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Against Evictions!

The

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Working Women

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Working Women Will be in Front Ranks in Feb. 10 Demonstration for Unemployment Insurance

Back Demands of Delegation to Washing'n for Unemployment Relief

Tens of Thousands of Working Women Sign Signature Lists; In Front Ranks of Marches

The working women and wives of workers all over the country are joining with the men in the fight for Unemployment Insurance. In the Hunger Marches, at the demonstrations, in eviction fights, strikes against high cost of food and rent, the women have shown that they know how to fight the bosses and their government.

On February 10th, a delegation of 125 men and women will go to Washington to present the Unemployment Insurance Bill of the Trade Union Unity League, backed by hundreds of thousands of workers' signatures. Many Negro and white women are among the delegation. The ringing demands of the delegation in Washington will be re-echoed in every part of the country. The working women and wives of workers especially must bring out the entire family in demonstration on February 10th, demanding unemployment insurance and immediate relief for their starving children.

The fake charity and the slop that they hand out is not enough to keep the wolf from the door. The Red Cross is now supposed to give relief to the starving farmers. The "relief" farmers and their children get amounts to the grand sum of 3 cents a meal or 10 cents a day, according to the official statements. The fat bellied officials and the charitable "ladies" are not getting along on 10 cents a day. They spend thousands of dollars for food for their pets, cats

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N. Y. Judges Railroad Jobless; Frame Girls for Graft

The exposure in New York City in connection with the frame up of girls and mothers, is daily implicating more policemen, detectives, lawyers, judges, in fact the entire legal and capitalist system, as being what we have always contended, one of exploitation, oppression, and graft. Samuel Seabury is referee in charge of the in-

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**7 HOUR DAY -
5 DAY WEEK!
LOWER RENTS!
NO EVICTIONS!
STRIKE AGAINST
WAGE CUTS!**

Women Mobilize for Part in Big Dress Strike

The Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union of the Trade Union Unity League is preparing the dressmakers of New York and Philadelphia for one of the greatest strikes in the history of struggles of the dressmakers. This strike is an answer to the attacks of the bosses and their agents, the company A. F. of L. union of Schlesinger and company against the increased misery speed-up, wage cuts and the of the sweat shop system, piece work which they are forcing on the workers. The women workers will play a big part in the strike.

The dressmakers are determined to put a stop to piece work and establish minimum week work wage scales.

The terrific amount of unemployment in the trade and the low wages makes the problem of unemployment insurance one of the outstanding demands in the coming strike.

The N.T.W.I.U. expects the fight to be a bitter one. The whole underworld, the bosses, the A.F. of L. gangsters, the "Socialist" Forward, will all unite against the militant workers and do all they can to stop the workers from struggle. Only through the support and the active participation of the militant workers of other trades, organized and unorganized members of the A.F. of L. unemployed work-

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500,000 Strike in British Mills; Most Militant Are Women

MANCHESTER, England. — Women are among the most militant on the picket line in the lockout of 500,000 textile workers in the Manchester area.

The mill workers refuse to accept the introduction of the eight loom system instead of four looms, or the stretch-out system. The Lancashire mill owners then locked them out.

Almost immediately the trade union misleaders began to negotiate with the mill owners for a sell-out.

More than half of the workers are women workers, and their militancy spurred on the men

The revolutionary trade union opposition (the Minority Movement) which is affiliated with the Red International of Labor Unions is calling on the workers to organize rank and file strike committees and to turn the lock-out into a real strike.

Women Fight on Int'l Day

Demonstration At Shop Gates; In Streets

The working women of the United States will make March 8th International Women's Day this year a Red Day. Negro and white women workers from shops and factories will join with the unemployed workers and their wives in demonstration against unemployment, wage cuts, against imperialist war—in defense of the Soviet Union.

International Women's Day, the historic day of struggle of working women is of special significance this year not only to women but to the entire working class. Today the workers cannot put up an effective fight in the factories and among the unemployed without the full participation of the women.

The bosses and their henchmen, the A. F. of L., are trying to create all sorts of divisions among the workers. The campaign to drive married women out of industry is one of the attempts of the bosses to throw a smoke screen over the real causes of unemployment. They blame it on the married women who are driven into the factories in ever greater numbers on account of the low wages and unemployment of their husbands.

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Negro Women Are Among Best Fighters for Jobless Relief

TELL FAT BOSS POLITICIANS A FEW THINGS

'Don't Want Lousy Charity.' Real Relief!

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CLEVELAND, Ohio. — In their fight against starvation, evictions, and for unemployment insurance, the unemployed councils of this city have a good many active women. Those that show most militancy, willingness and determination to fight, rather than starve, are the colored women.

"We Don't Want Lousy Charity."

One was in the delegation sent to the city council to demand food. She never spoke before an audience in her life, but talked to the fat-bellied city councilmen and made them look haggard as she said among other things:

"There is no use talking to you 'gentlemen' about starvation; you do not look as tho you ever had to starve, nor have you ever had to see your kids starve, like we do ours. Your kids go to the high schools and colleges, while I must tell my little boy every day to go to school without his breakfast, and that 'perhaps I will have something to eat for you when you get back from school, sonny.'" (Tears were rolling down her cheeks as she was speaking.)

She also told them: "Don't think that because we are starving that we are going to take your lousy charity which appointed committees hand down to us; we want work or social insurance, and if you do not give it to us, by golly, we will go and take what we need, and fight for it, rather than starve."

"Don't Let's Starve"

One colored woman while speaking at the big Foster meeting that was held in Cleveland recently, called to the workers: "Let's all get together and fight starvation. Don't let's starve like cowards; let's fight back like the workers have done in Russia."

—J. B.

TOLD TO "QUIT, GET MARRIED OR DIE!"

CHICAGO. — Women employed at the Cook County Training School for Nurses in scrubbing, cleaning and all other labor, are forced to work seven nights a week and receive sixty dollars a month — without board. After many years, they may get ninety dollars.

When they protest against low wages and long hours, they are told: "Quit, get married or die, if you don't like it."

Tell your fellow workers about the Working Woman.

Women Battle Police in Hunger March

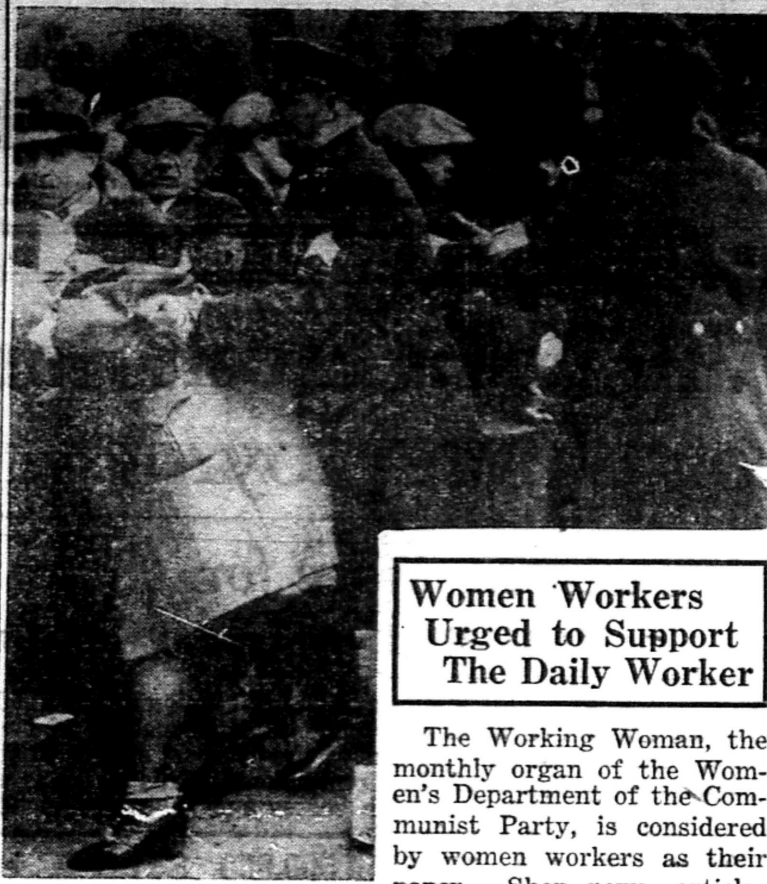


Photo above shows women workers battling Tammany police who attacked New York hunger marchers. Women workers demonstrated side by side with men to demand immediate unemployment relief.

Women Workers Urged to Support The Daily Worker

The Working Woman, the monthly organ of the Women's Department of the Communist Party, is considered by women workers as their paper. Shop news, articles of women's struggles in the industries nationally and internationally, awaken their class consciousness, and show the proper channels through which to organize for struggle on the basis of equal pay for equal work, unemployment insurance, for maternity insurance, for abolition of night work and child labor. It organizes the women to fight against the high cost of living, evictions, etc.

Women Mobilize For Part In Dress Strike

(Continued from page 1) ing men and women, can the strike be won.

The conference of the dressmakers, held on January 31 at Webster Hall, brought together militant workers from unions, unorganized shops and fraternal organizations. The conference laid plans on how best to carry through the strike. Working women of many trades, unemployed working women, and members of working women's organizations showed their solidarity with the dressmakers and sent delegates to the conference. They showed they will be ready to picket and carry on the fight of the dressmakers.

WOMAN DELEGATE TO WASHINGTON HURT

CLEVELAND, O.—Mary Tabb, militant member of the Fifty-fifth and Woodland Unemployed Council, and delegate to Washington for the Unemployed Insurance Bill, was struck by a speeding auto on her way to the mass meeting on January 12 to hear William Z. Foster.

Working Woman's Militancy Scares Judge

CHICAGO, Ill. — A young woman showed a militancy that quickly aroused the entire municipal court room's attention and threw fear into the judge.

In her indignation at the heartlessness of the dispenser of capitalist justice, she indirectly addressed the workers, calling upon them to fight

evictions through mass organization.

The judge tried to silence her by his fluttering, benevolent phrases. Perhaps it proved a lesson to the workers for the need of militancy when this spirited girl got a stay of fifteen days.

This court room scene repeats itself daily. It is the rule rather than the exception, for it reflects the ever-

MEN AND WOMEN FIGHTING SIDE BY SIDE IN STRUGGLE OF DANBURY FUR WORKERS

Needle Trades Workers Are Under Leadership of The Industrial Union

DANBURY, Conn. — The scene of the historic hatters' strike of 1907 is now experiencing a strike of fur workers (workers who prepare the felt for hats). Over two weeks ago these workers were threatened with a cut of twenty per cent on their already miserable wages. The Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union was immediately on the job. A leaflet was issued urging workers to organize and prepare to strike against the wage cut.

The workers responded by walking out one hundred per cent strong. With the aid of the Needle Workers Industrial Union they organized their picketing and chased out the half dozen scabs who tried to support the boss. The shops were completely closed down.

Mostly Girl Workers

Very few of these workers had ever participated in a strike before. A large percentage of the strikers are young girls. They are all anxious to join the union, to do anything which the union tells them will help them to win. Most of the young workers volunteer to work on the various committees, to lead the picket line with cheers and singing, to organize dances and other affairs for strike relief and to further the organizational work.

They pep up those who lag behind, and are determined to win. These young women workers are the future leaders of our union and are being trained in struggle.

The Future Leaders

The first few days of the strike the workers were very timid, and did not want to speak or participate at the daily strike meetings. But by the end of the week, at a mass meeting of the workers of Danbury, a dozen workers were willing to speak. They spoke in Syrian, French, Polish, Italian, Portuguese and English. Now these workers are looked upon as the as future strike leaders. Upon leaders, depends organization of a militant labor movement in Danbury which will include the men and women, old and young, Negro and white, foreign and native born workers.

N. Y. Judges Railroad Jobless; Frame Working Women

(Continued from page 1) tion, and his special counsel is Isidor J. Kresel, who thinks that by the capitalist publicity he gets in this case, he can cover the fact that he was one of the directors of The Bank of United State which recently went bankrupt, robbing thousands of workers of their little savings.

We know these investigations were undertaken by one gang of thieves to expose another gang of thieves, and that the profitable game of "frame up" will start again just as soon as the fake investigation blows over.

Prostitution is a part of the capitalist system and will be done away only when capitalism is overthrown. Young girls are driven to prostitution because of low wages. Only in the Soviet Union where the workers and farmers rule, has prostitution been done away with. There the women are paid equal wages with men. There is a minimum wage, seven hour day, five day week, maternity insurance, and many other economic guarantees which no longer make it necessary for a woman to sell her flesh in order to live.

Recently about fifty girls were brought down from Bedford Reformatory for a retrial. Seventeen had young babies. Most of the girls are unskilled young workers.

JOB LINE GIVES 75c TO HUNGRY BABIES

NEW YORK. — Workers on the job line at New York City's free employment agency raised seventy-five cents out of their last bread nickels for a mother who had walked miles with a baby in her arms, to seek a job.

The mother didn't have carfare. The baby's milk bottle was empty. Out of their hunger, the job line gave. As a daily paper said, the seventy-five cents "bought milk and left the mother with carfare and a little over."

There were 276 part time jobs for the five thousand application blanks at the agency.

WRITE FOR THE WORKING WOMAN

Voice of the Working Women

Working Woman Tells How Dress Shops Exploit Mercilessly in Sweatshops; Will Join in Strike for Better Conditions; Childs Cuts Waitresses' Wages Negro Women Workers Get Worst Deal; Poisoned Meat to Workers on Calif. Dairy Farm; Gang Work; Murderous for Women in Canneries

Women in Dress Shops Prepare for Coming Big Strike!

SPANISH DRESS WORKERS WAKE IN N. Y. SHOPS

Hear of Big Strike; Join Industrial Union

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK CITY.—After being out of work for a period of six months I finally found a job in a dress shop. Most of the girls in this shop are Spanish-speaking girls. The boss, also a Spaniard, uses his "nationalism" and big-heartedness by making the workers work over 50 hours a week at the very big sum of twelve dollars a week.

Not being content merely with giving the workers long hours and small wages, he continually rushes every one by making them keep quiet every minute of the day, keeping them continually bent over the machine or finishing table or whatever craft they are working at.

Eager for Strike

These girls, however, are beginning to realize the misery of the conditions that they are working under. Hearing of the preparations for the strike which the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union are carrying on, the girls very enthusiastically discussed among themselves the demands, and decided to call a meeting of all workers in their shop and there to arrange to join the union. The girls are especially interested in establishing a union wage scale for every worker in the shop.

At the meeting which they arranged they discussed the union demands in detail and elected a delegation to the conference of the dressmakers which took place on last Jan. 31st at Webster Hall.

—A Young Dressmaker.

Slavery on Farms



Woman farmer worker and child slave side by side on California farms. They must organize into the Agricultural Workers Industrial League. Read the letter of a woman farm worker on this page.

Tubercular Meat Fed To Workers On Calif. Farm, Dairy Ranch

(By a Worker Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — I think it would be interesting to the readers of this paper to hear some of the conditions existing on a capitalist ranch.

The one I am to tell you about is the Fuller Ranch. He owns some twenty sections. Dairy and general farming is his line, also in blacklisting some of his help who dare to tell him a thing or two and quit.

Wages Cut

Milkers received ninety dollars per month and board two months ago, and were cut to eighty dollars per month. A ranch carpenter received seventy dollars per month and work sixteen hours a day.

They have five hundred cows on the ranch and workers are fed oleomargarine, no butter. Fuller is having a sixty thousand dollar house built on the ranch. He is up at 4:30 in the morning to see that the cook feeds the men who are building the house first, so that they get to work quickly, as he said he has to pay them one dollar an hour.

The state department of health found a number of tubercular cows on the ranch and as Master Fuller believes in certain economy, he had the cows killed all right, and fed them to the farm hands.

He employs two hundred and fifty workers and an overbearing foreman: Mr. Bell, it should be Mr. Block.

Workers! How much longer are we going to stand for such rotten conditions. Organize into the Agricultural Workers Industrial League and fight. In organization there is strength.

—Farm Worker.

WAITRESSES

GET 10 PC. WAGE CUT IN CHILDS

Must Join Industrial Union and Fight

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK CITY.—While food prices are not coming down one penny, the Childs' restaurant chain, the so-called "Nation's Host from Coast to Coast," handed all of us workers a ten per cent wage cut.

Workers in one hundred and fourteen stores, all of us already receiving little for a nine hour day, will have to get along on ten per cent less.

Robbed for Fake Relief

Recently all the workers in the Childs' chain in New York contributed \$14,000 to the relief of the unemployed. Not only low wages, but a little more out of us, while the bosses get the credit for being generous. Waitresses, after standing all day, running around with a tray and doing the bidding of the boss to work fast, must live on next to nothing while the bosses grow rich at our expense. We must organize to stop this wage cutting game.

—A Childs' Waitress.

Slaved Years in Mill, Mother Now Must See Child Starving

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Am a working woman working hard all of my life. I have been working since I was 13 years old. I am 21 now.

I have been a worker at the Hoskin Mill. That sure is a slave time place. We didn't get no lunch hour. I had to eat my lunch while I work.

I had to work like a slave for small pay. Now they have put me out of work. I walk the streets all day trying to find something to do as I have a baby to support and no income.

I am like thousands of other women. The only thing I know to do is to organize a strong union. Build the National Textile Workers Union. A Mill Worker.

Shoe Workers Wages Cut from \$40 to \$12

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK CITY.—The slipper workers are very much exploited. Young workers are mainly employed in this industry. In our shop, where expensive mules are made which sell wholesale at

Cannery Slavery



Speed-up in canneries is killing for women workers. Their children are left in shacks like above in a California canning town. The Food Workers Industrial League is organizing the workers for struggle.

Gang System Means Greater Speed-up for Women in Cannery

(By a Worker Correspondent)

SEATTLE, Wash.—The majority of workers in the canning industry are women. Their wages are low and the work is harmful to the health of the workers.

In the National Cannery, subsidiary of Armour and Co. in Seattle, Wash., two hundred women workers have been fired, and the others put on a two to four day work week.

One of the ways the bosses have of speeding up workers is putting them in gangs of five, and having the gangs compete with each other, to see who can do the most. The one who wins is given a little bonus. In the meantime, everyone is rushing at the top speed for the benefit of the boss. Each worker receives twelve cents per thousand apples.

Beginning to Wake up

These workers are beginning to realize that they must join the Food Workers Industrial Union in order to better their conditions.

They want to hear about the conditions of the working women in other canneries in the United States. They want to know the speed up tricks the bosses use, and their working conditions. They want to know if they are joining the Food Workers Industrial Union.

from four dollars to eleven dollars per pair, new machines were installed, and young boys and girls were put to work on them at twelve dollars per week.

OFFER LOWEST WAGES TO NEGRO GIRL WORKERS

Get the Worst Deal in Cleaning Shops

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK CITY.—I worked one week as a cleaner for L. Shapeirto, 333 W. 39th Street with the promise of eighteen dollars per week. After one week's work the boss called me in regards to my pay.

He pretended he had forgotten the amount he promised me. I told him eighteen dollars. He then asked if I would work for less on the ground that the other girls were working for fourteen dollars per week, and that he could not afford to pay me more. This, I am sure, was not true, because he was getting at least \$22.50 for each dress. Since I would not work for the fourteen dollars, I lost my job.

Don't Believe in Signs!

A day or two later I went up to a shop on West Thirty-eighth Street which had a sign out for a cleaner. I asked to see the boss. He asked me if I could drape. I told him no, the sign called for a cleaner.

He said, "I want a cleaner who can drape." I then said, "Why don't you put out the sign what you mean." He was angry by this time, so he told me that he did not want me anyway. —M. W.

SUBSCRIBE to the WORKING WOMEN

7:30 A.M. to 11 P.M. For Women Housekeepers

NEW YORK CITY.—I have often been sent from an employment office to such and such a place for work, and when I get my carfare to go I leave the office where they say it will be about \$10.00 per week.

When I get to the party I'm to work for I am offered \$6.00 per week for a family of eight people and a ten room house to clean and look after their children. If I refuse they say you don't want to work and their hours are from 7:30 a. m. to 11 p. m. How is that for a working woman? We must organize.

Working Woman.

FROM A WOMAN FIGHTER IN FUR STRIKE, DANB'RY.

DANBURY, Conn.—Just a few lines to let you know how the strike is getting along.

We had a nice picket line this morning. I wish this happens every morning. We had a big fight and you should have been here to see the fight. The Women strikers put up a great battle and I don't mean maybe, and a striker was arrested.

We're going down to the police station now to try to bail her out. S. J.

To Hell With Boss Charity, We'll Fight!

"She asks me if I have any land in the country. And I says to her, 'Sure and if I had land in the country, do you think I'd be living in a basement on Hester St.?'"

Nora McCarthy had been grilled by a charity visitor and was telling a neighbor the impertinent questions she had to answer. Jim McCarthy, longshoreman, hadn't been able to get a job for months; he and his wife and children were starving in two dark basement rooms, but the Association for Improving the Conditions of the Poor was prying into every corner of private family affairs before deciding to send in a bag of flour.

What They Call "Relief."

Spectacular charity programs in New York City include a fund of \$8,000,000, supposedly raised by Wall St. financiers, to grant jobs for a few of the 900,000 unemployed. But workers from their small wages were made to give over \$1,300,000 of the amount collected. Then New York's racketeering Mayor, Jimmy Walker, took time off from jazz long enough to set up a relief committee. For his relief fund the 125,000 city employees are to provide the cash out of their wages—\$250,000 a month for six months. So workers are really feeding fellow-workers, while the "welfare" agent gets \$50 a week for insulting the unemployed workers and sometimes handing out a food package and Wall St.-Tammany gets the glory, plus the larger profits and graft.

"To hell with such charity," shouted the farmers in Arkansas and they knew what they wanted. We demand the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill with its provision of \$25 a week for each unemployed worker and \$5 additional for each dependent. We demand an insurance fund run by a Workers' Commission.

The Chinese Women Workers Awaken!



Starving Chinese working women. They are awakening and fight side by side with the men in the Red Army. The Chinese Soviets have brought freedom to the working women.

Our Wages So Low That Our Children Must Work—Fight!

A report from the Department of Labor states that there are 1,060,000 children between ten and sixteen years of age employed in the United States, and 1,712,648 young workers between the ages of sixteen and seventeen.

These children must work in order to live. Their parents' wages are not large enough to feed and clothe them.

The bosses take advantage of their youth and force them to work long hours, under terrific speed, for low wages.

The older workers, both women and men, must help to organize these young workers in militant fighting unions.

Communism Means Freedom to Chinese Women

Below is a letter from a Chinese woman worker, telling the American working woman how the Chinese Red Army brought freedom to the Chinese working women.

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To my comrades, the American Working Women:

I arrived here already several days after a journey of two days and one night, covering a distance of more than two hundred Li. On the way I passed numerous ragged mountain ridges and trod along a zigzag endless path.

When I reached Fun-shen, a Soviet district, sisters came to tell me as follows:

"Our Soviet government is really good. Our condition is now quite different from that of the preceding time. We have the same right as men in dividing land, and we stand on the same level with men in handling political affairs.

We go to preparatory colleges which specially provide for us when we are free from work. We also practise with rifles every day, in preparation to shooting our enemies.

Because of the blockade proclaimed by the reactionary districts, we get only 2 meals of potato congee for each day. But we are not afraid at all. We are ready to deal with them.

We were talking a long time while we were treading on the mountainous path, and we were taken hold of by hunger. They invited me to the home where I had my meal of potato congee and had a fine sleep that night. Next morning we went together for the garrison service and transportation. I was busy to the utmost, but I felt it was really a revolutionary and artistic life.

The armed working women Red soldiers are numerous. They fight very bravely. The

wives of the victimized fighters are even more brave. In many battles their aid was of great value. They are entirely different from the ladies and madams of the intellectual class who can only talk without doing anything. I am now just practising to follow them. Good-by!

—Shu Ping,

A Chinese Woman Worker.

German Working Women Fight

BERLIN — The growing number of strikes in Germany is answered by the most brutal police and class justice-terror. In Berlin during the strike at the Leiser Shoe stores about 40 pickets were arrested.

Two workers were sentenced to three months imprisonment and fine during picket duty.

During the Ruhr strike the police terror was especially brutal. At Neunkirchen women did the picketing. The police brought down police hounds and attacked the women. The women answered with throwing stones at the dogs line. He was kicked by the women until he fell down. One woman could not help herself against the attack of a policeman and bit him in his hand.

Subscribe To The Working Woman! Write For It!

International Women's Day 1904-1931

1904.—Socialist Conference of Women in U. S. sets aside March 8 for special propaganda and agitation among women especially, for "equal rights." They betray the working class women by joining hands with the rich women, making it a "women's fight."

1910.—At the second International Conference of Women held in Copenhagen, March 8 is set aside as an International Women's Day.

1911.—International Women's Day carried through only in a few countries.

1912.—In Germany, International Women's Day becomes "Red Week." International Women's Day takes on an international scale, being celebrated in many capitalist countries.

1913.—International Women's Day carried through for the first time in Russia.

1914.—Many workers' papers carried special articles on women. The first women's magazine "Rabotnitza" was issued.

1915.—Conference of Women held in Berne under Lenin's direction. A resolution was presented by the Russian women's delegation which called on the women to turn the imperialist war into a war against the bosses.

1917.—March 8 becomes the real historic day of revolutionary struggle of women. The day that paved the way of the great Russian October Revolution. Women from the Putilov factory in Petersburg (now Leningrad) come out in the streets in demonstration, demanding bread for their children and the return of their husbands from the battle front. In face of the terror of the police thousands of women join in the demonstration battle for the right to the streets.

1919-1921.—International Women's Day under the lead of the Communist International, becomes a day of international struggle of the entire working class, for bringing the woman into the general struggle of the working class and for winning her for the world revolutionary movement.

1931.—A day of defense of the Soviet Union; the only country in the world where the workers rule; where the women are freed and are building a new world of a socialist society.

Swedish Textile Workers on Strike

STOCKHOLM — About 34,000 textile workers are on strike in Sweden. A few factories whose owners are not members of the employers union are still working. The owners demand a ten percent wage cut. The reformist leaders did their best to sabotage the struggle and at first ordered only a small section of the workers out.



LABOR AND COAL, By Anna Rochester. Int. Pub., N. Y. \$1.00

What miners' wives are up against is vividly described in *Labor and Coal*, by Anna Rochester. This new book, prepared by Labor Research Association, and just published, should be read by all workers for an understanding of the miners' struggle.

"It's hard to get at keeping clean when you are tired out from carrying the water," wrote one miner's wife, quoted in the book.

In this book we read, too,

of women's spirited part in the miners' long struggle for freedom. Mother Jones and her army of women kept the scabs out of the mines. Often the miners' wives turned a seeming defeat into victory by their determination and courage. So now in the revolutionary unions, the Mine, Oil and Smelter Workers Industrial Union, a woman's department is organized to bring the workers' families into the union on a basis of full equality with the mine workers.

Rich Women Pretend to Talk Peace, Build War Machines

WORKERS ARE NOT FOOLED BY THE FAKERY

Organize in Defense of Soviet Union!

Several groups of leisure-class women met in Washington during January. One group called themselves the Women's National Conference on the Cause and Cure of War. The other called themselves the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense.

One conference, including the National Women's Trade Union League, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, aimed to throw a pacifist smoke-screen around the League of Nations to hide the imperialist war preparations against the Soviet Union.

A daughter of J. P. Morgan, Ruth Morgan, who profits richly from her papa's investments abroad, is vice-chairman of this "peace" conference.

These rich women use their leisure, paid for by the working class, to organize other rich women against the workers' republic.

No less rich are members of the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense. This group is frankly militaristic and does not even try to hide its war aims. It is made up of 40 organizations, claiming membership of 2,000,000 women, including the American Legion Auxiliary, the American War Mothers, and the Daughters of the American Revolution or "Dear Ancient Relics." (D. A. R.)

This conference aims especially at war preparations or at what they call "adequate appropriations for the military service." They talk about combatting the other group of women pacifists but what they really combat is the success of the Soviet Union and the growth of the international working class movement.

Workers! Don't be fooled by these pacifist-militarist women of the leisure-class. Organize in defense of the Soviet Union.

Anna Damon to Tour

In connection with mobilization for International Women's Day and the building of the apparatus for Women's Work in the districts chosen by the General Committee for concentration, Anna Damon (editor of the Working Woman), will go on tour, beginning February 7 and ending March 10.

Meeting dates and conferences arranged so far are:

Pittsburgh, Feb. 7, meeting Women's Department; Feb. 8, mass meeting and conference in the afternoon; Feb. 9, mass meeting in Ambridge, Feb. 11, mass meeting in Monessen; Feb. 12, Women's Conference in the afternoon,

Working Women Join In Fight For Unemployment Relief!



United Council Conference Feb. 15

The United Council of Working Class Women is calling its annual conference for Sunday, Feb. 15 at one p. m., at Stuyvesant Casino, Second Ave. and Ninth St., New York City.

This year's conference will mark a step forward in the revolutionary history. Plans how best to mobilize working women and workers' wives for the gigantic workers' struggles will be laid. We will discuss how best to fight the landlord and to demand lower rents. How best to organize the working class women into house committees and tenants leagues in the various working class neighborhoods.

We will discuss how best to rally the working class women to fight against imperialist wars, and to defend the Soviet Union, the only Workers' Fatherland.

A report will be given on our past activities, plans for future work will be mapped out. It is up to all working class organizations, particularly where most of the members are women, to proceed with organizing house committees, the committees are to elect delegates, to see that the organization you belong to should send delegates, and to help make our conference a huge success.

Rush in names of outside organizations to our office so that we can reach them with our call.

Ark. Farmers Demand Bread and They Get It

ENGLAND, Ark.—Farmers of Arkansas starved out the farm crisis, stood in a double line and waited, waited, for a cent's worth of food.

It seems there was just a dollar a month or about one cent a meal per person to distribute. The rest went for salaries overhead. Two 15 cent cans of condensed milk must last a whole family two days and women without milk were trying to feed little babes.

So 500 farmers took the matter into their own hands. In spontaneous hunger march women and men, Negro and white, many of them armed, moved on the town and demanded food from the shops. They got it. Local merchants saw to that. Shopkeepers were afraid of workers' mass organization and they didn't stop to wait for orders from the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross Society in Washington, D. C.

Women workers! Unemployed and wives of the Unemployed! Join the hunger marches and demand *Work or Wages*. Fight for the *Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill*. On with the *Hunger Marches!*

180 Delegates Attend Meet; Prepare For Int'l Women's Day

The International Women's Day Conference called by the Communist Party on Saturday, January 24th, was attended by 180 delegates from shops and working women's organizations. A concrete plan for developing a mass campaign was presented by the District Committee and thoroughly discussed.

The Conference was addressed by Anna Damon, head of the Women's Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

Pledge To Spread The Working Woman

The Conference of the Lithuanian Women's Alliance of America, District 1, held in Newark, New Jersey, Jan. 18, 1931, pledged to carry on the work of spreading the Working Woman, and to help in the advancement of the Working Woman.

The Conference pledged aid in teaching the exploited working women in all industries, and the housewives, to go to the breadlines and the demonstrations.

The Conference praised the Working Woman in supporting and following the program of the Communist Party, and hopes that the Working Woman will always conform to the leadership of the Communist Party.

It was reported that during the year of 1930 the Lithuanian Women's Alliance of America, District 1, has circulated more than 1,700 copies of the Working Woman.

WRITE FOR THE WORKING WOMAN

For Workers' Tots

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Under the bosses' system of wealth for the few and misery and starvation for masses, we are forced into the shops and factories in order to help support our families.

Our babies are left at the mercy of the charitable nurseries where they are crippled physically and poisoned mentally. This must stop! We must organize our own day nursery where the warm, tender, proletarian atmosphere will prevail. We must serve the workers' children and save them for the working class.

Rally to Support!
The working woman has a duty to perform in order to make this day nursery possible. They must rally to the support of the Women's Educational League by joining

DANVILLE MILL STRIKERS SOLD OUT BY U.T.W.

Many Women Among The Blacklisted

DANVILLE, Va.—The 4,000 Danville textile strikers, who fought so militantly since September against wage cuts, have been betrayed and sent back to work by the United Textile Workers Union misleaders. Thousands are being blacklisted, including hundreds of women.

Wm. Murdoch, secretary of the National Textile Workers Union, has just been released from jail in Danville, Va., where he served a three-months sentence for activity in the strike of 4,000 militant workers. They struck against wage cuts.

Many of these Danville strikers are women workers who have been just as determined fighters as the men. Mass picket lines of men and women workers kept scabs out of the mills for nearly 5 months. State troopers, with bared bayonets, again and again charged the picket lines and arrested women and men. But the strikers stood firm throughout six long months of struggle.

An Inspiration
Officials of the old line United Textile Workers, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, have drawn their fat salaries each week, five times as much as the average textile workers' earnings, while the strikers have been starving. Lack of food and clothing has already caused one thousand cases of influenza among the strikers and many cases of pneumonia. Telling of these conditions Murdoch stated:

"Let the action of the Danville strikers be an inspiration to all textile workers that even under the most dire and insurmountable obstacles which women textile workers can face and win!"

as members and by activating themselves as well in other allied fields of our proletarian activities.

Let us make the proletarian day nursery a practical reality. Let us enable working mothers to carry on their revolutionary activities in the knowledge that her little ones are well taken care of and that they are being prepared physically and mentally for the struggles ahead.

Come and help in this highly important task. Bring in your friends and come yourself to the mass meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 2706 Brooklyn Ave.

Moving pictures will show the life of workers' children in the nurseries of the Soviet Union.

Admission free. Auspices: Women's Consumers Educational League.

WITH UNEMPLOYED WOMEN

Jobless Women Help Men in Fight for Relief in Cleveland

NEGRO, WHITE TOGETHER IN FIGHTING COPS

115,000 Unemployed Are Waking Up

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The unemployed workers of Cleveland, one hundred and fifteen thousand of them, realize the policy of the bosses and their agents in the local government is one of increasing mass unemployment, starvation and misery. They know that the fake schemes of the bosses, such as the Community Fund, boss-controlled charities, the "stagger plan," etc. provide no real relief for them and their starving families.

They are becoming more militant and are organizing under the leadership of the unemployed councils to fight against these terrible conditions and for immediate relief at the expense of the bosses. The women are taking the lead in this.

Refuse to Starve

This was proven on January 9, when about five hundred unemployed men, women and young workers, colored and white, refused to starve any longer and marched on the Woodland - Fifty-fifth Street food market to demand food. This march was led by one of the largest Unemployed Councils in Cleveland.

When the demands for food were refused by owners of the market, some of the hungry workers began to help themselves to the meat and other food on display. Of course, the bosses immediately called in their agents, the police, who began to use the clubs and blackjacks on the heads of the starving workers.

Battle Cops

One colored worker, Frank O'Neill, defended himself so well from this brutal attack that it required four of these thugs of the bosses to slug him into unconsciousness and throw him into the patrol wagon. Another young worker, Doris Watson, put up such a fight that it required the combined efforts of two big detectives to effect an arrest. It was only after the arrival of three detachments of police from the nearest precincts that the workers were dispersed.

Seven of the leaders were arrested and held for investigation. In the police station the police beat up these leaders and finally charged them with disorderly conduct. The International Labor Defense is on the job and is preparing a mass workers' defense

Demand Bread For Cleveland Jobless



Some of the leaders of the jobless arrested at the food market in Cleveland, Ohio on Jan. 9th.

Red Cross Refuses Aid to Starving in Battle Creek

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.—Battle Creek is an industrial center of Michigan and one of the thriftiest little towns in the state when there is work. But now there is no work. Shops are all shut down and don't know when they will open again. Bosses and superintendents are worried, they said, when the shops are closed.

All of the business people are hard pressed. The Red Cross the county claims to be bankrupt.

\$3.50 a Week for Family of Three.

We are a family of the unemployed. We have lost our home and are still in debt, \$500. We have even mortgaged our household to live on and all we borrowed is gone and we have to go to the county for food and they only allow us \$1.00 each to live on for a week.

A neighbor of ours has himself and wife and two babies, ages 3 and 5 years old. They only get \$3.50 to live on and they are losing their home. Neither families have had work since midsummer. Unemployment has not stopped the price of high cost of living. We don't know how soon we may be without shelter because of no work and we can't pay rent. We want help to organize.

Only two factories working and that is only part time. When we go to the poor master for food we are insulted and scolded because we return for food at the end of the week. Each and every time we go to the poor master for food we expect to be refused and we expect at any time, for the Red Cross has already refused to give us aid. They, all of the charity organizations claim to be bankrupt and in debt.

MAKE AGENCY SHARK RETURN WOMAN'S MONEY

NEW YORK CITY —The Downtown Unemployed Council elected a committee of fifty workers to demand from the Walton Employment Agency of 1,206 Sixth Ave., which Mrs. C. Reitz paid for a hospital job.

Her husband, a member of the Downtown Unemployed Council, reported the case to the Council, and the committee went up to the agency and demanded the return of the money.

They were so militant that the agency had to return the money.

—M. S.

Landlords Evict New Orleans, La. Working Women—Let's Fight!

NEW ORLEANS, La. — When the landlord comes around to collect rent he tells you his taxes are high and that he is no Santa Claus. If you have no money for rent he gives you notice to move out in the street.

A woman lived nine years in his house, owed him four months' rent, and he gave her notice to move. Having no money to pay on another house, she was in a bad fix, but the lady next door saved the situation by taking her in.

When the landlord heard of this it made him angry. Now he wants to put the lady next door out for taking her in and this lady pays thirty dollars a month rent. Now she is looking for another house, too. This is not the only case. It is an every-day occurrence.

We must join the Unemployed Councils and fight the evictions and immediate relief.

—F. L.

WRITE FOR THE WORKING WOMAN

Women Fight for Bread

The Mothers' League and the Trade Union Unity League on the northwest side of Chicago are leading a strike of housewives demanding the bread at six cents a pound instead of ten cents.

A strike committee of fifty was elected at a mass meeting of three hundred workers, and mass picketing of bakery shops was immediately started. Master Bakers and their hired police attacked the wo-

men pickets who carried signs and defended themselves.

In front of the bakery of Benovitz Brothers, a picket line of women was attacked and slugged, and fourteen of the strikers were arrested. All arrested strikers are defended by the International Labor Defense. Children are joining with the women workers in this spirited strike, coming out on the picket line and singing "Solidarity Forever" and other strike songs.

THROW WOMEN, STARVING, INTO STREETS OF CHI.

Unemployed Councils Fight Evictions

CHICAGO, Ill. — The municipal courtroom handling eviction cases was overflowing with people ranging from poverty stricken Negro and white workers to the petty-bourgeois.

After the ceremony of entry of the heavy jowled, well fed judge, cases were called off in rapid fire order, the bailiff handling the crowd like so many cattle.

The average allowance was from five to eight days made by the judge for families to move out for non-payment of rent.

An old man was given an eviction notice because of his failure to pay one month's rent, even though he had been paying rent in that same flat for twenty-seven years, equaling more than the value of the property. The judge gave him a stay of ten days, then flet out upon the sidewalk.

Widow with Seven Children Evicted

The following case of a widow with seven children, stark poverty stamped on their faces, thinly clad, undernourished, was curtly given one week to remain in her home. Her pitiful pleas were disregarded.

That the landlord's rights must be protected, even at the cost of a human life, was illustrated by the case of a working man who told the judge that were his sick wife to be moved, it might prove fatal. This did not phase his "honor." Eight days, then regardless if his wife were improved or not, out upon the wintry streets.

Women! Join the unemployed councils, side by side with the men. Fight against the evictions and for the workers unemployment insurance.

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Soviet Textile Women Warn Bosses They'll Resist A

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Mill Workers Warn Former Exploiters

The working women of the Soviet Union intend to fight side by side with the men against any attack by the bosses on the land where the workers rule!

They will shoulder guns in defense of the workers' fatherland, when the imperialists attack.

This spirit is shown in the open letter of the working women in the Rjevsky Flax Mill, to one of the seven counter-revolutionary plotters recently tried in Moscow, Riabushinsky, who was a former owner of the mill.

Our proletarian Court is trying, in the Red capital, your spies, Mr. Riabushinsky.

It was in vain, Mr. Riabushinsky, that you make attempts, together with your myrmidons, the Tsarist remnants, to restore your former gentility and the right to oppress and to torture us, as of yore.

Turn back! This hateful time will never come back again.

We, old working women, well remember how you with your assistants, made us work for 40 kopeks per day, while we were having a 12-hour working day, and worked without rest in the dusty buildings of your factory.

You squeezed the bloody sweat out of us, in order to be surrounded with luxury yourself and to accumulate your riches. We have not forgotten, Mr. Riabushinsky, that you, in answer to the request of the workers to increase their wages by two kopeks, seized our best representatives and imprisoned them.

After 13 years. Thirteen years have already passed since we, workers, are bosses themselves, and the factories, mills and railways of the vast Soviet country belong to us.

In the course of these thirteen years we have learned to manage business much better than you did.

Entering on the third most important year of the Five Year Plan, we surpass our industrial programme of the special shock quarter. Firmly convinced in the victory of the Five Year Plan within socialism, we stride forward on the way of the execution four years, having at our disposal such means which will never be attained by the capitalist world. We have new workers' districts, schools, workers' clubs and children's institutions.

The 7-Hour Day.
We shall soon have the 7-hour working day! Labor is being protected by the Soviet power. There is installed ventilation at the factory and we do not swallow dust any you were here, Mr. Riabushinsky.—The Women Workers of the Rjevsky Mill.

Soviet Women Have Big Part in Managing Industry



Soviet working women will march with the men to defend the Soviet Union from imperialist attack. Read letter of women workers in a Soviet mill, on this page. Photo shows Soviet working women taking part in management of a factory.

February 10 Demonstration

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and dogs, while workers children starve.

The working women, together with the men, must join in the councils of unemployed and carry on the fight for relief.

Workingclass women! Let's back up the Unemployment Insurance Bill in every city, village and town. All out on the streets on February 10th to demand Unemployment Insurance and immediate relief!

Hunger Marches in Many Cities.

In Oklahoma City, Okla., the Negro and white hunger marchers demanded immediate relief. When they got none they went to a grocery store and helped themselves.

In Canton, Ohio, after the hunger march, the Unemployed Council greatly increased its membership. In one place they made the director of the charity station eat the garbage he was feeding the unemployed.

A meeting of unemployed women workers was held in San Francisco recently, at which 35 were present. The State Free Employment agencies announced that anyone attending the meeting would be arrested and put under \$100 bail.

The question for immediate relief was discussed, and the question of the state hunger march to Sacramento.

A committee was elected to call other meetings, and to give out a leaflet further exposing the State Free Employment agencies.

Working women all over the country must join the Unemployed Councils and fight for Social Insurance, free gas, light, carfares for the unemployed, and the full program of the Trade Union Unity League.

GIRL FALLS STARVING IN BREADLINE

NEW YORK.—Waiting for her dole, a twelve-year-old girl toppled over in a New York bread line and was found to be suffering from starvation.

Investigation showed that her parents and seven brothers and sisters were also without food. Two men, suffering from exposure and starvation, also collapsed.

WOMEN TO FIGHT ON INTERNAT'L DAY, MARCH 8

(Continued from page 1)

The Women's Trade Union League, the patriotic women's organizations and the church are all united in this drive against the working class. The class conscious workers will show through deeds in the factories and among the unemployed that they will not permit the bosses and their allies to create artificial divisions. They will use International Women's Day to enlighten the large masses of women to the real causes of unemployment and to its solution. They will work hard to dray the masses of women in direct struggle against the bosses and the government for unemployment insurance, for the seven hour day, five day week, against evictions, for lower food prices and lower rent.

Men and women workers are called on to elect delegates to the International Women's Day Conference, from the shops and from Councils of the Unemployed.

Fight for the right to live! Organize factory and street demonstrations on March 7.

Preparations already under way show that the workers are responding to the call of the Communist Party. Every important industrial town and city is holding conferences where masses of working men and women, employed and unemployed, will meet and will work out plans to carry on a militant fight against the added miseries forced upon the workers by the bosses at the present time.

Plans will be laid to draw in large number of women in support and defense of the Soviet Union, the country of the workers of the entire world.

Tell your fellow workers about the Working Woman.

THE INTERNAT'L STRUGGLE

Hunger Demons Szeged

BUCHARES

Following on a mass demonstration on a mass demonstration of unemployed workers in Buchares (Hungary) a demonstration formed and marched to the Town Hall.

Police were hurriedly concentrated in order to suppress the demonstration. Collisions occurred and a number of unemployed workers were arrested.

Hunger Demonstration Stettin

BERLIN.—A riot broke out in place this morning at the Board of Guardians' office in Stettin when long accumulating discontent broke out against the tyrannical attitude of some of the officials who treat the unemployed workers as though they were dirt.

The protests spread like wildfire and soon hundreds of workers in receipt of relief gave vent to their anger and indignation.

Police were hurriedly called and cleared the streets with great brutality. Men and women were clubbed indiscriminately.

UNEMPLOYED FIGHT IN SLOVAKIA

PRAGUE.—Two thousand unemployed workers collected in front of the town hall in Tyrnau in order to exert pressure on the local authorities to secure a reasonable unemployment support. A delegation of three was sent to the council, but the police attacked the building and broke open the doors. Wild scenes occurred and a number of police and demonstrators were injured. The police made a number of arrests, but the arrested men were released their companions.

UNEMPLOYED WORKERS STRUGGLE IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM.—Demonstrations of unemployed workers have taken place during the last few days in a number of large Dutch towns.

The police have distinguished themselves by unusual brutality. The demonstrators have been clubbed and wounded by sabre strokes.

In Antwerp the police even fired at the demonstrating unemployed workers and a number of persons were wounded. Many arrests were made.

In all cases the unemployed workers refused to let themselves be driven off the streets so easily, and bitter collisions took place during which a number of policemen were injured.

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International Women's Day

We are now approaching March 8th, the historic International Day of struggle of working women. International Women's Day this year takes place at a time when the economic crisis is deepening. The lot of the working class is getting worse. The army of the unemployed is mounting millions, holding in the grip of starvation tens of millions of women and children, dependents of the unemployed. The government is doing nothing to relieve the actual misery of the workers. Now and then crumbs of mercy are thrown to the workers at state lodging houses, Salvation Armies and other "benevolent" organizations.

The Red Cross, pet charity organization of the pot belly capitalist president Hoover is organizing "relief" for the starving farmers giving them the grand total of ten cents a day. This is the way the United States government cares for its workers and farmers. This is the way it "protects" childhood and child welfare.

The working women and wives of workers are learning through bitter experiences of want and starvation how to fight. They know that the only way they can get the government to give relief is to fight for the right to live. Under the lead of the Communist Party, the Trade Union Unity League and the councils of unemployed, the women jointly with the men are beating back the attacks of the bosses. International Women's Day campaign places the problem of organizing the militancy and organization of women workers before the wives of workers before the entire working class. It is enough for the women to take part in the hunger marches and demonstrations. The women must organize for struggles ahead, must train to lead struggles in shops and factories, in the neighborhoods, against high cost of food and rents, against evictions.

All over the United States, under the lead of the Communist Party, International Women's Day conferences are being held. These conferences will lay a basis for continued work among women to enroll them into class struggle.

Women and men of the working class, organize International Women's Day committees in your shops, trade unions, Councils of Unemployed, Tenants Leagues, fraternal and mass organizations, League for Struggle of Negro Rights, Units of the Communist Party. Send delegates—men and women—to the conferences. Organize to fight against wage cuts, speed-up. For Unemployment Insurance. Lay plans to carry through militant demonstrations on March 8th and to continue the fight against the bosses and to defeat the government's scheme for war against the Soviet Union.

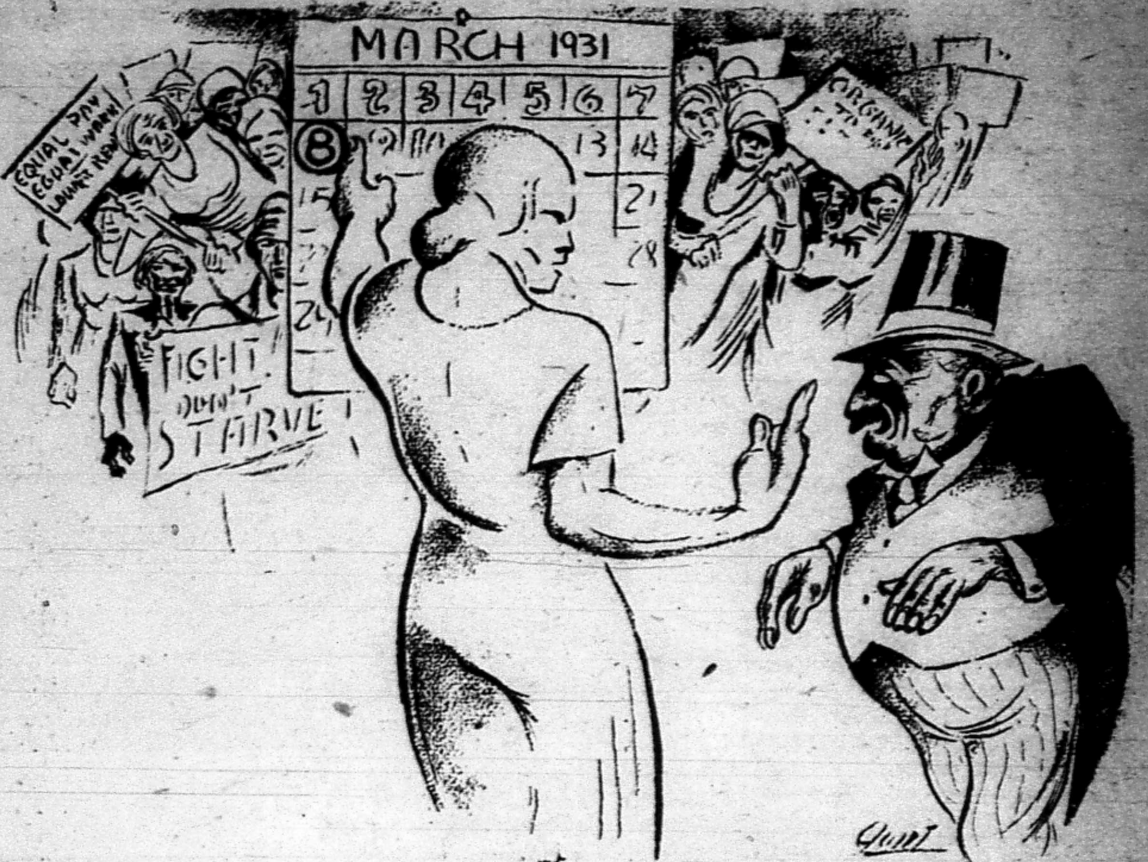
Our Answer--Fight for Unemployment Relief!

One of the means that the bosses are using in their attempt to divert attention from the real cause of unemployment is to raise a hullabaloo about married women taking jobs away from the men. The drive now under way to fire married women is nothing more or less than an additional burden placed on the working class by the bosses. This drive is receiving the full support of the American Federation of Labor. It is part and parcel of their endorsed "stagger system." The campaign is conducted under the guise of "justice." It is supposed to be directed only against women who have no dependents. Actually, it is carried out against the older women who cannot keep up with the increased speed-up in the factories.

According to late statistics, women over the age of 27 are not being hired in the factories. The 1920 census showed that over sixty per cent of the total number of women gainfully employed in the United States were of the ages of 25 to 45. The slogan of "Driving married women out of industry" under the guise of justice is a method subscribed to by the American Federation of Labor and the treacherous Women's Trade Union League, for helping the bosses clear the factories of older women and replacing them with young workers at even lower wages.

The working women and working men must recognize in this an attempt to create divisions among the working class—a drive directed against the entire working class. We must organize into the Trade Union Unity League Industrial Unions' fight for the right of a job for married women—for the same wages to be paid to men and women for the same work.

A Day The Bosses Will Remember!



Working Women Want to Fight Questions, and Discussion on Organization Problems

The Working Woman invites discussion and questions from its readers on organizational problems in building the Party, the revolutionary trade unions, Unemployed Councils, etc. Help us make this a regular feature by sending in questions and short discussion letters.

QUESTION

Here in the city, in the Negro section, we have many contacts with Negro women. They have already joined the Unemployed Councils. One of the Negro women has been elected a delegate to Washington. The city at the present time has stopped giving any relief, they said that they would give relief in about two weeks.

Many of these Negro workers were depending on these two or three dollars a week which they got and now that they do not get anything at all, they are facing starvation still more. I have had a meeting with a small group of Negro women and they brought up the question of going to the city council to demand food. They are ready to go in a group and demand that the city give some relief. I have arranged with them that if we get a large group of women we will go to the city hall to present our demands. What is your opinion of this method?

ANSWER

We believe that this is a burning issue around which you can mobilize not only the Negro women but also the white men and women. You must take this matter up immediately with the local council of unemployed and together with them mobilize the workers in the city of Pittsburgh to go to the city hall demanding immediate cash relief. This is not merely a question of Women's Department, nor should it be limited to a "large group" which you can organize. The district committee and the Council of

Unemployed should make this one of the outstanding struggles for immediate relief a mass demonstration of women, children and men, special dramatization necessary.

QUESTION

I want to be clear on whether it is a proper method to form Women's Unemployed Committees in the different parts of the city who will direct the work among the women in that part of the city?

ANSWER

It is correct to form Women's Committees in the various councils of unemployed—

industrial and neighborhood councils—the purpose of these committees is to help the councils as regular members. The women's committees are to help formulate special women's demands — raise the proper slogans and help the councils find special methods of approach to attract women. The direction of work and struggles of the unemployed women in the neighborhoods must be under the direction of the neighborhood councils.

Tell your fellow workers about the Working Woman.

Working Women Fight Against Evictions!



Amelia Nevin, a New York working class woman, her furniture thrown on the streets, because she could not pay rent. She is unemployed and starving. The Unemployed Councils fight evictions of unemployed workers' families. Women, join the Unemployed Councils!