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## SUPPORT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BILL!

### VOTE COMMUNIST!



By Quirt

### September 28 Conferences For Unemployment Insurance Bill

As we are going to press final mobilization for the huge unemployment demonstration September 1st are in full swing. At this demonstration thousands of working men and women will gather to demand Work or Wages, and rally in support of the Unemployment Insurance Bill, which demands that the Government pay \$25.00 per week to every unemployed working man or woman unable to secure a job. Unemployment is spreading out to every industry. Every day thousands of women are swelling the army of unemployed. The women are beginning to realize that the only way to fight against unemployment is to organize and join the unemployed councils.

Following September 1st the workers of every city under the leadership of the T. U. U. L. will arrange conferences in support of the Unemployment Insurance Bill and to participate in the campaign for the \$100,000 Strike Fund to fight wage cuts, and build the Revolutionary Trade Unions and Leagues affiliated with the T.U.U.L. Every Working Women's organization, Every shop—Every workers club must endorse the Bill and send delegates to the conferences in their respective cities.

The Communist Party has introduced the Unemployment Insurance Bill which provides for the payment of unemployment insurance to all workers, unemployed or unable to work because of illness as well as maternity insurance for expectant mothers out of the government war funds. The Communist Party is fighting for equal wages for men and women, Negro and white. It is the duty of all working women to rally to this campaign of the Communist Party.

### FOOD PRICES DOUBLED

#### Hoover Promises 'Fake' Relief

New York.—The speculators and food bosses are making thousands of dollars in extra profits as a result of the drought.

It is difficult to figure out just how much damage and ruin has been caused by the drought but even the capitalist press admits that there is no food shortage, and therefore there is absolutely no excuse for the 30 to 40 per cent increase in food prices which do not go to the starving farmers, the real sufferers of the drought, but to the bosses whose profits are much too large already.

While Hoover is having more "conferences", and the crooked Tammany politicians are talking about "fair price boards" and "price hearings" the workers are forced to pay thousands of dollars more for food or starve. Although there is more than enough milk in New York City there has been an increase of one cent a quart, and the Tammany Health Department refuses to comment on it!

For the 8,000,000 unemployed workers and their families, for the millions of mothers who must work for \$10 and \$12 a week in order to buy a drop of milk for their children, this further wage cut means more misery and starvation. Meetings in the markets of all working class sections in New York, have been held by the United Council of Working class women to protest against these robber prices, to organize working women to fight these further wage cuts for the workers

### Working Women of all Countries Gather at Intern'l Conference in Moscow

The Fifth Congress of the Red Labor International which opened on August 15th, has among its delegates a large number of working women. These working women coming from the shops and factories, mills and mines, from the battle fields of China, India, from every corner of the world where workers are exploited, have gathered in Moscow not only to participate in the Congress of the RILU, but as delegates to the first International Conference of working women. Among them will be five delegates from the United States.

The International Women's Conference will open its sessions in the Soviet Union where the women as a result of the revolution have gained full equality with men workers and are today building Socialism side by side with their men comrades. The working women from the capitalist countries inspired by the great achievements of the Soviet Union in which the women have played a prominent part will come to this conference to exchange their experiences in the struggle and to work out plans, policies and organizational methods for drawing the million of working women into the ranks of the revolutionary workers.

The International Working Women's Conference will serve to establish closer bonds of solidarity amongst the working class and make the women a greater factor in the class struggle of their respective countries as well as internationally.

Working women all over the world look forward eagerly to the opening and work of the Conference. They know that the

### ELECTION CAMPAIGN

#### Textile Worker C. P. Candidate

New Bedford is a textile center where workers work and live under miserable conditions.

Some of the workers while leaving a trade in the mill will work 6 or 7 weeks or even longer before they get any pay. Even now some of the mills are shutting down, this causing unemployment. Can we better this situation? Yes. If all the workers organized themselves into the revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League.

The election campaign is now on and my appeal to all workers is: Support the Communist Party—the only party which fights for the interests of the workers!

I am a worker and have slaved all my life but I will give my life for communism. We cannot expect better conditions under the capitalist system.

Now, with so much unemployment, starvation in New Bedford, we find that the city government spent a few thousand dollars in fireworks to celebrate the tercentenary in Massachusetts. This is a good lesson to the workers. While workers are

Conference will help greatly to develop the struggles among women workers.

The return of our five delegates is awaited with great interest. They will surely come back enriched with experience and will bring an important message to the working women of the U. S. A.

### Communist Candidate



fighter in the New Bedford strike is running for Lieutenant Governor in Massachusetts.

starving the capitalists are happy. As a candidate, I say:  
Down with capitalism!  
Up with Communism!  
Vote Communist in the coming elections.  
MARIA CORREIA.

# WORKING WOMEN FIGHT FOR SOCIAL INSURANCE!

## Demand All War Funds for the Unemployed!

### A BILL

PROPOSED TO BE ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF INSURANCE TO ALL WORKERS UNEMPLOYED OR UNABLE TO WORK BECAUSE OF SICKNESS, MATERNITY OR OLD AGE.

**Section 1.—Title**

This act shall be known as the Workers Unemployment Insurance Act.

**Section 2.—Purpose**

The purpose of this bill shall be to provide payment of Social Insurance to all wage workers unemployed or unable to work because of sickness, injury or old age and to all persons now receiving war pensions.

**Section 3.—Persons Entitled to Social Insurance**

(a) All persons mentioned in Section 2, regardless of race, sex, color, nationality or creed, are entitled to payment of Social Insurance as hereinafter set forth.

(b) Workers, unemployed or incapacitated for work by sickness, shall receive Social Insurance immediately upon their absence from employment.

(c) Workers incapacitated by accident or occupational disease shall receive full Social Insurance plus special compensation for their disabilities, the amount to be determined by the Insurance Commissioner as hereinafter set forth.

(d) Workers reaching the age of 55 years shall be entitled to retire at full Social Insurance rates.

(e) Ex-Service men wholly or in part incapacitated as a result of their service in the military or naval forces, and the dependents of deceased ex-service men, shall be entitled to insurance payments as provided by this Act, in lieu of war pensions.

(f) Women workers, for four weeks prior to and four weeks after child-birth, shall be given leave of absence and shall receive full Social Insurance.

(g) Young workers, upon reaching the age of 16, shall come under the provisions of this Act.

(h) In case of part-time workers, the Social Insurance provision shall be used to make up the full wage of the worker.

**Section 4.—Amount to be Paid**

All persons entitled to Social Insurance as set forth in preceding sections shall, until regular employment is provided or secured, receive the regular average wages earned by them while employed, but in no case less than \$25 per week plus \$5 per week for each dependent member of the unemployed worker's family.

**Section 5.—Workers Social Insurance Commission**

A Workers Social Insurance Commission shall be elected at a National Conference called for that purpose as hereinafter provided.

**Section 6.—County Conferences**

(a) Within 30 days after the enactment of this bill there shall be held within each county of each state of the United States of America an employment conference composed of delegates elected by workers, employed or unemployed, said elections to take place in shops, factories, mills, mines, offices, trade unions, unemployment councils and workers' organizations generally.

(b) The basis of representation shall be one delegate for each 200 workers.

(c) Said County Conference shall convene in the largest city within said county and shall elect delegates to a state convention which shall take place within one month after the end of the County Conference sessions.

(d) State delegates shall be elected on the basis of one to every 50 county delegates.

(e) Said County Conferences shall elect County and State Social Insurance Commissioners, the number of members to be determined in each instance.

**Section 7.—State Conferences**

(a) State Conferences shall be convened and held in the capitol of the state and shall elect delegates to a National Conference, which shall meet in Washington, D. C., not later than three months after the enactment of this Bill.

(b) National delegates shall be elected on the basis of one for every 50 state delegates.

(c) Said State Conferences shall elect a State Social Insurance Commission not to exceed 15 members.

**Section 8.—National Conferences**

At the National Conference a committee of 35 persons shall be elected as the Workers Social Insurance Commission and this Commission shall have full power and authority to register persons entitled to Social Insurance payments and to distribute unemployment and Social Insurance payments in accordance with such rules, regulations, by-laws and provisions as may be adopted by such National Conference as applying thereto.

**Section 9.—Duties of the Social Insurance Commissioners**

The said County and State Social Insurance Commissioners shall set up employment agencies, register the unemployed and dispense the Social Insurance in their respective localities.

**Section 10.—Funds**

(a) For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$5,000,000,000, and in order to provide this sum all appropriations heretofore made or now in effect for military, naval or other war purposes are hereby repealed and all such sums heretofore appropriated for naval, military or other purposes, including war pension funds shall be deemed appropriated for the purposes of this Act and shall immediately be turned over by the Treasurer of the United States of America to the Workers Social Insurance Commission when the later is elected as hereinbefore provided; to be used by said Commission for the purposes of this Act.

(d) Additional funds shall be raised by:

(1) a graduated capital levy on all capital and property accumulations in excess of \$25,000, and

(2) a graduated income tax on all incomes in excess of \$5,000 per year

(c) The capital levy and income tax rates to be an amount sufficient to realize funds required to properly carry out the purposes of this Act.

**Section 11.—Monthly Reports**

The Workers Social Insurance Commission shall submit monthly reports to the Department of Labor, said Commission retaining full authority to administer the funds above provided.

**Section 12.—Time**

This Act shall take effect immediately.

## WOMEN AND THE ELECTIONS

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

In the present election, every class conscious working woman will support the program and candidates of the Communist Party. Today, the women factory workers and working class housewives feel the full force of the deep economic crisis.

Unemployment, wage cuts, speed-up and the other features of the crisis lower the living and working standards of the whole working class, men, women and children. And the situation grows no better. With constant decline in the industry, the coming winter threatens to bring upon the workers, sufferings such as the American workers have never faced before.

To relieve this situation, the Republican and Democratic Parties are of course doing nothing. The Socialist Party, which is the third party of capitalism, differs from the other two only in the pretense it makes at radicalization. Its program when it actually undertakes in putting it into effect, is the same as that of the other two older capitalist parties. Its danger to the workers consists in the fact that it disguises its capitalistic program with a false face of Socialism.

Only the Communist Party represents the interests of the working women, as well as of the working class as a whole. Its fight for unemployment benefits, (incorporated in the Workers Social Insurance) against wage cuts, against speed-up, against Imperialist wars, for the defense of the Soviet Union, meet the most pressing demands of the working class as a whole. It also emphasizes its vital special demands of working women for equal pay for equal work, against night work for women, against harmful and dangerous work for women, two months leave with pay before and after childbirth. Its revolutionary program for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a Soviet government points the only way the workers can emancipate themselves.

Working Women, Vote the Communist

Ticket! Support the revolutionary movement of your class. Let the coming election be a gigantic protest of the workers against the intolerable conditions now bearing upon us. Let it be a great organizational campaign for building the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League. Every member of the working class,—factory worker and housewife, young and old, Negro and white should vote for the Party of their class—the Communist Party.



### What the Working Women Should Know

By GUSSIE WINER

Its about time that working women should realize what the capitalists are using them for. They are being used by the bosses. They are being used to decrease the mens wages. For instance, Bridgeport, the industrial center in Connecticut during the war and still not so much, is using more women workers than men.

The textile companies in Bridgeport and South Norwalk are using a large number of women. And why? The women are being used because they work for lower wages than men. This is also a way of decreasing the wages of the men. The bosses say that they get women for just half of what they pay men, and they produce just as much as the men.

Working women should all realize how necessary it is to be organized in a fighting union of the Trade Union Unity League and fight for the conditions for men and women workers.

The Trade Union Unity League is the only militant trade union center in the U.S. Women workers must help to build our fighting unions. Fight don't starve!

### Ku Klux Raids Children's Camp

VAN ETEN, N. Y.—A lawless mob of 1,500 Ku Klux Klan raiders descended on the W. I. R. children's camp at Van Eten armed with blackjacks and guns, threatening to shoot the children and the women, and to destroy the camp. They burned a fiery cross to help them do the dirty work. Fifty local farmers came out to defend the children and their teachers, who put up a splendid fight against this gang of murderers.

The state troopers finally came around, permitting the raiders to hang around the camp for hours, but arrested two young teachers of the camp, Aileen Holmes and Mabel Husa, who have since been sentenced to two months in prison. This is another case of capitalist justice; the workers' children and their teachers are punished, while the lawless raiders who committed the crime go free.



MABEL HUSA and AILEEN HOLMES sent jail by bosses government

## CHINESE RED ARMIES VICTORIOUS

### U. S. Send Munitions to Kill Chinese Workers

HANKOW.—The Workers and Peasants Red armies which have been gaining in strength and influence in the Yangtze River Valley have captured another important river port, Wusueh. The port is situated between Kiukiang and Hankow and is of great importance.

Chinese women, especially those from the textile centers have played a leading part in the revolutionary struggles of China. At the present time women are actively supporting the march of the Workers and Peasants Army in Changsha and near Hankow.

### Textile Workers Strike In Bessemer City

BESSEMER CITY, N. C.—1500 textile workers of the American Mills went on strike against a 20 to 30 percent wage cut. The mills no. 1. and No. 2. had to close down completely.

Bessemer City is the home town of Ella May Wiggins, the fearless fighter who was murdered by the bosses thugs, because she dared to organize the workers in the Gastonia strike. Gastonia, where the bitter struggle in the textile mills took place last year is only a few miles from Bessemer City.

Once again the southern textile workers, a majority of whom are women are rebelling against the conditions of slavery which the bosses are forcing upon them. In spite of the attacks of the Southern bosses, and the treachery of the A. F. of L., many of the southern workers are once again fighting, looking for leadership to the National Textile Workers Union—one of the revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League.

# SHOP NEWS FROM WORKING WOMEN



## Write to the Working Woman

Write and tell us what is going on in your factory, or shop. Is your boss cutting your wages? Do you have to work long hours? Are you fined for Do they drive you, and make you speed-up? Do you have to work overtime, without extra pay? Write and tell the Working Woman about it.

## MISERY IN CLEVELAND LAUNDRIES EXPOSED

### Women Workers Write Of Ten Conditions

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The girls that sort the dirty clothes only make from \$8 to \$10 a week, and the things are so dirty that they have worms in them.

The white girls on the fourth floor start to work around 8 o'clock and for lunch they stop work about twenty after eleven and they start to work again about ten after twelve. The white girls wear Hoover aprons and the colored girls have to wear bungalow aprons which are made just like nightgowns. The Hoover, however are made altogether different. They have nice big collars and they look neater.

While they are sorting clothes, the floors are all wet and sloppy. You have to keep bending down continually—which breaks your back very much. And then the boss comes along and speeds us up.

The odor from the clothes is unbearable to breathe. There are only colored girls on this dirty work of sorting.

The men of the washers have to wear rubber boots in order to keep their feet dry. They work next to the girls. They only get from \$20 to \$23 a week, where the average man ought to get \$40 a week.

The only hope for us workers is organization in the fighting unions of the Trade Union Unity League. —A Sorter

### Boss Bullies Women Workers

The conditions in this laundry are very rotten. In the morning, the girls all come in and start to work in all these damp clothes. Some of these girls have to go home on account of the hard standing.

The boss is always swearing. He tells the girls "You act like damn fools." I think we should have an organization for ourselves. Then he couldn't act like that.

In the morning they put in 25 pounds of ice for all day. And when someone drinks this warm water, it makes her sick.

He tells us, you run like damn monkeys when we ring up our cards. —A Worker.

### Negro Workers Doubly Exploited

We go to work at 7:30. When we get in, in the morning everything is damp and the place gets hotter and hotter all day. Then when we go out into the air again, we catch colds. We have to stand on our feet while working until we quit for lunch at 11:30—there are no benches at all where we can get a few minutes' rest—and then we have to stand on our feet again from 12 to 5 o'clock.

White girls on our floor get more money for doing exactly the same work colored girls do. And many colored girls do harder work than the white girls, but they get paid less.

Around four thirty in the afternoon, instead of things getting a little easier for us, we work harder than ever and the floor men come around and speed us up. "Speed up the mangles! They keep yelling, "speed up the mangles!" The only way we will better our miserable conditions is to fight in an organized manner. When elections come we women workers must support the only working class party—the Communist Party, which fights for absolute equality for Negro and white workers.

## Conditions Unbearable in A Few Words About the Moyer's Pants Factory

(By a Worker Correspondent)

The Moyers Pants factory is the worst factory to work in. The conditions are horrible. The hours are from 8 P. M. until 4:45 P. M., with 45 minutes time for lunch. During those 8 hours, speed up is going on continually with not even a minute. If you do stop a minute for rest, right in rushes the boss with such words as "Damn you, what you think you are being paid for. I am going to get rid of you pretty damn quick if you don't step on it and show some speed!"

The wages for those who are paid by the week are from \$5.00, \$7.00 and \$8.00 per week for skilled workers and for the piece workers, the most they get is \$10 and \$12 and work!—believe me, they work. There is a new girl who has just been put in on piece work. All she made was 24 cents a day. Another woman there, about 59 years old, made \$9.00 in two weeks, or myself, who does not make any more than \$12.00.

Some of us are beginning to understand that the reason why the boss can take such advantage of us is, because we are unorganized and have no power to back us; because the boss knows that when we ask for a raise or complain about our conditions, he can say, "if you don't like it you can take your hat and coat and go." We are beginning to learn how to stick together, but we need some help from workers who know more about organization than we do.

We hope that you comrades who are issuing the "Working Women" will give us some advice, we will be very thankful. HENRIETTA BONIM.

### Working Women! Fight for Your Class Vote Communist!

## WOMEN IN THE MINING STRUGGLE

The Second National Convention of the Mine, Oil and Smelters Workers Industrial Union (formerly National Miners Union) was one of the best of its kind. It took up very seriously all the problems confronting the workers in industry. It adopted a correct policy, based on the concrete situation in the industry, the keynote being the struggle against wage cuts, speed up etc., for 5 days week, 6 hour day, social insurance etc. One of the many great tasks stressed at the Convention was the problem of organizing Women's Auxiliaries in the Mining and Oil Industry. A correct program was adopted in this respect.

A report delivered by a women delegate from Ohio shows very clearly the extent to which the women in the mining industry have been stricken by the economic crisis, wage cuts, unemployment etc. Thousands of miners wives, together with their husbands and children are actually starving. The further the crisis will develop the greater the wage cuts, the worse will be the conditions of the miners families. But the worse the conditions the greater the struggles and militancy on the part of the workers will develop.

Particularly was it interesting to listen to various descriptions of strikes that recently took place in the mining industry. Women took a very active part in these strikes. They were on the picket line, fighting coal operators, scabs and coal and iron police. An instance was reported that scabs were coming to work in automobiles. The women have formed a strong line on the road, stopped the automobiles, took the lunch from the scabs, threw it in a ditch and ordered them to go back. If they did

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK.—The wages we receive are pitiable: \$12, \$15 and \$20 a week that we get when we work overtime is not enough to live on even poorly when one has to save up enough for the dull season. The speed up is terrible. Every bundle of work we get is marked by the foreman, no matter how tired or ill one may be, we must turn out the full share of work allotted to each worker.

This merciless system forces the workers to rush and compete with each other. Girls getting \$14 a week (turn out as much work as the old experienced workers, which in turn forces the better paid workers to rush at an even higher speed.

Our foreman Mr. Goldberg is at our heels every minute of the day. His watchful eye is everywhere. From morning to night we sit at the machine and are not permitted to utter a word. At times I feel as tho I will forget how to speak. After work we go home exhausted.

When we ask for a raise Mr. Goldberg puts on a pious face and begins complaining about his trouble, by the time he is through you almost feel you ought to feel thankful to him for permitting you to work.

Pretty soon he will wake up to find out that everything has its limits. If other girls have been able to win better conditions, why can't we do the same. If we fight or ask for a raise individually Mr. Goldberg simply picks out the most courageous and discharges her, by this he very often succeeds in frightening the other girls in the shop, but when we organize and come with our demands as an organized group, he will talk differently.

The Needle Trade Workers Industrial Union is willing to help us, so why should we hesitate, what have we to lose? If we join the union, we will get the other workers to help us.

The girls are beginning to listen. I hope that before long many will join the union —A White Goods Worker



DOLORES GONZALES, wife of New York worker murdered by police at unemployment meet.

## JOB HUNTING

By a Worker Correspondent

After a month of job hunting I, a white goods operator, finally found work. Oh, fortunate one! Fortunate to be permitted to slave under the lordly supervision of my boss! My too well-fed boss whose greed for more gold than he needs binds young girls to the machine fifty hours a week for the princely sum of thirteen dollars. These mere children who attend continuation school one day a week, receive the sum total of nine dollars. They work forty one hours a week.

This boss typifies the cunning and craft of the entire employing class. He does not speak personally to the workers, but he rules from behind the scenes. He chooses special workers in the shop for private watch dogs so as to prevent us from uniting in protest against our wretched conditions. His cunning has devised another method of keeping the workers apart. Recently, when the new girls were "hired" the boss drew up for them a picture of his idea of a worker's heaven with these remarks, "We have a very exclusive trade here and are busy all year round. Just do your own work, do not bother with the other girls in the shop and you will be sure to earn at least \$25 a week.

I don't know where his figures come from since the difficult styles and miserable low prices (we are all piece workers) keep us hard put to earn three dollars a day.

This then is the policy of my boss and of the entire employing class to keep the workers from uniting to demand better conditions, to cut our wages to protect their own skins by hiring workers to spy on us and to speed-up our work.

What must our policy be, what shall be the reply of the workers in the shop, in spite of the bosses efforts to prevent it. We will discuss our conditions with other worker! We will fight against wage cuts! We will demand shorter hours! We will support the only union which fights in the interests of the working class! We will urge all workers to join the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union.

—A Children's Dress Worker.

and demand was expressed for capable and experienced women organizers.

Now the Convention is over. But the task of organizing Womens Auxiliaries is before us. It will be up to the leadership of the Womens Department and to the Union as a whole to carry out the policy and the instructions of the Convention. Marv Smith.

# Join the Communist Party of U.S.A.

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## WORKING WOMEN VOTE COMMUNIST!

The coming Election Campaign is of great concern to every working woman. The bosses' political parties are again approaching the toiling people asking for their support. Why should the working women support the candidates of the capitalist parties? What did the capitalist parties do for the working women? They promised "prosperity," the "full dinner pail" and "a chicken in every pot" of Mr. Hoover and the Republican Party turned out to be more unemployment, wage cuts, greater speed-up and increased police terror against the working class.

A billion dollar naval and 72 percent of the entire government budget appropriated for war purposes, the bosses call "peace" and "disarmament," the taking away of land from farmers, wheat selling below the cost of production, the bosses call "farm relief." Jail for the leaders of the unemployed, breaking up workers' demonstrations, clubbing and killing workers was the bosses answer to the unemployed and their starving families. Dastardly lynching of 21 Negro workers in the first 7 months of this year, sentencing workers without a jury trial, issuing vicious injunctions, smashing strikes, is the real meaning of bosses' democracy.

This is the policy of not only the Republican Party but of all capitalist parties. No matter what demagoguery the Democratic Party will use it is part of the boss class and there is really no difference between it and the administration.

What capitalist party is fighting for maternity insurance, shorter working day, abolition of night work, prohibition of employment of women in hazardous industries? What capitalist party is really fighting for social insurance and unemployment relief? What capitalist party is fighting against child labor? None of the capitalist parties. They make false promises or juggle with phrases of state legislation for women workers, unemployment relief, etc., but these are only fake schemes to get votes.

The Socialist Party which parades in the name of the workers has equally nothing to offer to the working women. Their aim is to have a more "efficient and honest" government. What has the socialist controlled city administration of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Reading, Pennsylvania, done for the working women and for all workers? It was very efficient in clubbing and jailing workers for their strike activity, for the collection of strike relief. It is clear that the working women have nothing to expect from the Socialist Party. All the capitalist press welcomes the Socialist Party into the Election Campaign, because they know that it will do nothing radical to improve the conditions of the workers. Like their brethren in England, Germany and France, they will serve the capitalist class and act as their agents in the ranks of the workers.

The Communist Party however enters the present election campaign with a revolutionary class program in the interests of the workers. It advances a complete program of social insurance. The special demands for women are one of the major points in the election platform. The working women must help to elect Communists to all state and federal legislative bodies to fight for them. We must send Communists to the Senate and Congress in order to expose the fake capitalist democracy, the attack of the bosses, and to train and mobilize the working class of this country for struggle.

Working Women! Vote and elect Communists! Support your Party—the Communist Party! Help the Communist election campaign.

### ENDORSE THE WORKERS INSURANCE BILL

This issue of the WORKING WOMAN contains the Workers' Insurance Bill as proposed by the Communist Party. This Bill provides for the payment of \$25 per week to all unemployed workers, and an additional \$5 per week for each dependent member of an unemployed workers' family during the entire period of their unemployment.

The funds for this insurance are to be provided by the government from funds secured first, through the transfer of all military and naval appropriations to a workers' insurance fund; second, by a tax on all fortunes in excess of \$25,000; and thirdly, by a tax on all incomes in excess of \$5,000. The rich, under the terms of this Bill, will be compelled to provide the funds for the maintenance of the workers when unemployed.

The administration of the insurance fund is to be in the hands of the workers themselves, and not in those of a few boss-class, fat-bellied politicians.

This is an insurance bill for which all working women must fight. Take it up in your shops and factories; present it to your local union meetings; bring it before your workers' club or fraternal organization; everywhere secure endorsements. On September 1st, in the demonstrations against unemployment; this Bill must be widely popularized. The demand of the workers for the transference of all war funds to the unemployed finds its concrete expression in this Bill.

Fight for the Workers' Social Insurance Bill!

Send all endorsements to the WORKING WOMAN!

### Communist Party Candidate



Comrade Eva Hoffman of Boston, who is the Communist candidate for State Treasurer has sent the following message to The Working Woman:

"Our election campaign is of great interest to the working class. Never before were the workers so anxious to hear our message as they are today. They know that no relief is forthcoming from the boss class, and that unemployment with millions of workers, is a permanent question. Even those who are working realize now more than ever before that their jobs are not secure. Wage-cuts, abusive treatment and the speed-up system makes the workers more willing to listen to our Communist speakers and to accept the program of the Communist Party. Men and women of the working class fight against the interference of the police at our open air meetings. Never before did the working class realize that something is wrong in this 'rich' industrial capitalist country, and now they are ready to join and fight under the Communist Party and Trade Union Unity League leadership.

The women workers and the wives of the working class, know that they have nothing to expect from the promises of the capitalist parties, that prosperity will return soon. Nor do they depend on the fake promises made by the Socialist Party which pretends to represent the interests of the working class.

Women workers must support the only party of their class—the Communist Party which fights for the interests of the working class as a whole, paying special attention to the extreme exploitation and special needs of women workers.

Women workers! Support the Social Insurance Bill of the Communist Party! Vote Communist in the coming elections!

### WORK OR WAGES

By B. S. CHUSTER

If they promise you employment While you starve to their enjoyment, Don't believe these Wall Street sages, Fight today for Work or Wages!

If they tell you by September

You'll have lots of work, remember They've been saying it for ages,—

Fight today for Work or Wages!

If they cross themselves while praying,

Don't believe a word they're saying,

Their bible's made of bloody pages—

Fight today for Work or Wages!

## WORKING WOMEN OF DETROIT—VOTE COMMUNIST

By ELSIE BECK

While the opponents of Mr. Bowles were working for the recall, they exposed much of the rottenness of the capitalist system and of the politicians on both sides. One speaker over the radio, an agent of Mr. Bowles, in knocking Mr. Vandusen, the president of the Kresge Co. and one who worked for the recall, "exposed" Mr. Vandusen's economy program by telling of the way he practiced economy in Kresge's 5 and 10c. stores, where girls are working for nine dollars a week. With crocodile tears this speaker compared the lives of these girls with that of Mr. Vandusen himself.

This is nothing new to the workers of Detroit. We can tell the speaker who was talking against Mr. Vandusen of more horrible pictures. If we go thru the factories of Detroit, we will find women working under the most inhuman conditions for less than one-third of men's wages; if we go to the unemployed lines in front of the factories, we will find men and women waiting probably since midnight, only to hear again "no help wanted today"; if we follow these workers home, we will see little children beg in vain for something to eat. This is a picture of the working class conditions under the administration of Mr. Bowles and will be the same under any other Mayor that is a candidate of the boss class.

As I looked at a couple, who, having been evicted from their room, both sat dazed and wondering where they would find shelter for themselves and their six weeks' old infant, I studied their faces and thoughts. True, the father was worried and sad, but there was the mother with hardly a normal physical condition, having given birth only a few weeks previously, nursing the baby with the poisonous milk, caused by lack of food and worry. When offered the price of a meal, she felt humiliated and tears came to her eyes.

Evicted are on the order of the day in Detroit. Families are being thrown out into the streets with no consideration for small children or that the furniture, shabby tho it is, will be ruined by rain, etc.

The working women of Detroit must not be fooled by the fake promises of the bosses' candidates. It will not matter whether Bowles is re-elected or some other faker. They are all a part of that machinery which throws the burden of this economic crisis onto the shoulders of the working class. We must vote for the candidates of the party that stands for the abolition of such conditions; the party that has a real Social Insurance bill to propose which will truly give relief to the unemployed men and women workers and their families. The party that stands for special laws safeguarding the interests of the working women both employed and unemployed. The

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## CAPITALISM TALKS "PEACE," TRAINS YOUTH FOR WAR



Equal Opportunity For All



Mrs. Evelyn Marshall Field is on her way to Reno to get a divorce from Marshall Field III, grandson and heir of the Chicago merchant millionaire. She will get \$1,000,000 a year as a divorce settlement. This parasite, who has probably never performed a natural function without the help of a servant, will draw a million dollars a year from a parasite husband who is receiving an income of millions which thousands of his wage-slaves have toiled to produce. At the same time, Mrs. Sarah Olsen was thrown out of her wretched East Side room because, being out of work, she could not pay the \$8 overdue rent.



Women Workers Must Fight

By I. AMTER

Eight million workers are out of a job. Millions more are only working part time. Wage cuts follows wage cut, and speed up follows speed up. The bosses are driving the workers like mad.

A deep industrial crisis holds the country in its grip. Among these workers are millions of women and girl workers, white and colored, native and foreign-born. The industrial life of the country is in a crisis and the workers are made to pay for it.

We have produced too much in the factories and on the farms and now we are thrown into the streets to starve. Winter is coming and more workers will join the unemployed army to hunger and freeze in the streets. The factories will be empty while workers will demand the right to work.

Billions for War

This is America today. No work and no money to help the unemployed. But five billion dollars for war purposes—to prepare American workers to fight against British workers, because American bosses want colonies and markets for goods; to fight against the workers of the Soviet Union, because they have driven out the bosses and put an end to the old bosses' government and established a Soviet government of Workers and Peasants. This government has ended hunger and exploitation. It is continually raising the conditions of the workers—increasing wages, lowering hours, etc.

Equality For Women in U. S. S. R.

For women this has been a most wonderful thing, for today in the Soviet Union, women are on a level with men, they may occupy any position the men workers may and at the same time, special consideration is shown the woman worker—no night work is allowed. She has four months off from work before childbirth and two months after with full pay and attention.

There is no discrimination in the Soviet Union, because of race, color, etc., as in the United States. A Negro worker only recently entered a mess hall at the new tractor factory at Stalingrad in the Soviet Union. Five hundred American engineers and workers who helped to erect this factory and were proud of its completion on June 17th, had in their group some who are reactionary, and threw his American Negro out of the mess hall. The Soviet workers and the other American workers condemned this action, stating that the Soviet Union is not capitalist America and such actions would not be tolerated in a country which has united on an equal basis, the workers and peasants of 58 languages, tribes and nationalities.

Negro Workers "Jim-Crowed."

How different are things in the United States where Negroes are jim-crowed and denied their rights, where lynching is taking place in all parts, North as well as South (Marion, Indiana, only a short time ago), where the Negro Gold Star mothers, who thinking their husbands and sons were going to fight for "democracy" in the World War, sent them to France where they were murdered for the benefit of American bosses, and when these Negro mothers wanted to visit the graves of their husbands and sons in France, they were sent in a separate group on a freight steamer. It must be recorded that the overwhelming majority of the women refused to go, while fifty-eight allowed the imperialist government to insult and jim-crow them once more.

Facing these situation; the workers, men and women, young and adult, native and foreign-born, white and colored, must organize to fight. The American Federation of Labor will not organize the women workers who form a big part of the unskilled workers. Women have taken the place of men in many industries. They form a big part of the army of workers in the textile, clothing, food metal, electrical pottery, auto, rubber, tobacco, shoe and agricultural industries. Practically unorganized—except in the clothing and textile industries—they receive lower wages for the same work; and are exposed to conditions injurious to their health (night work) etc.

Women Best Fighters.

Wherever organized or wherever they go on strike against shameful wages and conditions of industry, women are among the best fighters. Who does not remember the splendid fights of the women workers

fighting shoulder to shoulder with the men workers in the clothing, food and shoe industry. Have they not been heroes in the struggles of the textile industry of the South as well as the North? Have the wives and daughters of the miners not been on the picket lines facing the scabs, police and cossacks of the bosses?

The American Federation of Labor will not organize women workers because they are unskilled workers. Women workers, 9,000,000 in gainful occupation in industry, stores and offices, must organize in the revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League, the organization that is fighting for unemployment insurance against speed up, leading strikes against wage cuts, etc.

The bosses and their government know that the crisis will become worse. Unemployment is increasing, industries are shutting down. Wage cut follows on wage-cut. Hence the government is conducting a campaign to make it impossible or difficult for the workers to fight back. The Government is now proceeding to outlaw the Communist Party and revolutionary unions. They intend to pass a Federal Criminal Syndicalism law, they are persecuting the foreign-born workers (threatening them with deportation); they are trying to terrorize the Negroes by lynching.

This is carried on with the approval of the Republicans and Democratic Parties. The Socialist party and the American Federation of Labor help the government in these actions. The Socialist party helps the bosses keep the workers divided by fighting against equality of the Negroes, by approving the beating up of workers at demonstrations (Norman Thomas), by beating up of unemployed themselves (Socialists in Milwaukee).

Communist Party Fights For Women Workers

Only one party of the working class fights in the interests of all workers, men and women and that is the Communist Party. The Party the government wishes to drive out of existence, the Party that in the Soviet Union has led the workers and peasants to victory and is now building Socialism so rapidly that it challenges the whole capitalist world.

The capitalists are making this campaign against the workers in preparation of a new world war—a war to get markets and raw materials. In the South and Central America, in Asia and Africa, they are clashing and therefore armies, navies and fleets are being built up. The United States is spending five billion dollars in preparation for this war between the U. S. and England. All the imperialist powers are provoking war against the workers' fatherland, the Soviet Union. Once more the workers are to be driven to slaughter for the benefit of the bosses.

All these questions are the issue before the workers. They are the issues in the coming elections. Only the Communist Party calls on the workers to organize and fight against the bosses and their candidates, including the Socialist party. This fight will take place during and after the campaign and will end successfully when the American workers and poor farmers follow the lead of the Communist Party and do what the Russian brothers and sisters did—overthrow the capitalist power and establish a Workers and Farmers, a Soviet government in the United States.

The Communist Party calls on the workers, women and men, colored and white, young and adult, to fight for:

Social Insurance, against wage cuts, speed-up, and night work for women. For equal pay for equal work. For full, equal economic, political, and social rights for before, and eight weeks after childbirth. For leave of absence, eight weeks with full pay.

Against imperialist war preparations. For defense of the Soviet Union!

Support the Communist candidates in the coming elections! Join the Communist Party and help organize and lead the workers in the coming bitter struggles!

Women Workers: You can obtain nothing except by fighting for it. The Communist Party calls on you to join the ranks of the revolutionary workers of the world, united in the world party—The Communist International.

NEW YORK WORKING WOMEN'S ELECTION CONFERENCE SEPT. 20

Working Women!

We are not in the midst of the 1930 Election Campaign in New York City and State. The army of unemployed is increasing by leaps and bounds. The wage slashing campaign of the bosses has forced women and children into the factories to help maintain the family. Now that the

With the approach of the election campaign the Republican and Democratic Parties as well as the yellow socialist party are staging fake investigations and are printing columns full of fake publicity in order to give the impression that they are interested in fighting for the interests of the workers. These enemies of the working class mislead the workers and center their attention on some petty grafter who is nothing but a cheap tool in the hands of the real boss.

The Communist Party, which fights for the interests of all working men and women is the only Party which has come forth with a fighting election program, based on real issues confronting the workers.

The Communist Party supported by many working class organizations is arranging a Mass Working Women's Election Conference against the speed up, against wage cuts, etc. for Saturday, September 20, 1930, at the Workers Center—26 Union Square. To mobilize the masses of working women in this city in support of the Communist Party. As a shop worker, as a working class house wife it is your duty to send representatives to this most important women's conference which will work out the plans for reaching the thousands of unorganized women with our message and draw them into the struggle. Take Up This Call With The Workers of Your Shop and Organization!

Elect Delegates To This Conference! Join Hands With The Working Women of Your Class in a Struggle Against Unemployment, Speed Up, Low Wages and Against The System Responsible For All Our Misery! Forward to the Working Women's Conference!

Working Women Fight Against U. S. War Preparations — Demand Five Billion Dollar War Fund For Unemployed — Demonstrate — Protest — Out On The Streets September 1st!

From a Miner's Wife

To the Working Woman:

Dear Comrades:—

I am sitting down today in my home to tell you about the working conditions in Southern Illinois, in the factory in which I work, or was working. The factory is now shut down till September first. When we get back then, we will get another reduction in wages, just as was the case last March 1st, when we were called to the factory were those who used to complain against a reduction of course.

My operation is side seaming BVD's. I was getting 17½ cents a bundle of which there are 30 garments in a bundle. They cut it down to 11½ cents a bundle in September. They will make another reduction, how much I don't know.

Working women, what does this mean? It simply means we have got to line up with our husbands and fight side by side with them against speed-up, wage reductions and longer working hours.

I go to work 6:30 and work till 12. We are supposed to have lunch from 12 to 1, but we are continually getting bundles brought over to our machines, and our wages are so low, we cannot lose a minute. So, we keep on working, without a stop until 4:30. The speed-up is vicious. I am so tired at 4:30 when I get home, I would much rather lay down and rest than eat my flour gravy and baking powder bread with no lard in it.

Comrades, the crisis in Southern Illinois is growing worse and worse every day. We have got to do something against this speed up system or else we are going to be in a worse condition than ever before. Working women, we must understand this is our fight as well as our husbands' and we must join with them, go thru rough and tough for our little starving children. We must organize unions and have the power with which to fight and defeat the bosses.

I could fill two more pages, but will close by asking you to fight on to victory. We will win in the end.

—Bessie Tierney

Working Women of Detroit Vote Communist

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party that stands for equal pay for equal work—No night work for women. That party that is fighting against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union, where the conditions in the factories are suited to the needs of the working women; where the mother is allowed to take off time from the bench to nurse her babe; where she is relieved from work for a certain period before and after childbirth with full pay. This demand is found in the Workers Social Insurance Bill.

Only by voting Communist will we vote for better conditions for the workers in Detroit and elsewhere.

Demand the Release of Foster, Minor, Amter and Raymond



## THE CHILDREN OF THE NEW DAY

—A Sovkino Production

From the purely artistic point of view, this picture falls rather short of the striking excellence of the average Soviet production. But as a cultural weapon, which undoubtedly is the predominant motive in any creation of working class art, it fulfills a serious and an interesting function in a manner which is effective and original in spite of its almost elementary simplicity.

The subject of the picture marks a new epoch of Russian history. Up to now, Soviet producers have occupied themselves primarily with the picturization of revolutionary struggles, their early defeats, and subsequent triumphs. This is the first production reaching America, which has dealt with the life of the new generation, a generation born and matured under the Soviet regime, and representing the ultimate goal of all revolutionary sacrifices. As children of the transition stage, they are strongly conscious of the contradic-

tions between the Old and the New forces of their unique society. Their seemingly limited range of work among the more backward children is in reality a deeply rooted foundation for the victorious future of Communism.

The leading character of the picture, an eight year old girl has created a sensation with the precocity of her dramatic gifts. Without the least semblance of false affectation or mechanical mimicry, she has interpreted sincerely and subtly the varied emotional sequences of the situation. The whole production, like so many others coming from U.S.S.R., is faithful to realism of types and details to an extent completely foreign to an audience accustomed to the bigotry of Hollywood love-in-the-cottage sentimentalities and night-club-murder atrocities. And yet, any working class audience will appreciate the beauty of its prose.

—Valentine V. Konin.

## Unemployment Among the Women Workers in California

The bosses of California would have the workers of this state believe that the economic crisis has not reached the West, that wages are not decreasing and unemployment increasing, and mostly they would have use believe that women workers are working under the same conditions today as years ago. In spite of the attempts of the bosses to keep the real facts from the workers, what do we actually find is the case? In 208 California establishments of those industries where women predominate, such as Knit Goods, Paper Box, Clothing, Fruit, Vegetables and Fish Canning, Rubber, Food etc., we find a steady decrease of the number of women employed. These are but a very few of the industries where women are employed. We know that thousands of women have been permanently laid off in the department stores, the telephone companies, in the offices, etc.

In spite of the tremendous increase of unemployment among women workers, we find that girls remaining on the job are forced into the fiercest speed-up and receive less and less wages. There has been a general decrease of wages in all industries, but the wages are lowest in industries where women were working. In the fruit and vegetable canning industry there is a decrease of \$6 in three months, in spite of the fact that this is the season for this industry. The average wage in April was \$10.15, which means a reduction of \$3 a week since February. This situation is equally true in other industries such as cigar, and tobacco, department stores, dyes and chemical products.

### Working Women Cheated

California boasts that it leads in "protective legislation" for women workers. But, the average wage is far below the supposed \$16 a week minimum, and the wage is so fashioned that the bosses are readily given

permits to pay \$10 and \$12 to girls whom they call apprentices. Also they are given special license to pay as little as they choose to elderly women workers; and today a woman of 30 is considered old. In many industries the deadline is 25 years, and for women over 40, the situation is absolutely hopeless.

With the increased number of women joining the permanent ranks of unemployed, and with the constant wage-cuts, we find an increased number of prostitutes in California. Prostitution as a commercialized business is a necessary part of the capitalist system.

### Join the Revolutionary Unions

The fight against unemployment is a fight of the whole working class employed and unemployed, women and men workers. During this crisis when wages are cut, when the attacks by the bosses upon militant workers become sharper, it becomes the duty of every woman worker to stand side by side with the men workers in the struggle against unemployment and the building of the new revolutionary unions.

The Trade Union Unity League, the only trade union center calling for a program of militant struggle against the bosses, fights for the interests of women workers as well as men, fights for equal pay for equal work; 7-hour day, 5-day week; elimination of night work and overtime, Social Insurance against unemployed, sickness, old age, and maternity.

Women workers, your place is in the class struggle, solidly in the ranks of the working class, and organize the fighting unions of the T.U.U.L. Demonstrate on September 1st, Unemployment Day. Support the Social Insurance Bill of the Communist party for relief of unemployed workers.

## Bosses Divide Negro and White Workers

(By a Worker Correspondent)

The work is very hard. We are always on the go. We only get 30 minutes for lunch and no rest period. The wages are from \$8 to \$10 a week. The boss pays the negro girls \$1 less, so that he can drive both the white and negro girls at top speed. To the Negro girl, he says if you speed up you will get a raise to the white girl, he always has the threat if you don't hurry up, I will replace you with a colored girl. In that way he succeeds keeping us divided and fighting each other instead of fighting him.

The white girls have different toilets and they eat in different rooms and come in through separate doors. He is clever

enough to keep us from meeting each other because he knows that once we get together and find out how he is using one against the other, he will be the worse off for it.

We are not allowed to take packages out of the building. As we pass out there is a man standing there who opens up every bundle, treating us as though we were thieves. Some of us are getting pretty much disgusted with this and in spite of all the efforts of the boss to keep us divided, we manage to see each other outside of the factory and I am glad to say that before long we will have a committee in our shop that will speak to the boss and demand better conditions for all of us. If other workers will follow our example then we will soon have a union to help us in our struggle.

A New York Laundry Worker.

## Working Women a Factor in Elections

By SARAH VICTOR

For centuries Man kept Woman out of politics. However, with the development of Industry, in spite of herself, Woman was drawn in into the shops and factories. The World War cemented her position as an Indispensable Factor in the Industrial World. Since the war, with the invention of more highly specialized machinery, since speed-up methods have carried away the worker at a dizzy rate, the woman became a valuable incident in the scheme of things. She proved to be capable of running these machines as any man, and she was a great deal more available because of lesser pay.

Thus the woman became a competitive factor in Labor, in many cases taking man's place, and in many instances, while husband is out of work, she became the only supporter of the family, carrying at the same time the burden of the household work and all.

Above all, her earnings do not permit her to meet the necessary obligations. This kind of conditions inevitably set the Woman to think: Where is the solution to the problem?—Speedup system, cut of wages, long hours, these are the "Bread-and-Butter" questions, but that is not all. The woman has become to realize more and more the political power of her position, and at the same time, she is constantly getting aware that working conditions, as conditions of society in general, are not what they should be. Since the woman has got the Vote she learned a lot and has to learn a good deal more. From past experiences, following the Idea of voting for a "Good Man", the working woman comes to the conclusion that the "Good Man" is

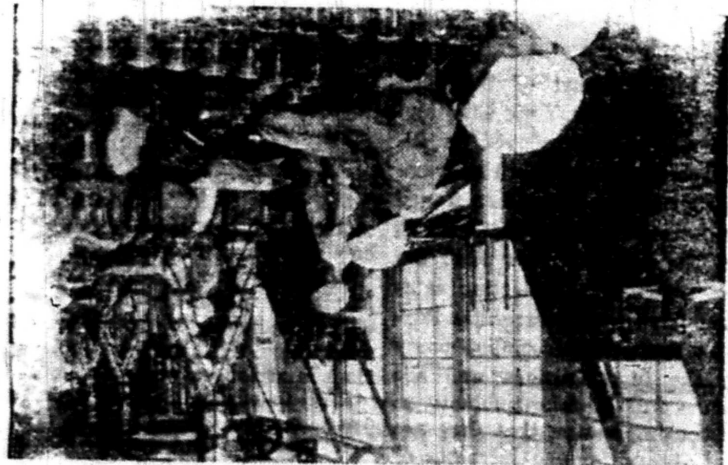
good only for the boss class whom he represents, but as far as working men and working women go, their conditions are getting worse and worse.

The working woman nowadays in the shops and factories shares double the bitter struggles of the last unemployment, which seems to last and last endlessly, and she must reach the conclusion, which seems to last and last endlessly, and she must reach the conclusion that no "Good Man" in the world can solve the problem, but her class, the Working Class, united as a whole. Under the steady clatter of machines operated by working women in the Briggs factories, I hear the voices coming from every corner, the voices of the working women: Organization! Organization!—Organization is the only way which leads the working women to the economical and political emancipation.

The thousands upon thousands of Working Women in shops and factories, many thousands other women wage earners are ready to join the T. U. U. L., the revolutionary Unions in general. The Auto-Workers Union opens its doors wide for the acceptance of all the working women in the auto industry. A good start has been made. Some joined already, the rest are following.

But the working Woman is not going to stop at that. She cannot help realizing that the Political part is just as important and she is ready to use her vote for her own Class, the Working Class; the Working Woman reaching her class consciousness will vote Communist! Detroit, Mich., August 17th, 1930.

## Women Slaves In Canning Factories



## PEACHES AND OTHER THINGS.

By HARRISON GEORGE

From a correspondent in Northern California, we learn that everywhere the finest peaches are being allowed to fall, rotting to the ground, mountains of peaches, millions of bushels of the finest, for which sort the workers of New York are asked to pay 5 c. each!

Why is all this? Why should millions of bushels of the best and most healthful fruits be allowed to rot, while millions of people need them, while hundreds of starving jobless in many of the cities are searching through the garbage piles trying to find something to eat?

The reason is, of course, that peaches and other foods are not produced to eat, not produced to feed people, but for profit. The California peaches, for example, as a paper there says, have "been purchased on the trees by the canneries, but because of over-production will remain unpicked for commercial use this season." That is, the American Can Co., and its associated chain stores, figure that, although they bought these peaches, they will make more money by letting most of them rot and charging big prices for the balance.

This is capitalism! The Chicago meat packers warehouses are full of choice meats. They pay only 10 cents a pound for beef cattle, but you have noticed any cut in prices? You haven't! The butcher-shops will howl that they are going broke if they charge any less than around 30 cents for the poorest kind of steak.

Then, in New York City there is a milk "ring." In milk and fruit and vegetables, the monopolies used the drought as an excuse to boost prices. Millions of dollars a day are being stolen from the workers by these thieves. Now it is exposed that there is not and never was any "shortage caused by the drought." But the prices stay up.

What does the capitalist government do about it? Knowing that the workers are kicking, they—a few prosecuting attorneys and so-called "health commissioners," et al, the whole of them a bunch of grafters, start "investigations" and talk big about doing something. But nothing is really done, because these politicians only use this "investigations" business to make the food trust thieves divide up with them. In New York, the whole campaign is played up as being aimed at "racketeers," and put on as though one particular crook, named Abe Tiger, is the only one responsible.

This is ridiculous. It is the whole system, with the big Wall Street banks at the top. And these "investigations" are only to keep the workers quiet, thinking that it means something. Higher prices are a form of wage cut for those workers who have a job, for the jobless it is worse hell than ever.

There are two ways of fighting this thing: First, organize in your shops and factories, demanding higher wages because the cost of food is up. Second, rally everybody, men, women, children, and raise supreme hell right at the market place, holding mass meetings of protest, boycotting the dairies and stores, put a picket line on those who will not cut prices to former figures!

Things will get worse, not better, and the only way to stop it is to get into action, organize mass action. Let the thieves know that the workers won't stand for it! And don't stand for it!



## Modern Farming—Soviet Style

By ANNA LOUISE STRONG

Dispatches from the Soviet Union tell of farmers reaping a harvest well above normal. The production of agriculture, including timber and fisheries is reported 14 percent above the pre-war figures. Grain production and the area sown is larger than pre-war. Already in two years collective farms in the Soviet Union have surpassed the schedule for five years.

These amazing reports are indices of the rapid growth of the socialized forces in the Russian villages. But they are almost incomprehensible unless one has some background of knowledge of what happened last winter and this spring among the farmers in Russia.

This background is provided by an ex-

cellent pamphlet called *Modern Farming—Soviet Style* by Anna Louise Strong, author of *The First Time in History*, *Red Star in Samarkand*, and other books on life in the Soviet Union. The pamphlet has only 32 pages but it tells simply, in language that the American farmer and worker will understand, why collectivization was needed in Russia, how it was carried out in the last year how the rich peasants ("kulaks") were "liquidated," how the dramatic spring sowing campaign was carried out, the part played by the city workers in these events, and the construction and operation of tractor stations. It ends with a graphic outline of a Socialist Farm-City, the new type of social-industrial organization being built in the Soviet Union.



## Women Workers Have Time and Energy for Sports in the Soviet Union—the Country Where Workers Rule

## A Visit to Turkish Women's Club

By LENA HERNENKO

These past few weeks in Baku have been a great lesson to us communists from capitalist countries. Here we have had an opportunity in practice to see how the splendid and correct leadership of the Bolshevik party of S. U. was able to solve the national question. No matter what phase of social or economic life one turns to, this fact arises in all its clearness. This morning a few of us decided to go over to the club and get information regarding the origin and development of above named club.

We reached the splendid building and were led inside to a clean, large, airy room, a Turkish comrade was at the desk. We told her who we are and that we are very much interested in being informed on activities of the club. In a clear, decisive tone, she began to tell us the history of the club.

This club was organized in 1920 by a small group of active Turkish communist women, with Ali Hiramova at the head. She was killed a short time afterwards by counter-revolutionary forces, who could not allow the development of freedom among Turkish women. Of course this act only strengthened the work of this group. The work mainly consisted along cultural lines: liquidation of illiteracy, uncovering of faces, etc. The work was very hard at the beginning, due to the fact that women had to struggle with their husbands, families and against opposition on the part of backward population. Economically, these women were organized in an artel where they made sacks and cheap underwear, receiving a small monthly salary.

There were only twenty members in the club and artel. The work proceeded very slowly and under very complicated condi-

tions. Only in 1928 this work assumed a quicker tempo. Now there are over two thousand members in the club. The little artel has been turned into a factory where 1,250 women work. The party nucleus consists of 98 members and YCL nucleus of 180 members. In a few days they are going over to uninterrupted work week.

In order to give the women an opportunity to go to meetings, etc., there is a children's nursery where 40 children are taken care of, a kindergarten with 150 children and a children's room with 100 children. Special pedagogical lectures are given to women so as to help them in the work of training their children. The cultural development of women is very great. There are 14 study circles in which 500 women participate, these are mainly housewives. From among the factory women, 400 participate in study circles. Special classes to liquidate illiteracy are conducted. They have a library and reading room where newspapers are read aloud to those who cannot yet read. Special dramatic circles are organized in which many women participate. Concerts, lectures, meetings, kino, are organized very often. A special atheist circle is carrying on anti-religious work and drawing into its activities more and more women workers. In addition to the above circles there is a special technical school, where many women have been sent to study to become machinists. This year a special stenographers course has been opened. The question of cadres confronts the club as well as it does the whole Soviet Union. Comrades are especially trained to work in the village as teachers, soviet workers, cooperative workers, etc.

There are many promoted women. The woman in charge of the factory, is a promoted woman. The comrade in charge of nursing courses in Baku is a promoted

## CANDY WORKERS IN THE 'SOVIET UNION

### Impressions of a Dressmaker Who Recently Visited the U. S. S. R.

At last has my dream of many years come true—I visited the fatherland of the toilers of the world—the Soviet Union. And here is what I have to tell you, women workers: There is only one country where the woman is free in the full sense of the word, it is the Soviet Union.

In Leningrad I visited the candy factory "Red October" (in honor of the October Revolution). There are working 2,200 women. They work in three shifts. The day workers work eight hours, the night workers seven hours. In the morning when they come to work, every one must take a shower and put on white factory clothes, for which the workers do not have to pay. The shower baths are so beautiful, that they could be compared with any of the rich apartments in the U. S. A. The factory rooms are spacious, light and airy. The big windows are open all day long, so that the workers can breathe fresh air. After every hour and a half, they have a seven minute rest period. The sport club consisting of the factory workers, came right on the spot. It was very interesting to watch how quickly the women got into line to do bending and breathing exercises, so that they may not get round shouldered from the position of their bodies in time of work. Some of the women went into the smoking room to light a cigarette. After work some of workers again took showers, this time it was not compulsory. Since in all the factories, schools, mines or offices of the Soviet Union, there exists a five-day week in the

"Red October" they work four days and rest on the fifth.

Every woman gets two weeks vacation each year with pay. In case the work is of a more dangerous or strenuous character, they get four weeks vacation with pay.

The "Red October" has a free day nursery for 150 children and a free kindergarten for 170 children. These are for the children of those mothers who work in the factory.

In case of sickness, a woman gets free medical care, not losing a penny of her wages. When she is recovered, she gets her job back.

During my stay in the Soviet Union, I have spoken to women miners (by the way, women there take part in all heavy industries) teachers, carpenters, bricklayers, students, taxi-drivers, doctors, nurses, street car drivers, and policewomen. I have spoken to them at meetings, and privately. And in the sound of everyone's voice, I felt the pride and energy of people who will defend the USSR with their lives.

What is it, that makes them so determined? Why is it that the Russian woman, in case of war, which the capitalist countries are preparing against the Soviet Union, will march to the battle fields shoulder to shoulder with the men workers? Here is the answer: The Russian women know and are positive that the Soviet Government is the only government which protects the interests of the working class and gives women absolute equality with men workers.

ROSE SIEGEL.

### Letter from Helen McLain Delegate to 5th R.I.L.U. Congress

On her way to the Fifth Congress of the RILU attending the World Trade Union Negro Congress, Helen McLain representative of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union at the RILU Congress writes a letter to the Union. "Just a line to let you hear from me I am well and hope you are too and getting in a lot of new members. I greeted the World Trade Union Negro Congress in the name of the needle trades workers of the U. S. A. and again when the Hamburg Delegation greeted our delegation. This made two speeches in one day.

The Congress was great. There was a lot of discussion by the delegates from the floor. There is lot which I did not know about our union and I blame you Comrades for not instructing me more. But I am doing my very best. I'll write you later from Moscow. I am on a Soviet boat on my way to Leningrad and from there we will go to Moscow by train."

Ed. Note: All those who would like to write to Comrade McLain, letters will be read to workers in USSR who is the Negro delegate to the RILU Congress elected at the National Convention of the Needle Workers Industrial Union can do so by addressing the letter to June Croll, Care of the NTWIU 131 W, 28th St. Com. McLain will remain in Moscow for the First International Woman's Conference and there is ample time for you to write her before she comes back.

worker from the club and so on down the line. For the past year a thousand women passed through the club daily in order to get acquainted with the work and activities going on there.

Inside the club and factory there is much international propaganda so as to destroy all remnants of national antagonism that have still lingered from the Czarist days and it seemed to all of us from talks we have had with various workers that this work had been accomplished. Here one sees the new woman of the East, no longer a slave to husband, politics, religion, etc. A new human being who, side by side with the working class man is going forward to the building of the new classless society. What a contrast to the conditions of working class women in "Democratic America"! The freedom of working class women cannot be accomplished without the overthrow of American Capitalists and the establishment of a Soviet government, the Dictatorship of the Proletariat.

## NABISCO MAKES MILLIONS—STARVES THE WORKERS

Comrades and Fellow Workers,

I am one slave of the National Biscuit Company and I want all other workers to know about the rotten conditions in this sweat shop, where human beings are changed into living skeletons.

Last week 174 workers were dismissed, sent out into the streets to starve, while many of the remaining slaves were given forced vacations from one to two weeks without pay. The Uneeda plant, which is a unit of this concern is often shut down two days a week. Considering the pay we are getting we always live in a state of semi-starvation.

The treatment of the girls is even worse. They are deprived of rest periods and are driven to a point of exhaustion. They turn out six days in about four then they are told not to come to work the following day. Their wages are from \$10-\$13 a week. Out of that sum 50c is deducted each month for group insurance. We workers have to pay out of our meagre wages the money that should be paid by the boss.

However, fellow-workers, this poor unfortunate concern only made 21 million dollars profits last year. This amount is not sufficient. They intend to increase it by a couple more million by effecting a 5 day 40 hour week, during which they will get as much work out of us as they formerly did in 6 days, a deliberate wage cut of \$2.50 to \$5.00 on each workers pay.

Comrades, fight this wage cut with the speed up system of the bosses by Mass Protest, Mass Organization. It is your duty to your families to join that militant union the Food Workers Industrial Union which will protect you against wage cuts, speed up, who will lead you in the struggle for the unemployment insurance paid by the bosses! Equal pay for both men and women workers.

Women Workers! read, support *The Working Woman*. It is the only English working women's newspaper in the United States. It will give you information that every worker should have, news that is suppressed in the capitalist press.

Workers! Demonstrate on September First at Union Square, 12 Noon! Fight for Unemployment Insurance Bill! An Exploited Wage Slave.

# BUILD THE WORKING WOMAN

## News in Brief

According to the records of the International Labor Defense, a large number of women and children are arrested for fighting for better living conditions, and in the struggles of the working class.

The figures for May show the following: 24 arrested in connection with May 1st; 9 in connection with open air meetings; 21 for literature distribution; 2 miscellaneous. Tens of the above number were children.

Five thousand women stormed the governmental offices in Washington, D. C., on July 30th, in answer to a call for 200 scrub-women. The line formed at 8 o'clock in the evening and women remained on the line all night. Most of the women were Negroes, and the urgent need of their families during the present crisis made them desperate in their determination to find work.

Four Negroes and two white men were injured in a race riot at the City penitentiary on Welfare Island, New York City.

The capitalist yellow press said the fight started when both the Negro and white teams rushed for the balls, gloves, and diamond. A headline also appeared stating that the "reds" were responsible, altho it is a known fact that Foster, Amter, and Raymond are no longer on the island, and that Minor is in the hospital sick.

The International Labor Defense investigated the case and has sworn affidavits to the effect that the trouble started because of the miserable conditions of the Negro prisoners. The general overcrowding, miserable unsanitary conditions, poor food, became unbearable, especially because of the intense heat.

The International Labor Defense also found that "Prisoner" Connelly, former Tammany Queensboro president, convicted in connection with the \$8,000,000 graft, had a suite of three rooms, an electric refrigerator, electric fan, four other prisoners to wait on him, and other perfect conveniences.

Because the I.L.D. exposed these corrupt conditions on Welfare Island, Robert Minor, one of the unemployed delegates arrested March 6th, who has been in the hospital ill for some months, was removed to Randall's Island in spite of the fact that he is still seriously ill with an ulcerated stomach.

Capitalist "justice" shows its character in every way.

## Negro-Children Barred From Swimming Pool

Jim Crowism is showing its ugly face in the South. In Elizabeth, N. J. colored children were prohibited from using the new William G. Dowd swimming pool.

At this time when workers are suffering unemployment, which brings misery and want, the ruling class is doing everything in its power to divide the working class, especially the colored and white workers. They think they can turn the rising discontent into harmless channels of race and color hatred, and in that way make the workers and poor farmers forget their misery and want, which arises as a result of the capitalist system which allows workers and their children to go hungry, while millions of pounds of good food is dumped in the ocean, and lets them go without clothes and shoes, while the warehouses are packed full of them waiting to be sold for profit.

The answer of the white and colored workers in Elizabeth was the building of two branches of the American Negro Labor Congress, which is the fighting organization of the Negro workers and poor farmers.

On With the Working Woman Drive—Sept. 1st to Nov. 1st.

By Fred Ellis



## \$2,000 BY NOVEMBER 1ST—1,000 NEW SUBSCRIBERS

For two months beginning with Sept. 1, we are conducting a campaign for *The Working Woman*—to get a \$2,000 sustaining fund, 1,000 new subscribers, and to organize 25 women workers' correspondence circles. Every militant worker, man or woman, must help to get donations and subscriptions, so that we can push the drive "over the top"; and lay the basis for a mass working women's paper in the U. S. A.

With the growing numbers of women in industry, whose conditions of work are unbearable, with the growing importance of women in the political life of our country, a revolutionary paper for women workers, a spokesman for the most explicit action of the working class becomes of greater and greater importance.

*The Working Woman* is gradually and steadily reaching out to the women in the

shops and factories. It brings the message of organization in the militant industrial unions to the miserably paid women working in the laundries, canneries, tobacco factories, ammunition plants. In order that this message be heard wherever women are exploited, we must build and support *The Working Woman*; it is still young and needs much nourishment.

In the present election campaign, *The Working Woman* shows up to women workers the hollow phrases and fake promises of the Democratic and Republican parties, and the treachery of the Socialist Party, the third capitalist party. It proves that the Communist Party is the only party which fights for the workers.

Help smash the poison of the capitalist press!

Build a revolutionary working women's paper!

## Support the drive for \$2,000! PLAN OF ACTION

### Means of Raising Money:

- 1.—Donation lists.
- 2.—Appeals for larger donations too all organizations in your districts.
- 3.—Arranging several affairs for *The Working Woman* during the drive.

### Subscription Drive:

- 1.—Organize "WORKING WOMAN Squads" to sell the paper and subs at all outdoor and indoor meetings.
- 2.—On Red Sundays and house to house canvasses, subscriptions for the *Working Woman* should be sold.
- 3.—All organizations, unions, and large meetings should be visited during the drive orders.

4.—Regular distributions and sale of the paper in front of large factories where women workers predominate.

The districts should challenge each other in revolutionary competition, and the district getting the best results will be presented with a banner from the working women of the Soviet Union.

In connection with the drive Comrade Pauline Rogers, the Business Manager of *The Working Woman* will make a tour of the Eastern District, and will be in Philadelphia and surrounding towns Sept. 4 to 8; New Haven, etc. Sept. 8 to 12; Boston and surrounding towns Sept. 15 to 22.

## Japanese Government Murders Women

Among the 825 Japanese Communists now serving the one year to life sentence there are not less than 30 women Communists. Three of the comrades tortured to death by the bloody hand of the Japanese government, were women who died like martyrs loyal to the working class. Most heroic thing, however, is that they kept the secret of the party to the last breath. It is encouraging that the mother of Watanabe, former General Secretary of the Communist Party who was murdered by the police, is pretty near 60 years old. The wife of Watanabe, too, is a very active member of the Japanese Communist Party. She is now serving a long prison sentence.

## QUOTAS FOR THE DISTRICTS IN THE WORKING WOMAN DRIVE

District	Sust. Fund	Subscriptions	Workers	Corr. Circles
1. Boston	\$ 50	50		1
2. New York	300	250		5
3. Philadelphia	50	50		1
4. Buffalo	25	25		1
5. Pittsburgh	50	25		1
6. Cleveland	100	50		2
7. Detroit	150	75		3
8. Chicago	150	75		3
9. Minnesota	25	25		1
11. Agricultural	15	15		1
10. Kansas	25	25		1
12. Seattle	100	50		2
13. California	100	50		2
15. New Haven	50	25		1
16. South	10	10		1

### NATIONAL LANGUAGE ORGANIZATIONS

Finnish	300	150	
Lithuanian	150	50	
Hungarian	50		
Russian	50		
South Slavs	100		
Jewish	150		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20000</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>25</b>