of a Communist threat which is well known to be growing in the community, which was THE MAJOR ELEMENT in calling for immediate relief to avert possible demonstrations such as has been recorded in other cities of the country."

This frank admission on the part of a capitalist newspaper will teach every intelligent worker a lesson. Only by militant mass action, under the leadership of the Communist Party can we win even the smallest improvement in our conditions.

To further the fight against hunger we must strengthen the Communist Party.

Workers and Farmers! Join NOW!

WORKERS' LIVES AND A "GOOD SHIP"

What workers have to expect in the next war is already seen by the ruthless disregard for human life with which preparations for imperialist war are now being made.

The particular case in point is the arrival of the "Akron" from the East. A completely inexperienced crew of men was put on the job in San Diego to land the huge dirigible. Experienced landing men were not sent from the East, in order to save money.

Soldiers and sailors now in the armed forces and workers who will soon be conscripted into the armed forces for imperialist attack, should learn the lesson that they will be continued to be treated with such contempt as was shown in the Akron-San Diego incident unless they organize to fight against such conditions.

"ASK MORE FUNDS FOR ARMY AND NAVY" (News Item)



"War Funds for Unemployed?"—"Sure, if this were \$6,000,000 worth of sausage. . . ."

Marine Workers' Struggles and Pacific

Recent war developments in the Far East have brought to the fore the geographical and political importance of the Pacific coast of the United States.

BOSSSES KNOW ROLE OF PACIFIC The importance of the Pacific is clearly understood by American imperialism. What that section, represented by the ship-owners, thinks is found in the official journal of the Pacific Steamship owners' Association.

"The Pacific coast is to be the arena of the world's great future progress in trade. The United States, on her Pacific coast, has strategic entrance to this arena and should do her utmost to make that entrance as useful as possible.

MILITARY BASES From the military standpoint the Pacific coast has not been neglected, and particularly in recent years has the U. S. war machine been concentrated there.

From the military standpoint the Pacific coast has not been neglected, and particularly in recent years has the U. S. war machine been concentrated there. Not only are there naval bases at all strategic points, San Pedro, San Francisco, (Mare Island Shipyard), Seattle, (Bremington Navy Yard), but there is the Army, Navy and Marine Corps air field at San Diego and the dirigible field at Sunnyvale, San Francisco.

SHIPS FOR WAR SERVICE The Merchant Navy—ships built under the Jones White act—on the Pacific coast is fully prepared for the immediate transport of thousands of troops. The following are the main steamship companies having an average of ten ships each in commission with a high speed of 18 knots, and have been built and reconstructed for war service: Dollar Line, Matson Line, LASSCO and its subsidiary, the Admiral Line.

Military Concentration; Fight for Conditions, Against War, Led by M. W. I. U.

Luckenbach and the American Hawaiian Line, Grace Line and United Fruit Company.

It is further to be observed that the Naval Reserve is being pushed more sharply on the Pacific Coast. In San Pedro the Marine Service Bureau (Fink Hall) is being used as a recruiting station.

The Longshoremen have one local of the I. L. A. in Tacoma and the company union Longshoremen's Association (Blue Book outfit) in San Francisco.

Until recent years the Pacific Coast had been noted for better wages and conditions than the Atlantic Coast.

SPY SYSTEM The Pacific Steamship Owners Association's Marine Service Bureau, commonly known as Fink Hall, employs a formidable force of stool-pigeons.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 18.—The spring months have failed to support the contention of the capitalists of the Northwest that a spring revival in business and trade was assured, according to an analysis just made by the Communist Party, Dist 12, in its recent Plenum report.

On the contrary, it was pointed out, the number of unemployed is greater now than at the beginning of January. A decided drop in the lumber industry has taken place, the analysis reveals.

SLUMP IN LUMBER "In December, 1931, operations in the lumber industry were 27% of capacity as compared with 44% for the same month in 1930. On April, reports show production to be down to 24% of capacity as compared with 40% for the same period last year.

SEAMEN ON BEACH In transportation there has been a decided drop in exports, reflected in the mass of unemployed seamen and longshoremen.

and unemployed. Two steamschooner sailors (non-union) who participated in the State Hunger March were later called into the office of the Fink Hall and accused of being "Red" and blacklisted.

The Fink Halls also work in conjunction with the Immigration Department, and have deported hundreds of militant sailors since 1924.

At present the Marine Workers Industrial Union has only one headquarters on the Pacific Coast at San Francisco, but there are delegates in San Pedro, Tacoma and Portland.

In line with the national resolution of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, a program of action has been drawn up which calls for the following points of concentration for the development of struggle: (1) Stockton rivermen; (2) Tacoma longshoremen; (3) Lumber ports, that is steamschoonermen.

READY TO MEET TASKS As far as the seamen are concerned, the campaign among the steamschoonermen is based on the fact that they are more severely affected by wage cuts and also because they still have a measure of skill and traditions of trade unionism.

THE WORLD AND THE FLESH —Paramount production at Fox West Coast Theatres. The old trick of falsifying by lifting a quotation out of the surrounding paragraph which gave its meaning is, when applied to films, probably more effective than the usual method of shouting lies until their preposterous character is self-evident.

—BY KIRBY.



BATTLE IN THE BARNYARD—

By Helen Kay, with illustrations by Juanita Preval. Workers' Library Publishers. At all workers' bookshops. \$50

A book for workers' children has at last appeared to help combat the mass anti-workingclass stories that the bosses put out to corrupt the worker's child.

The stories are all based on the class struggle and are designed not only to interest the child, but also to make him see the necessity of his taking an active part in the class struggle.

Each of the seven short stories—Bread, High Hat Ants, Us Alley Kids, Battle in the Barnyard, Strike Secret, The Island Across the Lake, and A Night's Adventure bring out the character of the class struggle.

The book should be made available particularly to the American-born children of foreign-born workers. It fills a long-felt need. The children of our movement have literally been cheated by being deprived of class struggle literature of interest to them.

Our children are too often won away from us by the lurid reading matter put out by the capitalist class. We have neglected so far to give them a healthy substitute.

Capitalism is a system of wage slavery.—The Communist Party fights for the overthrow of Capitalism. Join the Communist Party.

TOWARD THE SOVIET AMERICA

By Wm. Z. Foster, Communist candidate for president. On sale at all Workers Bookstores.

The purpose of this book "is to explain to the oppressed and exploited workers and poor farmers how they can best protect themselves now, and in due season cut their own way out of the capitalist jungle to Socialism."

The contrast between the building of Socialism in the Workers' Republics and the sharp decline of capitalism throughout the rest of the world with its consequent mass starvation and misery, the answers to the many problems which face the workers today, Foster analyzes the structure and crisis of capitalist society and shows the revolutionary way out.

"Soviet America" will be invaluable in clearing up the minds of many workers, fooled by smoke-screen issues, in the coming elections.

Stalin's "Leninism" in New Edition to Be Published Soon

LENINISM, by Joseph Stalin, the English edition of which has been out of print for some time, will again be available shortly in a new edition put out by International Publishers.

The book contains "Problems of Leninism" and "Foundations of Leninism" which is a systematic presentation of the theory and practice of Leninism.

MOVIE REVIEWS

THE VILLAGE OF SIN—Sovkino Production. Workers Films Distribution.

Too few of the pictures coming from the Soviet Union deal with the important, new, free role woman has assumed in the socialist order. In "The Village of Sin," however, this is the central theme.

"Village of Sin" is the first Sovkino production directed by a woman and shows through the truthfulness of characterization and the manner in which the episodes are handled, the correctness of the choice.

In San Francisco "The Village of Sin" will be shown at California Hall, Polk and Turk Sts., the night of Saturday, June 4th.

THE WORLD AND THE FLESH

The old trick of falsifying by lifting a quotation out of the surrounding paragraph which gave its meaning is, when applied to films, probably more effective than the usual method of shouting lies until their preposterous character is self-evident.

for the first time we find a Hollywood story of the Russian revolution with a Bolshevik hero, George Bancroft is leader (not head of a committee, tho) of sailors of the famous Baltic cruiser "Aurora," and unless one is a worker who understands discipline he is a realistic character, tho apparently he fought for booze and women, with the freedom of the proletariat only of secondary importance.

These activities are, under the circumstances, first-degree treason, and when such gross dereliction from duty results in the loss of the city and his own capture one realizes, as "Aurora" sailors would have realized, that this is no revolutionary leader but a man to be shot.

But does Hollywood permit its heroes to be punished, especially one who for six reels has been a brave, "human" character with a contagious laugh for the pettiness of the White Guard elements? Of course not! And thus they cover up the real reasons for the revolution and revive, at the climax of a sensual sequence, the exploded lie of thirteen years ago about nationalization of women.

Of course not. Up-spring the movie version of the "Aurora" sailors—White Russian emigres, incidentally—who demand his freedom and ignoring the court, which has authority over them as well, march off with their leader and his woman, a gang of likeable singing adventurers, but in no sense revolutionary troops. As basically false as comic opera, nevertheless its sinister propaganda gets over through the fact films give a sense of reality and in this instance pretend to historic accuracy.