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# THE WORKMAN

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TO THE WORKING MAN:

*This is your paper. Support it,  
and also support your Syndicate.*

*If no Syndicate is now exist-  
ing for your line of work, be the  
cornerstone of its foundation.*

*We will help you.*

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## FOREIGN LABOUR NEWS

## Enjoyment - Sadness - Bravery

### Kingston, Jamaica:—

The Left Wing People's National Party, Jamaica of which Attorney Norman Washington Manley is leader has charged both Alexander Bustamante (formerly Alexander Clarke) and the Governor Sir John Huggins for inciting riot and condoning a one man dictatorial government respectively. The P.N.P. is affiliated with the T. U.C. and they represent the majority of the civil servants and for this the majority of government institutions are now on strike such as:—Mental Hospital, Prison Warders, Railway, Fire—Brigade and the sanitary departments are expected to follow at any moment, the Government Printing Office went on a 48 hours sympathy strike but has resumed work. The T. U.C. not receiving the protection they should get from the government, as Bustamante is head of all govt., in his capacity as Minister of Communication and head of the Labour Party

now in power, and the Governor refusing to exercise his powers has sent the Vice-President Mr. N.N. Nethersole solicitor of Kingston to London to take up the matter with the Secretary of State for the Colonies and other Officials needed as their intention is to have the Governor called home.

### Port Au Prince, Haiti:—

The people have been treated so unfair in all issues of labour etc. that they have protested to the President Elie Lescot and are now calling for a "BLACK PRESIDENT" as they claim are barred from Public Office if they are not light-skinned.

The labour situation is also unsettled but there is some hope that peace will return as the military junta that overthrew President Lescot are working out plans of employment for labour to assist the population.

### U.S.A. & England:—

We find the workers striking even in these big countries where conditions appears to be much better than in smaller countries, but at times it might not only be actual labour troubles but these conditions that reaches the workers are decisions of some who are on top thinking of their own selves.

Now we find even soldiers wanting to strike, vexed with their own selves and can hardly say why they have reached this decision, but its for the conditions which they know they have to face and it's not just what was promised during the war, and if there isnt fair play of labour over the world then it can be plainly seen that the Hon. Winston Churchill and President Truman's pleas for world peace will be in vain, for there surely will be another World War and very soon if some settlement is not reached.

## "DEFINITION OF THE RACKET SYNDICATE"

As we have always felt it our duty to give to our readers the open story of any matter which we feel is unfair to the workers, we now take this medium to express the word "Racket" from its origin and denomination. At present this scheme is referred to strike, sabotage, and boy-cott, etc., which comes under one aim of view, which is only to the prestige of the "Syndicate"; even though their sincere word always try to mislead the workers that they are aiming to have a prestige for them. The Demagogy is now the best force of Racket and have behind it a wonderful manifestation, which in most cases can hardly be traced to find the origin or headquarters. Referring to the foregoing statement "Racket" breaks up the unity (especially in the building of institution) of Labourers, by selling out strikes, using up of the funds of the institution, and also selling out the "strike contracts" to the employer and by so doing selling out the rights of the Syndicate which the workers have worked so hard to have and cherish so dearly.

In all these incidents the employer is always trying to make belief to the labourers that they are trying to help the cause to their credit, but it all boils down to just one thing "RACKET" but the very truth is different. The Syndicate counteracts any procedure and knows very well that all this means "RACKET". It is plainly observed that these activities are merely maneuvers

of an ANTI-SYNDICATE of CAPITALISTS. The workers in these positions would do themselves more good if they would unite and take things up in their own hands and fight this dangerous "ENEMY ACTION" of the Syndicate. This might appear very dark to the labourers to face a strong team of Capitalists, but this is the wrong way to look at it. One thing the labourer must bear in mind is that the capitalists are dependent on them as much as they are dependent on the Capitalists, for if there is no labour then the Capitalists cannot survive, therefore there is no need of doubt but fight fiercely and democratically for your equal rights.

### OF GANGSTERISM

Another dangerous way of the Anti-Syndicate is the given name of "Syndicate Gangsterism". It is manifested this way, a group of "NO GOODS" or "WISE GUYS" makes up a very ingenious and smart Syndicate, makes it their business to direct for their own benefit, to satisfy their egotistic and personal interest and to exploit the whole mass.

Such groups live in excitement, at every interval at their disposal they try to create some irruption between the labourers themselves or the labourers and employers, and in the outcome they technically become bosses of the Syndicate. This action is called a "GANG" and it offers them a thousand and one different

ways of reaching their goal. In that way they have the opportunity of exploiting the organization, switching the proper objectives or aims. The gang that is in reference does not only refer to "VIOLATIONS OF DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES" but also switching trajectory of the National Organization and also the inclination of this wicked group which has no intention but to defraud the workers, adds to the Syndicate a surprise that may get back the management in positions, freeing them from detention.

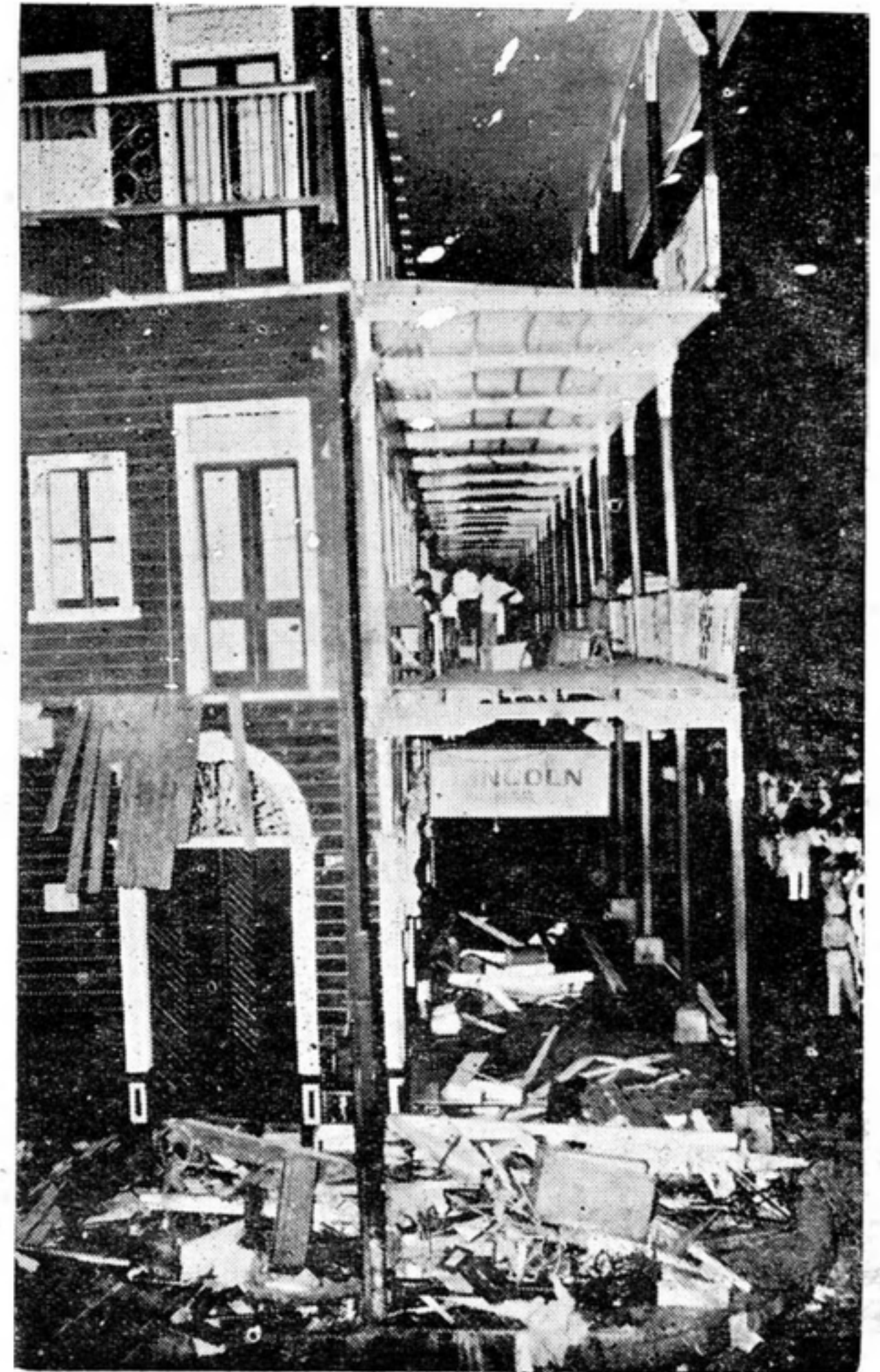
## I DID NOT KNOW...!

A member of the Bartenders, waiters and similars Union, remarked "I did not know" after he found himself receiving a sick benefit weekly after he had completed six months membership.

Here are just a few of the many benefits you can derive by being a member, and all you have to do is drop in at 103 Central Ave., 3rd Floor and all required information to make you a member will be given.

- 1 The union takes active steps in obtaining employment for members.
- 2 The union reserves the rights to argue with employers over any disputes.
- 3 The union grants sick benefits and assists in advices which are always one of the best methods of settlement of issues which would prove expensive to members, and lots more.

Just drop in and register and you will be entitled to all these benefits.



The Victory Carnival of 1946 has left behind it tales of joy mixed with sadness and bravery and at the same time a wonderful reminder to the population that in the midst of all enjoyment the arms of tragedy is always present. In instances such as the Muller Building we were proud to see that the colour or race which is always sold shouldered in most any happenings of importance displayed the greatest amount of courage and manliness at the time when it was most needed.

With all the excitement of the crashing building a group of coloured young men began taking the injured ones away from the debris, they assisted in every way possible even in transportation to the hospital and even at this point those who could assist medically did their part generously and with a smile.

Another outstanding point that no one could allow to pass without comments were the young men who rescued the three little boys who had been fortunate enough to be able to hold on to a seven-foot railing which was about forty feet above the street and in the act of doing this rescuing job might have caused damage to their own self, but did not hesitate to think of all this.

Immediately after their act of kindness they disappeared showing that they did not do this act for gratitude or monetary reward. It was here that co-operation and quick thinking took place and it was equally brought to hand by both WEST INDIANS and PANAMANIANs and the friendly way the entire affair was carried out was a great credit, and if this could be continued the colour bar or discrimination of race and colour would soon die. In our daily lives we all learn lessons from the daily happenings we see in the administration of affairs, no matter in what form or for what purpose, and if never before in our history one was seen was in the Muller's incident and that calls for co-operation between the WEST INDIANS and PANAMIANs and when that is achieved we will be having a better Panama and a DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY to be proud of.

At this stage we extend our profound sympathy to the victims of the accident and pay our gratitude and respect to those who had acted so courageously in the time of need, and by so doing we term them a credit not only to their respective nationalities but a credit to CIVILIZED HUMANITY.