



## 10,000 Pennsylvania Silk Workers to Swell Ranks of Striking Dyers

### Union Solidarity with Unemployed League

Paterson, Nov. 2.—Rounding the first strike week the Paterson dyers are maintaining the traditions of militancy for which the silk industry is nationally famed.

The Dyers Federation has been demanding the thirty-hour week, one dollar an hour, and the union shop. The bosses, up to the present refuse to grant any more than the 36 hour week with no reduction in pay. With this the parleys discontinued, the union constantly gaining in strength, the battle-front extending into Pennsylvania and a ring of fighting dyers massed around every open shop and every scab house still open.

#### Strike Ranks Swelling

The Federation of Silk and Rayon Dyers went into the battle a week ago strong and confident. Its feeling of power was more than justified. More than 80 percent of the dyeing industry had previously been organized by them. 25,000 workers answered the strike call immediately on its issuance. As we go to press anywhere between ten to fifteen thousand will follow their example in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. During this last week two of the largest bleaching houses, the Standard Bleachery and the Fairview Bleachery, previously open shop fortresses, have joined the strike front. 1,500 workers are employed in these establishments.

The stay-at-home idea is furthest from the minds of the dyers during the strike. Picket lines of thousands are on the march every morning. Injunctions, cops and thugs are brushed aside by the fighting determination by the workers. In Hudson County a judge's ruling restricting picket lines to four strikers became a worthless scrap of paper when 400 strikers marched before one of the local mills. The police conveniently forgot the law and thought it best not to interfere.

#### Unemployed League Aiding

Another extremely hopeful sign for the victory of the strike is the cooperation of unemployed workers on picket lines and in striking large shops still working.

A letter sent by George Baldanzi, president of the dyers federation, to the Unemployed League calls upon them to pitch in with the strikers and make the battle a success. "This offer has been accepted, and as in Minneapolis and Toledo, the Unemployed League of Pennsylvania is mobilizing its members in Allentown to strike one of the key shops in that state, the National Piece Dye Works.

So effective has been the tie-up in the dye industry that several large jobbers and commission houses are stopping work on orders in weaving mills for the duration of the strike. The effect of this and similar moves will be to throw thousands of weavers out of work because of the inability to get the silk and rayons dyed. The dyers strike must end in the complete paralysis of the entire silk industry.

Meantime it is entirely to the interests of the weavers and other crafts connected with the fabrication of the product to cast their lot in with the dyers. More than 1,000 weavers are already on strike. The bosses are flagrantly violating the contract. Abuses are widespread. To add fuel to the fire the weaving employers are taking every advantage of the passivity of the workers to wipe out all vestiges of union conditions. One of these methods is the organization of company unions. In Newton, N.J., members of the U.T.W. are being discharged and then rehired only on the condition that they join the company union.

Everything favors a victorious outcome of the dyers strike, barring timidity or capitulation of the leadership. The weavers can share in this victory provided they give the dyers their complete solidarity and if necessary are prepared to take a bold aggressive stand before the height of the season is over.

### Instructions for New Party Voters

The greatest task before all revolutionary workers is the building of the New Party.

The Communist League calls upon you to support them in this titanic job.

In this election, we ask for your support by writing in the name of J. P. Cannon as a demonstration of solidarity in the creation of the new party.

Last minute instructions: When you enter the polling booth pay no attention to any levers. There is space for writing in names. Use that space to write in the name of James P. Cannon for Governor. Do not write any more or less than specified here. Do not write in names for any other candidates. Be sure to use only an ordinary black lead pencil. Bring it with you as they are not supplied at polls.

For the New Party!

## Police Attacks "Deplored" by Tory Diehard

With an overwhelming rush of liberality as election time draws near, the political opponents of Governor Lehman have ponced upon the brutal beating of the "hunger marchers" in Albany, and are trying to make of this monstrous crime a political football.

The tender heart of Robert Moses, Republican candidate for Governor, bled with compassion as he witnessed the scene: the highway to Albany strewn with the prostrate bodies of bruised and bleeding men and women, victims of the police thugs.

And as polling time approaches, can Governor Lehman afford to be outdone in mercy and compassion? No! A thousand times no! Have Republicans then the monopoly as defenders of democratic rights? If Lehman is pricked, doth he not bleed. His reply should set at rest, once and for all, his Republican maligners.

"I am without authority," said in effect the Governor of the State of New York, "but I affirm my belief in the right of peaceful assembly."

And the crowning touch! The wonder of wonders! The miracle of miracles! Mayor Thacher of Albany, whose cops beat up the hunger marchers, yet, Mayor Thacher himself issued this statement: "I believe thoroughly in the rights of any group to public assembly."

Election Balm for Cracked Skulls Then it is unanimous! And the "hunger marchers", wards protem of the Government House, their wounds tenderly cared for, may console themselves with these magnanimous statements, balm for their wounds. From now until November 6, Election Day, they are safe from police clubs, from merciless beatings. From now until November 6 they have the full right of Democratic assemblage. They may meet, they may protest within moderation.

But after November 6, we can offer them no guarantee. They must guard their heads as best they can. Governor Moses cannot save them. Governor Solomon cannot save them. Nor can Governor Amter. After November 6, affairs are restored to normal order, and the police reign supreme again.

But is it not pleasant to realize that there is one short season when the jobless have a voice, when the cops must swathe their bellies in election ribbons, when the most reactionary political leader and the most brutal ward heeler speaks the language of justice and democracy?

## New Dealers Bolt Sinclair In Epic Flight

### Joining Ranks of Forgotten Men He Calls to God For Succor

Abandoned by his Democratic colleagues in California; spurned by Farley, high-hatted by Roosevelt, double-crossed by Creel, gipped in general to a fare-you-well, the saintly Upton Sinclair turns to God for aid.

Far be it from us to doubt the efficacy of prayer, which has served the holy church and generations of sanctimonious exploiters right well. Nevertheless, it is our sober judgment that Sinclair will be very little benefited. We question that God has lost his well-known political acumen. He still sides, we take it, with the bigger battalions. And, as we view the present political line-up of forces, even taking into account the possibility of a last minute switch on the part of Jehovah to the side of EPIC, and reckoning upon the votes of all the resident angels (cherubins not eligible because of age limitations), the situation, we would say, is still unfavorable to Upton. Gabriel may turn up unexpectedly at the EPIC headquarters, but Creel and Farley can still deliver more votes.

#### "Liberal" Versus "Liberal"

Leaving God out of the picture for the present, as an unknown quantity, the California political battlefield affords an amazing clarification of the class struggle. Class lines have completely obliterated the traditional party lines. Reaction in all camps has organized to beat Sinclair. The "liberal" Mr. Creel, the "liberal" Mr. Howard of the Scripps-Howard press, the entire Democratic machine are joined in a desperate struggle to defeat the Democratic candidate, the "liberal" Mr. Upton Sinclair, and to put in office the suddenly-turned liberal Republican candidate, the choice of the arch-Tory G.O.P. machine, now miraculously a supporter of Roosevelt's New Deal.

Sinclair may be a charlatan, or nit-wit, or both. That is not his crime against the Democratic Party of California and the U.S.A. His crime lies in the fact that he sought to revive the hopes of the cheated working class, to restore faith best forgotten in the supposed pro-labor principles of the New Deal. In vain he repeats that is only urging what Roosevelt has urged, that his basic program is a New Deal program. That is precisely what the Administration wishes to forget, and wishes the voters everywhere to forget.

It is exceedingly unpleasant for Roosevelt to be reminded, and for the voters to be reminded, that the New Deal promised (even if it was all in the spirit of fun and good sound politics) to restore purchasing power by raising wages, to clip the wings of the bankers, to moderate the greed of industry, to take care of the unemployed. All this the modified EPIC now proposes to do all over again, and the response

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## Union Fight Forces A & P To Back Down

### Spreading of Strike and Boycott Threat Calls Bosses Bluff

As we go to press, the directors of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company show signs of "backing down" from their announced policy of closing all of their stores in sections where they were faced with "labor troubles".

Outwardly proceeding with their bluff in Cleveland, Ohio, by the removal of merchandise from the 300 closed stores in that city, the A. & P. officials nevertheless and at the same time issued mollifying statements having to do with the possibility of reopening these same stores.

The earlier report that the board of directors were agreed on accepting the settlement proposals of the National Labor Relations Board proved premature. However, the statements emanating from the chain store officials were far removed from their earlier bold stand.

"It is impossible for the Board of Directors to make final decision upon the question of their ability to open the company's stores in Cleveland until a further study has been made of the problems involved," the non-committal statement of the board of directors read.

At the same time, it was observed that the work of removing the merchandise was to all practical purposes halted, with only a skeleton crew going through the motions.

Faced with the extension of the strike to other cities in Ohio, the threat of strike in Milwaukee, the imminent boycott in Chicago, New York and other large cities, to say nothing of the smaller towns where the chains are more too popular, the A. & P. were forced, at least in their public utterances, to backwater. If the movement of protest is not permitted to die, if the strike wave strikes swift and hard wherever the A. & P. has its stores, they will surrender entirely.

It is more than a little disquieting, however, to read that the Meat Cutters' Union "leaders" in Cincinnati have ordered the postponement of the strike in that city indefinitely.

It has been said again and again. It must be repeated. Arbitration boards, whatever their character and make-up, will grant to the workers only what they have reason to believe the workers will be able to win for themselves. Their so-called impartiality, at best consists of weighing the two opposing forces, and deciding on the minimum which they must give the workers in order to realize an industrial "truce".

The lockout threat must be answered by strike action and boycott. Workingclass consumers, workers' wives must at once carry on the picketing of A. & P. stores in all cities. The lockout is the direct attack of bosses upon all organized labor. The answer of the workers must be equally swift and direct.

# Arrangements Completed For National Convention to Launch New Party in U.S.

## Demonstrate November 24 For Job Relief

National Unemployed Day, initiated by the National Unemployed League promises to be this year the mightiest demonstration of employed and unemployed workers this country has yet witnessed. In 25 states of the union the jobless will gather, together with their employed fellow workers, and demand:

1. An extensive system of public works to provide work for the unemployed on a basis of \$30 a week minimum for a 30 hour week. On skilled work, trade union rates where such rates are higher.
2. Passage of the Lundeen Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill.
3. Pending the passage of the Unemployment Insurance Bill direct cash relief to be paid at the rate of \$10 a week for a single person, \$15 for a family of two, and \$4 for each additional person in the family.
4. Right of all workers on public works to organize and engage in collective bargaining.
5. Recognition of the representatives of the organized unemployed before relief agencies.
6. Federal adequate disability compensation on all public projects.
7. All war funds to be turned over to unemployed relief.

These demonstrations will take place before the respective state, county and city relief boards of the some 25 states in question. Simultaneously with the local and state demonstrations, a committee will be sent to Washington to place their demands before Federal Relief Director Hopkins and President Roosevelt.

Unity of action of all unemployed organizations will be the key-note of this November 24 demonstration. This is not to be only a day for the unemployed. Every class-conscious worker, every enemy of hunger must make this day a day never to be erased from the memories of the countless ill-fed and under-fed. Nor must those that are parcelling out their miserable doles to the unemployed today be permitted to forget it either.

Among those unemployed organizations who have responded to the call of the National Unemployed League are: Minneapolis Central Council of Workers, Texas Unemployed Union, Florida Unemployed Federation, Illinois Workers Alliance and similar organizations in about 25 states in the union.

### Russian Revolution And Militant Issue

Seventeen years of the Russian Revolution!

Six years of the Militant! The coincidence of these two anniversaries within a few weeks is far from accidental. The service of the Militant in the cause of the fundamental ideas of the Russian Revolution is well known to our readers.

The Militant proposes to celebrate both these occasions in a special anniversary edition to appear November 17. We are considering the addition of two extra pages to facilitate the appearance of several excellent features by outstanding writers. But that depends on you as much as on us. Our lack of funds forces us to leave that part of it up to you. If sufficient contributions and greetings are received then you can count on its doing our end of the job.

What do you say, Militant Readers?

## Labor Editors Threatened by Fascist Thugs

The charge that editors of New York Italian-language newspapers have been warned that their lives are in danger, is contained in a statement published in the latest issue of *Il Martello*, New York anarchist weekly published by Carlo Tresca.

The new-paper, out today, charges that an editor of *Stampa Libera*, local anti-Fascist daily, was recently threatened with violence because of his opposition to Generoso Pope, building supply merchant and publisher of several local Fascist dailies. *Il Martello* contains an appeal to all journalists to stand by, and warns that if harm befalls the editor of *Stampa Libera*, those guilty will pay the price of their crimes. *Stampa Libera* supports the Columbus Day United Anti-Fascist Committee, to which the C.I.A. is affiliated.

The statement of *Il Martello* describes "the state of affairs in the newspaper world of the Italian colony in the United States" as one of terrorism by reactionary publishers against all opponents.

It charges that a Mr. Noto, an editor of Pope's *Corriere d'America*, who was active on behalf of the Newspaper Guild, a union, was physically attacked by Pope in the latter's office on July 17. Pope also threatened him with a revolver. *Il Martello* goes on to describe the recent controversy between the editors of *Stampa Libera* and Pope.

"An editor of *Stampa Libera* received a series of visits from . . . underworld characters who . . . requested" that *Stampa Libera* cease to publish criticism of Pope. The editor of *Stampa Libera* refused repeatedly to make any such commitments. On the occasion of their last visit, the underworld characters informed the editor that they would not call again and that the editor should know what that meant.

"An attempt is being made by Generoso Pope in this city to exercise censorship over the Italian language press by means of gangsters! An attempt is being made to inaugurate in the Italian colony in the United States the same political regime in the press as prevails today in Mussolini's Italy!"

"Call it Fascism, or call it gangsterism, the threat to the editor of *Stampa Libera* is intolerable. . . . 'Fascism shall not be transplanted to this city!'"

"Perhaps this notice will suffice. 'If not, if more must be said, if more must be done, we are prepared to say it and do it.'"

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## AWP-CLA Set Nov. 30th For Meeting

In the heart of the mighty "Dollar Empire" a new revolutionary workers' party will be launched in New York City, November 30 to December 2. The call for the organization convention will soon be issued by the Communist League of America and the American Workers Party.

This great step of revolutionary unity is the reply to the oppressive conditions of capitalism, the crying need for workers' leadership and the general chaos and confusion which strangles the labor movement.

For over two decades the advanced workers' movement has been wracked by internal dissensions and splits. During this period capitalism has repeatedly given proof of its bankrupt character. No longer can it supply the need of the producers.

The capitalist class, faced with its doom, has unleashed the forces of barbaric reaction. In Italy, Germany, and Austria triumphant Fascism has destroyed all workers' organizations and all democratic liberties. Fascist reaction is growing everywhere.

Hand in hand with the growth of Fascism are the feverish preparations for a new world war. Fascism not only hastens new wars but the coming armed conflicts hasten the development of Fascism in the so-called "democratic" countries; the master class has to destroy the militant labor movement to successfully carry out its war program.

How are the workers to resist these reactionary moves? Why has reaction triumphed up to now when the conditions are over-ripe for a new society and real freedom?

It is precisely because of the absence of the collective conscience, intelligence, will and determination of the working class which only a revolutionary Marxist party can concentrate. Only the Russian workers succeeded in forging such an effective instrument, the Bolshevik Party. They alone have successfully defeated their exploiting class and established the workers' soviet republic.

But the parties which speak in the name of the emancipation of the working class, Socialist and Stalinist, have brought nought but defeats. They bear the responsibility for the present headless condition of the workers' movement.

The recent display of workers' spontaneous militancy in the United States, the defeat of the strikers and the disorganized state of the jobless bear eloquent testimony to the dire need for a new revolutionary party. The workers are ready to struggle against unemployment, hunger and misery. But who is to lead them to victory? What force exists capable of guiding them from the everyday battles to their fundamental class need, the overthrow of capitalism, the establishment of socialism?

Only that organization which, having absorbed the experiences of the past, is based on the granite foundation of revolutionary internationalism, and merges Marxism with the masses in motion can serve such a function. In our times such a party must strive to build the Fourth International, the world party of revolution.

To forge such an instrument the Communist League of America and the American Workers Party have gone through months of negotiations and arrived at a joint declaration of principles. The declaration contains the basic essentials of revolutionary Marxism. Serious discussion of the draft is taking place in both organizations and will be held at the fusion convention.

Revolutionary unity will be achieved. In the fires of the ensuing class battles it will gain its spurs and come forward as the militant leader of the workers and all oppressed.

# YOUR DUTY TO NEW PARTY

In the past year the membership of the Communist League in all sections of the country has grown. And, unlike the Stalinist Party, the members it wins it holds, and holds to a revolutionary line.

In the same period, the circulation of the Militant has gone up considerably: today the net paid circulation is approximately double what it was one year ago.

And in this period the New International, the C.I.A.'s monthly theoretical organ, has been founded and won an immediate place as the only Marxist theoretical journal published in the United States.

More than this: The past year has seen the C.I.A. enter mass activities on a scale never before realized in its history. Severing its factional tie to the hopeless Stalinist Party, it has turned its face to the masses of American workers and entered side by side with them into the struggles of our class.

The League has participated prominently and honorably in a number of united front movements from Coast to Coast. It has begun to play a leading role in the organization of unemployed workers in several states, notably Minnesota and Illinois. In a number of strikes, above all in the great strikes of the drivers in Minneapolis, C.I.A. members have been to the fore in every aspect of the struggle.

Finally, the year 1934 has been signalized in C.I.A. history by the launching of concrete steps toward the building of the new revolutionary party. The negotiations with the A.W.P., now proceeding apace, promise an early harvest that will gladden the heart

of every revolutionary worker.

All these new developments have widened the circle of the League's influence and the base on which it leans for support. But they have also created new problems.

New members, for example in New York, have required the setting up of new branches, and new branches have meant new headquarters.

Every time a new subscriber is found by the Militant, he brings along a circle of friends who want a few copies free or who are unemployed and want a cheap subscription.

Every step forward in trade union work means new obligations—leaflets to print, halls to rent, etc.

The original cost of launching the New International—the purchase of type etc.—meant a large investment of our meagre funds.

Result: we need money.

Relatively speaking, the larger we grow, the poorer we are. We have more money, and we spend more money . . . and always we need more money. It is the problem of growing pains.

At this moment one great aid can be given the League, and in this way the new party soon to be born. It is by helping the new party fund.

"New Party Certificates" in one and five dollar denominations are for sale. Buy them and sell them to your fellow-workers. Send in your contribution—enough for a certificate, or whatever you can spare. Do not delay.

Become an active factor in the campaign to build the Workers Party of the United States.

Let us hear from you at once, Comrades!

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