

LA GUARDIA POLICE CRACK DOWN ON NEW YORK JOBLESS

Arrest 22 Members Of W.A.A. For Demanding Bigger Relief Checks

NEW YORK.—The City Administration of Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, re-elected to office last year as a "democrat," a "progressive" and a "friend of the unemployed" with the aid of the Stalinist and Socialist parties, cracked down hard on this city's jobless last week. Twenty-two unemployed victims of capitalism, demanding higher relief standards were taken into custody by LaGuardia's police. Seven of these were arrested at a demonstration staged by more than 200 unemployed at the West 53rd Street relief bureau.

Refusing to meet the demands of the jobless, the City Administration, besides instituting phony "investigations" to determine whether some wretched victim of unemployment is getting something which he is not legally entitled to, is now resorting to mass arrests of the discontented and a general attack on the Workers Alliance.

Local Four Takes Lead
About a month ago, Local 4 of the Alliance started and carried through a series of militant actions, including picketing. This culminated in last week's demonstration in which six other locals joined.

Aroused by the failure of the relief bureau administrators to do anything for relief applicants kept waiting around for months, about 100 unemployed stormed the 53rd Street relief bureau to hear reports of the grievance committee. Hardly had the reporting begun than police arrived and immediately went into action.

Administrator Becker and Supervisor LaBella, two avowed liberals (Becker was until recently a Lovestonite, while both are members of the Stalinist-controlled State, County and Municipal Workers Union), actually summoned the police.

Those Arrested
Among those arrested at the 53rd St. Bureau, was Rhoda Pearson, Chairman of Local 4, and secretary of the Progressive Group of the Alliance. Speaking for the West Side (Manhattan) Committee of the Alliance, which arranged the July 8 demonstration, Pearson said in part:

"Is the Administration of the 53rd St. relief bureau afraid to have conditions in the bureau exposed? Are Administrator Becker and Supervisor LaBella determined to keep the public from finding out that they are continually refusing relief to men who are in need?"

"Here are the conditions prevailing in the Single Men's Relief Bureau on 53rd Street:
"When men come for help they are told to come back in 10 or 15 days regardless of how badly they need immediate help."
"If men are rejected for some small reason, they have to fill out a new application and wait another 10 to 15 days for interviews. This may keep up until the man either starves or is evicted from his room. When a man is evicted, he is no longer eligible for home relief and the bureau refers him to the flop houses."

Interminable Waiting
"If a man who applies for relief is lucky enough to get by the first set of questionnaires, he then has to sit home for weeks to wait for an investigation. The whole procedure of this bureau is one of red tape, run around, and delay that forces men to actual starvation."

"When the Workers' Alliance came to this Bureau to expose these conditions and help men get relief, Becker and LaBella ordered the police to arrest seven people. These needy single men want relief, not arrests!" Pearson concluded.

The trial of the seven is scheduled for July 14. All progressive and militant members of the Alliance have been urged to attend the hearing.

In contrast to the militant leadership of Local 4, the Stalinist leadership of the New York Workers Alliance called off a scheduled city-wide "sit-in." Faced with this retreat on the part of the Alliance leaders, the Welfare Department have now begun a more vigorous attack on the unemployed, resulting in the mass arrests.

Mass Action Needed
"This gangling-up on the unemployed, must be fought back, and with those weapons which the unemployed have displayed in the past—mass action and increased militancy. This is no time for retreats. As for us, we've just begun to fight!" a spokesman for Local 4 said.

Plans are now being laid for a larger demonstration at the W. 53rd St. Bureau. Already the West Side of Manhattan has been flooded with thousands of leaflets issued by the West Side Co-ordinating Committee of the W.A.A., denouncing the arrests. Dozens of protest meetings have been held nightly throughout the West Side, and with the added publicity given to the arrests by the capitalist press, increased indignation by the workers, both employed and unemployed, has been evoked.

C.I.O. SUMMONS STRIKE IN C.P. SUMMER CAMP

Stalinists Slave Girls 12 Hours for \$7 a Week

NEW YORK. — Between 15 and 20 waitresses employed by Browder's Communist Party at its Camp Kinderland, Hopewell, N. Y., were called out on strike by the C.I.O. this week in an effort to force the Stalinist moguls to pay these workers wages equal to, and conditions not worse than, those they would get in private industry.

C. I. O. pickets were parading around the Stalinist pleasure resort, which has become notorious in union circles for the sweated conditions to which its subjects its employees.

The waitresses, according to all available information, have been receiving the miserly wage of \$7 per week for a 12-hour working day, while the Stalinist Party, alleged champion of labor's rights, has been waxing rich on their exploitation.

The Communist Party claims it makes a net profit on its Camp Kinderland of some \$23,000 per season. The season lasts only ten weeks.

UNION BRIEFS

National Labor Relations Board trial examiner Tildford E. Dudley has recommended that the Ford Motor Company reinstate 192 workers and grant sole bargaining rights to the United Automobile Workers of America. He also recommended complete disbanding of the Liberty Legion of America, Inc., Ford's company union, as well as granting 96 workers back pay from date of discharge. 96 other workers are to receive remedial wages dating from the company's refusal to reinstate them and another group of 57 are to be put on a preferential employment list.

1,200 members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union, Local 102, C.I.O., on strike since April 29 at the Philadelphia Storage Battery plant (Philco radio), voted unanimously to reject the company's wage cut proposal and resume work. Retail Philco radio dealers will be picketed on a nationwide scale and a boycott urged.

Robert Kirkwood, secretary of the Working Machine Employees Union, C.I.O., of Newton, Iowa, has been arrested on the charge of criminal syndicalism. For two months 1,500 workers have been on strike against the Maytag Washing Machine Company because of a ten per cent wage cut. Kirkwood is the sixth man to be arrested by the boss government in its aim to break the strike. Intimidated by Governor Kraschel's call for 1,000 deputies to preserve "law and order," the union has withdrawn all but three pickets and is mistakenly placing its hopes in the boss-government boot.

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NEW DEAL CROP PROGRAM BASED ON STARVATION

Bumper Harvests Promise No Relief for Hungry as Government Maps Plans of Destruction

By J. PYTLAK
In line with Roosevelt's policy of saving capitalism in a "democratic" way, the government is doing everything in its power to cut down the bumper agricultural crops anticipated this summer and thereby, if possible, raise the prices of wheat, corn and cotton. Confronted with the bounteousness of nature, the administration at Washington makes no serious attempt to put bread and clothing into the hands of the unemployed.

Its farm relief program on the other hand, is not directed to benefit tenant farmers and sharecroppers, who comprise half of the farming population, but the wealthy farmers and farm corporations.

A Great Harvest
According to the May bulletin of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the domestic supply of wheat will probably exceed 1,200,000,000 bushels with the completion of the harvest. Of this total, 200,000,000 bushels will represent carry-over from last season. The bulletin states that the "best" estimate for domestic consumption is 650,000,000 bushels. This means, of course, that the home market can absorb that much wheat, not that 650,000,000 bushels will satisfy the needs of American consumers. Foreign sale of 90,000,000 bushels is expected, thus leaving a carry-over of 460,000,000 bushels, the highest since 1923.

This year, the government proposes to reduce the supply of bread by lending the big wheat farmers \$800,000,000 for the "storage" of part of their crops. "Storage" of wheat means not merely withdrawal from the market, but in all probability destruction, unless the government is able to sell it abroad in the form of a loan or loans which will be repayable in cash.

Big Farmers' Advantage
The government is offering farmers loans against crops at 60 cents per bushel, which would theoretically remove 500,000,000 bushels from sale. This, it is calculated, will more than eliminate any carry-over or surplus for next year. Because of the newness of the lending plan, however, it is expected that the amount of wheat "stored" or destroyed will reach only 200,000,000 bushels. Thus the big farmer with funds on hand to carry him over can make a nice profit if he sells out on a rising market in the future.

In addition to this, the government proposes to help the big farmer by making parity payments. If the farmer conforms to the A. A. A. program in general, he will receive supplementary payments where he loses money due to the low price of

C.I.O., A.F. of L. Get Together in Akron

AKRON, Ohio. — A co-ordinating committee to work with a similar committee from the C.I.O. was set up here by the A.F. of L. Trades and Labor Assembly last week. The purpose of the three-man committee, composed of representatives from the teamsters, building trades, and retail clerks, is to work out actual and potential jurisdictional disputes and to preserve harmony in the Akron labor movement.

Through the same attitude of both houses of labor here, the bitter fights which have characterized A. F. of L. and C.I.O. relations in such places as New Orleans and Seattle have been avoided.

The creation of the co-ordinating committee, following upon the A. F. of L. and C.I.O. unity established after the police attack upon the Goodyear picket lines, is a further great step forward and can well be imitated by labor elsewhere.

In the period to come, the battering of the "recession" will make such co-ordinated effort all the more necessary.

OHIO TEACHERS SHOW GAINS BY PROGRESSIVES

Stalinists Defeated in Plan to Capture Federation

AKRON, Ohio. — The recent convention of the Ohio State Federation of Teachers recorded substantial victories for progressives in the organization and was a decisive defeat for the Stalinist union wreckers, who had attempted to pack the meeting.

All important posts were won by progressives. Stalinist amendments to the constitution, which would have cleared the way toward their control of the organization, were defeated.

Call for Unity
Among the resolutions passed were the following: A resolution demanding the release of Fred Beal; one calling upon the A. F. of L. to reopen unity negotiations with the C.I.O.; a resolution condemning the exchange of students with Nazi Germany; a resolution demanding that the North-Central Association enforce class load standards; a resolution opposing the priority rule for W.P.A. workers; and a resolution demanding the extension of N.Y.A. among the schools.

The C. P. collective security resolution died in committee. The convention failed, however, to take any stand on war, feeling the subject too "controversial." A resolution supporting a referendum on all wars conducted by the government was tabled by action of the C. P. Then, taking their cue from the C. P., the non-Stalinist patriots tabled a resolution supporting the lifting of the embargo against Spain. The whole approach to the war question showed how easy it will be to work the professional workers into a patriotic fervor, and exposed, at the same time, the political immaturity of the Ohio members of the American Federation of Teachers.

10,000 workers at the El Tenten Copper mines near Rancagua, Chile, have gone on strike against the Braden Copper Company, a subsidiary of the Kennecott Copper Corporation of America. The dismissal of several workers on the grounds of economy was the cause.

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Ex-Deputy Sheriff Is Killed As Mine Trial Proceeds In Harlan

With the trial of coal operators and former peace officers, charged with bloody suppression of union activities, still in progress at London, Ky., two shootings last week added to Harlan County's reputation for terror and violence.

Frank White, former deputy sheriff and ruthless thug, was shot to death at a tourist camp 12 miles south of London. Chris Patterson, here under government subpoena and a witness before the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee in Washington last year, was held for questioning.

Violence Marks Trial
The day before, Lee Fleenor, another former deputy and defendant at the trial, was arrested for shooting and critically wounding Charlie Reno, Fleenor, who was convicted of murder in 1933, but pardoned, claimed self-defense.

Recently a government witness, Lester Smithers, was slain in front of a saloon at Gulston, near Harlan, and John Isom, another government witness, was kidnapped but escaped by a clever ruse. In addition, several instances of intimidation and attempted bribery have been reported to government authorities.

As defense attorneys for the Harlan coal companies argued their case before Judge Ford in the tiny courtroom in London, at least one of the companies was found guilty by the National Labor Relations Board in Washington.

August New International To Have Article by Dewey

John Dewey, the distinguished American philosopher and educator, who recently served as chairman of the Commission of Inquiry into the charges made against Leon Trotsky in the Moscow Trials, will appear in the forthcoming (August) issue of the New International with a criticism of the article by Leon Trotsky on "Their Morals and Ours" which created so much stir in the radical movement of this country when it appeared a couple of months ago.

Dewey's criticism, entitled "The Interdependence of Means and Ends," deals with one of the central points made in Trotsky's article and raises the problem of means other than or in addition to the class struggle as the way to attain the liberation of mankind.

It is expected that Trotsky will reply to the criticism of John Dewey.

Appeal Army

The Drive is Lagging: We regret to have to report this, but it is the unfortunate truth. Literature and bundle-order agents are evidently not carrying out their duties. We wish to make it absolutely clear that the Appeal is depending upon this drive if it is to come out regularly during the difficult summer months. Every time a literature agent fails to carry out his assignments, every time he falls further and further behind in paying his bill to the Appeal, every time he is unable to get comrades and friends to plug away for new subscriptions our paper is endangering our paper! This week's pitiful falling off in subs must be stopped!

A reminder that this week is National Street-Sales Week. An excellent opportunity to break up that summer let-down and get all sympathizers and comrades into the street with the Appeal. Every branch and local should hold street-corner meetings, hawk the

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H.O.L.C. BUSY EVICTING N.Y. WORKERS

New Deal Concern Boasts Eviction Successes

A tragic story of the depression, a story of working-class homeowners pitilessly evicted, is written across the face of almost every one of the million mortgages held by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation. Every day the New Deal writes a tragedy, every day sets a family on the street. From 1933 to the end of May, 1938, there have been some 30,000 evictions in the New York region alone. Now the New Deal is "liquidating" 4,890 more families, of whom 3,309 are "unemployment cases." According to the capitalist press, H.O.L.C. officials feel "proud" of this record.

In 1932 the H.O.L.C. took over \$3,091,000,000 worth of mortgages from banks and trust companies, building and loan associations, finance and mortgage companies, life insurance companies, estates and individuals. The law creating the corporation stated explicitly that the only borrowers eligible for assistance were those "in urgent need of funds for the protection and preservation of their homes, and . . . unable to procure the needed financing through the normal channels."

Bondholders Protected
Looking over the entire balance sheet one sees that in direct contrast to the wording of the law, it is the government and the H.O.L.C. bondholders that are protected, whereas the homeowner "in urgent need of funds" is made to feel the toe of the sheriff's boot, which is not any the softer for having the "New Deal" imprimatur on it. The government is piling up tidy sums at five per cent interest on its original \$3,091,000,000 investment, plus what it has loaned since 1933, which losses on resales of foreclosed homes cannot begin to offset. These sums are augmented by federal taxes and mortgage fees. That business is good may be gathered from the fact that the average price for short-term H.O.L.C. bonds is 101.25 and the average rate of interest 1.75, and that for long-term bonds the average price is 104.28 with an average interest rate of 2.67.

This "good" business means for the worker that he is being evicted ruthlessly. Already the H.O.L.C. has expropriated hundreds of thousands of families. On its hands it has at present 85,000 homes throughout the United States, 10,167 of which are in New York State. Some 6,000 of these homes are in the New York City area. H.O.L.C. experts predict that, not counting resales, they will some time in 1939 be the "proud" expropriators of 150,000 homes throughout the country.

The Poor Evicted
The bourgeois press gives touching pictures of the dispossessed. One was an old man of 61 with nine children. He had owned the house for 17 years, but had been unemployed for the last ten. Only two children were employed. All they could give toward the support of the family was \$17 per week between them.

Some months after the H.O.L.C. took over the mortgage, their home was liquidated. Another family consisted of a man unemployed for two years, with a wife and four minor children. After getting a \$20-a-week job, he mortgaged his home for \$2,667. Amortization and interest payments were so high that they meant starvation. He defaulted and his home was liquidated by the H.O.L.C. So the story goes. But business is good and H.O.L.C. bonds are up.

Workers everywhere must stop evictions by the New Deal loan sharks! Home-owners must strike against interest, tax and fee payments and demand cancellation of all arrears! Make the government and the bondholders pay!

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