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PREPARE FOR LAKES WINTER!

Expect Early Start, Fast Finish in Coming Great Lakes Shipping Season

Short Season Is Disadvantage to Union Activity; Shipowners Plan to Make it Short; Lake Seamen Should Join IWW

BUFFALO, N. Y. (WNS)—Although lakes shipping is still about three months away, practically all persons in any way connected with the maritime industry are making plans for the season ahead. Shipowners, unions etc., are estimating what the season will be like.

Guggenheim Can't Close Mex. Plant

Workers Picket to Prevent Removal of Equipment

MATEHUALA, Mexico.—The Guggenheim-owned American Smelting and Refining Co. has learned to its dismay that it cannot hasten the union by shutting down its plant and moving away, as is the practice of certain companies in the U. S. Overriding the company's plan to shut down, the federal labor board in Mexico City ordered the firm to continue operations. Only when the firm can prove absolute economic necessity may it close operations under Mexican law.

Although the company contended that the local area supply was exhausted, investigation revealed that a more probable reason was a recently signed contract with the Mexican miners' union—an agreement that provided substantial gains, including health insurance, for the workers and their families, pensions, severance pay and paid vacations. The 500 workers have been picketing the plant for several weeks to prevent the company from dismantling its equipment.

British Cooperatives Divided on War Issue

Governing Body Backs Up Ruling Class but Several Groups Take Stand for Restoration of Peace

(Co-op League News Service)

LONDON.—The National Cooperative Authority, highest body in the British cooperative movement, has reaffirmed its support of the present war, but several groups within the movement, exercising their right in an economic democracy to differ with the position of their central organization, have expressed divergent views. Among these which have taken a position opposing the war are the Cooperative Women's Guild, the British Federation of Cooperative Youth and the Scottish Cooperative Wholesale Society.

The official position as reaffirmed by the National Cooperative Authority declares: "The issues of the present war are clear and distinct. The whole strength of the cooperative societies should be directed to assist the nation in its defense of cooperative ideals, justice and free democracy."

For Disarmament.—The Scottish Cooperative Wholesale Society has asked that the war be terminated at the earliest possible moment and that the nations of an International Conference at which the peace terms should be determined by "unfettered negotiations." The peace is to include the creation of a federation of European nations, with free access to raw materials and freedom of trade and ultimate disarmament as far as national fighting forces are concerned. George Lansbury told a peace meeting of the Women's Cooperative Guild, which has taken a completely pacifist position that "It is sheer, unadmitted, rubbish for statesmen to tell us at this time of the day that war can possibly bring peace to the world."

Expect Attack on Union.—According to well informed sources the lake shipowners, ever on the alert to forestall unionization of their ships, are intending to adopt the tactic of a fast rush in the forefront of the season in an effort to move the required amount of commodities as early as possible, and then an early layup in the fall.

It should be born in mind that on the lakes it is possible because of the exceptionally efficient dispatch and large ships to move the nominal required tonnage in about 1 or 2 months, if every ship is placed in operation.

And this brings the question of unions and their possibilities of organizing the lakes to the forefront. It should be obvious that if the shipowners are going to try the above mentioned method of trying to stop union organizations, the unions will also have to counter with equally fast tactics. We must then examine what the different lake unions offer by the way of program, and the will to carry out a practical program to defeat the Lake Carriers Assn. at their own game of a fast start and an early layup.

No fight is SIU.—The SIU of NA to all intents and purposes, is still the same old ISU with a new name, same old officials, no program, no spirit, just a little job trust on a few passenger ships, car ferries, and sand boats. The creditable effort of certain west coast seamen to breathe new life into it.

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IWW Workers Win Sixth Raise at Cochrane Brass Co. Plant in Cleveland

Now Demand Shop Equipment to Protect Health; Bosses Think Cost Is too High But Workers Have a Better Argument

CLEVELAND.—(WNS)—Workers, organized in Metal and Machinery Workers Industrial Union No. 440 of the IWW, at the Cochrane Brass company shop here, are at it again. The shop committee reports that a demand for another raise has been met by the management.

After the lesson the company received from the short but sure-fire sildown strike of ten weeks' ago, when the workers received their fifth raise, its resistance to IWW demands was somewhat mollified.

The sixth wage increase that the Cochrane Brass workers received, while fighting under the IWW banner proves again to them that "in union there is strength."

What is more, these IWW workers are preparing additional demands—demands for new sanitary machines to replace the old worn-out ones.

The management's contention that it costs over \$500 to install one new blower and its effort to use this as an argument against putting in health-protecting devices has aroused intense anger among the workers who resent the idea that their health is not worth more than a mere \$500.

The spirit of the last shop meeting indicates that there will soon be new sanitary equipment at the Cochrane Brass.

The sentiment that "we will get these machines to protect our health or sildown until we do get them," was most emphatically expressed at this meeting. With this militant attitude of rank and file IWW members on the job, it is, as one worker stated, "a cinch."—Bill Fecke.

DRAPER STOCKED UP ON BARRELS LAYOFF FOR MEN

CLEVELAND.—(WNS)—The industrial war in Europe must be at a standstill, or else it is going to an end; it perhaps it is only that nations' demand for steel drums has been met for the time being by the producers of that particular commodity. Thus speculate some of the workers at the Draper Manufacturing plant, world's largest producer of steel barrels.

The Draper company has just given notices to over 200 of the IWW workers that their services are no longer required for the present.

One worker says, "Maybe the old man is trying to chisel on the 'unemployed compensation'; another guesses they were laid off for inventory."

"Whatever the reason," says another, "it's a shame that labor isn't organized well enough into the industrial unions of the IWW to stop production of war materials that are used in the destruction of our fellow workers in other lands, fellow workers who are separated from us by the unnecessary and harmful boundaries of nationalisms."

WANT TO CALL OFF DEALS IF PEACE COMES

Financial reports indicate periodic buying of food and other supplies by France and England in the United States is on the increase. The Allies are particularly interested in wheat, hides, leather, and shoes.

Though a good deal of buying in these lines is reported, it is claimed that large orders are held up because prospective buyers insist on a peace cancellation clause, that is they want to do business only if the war continues.

RIX ESCAPES DEPORTATION TO GERMANY

SAN FRANCISCO.—Erich Rix does not have to go back to Nazi Germany to be headed off or thrown into a concentration camp. The same who was accused of "moral turpitude" because he brought 20 lbs. of flour to his starving family in 1921, and of treason because he belonged to a labor union, will not be deported. Commissioner of Immigration John J. McGrath has recommended against deportation and reported to the Washington authorities.

Time for Lakes Seamen to Talk About Shorter Hours, Higher Wages, and IWW

19,000 Experienced Seamen Waiting For Season to Open Won't Get Much Unless They Mend Their Union Ways

CLEVELAND (WNS)—We predict that the coming season will be a good one for the shipowners. Organized as the Lake Carriers Assn., the One Big Union of the shipowners and protected against foreign competition by their government, the sky is the limit when it comes to jacking up the cargo rates.

Two years ago the Cleveland (Ohio) Coal and Iron brought out the Cowan McKinley Steel. To finance the deal, they borrowed \$17,000,000. This has been paid off and they last fall they sold two \$1 dividend shares in a period of six weeks on their stock of par value \$5, stock which if rated by the physical assets it may be worth less than \$2.

One of the smaller ships carried 205,000 lb. of grain from Lake Michigan to Lake Erie for 7 cents a bushel, or \$1.50 in five days; more than \$100,000 clear profit and also more than the ship would bring at a forced sale. The loaded ship that broke all records this season carried better than 17,000 tons of ore a trip at \$1.15 a ton, \$20,000 a week.

Any seaman can figure out the operating expenses for his ship, the price of coals, food, fuel, and repairs are not closely guarded secrets, neither is the price his ship gets for carrying cargo. Profits are enormous. In the two ship referred to, the operating expenses are about the same. The larger ship uses more fuel but she also travels much faster; that carries 120,000 in her crew but the 42-year-old ship spends more for repairs. Roughly, operating expenses were \$400 and \$300 a day the same ratio, as the difference in speed.

Of How Much Are You Robbed?—An article explaining cost of operation, fixed charges and operating expenses will be printed soon in the Industrial Worker. If it were only as simple to show the enormous profits of the capitalists are making, we officers and men have more wherewithal making a determined effort to get their share of the things that make life worthwhile.

More Men Than Jobs.—For most of the seamen it will be a bad year. There are more than 19,000 experienced seamen on the lakes and it only takes about 9,000 officers and men to man every ship on the lakes. At best it is a 10 month average. The young fellows will have preference over experienced seamen, especially if they have never sailed before. Power to them. The lake seamen by refusing to organize are inviting it. Already crews are being lined up. It looks like an early start.

In 1937 lake ship carried 62,598,000 ton of ore; in 1938, 19,763,000 and last season 45,000,000 tons. At the present rate of 8000 production the shipowners will be vulnerable this spring. This may be our best chance.

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Yale Economist Thinks High Wages Hurt Labor

BRIENHORN, Conn. (FP)—"A big army of unemployed men and a lower standard of living for everyone" will follow in the wake of organized labor's demand that standardized high wage scales be established in American shops, charged Prof. Hudson B. Hastings, Yale economist, in an address before the local chapter of the Natl. Assn. of Cost Accountants.

Hastings attacked labor's policy as "threatening" to "shatter the entire structure of American industry."

"The opinion that wage cuts lower the buying power of the 'unemployed' is erroneous," he said. "In American industry, cut wages in an average of 21 per cent and

costs of living were subsequently reduced by 15 per cent on the buying power."

Questioned later by a Federated Press correspondent, Hastings said that he did not wish to be understood as opposing good wage scales generally. "I am thinking chiefly of wages in the building trades," he said, "which are far above the scales of factory workers. It seems to me that around \$30 a week would be about right for building trades workers."

ABOLITION OF THE WAGE SYSTEM

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WEALTH FOR ALL

The IWW is an industrial organization set up by workers to secure the best possible conditions of life and labor for all the working men and women of the world.

Nearly everybody agrees that the workers of the United States should have a larger portion of the wealth produced...

It has been estimated that if the incomes of each of these 12 million families were brought up to \$1,000 a year...

Now the concrete material reality that the whole labor movement aims at is more food, clothing, etc. for the workers...

WAR PROPAGANDA The object of all boss class propaganda is to supply the exploited workers of the world with plenty of "good" reasons for doing the things that are laid off for the workers...

Boss class propaganda gives the scab an argument to justify his scabbing: "The union is a scab, so I won't join it."

There are ready-made arguments to cover up almost every kind of reality. The employers support them all who they may be used to keep slaves submissive...

But the big job of the bosses' propagandists is to keep the workers satisfied with their folly and their weakness.

The fact is American customs are very much what a hard-headed exploiting class have made them. It is un-American to work for wages...

Probably Germany today is the most propaganda-ridden country. There are workers in Germany who, though they have a radical background...

who, though they have a radical background, profess to see hopes for a better world in a victory of "their" country...

Strange as it is, there are outside of Germany others who eliminate thought abortions to the same effect. They praise what they call the "dynamic socialism of Germany and Russia..."

The workers in countries opposed to Germany and to Russia are getting their share of mental dope from their slave drivers...

It is not surprising that the masters of the world periodically choose sides and proceed to launch armies of workers against each other in a bloody conflict.

What is surprising is that the bosses are always able to get the workers to do their fighting for them. They couldn't do it without their well-oiled propaganda machines.

In the present war, as in the last one, the labor movements of countries involved, and of neutral countries involved indirectly, have furnished a powerful support to the positions of their respective masters.

We do not pass judgement on the actions of either rank and file workers or leaders of the workers' organizations...

However, it is always disappointing to learn that many of labor's spokesmen find they are called upon to fall in line with the masters' wishes and help in the spreading of their propaganda.

Today, as always, the workers have but one enemy. That enemy is the master class of the world. The only place the workers can effectively fight the boss class is in the industries where they work.

UN-AMERICAN Somebody, impressed with some particularly offensive act of the boss class, is always remarking that it is "un-American." They say the conspiracy trials soon to be resumed in Minneapolis are "un-American."

Groundwork for Fascism Someone has said that if Fascism is ever put over on the American people, it will be done in the name of Democracy.

Somebody has said that if Fascism is ever put over on the American people, it will be done in the name of Democracy. This view may account for the fact that they are starting out just as Hitler did, by accusing the Communists as a starting point to pull down the rest of the liberal and labor movements...

OFFICIAL NOTICES

I. U. 310-330 By referendum, ballot the monthly dues in I. U. 310-330 have been set at \$1.00...

SEATTLE On and after January 1st address all mail intended for Seattle Joint Branches to A. J. Farley, P. O. Box 365...

OAKLAND Fellow Worker Lowell Burbank has been elected secretary of the Oakland Branch, IU 310-330...

COMING EVENTS

NEW YORK Friday, February 16: Friends of I. U. 310-330 will hold a grand festival for the benefit of the Italian language organ of the IWW at Irving Plaza Hall...

CLEVELAND—AM. STOVE Friday, February 2, 1940, 8 p. m.: American Stove Job Branch of the IWW is holding a dance at Griffin Hall, 5021 St. Clair Ave.

LIFE TIME JOB For Mr. Berry PRESSEMAN'S HOME, Tenn. (EP)—George L. Berry has been elected president of the Intl. Printing Pressmen's Association...

DIES SEEN AS POTENTIAL HITLER

The Dies committee has turned in another report to the House of Representatives in which it charges that Dies committee has turned in another report to the House of Representatives in which it charges that Dies committee has turned in another report...

What the charges made in former reports are said by the press not to have been repeated. In the absence of more substantial evidence in the present report...

Workers should ask themselves whether Dies is using the Communists and Nazis as a red herring to mask an attack intended to break up the labor and liberal movements...

For Class Solidarity No part of labor can stand aloof any longer. It has no sympathy with more radical groups which may be persecuted...

ARMY-CAM MOBILIZE 300,000 PIGEONS—headline in New York Times. Ordinary, or stool?

CLEVELAND 440 BRANCH ELECTIONS

CLEVELAND—(WNS)—Tor Cedervall has been elected Branch Secretary and Organizer of the Cleveland Branch of the Industrial Workers of the World for a term of six months...

Bill Fezko, graduate of the IWW college, sandbar, seaman, and metal worker, was elected to function as assistant organizer...

Don't waste time curing corfs if your shoes are tight, people might think you silly, in that's quote a come-down—from the pedestal to the septicure.

Organize, rather, a wake for capitalism and witness both war and nationalistic pite.

Capitalism itself is a mild form of wilderness and makes for countless minor aberrations; it's distinctly better to secure a sane society.

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A. A. Zhdanov likewise was relieved of advising Hitler's "red squad" chief and familiarly known as "the fat man" by the La Follette civil liberties committee...

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Learn About Militancy From Women

By T-BONE SLIM there, for women take a serious slant not so much at the state of the public but at the state of the pantry...

And white and red and yellow and brown and black will stand together with no urge to escape—a tremendous force of economic health...

Men may be able to guard against sell-outs and far-flung machinations of employers' bullfighters...

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Rat Hynes Testifies

LOS ANGELES (WNS)—Captain William F. Hynes, former "red squad" chief and familiarly known as "the fat man" by the La Follette civil liberties committee...

Hynes admitted getting \$769.50 from the California Farmer Manufacturers Association during the garment workers strike in 1936...

A couple of coppers who had been assigned to strikebreaking duty, admitted receiving some of the cash through the office of the public bureau. They didn't say how much.

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THE PREAMBLE

of the Industrial Workers of the World

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no permanent peace between them...

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of management of the industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class.

These conditions can be changed only by the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cause wherever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's work for a fair day's wage," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the every-day struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism has been overthrown.

By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

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FOR THE FOUR HOUR DAY AND THE FOUR DAY WEEK

LABOR IN BELLIGERENT NATIONS

In last month's Labor Notes, the article entitled "Wages in War Time," initiated in general what will be labor conditions of war in the belligerent countries. It will be in certain neutral countries. Although the imperialist war has been on for four months, there are already many evidences of the destruction of labor standards both in the Allied countries and of course in Germany, where fascist conditions were already a heavy burden on the people.

The Research Association has collected certain facts and figures giving a brief picture of how workers in three countries are being made to pay for the war.

Great Britain:
Cost of living: Between September and January, 1940, the Ministry of Labor's cost of living index—generally considered absolute and inflexible—showed a rise of 14 per cent. In the period September-December 1, 1939, food prices alone reportedly rose 14 per cent. That the index estimates the real rise in living costs is not true. The actual rise in the official statistics of actual family budgets in Barnsey, typical Yorkshire industrial center, showed a 25 per cent rise by October 9, although the Ministry of Labor index indicated an increase of only 6 per cent up to that time.

Money wages, real wages: According to the Trades Union Congress money wages increased 10 per cent in the year ending September 7 and November 1. But the TUC's index of real wages for workers in relation to cost of living shows an 8.3 per cent decline in the same period. Unemployed workers and 9 per cent drop for all workers, including the unemployed.

About one-seventh of the country's industrial workers have obtained increases in wages since the war began—many of which increases had been contracted for before the war. These increases are, for the most part, pegged to the official cost of living index. In this way, what allowances to the unemployed had been increased only 9 per cent by November 1, the figure shows in the cost of living index up to that time.

Unemployment: Even the London Times complains of the "large and persistent amount of unemployment" for the first time since the war began. It is the same way, but allowances to the unemployed had been increased only 9 per cent by November 1, the figure shows in the cost of living index up to that time.

Hours: Majority of workers have...

You Can Improve Your Job by Taking It Easy

Fellow Workers: Just made a trip aboard the S. S. Plev City, an old subpar boat with after gears too good. Went aboard in Chester, N.Y. 15 and left after Jan. 3. Glad to state that after using a bit of job action we got what we wanted.

We got all the after quarters warm and put in a new coat, kept it in the ice box, top, and furnished seats as well as coffee at night for the watch; they put benches in the quarters and supplied both for sailors and black gang.

Job Action Counts: I have been convinced for years that a few men aboard ship or on a job anywhere can set the work if they use job action. So, fellow workers, let us spread the word of watchword for 1940 and for the rest of the years to come.

On this boat I put in a lot of work and explained the difference between striking on the dock and striking on the job. One morning while at the wheel the mate told me that there had to be a change. He and the men were not acting for they used to.

I told him that perhaps a change in conditions might make them act normal again.

Don't Hurry: If I were to go to a store to buy bread and the clerk charged me for a pound but gave me only three

quarters of a pound, I would rate hell. So it is when on a ship or any other job—if they don't pay you, don't work easy.

The workers' row is full of stones and thorns. So up to your heavy work, if you don't want 'em, you won't hurt you—14964.

SEEK AID FOR 2,000 ALASKA SALMON FISHERS

SAN FRANCISCO—Sec. of the Interior Harold Ickes' announcement that commercial salmon fishing next season in Bristol Bay, Alaska will be restricted to 50 per cent of normal, because of a "weak" year when the catch was only 10 per cent of normal, means that more than 2,000 men in San Francisco will be jobless next summer.

Alaska Cannery Workers Union and Alaska Fishermen's Union (both CIO) are asking federal authorities to help the men who will be left on the beach. It is suggested that the fisheries be opened on a relief basis, even if not much can be caught or packed this year.

GLOVE WORKERS TO COLLECT UNDER WAGE-HOUR LAW

NEW YORK (EP)—Thousands of glove workers employed by 25 firms, including Puerto Rican homeworkers getting as little as two cents an hour, will receive back pay due under the wage-hour law according to a consent decree signed Jan. 8 by Murray Halbert.

Although the total amount has not yet been determined, the expected back pay is as great as in the case of the knitted outerwear manufacturers, when \$250,000 back pay was awarded.

Worker Donations

Previously acknowledged \$450.99
Oscar Sokol 1.00
A Friend, New Orleans 1.00
A. J. Finley, Seattle, Br. 11.49
Total \$464.15

Finds Wage Tax Is Constitutional

PHILADELPHIA—A 3-judge common pleas court ruled here that it had no power to review the wisdom of the experience of the ordinance which imposes a 1 1/2% wage tax on the one million wage workers of the city. The court found the ordinance to be constitutional. An appellate appeal is to be taken to a higher court.

The bankrupt city administration hopes to collect \$18,000,000 annually in the form of the tax, which does not tax employers' income.

RAIL UNIONS IN COURT FIGHT AGAINST PAY CUT

NEW YORK—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated), together with other railway unions, has resumed the fight for restoration of a prevailing scale on the Rutland Railroad.

The unions are appealing in the circuit court here from a ruling by Judge Harold B. Howe in Vermont which permitted the railroad to cut wages from 10 per cent to 30 per cent and to repay employees "when you have the money."

BEST PAID BRASS WORKERS TABLE WAGE DEMAND

CLEVELAND—(WNS)—At the 1937, 4 year labor table, the brass workers, who are the highest paid in this particular trade of the metal industry in this industrial sector, have temporarily tabled their wage demand for a more opportune time. Following this decision and commenting on it, the IWW organizer remarked to these workers:

"Although you are the highest paid workers in this particular trade in this sector, you must realize that the labor movement needs more and more trail-blazers to help clear the way for the weaker fellow workers, to show them how to get what is rightfully theirs.

"The demand for higher wages, better working conditions, and shorter hours should be viewed by the class conscious workers as a permanent demand until such time as labor is organized strongly enough to take over the means of production and distribution, to be operated for use and for the working class through its own industrial administration."

The Organizing Committee, explaining the principles of the IWW for 30 minutes after the regular shop problems had been cleared away. In tabling their offensive for a rainy day, the workers, who are the highest paid in this particular trade of the metal industry in this industrial sector, have temporarily tabled their wage demand for a more opportune time. Following this decision and commenting on it, the IWW organizer remarked to these workers:

War Mongers Lay It on Pretty Thick

(From War Commentary)
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"May God help us in the great... when you await us!" — Archbishop of Canterbury and other dignitaries of the Church.

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"We only wish that God Almighty, who has blessed our arms, may enlighten other nations..." — Hitler (Danzig Speech).

BILLINGS ON THE JOB



Warren K. Billings goes to work in his new watch repair shop in San Francisco. He learned the trade in prison.

Of Men and the World

The Revenge of Society
By ART HOPKINS

About two months ago, I saw the re-enactment of a brutal murder. Three boys, 21, 19 and 16 years of age, confessed to the murder of a Chicago police policeman when the latter interrupted their attempt to hold up a parked couple.

Respectable Murder

Just a few days ago, the headline of the "world's greatest newspaper" announced that "JURY VOTES CHAIR FOR KILLER" and "WOMEN JOIN IN CONVICTING POLICE SLAYER."

"Jerry Mangano, quick trigger, police-baiter, was found guilty last evening of the murder of park policeman Harry Francisco. A jury in the Criminal Court fixed the punishment at death in the electric chair."

What society is asking now is not justice, but revenge. Revenge in the most merciless form, a bitter, passionate revenge. It shouts that before the culprit has the opportunity to shout "Access."

Court Rules Employer Need Not Sign Contract

CHICAGO—(EP)—The Wagner act does not require an employer to sign a union contract, the U. S. circuit court of appeals ruled unanimously in holding NLRB orders compelling upon Inland Steel Co. to sign an agreement with the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (CIO).

The case dates back to the Little Steel strike of 1937, when the NLRB acted on the SWOC's complaint. Editorial in newspapers from coast to coast had deplored the NLRB's argument that good faith meant a

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Endicott-Johnson Workers Vote for Company Plan; Turn Down AFL and CIO

15,000 Vote 80 Per Cent for No Union; Many Believe They Chase Least of Three Bad Propositions

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—(WNS)—Whatever the CIO or the AFL might have accomplished alone in trying to organize the 15,000 shoe workers of the Endicott-Johnson Corp. plants here, it is certain that the two working at the same time and in opposition to each other, succeeded in scoring a decisive defeat for both. In the election just held to decide on union representation, 7 per cent voted for the CIO, 10.4 per cent for the AFL, and 82.6 per cent voted for "no union."

WOBBLY FIGHTER COMES BACK WITH KNOCKOUT
NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (WNS)—Surreptitiously Wobblly fighter Sam Weinstein, well known member of the Maritime Transport Workers' Industrial Union, fighting under the name of Sunny Stein, won his first fight last night in a comeback campaign by knocking out his opponent, Joe Giglio, in 19 seconds of the

Benelux Feudalism
Aside from the war between unions, which is "discouraging enough" to workers, the company "wellfare" work appears to have been more than ordinarily successful in keeping the slaves loyal to their master.

These three boys are a product of society. They have been made what they are by their environment, their upbringing. And if anyone should pay the penalty of their crimes, it is society as a whole for not presenting to the boys an opportunity to make of themselves useful, social citizens.

Least of Three Evils
Thoughtful workers here recognize that the corporation's paternalistic policy cannot in the long run satisfy the slaves, and they find the exhibition of "loyalty" to the company as disgusting. On the other hand, there are many who are convinced that in turning down the shoe workers unions of both the AFL and CIO, the employees in this case actually chose the least of three evils. The record of neither the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union (AFL) or the United Brotherhood of CIO are very good in spite of confidence. At least the IWW is now still open for a better brand of unionism.—S.N.

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College Professors Demand Junking of Dies Committee
NEW YORK (EP)—Twenty college professors, big game, and more than 100 other outstanding students, scientists, churchmen, writers, artists, and public officials have signed a petition to Congress asking the unqualified disincorporation of the Dies committee. The petition was sponsored by the American Society for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, of which Professor J. Edgar Hoover is president.

PRAY IF YOU WANT TO, BUT DON'T STRIKE
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Chief Political Watchdog of Capitalism Speaks Up

By SCOTT NEARING

President Roosevelt's address to Congress on Jan. 3 made two points perfectly clear. The first dealt with rearmament, the second, with the entry of the U. S. into the World War. On the subject of rearmament Mr. Roosevelt was very specific. He said that the U. S. was responsible for the peace of the western hemisphere; that it could not be indifferent to the military conflicts now taking place in various parts of the world; that the American people were peace-loving, but that they must be prepared to defend themselves in a swift and efficient way. And that therefore he was recommending an increase in defense expenditure to \$1,519,000,000 in 1940 and to \$1,550,000,000 in 1941.

Thinner Soup
The increase in arms expenditure can be met in one of three ways: (1) by borrowing and adding to the national debt; (2) by increasing taxation; and (3) by cutting down expenditures in other government departments. The President proposes to meet the three methods. The budget deficit will add \$2,783,000,000 to the public debt; the additional taxes "for defense" will help to meet the increased budget; and the decreased appropriations for other government departments will do their share to finance rearmament.

The President was roundly applauded when he proposed to abandon his spending program. He was also roundly applauded when he proposed the increased budget, and the decreased appropriations. In his speech, which evidently wished to have their cake and at the same time to eat it, no one seemed when he proposed to curtail the social services.

The people of New York, Ohio and other states where relief expenditures have been cut, and where schools have been closed and work projects abandoned, have already had bitter lessons in the meaning of the President's proposals. The congress and the country are all for keeping expenses down. At the same time they are in favor of increased military appropriations. These two contradictory demands can be met only by curtailment in social security, education, health, public works, recreation, relief, unemployment insurance, relief and other measures calculated to provide the necessities of life and to insure some measure of security and stability to the masses.

Bossetto Thanks GDC

Imprisoned Miner Hopes for One Big Union of Labor

CHICAGO—If you are a working man and you are "doing time" in one of the bastions of the master class because you thought you were part of a good union man should in time of a strike, it makes you feel sorely good to hear from fellow workers on the outside, especially if they send along something that enables you to buy a few odds and ends that are not furnished by your keep-

er. In the letter which follows, Barney Bossetto, one of five Illinois miners imprisoned for union activity since 1932, tells about receiving the General Defense Committee's Christmas gift. He writes:

"I wish to express my sincere appreciation to your organization for its generous gift at Christmas time. This splendid gesture strengthens my faith more than ever in the knowledge that there are no others out of the same faith.

"Of course, as you may know, one of my boys has a chance to earn any money here in this institution. The receipt of your generous check really relieves us from a lot of worry about how we can possibly carry on with the necessary expenditures for the home front.

"There is long years behind these prison walls there are times when a person cannot help but feel that he is alone and forgotten. Might I say in this connection not withstanding the fact that many of the prisoners are desperately needed, receiving it is really secondary to the fact that you put out there with our many friends still in need of us to the extent that you have done to no end of trouble in what sometimes seems almost a hopeless case towards securing our freedom. Now I add how much the money and sacrifice on your part is appreciated.

"I live in hope to see the day when unionists will be united under one single banner; then I will know that the many hardships and heartaches suffered by labor have not been in vain."

Just Like Goering
The same problem has arisen in both Britain and France. In both countries it has been answered in the same way. It is impossible to pay both guns and butter, to pay both munition manufacturers and dairy farmers, for both by means of the guns and let the butter go. On this point President Roosevelt and Field Marshal Goering are at one.

While the President speaks very specifically regarding the need for more guns and less butter he was wholly evasive concerning the entrance of the U. S. into the World War. He agreed that the sentiment of the country was overwhelmingly against participation. He recognized the necessity of having 50,000 officers in an attack on striking seamen, in which 18 were seriously injured.

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E. Goldman Speaks at Winnipeg

Describes the Work of Labor Unions in Pre-Fascist Spain

WINNIPEG—(WNS)—Hundreds of workers in this city absorbed a generous serving of real revolutionary propaganda and got a better understanding of world problems when Emma Goldman delivered a number of lectures here recently.

The high spot of the series was a lecture on Spain. In this talk, Emma gave a fine account of the work done by the syndicalist unions in Spain, showing how in many instances they took control of industry and agriculture and carried on production more efficiently and other-wise more satisfactorily than had ever been done before. In these activities on the industrial field, the speaker showed the workers gave positive proof that labor, properly organized, can do without the powerful state and that it is within its power to establish a society of plenty for all.

Emma charged Joe Stalin with being the arch traitor in the Spanish affair and she warned the workers of Canada and the United States to keep their eyes open, to guard against those who would follow the example of Stalin and become dictators and who would justify any means to obtain that end.

Emma's meetings were all well attended and she promised to return in the spring to continue her work here. At present she is working for the defense of an Italian anarchist who is threatened with deportation from Canada to his native country. The IWW here is also supporting this defense.

Though Emma Goldman is now past seventy, she faces the realities of the proletarian struggle with the same enthusiasm and understanding that have throughout her life made her a power in the radical movement of many countries. Her life is a demonstration of the fact that the ideals of a rebel never fade.—K301-486.

STRIKE NEWS
NEW QUARE STRIKE IN TURKEY—headline in New York Sun. A rare kind of labor dispute.

CURING UNEMPLOYMENT WITH STARVATION

Here is a sample of a Sunday dinner which Gus T. Hartman, Michigan budget director, proposes for mothers and children who are dependent on state pension. A proposed \$2 weekly allowance would provide cabbage and beans in proportion shaven, plus one cookie apiece and a small portion of milk (for child only). The budget (\$24 a month) also allows \$2.50 for rent, 50 cents for clothes, and 50 cents for all other items.

ACID FRAMEUP CHARGED TO POLICE OFFICIAL

HOUSTON—Engineering of an acid-throwing frameup by Lieut. J. E. Murray of the police strike squad, whose anti-labor record dates back a number of years, has caused the Central Trades and Labor Council and Helpers after acid had been thrown at a scab working in the truck Texas Freight Terminal.

Murray arrested the local president, vice president, business agent and a member of the Intl. Bro. of Teachers' Chauffeurs' Stabbers and Helpers after acid had been thrown at a scab working in the truck Texas Freight Terminal. Charging that the arrests were a frameup by anti-labor forces, the four men were in any way connected with the attack.

Murray's anti-labor record was revealed by a number of delegates at the council meeting. John Williams, delegate of the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. recalled how on Dec. 28, 1936, during the maritime strike, Murray had led 50 police officers in an attack on striking seamen, in which 18 were seriously injured.

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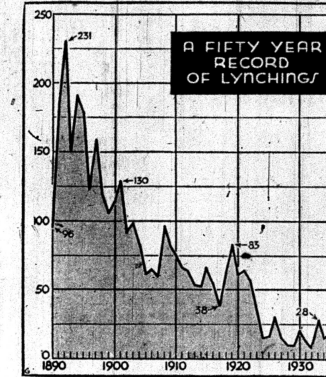
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WORKERS MAY REFUSE Inferior Job

HARTFORD, Conn.—A girl who aspires to better things than waiting on tables for \$8 a week plus tips has the right to acquire better work while seeking a better job, and is entitled to unemployment compensation while she is looking for work, the superior court has ruled.

Mrs. Glenna Stella, formerly employed as an 88-a-week waitress, had been denied unemployment benefits. She argued that since her departure fitted her for stenographic and clerical work, she should not accept a job as waitress.

The court found that "the work as a waitress does not and should not forever attach to her and establish her as a waitress if it is her desire to refuse such work. She is physically and mentally able to work and ready and willing to accept a job which will fit in with her training as a high school graduate."

Crucible Steel Strike Action Still Curbed by CIO Union Leadership

Opposition to Boss-Friendly Union Grows; Workers Want Freedom to Act: Some Favor Joining the IWW

HARRISON, N. J.—(WNS)—Many weeks have passed since Crucible Steel workers here came to the conclusion that they would have to mill a steel of the best conditions of work and wages a little more to their liking. They're union workers, too, and once having decided to strike, the next step ought to be easy. It isn't!

The big steel officials of the union (CIO) are unanimous in opposing a strike. Before the holidays, they agreed that it would be awful to have to be out on a picketing during Christmas and New Year and that it would be so much nicer to sit at home, basking in the warmth of peace and good will toward all, even toward the company, which after all, wasn't such a bad fellow to work for.

Still Rarin' to Go
The officials put it over, but though the strike sentiment was subdued it wasn't crushed. At the latest meeting, held December 31, the clash between rank-and-file and union leadership was renewed. In a short time, the workers were talking "two rationals" by the CIO bosses and they told him he should resign from office.

A strong conviction is taking root among the steel workers here that it is the purpose of the top officials of the company to continue working for the company's interests, to oppose strike action by the workers at all times, and with whatever means they can command. Because of this, there is a growing sentiment to discontinue payment of dues to the CIO.

Some of the workers are talking openly about joining the AFI and bringing it into the plant to replace the CIO. Others, among them the most militant, are strong for the Industrial Workers of the World. There is a feeling among these latter that what is needed in the plant is an organization which encourages action for the elimination of grievances by the workers directly concerned. It is beginning to dawn on many that a union which attempts to "take away" the power of a local act, may be and often is working for the employer while the workers are paying the bill.

Company Santa Claus
While the CIO officials are doing their best to retain the respect and confidence of the company, the lat-

est of the workers were drawn for most of the foremen and head inspectors. The rest of the old turkey went to the working men. Oh, yes, and Mr. Van Cleve himself won a turkey. And then he laid it on thick boys," he said, "I'm going to show you what kind of a guy I am, and that my heart is in the right place. I'm going to give the turkey away to the man with the most children."

Yes, fellow workers! I agree with your sentiments that I name with the trade union label is a racket! But in your eagerness to gain that freedom, you have blinded yourself to the real path of industrial freedom. Fellow workers! Line up in the Marine Transport Workers' L. 510 of the IWW where every man is a worker. Industrial labor folks and any such vermin are not welcome.

Latest NMU Agreement is Rank Open Shop Sellout

Leaders Moved in with Militant Talk Only to Jetison Seamen's Solidarity And Action; Join MTW of a Real Union

BALTIMORE—(WNS)—It is with no surprise we read of the New Missouri sellout when its so-called rank and file officials, to its present political set-up, the NMU has been on the auction block from its very beginning.

If the membership of the NMU sit tight and accept this present open shop agreement without any attempt of economic strength to oppose the phony leadership, we can realize that once again John Workman slipped into the hands of the full-time slave. He did at least receive a period of rest while he had some semblance of closed shop in his past achievements.

Militancy Files with Picard
Where have the so-called militant rank and file leaders disappeared? Even though their soft pie-cakes have flown from the window with their expulsion, haven't they generally and self-respect to fight for what little principle they have left, to expose to the membership of the National Maritime Union the means which the political commissars have led the rank and file into, when they so loudly shouted they were fighting against it?

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GO TO JAIL TO GET JOBS BUILDING ROAD

SUBURY, Ont. (WNS)—The plan announced here some time ago to use labor to continue work on the Trans-Canada highway is in full operation. Eighty-nine prisoners were taken early this month from the Burwash Industrial Farm to camps along the right-of-way for their work and guard where "overalls and bread" were provided. The prisoners, of course, are men guilty of no crime other than being hungry and destitute. They will be given a full meal at the end of their work which would gladly have accepted for even moderately decent wages had they been given opportunity.