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## Dressmakers! Vote Progressive!

### PROGRESSIVE RECORD DESERVES SUPPORT OF LOCAL 22 DRESSMAKERS

TO ALL DRESSMAKERS OF LOCAL 22, I.L.G.W.U.  
Comrades and fellow-workers:

The fundamental issue that confronts you in the coming elections in your Local is one that goes beyond your immediate union problems, important as they are; it is an issue of direct and vital concern to the whole labor movement. For the decision that you will be called upon to make within the next few days is the choice between progressive, class conscious unionism on the one hand, and systematic disruption and demoralization, tricked out in high-sounding phrases, on the other.

### THE RECORD OF THE PROGRESSIVES

The Progressive administration of your Local comes to you with a record of years of achievement in the face of great difficulties. It took over a union, small and weak, in the midst of the worst crisis the country has ever seen; it took over an organization beset by bitter enemies, within and without. Thru its militancy, determination and devotion, it has built up a powerful union, led a great general strike to victory, won and defended notable gains for the dressmakers. Under its progressive leadership, your union has aroused the administration of every healthy and forward-looking force in the trade union movement. Your union was the first to raise and champion a genuinely working class viewpoint on the NRA, a viewpoint to which great masses of workers are now turning as a result of years of bitter experience with the "New Deal." Your union has never been found wanting when called upon to give its support to any progressive cause on the economic, social or political field.

Your militant policies and democratic methods have given hope and courage to thousands of workers in other unions who are following your lead. Your union has become the very center of progressive thought and action throughout the country, a model for the entire trade union movement.

### WHAT IS THIS ALLIANCE?

All this you have achieved under your Progressive administration. Today this administration is the target of a

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### PROGRESSIVE TOPS SHOE LIST IN TIGHT RACE

BOSTON, Mass.—Unofficial returns in the national elections of the United Shoe and Leather Workers Union, indicate that Israel Zimmerman, outstanding progressive, has been elected to the post of General Organizer (equivalent to national President).

The unofficial tabulation for the four candidates are as follows: Zimmerman 2,484; Ford 2,329; Mackesy 1,704 and Grattan 532.

George Wilson, progressive Secretary-Treasurer of the union, has been reelected with a majority of about 700 votes. Practically all members of the General Executive Board have been reelected.

### Knit Goods Workers in Solidarity Picket



The Joint Council of Knitgoods Workers is picketing the New York display rooms of the Malden Knitting Mills in a display of solidarity with the striking workers of Malden, Mass.

Two hundred workers in Malden have been on strike since March 7, demanding a flat 25% increase and a 36 hour week. Strikers report conditions in the Malden mill as unbearable. Workers

have been toiling for four to seven dollars a week, being forced to tend as many as twelve machines.

The Joint Council sent its educational director, Jesse Lane, to Malden to aid the strikers and to carry fraternal greetings from the workers of New York. The Malden strikers greeted this demonstration of solidarity enthusiastically.

### COMMUNIST WORKERS! BREAK THE CHAINS OF THIS UNHOLY ALLIANCE

TO THE MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS OF THE  
COMMUNIST PARTY:

Comrades and fellow-workers:

Every group in the labor movement is judged partly by what it says and writes but more so by what it does. The elections in Local 22 and in other unions have brought forward certain deeds which challenge every concept of revolutionary or militant unionism, which challenge even the most elementary concept of honest, simple trade unionism.

Blinded by factional hatred, the Communist Party and the "Left" groups which it influences have entered upon a thoroughly disgraceful course of alliances with the most discredited cast-offs in the trade unions. To what purpose is this done? What revolutionary working-class aim is served by these mad ventures? The reason given is the necessity to defeat, at all costs, the Progressive administrations in a number of unions. To accomplish this, the "Left" groups are ready to unite "with the very devil himself."

### WHO ARE YOUR PARTNERS?

In Paterson, the "Rank and File" group, supported by the Communist Party and its press, openly allied itself in a block with the most reactionary elements, supporters of McMahon, for the purpose of ousting the Progressive administration led by Eli Keller.

In Local 22, your leaders of the Communist Party and the "Left" group have forced you into an alliance with the "Club" and the "Active" group. Need we tell you who these are? You know that these are the elements once ousted from the union as thoroughly corrupt. Among your partners and allies of today are the bosses and contractors of yesterday. The Daily Worker and the Freiheit may shout and rant that Zimmerman is for "a united front with the reactionaries" but you know better. Look around you when you gather in joint meetings with the "Club" and the "Active" boys and tell us—do you feel at home? Who is uniting with reactionaries and discredited union politicians?

We ask you to look around and to tell yourselves whether or not your conscience as Communists and revolutionary workers does not revolt against this miserable swamp into which your leaders have pushed you.

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## BUROCRATIC RULE CAUSES ELECTION BOYCOTT BY PROGRESSIVE TAILORS

The Amalgamated Progressive Circle has decided not to participate in the elections in Local 25 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. We have therefore withdrawn our candidates from the ballot. This we have done in protest against the manner in which the administration is conducting the elections.

It is well known among the tailors that in Local 25, elections have become a farce. Even before nominations are made certain people are already "elected." So it was in the past and it is no better now. The March 6 nomination meeting offers a good example of such "elections."

Immediately after nominations were made an Election and Objection Committee was to be elected. Immediately someone, who was primed for this purpose, arose and proposed that the chairman appoint such a committee. A quick yes and no vote and of course the proposal was declared carried. Upon which the chairman pulled out of his pocket a previously prepared list and began to read off the names of the Committee. Of course the names were all of their own people on whom they could rely. When we proposed that a committee of the labor movement supervise the elections the chairman even refused to entertain the motion.

Our candidates appearing before the Elections and Objections Committee made the same proposal and were again ignored. A committee of candidates then proceeded to see Brother Schlossberg general, secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated, and submitted the same request. The answer of Schlossberg was that there was nothing he could do about it and referred us to the Joint Board. In other words we were sent back to the people who were practicing these things that we object to.

Considering these facts we decided to withdraw our candidates and not to participate in the "elections." Why should we help to fool the tailors? They are already in plenty of trouble and to add ridicule by calling on them to participate in a fake election is criminal.

In connection with the aforementioned nomination meeting another fact will bring out how much democracy there is in the union.

The Executive Board of Local 25 proposed that officers be elected for a two-year term. The excuse was that we must establish "responsibility," as Brother

Hollander said. Before we elected officers for one year and they remained in office two years. This, he said, was irresponsible. But when officers will be elected for two years and will remain for no more than two years, it is responsibility.

We of the Progressive Circle energetically fought against this recommendation. We maintain that it is unconstitutional. The constitution provides for one year terms for all officers except the General officers. We are generally opposed to two-year terms especially in the case of people who like to lengthen their own term of office. Altho a majority of the members voted against the proposal of the Executive the chairman and the manager nevertheless succeeded in counting 340 for the motion and 94 against. This aroused great resentment and when we demanded a recount the manager arose and stated that we were entitled to it but it should not be done because the chairman is an honest man and his word should be taken. So it remained—we got no recount.

So the tailors again got a dose of union democracy!

With trade union greetings,  
AMALGAMATED PROGRESSIVE  
CIRCLE  
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### EDITORIAL COMMENT

We have printed this statement altho we disagree with the actions of the Progressive Group. Granted that all that you say is the gospel truth, and from what we know of the bureaucracy in the A.C.W., the case is understated rather than overstated—granted all that, what has been accomplished by abstaining, by boycotting the elections? How do you expect the workers to express their resentment and opposition to the bureaucratic regime in the A.C.W.? How, if not by voting against the machine candidate and for a progressive list? What other way is there to rally the tailors? This you have not answered in your statement.

We can easily understand your action—it is a sign of despair and that is not so good for militant, constructive fighters in the unions. However, the last battle has not yet been fought. We are certain that with better organization the Progressives will come back in coming elections to deliver a death blow to these bureaucrats who have brought hunger and misery among the mass of the tailors.

## SOCIALIST PARTY IN CONTINUED CHAOS AS NEC DODGES ISSUES

The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party meeting in Buffalo on March 23 and 24 proffered the olive branch to the revolting "Old Guard" of New York State.

The Old Guard, staunch believers in democratic and peaceful methods of attaining power in the capitalist state, have, in the past few weeks used everything except democracy in the inner party conflict. They chiseled open the office of the YPSL, changed the lock and expelled the Yipsels. They seized the Party's radio station WEVD by gangster methods. They challenged the authority of the National Executive Committee by refusing to appear to answer charges. In the light of all these incidents most members of the party thought that a split was on the immediate agenda.

But Darlington Hoopes, Pennsylvania state legislator and Dan Hoan, Milwaukee mayor, refused to touch New York and without their support the Militants were afraid to act. The situation was finally left quite unresolved by a resolution which gives the Old Guard six weeks to obey party orders. No mention was made of the acts of insubordination committed against the Yipsels and the NEC.

The Labor Party question, the second point on the agenda, resulted in a similar blank. Supported by Norman Thomas the Labor Party resolution went to defeat because, as Darlington Hoopes expressed it, "what will happen if a Labor Party conference is called and somebody wants Long or Coughlin to address it. You know they could take it right away from us."

The NEC nailed down the last board on the coffin of genuinely militant socialism and abrogated the Detroit Declaration of Principles by resolving that "Advocacy of armed insurrection is incompatible with membership in the Socialist Party."

The best epitaph on the NEC meeting—and perhaps on the Socialist Party was uttered by Louis Waldman, whip of the Old Guard who knows, at least, where he stands. Said Waldman: "The National Executive Committee not only is devoid of any constructive leadership but is, in addition, weak and indecisive in its own policies."

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## ENTHUSIASM HIGH IN NBC STRIKERS RANKS IN THIRD MONTH OF LOCKOUT

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Three thousand workers, locked out for the tenth week by the National Biscuit Company of New York City, packed Stuyvesant High School on Wednesday night, March 20th, to hear their leader's report on the first day's hearing of their complaints before the National Labor Relations Board begun that morning in Washington.

Their young president, William A. Galvin, who had gone with Counsel before the Board, telephoned the meeting that the entire day had been devoted entirely to the evidence from the strikers' representatives, with time called out only for meals, and that there was a prospect that the taking of the Union's testimony would continue into the night.

Cheers greeted the news that "Bill" Galvin's request that adequate funds to support the fight be pledged by the A. F. of L. had brought a written pledge from William Green. The membership was told to hold themselves in readiness for a call by Galvin for a hundred or more of them to rush to Washington to give personal testimony against the Company.

D. Benjamin of the New Workers School received wild applause when he took the platform and emphasized that the Company's recent expenditure of thousands of dollars for apologetic advertising could be construed in only one fashion—the first indication of the weakening of the enemy. To bolster this faith in their mass power, Benjamin also added the recent news of the closing down of the Company's Toledo flour mill because of lack of orders. He minced no words in urging the strikers to continue their protests to force the City Administration to backwater in its refusal to grant the strikers a Tag Day to raise money, as well as urging them to demand more cooperation from the Central Trades and Labor Council. Benjamin earnestly emphasized the necessity of engaging the A. F. of L. in the Union's attempts to pull out National Biscuit Company plants other than the five already struck on the eastern coast.

Proof to the strikers that militant protests, explicitly leveled against the strikebreaking tactics of the present City Administration, will bear fruit were two letters read from the platform. The first arranged for an interview, a belated response by the La Guardia offices to the mass march on City Hall, where their leader and Strike Committee presented

complaints against open police brutality and the discrimination of City Welfare agencies against strikers applying for relief. The second letter was from the same source, making it possible for a conference with the proper authorities, which answered a letter from the Strike Committee to the Mayor, denouncing as unmasked aid to the National Biscuit Company, the administration's refusal to grant the strikers a Tag Day.

Fram every part of America, from Oregon, Washington, Texas, and even from provinces in Canada letters are pouring into the Union Headquarters pledging support and sympathy in the struggle. These messages and donations are of immeasurable importance in the struggle; for the only weapons of the six thousand strikers are the boycott and the fortifying of their kitchen. Now in their eleventh week of the lockout, the eight-month old union must have material evidence of support in the form of money and food, which should be sent at once to the Strike Committee of the Inside Bakery Workers Union, 245 West 14th Street, New York City.

On Saturday night, March 23rd, the Kitchen Committee of the Strikers Committee is sponsoring a dance at the Star Casino to which every worker and sympathizer is urged to come.

### HEARST POLICY SCORED BY KNITGOODS UNION

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—At a meeting of the Joint Council of the Knitgoods Workers' Union held in Newark on March 19th a motion was unanimously passed condemning the anti-labor policies of the Hearst publications.

It was pointed out by workers present at the meeting that Hearst has always been notoriously anti-labor and that his present attacks on organized labor constitute a serious menace to the standard of living of the American worker and to the right of workers to organize into Unions of their own choosing. At the present time Hearst is the driving force of the newspaper publishers in their attempt to break the strike of newspaper employees. The Joint Council also went on record protesting the unfounded and slanderous attacks of the Hearst papers against the Soviet Union. The Joint Council Knitgoods Workers' Union, A. F. of L., calls on all knitgoods workers and all sympathizers of the trade union movement to boycott the Hearst publications.



# STARVED RISE IN HARLEM OUTBREAK

## Miserable Relief And Deep Discrimination Basic Cause of Riots

Misery and starvation broke their bonds last week in Harlem and New York's Negro section spent a night involving terror and looting and death. Sixteen year old Lino Rivera was the immediate cause of it all. He is reported to have stolen a knife in a Kress five-and-ten cent store. Seized by a store detective he was taken to back room with the promise of a beating. Rivera was kicked out the back door and went home and to bed but as he slept the rumor spread that a Negro boy had been murdered and a woman beaten in Kress's store.

A crowd gathered at the store. Within a few hours thousands of Negroes were racing through Harlem, looting stores, burning buildings, fighting the police—the formless expression of years of pent-up resentment. The riot lasted through the night and left Lenox Avenue a shambles in its wake.

One man, James Thompson, was killed—shot by a detective after the looting of an A. & P. store. Dozens of others were wounded, nine of them very severely. Over a hundred negro and white workers were arrested charged with looting and inciting to riot.

By and large this was a spontaneous outburst. The imagined murder of Rivera was only a spark that set off the powder keg that is Harlem, that exploded the deep resentment of a section where 80% of the population is unemployed, where relief is lower than in any other section of New York, where rent gouging has been reduced to a fine art. This was not a "race riot" as the bourgeois press called it, it was a food riot.

These events have served to focus the attention of New York on the condition of Harlem. If a decent relief standard, is achieved, if the vicious practices and the blacklist of the Harlem landlord's association is abolished, if the widespread discrimination against colored employees even in Harlem stores is done away with—only then will Harlem cease to be a festering sore on the map of New York.

# NRA REFUSES SHOE CODE REHEARING

## Balks at Workers Demands; Mara Plays Two-Faced Game Against Unity

BOSTON, MASS. — Saturday newspapers carried screaming headlines on the indefinite postponement of the reopening of the shoe code—"Shoe Code Revision Shelved By NRA." announcing its decision on March 22nd, the NRA said:

"The National Recovery Administration has launched a thorough nationwide investigation in the boot and shoe industry to be conducted with all possible expedition to serve as a basis for aggressive action.

"The public hearing planned for April 16 has been adjourned sine die. NRA announced this hearing after the boot and shoe industry code authority applied on Feb. 28 to amend the code by revising the constituency of the code authority to make it more truly representative of the industry."

The alleged investigation is a fraud; all the facts on the industry were known months ago, having been presented to the NRA by the Shoe Unions in January at two public hearings. The above statement is a flagrant attempt to dodge the issue and retain the present code.

### Mara Weakens Shoe Workers

President John Mara of the Boot & Shoe Workers Union wired Roosevelt as follows as the news broke: "Unless it is your intention to permit those representing you, in the administration of the National Industrial Recovery Act, to create monopolies, trusts and cartels in America and permit these code authorities to vest in themselves law-making powers and enslave America's free workers, we respectfully ask that you order the opening of the shoe code." But it is precisely Mara that thus far has proven the greatest obstacle to the unity of the shoe unions. It was no accident that the above attack by the NRA on the shoe workers comes right on the heels of Mara's rejection of the merging of the Shoe Unions.

The statement issued by Mara, President of the Boot and Shoe, is an attack against all other unions in the field. The Boot and Shoe, says Mara, is in favor of one union in the industry provided the Boot and Shoe is that union. All who want to join can do so. The chief reasons Mara gives for refusal to merge is the holiness of contract with the employers which might be endangered and the payment of death benefit to certain members of the Boot and Shoe which might be disturbed.

### Unity, Organization—This Must Be The Answer

All hopes of the NRA being a fairy godmother who would reopen and revise

# DRESSMAKERS OF LOCAL 22! VOTE PROGRESSIVE!

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## TO DRESSMAKERS OF LOCAL 22

savage attack on the part of a thoroughly unprincipled alliance of the extreme left and the extreme right forces in your union, an alliance of the "Left" group with the "Club" and the so-called "Active" group!

The very mention of this alliance should be enough to condemn it in the eyes of all thinking workers. For this combination comes to you without principles and without issues—merely as a makeshift block held together by their mutual hatred of the Progressive movement and by their mutual desire to lay their hands upon your union. In this combination are to be found those who were once expelled from the union as corrupt and shady elements. In this combination are to be found those who deserted the union when it was weak to become bosses and contractors. In this combination are to be found those who, only yesterday, worked with might and main to destroy your union, those who did not hesitate to split your ranks during the general strike.

## STAND BY THE PROGRESSIVES

Victory for this unwholesome combination would be a grave disaster for your union and a serious blow to the whole progressive movement thruout the country. You cannot, your must not let this happen!

Dressmakers! Permit nothing to stand in the way of your forward march. The eyes of the whole labor movement are on you! Your Progressive administration, tested and found true in past struggles, should receive your enthusiastic support as a guarantee of victory in the future!

The Communist Party (Opposition) is vitally interested in the advance of progressive unionism in the American labor movement. It has given some of its most experienced forces to help you in your struggle. We pledge to continue to give every ounce of our support to your union—to the end that, with united forces, we will ultimately destroy this present system of greed, starvation and war and build a new world, a world of, by and for the workers!

## FORWARD, DRESSMAKERS! SUPPORT YOUR PROGRESSIVE ADMINISTRATION!

## DEFEAT THE UNPRINCIPLED DISRUPTERS IN YOUR OWN RANKS! REELECT ZIMMERMAN AND THE FULL PROGRESSIVE SLATE!

National Committee COMMUNIST PARTY (OPPOSITION)

## TO COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS AGAINST WHOM ARE YOU FIGHTING?

Against whom are you fighting? Brush aside the thick smoke-screen of lies and slanders and you will discover that, in both Paterson and Local 22, you are fighting against the forces which have painfully and at great sacrifice rebuilt shattered unions, established conditions, resisted the reactionary policies of Green and Woll, forced general strike action (as in the textile field), made militant action the policy of the union and raised aloft once more the banner of militant progressivism in the trade union movement. And remember while you do so, that this was being done while your blind leaders were dragging you thru the desert of dual unionism!

## DISASTER AWAITS YOU

Think now of the results of the policy which your leaders are forcing upon you. In Local 9 such "clever" maneuvers led to a debacle for the "Lefts" and the entrenchment of the reactionaries. In Paterson, this policy led to the replacement of Keller not by a "Left" but by a tool of McMahon—by Alec Williams. And in Local 22? We are confident that such will not occur in Local 22 only because the masses of dressmakers have already indicated on March 14 that they will not permit it. But were your policy to succeed, the same might occur also here. The Prisamts, Hutts and Spielmans, whom your leaders have picked from the garbage heap, would be the first to rise against you under the cry of: "Out the Communists!"

## SMASH THE ALLIANCE!

Comrades and fellow workers: It is not too late. It is still time to realize that your leaders are blundering today as they have blundered in the past. Now that you have recognized the futility of dual unionism is it not necessary to discard the old destructive and unprincipled tactics and methods?

We appeal to you to raise your voice in sharpest protest against this unprincipled alliance. Take your place where you, as revolutionary workers, belong—in the fighting ranks of the Progressives, on the firing line of militant, constructive unionism.

## SMASH THE UNPRINCIPLED ALLIANCE!

## SUPPORT ZIMMERMAN FOR MANAGER! VOTE FOR THE FULL PROGRESSIVE TICKET!

National Committee COMMUNIST PARTY (OPPOSITION)

# THOUSAND HEAR JAY LOVESTONE SPEAK

## Montreal Meet On Communist Unity Stir's Discussion; New Prestige to CPO

Jay Lovestone spoke on "Is America Headed For Fascism?" to an audience of over 450 on March 15 in Montreal.

He estimated the growing anti-fascist forces and followed this by emphasizing that fascism can be defeated before it becomes a real menace and makes a serious bid for power, provided that the united front against fascism has as its basis the trade unions.

A second meeting which was held on March 17 attracted over 600 workers who packed the hall to hear about "Communist Unity." Communist Party comrades and sympathizers were present in large numbers. Lovestone, in his address, spoke of the crisis in the Communist International. He briefly stated the position of the International Communist Opposition on the critical questions facing the Communists and spoke of the negotiations between representatives of the CI and the IGO.

The fireworks started when the floor was thrown open for questions and discussion. A Rosenberg, a leading Communist Party comrade, was given the floor and for more than twenty minutes he slandered Lovestone and distorted his remarks. About five other comrades and sympathizers of the Party and two Trotskyites also participated in the discussion but their remarks were in no way distinguished from those of the first speaker. Comrade Lovestone then clarified the point of view he had originally given which had been so distorted by the previous speakers. He read from official Party sources a few times to show that the line of the CPO is now being adopted by the Party in direct contradiction to theories previously held but utterly unaccompanied by any realistic explanation of the change. He answered the discussion of the Trotskyites by pointing out that their anti-Soviet stand and their belief in the Fourth International were rapidly leading them into the arms of social-democracy.

Montreal has never witnessed such a meeting before. The gains made were inestimable.

Chicago, from India.

An impressive list of prizes, ranging from a complete set of Lenin's works down to single volumes of revolutionary classics, is offered to comrades gaining high scores by selling Ages and subscriptions. Emphasis is being placed on planned work in the trade unions and effective work by individual comrades in the shops. A point system of scoring has been set up with point awards from one point for a single Age sold to twenty-five points for an annual subscription.

### Why a Labor Party?

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## LABOR PARTY IS NEXT STEP FOR THE WORKERS

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manner of making the move raises a number of very important questions.

1. Shall Communists lead or lag behind the masses? The reasons for advocating a Labor Party.

2. The relations between trade union perspectives and the Labor Party.

3. The nature and role of the Labor Party—the role of the Communists in the Labor Party.

4. The relations between leaders and parties—the question of democratic centralism.

But why raise the fourth question, what has that to do with a labor party? Because this question lies at the root of working out a healthy tactical line, of correct methods of carrying it into effect of correct discipline and healthy party life; and without these prerequisites the C.P. decisions are resolutions in a vacuum.

Therefore, although the Labor Party is not a concrete question in the sense that it has taken organizational form, although it is yet only in discussion, and is preparing itself, it has become a concrete question within the C.P. because there has been no genuine discussion there of the Labor Party. In place of discussion, a resolution has been thrust upon the membership by the Pol Bureau; and Browder has been talking and lecturing repeating the same nonsense night after night, not to lead discussions, but to quell them.

## BOOKS RECEIVED

SOME PHASES OF LABOR RELATIONS IN VIRGINIA, by Geo. Talmadge Stearnes and John C. Hamm. A Study of labor relations in tobacco and rayon industries under auspices of Univ. of Va. Institute for Research in the Social Sciences. D. Appleton-Century Co. 204pp. \$2.50.

THADDEUS STEVENS, by Thomas Frederick Wooley. The Telegraph Press, Harrisburg, Pa. 664pp.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK. Univ. of Chicago Press. 612pp., \$3.00.

THE CRIPPLED AND THE DISABLED, by Henry H. Kessler. Columbia Univ. Press. 337pp., \$4.00.

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the Code has been shattered. Unity is still on the order of the day for the shoe unions. Unless this is accomplished and a national organizing drive unleashed, the shoe workers will find themselves in conditions worse than any they have known to date.

# RELIEF WORKER MURDERED BY PWA

## Harry Freedman, CPO Member, Forced to Overtax Self; W.U.U. Mourns Loss

Harry Freedman, a comrade of the Communist Party (Opposition) and an active member of the Workers Unemployed Union was killed on March 15 by overwork on a work relief project.

The Communist Party (Opposition) joins with the Unemployed Union in protest against the vicious discrimination which forced Comrade Freedman to engage in work far beyond his strength. Despite his own requests and those of the Unemployed Union he was kept at this work until his death. This penalty was imposed by the relief authorities because Comrade Freedman had been too active and outspoken in his organizational activities to suit these people who

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The drive was introduced by the distribution of an extremely interesting pamphlet containing an analytical review of the first eleven issues of the Weekly Workers Age. This "Skyrocket Pamphlet" is a tremendous aid in presenting clearly and compactly the political importance of the Age to the CPO, the kinds of material the Age has contained, the writers who have contributed, as well as the shortcomings of the Age which the CPO must strive to overcome.

One page contained comments on the weekly Age—letters from Canada, from

have the power of life and death over New York's unemployed.

A memorial and protest meeting for the death of Comrade Freedman was held by Local 2 and 5 of the Unemployed Union on Monday, March 25. Joe Rosen of the CPO was one of the speakers at the meeting.

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