THE CRIME OF SACRAMENTO

The conviction of eight leaders and active workers of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Union, and consequent sentence to the penitentiary, is a crime of the first magnitude, not only against the individual victims but against the entire working class of America, against all forces in the country working for a better and happier future.

A blow has been struck at Sacramento against labor rights painfully acquired in generations of bitter struggle and sacrifice. Reaction, conspiring in the dark to thwart all the aspirations of the oppressed people for a better life, has scored a victory. Eight militants will pay for that reactionary victory with the loss of several years of liberty. The workers everywhere will pay for it in their struggles against exploiters emboldened by the precedent.

Those guilty of the Sacramento crime are, first of all, the industrialists and bankers of California, their cover organization, the Associated Farmers, and their agents, the prosecuting attornies, the court, the vigilantes and deputies, the police and the hired stool pigeons-the whole state apparatus of repression and oppression.

Accomplices in the crime are the cynical and corrupt leaders of the Communist Party who shamefully subordinated the interests of the defendants to an internal party factional struggle against them, and sacrificed the class interests involved in the case to sectarian considerations in the struggle against another party.

They played down the historic case and robbed it of the national prominence which was its due; they kept the defendants-members of the Communist Party!-in jail for six months before the trial, refusing to provide bail for them; they broke up the united front movement of defense and protest; while the trial was on they slandered one of the defendants, Norman Mini, who is distinguished only by his superior intelligence and integrity; they imposed courtroom tactics on their attorney which worked exclusively to antagonize the jury and jeopardize the chances of the defendants.

Despite all this the jury had to deliberate 66 hours before reaching a verdict. Four jurors held out for acquittal, finally consenting to a horse-trade which convicted eight out of fifteen defendants. A powerful united defense movement, an intelligent courtroom policy and a loyal attitude toward all defendants would undoubtedly have brought a different result at Sacramento. The American working class will do well to probe this tragic experience to the bottom. The day of reckoning will come for the capitalist perpetrators of this crime and also for their accomplices, the perfidious leaders of American Stalinism.

NY Left Wing Leaves YPSL And Joins WP

Resign as a Group in Protest against N C Decision at Buffalo

Twelve young socialists who have constituted the New York left wing group of the Young Peoples Socialist League have joined the Workers Party and Spartacus Youth League in a body. This is the first answer of the revolutionary socialists to the treacherous decision of the N.E.C. meeting at Buffalo declaring the advocacy of revolutionary views to be "incompatible with membership in the Socialist Party".

A public mass meeting to welcome the young socialists into the ranks of the Workers Party and the Spartacus Youth League will be held at Irving Plaza, Sunday, April 14 at 8 P.M. Dave Atkins, Julius Bertman, Manny Garrett, Joseph Carter and James P. Cannon will speak.

The statement of the young so cialists clearly explains the reasons or their resignation and their adherence to the Workers Party and the S.Y.L. They record their repeated warnings against the Old Guard, the majority of the National Committee (Hoan - Thomas) and their criticisms of the vacillating, centrist "Militants".

Analyses Confirmed

"Our analyses"-says the state ment-"were completely confirmed by the decisions of the Buffalo ports apread by the leaders of the New York 'Militants'.

"At Buffalo the majority of the national committee retreated from their plan to take immediate decisiv eaction against the Old Guard. They gave them six weeks in which to consider a compromise proposal. At the same time a heavy blowthis time a serious political one!was directed against the true revolutionary elements, that is, against those who favor the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism. According to the N. C. majority revolutionary socialism has no place in the S. P. and the Y.P.S.L. Or as the suave "Militants" would have cently and planned to form an unit: revolutionary Socialists can re- employed organization. A large revolutionary program! For what was selected to draw up a program, is the essence of revolutionary so plan of action and list of demands.

cialism if not the revolutionary way to power?

"Politically the Hoan - Thomas majority are far closer to Oneal and Lee than to revolutionary Merxism. A split with the latter will not make Thomas and Hoan revolutionary Socialists or the Socialist Party a revolutionary organ-

The statement cites the entrance of the Belgian Labor Party into a capitalist coalition government as a warning sign as to the preparations of the Labor and Socialist International for a new war on the side of the national capitalist class.

parties of the Fourth International. That is why they today, when war may soon be a reality, join the Workers Party and the Spartacus population of St. Louis.

Struggle Against Reformism

"We call upon those who do not as yet agree with our views or the step we are taking to give serious consideration to what we have said. For we are convinced that only on the program of revolutionary Marxism, and through the medium of the revolutionary parties of the Fourth International can we defend the immediate interests of the working class and bring about triumphant world socialism. We are no less convinced that those of you who conduct a serious struggle against reformism in all its forms will join the Workers Party and Spartacus Youth League." The signatures are: David At-

kins, member of the S. P. 7th A.D., Bronx, two years; member of Y.P. S.L., Circle 4 Srs. Bronx, 4 years. Julius Bertman, member of S. P., 7th A.D. Bronx, two years; member of Y.P.S.L. Circle 12 Srs. Bronx, five years. Edward F. Dawley, meeting of the National Committee Circle 6 Manhattan Y.P.S.L., two of the S. P. and the "victory" re- | years; Evelyn Dorum, Circle 6 Manhattan, one and a half years. Frances Levinsky, Circle 13 Srs. Menhattan, seven months; Marion H. Berkowitz, Circle 14 Srs. Bronx, three years; Sam Roth, Circle 13 Srs. Manhattan, one and a half years; Edward Rosen, Circle 1 Srs. Bronx, three years; Alice Falek, Circle 8 Srs. Manhattan, two years; Corge Fleischman, Circle 3 Seniors, one year; Freda Lapedas, Circle * Srs. Manhattan, two years.

JOBLESS DRIVERS ORGANIZE MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Unem ployed drivers, helpers and inside workers of Local 574 met here remain in the Socialist movement mass meeting was held. An Action only if they do not propagate a and Organization Committee of 15

Akron Rubber Strike Impends

Modern Strike Strategy

DAILY STRIKE BULLETIN

GAS HOUSE WORKER

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Following the example of Minneapolis Drivers' Local No. 574, the striking gas house workers of St. Louis are publishing their own daily paper. A facsimilie of the second number of the "Gas House Worker" appears above.

St. Louis Gas House Workers Answer Bosses with Strike

To Terrorize Strikers; Two Unions Offer Aid

ST. LOUIS, Merch 30 .- Swiftly and secretly Federal Union of Gas A repetition of the betrayal of House Workers, No. 18799 struck a 1914 can only be counteracted by well-prepared blow for the right to the organization of revolutionary organize. In this battle against the profit-gorging Laclede Gas Co..

As one man the gas workers folthe trail for labor organization in the very heart of open shoppery. With the exception of a few incorstreet department and the meter

Daily Strike Bulletin Even as the workers left their

jobs the union headquarters was humming with activities, preparations having been completed before the plant was struck. So effective come to the same conclusion and has their action been that directly with the declaration of the strike came the immediate issuance of daily Strike Bulletin.

The "Gas House Worker", name of this bulletin, has been greeted with enthusiasm by the men on the picket lines. Already it has served as a solidifier of the ranks-a spur to new militancy and struggle. Here

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Please cooperate! —Business Manager.

Police and Scabs Fail again, as in the case of the Minneapolis Drivers Local 574 labor has powerful weapon in its possession. A daily organ to combat the filthy lies of the kept press will be a shield and spear in the current

The Grand Stall

For eighteen months the Laclede Gas Company stalled the young Federal Union, refusing to grant the Gas House workers have taken their rights. As far back as Dec. up the cause of the entire laboring 1934 the Regional Labor Board handed down a decision recognizing the right of the union to barlowed the call of the union to blaze gain collectively as the representative of the workers. Even as the Gas Company had damned the public and the workers previously rigible bootlickers the entire staff they now damned this decision. of Laclede is on strike. From the For months the case dragged on. main office to the coke plant to the The workers were patient. The case came before the National Lareaders the picket line marches for bor Relations Board which upheld the decision of the R.L.B. Contempt continued as the company's attitude. And to top it all they handed the workers the notorious "Employee Representation Plan" Intimidation failing, terror, the firing of the oldest employees for membership in the union was be-

Driven to exasperation the union took the only means to avoid the abject slavery: struggle. In this encounter the union can rightfully expect the support of the entire public in St. Louis which has been suffering from exorbitant gas rates

Rat Agency Active

That the record of the company is perfect to date is indicated in its summoning of the dark forces of reaction to smash the strike. Al Ahner, notorious scab agency, is now in negotiation with the company for the purpose of furnishing strike-breakers. Labor organizations in St. Louis are preparing to scatter this outfit to winds.

It is under police protection that this scab aegucy is operating. The police chief has ordered all furoughs suspended and increased the period of active duty of the entire force from eight to twelve hours. On the other hand, labor is lining up behind the embattled gas house workers as can be seen in the assistance given them by the Filling Station Operators and the

Court Convicts 8 in Sacramento **AmidRedScare**

Jury Aquits Six in Compromise After Sixty Six Hours

SACRAMENTO, April 3. - The Sacramento trial has come to an end. Eight of the defendants, including Norman Mini, were convicted, and stand to receive sentences of one to fourteen years. Six were acquitted.

The jury deliberated for sixtysix hours, taking one hundred and eighteen ballots before it reached

The defendants will be sentenced by Judge Lemmon on Thursday. At the same time an appeal for a new trial will be heard.

Those convicted were Norman Mini, Pat Chambers, Caroline Decker, Nora Conklin, Martin Wilson, Albert Houghardy, Lorene Norman, and Jack Crane. Those acquitted were Jack Warn-

ick, Fred Kirkwood, Harry Collentz, Lee Hung, Mike Plesh, and W. H. Huffine. The verdict bears out our state ment that the trial was primarily directed toward smashing the Agricultural Workers Union. The

the union, the men the state was really out to get. Of the eight convicted, two, Norman Mini and Lorene Norman, received the jury's recommendation

eight convicted were the leaders of

for probation. out for conviction, while the bona fide jurymen held out for acquittal. The final verdict was a com-

The whole Sacramento police force was mobilized in and around the court house during the time the jury deliberated. The atmosphere was tense with the "red scare" stirred up by the presense of the police and by the flaming attacks in the capitalist papers.

Two of the jurors, interviewed after the trial, said they held out to the last for acquittals but compromised under pressure. They condemned Gallagher's provocative tactics, saying that there might have been more than four (there were two others) and they could have resisted the pressure. They admitted the convictions were compromise forced by the anti-red sentiment in the city.

N.U.L. Helps Win Strike

CHARLESTON, W. Va. - After local responded to a man. picketing was intensified. days after the League was called gle for Negro rights in America. in the strike was settled successfully and a complete victory for organized labor in the Kanawha Valley was realized.

Guilty of Organizing



NORMAN MINI

Scottsboro **Boys Granted** New Trial

Is Victory for Negro Rights; Struggle Must Be Continued

"plants" who were fixed by the terrupted mass pressure from work- passing the unsatisfactory Wagner nks and farmer capitalists held ers and working class organiza- bill through strike threats. Haywood Patterson, Scottsboro defendants.

The verdict was based on the legal fact that in the court where exact legal point upon which the decision is apparently motivated is the following:

"Whenever by any action of a State, whether through its legislature, through its courts, or through its executive or administrative officers, all persons of the African race are excluded, solely because of their race or color, from serving as grand jurors in the criminal prosecution of a person of the African race, the equal protection of the law is denied to him, contrary

Victory for Negro Rights

Unquestionably this decision is tremendous importance insofar as 16 days of battle representatives of it is the most unequivocal statethe International Association of ment yet made with regard the Machinists (A. F. of L.) called on right of Negroes to serve on juries the local Unemployed League to where members of their race are help them in strike activity. The on trial. As such the victory can-The not be too much emphasized for it Five represents a milestone in the strug-The decision will also apply to the five other boys who are still

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Albert Lea Strikers Duped by False Lawyers - Serve 60 Days

MINNEAPOLIS, April 1. - The | which the union delegation came ers who are today serving 60-day the spot. jail sentences for "illegal entry" is of special interest to the Northwest labor movement because it of the delegation were arrested on poses sharply the duties of labor charges of rioting. The next day lawyers to their clients; and be- two more were arrested. Attorney cause, out of this case grew the dismissal of Julius F. Emme, pro- the Albert Lea local to take the gressive trade unionist, from his case. The four other delegates post as ecretary to the Minnesota were arrested during the next two Industrial Commission-a situation weeks, the case finally coming to which is causing most widespread trial on Feb. 18. reverberations within the Farmer-Labor party and the trade union movement in Minnesota.

delegation from the Albert Lea out of the picture, telling him (unlocal of the Independent Union of truthfully) that the Albert Lea All Workers called on Mr. Potter union had decided to engage Atof the Potter Foundry Company. The visit was due to a sudden campaign of discrimination against union members by Mr. Potter. Pot- fron. Minneapolis who has functer was most unsympathetic during tioned for years in various labor the short discussion, and suddenly cases.; Automobile Workers. Two unem- called for a group of scabs who ployed organizations and members were standing nearby armed with of the Workers Party are also co- clubs to "throw the delegation out". A skirmish followed in

case of the eight Albert Lea strik- out on top. A strike was called on Seized for "Rioting"

A few hours later three members Baker of Mankato was asked by

In the meantime, Fosso, right wing president of the Independent Union of All Workers, On Monday afternoon, Feb. 4, a came to Albert Lea and eased Baker tornies Gallegher and Goldie in-(Gallegher is a staunch stead. Farmer-Laborite, Goldie is a lawyer

Attorney Baker, and all who knew anything of the case, were

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Goodyear Vote Overwhelming For A Walkout

By JACK WILSON

AKRON, Ohio, April 11.-While Akron, seat of the rubber industry, became more of a war camp daily this week as Goodyear, Goodrich and Firestone tire companies prepared a huge force of deputies to smash any strike, the rubberworkers were gaining strength but were in danger of making fatal errors in their battle against the rubber

barons. A strike vote at the Goodyear local was overwhelmingly for a walkout, according to a survey, and labor was heartened by the large number of workers who voted. Although the local seldom had over 1,000 at the largest rallies, nearly three thousand cast ballots.

The Goodrich and Firestone locals, always considered much stronger than the Goodyear union, are expected to show greater strength in their strike vote this Sunday and should pull out more than half the plants, which have nearly 20,000 workers.

Danger in Strike Delay

The first danger that confronts the Akron workers is the possibility that they will be induced by William Green, president of the A. F. of L., to accept a compromise something like the auto-code agreement. Tactics of the national A. F. of L. chiefs so far have been purely those After four years of almost unin. of trying to club Congress into

States Supreme Court has granted striking in order to fulfill all A. F. a new trial to Clarence Norris and of L. constitutional requirements has already seen one important week pass by and more delay will tend to cause a downswing in the rising strike sentiment. Meanthe defendants were tried Negroes while the companies ship carloads were barred from jury duty. The of tires out and stock all their warehouses in event of a shutdown.

The company tactics continue to be that of provoking labor. Firestone, ordered by the National Labor Relations board to drop the company union, instead orders a strike vote to be taken by the company union.

Company Maneuvers

This follows on the heels of similar moves by the two other companies whose company unions voted "overwhelmingly" against a strike. This was done for propathe Constitution of the United ganda purposes as full page newspaper advertisements claim that only a minority of workers want to strike, according to their ballots!

Two citizens committees have been publicly formed for the purpose of averting a strike. Of course, alleged liberel ministers, and prominent business men head the list of potential strike-breakers.

Union leaders refuse to give any date for the actual walkout on the theory that it would harm labor's chances, although it could hardly be before April 8. There is danger, though, that this is but a camouflage and no official strike will be called.

Rank and File Restless

In that event, even the rubber companies think that a spontaneous rank and file movement will carry out the plans. In fact, the companies have taken every possible precaution to prevent a spontaneous walkout being effective this week, so restless is the mood of the rubber workers.

The most serious defect of the rubber workers is the lack of experienced strike leaders as time and again good strategy was not used to swing all labor behind the pending struggle. This seems to be overcome by the aggressiveness of the workers.

Issuance of a proclamation forbidding mass picketing, deputizing of hundreds of unemployed including National Guardsmen, erecting of harbed wire fences and other military precautions shows that the struggle will be a bloody one as workers refuse to allow any scabs to work while companies are determined to break the picket lines.

Regional SYL Conference

REGIONAL CONFERENCE of the Spartacus Youth League To Be Held April 13-14

District No. One: New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pa. Contributions should be sent to

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