

# Supreme Court Judges Issue Decision Aimed to Destroy Organized Labor

The "open shop" drive inaugurated by the predatory interests of the nation has called the Supreme Court of the United States into action against it. The nine corporation flunkies who sit upon the Supreme bench, have issued a decision that places every labor union in the United States at the absolute mercy of the courts, and the retinue of huzzards that sit upon the various federal benches in the United States. Every petty judge and every jay-bird lawyer can now act against organized labor in any strike.

William Howard Taft, who one time served as the rubber stamp of Theodore Roosevelt as president of the United States and who was appointed to the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court by Harding, another rubber stamp elected by predatory interests, handed down a decision Monday that has stunned all the old line labor leaders who look upon the government as an impartial protector of their interests instead of the executive committee of the capitalist class.

Taft, in handing down the decision, which was unanimous, set forth the following three points:

1. That labor unions may be sued under the Sherman anti-trust law and their strike funds seized as security.
2. That, on occasion of a local strike, international officers of a union are not "necessarily" parties to alleged criminal acts of workers who destroy property.
3. That suits or other troubles growing out of a local strike are not "necessarily" in pursuance of a conspiracy to restrain interstate commerce.

The heads of the major labor unions of the United States are appalled at the decision, and some of them are contending that the capitalist state has violated its own laws through the decision. They fail to recognize the fact that the Supreme Court is a body of men, and that from their decisions there is no appeal. Long ago it has usurped the power not merely to interpret laws, but to make laws. It is one of the principal defenses of the capitalist system. The Supreme Court has at its command, to enforce its decisions, the machinery of oppression—the army, the police and the entire bureaucracy of government.

The funds of every union that dares strike against an employer can have its funds seized and thus shut off any possibility of paying strike benefits by the simple device of any lawyer applying for a writ of attachment in any court in the country.

Instead of the labor leaders bewailing the action of the government in thus outlawing the strike, which is the only effective weapon labor can use at the present time, they should rally the mass of organized labor to a direct fight against the government, which, after all, is their greatest enemy.

If the American Federation of Labor, at its convention in Cincinnati, wants to justify its existence as the representative of the working class let it issue a clarion call to all organized labor to stop production throughout the United States until the employers and their flunkies, the Supreme Court, rescind the infamous decision.

Organized labor must meet the attack by refusing to surrender their treasures. Let all organizations remove their funds from banks and place them in the hands of responsible committees and defy the courts and their injunctions. It is a life and death struggle. To surrender, such a decision, is treachery to the working class.

Let the kept judges issue warrants for contempt. Labor should reply by declaring that there are no words in all the languages of the earth that can express the contempt of decent men hold for the judicial tools of the capitalist class.

That decision is the challenge for labor to act in order to preserve even the right to strike and it should be immediately taken up and hurled into the broken faces of the master class and its hireling government.

## Blizzard Acquitted of Treason Charge

July 03, Hours—Verdict in Grand Jury With Scenes in Court Room Tuesday Morning the "Dignity" of the Court.

The jury in the case of William Blizard, charged with treason at Charles Town, W. Va., returned a verdict not guilty Saturday, May 27, after three and a half hours' deliberations.

This brought to a close the first of the trials growing out of the indictments against hundreds of five thousand miners into Logan County last fall. The prosecution was supported by every reactionary agency in that notorious slave state, the mine operators even paying the witness fees and the attorney fees for the prosecution.

The defense was backed by the United Mine Workers of America and the entire labor movement of that section of the country.

The verdict, which was returned at 9:30 in the evening, was greeted with wild scenes, the cheering continuing for a half hour, which was without a moment's intermission.

This acquittal destroys all chances of future convictions of any of the participants on the charge of treason, but some of those who participated are not to be tried for murder by the state, but by the state and county officials.

Parade for Blizard

Deportation Day in Charleston, West Virginia, was celebrated with an automobile parade through the streets of the city with Blizard as the guest of honor on his return from the trial at Charles Town. From all sections of the state congratulations are pouring into the district offices of the miners organization, and it is quite evident that any other verdict would have resulted in widespread dissatisfaction among all workers.

### NEW YORK LABOR COUNCIL DECLINES INVITATION TO ATTEND LUSK COMMITTEE

Representatives of the Central Trades and Labor Council Confer With A. F. of L. Heads in Washington Concerning Frayne's Membership on Inquisitorial Council.

The invitation extended representatives of New York labor to spectators at a ceremony of the inquisitorial Council created by the Lusk law, to interview teachers regarding their political and economic beliefs, has not been acted upon by the executive board, which announced a declaration of the invitation received from Archibald Stevenson, ex-head labor lawyer and brother of the most reactionary interests in the state of New York, who at the present time is the secretary of the Council of the Federation.

The question of the council and its activities came before the Labor body because of the presence of Hugh Frayne, organizer for the American Federation of Labor, on the inquisitorial body.

John Schwager, president of the Central Trades and Labor Council, is in Washington and will take up the question of Frayne's presence on the committee with the executive committee of the A. F. of L. As Frayne is an official of the A. F. of L. and holds an appointive office in the local labor body, his inclusion on the list of those to be interviewed is a violation of the law, therefore the case must go before the A. F. of L. officials responsible for the activities of Frayne as a labor organizer.

At the meeting of the Labor Council, held last Wednesday in Frayne, Edward Rybicki of Typographical Union No. 6, raised the question of the advisory council on the activities of Frayne as a labor organizer.

"Members of my union and other progressive people who meet me," he said, "ask me why the Central Trades and Labor Council has not condemned the advisory council."

"We are on record opposed to the Lusk education law, and I believe our council will not last to condemn this advisory council."

John Conaghan, vice-president of the Central Trades and Labor Council, who presided in Sullivan's place, was asked concerning the action of the committee that had been appointed to investigate the Lusk Council. Several delegates reported that their membership was antagonized that the Central Trades Council had not demanded the immediate withdrawal of Frayne from the committee.

"When my union heard that this council did not request Frayne's resignation at the special meeting last week," reported the delegates from Painters' Union 892, "the members thought we were more reactionary even than Lusk."

New York labor is almost unanimous in its condemnation of Frayne, accepting a position on such a body, or in any manner approving the actions of any body created by the Lusk law, which were the catalyst of the disordered minds that infested the state house at Albany in 1919-20.

**NO TEACHER NEED APPEAR IN ANSWER TO LUSK SUMMONS**

New York State Commissioner of Education Graves has decided that no teacher need appear in answer to summons from the star-chamber council created by the Lusk law and presided over by Mr. Archibald Stevenson, who was a lawyer for the Lusk committee and assisted in compiling an alleged report that is filed on thousands of citizens of the United States.

The aspirations of Stevenson have been wrecked by Mr. Graves. This ruling strips the council of its coercive power, and renders it impotent. For all practical purposes it is dead.

### COMRADES, ATTENTION!

The paper in meeting with a wonderful response all over the country. How ever there is much work to be done. There are many good unions that will back the CHALLENGE if you ask them. There are many fellow workers that will subscribe if you appeal to them. There are hundreds of brothers who have never yet seen the paper. This is your task. We in the office are doing our best to get out a lively and interesting paper. We need your co-operation. Line up the necessities in this campaign advertising the WORKERS' CHALLENGE. Line up the many fellow workers who have not subscribed for the paper. Spread the paper at mass meetings, and all other places where the workers gather especially in the same mill, shop and field. If you help become an agent for the paper, it will build up the circulation of the WORKERS' CHALLENGE. Co-operate with us and we will have a daily paper in a short while.

Years for a great paper.

HERBERT W. STANLEY  
Circulation and Business Manager

### REACTION GAINS IN SWISS LABOR MEET

The Communist in the Swiss labor movement suffered a decisive defeat in the Swiss Trade Union Congress in Bern, Switzerland, June 6.

After a careful statement for the Red Trade Union International, the vote stood 181 to 30 against the Moscow adherents. Two years ago, in Neuchâtel, the vote of the Communist program was 90 against 136. The Second International publications in Europe are showing that the "yellow" leaders are changing the rest of the union to the tactics of the left elements of the labor movement, and in many places their propaganda is effective. However, future events will prove the futility of the swing to the right of labor unions in Europe. While the reaction gains over Switzerland, the workers are rapidly losing ground they formerly held. Furthermore the destruction of a labor convention and the criteria of the settlement of the rank and file, as we can easily perceive by observing American labor union conventions.

**Boost that**

**\$5,000 FUND**

**For a DAILY WORKERS' CHALLENGE**

**COMMUNIST PAPER IN RAND SUBSIDIZED**

The International, a weekly Communist organ, published at Johannesburg, South Africa, has been suppressed by the government since the civil war on the Rand last Spring as the result of the strike and the efforts of Premier Smuts to bring the result in the blood of the workers.

The hypocritical government has suggested that with the suppression of "normal" conditions the position of the labor party be permitted to be restored.

## Winning Coal Strike To Be Most Important Business at A. F. L. Meet

### KICKED OUT

Edwin W. Hullinger, United Press correspondent, was ordered deported from Soviet Russia because he persisted in evading the censorship in order to send lies out of Russia, in an effort to create prejudice against the people of Russia and their government.

When the Soviet authorities were in possession of investigative evidence that Hullinger had been sending false reports out of Russia he was ordered to appear before the police at a court-martial. After hearing his statements the department ordered him to leave the country within 96 hours. He left.

We presume Hullinger will now join that crew of disgruntled individuals who would like to see the capitalist profiteers inside Russia and will try to outdo Emma Goldman, Ben Williams, and other specimens of that variety.

### Federation of Labor in Convention at Cincinnati, June 12, Will Endeavor to Formulate Plans to Bring Great Coal Strike to Successful Conclusion

### CRISIS TO COME IN JULY WHEN COAL WILL BE EXHAUSTED

### Next Few Weeks Will Deplete Stocks of Coal/So That All Industry Will Be at Standstill. Operators Start Publicity Campaign Against Striking Miners Through Kept Press

The most important question that looms on the horizon for the convention of the American Federation of Labor, which opens in Cincinnati, June 12, is the nation-wide coal strike, now entering its sixth week. All labor forces recognize the fact that defeat for the miners in this struggle is unthinkable, as it would result in a defeat for the entire labor movement of the country. The existence of every labor organization will be effected by the outcome of this strike. It is a strike for the principle of unionism, as opposed to the "open shop" or American Plan in industry.

For the miners to lose the strike would mean destruction of their powerful organization, built up through years of struggle, and would also effect the entire labor movement, by weakening one of its strongest supports. The wreck first one large industrial organization and then the others, until all unions are completely destroyed and the reign of the "open shop" is supreme and undisputed. The American Federation of Labor is a system where there will be no labor organizations, where each worker will remain an individual, a mere cog in the powerful and highly centralized capitalism, without any hope of support.

The "open shop" is a system of universal slavery, where the worker is treated as a chattel slave worse off than even that slave who has never seen an acre.

If the mine strike is delayed by the convention of Labor in this country, it will become increasingly more difficult for the rest of labor to win future struggles.

**Strikers Rank Solid**

The entire membership of the United Mine Workers of America who went to strike April 1st are still out and their ranks are firm, while over 100,000 members have been enlisted in the ranks of organization from the non-union fields. Everywhere in the strike zones, despite the combined attack of the ruling class, the miners are determined to remain out until their demands are granted by the operators. Great hardship is endured by the miners and their families, but they realize that it is better to endure privations now in order to obtain decent conditions, than to surrender to the operators and face a horizon of complete submission to the will of the corporations.

There has never been a more magnificent spectacle of determined labor that the strike of the miners and it will take its place in the history of labor struggles as the decisive struggle against the labor-hating ruling class in its attempt to destroy labor and reduce the worker to the economic level of the Chinese coolies. The entire labor movement realizes the significance of this struggle and that it is the American Federation of Labor which will be forced to take definite action in the support of the miners, instead of merely sympathizing with them and paying homage to their struggle by sympathetic words. What remains is not sympathy, but action on the part of all other workers in basic industries in the United States.

### RUSSIA APPEALS TO WORLD'S WORKERS

To the Comrades of All Lands. Today our delegation leaves Moscow to travel into the famine Region, from Iran to Turkestan. The times are hard, the worst of the year, namely, the months before the new harvest. The distress of the population in these days is assuming boundless proportions. Our task is now to see and learn so that we may properly carry out our desire to help.

The lives of millions are already lost, the assistance given by the International Working Class, which was forthcoming at the first call for help, has filled only a fraction of the need. The aid of laboring organizations, after long delays, arrives too late, and cannot surmount even the worst difficulties.

Russia's primary, hard hit by last year's drought, has been followed this year except for small strips of cultivated land, since the inhabitants have died or fled or been weakened by the policy of death. A little land has been cultivated even by the few survivors. Increasingly large areas of Russia are falling into the clutches of the famines.

Our work, year after year, is assuming gigantic proportions. We want you to halt the progress of death by the millions in the home of the proletariat. United, we must reestablish agriculture, which has been trampled and industry, which has been trampled.

For our famine relief we must now add economic aid, an immediate effort to aid the workers of the famine-stricken Russia. Our delegation, after having discharged its duty, will come back to you, the workers of the world, and report the ways in which Russia must be helped. Until then, may all your thoughts be turned to this work. We are spending the most of our most urgent funds. **RUSSIA MUST NOT PERISH IN ITS DISTRESS.** Our action must be a united effort, not just humanity alone, but for the sake of international working-class emancipation.

The Delegation of the Workers' International Relief Committee.  
Moscow, May 25, No. 1314.

**Union With Miners Suggested**

The question of unity aid of support of the miners' strike will be taken up by the government and the workers of the striking miners may be formed. The so-called "defensive alliance" with the railroad laborers organized by President Lewis of the mine workers, resulted in a meaningless resolution, but the workers of the mine and field to achieve unity of action through resolutions of leaders, unless those resolutions deal with actualities and specifically point to the methods to be employed by the membership. At that time the militants among both the railroad and the miners organized, upon definite strike action in order to paralyze the industries of the country and send the propaganda of the mine workers to the "hundred per cent Americans" who have plotted to further enslave labor, to oblivion, branded as incompetent to lead the workers of the mine.

The only defense that remains for the workers who are now struggling against the capitalist oppressor is, for a defensive and offensive alliance. Just as the strike of the miners was turned into an aggressive struggle to win the positions of the mine industry, when the miners are organized, when the organizers entered the non-union fields.

**Crisis in July**

Careful calculation show that while the coal production in the non-union mines is now between 18,000,000 and 20,000,000 tons per month, the consumption is 35,000,000 and is still rising. As the stocks on hand are increasing among industrial consumers of coal tends to increase, and the rate of consumption of the stocks on hand increases. By the middle of July the country will have no coal on hand and will be calling for at least 10,000,000 tons per month, more than all the non-union miners, working at utmost capacity, can furnish.

There are over two million members of the American Federation of Labor still out and they can contribute \$100,000,000 to the strike fund. It is not likely the strike will terminate



beyond that date as industry will be a standard in the United States as the result of the strike...

The mine owners are beginning a campaign of misrepresentation...

THE FAMINE AND THE RUSSIAN CHURCH

Wild reports have been disseminated throughout the world...

Bishops Approve Contributions

Certain conservative elements among the clergy, however, hampered the voluntary collection of church treasures...

Treasures "Disappear" Mysteriously

The trade unions, cooperatives and local churches have approved the action of the government...

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Textile Workers Hold Convention in Strife Zone

Amalgamated Textile Workers Convention Shows Growth of Fighting Textile Union Which Was First to Take Up Challenge of Textile Mill Owners

The following extracts from the Shenandoah Herald of May 15 are self-explanatory...

Officials of the Mine Workers tried to do this dirty piece of work...

The great opportunity of the Amalgamated came with the strike in the Pawtucket Valley last January...

The New England strike is the big thing in the textile industry...

The report on conditions in the Pawtucket Valley was the most interesting...

The Amalgamated Textile Workers in America have been organized...

During the convention someone introduced a resolution to the effect...

No Political Affiliation The Amalgamated Textile Workers in America...

Chicago Raid and Conspiracy

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The wholesale raid, arrests of hundreds of men and women and a general reign of terror...

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ANOTHER AMALGAMATED "VICTORY"

Great is the policy of Sidney Hillman as he leads his organization, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, to one victory after another. Certain so-called revolutionary papers praise the strategy of Hillman, Schlossberg & Co. as the finest examples of militant unionism...

Before there can be any effective unionism there is one lesson that must precede all others and that is that labor has but one weapon in its struggle against the master class...

At the recent Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Convention all the officers spoke valiantly in favor of degeneration of a single union in the industry. They were brave words, and should be spoken often.

CAPITALIZING "THE UNITED FRONT"

One way of imposing upon the gullibility of the dupes in the working class of the country, or rather that infinitesimal portion that imagines it is revolutionary, is for a political party, composed of self-appointed leaders to raise money for the "United Front of Labor."

Taking advantage of the propaganda for the United Front that is spreading throughout the world, the latest abortive political party in this country professing to speak for labor, is asking its supporters to contribute money to their slush fund in order to realize their own United Front.

The only United Front that will work must be unity of the rank and file of labor and must be created by labor itself. It cannot be imposed upon labor by a gang of half-wits, who, in their eagerness for power, resort to every petty trick of ignorant evangelists trying to fitch money from a gaping audience by constant repetition of meaningless drivel.

CAPITALIST CLASS STUPIDITY

The Lusk Council to inquire into the loyalty of prospective school teachers and those teachers whose loyalty may be questioned has received a death blow from Commissioner of Education Graves. The commissioner himself will hereafter take care of questions of loyalty.

THE STRIKE WE LIVE

By H. M. W.

As the mine strike enters the third month there is every reason to believe that it has passed its highest peak so far as the action of the miners alone is concerned. For two weeks of the strike developed an aggressiveness on the part of the rank and file of the miners, which was reflected in the actions of their leaders, that has had no equal in the annals of American labor struggles.

The action of the officials of the miners' organization turned the strike from a purely defensive action, in its inception, to a general offensive during the first two weeks. The officials of the miners' organization, who had been branded as reactionaries and servants of the capitalist class, were really fighting the employers and using tremendously effective weapons within the narrow confines of the coal mining industry.

The officials of the miners' organization had exhausted every effort to reach a compromise with the employers, only to be contemptuously waved aside by the agents of the mine barons. All the sentimental overtures of John L. Lewis & Co. were ignored by the employers.

After the strike was in effect the leaders of the miners' union suddenly changed front and began a campaign that carried the fight into the very strongholds of the employers. Over night the struggle on the part of the miners was changed from a weak defense to an aggressive offensive.

Rendering innocuous this council, which created so much hysterical criticism throughout the state, does not change the nature of the capitalist system. It only serves to prove that some laws passed by feeble-minded legislators, who fondly dream of a weak defense to an aggressive offense, are a weak defense to an aggressive offense.

The New York World, in particular, shows its contempt for the now discredited servants of capitalism by referring to those responsible for the laws in exceedingly derogatory terms. Says The World:

"The self-respect of this State requires the repeal of these laws, conceived in a system devised by men without knowledge of the English language or of the true qualifications of a teacher."

The World and other capitalist sheets that now indulge in denunciation of the Lusk laws have no words of condemnation of the school system in general. The school system has always been subject to a sort of inquisition of ignoramuses.

The school board, or board of directors serves all practical purposes. The teacher who would be successful must not propound anything that cannot penetrate the dense skulls of the merchants, lawyers, preachers and other "leading citizens" who happen to be on the school boards.

Neither can the abolition of the Lusk committees eliminate the teaching of books written by virtuosos in lying. The public school, under capitalism, with or without Lusk laws, will never

the miners' organization in their defiance of the employers. For the first time in many of the long careers the labor leaders were really putting up a fight. Public sentiment, that is the sentiment of the petty shopkeepers, the farmers and the overwhelming majority of the proletariat in America which is still dominated by capitalist ideology, has so far been in sympathy with the cause of the mine slaves.

The coal supply was sufficient for most of the strike and the non-union miners was considered sufficient to supply the pressing demands without making inroads upon the store of coal that had accumulated to be used in emergencies. The aggressiveness of the strike leaders in invading the non-union mines destroyed some of the elaborate plans of the employers.

In spite of the imminent impending defeat of the miners, as far as crushing the union of the miners is concerned, they have not lost anything by the suspension of production. Although the strike increased the membership of the union, there is no pronounced evidence of an awakening class consciousness among the part of the rank and file of the mine workers.

The mine barons have been defeated in their attempts to impose the Gary plan upon the American mine workers. The financial and spiritual leader of the entire open shop drive is Elbert H. Gary and the Steel Corporation. The idea of Gary is that all forms of labor organizations can be dispensed with by the employing class as a nuisance.

That job must be handled outside the public school room by trained educators who are confronted with a double task—the elimination of bourgeois ignorance and the cultivation of a knowledge of the revolutionary movement of the working class.

A PATRIOT GOES TO JAIL

Horatio Bottomly, British patriot, member of parliament, and noted as the editor of the jingo publication, John Bull, has been found guilty of stealing funds collected through Victory Bond Clubs, and sentenced to seven years in jail. Horatio was the foremost patriot of England during the late War.

He is no better or no worse than thousands of other patriots, especially the hundred per centists of the United States, but he got caught. He tried to squirm out of his predicament by appeals to patriotism, but even that didn't work. While patriotism is still "the first delusion of a simpleton and the last refuge of a scoundrel" there are times and places where it neither protects the simpleton nor proves an adequate defense for the scoundrel.

In the case of Mr. Bottomly we cannot resist the thought that his methods were rather crude. Our American patriots perfected a system that worked as a nice combination of patriotism and stealing; they became dollar-a-year men in important governmental posts and secured profit for their concerns in a legitimate manner, or at least sufficiently removed from the category of crime, bringing criminality to enable them to escape prosecution.

leader in the United States could be classed as a member of the capitalist class. Many militants, who view the present day struggles of labor in a superficial manner, may be deceived into believing that the crew of Lewis, Stone, Lee, Jewell and others who are indulging in empty words against the mine barons and the railway magnates have changed their positions and now serve the interests of the working class. This crew can no more serve the interests of labor than the leopard can change his spots. They have always been servants of the ruling class, their record of treachery and betrayal of labor is unparalleled in the annals of the world's labor history.

Such contemptible traitors and capitalist hirelings are considered as superfluous by Judge Gary and his satellites who are waging the warfare against labor in order to establish the "open shop." The capitalism that was the victor of the World War, the capitalism that is today dominant in the world, and that capitalism that has been the victor of the earth must be brought to its knees by the overwhelming self-conceit, has decided that it can very well dispose of all lieutenants, masquerading as labor leaders. American capitalism, with the power of a young giant, disdain to depend upon such creatures as Gompers, Lewis & Co. for its support, so it contemptuously laid them aside.

It is also recognized that even though the so-called leaders of labor serve the interests of the capitalist class, they are not the only ones who can crush organized labor, root and branch, without the assistance of any country labor leader. The idea that capitalism in America can take care of itself and that the labor lieutenants are an encumbrance and a nuisance that can be disposed of for all time.

Against this idea the Lewis, Gompers, Stone, Lee, Jewell & Co. reactionary labor leaders contend that the employers need their services in order to prevent the spread of Bolshevism among the rank and file of American workers. Just as the United States is a great danger to the world, Hungary, Italy, France, England and other European countries stood between the rising tide of the proletarian revolution and the sacred institutions of the capitalist exploiters of labor, so the reactionary union leaders of the United States visualize themselves as the saviors of capitalist society.

Furthermore, viewing the conflict between capitalist and labor as a class struggle and not merely as a disagreement over the question of wages and hours between two sets of citizens who are equal before the law, it is plain to be seen that the position of Gary and the "open shoppers" is the more logical of the two. As long as there is any form of labor organization, whether controlled by the hirelings of capitalism or not, there is the danger that that leadership may be disposed of.

There is but one high road to revolutionary action in the United States and that is Communist education conforming to the stage of technical development and its reflex in the sharpening class antagonisms. Whoever fails to understand that simple fact has no business engaging in revolutionary activity beyond that of the elementary study class.

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are, like the miners, still under the dominating influence of capitalist class ideology, therefore they have failed to take advantage of the tremendous strategic position afforded them by the miners' strike. The militants, who study despise the name, have from the first suggested by the name of the miners and railroad workers for the purpose of crushing once and for all, the aspirations of the labor-laters' campaign for the "American Plan in Industry."

The leaders of both the miners and the railroaders, overestimating the militant strength in their ranks, thought there was a real menace existing and therefore they had to stage a pretense of working toward unity. The few conferences that have been held have been mere diplomatic maneuvering for the purpose of deceiving the workers and bluffing the employers. The long service rendered the capitalist class by the old line leaders of labor has rendered them even-tempered in facing to the best advantage, even to preserve their own positions as agents of capitalism.

As to the employers, they know that no matter whether they destroy the unions or not, they can retain the position they had at the start by simply pacifying the leaders of the majority by resuming the banquet tables where they can catch the crumbs that fall. The employer also knows that, in the last resort, there is still the government at Washington, always at its beck and call, ready to commit any atrocity against labor to serve the capitalist class, whose creature of labor has rendered them more powerful in the last. So profound is the respect in which that aggregation of political agents of capitalism is held by the leaders of labor that they would never sanction any action against the government.

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The movement of the working class, as it approaches the final struggle against capitalism, must become ever more self-conscious independent action on the part of the majority of the working class. It is not a new leadership that labor needs in the United States, but a revolutionary understanding on the part of the rank and file. It is our duty to impart that understanding, which, of course, is aided by the material conditions confronting the workers in their every day life. The subjective conditions throughout the world are ripe for the destruction of the power of this ruling class, but the objective condition is far from mature. The working class has much to learn and every revolutionist must realize that first and foremost the task in the United States is to take advantage of the great struggles, the strikes and lockouts, that are constantly being waged in America, for the propagation of the principles of the proletarian revolution among the rank and file of the workers. After all, if the mass of the workers understand that the one way out of their deplorable straits is through revolution, they will generate, in the course of their struggles, the leadership that will lead the masses of labor to the final struggle. Such leadership is not imposed upon labor by a conspiracy of centrists and muddle-heads, as is the case with the leaders of the Workers' Party, but is created through the process of the struggle.

One of the healthiest signs in the American Labor movement is the disgust being created among the rank and file for all leaders of labor, and anyone who desires to convince the working class antagonisms. Whoever fails to understand that simple fact has no business engaging in revolutionary action against their oppressors must studiously avoid tactics that are aimed at supplanting the present combination of leaders for new combinations of leaders against the workers. Leadership of labor is created through the rank and file process of selection and not through a gang of petty-bourgeois dabblers, intellectual clerics, or chasing agents and accountants, lawyers, dentists, office boys and other formal incompetents conceiving the idea that they will impose their leadership upon labor and become the Lenin and Trotsky's of America.

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Strikes, under all conditions, are training schools, where the rank and file of labor, through actual experience in the struggle learns new methods and new tactics, and our duty is to endeavor to direct that movement in revolutionary channels, so that out of every struggle there will develop a stronger revolutionary sentiment, preparatory to the final conflict against the ruling class, in reactionary labor lieutenants and the instrument of oppression, the capitalist class.