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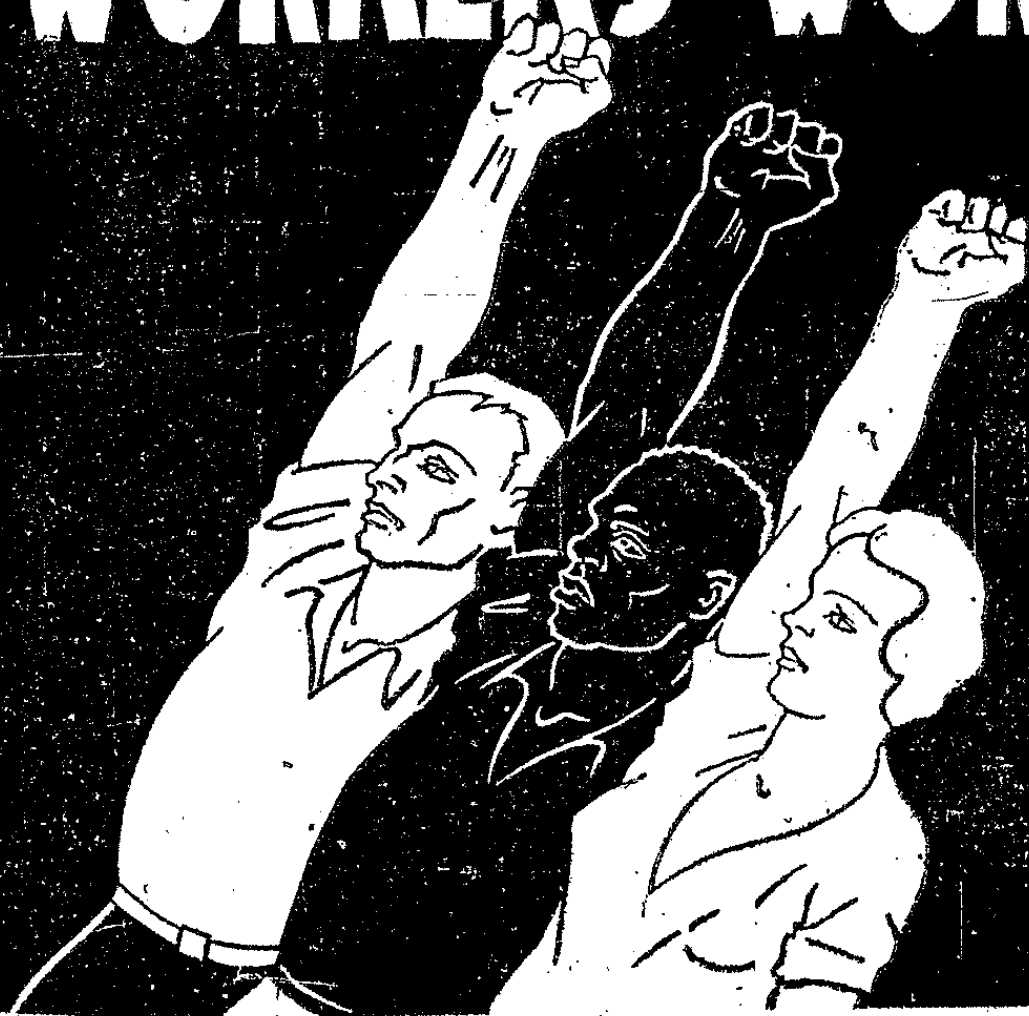
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MAY DAY, 1935

**MILLIONS MARCH**

**FOR PEACE  
FOR JOBS**

**WORKERS UNITE  
FOR A  
WORKERS WORLD**



Rebel Arts.

**FOR  
THIRTY  
HOUR  
WEEK**

**Onward To Socialism In Our Time!**

# HISTORIC MAY DAYS

By ROBERT DELSON

The tens of millions of marching workers who fill the streets of the world today are carrying on the richest traditions of the international labor movement.

The most significant aspect of that first May Day is often forgotten today. May Day was to be a strike-day—not a holiday granted by the bosses—but a day of struggle for the foremost demand of the times—the eight-hour day. Therefore a work day was deliberately selected so that the demand could be brought home to the employers in the way they would feel it most—by stoppage of work.

### The Haymarket Tragedy

It was in that fateful May too that the Haymarket riot occurred. On May 4th the Anarchists had called a meeting to protest the police brutality against the McCormick-Reaper strikers. The meeting was just about to end when suddenly a bomb was thrown by an unknown person, killing four strikers and a policeman. Spies and others were executed. The capitalists chose to take their vengeance on these innocent workers for the courageous labor activity of those years.

(The full story of the Haymarket tragedy is told in another section of this issue.)

### The 1st International May Day

But the Haymarket martyrs had their own revenge when in 1889 May Day was made an international holiday. The First Congress of the Second International met in Paris on July 14, one hundred years after the fall of the Bastille. The A. F. of L. had already decided in its 1888 convention that on May First 1890 the workers should again demand the eight-hour day. In accordance with the request of the American delegates, the International selected the same day for an international demonstration for the same demand, as well as other demands of the International.

May 1, 1890, was therefore the first International May Day.

### Engels on 1st English May Day

All over the world the workers showed their strength on that first May Day. Even in England, where they had been slow to awaken, the masses responded to the call. Engels thrilled to the sight of 100,000 demonstrators in Hyde Park. He wrote in the Vienna Arbeiter Zeitung of May 23, 1890:

"And I consider this the grandest May Day festival, that on May fourth, 1890, the English proletariat newly awakened from its forty years of winter sleep, again entered the movement of its class. . . . On May fourth, 1890, the English working class joined up in the great international army."

In the years that followed May Day continued to be the call to battle of the working class. In America particularly the spirit of the revolutionary workers of the Socialist party was perpetually renewed on that day.

Typical of this spirit was the May Day message of Debs in 1907 in the Weekly Worker, which is reprinted elsewhere in this issue.

### The First Soviet

In May 1905 the first Soviet in the world was organized at Ivanovo-Voznesenk where 50,000 textile workers were out for over two months in the strike wave that swept Russia into the 1905 revolution. These textile workers refused to deal with their individual employers, but insisted on negotiating through a general council for all the workers. Thus was born the first Soviet.

In May 1912 the reaction that had set in in Russia after 1905 at last gave way before the tremendous demonstrations that were run throughout the nation.

### May Days of Defeat

But May Days have sometimes been days of degradation and defeat, as full of lessons as the May

### Days of victory.

Thus May Day 1915 in the countries of the once great European Socialist parties was a day of disgrace for the Socialists who had supported the war. The French and Germans symbolized their capitulation by calling upon the workers not to quit their jobs.

The May Day that followed registered another defeat for the workers, this time in Ireland. The Irish Republic had been proclaimed in Easter Week by James Connolly and other Socialists fighting with the Irish Republicans.

But British Imperialism was too powerful a foe for the Republicans. On the day which might have been one of rejoicing, May Day 1916, the revolutionists were forced to surrender.

### May Day in U. S.—1917

May Day 1917 is one of the red letter days of the American Socialist movement. The party had declared war on war in the St. Louis Declaration in April 1917. On May Day 1917 the party showed that it meant what it said by holding great anti-war meetings in New York, Cleveland and other cities. The Socialists who risked the bitter opposition of the government on that day showed that their principles were made of sterner stuff than the European Socialists who had yielded to the false glamor of "patriotism."

### May Day in Moscow, 1918

All May Days before this had been days of preparation for victory. May Day in Moscow in 1918 was a day of triumph—the first May Day of the victorious revolution—the first May Day ever celebrated in any country in which the workers were in supreme power.

The demonstration of 1918 lacked the pomp and magnitude of later May Day celebrations in Moscow. But it is certain that no subsequent gathering could thrill its onlookers with the same emotions that animated this first assemblage of the victorious workers. Men who had marched in the days when a proletarian revolution was an incredible dream, and who had paid for their marching with Siberian exile could never forget this living symbol of their triumph.

As each detachment reached the black draped stand it stopped and sang the Marseillaise, in tribute to the martyrs of the revolution who were buried between the columns of trees opposite the Kremlin.

Today a million workers mass in Moscow streets while the whole world glories to the knowledge that 160 million workers are building Socialism despite bitter obstacles and errors.

### May Day of the General Strike

## Speakers at N. Y. May Day Demonstration

Luigi Antonini, Chairman, acting President, International Ladies Garment Workers' Union;

Norman Thomas, Socialist Party;

Julius Hochman, Joint Dress Board, ILGWU;

Isadore Nagler, Joint Cloak Board, Amalgamated Clothing Workers;

Joseph Baskin, Workmen's Circle;

Louis Waldman, Socialist Party;

Jay Lovestone, Communist Party (Opposition);

James P. Cannon, Workers' Party;

Herbert Mahler, IWW;

Morris Finestone, United Hebrew Trades;

William Gavlin, Inside Bakery Workers Union.

It was on May First, 1926, that the British Trade Union Congress made the most momentous decision in its history when it determined to call a general strike if the demands of the miners were not met by the fourth of May. And on May fourth occurred the greatest labor stoppage the world has ever seen—the British General Strike.

Just 36 years after Engels rejoiced over the May 4th demonstrations in Hyde Park his confidence in the British working class was justified by the beginning of the great strike on May 4th, 1926. For a moment it seemed almost as though the English workers no longer followed but led the world proletariat. Despite the treachery of vaunting leaders, the strike remained the greatest of all manifestations of labor's power.

### May Day in Union Square, 1931

On May Day 1931 a few thousand workers marched to Union Square under the banners of the Socialist Party. There have been much larger demonstrations in that historic square but there have been none of greater significance. For on that day the Socialists took to the streets again for the first time in almost a decade. The parade marked a notable victory for the rising revolutionary elements in the Socialist Party who had clamored insistently for outdoor demonstrations of the workers as a way of arousing them to greater activity and consciousness of the Socialist goal.

If 100,000 parade today under Socialist leadership it is because a few thousand reclaimed the streets of New York for the Socialist workers on May Day 1931.

### Historic May Day, 1935

With the echo of the marchers of other May Days ringing in their ears, the demonstrators of today must resolve that May Day 1935 shall be as epoch-making as the historic May Days of the past. They must make it plain that they demonstrate today not only for the 8-hour day, not only for unemployment insurance, and against the sales tax, but that they march as well, under the motto of Karl Marx, for "the abolition of the wage system."

MARIO ZAMPARO

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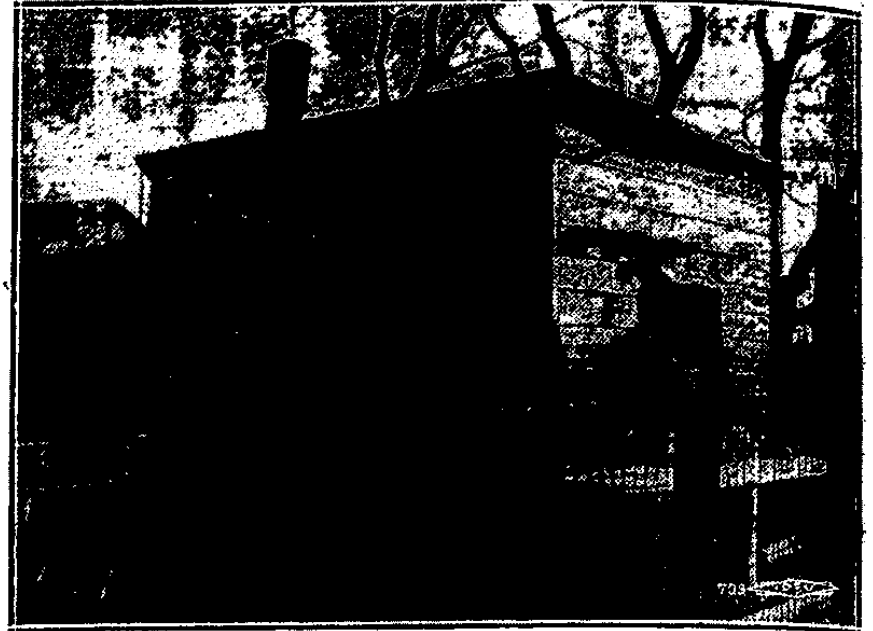
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809 WESTCHESTER AVE.

Bronx, N. Y.

## Smart Suburban Home



Out in the Sheepshead Bay district of Brooklyn, N. Y., not far from Coney Island, stands the smart 1-room bungalow shown above. It's not advertised in the real estate sections of the papers because it's always occupied. In it live a couple of members of New York's army of the unemployed. If they should move out there'd be thousands more ready to move in—and meanwhile the city and the PWA pass the buck about building new workers' apartments with federal funds.

## \$1,000,000 Bond Offered To Let Mooney Parade

One million dollars was offered as a bond to parole Tom Mooney and Warren Billings so that they might march in the New York May Day demonstration. The offer to post the bond was made by the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union through Luigi Antonini, acting president.

The union also offered to charter a special airplane to bring them to the demonstration in time.

The request of the ILGWU was turned down.

Excerpts from the telegram sent by the union to Governor Merriam of California follows:

"In the name of 210,000 mem-

bers of our international and of the entire working class of the United States we ask you to parole Tom Mooney and Warren Billings to march in our May Day Parade.

"Let them breathe free air on the day dedicated to the spirit of a humane, classless world. The State of California has taken two decades from their lives. Surely you can give them two days to join in protest against the system that martyred them."

ABE FISHER

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## May Day Greetings

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HARRY FEINBERG

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LOUIS PRESS

VIVIAN GUSAR

(ANONYMOUS)

JACK SCHULTER

A COMRADE

# SECURITY FOR ALL, NOT FOR REACTION, IS LABOR'S DEMAND

Fifty years ago May Day was born. In 1886 militant American workers started the campaign for the 8-hour day. Workers the world over have made May Day the day of international labor solidarity. Now in 1935 millions of American workers will march in a mighty demand for the 6-hour day, for adequate unemployment relief, and for genuine collective bargaining.

In foreign lands workers and farmers are putting down their tools, leaving the shops, factories, and fields, to demonstrate their hate of Fascist reaction and war.

American workers in city after city, from coast to coast, will parade and voice their protest against the war preparation and fascist tendencies of the Roosevelt government. They will demand an end to unemployment and starvation, an end to company unionism and racial persecution.

**We Want Bread!**  
**We Want Work!**  
**We Want Higher Wages!**  
**We Demand 30-Hour Week!**  
**For Peace and Plenty!**  
**For Liberty and Freedom!**

These are the slogans being raised in state after state, in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Washington—from the Atlantic to the Pacific the cry goes up as labor marches.

In Cleveland, Ohio, unionists will rally in the Public Square. In Milwaukee the Federated Trades Council, the Wisconsin Workers' Committee, and the Socialist Party will stage a joint parade and mass meeting in the new court house.

**Record Beater**  
Possibly the most unique rally of all will be in Paterson, N. J., where the Central Labor Union is sponsoring a demonstration which will be a record beater for the Silk City. In the parade line will be bands from the Passaic County Republicans and the 114th Infantry of the National Guard. By their side will be printers, on strike at Paterson's two newspapers for twelve months; silk workers, striking against wage cuts; dye workers, who have won a union contract from their bosses; workers from other unions, as well as socialists and communists.

**WELL—WELL**  
Have you ever noticed that it is the worst enemies of democracy who shout most loudly for it, and shed the wettest crocodile tears about its suppression? Tammany Hall gangsters and shysters, Everett Dean Martin, Huey Long, Mississippi bourbons and Alabama slave-drivers, all, all bawl about democracy. Samuel Johnson once defined patriotism as the last refuge of the scoundrel. Democracy is the last cloak of the dictator.

Astronomers tell us that the earth looks blue from Mars and Venus. It looks a lot bluer from here.

*I Hope for a United  
Socialist Party*  
**NATHAN RIESEL**

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*Greetings*  
**SAMUEL ROTHMAN**

**GEORGE ARANOV**  
**AL WEINER**

## Scaremonger Hearst Pulls Outworn Gag

By HERMAN WOLF  
Willie Rednose Hearst has pulled out the old false gag about preparation for war being as necessary as preparation for fighting fires. In last Saturday's edition of his New York slander sheet, Hearst put an American flag on the front page—IN COLORS!—and under it wrote what was supposed to be an editorial, in which he said:

"We have fire department forces, not to spread fires but to protect our people from the ravages of fire."

That's exactly the story on fires, Willie, but not on wars. The same folks who pour water on fires pour oil on wars. Most fires arise by accident. **NO WAR EVER AROSE BY ACCIDENT!** No sane person gathers any particular joy from fomenting a devastating war. Yet wars arise, and arise because some people profit from them.

**Here's a Bet**  
We'll bet you three copies of the CALL against half of one of Hearst's editorial writers that you never saw a fire department set a fire. And we'll double the stakes that you never saw a fire engine manufacturer advertise for bigger and brighter fires. Yet that's just what armament makers do.

Yes, doggone it; there are men cruel and inhuman enough to start wars.—Impossible? Read part of this advertisement of the Cleveland Automatic Machine Company:

"The following is a description of the 13 and 18 lb. high explosive shells which are now being used extensively to replace the common shrapnel:

"The material is so high in tensile strength and is very SPECIAL because it has a tendency to fracture into small pieces upon explosion of the shell. The timing of the fuse for this shell is similar to the shrapnel shell but it differs in that two explosions or two explosive acids are used to explode the shell in the large cavity. The combination of these two acids causes terrific explosions, having more power than anything of its kind yet used. Fragments become coated with the acids in exploding, and wounds caused by them mean **DEATH IN TERRIBLE AGONY WITHIN FOUR HOURS IF NOT ATTENDED TO IMMEDIATELY.**"

"From what we are able to learn of conditions in the trenches, it is not possible to get medical assistance to any one in time to prevent fatal results. It is necessary to immediately cauterize the



**Pity the  
Boss!**

Poor big business!

William Fellowes Morgan, Commissioner of Markets in New York City, said before the National Republican Builders in a swanky Town Hall luncheon:

"Something should be done to make the battle between capital and labor a fair one, with both equipped with the same weapons." (Does he mean the police, the army and navy, the courts, wealth and consumption goods?) Morgan moaned over the strike weapon which the workers have and wept over the unfair advantage the workers have over capital.

But maybe Morgan isn't so dumb. Maybe he's thinking of the future—because when the workers learn to stick together and fight for their interests against their enemies, then **LABOR WILL HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OVER CAPITAL.**

Hitler says that he will kill all pacifists who continue to be pacifists in wartime. If he didn't they'd be killed in the trenches. Or gassed and bombed at home. So—where do we go from here?

The League of Nations has slapped Hitler on the wrist for daring to rearm. So now, all danger of war is over, until Hitler is ready for war.

### Fact of the Week 1886-1935

MAY DAY, celebrated the world over as International Labor Day, first gained that significance because of a decision made by the founders of the A. F. of L.

One of the last acts of the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions of the United States and Canada, founded 1881, was a resolution declaring: "Eight hours shall constitute a legal day's work from and after May 1, 1886."

In 1890 the first Paris Conference of the Labor and Socialist International declared May First the "International Workingmen's Holiday."

### DOES YOUR BUTCHER EMPLOY UNION LABOR?

Patronize Butcher Shops That Display  
the Sign of the  
**Hebrew Butcher Workers Union**  
LOCAL 234

## ASSEMBLAGE PLACES FOR NEW YORK PARADE

- 15th street—8th avenue to 6th avenue—Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, Local 91, ILGWU—corner of 15th and 5th avenue, International Fur Workers.
- 15th St.—5th avenue to Union Square—Socialist Party, BS and AU 12646, Y. P. S. L., Workmen's Circle (Adults), Forward Association, League for Industrial Democracy.
- 16th street—8th avenue (East) to 7th—Cap Makers Union, Pocket Book Workers, Watchmakers, Suit Case, Jewelry Workers, Paper Box Makers, Laundry Workers.
- 16th street—8th avenue (West)—Cap Makers, Pocket book Workers, Watchmakers, Suit Case, Jewelry Workers, Paper Box, Laundry Workers.
- 16th street—8th avenue (West)—National Elscuit, Painters, Bath Robe, Mineral Water Workers, Building Service.
- 16th street—7th avenue to 6th avenue—I. W. W., Radio Workers, Anti-Fascist, Ministers, Communist, Celluloid Workers, Workers Party, Left Poole Zion, Workers Schools, Doll Workers.
- 16th street—6th avenue to 5th avenue—Barbers, Waiters, Boot and Shoe, Unemployed Leagues.
- 41st street—7th avenue toward 8th avenue—back of ILGWU—Neckwear Makers.
- 67th street—bet. 5th and 6th avenues—Millinery Workers.
- 41st street (West) 8th avenue—Jewish National Workers, Poole Zion.

wound if in the body or head or to amputate the limbs, as there seems to be no antidote that will counteract the poison.

"It can be seen from this that this shell is MORE EFFECTIVE than the regular shrapnel, since the wounds caused by shrapnel balls are not as dangerous AS THEY HAVE NO POISONOUS ELEMENT making prompt attention necessary."

**Begin With Willie**  
We propose a law jailing those who cause wars. Hair-brained idiots set fires to watch the flames leap high, while other idiots make people fight merely so they may reap the profit of the trade. All too long have we let these creatures roam this side of the bars. It is about time more of them were inside so we can have less insanity on the outside.

P. S.—And by the way, while you're at it, run Willie Rednose Hearst in, too.

**JACK KAYE**

**EUGENE V. DEBS**  
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H. SALTMAN, A. LIPSITZ  
D. BLOOM S. HERSHOFF

**OLD TIMERS**  
Benevolent Association  
of  
**LOCAL 19—ACWA**  
Every Member in the Labor  
Movement Over Twenty  
Years  
**ISAAC DICKES, Secretary**

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Union**  
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Local 40  
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Workers Union

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# Crisis Faces Workers the World Over

By BEN GITLOW

All governments are preparing feverishly for the coming war. While millions starve they spend billions for military purposes. They prepare systematically and prodigiously.

We cannot depend upon these governments and their capitalist agencies to keep us out of war. We can rely only upon the aroused masses to prevent war. The spearhead of the mass resistance to war must be the labor movement. Without the support of labor, resistance to war is doomed to pacifist futility and defeat. Labor must take leadership in the fight against war. That is its grave duty and great responsibility.

On this May Day, 1935, Labor is in a crisis. Defeated on many fronts by Fascism—in Austria, Spain, Germany—it is divided and split up into two main camps, the Communist and Socialist. The trade unions are generally conservative and pursue policies which openly support the military schemes of their capitalist governments and make it difficult to mobilize the trade union masses against war.

### Can There Be Unity?

Can the Communist and the Socialist movements unite in a common front against war?

Hardly. The latest moves by the Communist leaders of the Soviet Union, their abandonment of international working class action against war in favor of a pact with capitalist powers for military defensive and offensive purposes, logically lead to a situation in which the Communist Parties in the next war will have to support the combination of capitalist powers on whose side the Soviet Union happens to be.

The Socialist movement taking into consideration the character of the Soviet Union must ever be ready to defend the Soviet Union if it is attacked by a capitalist power. But when the Soviet Union becomes involved in a war as ally of capitalist powers then it is a different matter.

In that event the Socialist movement cannot afford to take sides in favor of one set of imperialist powers as against another set. It must under all circumstances maintain the International Socialist position that capitalist imperialism leads to war and that only through its defeat can war be wiped from the face of the earth.

The revitalization and unification of the labor movement therefore remains the task of the Socialist movement. But not on the basis of its old policies and tactics which have been so costly in Germany, so ineffective against fascism. The old bankrupt policies must be abandoned and a clear cut, revolutionary socialist position adopted.

### What to Do

How can we overcome the crisis in the labor movement?

We must reaffirm our faith in Internationalism, declare again that the strength of the labor movement rests on the international character of the working class and that only through International unity and action can Fascism be defeated and war prevented. We must not repeat our past mistakes.

We must free ourselves from all policies of compromise with capitalism. We must strive to become the leader intellectually and actually of the movement against fascism, extreme nationalism, and war. Only then will the Socialist movement become the force that will unify the ranks of labor, instill it again with enthusiasm and give it the militant spirit to fight fascism and war.

Let us make May Day, 1935, the

# May Day Manifesto of the Socialist Party of the U.S.A.

**Workers and Farmers of America!  
Members of the American Federation of Labor!  
Members of the Socialist Party!  
Workers and Socialists of All Countries:**

Greetings on May Day, the international holiday of the working people of the entire world!

Let us make May Day, 1935, a historic celebration of our comradely solidarity and our iron determination to break through the bonds of poverty, unemployment and capitalist repression to win peace and plenty.

### DOWN TOOLS

The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party calls upon you, the workers from factory, office and farm, to lay down your tools on May 1 and to join in huge labor demonstrations in every city, town and village in the United States.

This year marks the 49th anniversary of May Day as a workers' holiday. First observed by the American Federation of Labor as a day of nationwide strikes and parades in its militant campaign for the eight-hour day, May Day has since been adopted by the workers of every country of the world.

This May Day finds the workers faced with greater responsibilities than ever. In a world of tremendous possibilities for security and well being, millions upon millions of workers find themselves engulfed in misery and poverty. While hunger and want constantly confront multitudes of workers, the capitalist governments are in a mad frenzy of preparation for war that promises to make the world a gigantic slaughter house where the blood and brains of the workers shall be coined into wealth for the profit seekers.

### THE FASCIST ONSLAUGHT

In many places where workers have sought to build a world of security they have been crushed by the brutal forces of Fascism. In other places these forces of repression and brutality are gathering their strength against the day when they shall be unleashed upon the workers.

Here in America we witness millions unemployed—millions existing upon the bitter and woefully inadequate bread of charity. With sickening acceleration of speed, the Capitalist system drives ahead in its blind and stupid program that forces down the standard of living for the great masses while it piles up wealth for the few. The government moves ahead to build up its

great war machine while living conditions become unbearable for millions of workers and farmers. All pretense of democracy has been wiped out in the cotton territory where the sharecroppers have dared to organize.

### GOVERNMENT BETRAYAL

After months of vague promises and glittering generalities the present administration in every real issue sides with the forces of the owning group and labor staggers under the blow of a new betrayal.

With government aid and cooperation, the great corporations build their company unions. Where workers dare to stand for their own unions they find themselves opposed by every form of lie, abuse and brutality. Municipal and state governments are mobilizing their forces in increased efforts of repression directed against workers.

Irresponsible and impractical demagogues such as Long and Coughlin, with vague promises and confusion of thought, add to the chaos, setting up the conditions which make for Fascism: Vigilante gangs are taking the law into their own hands in many communities to break up workers' organizations.

### WORKERS AND FARMERS!

The Socialist Party calls upon all workers and farmers in America to demonstrate May 1:

To demonstrate our solidarity with all workers everywhere in the world, regardless of race, creed, color, or nationality;

To make this demonstration our protest against the whole war game and the criminally stupid preparation for war;

To make this demonstration a determined protest against every form of repression and the denial of fundamental human rights.

The workers and farmers are called today to make this day a demonstration of our demand for the thirty-hour week, for adequate social security, against company unionism, against Fascism.

But above all we make this day a renewal of our determined and unflinching purpose to wage war on the capitalist system until it, with all its vicious offspring, shall have been abolished and in its place there shall be established a workers world of security and peace for all.

"With heads uncovered swear we all" to carry on until this task shall be accomplished and the dream of toilers throughout the ages shall be realized.

National Executive Committee,  
Socialist Party, U. S. A.

## Humanity

Twenty-one nations on the American continents have signed a pact to show that they're doing well by the common people.

In case of war, the nations promise that they're not going to destroy any monuments or museums or works of art.

The pact, of course, doesn't mention the citizens of the nations.

starting point for the glorious rebirth of our movement as a revolutionary force. Let us inspire the masses to rally to our banners. Let us accept the challenge of Fascism and war and gird ourselves for the battle against both. Capitalism is our enemy. Its fruits are poverty, starvation and exploitation in peace-time, and blood, horror and death during war. The masses killed and maimed in war have drenched and fertilized the earth with their warm red blood. Let us never forget that.

Let us build the socialist movement so that we can end the butchery of war and through social revolution gain the earth for the tolling masses and build the new society of security and peace for all.

## Monkey Men



Just playful Britishers ready for a gas attack. Men, women and children will be gassed when the bosses start the next war.

# Negroes Must Organize for A Free World

By FRANK CROSSWAITH  
(General Organizer, International Ladies Garment Workers' Union)

This MAY DAY finds labor more cruelly exposed to economic and social pain than at any time since the human race emerged from the swamps of jungledom.

Of course the fault is largely labor's own. Labor has neglected to intelligently use its numerical strength, industrially and politically, to promote its economic and social interests. Labor has permitted itself to be divided upon the basis of utterly unimportant issues such as race, sex, creed, nationality—while our exploiters march in solid phalanx through the divided ranks of the working class.

Signs are multiplying, nevertheless, in the labor movement to give us hope and encouragement. Labor is becoming intelligently militant.

There is a growing demand in the labor movement for a Labor Party, to arrest the march of Fascism, preserve and extend democratic institutions, and to give momentum to the forces that make for economic and social justice.

### Negroes Unite

Another source of encouragement is the growing number of Negro workers within the trade union movement. New York City has more organized Negro workers than ever before. In Harlem today are thousands of Negro garment workers members of the ILGWU. Also thousands of organized Building Service Employees, Pullman Porters, bricklayers, carpenters, musicians, dining car employees and others.

The Negro garment workers in the ILGWU represent the largest unit of organized labor in Harlem. These workers are looked upon as the vanguard of labor's advancing armies because they hold membership in a union that leads the American labor movement in enlightened, class-conscious social, industrial and political thought and action.

Sharing with their white fellow workers full equality of opportunity and responsibility, these dark-skinned workers symbolize the hope which intelligent people hold for the day when labor will reconquer the world and dedicate it to the ideals of peace, plenty, human brotherhood and freedom.

### May Day Greetings

NEGRO WORKERS! whoever you are and wherever you are, on this May Day we greet you and congratulate you upon your good fortune in being a part of the organized labor movement of the world. You occupy a unique position. You can render a lasting service to your race and to your class. Make the most of your opportunity. Let your conduct as an organized worker continue to win the plaudits of your fellow workers.

Take your place in the marching ranks of labor on this May Day. And as you march and sing and hope, be inspired by the thought that some day we, who create the world's wealth, shall pitch our tent triumphantly across the face of the earth and bequeath to succeeding generations a Socialist world—a Workers' World—our camping ground for Peace, Plenty and Freedom.

## Required Reading

NEW YORK (FP)—Combined net profits of 1,435 manufacturing and trading corporations rose 64 per cent. in 1934 over the previous year, the National City Bank of New York reports. From \$640,000,000 in 1933 the profits of the reporting companies soared to \$1,051,000,000 in 1934.