

# Aid For the German Seamen

By GEORGE HARDY.

The recent strike of German seamen in the British Isles was a new attempt at striking. Its importance was the international aspect. But the end was a tragedy. The determination of the strikers was the only bright spot in the strike itself. And after the ships had set out with skeleton crews we got the announcement of 600 strikers being shipped to home ports, not to be arrested and severe sentences inflicted upon many of them.

We search for the causes of defeat, which are many. The treachery of the Deutsche Volkshund (German Transport Union) was unsurpassed. Their members were about two-thirds of the organized strikers. The other three-fifths belong to the Deutsche Seefahrerbund (German Seamen's Union), affiliated to the R. I. L. U. Many were unorganized. The R. I. L. U. was unwilling to fight on and would have co-operated, whose heart, led by the executives of the D. V. U. refused to endorse the strike, and as usual did what their Social-Democratic committees have been doing the world over, and particularly in Germany.

No United Action.—It mattered not that the struggle had a partial backing in Britain, and that the strike must be won to save the seamen from prison under the nautical law in Germany, or that the strikers chose Britain to escape the British of "Comrade" Hense, the Social-Democratic chief of police at Hamburg, and his colleagues at other German ports. They refused to aid in any way to achieve victory. They only discouraged and divided.

The division of the German seamen into two unions aided help to defeat them. Confusion thru lack of preparation was also a contributing cause. And even the lack of policy on the part of the strikers. It would have progressed far, had not the treacherous conduct of the D. V. U. of Socialists.

Notwithstanding the support of the Transport Workers at the Surrey and Commercial docks at London, the strikers were sent home defeated largely because the dockers did not support the strikers. This allowed the skippers to ship and get away. It is said there was an arrangement that the D. V. U. should for assistance from Havlock Wilson the Transport Workers' Union officials would take strike action against the ships involved. Did Wilson call for help or was he more concerned with ulterior motives, both of aiding British shipping and making international publicity for himself, with a view to resurrecting the defunct "Federal National Seafarers' Federation"? He certainly did not encourage any outside help, nor was the necessary international publicity to the strike given publicly, which was a serious error with the strike by extending it to other countries.

Political Ambitions.—Failure to set up a joint strike committee composed of representatives of the two German unions involved in the German seamen's strike, the Transport Workers' Union, together with full co-operation of the Hamburg and the London sections of the German seamen of the R. I. L. U. and the seamen's section of the International Transport Workers' Federation, led to defeat. The money of the

whole weight of the British unions should have been behind the strike. A call for international action rolled out by the strikers. It would have proved "international" was not a mere word but a reality. The German seamen should have been the result instead of defeat.

Now we must prepare. The German seamen will continue to strike in other countries. The enormous amount of seamen unorganized and unemployed adds to the difficulties. This machine as indicated above we could show for once what real international action means to demand action and remove the danger of low wages and destitution.

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# The Fifth Congress of the C. I.

By GREGORY ZINOVIEV, Chairman, Communist International.

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Delegates to the Anglo-Russian conference in front of the foreign office in London. Left to right (in front): Trechobratzky, Tomsky, Rakovskiy, Khidirov, Koutouff, and Radchinsky, and, below, Mile. O. Tompova (left) and Mme. Matkov.

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# THE OFFENSIVE IS ON - By Alexander Bittelman

THE offensive against June 17th is in full swing. All forces of reaction, every sworn enemy of labor and of the exploited farmers: capitalists, labor hawks and enemies of progress in general, are busy being mobilized and set to work to defeat the convention of June 17th. The reason? Simple enough. To prevent the formation of a class-party of workers and farmers.

THEY hate it. They fear the mere sign of it. They simply refuse to believe that such a "mass party" as a class-party of workers and farmers is at all possible. But at the same time, they take no chances. Experience has taught them the hard way. Experience has taught them that in the past six or seven years that things seemingly impossible are of a sudden become a reality. Hence, the redoubtable and enormous denunciations, and the renewed offensives against the June 17th convention, the event which promises to open a new chapter in the history of the class struggle in America.

THE attack comes from three quarters. First, in the line of attack and the reactionary officials of the trades unions. Secondly, in the line of trickery, wire-pulling and terrorism. Thirdly, in the line of propaganda, heavily leaning on the warpath. Capitalism desperately trying to ward off the day of political liberation of the American working class. This gang of betrayers and double-crossers knows too well on which side the bread is buttered. They have realized too soon that the success of a Farmer-Labor Party will mean their deflation in the American labor movement. Hence, their unbounded hatred, the unceasing denunciations and treacherous maneuvering of Gompers and his kind against anything and everything that may lead to independent political action by the workers and poor farmers.

NEXT comes the crowd of July 17th. It's a motley crew, but the C. P. A. Based upon one of the most powerful centers of the American labor movement, and the only one that speaks for the crying needs of tens of thousands of workers organized in the railroad industry of the country, this group of leaders which is as fierce and hostile to the class interests of labor as are the capitalists themselves.

## A PICTURE OF TRADE UNIONISM

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organized struggle within the unions against every phase of capitalist influence and bourgeois ideology. While it battles for the formation of an all-inclusive farm-labor party, it also conducts the broad political struggle of the toiling masses at the present moment of development. The union journals rally the smaller groups of conscious revolutionary workers to the more bitter and intense struggle against the subtler forms of class collaboration. It is no accident that the T. U. E. L. is at once a leading factor through the labor movement in the struggle for a labor party, in which millions of workers and at the same time is organizing the resistance to the notorious "B. & O." class collaboration scheme of the railroad union bureaucrats, to the poisonous tactics of the workers are only beginning to be aroused.

Of course the tremendous progress made by the Trade Union Educational League, in establishing itself as a power in the trade unions, has not been unopposed. For the union bureaucrats generally realized what menace the T. U. E. L. was to their comfortable selfishness. Hence, the old fox Gompers had sounded the alarm. As the left wing camps shook the labor movement and the workers' consciousness after success in almost every leg-

what is the excuse? Well, the old and new Communist. At all the cross roads leading to the convention of June 17th, the capitalist press has definitely opposed the "stop look" Listen! The Communists are to dominate the convention of June 17th. The capitalist press knows better, of course. It knows very well that the large mass movement of workers and farmers which is headed toward a class-party is by far not a Communist proposition. The Communist press also knows that if the movement were now ripe for Communist "domination" road: permanent with Communist spirit and ideology, its immediate aim might have been not a Farmer-Labor Party, but workers' and farmers' government, or still better, the Dictatorship of the Proletariat.

THE capitalists and their servants know all this very well. But the cry of "Communist domination" is being raised and propagated just the same in the hope that someone might take the thing seriously and keep away from the 17th. However, it does not look as if this trick is going to pay. Clearly, this is the only party which has already captured the imagination of large masses of workers and poor farmers. The Communist press and Communists are in it and yet they don't get nervous over the fact. Now, if they accept the Communist line on the partnership of political struggle against capital not because they already accept the Communist program and principles, sorry to say, but because the Communists are the most fierce and determined fighters for independent political action and for a close alliance between the workers and poor farmers, e. i. a Farmer-Labor Party. That's the main reason why the capitalist Gompers-C. P. A. bank about Communist domination will have no effect upon those who have no axe to grind upon the subject of independent action of June 17th.

MANAGING the movement is proceeding ahead. Within the last few weeks steps have been taken in a number of states to bring about the formation of state Farmer-Labor parties, which will participate as such in the class party convention. Such parties are now in the process of organization in New York, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois. The existing state Farmer-Labor parties in the north, west and in the west have either already become part of the June 17th convention-thru representation on the Arrangements Committee or else have endorsed the call to the convention

of the American labor movement.

Although the American class struggle has so far developed the most primitive trade unionism, in ideology and organizational form, yet the struggle itself, in the direct clashes with the employing class, its private ardent desire and the State, has been more bitter and violent than in perhaps any other country previous to the revolutionary period. The revolutionary leadership and antiquated program and structure of the American labor movement could not prevent the forces generated by American capitalism from coming to expression in great struggles. It is enough to cite Homestead, Pullman, Ludlow, Me-

GREINWICH, Conn.—Masons and Knights of Columbus sat down together at a banquet in the Masonic Temple here and joined in singing "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here." The Knights were guests of the Masons.

Fred W. Upham, member of the Republican National Committee, was offered the remains of Duesch, Chicago electrician, who died suddenly. "The G. O. P. wants live elephants, not dead ones," Upham declared.

NEW YORK.—Working as a conductor on a suburban train here, Daniel Horton was treated to a great revolutionary struggle when fellow workers announced today Horton has passed the two million mile mark.

and will send delegates to it. As far as the Communist movement is concerned, the situation is as bright and hopeful as one could desire.

THE energies of those who favor June 17th, must now be concentrated on local unions, labor federations and other organizations of workers and poor farmers. As we see it, the work of securing endorsement of the June 17th convention is primarily a job of political education, which means that the Communist press and ideology, if not wholly, upon the way in which the issue is presented.

Exactly as it has been shaped and presented to us by the actual development of the class struggle in the United States up-to-date, that is, as June 17th versus July 14th.

JUNE 17th cannot be understood separate and apart from July 14th. Moreover, one's estimation of and attitude toward June 17th is contingent upon one's opinion and attitude toward July 14th. It is therefore, absolutely imperative that the campaign for June 17th be conducted and fought out in this manner.

Independent political action. A Communist line on the partnership of political struggle between the workers and poor farmers. A class political party for the workers and poor farmers against the domination of capital.

On the other hand, July 14th. What does it stand for? If the day is won by some of the prospects of the railroad convention, it will be Mr. McAdoo on the ticket of the Democratic party. If the decision goes to the Republican party, it will be Mr. McAdoo on the ticket of the Republican party. This is the possibility of one part of the C. P. A. endorsing a regular republican.

At the same time, it is possible that the C. P. A. and July 14th stand for

If you happen to want and strive for a new day in the American labor movement, you should not be content on July 14th. You wouldn't get there. Better turn your eyes and mind, and devotion to June 17th, by active participation in the movement help along in the struggle for Workers' and Farmers' Government.

Revs. Hicks, Lawrence, McKee, Wood, Striker, Herrin, West Virginia, and the whole history of the coal miners, to understand that the American working class divided into two camps, the forces of proletarian revolution corresponding to the progressive and the conservative. The greatest in the world, delayed in its expression by the peculiar conditions of the American social development, the forces of revolution in the American trade union movement will not be expressed. The "HAIL, HAIL, THE GANG'S ALL HERE" was published a news dispatch to that effect. But the Brotherhood was represented there. Why did Mr. Stone change his mind?

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HAIL is a regular political Tower divided in their allegiance. They are in diverse corners. Two sets of capitalist politicians are looking for their support. The banks are still there, the

# The C. P. P. A. --- A Tower of Babel

By Tom O'Flaherty

MR. Warren G. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in an interview in the Christian Science Monitor on June 21, denied the authenticity of press reports that the four railroad friendships would throw their support to Robert M. LaFollette on a third party ticket. Mr. Stone denied having any statement to make on the subject, and proceeded to discuss the possibility of a third party coalition. The Brotherhood, Mr. Stone declared, had no candidate for the presidency until after the party nominations have been made.

WHILE Mr. Stone is speaking thus, by officials of the Railroad Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor were more positive in their statements. They check not only on the fact that the Brotherhood chief had disavowed his endorsement of the Wisconsin senator. We had a disagreement with them, we thought as they did not get behind Mr. McAdoo. We took the view that Mr. McAdoo was the man we could all support. Mr. LaFollette appeared to be their choice. They doubted whether Mr. Mackay could get the nomination. They had nothing against McAdoo but they owed something to Mr. LaFollette.

THE Railroad Employees' Department has felt that McAdoo was the man and so far as any program has come out from individual unions it has been in support of Mr. McAdoo. Some needed any prompting on that. We knew our position a long time ago.

THAT Mr. Stone's disavowal of the LaFollette endorsement cannot be taken any more seriously than the sickness of a diplomat and the order for a moment. Stone is for LaFollette. Should he get the Republican nomination, the Brotherhood will support the Republican ticket regardless of what the C. P. A. decides on.

THE July 14th conference of the C. P. A. should LaFollette's body and the brooms comfortably to lead a primitive expedition into the jungles of the Republic. The question is the question. Stone appears to be in doubt.

THE chief of the Locomotive Engineers changes his mind, but in stead of admitting a change of mind he "disavows" his previous decision immediately prior to the St. Louis meeting of the Conference for Progressive Political Action. Mr. Stone had decided that he would have no more to do with it. The DAILY WORKER is informed on excellent authority that the Brotherhood chief delivers himself as follows on that subject: "The C. P. P. A. has shot its bolt. I will have nothing more to do with it. It has reached the limit of its usefulness. One of the chief of its failures is the inability of William E. Johnston to prove himself heavy enough for the position of leader in the movement."

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planned them to organize the railroad vote for the Republican Party and John L. Lewis appears to be a running mate with Strokers-Coolidge. He does not care a fig for the C. P. P. A. The American Federation of Labor, official then the Gompers machine, will be for the Democratic Party right or wrong. Gompers has an equity in the Democrat Party. George L. Berry is the Gompers candidate for vice-president on the Democrat ticket. The official of the American Federation of Labor is not crazy about a third party. They think as seriously about it as they would of starting a revolution. They are as well satisfied with the present two party system as the capitalists are.

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