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Bosses Hurl Armed Mobs Against C.I.O. Unions In 2 Strikes

California Lumber Workers Driven From Homes by Hoodlums; Cops Battle New Orleans Taxi Drivers

Editorial Note.—The news stories below describe the methods used in a California lumber town and in New Orleans to crush and terrorize workers that dared give vent to their discontent-methods that the capitalist masters of America view with increasing favor.

As in Jersey City, the city administration of New Orleans combined with the lowest elements of the population-petty gangsters, hoodlums, riff-raff of the city-to drive C.I.O. unionists off the streets. In Westwood, certain sections of the workers, demoralized by years of a more subtle terror, the "company town," joined hands with imported thugs to carry out the company's well-laid plan to rid the town of union members.

In the face of open aggression on the part of the capitalists, union hatters in the town of Danthe workers must prepare their own organized resistance. Against the guns, knives and blackjacks of the hoodlums the workers in the trade unions must mobilize their own defense groups. The brutal thugs of reaction must be repaid, blow for blow.

on New Orleans officials to drive

Terror Reigns

In this drive, arrests number

more than 400, workers' homes

looted, men picked up on the

Taxi drivers were holding a

When strikers were informed

ful assembly by any means at

Openly threatening armed as-

Utilizing this lead for a frame

up, police arrested J. W. Lovett,

kill a policeman. After being held

When the C.I.O. Coordinating

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ened if they returned.

held by the strikers.

Build Workers' Defense Guards!

WESTWOOD, Calif. - Armed NEW ORLEANS. - Mass arand deputized vigilantes last week rests, forcible deportations and drove striking lumberworkers illegal raids on union meetings and their families from this "com- have made New Orleans a city of pany" sawmill town, climaxing a terror for C.I.O. unionists as boss night of terror with an attack on police continued for the fourth the strikers' picket line that re- week their ruthless campaign sulted in the shooting of one and against striking taxicab drivers

More than 1000 men, women and | Egged on by the State legischildren camped on the highway lature and the boss-owned city between Westwood and Red Bluff, 80 miles west of here, as police of Superintendent Grosh declared at the latter town refused to permit the beginning of the strike, called the homeless sawmill workers to by the C.I.O. drivers union, that remain in the town. The harried he was going to run all the "C. strikers were permitted to return, I.O.-communists" out of town. one at a time, to Westwood in Meeting in special session, the order to retrieve their belongings

Strike Against Wage-Cut When a wage cut of 171/2 per cent was instituted by the Red the C.I.O. from the state. River Lumber Company, which owns this town lock, stock and barrel, members of the C.I.O., International Woodworkers of America called a strike and successfully closed down the sawmill, one streets and charged with loiterof the largest in the world and ing. Three organizers have been the town's only industry.

As the strike held firm and an attempt to reopen the mill with members of the company union, called the "Industrial Employees aroused a lynch spirit amongst the non-union residents, many of All were booked for "disturbing tnem recently imported with just the peace." such a contingency in view.

At 1 A.M., the morning of July by their attorney that they would 13, organized groups of vigilantes be within their "legal rights" if began systematically visiting the they locked the doors of their hall homes of union members. Some were given an hour to get themseives and their families out of their command, Superintendent of town. Others were routed out of Police George Reyer announced their housees and herded at gun's that he, personally, would lead point to the town limits and the police against any meeting

Mob Attacks Pickets

6 A.M. the town siren sounded a prearranged signal for sault, the police head said that a general attack on the picket "when we come for the purpose of line. A mob of more than 1,000 making a raid, if a single threat marched on the picket lines, is made to harm a police officer swinging pick handles, axes, at the time of this raid, there is knives and other weapons, and no telling how this thing wil overpowered the striking union- turn out." ists. Under the direction of the town constable fire hoses were turned on the pickets, rendering leader of the taxi drivers, and them helpless before the brutal charged him with threatening to

With many of the union lumber- in jail for 96 hours, Lovett was jacks forced to flee with their released on \$5000 bail. families during the night, and the strikers' picket line crushed, the Committee issued a leaflet de mob took over the town and pro- nouncing police terrorism and ceeded to terrorize the remaining revealing the tie-up between the union members. Armed with rifles, bosses and the city administra-800 men patrolled the streets, tion. Rever seized thousands of searched out every worker even leaflets and announced that anysuspected of belonging to the one distributing them would be (Continued on page 2)

COURTS CRACK DOWN AGAIN ON N. Y. STRIKERS

Labor's Right Mere "Privileges," Says Jersey Judge

NEW YORK .- Following on the heels of the wave of injunctions issued against union picketing by Justices Cotillo, Levy, McCooey in New York recently, new judicial attacks were made here against labor unions last week.

In the case of the Busch Jewelry Company strikers, the same workers against whom Justice paign to bring about the collapse emergency measures, that their ing Mexico and the Central Cotillo issued his anti-picketing of this most militant and most democratic rights remain intact. injunction, Supreme Court Justice Aron Steuer handed down a decision holding the union, the United Optical Workers, C.I.O., liable to civil suits for damages "resulting vene in the affairs of the Auto rank and file. from breach of contract."

The decision was termed unprecedented by labor and liberal circles and comparable only to the decision in the case of the Danbury hatters, handed down back in 1903. That decision, affecting bury, Connecticut, resulted in a law suit in which the United Hatters union of the A. F. of L., in spite of twelve years of legal contest, had to pay \$252,000 in Martin and the majority of the International Union and to fidamages, the homes of 200 work- General Executive Board of the nance their proposed split. The ers being attached for years while union have had to resort to the union was raising the money. emergency measures - crude in quickly and gleefully pounced on

for a legal battle. The experience given the character of the strug- of the hopelessly indefensible poof the Danbury hatters should, gle and the background of the sition in which he had placed however, warn the Busch workers union as well as the past policies himself, and on Friday, July 8th, that a court fight will hardly yield of its leadership—to save them- expelled him from the office and them satisfaction. The stand of selves from the threatening ruin membership in the union, after the capitalist judiciary was suf- of the organization planned by he refused to answer all quesficiently illumined last week in the Stalinist wrecking crew. another case, to serve as an additional warning.

administration, Acting Police In a decision prohibiting "sec-Louisiana legislature adopted unanimously a resolution calling

have been raided, union halls goods from the Metropolitan Up- mers unit. holstery Company in Newark.

brutally beaten and driven from did while handing down this de- pect of the "capture" of their orcision, Berry merely affirmed ganization by the Communist when more than 60 cops invaded the hall and arrested 71 strikers. human rights of workers are, in carrying on an educational camand defended the rights of peace-

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Auto Union Threatened By Split As Wreckers Force Fight For Power

Unscrupulous Tactics of Stalinists Paralyzes Militant Union: Lewis Intervention Danger

BULLETIN

Following the expulsion of their stooge, George F. Addes, former Secretary-Treasurer, from the ship drawn into more direct par-United Automobile Workers Un- ticipation in the struggle. The ion, the Stalinist union wreckers membership must be assured have been speeding their cam- that the measures taken are incidentally at the same time givprogressive of C.I.O. unions. Af- The union leadership must make ter a whirlwind move to bring clear that the fight against the pressure upon John L. Lewis, chairman of the C.I.O., to interunion-in the course of which they appear to have garnered only some purely verbal concesrump convention in the near future. No shabby trick, no reac- all local unions to stop per capita tionary union-splitting maneuver, tax payments to the International is too low for these professional rule-or-ruin misleaders of the la-

In self-protection, President

Locals Taken Over

in the vicinity of stores that buy administrator of the Allis-Chal- Stalinists are ready to employ tion.

Apparently, the union leader-In speaking as frankly as he ship is not resigned to the proswhat intelligent workers have al- Party bureaucrats. As appears ways known. Namely, that cap- from the article following below, bosses' profits is endangered, the blessings of John L. Lewis as well tion" ated by the Stalinists.

For a real solution of the dif-

DETROIT.-Under the tutelage of his Stalinist masters, George office and to send all monies to International Executive Board the whip hand. Union attorneys are preparing many instances, but unavoidable, Addes, eager to take advantage

In the Tarrytown, New York, nisant of the eventual fate of stormily threatened by the conondary" picketing, Vice Chancel- local of the U.A.W. the Stalinist their victim, after he freely ac- flicts during the past sessions of lor Major Leon Berry of Toms officers and their allies were cepted their advice. But Addes Congress. River, New Jersey, maintained kicked out, under the direction means very, very little to the that free speech was really a priv- of Bert Harris, representative of corrupt crew of blackguards and sure of the double depression is alleged ilege inferior, under the law, to the Executive Board, last week. adventurers that ruft the Commu- driving inexorably toward new with the fascists," but declared the G.P.U. for transportation to such "inherent rights" as "ac- The books and property of the nist Party. He is merely one political alignments in the United that the undersigned promised quiring and protecting property." Allis-Chalmers local of the U.A.W. small pawn in the much larger States, Roosevelt is compelled to not "to make a public exposure" be subjected to such moral and The decision was handed down in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, were and much more ambitious scheme maneuver both to keep within of the Fourth International. In against members of Local 66 of seized by executive board repre- to create a People's Front in the controlling group of the Furniture Workers Union, a C.I.O. sentatives under the guidance of America and to line up the un- Democratic Party itself, and, in ter to "Mr. Trotsky" was couched affiliate, to restrain them from George Kiebler, president of the ions behind the War program of addition, to maintain within its distributing circulars and carry- District Council of the union. President Roosevelt. To realize folds any mass tendencies toward ing on other picketing activities Kiebler was appointed temporary that reactionary program, the Third Party or Labor Party ac-

Ask Lewis' Aid

italist law is based upon private they are not only taking the prac- to save the union from collapse. and the new party tendencies to property and that in the protec- tical steps dictated by the tac- They only omitted to mention break outside the framework of tion of private property rights, the tics of the disrupters but are also that it was they who were work. the Democratic Party. ing overtime, attempting to or-Berry's own words, only "qualified paign to protect the progressive ganize the collapse of the union. constitutional rights." In other membership of the union from a In addition, a committee of seven words, when the welfare of the dictatorial regime under the from the so-called "Peace Faclaw regards it as a matter of as from an outright split machin- week to see Lewis and ask him (Continued on page 2)

TRIP ACROSS **COUNTRY HAS** POLITICAL AIM

President Adds to Party Prestige By Tour

Climaxing his cross-country ficulties of the Auto union, this junket with an official review of educational campaign will have the assembled battlefleet of Amerto be intensified and the member- ican imperialism, President Roosevelt last week departed in search of fish in southern waters, American nations ample oppor-Stalinist union wreckers is a tating on the latest types of U.S. G.P.U. fight to preserve the rights of the Navy construction.

In spite of Howard Hughes' the headlines for a number of cussed. sions from the C.I.O. chief-they F. Addes, erstwhile secretary- days, Roosevelt had good reason are announcing veiled plans for a treasurer of the United Automo- to be pleased with the results of bile Workers of America, advised his tour. Flushed with the recent rise in the stock market and the findings of the latest Gallup his private home. The Stalinists and Fortune polls, the turn-out have thus made Addes the front of the crowds and the attitudes in Paris. man for their proposals to wreck of the local politicians showed Roosevelt that he is still holding

Consolidates Position

Steering midway between the drastic "purge" course advocated by certain of the younger White House group and the conciliatory Leon Trotsky in Mexico. policy favored by Farley, Roosehim, but in particular to consoli- Spanish frontier. It is freely admitted by the Sta- date his leadership within the

He expects 1940 to be the crucial test, and he aims to gain control of the 1940 convention After this brilliant stroke of guarding it both against the opgeneralship, the Stalinist wreck- position to him within the Demothey pleaded with John L. Lewis headed by Vice-President Garner.

Intervenes in Primaries In pursuit of this aim, Roose elt utilized the tour to intervene skillfully in a number of the State Primaries; cautiously tak-

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Trotskyist Leader Seized In Paris; Taken To Spain

Young German Revolutionist in Hands of Stalin's Assassins; Clues Lead to Spanish Border

FORGED LETTER POINTS TO FRAMEUP

(Cable to the Socialist Appeal)

PARIS, July 18.-Rudolph Klement, secretary of the Bureau tunities for observing and medi- of the Fourth International, has been kidnapped from Paris by the

The missing revolutionist was last seen by his comrades at midnight of Tuesday, July 12, when he left an important meeting lack of consideration in grabbing at which problems of the international movement were being dis-

> Prior to his retirement for the night, he sent a cablegram to the American section of the International—the Socialist Workers Party—

> informing it of the discussions that had just taken place. The next afternoon, he was seen ! collecting his mail, and from that actually in his handwriting moment on none of his comrades were included by him only after-

Strange Letter

of the leaders of the Internation- only serve the interests of a G. alist Workers Party, the French P.U. frame-up, Trotskyist organization, received

to rally general mass sentiment to Perpignan, a French town on the his captors.

The communication stated, most linists that they were quite cog- Democratic Party, a leadership unexpectedly for all those acquainted with Klement, that he was breaking with the Fourth In-Understanding that the pres- it was impotent, because of its the fascists. It is believed in Paris face of these statements, the letin surprisingly friendly terms. All the circumstances surround-

ing the letter, as well as the letter skyist defendants. itself, immediately aroused the suspicion and fears of Klement's comrades in Paris.

No Previous Sign

ance, Klement had not given the Spain kidnapped or murdered ers hied to Washington, where cratic Party, now rumored to be slightest sign of any differences with the organization which he Rein, son of the prominent Menserved in such a prominent and shevik leader, Rafael Abramovich, responsible capacity. In fact, less and known for his sharp criticism than twenty-four hours before he of the Stalinist regime in the vanished from Paris, he had, as Scandinavian social democratic stated above, sent an important press; Erwin Wolfe, former privcablegram to New York.

The letter, moreover, was typein ink with Klement's pen-namecedure on his part. In addition, the date-line on the letter was the actual day-"14"-to be filled been active for some time in in by hand. His comrades im- France in trailing, kidnapping by Klement's kidnappers, and of Generals Kutiepov and Mueller that the date and signature, if

or friends laid eyes on him again ward and under duress.

G.P.U. Earmarks The contents of the letter are Friday evening, July 15, one drafted in such a style as could

The hand of the G.P.U. is seen, a most peculiar letter, or more acdicating that Klement was in all

curately, a carbon copy of a letter letter was postmarked from the ostensibly sent by Klement to Franco-Spanish frontier, thus in-The letter was postmarked July probability being spirited away to velt utilized his tour not merely 15 and had been mailed from Barcelona, Valencia or Madrid by Fourth Internationalists was rec-

Barcelona, and is now awaiting trial on framed-up charges of "objective collaboration that Klement was kidnapped by Spain, in the hope that he would nim to sign one of the notorious Stalinist "confessions" and perhaps appear in the coming trial as a "witness" against the Trot-

Long Kidnap Trail

Knowledge of the record of the G.P.U. abroad only fortifies this feeling. It is known, for example, Up to the time of his disappear- that the Stalinist secret service in such well-known radicals as Marc ate secretary of Leon Trotsky, who has not been heard of at all written in German, as was also since he was snatched by the G. the signature "Rudolph Klement," P.U. in Barcelona; and Hans which, in turn, was countersigned Freund (Moulin), active and movement throughout the early months of the civil war in Spain. typed off as "July 1938", leaving in Paris point out, the G.P.U. has

mediately concluded that the let- and even murdering political opter had been typed out in advance ponents. Not only are the cases (Continued on page 3)

Socialist Appeal Needs Your Aid! EMERGENCY CALL FOR FUNDS

TO ALL COMRADES AND FRIENDS:

Our paper has run smack-up against the usual summer financial difficulties. It was only after the greatest squeezing that we were able to go to press this week. We don't know about next week!

We had thought it possible to avoid any such emergency financial call for help as this. By dint of cutting our expenses not merely to the bone, but to its inner marrow, we had been going along satisfactorily. But this was based upon a minimum income every week. That minimum has dropped by over 25% for the past few weeks, with the result that the publication of the Appeal is seriously threatened. We must maintain a minimum income.

It was for this purpose of combatting the summer slump that we launched our present circulation campaign. We have to regretfully report that branches of the Party far from carrying out the campaign and thus helping us to tide over the summer months, have evidently succumbed to the summer heat! The results have been miserable. So few subscriptions came in this past week that we are ashamed to print our weekly Appeal

Can there be any doubt as to the absolute necessity of not only appearing regularly but expanding the size | issue!

and circulation of the Appeal? It is our elementary duty to the American working class. Those branches and literature agents who, for one reason or another, are failing in their duty of handling the paper properly, must be made aware of the fact that a heavy responsibility rests upon them if the Appeal skips any issues. There is many times more than enough due to us in debts on bundle orders from all branches throughout the country. In addition, if literature agents would see to it that the directives outlined for the present campaign were carried out, a flock of subs would come pouring in.

There will shortly be held in Europe the First World Congress of the Fourth International. We are planning to issue the largest and most important issue of our paper yet published, containing a full report on this momentous historic event. We have innumerable plans for the future of the Appeal.

But right now we're faced with the job of raising sufficient money for next week's issue. Frankly, only if a real amount comes in will there be a paper next week.

We urge all branches and locals to immediately make every effort to pay up on their back bills. We urge all comrades and sympathizers to rush contributions to us. So serious is this emergency that we request all funds to be sent via Air-Mail. The Appeal must not miss an -The Business Manager.

Evian Conference Is Dismal Flop; Powers Offer No Aid To Refugees

weeks, the Intergovernmental German Government. Except by Committee on Political Refugees a few Central and South Amergave birth to a mouse. Before ad- ican States, no doors were thrown journing, it set up an independ- open to the involuntary exiles ent continuous committee which whose fate must now be deteris scheduled to start work August | mined by nations other than their 3rd in London under American di- own. All the delegates professed rection. The committee's scope a sincere desire to do what they will be limited to assisting Ger- could, but none offered to relax man refugees only.

As foretold, the actions of this conference of the world's mightiest powers mocked their preliminary pretensions of solving this social problem. The conference ray of light shine through by was converted by the powers into vague y promising to extend the an auxiliary agency for exerting many and for appeasing the powerful pressure of public opinion upon the participating governments. As little was done as was at Evian. All the greater is the

thousands of refugees cast upon and Refugees.

After laboring for severalithe world by the policy of the the quotas and restrictions that every country has put on immi-

Although the conference did not opén any doors, it let a thin scope of its work some time in

The terrible plight of the Jewish and anti-fascist exiles has been little relieved by the events consistent with saving their faces. responsibility of the militants in The N. Y. Times itself placed the American labor movement to a low estimate upon the accom- aid their suffering comrades plishments of the conference. "It across the Atlantic. That means cannot be said that the confer- support, and more support, to the ence solved the problem. It did current campaign of the Amernot find a landing place for the ican Fund for Political Prisoners

parade through the lower East Side of New York on Saturday, July 30. Participating will be members of the S.W.P., YPSL, Workers Alliance Local 15,

The East Side Workers Hous- The Committee is planning to ing Committee has set plans issue 10,000 leaflets to be disunder way for the holding of a tributed at the parade to draw attention and support to the fight for better housing. Also, plans are under way to approach trade unions for enother Progressive locals of the dorsement of the program and W A. A., United Handicapped aims of the Committee in prep-Workers of America, and mem- aration for calling a future conbers and sympathizers of other ference of labor to broaden the labor organizations. fight for better housing.

East Side Labor to Hold Housing Parade