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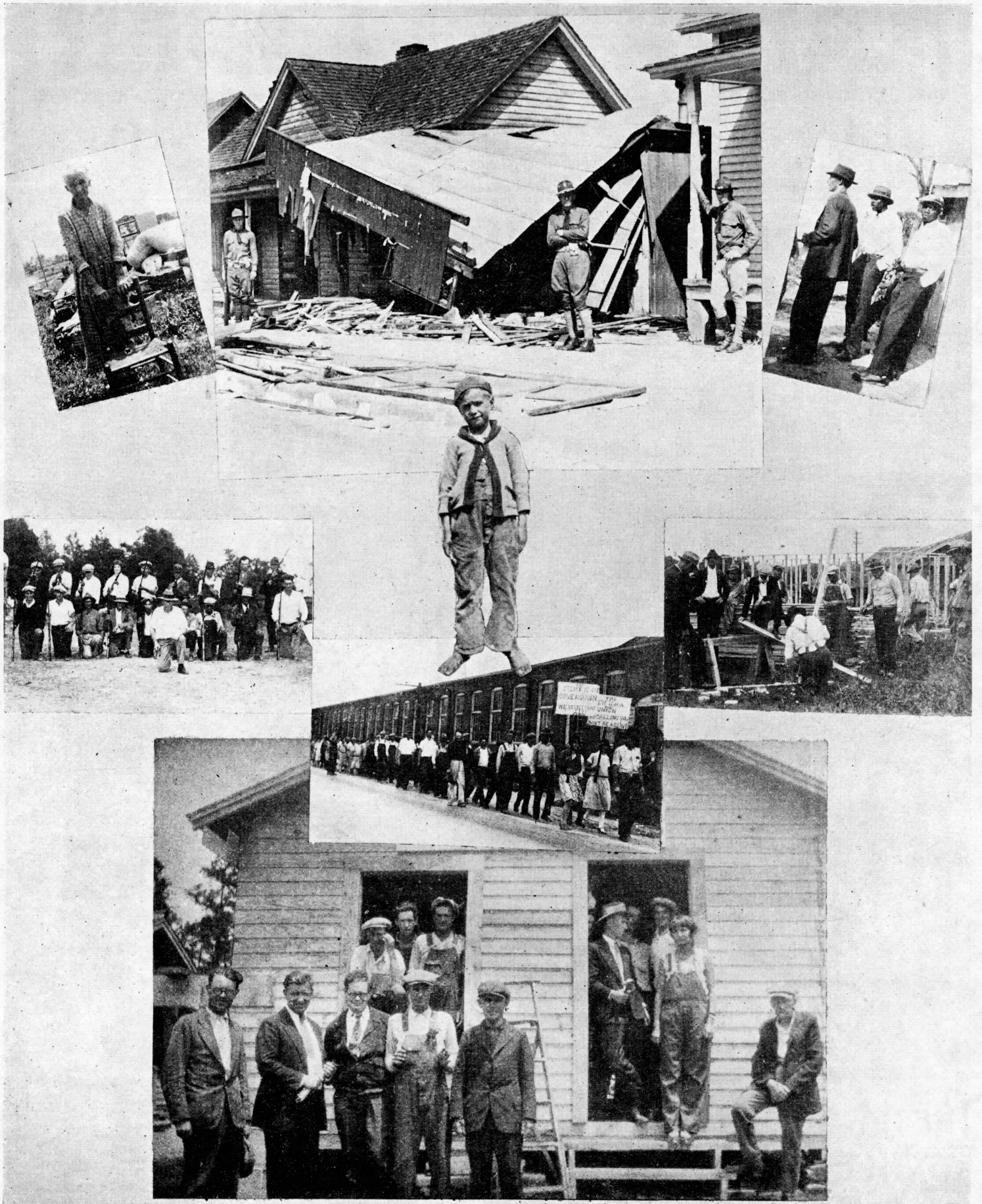
SMASH THE MURDER FRAME-UP!
DEFEND GASTONIA STRIKERS!



THE 14 SOUTHERN
TEXTILE STRIKERS
SHALL NOT DIE!

THE STRUGGLE OF THE GASTONIA STRIKERS

In the lower photo from left to right: C. MEYERS, Sec'y I. L. D., Gastonia; FRED BEAL, N. T. W. U. Organizer and CLARENCE MILLER, Y. C. I.



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 FRED BEAL IN CENTER OF A GROUP OF STRIKERS (Beal holding the child); C. MEYERS, Sec. OF THE I. L. D. in GASTONIA AT THE TOP OF THE GROUP POINTING TO THE SIGN; CLARENCE MILLER STANDING AT EXTREME LEFT; WILL TRUETT, SEC. OF THE GASTONIA LOCAL, N. T. W. U. FOURTH FROM LEFT, FRONT ROW; FIRST ON LEFT SEATED ROBT. ALLEN, CHARGED WITH MURDER; DIRECTLY ABOVE BEAL W. MCGINNAS CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Smash the Gastonia Frame-up

UNABLE to stop the organization drive of the National Textile Workers Union by ordinary methods the mill barons of the South headed by Manville-Jenckes plan to electrocute 14 organizers and strikers and imprison 8 more for long terms. The recent habeas corpus proceedings showed clearly the murderous intentions of the prosecutions' staff of 16 lawyers paid from the quarter million dollar slush fund of the mill owners.

Fourteen workers were charged with murder in the face of the fact that even the prosecution witnesses, including the acting chief of police admitted that the police attacked the strikers on their union headquarters without a warrant.

The attack on the picket line, the attempt to break up the mass meeting which preceded the battle at the National Textile Workers Union headquarters and W.I.R. tent colony was engineered by major Bulwinkle, chief counsel for Manville-Jenkes, the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce crowd and the city authorities.

Three women, Vera Bush, Sophie Melvin, and Amy Schecter

By BILL DUNNE

are among those charged with murder. The whole issue here is the right of workers to defend themselves and their union, against attacks of the mill company agents and the mill company government.

The International Labor Defense is on the job organizing the fight for the lives and freedom of workers who dared to challenge the mill barons in their southern stronghold. It must and will get the support of the American working class. Fred Beal, Louis McLaughlin, Vera Bush, Walter Lloyd, Sophie Melvin and 9 other workers shall not die in the electric chair. Defend the right of workers to defend themselves and their union. The working class has enough dead martyrs—free the heroes of the Gastonia struggle. Break the grip of the mill barons on the bodies of our comrades and thus break the power of the mill owners over the lives of a half million textile workers.



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 LAVONETS HELD READY FOR STRIKE PICKETS



A GROUP OF ARRESTED STRIKERS. TOP ROW WITH FELT HAT, TOM JIMISON, I. L. D. LAWYER. LEFT NEXT TO JIMISON, PAUL CROUCH. EXTREME RIGHT, BACK ROW KARL REEVE. SEATED BELOW JIMISON, RED HENDRICKS CHARGED, WITH MURDER. FRONT ROW SECOND FROM RIGHT, RUBY MCMAHON, NOW IN JAIL. FIRST ON LEFT, (seated) K. HARDEN, NOW TOURING FOR I. L. D.

ON THE GASTONIA FRONT

IN spite of the frame-up of the Gastonia strikers, members of the National Textile Workers Union, fourteen of whom are held on charges of murder and eight for deadly assault, the strikers are holding firm. The strikers are showing great enthusiasm for the union and the International Labor Defense and the workers of Gastonia and the surrounding region are joining up in large numbers.

At the meetings the speakers emphasized the determination of these organizations to reestablish and greatly increase their activities in Gastonia and throughout the South.

The campaign of terrorism against the workers is being actively combatted by the strength of the union and the I.L.D. forces.

At the meeting held in Gastonia for the mill strikers, speakers told the workers

By *JULIET STUART POYNTZ*

that the eyes of the workers all over the country are on them and that Gastonia is the center of a new era, in the labor movement and that tens of thousands affiliated with the International Labor Defense in mines, steel mills and factories of the entire country stand ready to defend Gastonia N.T.W.U. strikers to the limit and protect them from the vicious attacks of the bosses and their paid agents. All signs show a growing discontent among the mill workers and the spreading of the Loray strike to other Gastonia mills.

I finally secured permission to visit the Gastonia Jail recently and found all of the strikers, in good spirits, in spite of bad jail conditions, oppressive heat, bad ven-

tilation and sanitation. All of the men prisoners are greatly overcrowded. They are herded together in a small compartment eight feet square. Harrison, Pittman, and Brewer are in similar compartments with ten other prisoners who are held on criminal charges. Amy Schechter, Vera Buch and Sophie Melvin have a larger room, 12x18 feet, with better ventilation and more comfortable, but with blinds over the windows which prevent them from seeing out. They are forced to use electricity in the day-time. Mrs. Fain, Keater, Harkness, McMahon are in a similar cell across the hall with a woman prisoner, who is in jail charged with murder.

All prisoners showed excellent spirits and courage and sent regards to their fel-

low-workers outside. All asked eagerly for the Daily Worker and were greatly disappointed that they could not receive it. The International Labor Defense has arranged to send magazines and books to the prisoners.

The I. L. D. is sending a regular sum monthly to each prisoner charged with murder. Money has already been distributed to the prisoner as well as food, cigarettes and medicines.

The prisoners are mostly young boys and girls under 30, the picture of youthful enthusiasm and fighting spirit behind the bars.

The first strikers' meeting has just been held in Gastonia on the new union tent premises near the Arlington Mill. Over 100 strikers were seated on the grass on the side of the hill, listening to union, I.L.D. and W.I.R. speakers. This meeting was a preliminary meeting for the large Saturday mass meeting. Spies lingered around the outskirts of the crowd but no attempt was made to break up or interfere with the meeting. The county deputies have informed us that they will not interfere in such meetings, of course their word means nothing.

The Gastonia strikers Defense Committee is holding meetings and is actively at work organizing and building up defense campaigns locally. The Gastonia strikers Defense Committee has taken offices in Gastonia. The I.L.D. has its office in 116 Court Arcade, Room 210, Charlotte, N. C.

Walter Trumbull has been sent down as representative of the I.L.D. to Ware Shoals to investigate the conduct of the military and arrange for the protection of the strikers against attack and for the organization of strikers defense.

John Andrews, who was sentenced a week ago to the chain gang for a month has been continually and brutally beaten there until now he is seriously ill. Ruby McMahan is in the city jail serving a months sentence and was refused bail and appeal. Eula Carson arrested on the same charge, has been released on bail. Viola Hampton, Lina Keeter and Jennie Hartness were all jailed for three weeks on vagrancy charges. All of those arrested on the various charges are active strikers who were arrested in an effort to wipe out the N.T.W.U. and break the strike. Mrs. Fain, a widow with five children, was subjected to a house search for strikers and jailed on a framed-up charge of having homebrew in her house. She was held on three hundred dollars bail. Eula Carson and Viola Hampton were finally released due to the efforts of the International Labor Defense. All of these women are most militant strikers and are active on the picket line.

Those charged with secret assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and held under \$750 bail each in the Gastonia jail are: Earnest Martin, Walter Lloyd,

WE MUST FIGHT ON!

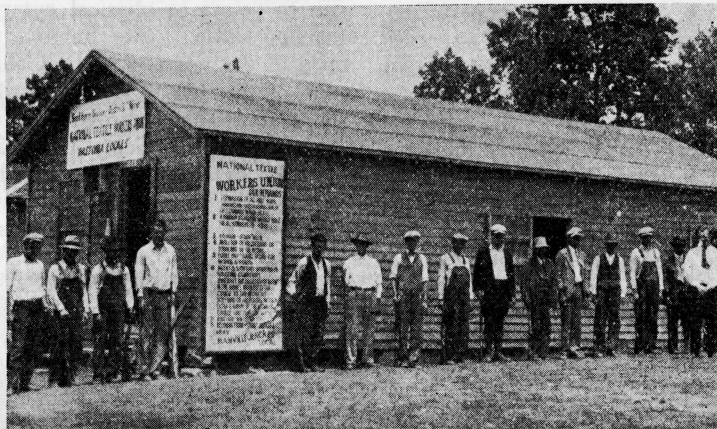
By FRED ERWIN BEAL

(A Statement Dictated In Jail Especially For The Labor Defender)

THE FRAME-UP IN GASTONIA IS AN ATTEMPT TO CHECK THE GROWTH OF THE N. T. W. U. THAT HAS SUCCEEDED IN ORGANIZING THOUSANDS OF SOUTHERN TEXTILE WORKERS FOR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE MOST MISERABLE CONDITIONS.

THE BOSSES HAVE USED EVERY METHOD AVAILABLE TO SMASH OUR UNION. THEY HIRED GUNMEN AND THUGS AND WRECKED OUR FORMER HEADQUARTERS DESTROYING FOOD INTENDED TO FEED NEEDY STRIKERS.

WE MUST FIGHT ON IN SPITE OF THE TERRORISM AND FRAME-UP OF ACTIVE STRIKERS. THE WHOLE LABOR MOVEMENT MUST GET BEHIND THE VICTIMS OF THE BOSSES TERRORISM AND FRAME-UP.



THE STRIKERS GUARDING THEIR NEW HEADQUARTERS

Clarence Townsend, D. E. McDonald, Robert Litoff, J. R. Pittman, Clarence Miller. They were bailed by the I. L. D.

Those charged with murder and with secret assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and held without bail in the Gastonia jail are: Fred Erwin Beal, K. O. Byers, W. M. McGinnis, Louis McLaughlin, George Carter, Vera Buch, Joseph Harrison, J. C. Heffner, Robert Allen, Russell Knight, N. F. Gibson, K. Y. Hendricks, Amy Shechter and Sophie Melvin.

Those formerly charged with murder and secret assault and discharged at the pre-

liminary hearing are: J. O. Gardner, B. C. Passmore, S. N. Lloyd.

Those charged with assault with intent to kill and dismissed at or before the hearing are: J. O. Hinsley, Dewey Ward, Sam Bouknight, Wm. Siddell, James McGinnis, J. L. Brewer, Harold C. Curry, Earl Tompkinson, Caroline Drew, Edith Saunders, C. Miller, Clay Runner, Gladys Wallace, C. M. Lell, Roy Butler, Horace Lloyd, D. Sailors, H. H. Miles, W. W. Sprouse.

A number of strikers have been arrested in Gastonia on vagrancy charges and sentenced to three weeks in jail or to the chain gang.

Machado Terror Continues

By ANTONIO RODRIGO



Photo by T. Modotti.

A DEMONSTRATION OF THE MEXICAN I. L. D. AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY AGAINST WHITE TERROR, MEXICO CITY.

IT is now a little over four years since General Machado, popularly known as "Butcher" Machado, became president of Cuba by grace of American imperialism. During that time so faithfully has he served his masters, that Wall Street has recently had him "elected" for another six-year term.

The four years of Machado's dictatorship are four years that are red with the blood of the Cuban masses. A complete record of all the murders, tortures, oppressions and persecutions instituted against all those who refused to bow supinely to this mannikin stamped with the dollar sign of American imperialism, would fill volumes. Only a few of the chief outrages can be enumerated here.

One of the first acts of Machado on his accession to power May 20, 1925, was to close the trade union of the light manufacturing industry. Forty members of the executive board of the union were imprisoned and many were deported. It was not long before most of the other trade unions were closed. All papers that voiced even a mildly liberal protest against the plundering of Cuba by Yankee imperialism were quickly suppressed. These included *The Herald*, the *El Dia*, *Union Nacionalista*, *Justice*, a workers daily, *Free America*, the anti-imperialist review, the *National*, an opposition weekly and the *Volcano*.

Within two months Machado deported from Cuba more than 120 militants, in-

cluding Jose Miguel Perez, first general secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba. Not content with this, Machado soon began to resort to physical extermination of the opposition. Jose Falgons was imprisoned in the Fortress of La Cabana charged with attempting to kill Machado. He was shot and his body thrown into the bay two days later. On Sept. 19, 1925, Enrique Varona, president of the Trade Union of Sugar Mill Workers, which was then engaged in a general strike, was murdered.



THE GREAT ARTIST DIEGO RIVERA SPEAKING FOR MEXICAN I. L. D.

A reign of terror followed in the sugar fields.

The murder list is long: Thomas Grant, an American citizen, was murdered in the railroad station of Ciego de Avila during the railroad strike. Alfred Lopez, president of the United Trades of Havana, was imprisoned in La Cabana and never came out. He is believed to have been thrown into the sea on July 20, 1926. Baldomero Dumenigo met his death on Aug. 22, 1926. Noske Yalob and Claudio Bruzon were

imprisoned. Later the body of Yalob was found floating in the waters of the coast. As for Bruzon—fishermen found a human arm in the belly of a shark caught near Havana. Bruzon's wife identified the arm as that of her husband by the cuff links attached to the sleeve. Bartolomeo Sagaró, a former member of the congress, was blackjacked to death in Havana. Blas Maso, leader of the wars for Cuban independence, was murdered on the terrace of his home.

That the Machado terror has not been directed merely against revolutionists, but against any and every one who criticizes his bloody rule, is evident from the shooting to death in Havana of Armand Andre, director of the conservative newspaper, *El Dia*. Machado's comment on his death was: "Nobody can be responsible for this murder and any like it committed on those who defame my government."

Not only outstanding leaders, but rank and file industrial and agricultural workers have been slaughtered wholesale. One morning 50 islanders of La Trocha were found hanging from the trees without explanation. These sugar workers were hung to intimidate the population of the province of Camaguey and to terrorize the active peasants.

Under the leadership of Julio Mella, one of the founders of the Cuban Communist Party, a movement against Machado was started in the University of Cuba. On

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Canter Speaks from Prison

MASSACHUSETTS "justice" and North Carolina "justice" are the same, that is capitalist "justice," Harry Canter, now serving a term of one year in Deer Island Penitentiary for carrying a placard which said, "Governor Fuller, Murderer of Sacco-Vanzetti," told me

By *KARL REEVE*

I are in jail for the same cause," Canter told me, as I wrote his remarks verbatim. "Massachusetts has its Fullers and Thayers, North Carolina has its Aderholts and Bulwinkles. Both Fuller and Aderholt are and were good servants of the capitalist class. Both are paid to suppress workers. Both are and were instruments of the capitalist class which uses the courts, the government institutions in violent attacks on the workers, struggling in their unions for better conditions and in the Communist Party for the overthrow of the capitalist system, and the establishment of a workers state. I appeal to the workers of America to aid in every way, with funds, with their organized protest, the struggle of the International Labor Defense, to free not only myself, but also Fred Beal and the Gastonia strikers from the clutches of capitalist class justice. Beal's crime was that he organized the workers into the National Textile Workers Union, that he led a struggle for better conditions and higher pay which threatened the profits of the mill owners. The lives of these workers are in grave danger and the workers and sympathizers must aid in every possible way the campaign of the I.L.D. to free all class war prisoners, including myself and the Southern textile workers.

Canter is allowed to receive only one visitor every two weeks, and this must be a visitor from his immediate family, either brother, sister, parents or children. All other visitors must secure special permission from the penal commissioner at Boston. Canter's lot is not made easy for him. He was put on the kitchen shift which means that he must work seven days a week for

13-14 hours every day. These workers in the kitchen get no free time. Canter wrote himself down as an atheist and the prison chaplain, he was told, is looking for him to try to "convert" him.

Canter was arrested last fall in an election demonstration staged by the Communist Party. After Canter had told me of his daily routine he dictated his statement.

"Fuller escaped us this time," Canter said. "He went away to his country home



HARRY CANTER, SERVING ONE YEAR FOR "CRIMINAL LIBEL"

when I visited him in prison. Twenty minutes of the hour which Canter and I spent together was devoted to the dictation by Canter of a statement addressed to the workers of America. Canter is now working 13 and 14 hours a day in the prison kitchen mopping floors, peeling vegetables, and cleaning kettles.

"Massachusetts cannot abolish or suppress the working class point of view on the Sacco-Vanzetti case by putting me or any other worker in jail," Canter told me. "This imprisonment will neither break my spirit nor make the workers forget that Sacco and Vanzetti were innocent and were murdered by the capitalist class because they were workers engaged in the struggle against the capitalist system. My imprisonment is not the Canter case, it is the Sacco-Vanzetti case, brought once more to the attention of the workers of the world."

Canter heard from me for the first time of the arrest of Fred Beal, organizer for the National Textile Workers Union and the leading Gastonia, North Carolina strikers on a charge of murder.

"The Gastonia strikers and



and we were unable to bring him before the bar. But he is already found guilty before the bar of the working class of killing Sacco and Vanzetti. He killed them as the representatives of his class just as the courts, as part of the frame-up system against the workers jailed Mooney and Billings, just as the courts and the government jailed Fred Beal and 60 other strike leaders in the South. This is the frame-up system of capitalism, which can be abolished only by the overthrow of that system by the working class, organized under the banner of the Communist Party."

"I will carry on the fight in jail or out, to expose the class murder of Sacco and Vanzetti by the Massachusetts authorities with Fuller at their head. I will do everything necessary and will stay in jail as long as necessary in the fight of the workers for the workers dictatorship. I am at the disposal of the Communist Party and of the working class."

Canter was still talking when the guard pounded on the table and said. "This terminates the visit for today."



CAPITALIST JUSTICE



HARRY CANTER, SERVING ONE YEAR FOR
"CRMINAL LIBEL"



Gastonia Prepares a Lynching

By A. B. MAGIL

LABOR frame-ups require proper publicity. "Public opinion" must be prepared. must be whipped up to lynch fever. The business men and mill owners hangers' on must rile themselves up to such a state of righteous wrath that they are willing serenely to sanction every infamy—murder itself—committed by the ruling class to maintain its power.

Sacco and Vanzetti were murdered—and the publicity department of the capitalist class—the daily press, particularly the press in Massachusetts—helped in that murder. Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings were railroaded to life imprisonment, and had the capitalist press had its way, both would long ago have gone to feed the worms. They owe their lives to the mass protest of the workers of the world.

And now Gastonia!

Fourteen strikers and strike leaders, all of them members of the National Textile Workers Union, are charged with the mur-

der of Chief of Police O. F. Aderholt. Eight are charged with assault with intent to kill. The stage is set for a legal lynching on a mass scale. Only one thing is needed. The millowners must prepare the lynch mob of the bosses. The press screeches from the housetops that these 22 men and women are murderers and thugs and the incarnation of all the devils of hell, threatening their homes, their property, their sacred institutions, etc. The press prepares the atmosphere for murder.

The journalistic bloodhounds are called in, with the *Gastonia Gazette* leading the pack. They take their cue from their masters, the Manville-Jenckes Company. They smell human blood and the smell makes them wild.

One might fill a volume consisting entirely of quotations from the *Gastonia Gazette* since the start of the strike. We will content ourselves with a few choice

items from three or four issues since the beginning of the frame-up.

Wednesday, June 12, five days after the fatal shooting of Police Chief Aderholt:

Almost the entire front page is devoted to the case. The *Gastonia Gazette* breathes war and terror. In the center of the page is a drawing by one, Ben E. Abernethy, entitled: "The *Gastonia Spirit* Fights the Monster." This is a touching picture of a knight of old—presumably St. George—labelled "Gaston County", wielding a sword, "Justice," sallying forth to do battle with a hideous dragon labelled: "Communism." In the background is a skull on which gaze two meditative crows.

It is on its editorial page that the *Gazette* goes in for the real fireworks. It shrieks for blood and pours the vials of its wrath on the *Raleigh News and Observer* because it does not similarly shriek for blood. And the *Gazette* serves notice on the world that *Gastonia* (read: mill owners) "is determined to see that justice (read: murder)



is done." We do not believe Gastonia is hysterical. She is determined to see that justice is done and that this city does not become the American headquarters for the Russian Communists. There will be no quibbling about that. There is the same determination that sent its citizens to Kings Mountain, to Gettysburg and Appomattox and to the World War—a determination that their homes and their laws are not going to be destroyed by anarchists and blood-thirsty hoodlums who have no regard for anything that we stand for."

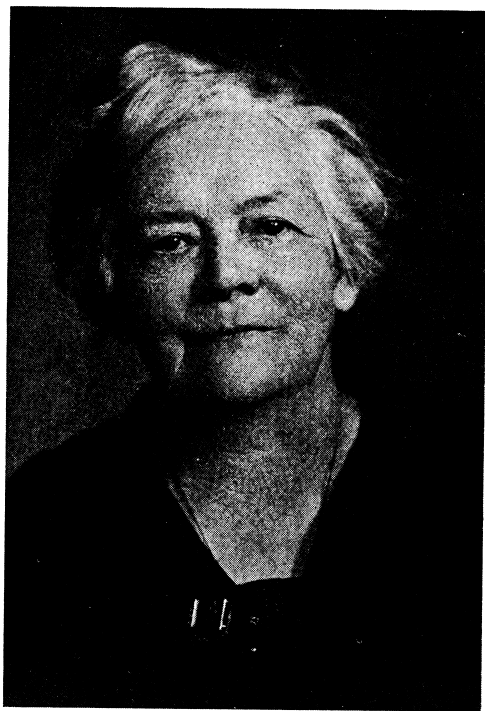
The "Charlotte News" says:

"When rattlesnakes shake themselves, it is time to strike at them and not try to coax them back into friendliness."

Quoting a statement by the International Labor Defense from the Daily Worker, the Gastonia Gazette of June 13 asks how long are the lynchers going to delay:

"How long will the descendants of those who fought at Kings Mountain, Guilford Courthouse, Ramseur's Mill, Gettysburg, Manassas, Shiloh, Malvern Hill, Chica-mauga, and those who fought in the Ar-gonne, on the Marne, at Chateau-Thiery and at St. Mihiel, permit activities fanned by this sort of unfair and dangerous propa-ganda to go out to the world."

The Gazette, as spokesman for the Man-ville-Jenckes Company, is, of course, inter-ested not merely in doing away with in-dividuals. The chief aim is the driving out of the National Textile Workers Union



ELAA BLOOR, NOW TOURING FOR THE GASTONIA DEFENSE

which has been leading the heroic struggle of the mill workers. And it is for this reason that it levels its mightiest volleys against the N.T.W.U., as well as against all the left wing organizations supporting the fight of the textile workers—the Interna-tional Labor Defense, the Workers Inter-

national Relief, the Communist Party and the Daily Worker from whose columns it quotes at length. The astute editors of this sheet also make the remarkable discovery that Communism is a world-wide move-ment! The issue of June 14 cites this fact for all the world to know:

"Many Gaston people who have had an idea that this thing known as Communism, using a labor organization as an entering wedge into our social fabric, is a local propo-sition are now having their eyes opened. It is a world-wide movement and is now operating in India, China, and many other countries as well as in the United States."

The editorial columns of June 15 are devoted to the International Labor Defense. It quotes in full press releases of the I.L.D., including the appeals urging workers to rush funds. The Gazette introduces the releases of the I. L. D. in the fol-lowing words (note that it speaks of all the defendants as "murderers" and "thugs", not as persons *charged* with certain crimes):

"A nation-wide movement in behalf of the imprisoned thugs and murderers is be-ing undertaken. The Gazette is repro-ucing some of these articles simply to give the folks here at home an idea of the fight they are up against in trying to convict these murderers and of the resistance the authorities are meeting in their efforts to rid the country of these 'reds'."

The same issue quotes an editorial from the Chester, S. C., Reporter which openly,

unashamedly demands the lives of the framed workers.

"... if the events of Fri-day night," says the Report-er, "do not send some of them to the electric chair and others to the penitenti-ary, they may go right on, undertaking to scatter their poison far and wide through-out the South." This unwit-tingly gives away the real purpose of the frame-up—the driving out of the left wing from the South.

The mill owners' press, especially the small mill town papers, is yelling for a lynching bee. The Daily Worker and the Labor De-fender, which are eagerly read by the workers must combat the lies and provoca-tions of this bosses' publi-city department of the bosses by the raising of a huge de-fense fund and the rallying of the workers of the entire country behind the Interna-tional Labor Defense that can defeat the pack that is howling for blood.



LYDIA GIBSON DEPICTS THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE SOUTH



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MILL HANDS AND THE

LAW

NORTH CAROLINA mill hands, most of whom had never been charged with an infraction of the law, have had occasion to learn much about the law and its operation in and around Gastonia during the strike which has been on there for many weeks. Hundreds of the strikers have been charged with crime and many of them have been convicted. Scores of them are awaiting trial now, charged with most anything from laughing at the sacred person of a soldier to mayhem on the sacred body of a policeman.

When the strike was first called the Republican sheriff and the Democratic mayor made common cause against the strikers and frantically called on Governor Gardner, North Carolina's mill-owning chief executive, for troops. Former Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle (The strikers call him Bull Wrinkle) special counsel for the Manville-Jenckes Co., joined in the plea and the troops were sent. They acted as though they had orders to break the strike. Immediately the Adjutant

could be found to the identity of the perpetrators and a special session of the grand jury failed to return any indictments. The national guardsmen and special deputies could perhaps throw an interesting light upon the matter.

Later on the troops were removed and a whole army of special officers took their place. They were armed with rifles and bayonets belonging to the Government. The mill owners wanted to stop picketing and they got the city council to resort to the old subterfuge of passing an ordinance against parades. The Mayor mill man, thin, pious, patriotic, prejudiced, ignorant, has to be consulted before any parades can be held. Under this nefarious device large numbers were arrested and convicted. They have been appealed to Superior Court and will be finally disposed of during the summer. Under the ordinance all that one has to do is to walk down the street in company with a small group of people. If it is near the mill such person has paraded and is fined.

Another interesting feature of the arrests is that many have been arrested for profanity. If you tell an officer to go to hell why you have violated the law against profanity in a public place. All policemen think that the regions of Lucifer should be treated with reverence during a strike and that the name of his Satanic Majesty should not be taken in vain. None of the profanity cases have yet been tried. They will furnish plenty of comic opera when they are.

Another favorite device of the mill owners is to have strikers arrested for trespass. I represented two young men before a Justice of the Peace on this charge and they were both convicted. It was in evidence that they were on the street but

an officer swore that he knew the street was the property of the mill and they were fined. The officer perhaps was not far from the truth at that; for the mill owns the land, the houses, the school, the church, the streets and the folks.

That is the thing that peeved the mill owners, the folks asserting that they were their own masters. They had not done that hitherto. Surely there must be something desperately wrong with this new-fangled union, they said if it could come along and lead the fight of a bunch of workers who heretofore had done the bidding of their bosses. Actually pale little girls and old women with weary eyes had stood up for their rights. No wonder the owners began to bring out their ancient shibboleths.

The owners said it was a revolution. They

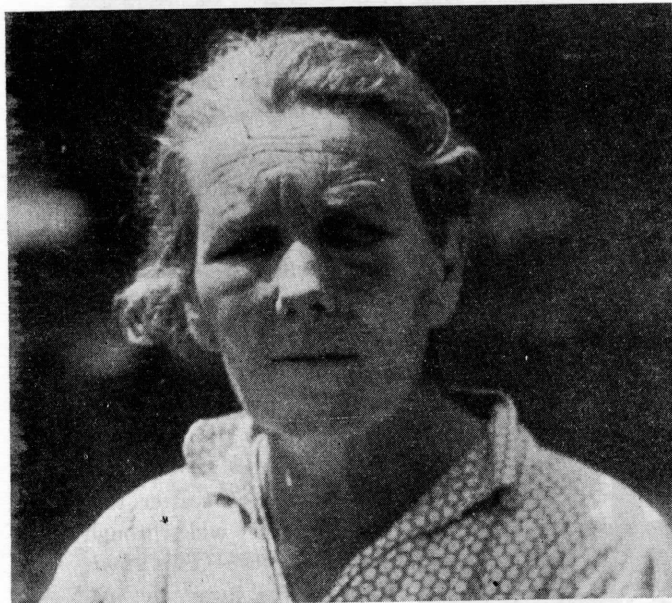


TWO GASTONIA STRIKERS

took their cue from one Wood, dull, phlegmatic man from the Department of Labor. But the owners went further. They said it was a revolt, not only against them, but against the flag, the bible, church, marriage God, mother, home and heaven. They got hysterical about it. They screamed it in headlines in their favorite journals. They imported Joe Mitchell Chapple, professional patriot, to lecture against communism. Joe



A MASS MEETING OF STRIKERS A FEW HOURS AFTER A MASKED MOB HAD TALKED WITH ELLEN DAWSON WAS A



MRS. ADA HOWELL, STRIKER, AFTER BEING HORRIBLY BEATEN ON THE PICKET LINE. NOTICE HER FACE

General gave out a statement indicating where his sympathies were and was soon followed by other officers. Major Stephen Dolley, local lawyer, when approached by Karl Reeve, representative of the I.L.D. with an inquiry about a prisoner, swelled up like a poisoned pup and issued a statement to the press on what brand of Americanism he indorsed. He acted throughout like he was the lord high executioner of the mighty world.

While the troops were on duty and while the intrepid Dolley was hard by a mob of thugs destroyed the strike headquarters and the relief store. The great Dolley allowed that he was not a detective and that it was not his concern to hunt the criminals. The outrage was committed under the very nose of the National Guard and while a coterie of special deputies were on duty but no clue

talked so much of himself that he got around to the subject, but thought they had put one over on a group of real soldiers, men who had crossed wide seas and followed the they slept in mud and bathed in blood the world war, asked to reply. strikers and had no rights.

As a matter of fact the owners' consists in coining the blood of a boodle. Their belated talk about comes with poor grace. Men women night and day and pay the that some of them are forced to bodies for bread have about as much for marriage as a large healthy T

The law is with the mill owners have the bayonets and the bullets, and the power. But the workers' tion have felt the stirrings of freedom their breasts and they will keep on tory is perched upon their banner require much suffering. This is ginning. Already, however, the shaking in their shoes. Their day bered, for the workers of this aroused and are discovering their p

THE HAYMARKET

THE frame-up charge at Gastonia Haymarket meeting in Chicago are so similar that I herewith give account of the latter.

The Haymarket meeting was presided for the purpose of carrying out a great eight hour day strike, when the police attacked it. At the meeting the police, some one hurled a bomb which ever knew who threw it. Strangely



TWO GASTONIA STRIKERS

talked so much of himself that he never did get around to the subject, but the owners thought they had put one over anyway. A group of real soldiers, men who had been sent across wide seas and followed the flag while they slept in mud and bathed in blood during the world war, asked to reply. They were strikers and had no rights.

As a matter of fact the owners' patriotism consists in coining the blood of babes into boodle. Their belated talk about marriage comes with poor grace. Men who drive women night and day and pay them so little that some of them are forced to barter their bodies for bread have about as much respect for marriage as a large healthy Thomas cat.

The law is with the mill owners. They have the bayonets and the bullets, the boodle and the power. But the workers of this section have felt the stirrings of freedom within their breasts and they will keep on until victory is perched upon their banners. It will require much suffering. This is but the beginning. Already, however, the bosses are shaking in their shoes. Their days are numbered, for the workers of this section are aroused and are discovering their power.



NEGRO CHILDREN OF TEXTILE WORKERS IN BESSEMER CITY, N. C.

THE HAYMARKET MARTYRS AND GASTONIA

By LUCY PARSONS

(Widow of the Haymarket martyr)

THE frame-up charge at Gastonia and the Haymarket meeting in Chicago in 1886 are so similar that I herewith give a short account of the latter.

The Haymarket meeting was peaceably assembled for the purpose of carrying on the great eight hour day strike, when a company of police attacked it. At the onslaught of the police, some one hurled a bomb. Nobody ever knew who threw it. Strangely the police

and the capitalists never wanted to find out who threw it. What they wanted were the victims, the same as in the case in Gastonia today.

To show the comrades what real danger the Gastonia victims are in, I take a few ex-

tracts from the Judge's rulings in selecting the jury in the Haymarket case. The Judge said: "It is not claimed that any of the defendants at bar threw the bomb, but their teachings paved the way that led to the throwing of the bomb." Again, here follows the opinions by which he compelled the defense to accept a prejudiced jury. Juror Adams said "I have read and talked about Haymarket tragedy and have formed and expressed an opinion about the guilt or innocence of the defendants of the crime charged in the indictment. I believe what I read and hear and still entertain that opinion." Over protest by lawyers, he was accepted.

Juror Danker: "From all you have heard, have you an opinion to the guilt of the defendants of murder" Juror Danker answered: "I have." "Have you a prejudice against Socialist and Communists?" "Yes Sir," a decided prejudice."

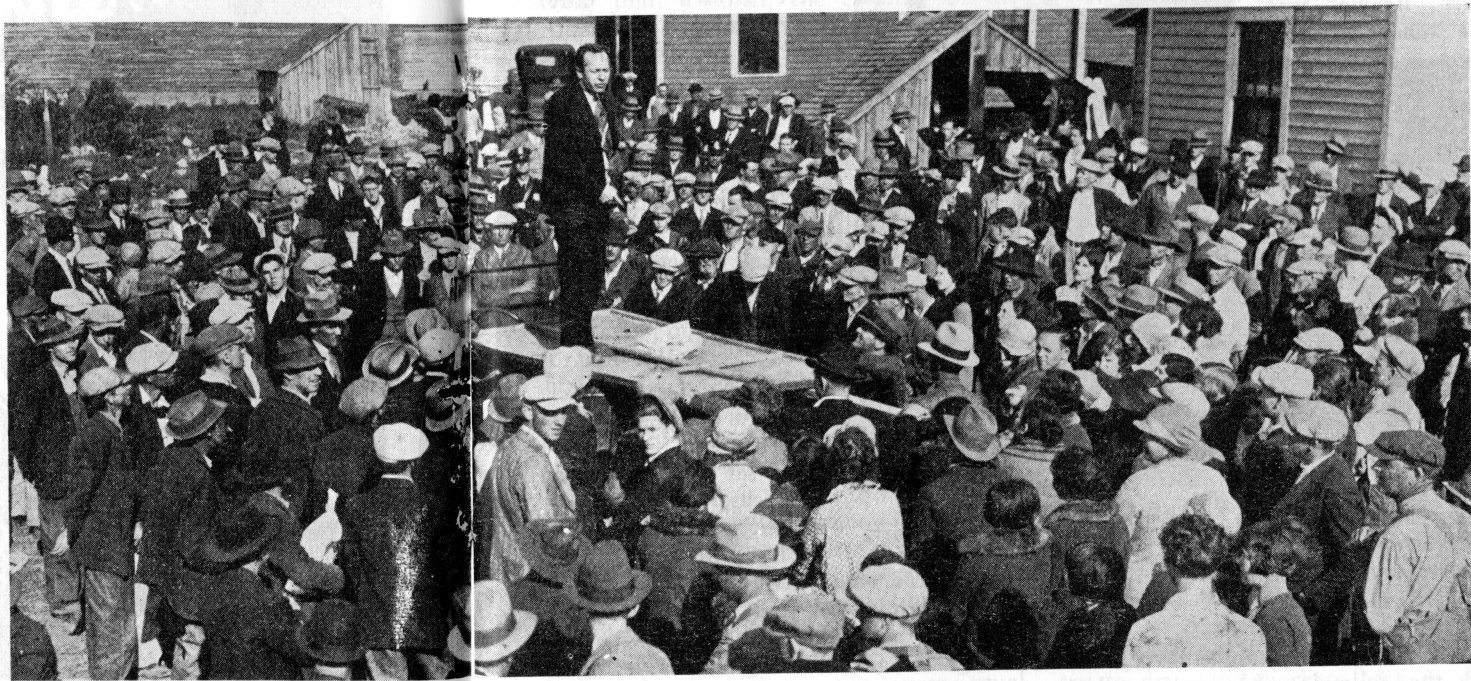
So the whole list of the 12 prejudiced jurymen were forced upon our comrades under the rulings of Judge Geary. Now this is the great danger that confronts the Gastonia victims. It is going to take hard work, good lawyers and plenty of money if their side is to be brought out properly.

This is no holiday, comrades. The howl of the awakening imperialistic South at the audacity of the dauntless National Textile Workers Union and the International Labor Defense is resounding. The fate of the comrades, the horrible chain gang. The electric chair looms in the not far distance. Only the workers can save them!

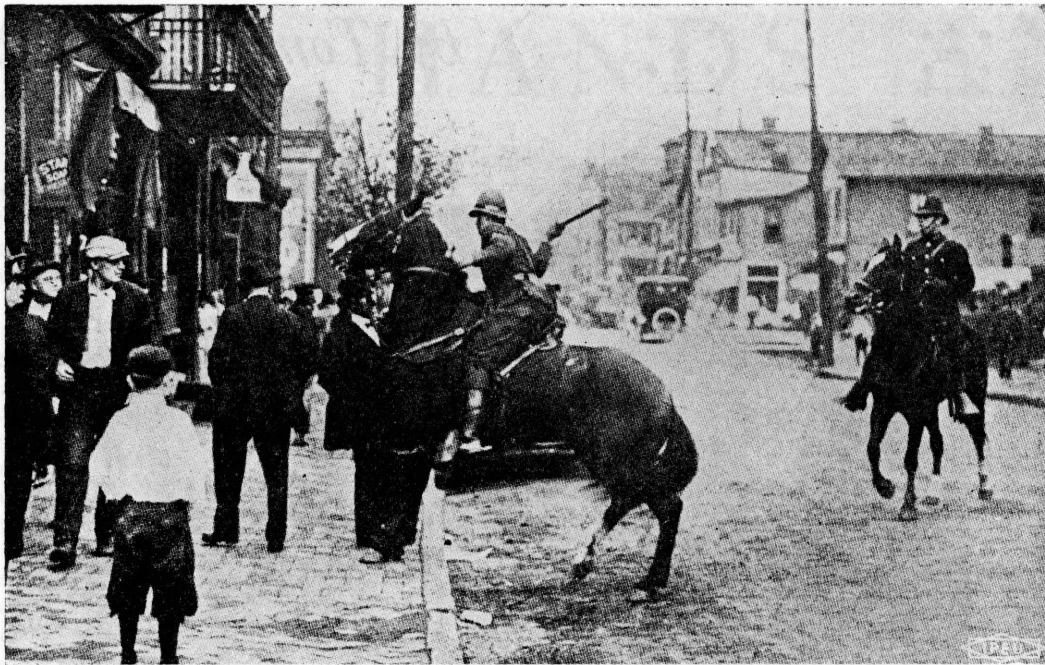
their cue from one Wood, dull, phlegmatic man from the Department of Labor. The owners went further. They said it was a revolt, not only against them, but against the flag, the bible, church, marriage, mother, home and heaven. They got hysterical about it. They screamed it in headlines in their favorite journals. They imitated Joe Mitchell Chapple, professional lecturer, to lecture against communism. Joe



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PENNSYLVANIA COSSACKS IN ACTION

The Raid on Bethlehem Workers

By GRACE HUTCHINS

ANNA BURLAK, 18-year old silk weaver, was one of 13 workers arrested and held following a raid on a May Day meeting of the Ukrainian Workingmen's Association in Bethlehem, Pa. As a member of the Council of the National Textile Workers' Union and a local leader of the Young Pioneers, she is a special target for the silk and steel bosses' attacks.

With wages of steel workers so low that the men's wives and daughters must work in the silk mills, Bethlehem workers are organizing in unions and militant associations, to demand better conditions. Anna Burlak, young daughter of a steel worker, has already worked three years in a silk mill and become a skilled weaver. Fearing her influence as a leader of other young workers, the great Bethlehem Steel Corporation instigated her arrest. A dozen other workers had already been arrested during the raid.

On Saturday evening, May 4th, workers gathered at the Hungarian Workers' Home to celebrate May Day. Before anything had started, even before William Murdock, the main speaker, had arrived, about 20 officers and detectives rushed into the building and with threats of arrests forbade anyone to leave the hall. Led by County detective Schweitzer, they pushed upstairs to a hall where the Ukrainian Workingmen's Association was holding its monthly meeting.

The workers had just finished paying their dues when the raid took place. Schweitzer immediately ordered all workers placed under arrest. He had no warrant to show, and he did not stop to find out what kind of meeting was going on.

Later at the hearing, when Schweitzer was asked why he thought it was a communist meeting, he said, "I know it was a Communist meeting because I saw one man writing notes and the rest of the men were sitting around as if they were planning something." When asked whether he overheard any conversation among the defendants which led him to believe they were Communists, he answered, "No one was speaking when I came, but I swear it was a Communist meeting anyway."

Albert Brown was one of those arrested. He was hand-cuffed with the others and taken to prison. William Murdock, speaker of the evening, was arrested as he came up to the door of the hall. All defendants were photographed and fingerprinted at the police headquarters.

Brown and Murdock were then beaten terribly by Schweitzer, McGettican and Quinly in an effort to make them sign a statement. All literature found at the workers' hall was confiscated. All pictures, chairs and tables were broken or damaged.

Anna Burlack, the young weaver, was arrested the following Monday, at her place of employment, and charged with se-

dition. This charge was based on the fact that she is a Young Pioneer leader.

Four workers, Anna Burlak, Albert Brown, William Murdock and Joe Yelenics, are held under \$5,000 bail each. Nine other workers are held under \$1,000 bail each.

At the hearing before Alderman Charles Greenstein on May 7th, the workers were defended by Leon Josephson of the International Labor Defense. It was clear to all workers present that the Bethlehem Steel Corporation was dictating what the magistrate said. Ridiculous as the testimony was against them, yet all the defendants were held for the next term of Court in Easton.

Chas. M. Schwab, chairman of the vast Bethlehem Steel Corporation, is an absentee owner of Bethlehem city government. From his palatial mansion on Riverside Drive, New York, he directs the giant corporation, employing over 60,000 workers and reporting profits of over \$15,000,000 a year. But Schwab's power cannot break the spirit of the steel and silk workers, nor stop the onward march of organization.

At a protest meeting held in Bethlehem on June 8th, Jennie Cooper, representing the Philadelphia district of the International Labor Defense, Herbert Benjamin, of the Communist Party, two workers and two newspaper reporters were arrested. Anna Burlak arranged this second meeting which was also raided and broken up by the police.

Speaking for the I.L.D. and the Bethlehem workers, Jennie Cooper declared, "We intend to fight this outrage to the finish. We most emphatically protest. William Murdock and Albert Brown not only were arrested but beaten up by city Detective Schweitzer in the course of the third degree. Certainly the workers of Bethlehem are entitled to celebrate May Day or any other holiday without the interference of the police or the Bethlehem Steel authorities."



BINNIE GREEN, 14 YR. OLD GAS-TONIA STRIKER, NOW ON TOUR FOR I. L. D.

As in the great steel strike of 1919, Bethlehem workers find themselves set upon by armed Cossacks, courts, judges and city authorities, with Schwab's Bethlehem Steel Corporation always in the background. But steel and silk workers of Bethlehem and other Pennsylvania towns are organizing again to fight—for the right to organize and protest, for better working conditions, for the overthrow of capitalism.



The Fur Workers' Strike

AS the Labor Defender goes to press the strike of the New York furriers starts. For two years the fur workers have been oppressed and plundered by the bosses working hand in glove with the scab right wing Joint Council, the creature of the American Federation of Labor. All the gains of the brilliant 17-weeks' 1926 strike, which was led by the left wing, have been almost wiped out in the course of these two years and conditions similiar to sweatshop days of the past have been introduced.

Now the workers are striking under the leadership of a real union, the fighting Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union which led the successful dressmakers' strike earlier in the year. The 12,000 workers in the trade have suffered heavily as a result of the A. F. of L.—"socialist" union-smashing campaign. This strike is therefore a strike for the organization of the unorganized as well as a fight for elementary demands.

The chief union demands are the 40-hour, 5-day week; increase in wages; equal division of work; no discharge; an unem-

ployment insurance fund to be maintained by the employers and administered by the union; abolition of piece-work and the speed-up system; a 30-hour week during the slack period; and better conditions for young workers in the trade.

Though the strike has just begun, Tam-

fights in the forefront of all the struggles of the workingclass, has already shown where it stands in this struggle—100 percent with the striking furriers. It handled the cases of all workers arrested for distributing leaflets on the opening day and is continuing to give every possible support to the strike. The fur workers know from their experience in the 1926 strike what the International Labor Defense means to them. That struggle saw the birth of the Mineola frame-up case in which nine workers are still involved. Two of these have already been sentenced to jail and the appeal in the other seven cases is scheduled to come up soon. The I.L.D. is defending these cases and is fighting for the freedom of all nine men.

The furriers' strike marks another struggle under the leadership of one of the new left wing industrial unions. A victory for the furriers means the strengthening of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, the strengthening of the entire left wing movement and a blow at the A. F. of L. and "socialist" betrayers of labor.



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A DEMONSTRATION IN NEW YORK AGAINST POLICE TERROR

many Hall's police have already shown their hand. Commissioner Whalen's entire strike-breaking army has been called out in an effort to help the bosses, right wing bureaucrats and underworld thugs try to drive the workers back to slavery. The International Labor Defense, which

THE RED DAY OF THE

THE International Labor Defense (I.R. A.) appeals to the opponents of war in all countries and in particular to the class-conscious workers and farmers to rally to the Red Day of the I.L.D. on August 1st in order to conduct a mass struggle



A RED FRONT FIGHTER, BERLIN

against the obvious intention of the imperialists of all countries to let loose a new war. The Red Day of the I. L. D. is a warning and an appeal to all opponents of war to join in a united front against war and to leave nothing undone in order to fight the open and secret plans of the imperialist bourgeoisie and to prevent the threatening horrible catastrophe, the outbreak of a new world war. The wounds caused by the last world war are not yet healed. The horrible bloodbath and the insane destruction caused by the last world war are fresh in the memory of everyone, and yet the imperialist bourgeoisie of all countries are making feverish

preparations and doing their utmost to release the forces of a new imperialist war embracing the whole of humanity and all the countries of the world. We give here a few figures, not complete by any means, of the losses and destruction caused by the last world war: A total of approximately 70 millions of the strongest and most able-bodied members of the population took part in the world slaughter. The human losses on both sides were 10,250,000 dead, 19,350,000 wounded and 7,500,000 prisoners or in all about 37 millions or 53% of all participants.

The danger of war is growing with frightful rapidity. The period of the conclusion of secret treaties is again with us. The armament insanity has no limits. Fascist terror is growing in intensity in all countries. Workers are to be led once again to kill their class brothers and to be killed by them. The differences between the imperialist powers are intensifying visibly. Only the existence of the Soviet Union has prevented the unleashing of the war dogs up to the present. For this reason the anger of all the imperialists is directed against the Soviet Union. In the question of the destruction of this bulwark of peace, the capitalist governments are united irrespective of their own militarist plans and differences. The encirclement of the Soviet Union from the east is steadily continuing and the ring is closing. The first joint blow is to be directed against the Soviet Union in order to clear the way

for war amongst the imperialist nations themselves. Parallel with the feverish preparations for a new world war, the bourgeoisie is practising pacifist deceptions in order to deceive the people and hold the broad masses in ignorance of their danger to the last moment. Bourgeois pacifism has become fashionable both in the camp of the bourgeoisie and in the leading circles of the social democracy, where zealous advocates are to be found. The League of Nations and the innumerable disarmament conferences allegedly guarantee lasting peace. The proletariat can easily convince itself of the hollowness of the pacifist phrases of the bourgeoisie by comparing the signing of the Kellogg Pact with the rejection of the disarmament proposal of the Soviet Union at the last session of the preparatory disarmament commission in Geneva.



In all capitalist countries the armies and navies are being increased in strength. The reserves of the great powers, Great Britain, the United States, France, Italy and Japan, who are prepared for war, total no less

than 20 million, whereas the trained men of these five nations in 1914 amounted to about 8 million only.

The efforts of the imperialist bourgeoisie to improve the technique of its murder machines and to extend the capacities of its air fleets and to develop the possibilities of chemical warfare, increase the possibilities of destruction and annihilation in the coming war to an unparalleled and inconceivable extent.

Having regard to the more and more open determination of the capitalist powers to unleash the horrors of such an atrocious war, can the International Labor Defense stand aside from the struggle against this inhuman crime? No! The I. L. D. considers it to be its duty to draw the attention of all workers and farmers to the criminal intentions of the imperialist bourgeoisie and its agents and to warn them



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BERLIN WORKERS FOUGHT THE POLICE FROM BARRICADES ON MAY DAY

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of the danger which is threatening them. The workers and farmers organized in the I.L.D. must raise their voices against the planned slaughter and actively support all protests and other actions directed towards preventing new imperialist wars.

What are the main tasks of the I. L. D. in this struggle? As a proletarian defense organization it is the special task of the I. L. D. to support both morally and materially all the persecuted, arrested and imprisoned opponents of war and militarism irrespective of their political opinions. The struggle against war which is growing in determination and energy and which is rallying broader and broader masses of the people to its standard is being attacked by the bourgeoisie with severe repressive measures, for the latter feels itself found out. In the struggle against the opponents of war the bourgeoisie drags its own laws into the mud, uses brutal and arbitrary suppression, fascist terror. This is the answer of the bourgeoisie to the attempts to counter its war plans and to put an end to the insane armament race. The number of victims in this struggle is growing rapidly and the tasks of the I. L. D. are proportionately large. Greater and greater sums are necessary in order to provide material support for the constantly increasing number of victims of the struggle against imperialist war and its preparations. The degree of work of the I. L. D. is dependent upon the amount of funds collected for this purpose. The membership of the I. L. D. organizations must therefore work constantly in order to raise the necessary sums by winning new members and by conducting collections. The formation of a special fund for the assistance of the victims of the struggle against imperialist war is an absolute necessity and energetic action for such collections must be commenced immediately. The struggle against imperialist war must not be left to the last



DENOUNCING WALKERS POLICE TERROR, NEW YORK

minute. Now at once, those who must suffer chiefly from the war, the workers and farmers must rally all their strength to fight against the threatening danger.

During the course of the 6 years of its existence the International Labor Defense has grown into a world organization and has assisted thousands and thousands of persecuted and imprisoned proletarian revolutionaries and their families both morally and materially, despite the difficulties placed in its way by the governments of the capitalist countries and despite the fact that insufficient recruiting activity was conducted and its membership was not large enough. The I. L. D. has also done a considerable amount of work for the education of the working masses to international proletarian solidarity. The I. L. D. has also collected an immense amount of invaluable experience during the years of its work for the victims of the revolutionary struggle. The I. L. D. must now utilize this rich experience in order to extend

and improve its activity on behalf of the fighting proletariat all over the world, for the increasing reaction of capitalism and imperialism means that the defense work of the I. L. D. is more necessary and greater than ever.

What has been said above explains the special significance of the "Red Day of the I. L. D." It represents a flaming protest against the preparation of new imperialist war and it is an appeal to the working masses of all countries, and in particular to the class-conscious proletariat and farmers to support the defense work of the I. L. D. by joining its ranks and by contri-

buting to its funds. At the same time it is a solemn promise to the opponents of war in their difficult struggle against the preparations of the imperialist bourgeoisie, that the I. L. D. will fight with them shoulder to shoulder as a reliable ally.

Down with Imperialist War!

Strengthen the I. L. D. by joining its ranks in masses and contributing to its work!

Long live the Red Day of the I. L. D.!

Cuban Terror

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But the culminating act of the bloody Machado rule, the act that aroused the greatest storms of indignation, was the cold-blooded murder of Julio Mella in the streets of Mexico City by an agent of Machado on Jan. 10, 1929. Mella was only 26 and one of the outstanding leaders of the Latin-American masses.

Since the murder of Mella, Machado has continued his bloody orgies. Two



BERLIN WORKERS PURSUED BY POLICE

hundred workers and students, charged with high treason, are being tortured in solitary confinement in a military prison and all told there are now more than 500 workers in prison.

Yet despite these terrible persecutions, the movement among the masses of Cuba against the dictatorship of Machado and against American imperialism constantly grows. Spontaneous strikes are breaking out with increasing frequency, the illegal Communist Party and the revolutionary trade union movement are growing in influence. With the support of the revolutionary workers and peasants of the other Latin-American countries and of the workers of the United States the oppressed masses of Cuba are determined to free themselves from the clutches of the vulture Machado and his imperialist masters.



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USING THE FIRE HOSE ON BERLIN WORKERS



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THE CLASS STRUGGLE INTENSIFIED IN AUSTRALIA

— BOOKS —

LABOR AND AUTOMOBILES

By Robert W. Dunn

Reviewed by Edward Wright

ALTHOUGH 35 years old, the automobile industry is regarded today as the industry that has contributed much to American industrial technique. It has achieved such technical perfection that all European corporations envy it and are most anxious to copy its method.

Phenomenal has been its growth in production and profits.

Thirty years ago—12 cars. Today, 4 million cars per year. \$10,000 invested in 1903 without any additional expenditures or buying of stock results in the unbelievable equity, in 1926 of \$275,000,000.

Equally important is the fact that all the automobile factories may be converted into factories for the manufacturing of implements of war. This process can be done very easily by the fact that the House of Morgan controls practically all of the automobile industry, with the exception of Ford's. The competition for raw material necessary for the manufacturing of cars intensifies day by day the rivalries among imperialist nations, making for another world war.

While the automobile industry developed with gigantic strides, how have the auto-workers been treated?

In the early days of the auto-industry, skilled workers predominated. With the introduction of machinery, however, the unskilled worker assumed predominance. The chief qualification today is no more skill but the ability to maintain a machine pace in order to eliminate all false and unnecessary motions. Workers in Detroit, known as the "Wonder City" have been known to dye their hair, lest they should lose their jobs. The auto workers are

"bound to the conveyor, sapping their vitality the way the galley slaves were bound to their vessel. They work like fiends, sweat running down their cheeks, their jaws set and eyes on fire."

Men are never told collectively that there are no jobs. There may be 5,000 workers or 32,000 workers outside the gates waiting for jobs, yet one by one, regardless of the weather, is told "no, nothing today."

There have been many attempts to organize the auto workers, and the A. F. of L. has played its traditionally treacherous role. It has thrown out the Auto Workers Union because it was able some years ago to organize effectively the auto workers. The former president of the A. F. of L. Samuel Gompers in alliance with the auto bosses fought the Auto Workers Union. It remains today the only union that can possibly organize the auto workers. But it is the Communist Party that has taken the job of organizing the auto workers more seriously than any other party or workers organization. It has already established shop papers in most of the auto factories, with a circulation of 1000 to 20,000 and as Robert Dunn says, "when the workers in Detroit will be ultimately organized, it will be largely due to the auto workers who are members of the Communist Party."

Many books have been written glorifying the auto industry and its owners, but completely forgetting or lying regarding the conditions of the auto workers.

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THE CLASS STRUGGLE INTENSIFIED IN AUSTRALIA

Oppression In Australia

By J. KAVANAUGH

THE Capitalist Offensive upon the working class which commenced with the Red Raids of 1919 in the U. S. A., followed by the wage cutting and union smashing tactics of the American plan, has been gradually developing in this country during the past three years. Not that this country escaped the war hysteria which was

Arising out of the strike Tom Walsh, President, and Jacob Johnson, Secretary of the Seamens Union of Australia were arrested and sentenced to deportation. This caused considerable agitation amongst the workers as a result of which the Supreme Court—to which the matter had been referred—graciously ruled the case out.

and costs for issuing a "Don't Scab" leaflet during the Waterside strike.

In Adelaide the editor of the Direct Action has been sentenced to nine months imprisonment and 150 dollars fine for allegedly taking part in a strike riot.

At the same time attacks upon wages and conditions are developing in every industry. The great American invention, the open shop, is being introduced in the most up to date Milwaukee fashion.

Australia is being most definitely introduced to all the beauties of Capitalism in its period of decline. Unfortunately due to the saturation of the trade union movement with the legalist outlook inseparable from arbitration it is extremely difficult to make the workers see the need for effective organization based upon the class struggle.

The period of the first quarter of the present century has been one of continuously developing capitalism in this country. A period during which, owing to a relative scarcity of labor, the workers have been able to obtain repeated concessions from the employers without any serious struggles taking place.

It is consequently necessary to convince a generation which has not known the need for struggle, that it is necessary to build up a fighting organization if we are to protect ourselves against the attack of the enemy.

However there is considerable fighting spirit amongst the workers here. It only requires guiding into the proper channels, and I have no doubt that in the coming imperialistic conflict in the Pacific the workers of this country will put up a stubborn struggle against the designs of the imperialistic war mongers.



A PICKET LINE IN AUSTRALIA

so prevalent in all the "advanced" countries.

Since the decline of British Imperialism has become pronounced the exploiters of this section of the earth's surface have been continuously besieged by the soothsayers from Britain with a view to the establishment of Rationalization on an Imperial basis.

In order to make this effective it is necessary that the relatively high living standards of the workers in this country be broken down, and that more efficient and speedier methods of production be introduced.

This being a country cursed with compulsory arbitration, with its consequent legalistic effect upon the working class, it was found necessary to preface the economic attack by the enactment of more prohibitive and repressive legislation.

In the fall of 1925 the Bruce Government enacted an amendment to the Crimes Act which they intended to enable them to summarily deport any objectionable person, particularly rebellious workers.

The British Seamen were on strike at this period against the reduction of five dollars per month which the shipowners, with the assistance of the arch-traitor Havelock Wilson, were endeavoring to enforce.

Many of the ships were tied up in the Australian ports. Support for the strikers was being given by the labor movement.

A referendum was then submitted asking for the change of the constitution to permit this deportation and other anti-working class measures being carried out. This was defeated.

In 1928 the government pushed thru an amendment to the Conciliation and Arbitration Act which contained penalties for almost every phase of trade union and working class activity. It is forbidden to call a scab by his correct title. It is forbidden to advise men not to scab. It is forbidden to criticise a judge or a judgment by resolution in a trade union meeting. Penalties range as high as five hundred dollars.

The Waterside Workers Federation was fined five thousand dollars last year for advising their members not to accept the conditions of an award.

Early in the year the secretary of the New South Wales Labor Council was arrested for making statements during the Marine Cooks Strike. A month later Jacob Johnson, General Secretary of the Seamen was arrested on a charge of attempting to interfere with interstate trade. He received six months imprisonment.

A strike occurred on a government light-house tender in Brisbane and the officers of the Seamens Unions in that port were arrested and fined five hundred dollars



A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST CUBAN TERROR, HELD BY MEXICO CITY. I. L. D.

Child Delegation to Soviet Union

ON the first of August, International Red Day, the first Workers' Children's delegation from America, will take part, in Moscow, in the demonstration called by the Young Pioneers of the Soviet Union. The workers' children's delegation from America is sponsored by the Young Pioneers of America. It will consist of five delegates, one from the Needle Trades, one from the auto trade, one from the miners, one from the textile industry, and one Negro workers' child.

The I.L.D. has frequently defended the Young Pioneers in their struggles against the Goose Step methods and subject matter taught in the public schools, and in all of the activity of the Pioneers in the class struggle fighting against capitalist exploitation of children in industry and elsewhere. The I.L.D. indorses this delegation, which is a part of the campaign to defend the Soviet Union from imperialist attacks, a part of the fight against imperialist war, and against the exploitation of children by the ruling class. The I.L.D. is also



ANNA BURLACK, JAILED IN BETHLEHEM FRAME-UP.

taking part in the celebration of International Red Day. An article in the present issue describes the position of the I.L.D. towards International Red Day.

We greet the first workers' children's delegation to the Soviet Union and urge all workers and workers' organizations to give support to this visit which will do a great deal to aid the struggle of the working class against the present offensive of American imperialism which is directed against the workers of America and against the first workers government—the Soviet Union.

The ruling class is mobilizing the children to aid them in preparing a new imperialist world war. The Boy Scouts are sending a delegation to a congress to drum up war spirit to be held in Liverpool July 30. In Vienna the reformist childrens organization, the Red Falcons will meet this summer for same purpose.

The ruling class is preparing for war.

The workers children must fight this imperialist war preparation.

THE GASTONIA DEFENSE

The I.L.D. has sent a number of Gastonia strikers into the districts to speak before organizations and mass meetings in behalf of the Gastonia Defense. Mother Ella Reeve Bloor, accompanied by Elizabeth McGinnas and Binnie Green, two Gastonia strikers, are now in Pittsburgh en route on a nation wide tour for the I.L.D. Gastonia Defense. Within a few days a prominent speaker, together with Gastonia strikers will begin a tour of the Southern cities to speak on the Gastonia frame-up.

Hundreds of thousands of leaflets, circulars, lists and posters have been issued exposing the frame-up against the fourteen organizers of the N.T.W.U. and leading Gastonia strikers, who are now charged with murder by the mill owners' courts which are trying to wipe out the union in the South.

The International Labor Defense has secured a capable legal staff which includes attorneys Tom Jimison and Abernathy, and Flowers of Charlotte, and is about to

secure the services of a nationally known southern attorney as the Labor Defender goes to press. Joseph Brodsky of New York who was in Gastonia immediately after the arrests will also participate. Nationally known lawyers will defend the strikers during the trial. The prosecution has sixteen lawyers and a frame-up fund of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Every district must rush funds to the national office. Thousands of dollars are immediately needed.

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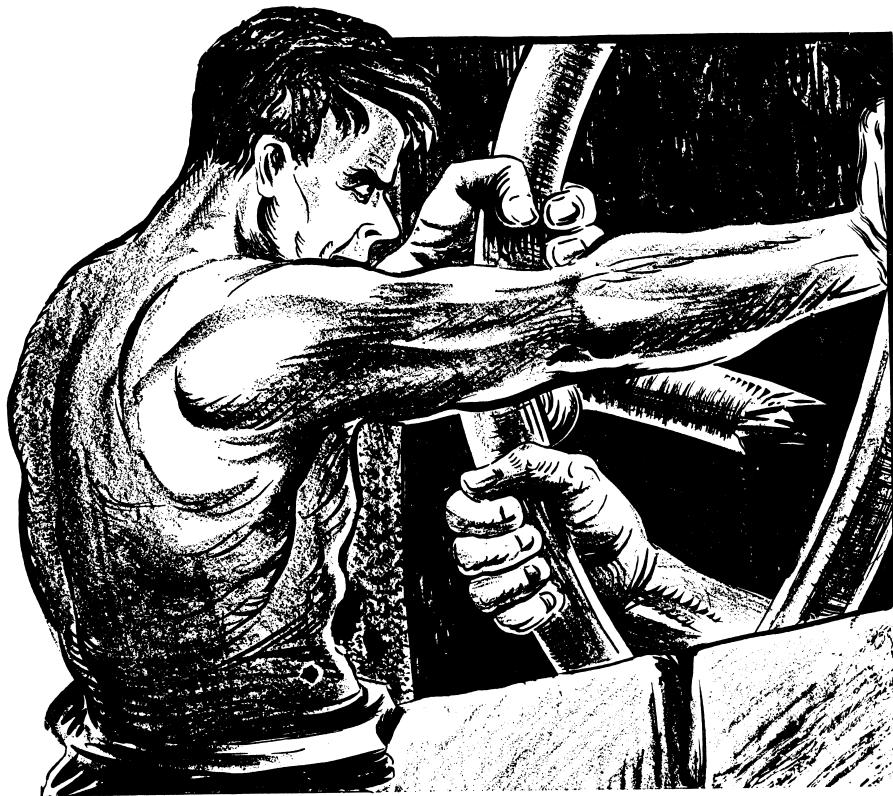
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