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## NEW MASS MURDER IMPENDING

### APEX RULING HITS UNIONS

Huge Judgment Against Philadelphia Hosiery Union Gives Bosses Dangerous Weapon Against Labor

#### COURT USES SITDOWN RULING

A Federal Court in Philadelphia last week ordered a hosiery workers' union to pay \$711,932 to the Apex Hosiery Company as "damages" sustained during a sit-down strike in its plant in 1937.

Under the aggressive direction of U. S. District Court Judge W. H. Kirkpatrick, an obedient jury on April 3 found that the company had suffered damages of \$237,310 as a result of the strike. In entering the verdict against Branch 1 of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers (C.I.O.), Kirkpatrick trebled the damages.

That this monstrous decision would be quickly utilized by the bosses was soon indicated when two days later three strike-bound trucking companies filed a similar suit for \$990,000 against the Teamsters' International and its locals in four Connecticut cities.

**Fansteel Decision Used**  
The Philadelphia decree combines the recent Supreme Court decision outlawing sit-down strikes with the punitive provisions of a much older, but equally judge-made law, the Sherman Anti-Trust Act—applied not against the trusts but against the unions.

Judge Kirkpatrick struck his blow with the assurance provided him by the Supreme Court decision, February 28, in the Fansteel case, outlawing the sit-down strike.

The Philadelphia strike was a comparatively minor one during the great wave of sit-down strikes in 1937. Inspired by these militant strikes, which made possible the building of the United Automobile Work-

See article "Courts Invent Means to Break Strikes When Employers Cannot," page 4.

ers, the United Rubber Workers and other unions, the Philadelphia hosiery workers occupied the Apex Hosiery Company factory, which had viciously resisted unionization for many years. Begun May 7, the strike ended June 23, 1937, with a union victory including, after subsequent negotiations, the closed shop.

**Filed Much Later**  
Only some time after the wave of sit-down strikes died down and were finally disavowed by the C.I.O. official leadership, and the hosiery union failed to consolidate its forces in the Apex factory, did the company pluck up courage enough to file the suit against the hosiery union.

It was likewise after the sit-down strikes had been abandoned and apologized for by the John L. Lewis leadership, that the courts outlawed that basic weapon of American labor.

As in the Fansteel case, the union attorneys made no attempt to defend the hosiery sit-down. William Leader, president of the local, denied responsibility for the sit-down while the attorneys declared that the union does not advocate the sit-down nor "condone the violence." In both cases, therefore, the union's failure to defend the sit-down enabled the courts to assume in advance the illegality of that strike weapon.

The failure of C.I.O. attorneys to defend the sit-downs without which none of the new industrial unions could have been built does not, however, gloss over the cold-blooded fact that the outlawry of sit-downs is not the law of the land, was never legislated by Congress, but is simply another judge-made law in a long line of brazen laws invented by judges as weapons against the trade union movement.

### UNION LEADERS HELP KELLY GET CLOSE VICTORY

Chicago Mayorality Poll Shows Trend from New Deal

By ALBERT GATES  
(Special to the Socialist Appeal)  
CHICAGO.—In a record vote totalling 1,476,637 ballots, Mayor Kelly was re-elected over his Republican opponent, Dwight Green, by a small plurality of 183,000 votes. A great outpouring of independent votes and the support of Courtney votes gave the Republican candidate an amazing total of 637,107 ballots. So close was this vote that it appears clear that had a state election been held, the Republicans would have swept such an election and placed a Republican governor into office.

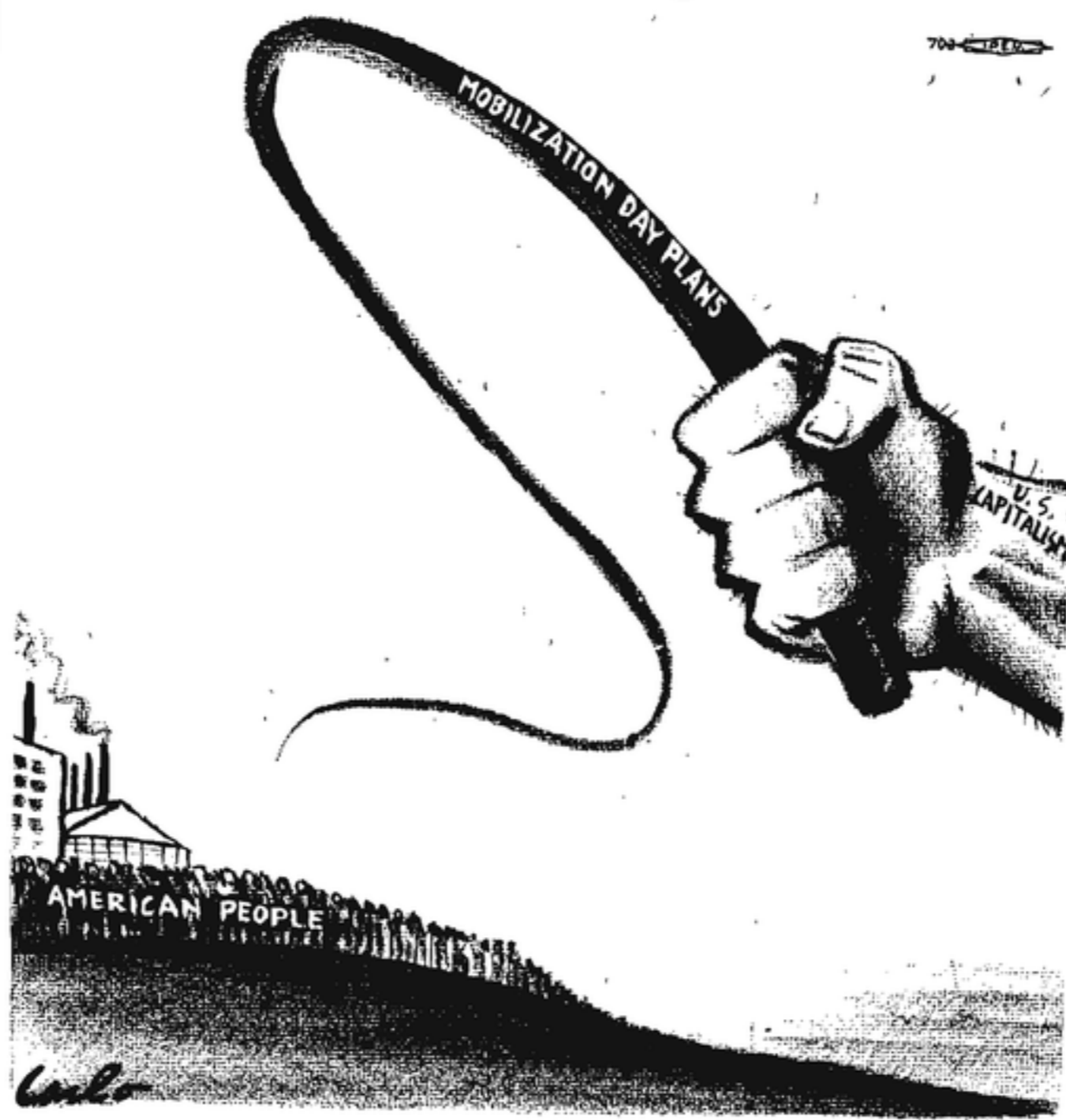
The enormous Republican vote is explainable in a general way as a reaction to the incumbent office holders. Despite the efforts of Chicago's labor organizations and the Communist Party to depict the struggle between the two candidates as a struggle between progress and reaction, the New Deal and old guard Hooverism, it is clear that no such sharp distinction was accepted by the mass of voters. Insofar as such a distinction was accepted, it was limited to the ranks of organized labor.

**New Deal Losing Favor**  
There is no doubt that Roosevelt's popularity is waning. At least, this seems to be the case in Illinois, and to a considerable extent in Chicago. The New Deal is having a hard time convincing the people that it has actually brought about a permanent improvement in the condition of the broad masses.

It is true, that Green received his great vote primarily

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### Pre-View of the War Against Fascism



### YPSL IN AKRON UNDER PROBE; FIVE ARE JAILED

Youths Manhandled for Distributing Leaflets

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)  
AKRON, April 5.—School officials, reactionary forces and police in Akron intensified their campaign against the Young People's Socialist League this week by ordering an investigation of its activities in the high schools following the arrest of five youths distributing Y.P.S.L. leaflets.

Burr McCloskey, Sol Goldberg, John Schuffe, William Russell and Don Carper were arrested Friday, March 31, while distributing leaflets in the street in front of Central High School.

They were held six hours on a charge of suspicion, and released on bonds of \$495 each. The charge was later changed to trespassing in connection with a law which forbids the distribution of any literature on school property.

At the insistence of Principal J. Ray Stine, not very affectionately known to his students as "cue-ball" because of his arid pate, the police pros-

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### Pacific Coast Seamen Face Critical Fight

Government, Stalinists, Bosses United in Drive To Smash Militant Unions

By THOMAS  
The Pacific Coast seamen are entering the most critical period in their post-war history. Arrayed against them are a combination of forces, both internal and external, which are aimed at the destruction of the integrity and fighting power of the most militant section of the American seamen's movement.

The maritime workers of the West Coast stabilized their organizations as a result of the great strike movement of 1934. Then, in a 99-day struggle in 1936-1937, the unions demonstrated their ability to withstand the onslaught of the shipowners, winning complete recognition of the union-controlled hiring hall—the very life-blood of any maritime union.

**Government: Strikebreaker**  
But then the government intervened. This was tacit recognition by the shipowners and their government stooges that the operators cannot by themselves "tame" the West Coast seamen.

The first governmental move was the attempt to foist the "fink-book" on the seamen. It

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### ATTACK ON ALBANIA BRINGS WAR CLOSER

#### HUDSON TO RUN FOR MAYOR IN MPLS. ELECTION

Well-known Militant to Campaign on S.W.P. Platform

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)  
MINNEAPOLIS, April 1.—The Minneapolis branch of the Socialist Workers Party will run its own candidate for mayor, Carlos Hudson, in the municipal elections this summer.

After filing with the city clerk yesterday, Comrade Hudson issued the following statement to the press:

What was announced as "the city convention of the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Association" drew only 150 delegates last Sunday. The Communist Party faction at the head of the Hennepin County Association, finding itself without an army, is now forced to make a gesture in the direction of the trade unions; they propose a "Joint Farmer-Labor and trade union convention" for April 8. A gesture is all this will be. The Seestrom-Boerbach-Frank clique will take good care to insure its control of the April 8 convention.

These people have shown they can always pack conventions to distort the will of the majority. The anti-democratic nature of the convention arrangements, whereby a ward club of twenty members would have five delegates and a trade union of five thousand members, three delegates, guaranteed the April 8 caucus will be another repetition of all recent "Farmer-Labor conventions" locally.

**Don't Represent Labor**  
Candidates that are the choice of that convention will not represent the organized workers of Minneapolis—rather they will represent the war-mongering, relief-slashing New Deal. Such candidates will certainly not be responsive to the needs and demands of the trade unions or of the unemployed.

The bureaucratic practices and anti-working-class policies of the Communist Party have repelled the bulk of the Minneapolis trade unions from the Farmer-Labor Association. The remaining factions of the Association—represented by Dewey Johnson, the Communist Party, and Hjalmar Peterson—are racing one another to kill off the Farmer-Labor movement by carrying it into the camp of Roosevelt, away

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Ghastly Game of Bluff and Counter-Bluff Is Leading Swiftly to New World Slaughter and Catastrophe

#### UNITED STATES READY TO PLUNGE

##### BULLETIN

Italian troops invaded Albania early Friday morning. Waifs shelled all the major ports of the tiny Adriatic country. A fleet of 400 planes and an army of about 50,000 participated in the attack, which was fiercely resisted by the Albanians. Yugoslavia and Greece, in the direct path of the new onslaught waited to see what steps France and Britain would take. Mussolini's move was obviously the first of a series designed to secure an Italian hold on major strategic points in the Mediterranean.

The world's continuous war crisis drew perilously close this week to the showdown stage.

The great contending camps of imperialist bandits and gangsters—preparing to fight for markets, raw materials, colonial slave labor and super-profits—were desperately maneuvering to line up the maximum possible strength for the coming war.

Behind the ghastly game of bluff and counter-bluff, behind the black stare of news headlines and the shrill scream of radios in all the tongues of Babel, millions of people waited in fearful helplessness for disaster.

Across the world checkerboard the following were the chief developments:

1. British diplomacy moved into a belated turn of policy—a policy of hastening the showdown instead of postponing it, on the theory that the Italo-German threat to the British Empire has to be met soon if it is not to become too powerful to overcome. An Anglo-Polish mutual assistance pact was signed but it remained to be seen whether the Poles would be able to withstand German pressure sufficiently to make the pact effective.

**Move On Albania**  
2. Operating through its Rome terminus, for a change, the Rome-Berlin axis prepared to counter the British diplomatic offensive by new moves into the Balkans in the ultimate direction of the crucially strategic Dardanelles. This was the meaning of Italy's sudden onslaught on Albania. Meanwhile in the glare of deliberate publicity, the German and Italian army chiefs met to plan "concerted action"—a demonstration designed to intimidate the smaller states of central and Eastern Europe and to keep them from entering the British-sponsored bloc.

3. Italian troops continued at the same time to move into Spain, giving rise to a fresh crop of reports of preparations for an attack on British-owned Gibraltar. Franco, ruthlessly crushing the victims left under his heel by the cowardly and traitorous leaders of Stalin's

4. The Soviet Union continued to straddle its precarious perch on the diplomatic fence. The Stalin government took unusual pains to deny that it had promised to aid Poland and at the same time signed an agreement on the Siberian fisheries, temporarily allaying the chronic Soviet-Japanese war tension in the Far East. Whether the buyer be Hitler or the Anglo-French entente, Stalin was keeping his price well up and meanwhile burning no bridges.

5. In the Far East—the theater of war which will be of major concern to Yankee imperialism—Japan took another daring stride forward in its plans for imperial conquest by occupying the French-claimed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea—providing air bases, strategically located athwart the maritime route from Singapore to Hong Kong and within easy striking distance—600 miles—of U. S.-owned Manila.

**Washington Rehearsal**  
6. In Washington the 22nd anniversary of this country's entry into the last holocaust "to save democracy" was greeted with a full dress ballyhoo for a war policy in the sessions of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate where Henry L. Stimson, Bernard Baruch and other representatives of Wall Street were paraded out to help put over the Roosevelt administration's plans for gearing the entire nation for war.

President Roosevelt publicly thanked the representatives of Big Business, meeting together with ranking army and navy chiefs in New York City, for their aid in preparing to mobilize industry for war. Assistant Secretary of War Johnson announced that the government had already stocked six months' supplies for an army of 400,000 and had paved the way to keep an even larger force stocked with war sinews. "Army Day" was celebrated amid open preparations for a new "April 6"—a new plunge into catastrophe.

## Action, Not Lobbying, Needed To Fight W.P.A. Cuts

For many weeks we have stated that mass W.P.A. cuts were scheduled to begin April 1, and that only nationwide, militant mass demonstrations of the unemployed would stop them.

During this same period the Workers Alliance, the Stalinists, and Labor's Non-Partisan League said that the cuts could be stopped by: (1) relying on Roosevelt and the New Deal forces in Congress; (2) sending postcards to Washington; (3) lobbying in the Congressional committees.

Last Saturday there were some splendid local demonstrations, but they were on too small a scale and in too few localities.

On the whole, the unemployed followed the advice of the Workers Alliance and Labor's Non-Partisan League.

We now witness the first part of the result: the mass cuts have started; more than 200,000 workers have received their pink slips. This is just a beginning.

Before deciding how much money to appropriate, Congress waited until after April 1. When they saw that

there were only a few mass demonstrations, these scoundrels felt free to go ahead.

Roosevelt retired to Georgia. In the Senate, Barkley, leader of the New Deal forces, reached full agreement with the Republicans and "dissenting" Democrats on the \$100,000,000 figure which means at least six or seven hundred thousand more cut from the rolls between now and June 30.

This fully proves our contention that New Deal and Old Deal are one and the same in the drive against the unemployed, that they have only minor disagreements as to the method to follow.

If nation-wide demonstrations had taken place we can be certain that a much higher amount would have been voted for W.P.A.

The job is harder now. It is more difficult to get back on the rolls, once the pink slips have been sent, than to stay on them.

The job is harder, but the answer is the same. The cuts will continue and will increase if the unemployed keep relying on postcards, lobbying, and the good

will of the New Deal.

The cuts will stop, everyone will be put back on the rolls, and W.P.A. will be extended if, and only if, the unemployed from now on and immediately adopt the only method which makes any impression on these gentlemen in Washington: the fighting method of militant mass action, direct action on the projects, in the streets and at every W.P.A. headquarters.

The time for polite requests has ended. The demands of the unemployed have got to thunder into the ears of the Congressmen with a volume that will crash through any diplomatic deafness.

If the unemployed and their families are not going to starve, this is what they have to do.

**FIGHTING MASS DEMONSTRATIONS IN EVERY LOCALITY!**  
**W.P.A. JOBS FOR EVERY UNEMPLOYED WORKER AT TRADE UNION WAGES!**  
**THIRTY-THIRTY: \$30 minimum wage, 30-hour maximum week.**  
**ALL WAR FUNDS TO THE UNEMPLOYED!**