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COAL OPERA... PREPARING TO SMASH... UNION AND CUT WAGES

Young Miners Must Prepare for Struggle Next Spring

QUEST LEWIS AND REACTION

THE young coal miners of this country must begin now to prepare themselves for the second big battle of the coal industry since 1922. The torch will be set off when the Jacksonville Agreement expires on March 31, 1927. The coal barons have not been shifting operations to the non-union fields for nothing. They are preparing for an approximate 33 per cent wage cut and the complete smash up of the miners' union. The Committee on Coal and Giant Power in New York has the following to say on the impending struggle: "The coal industry of this country is drifting into a situation comparable to the one which has just upset Great Britain."

A coal operator interviewed in Philadelphia recently said: "The miners' union is too weak now to resist a wage cut next Spring. The nation has ample warning of the approaching expiration of the Jacksonville Agreement and will stock up large supplies of reserve coal from the non-union fields, so that when the strike comes the country will be prepared to meet any temporary emergency."

The organization of the Ohio Coal Operators' Association which has decided that the first step in opening the shut down Ohio mines is the "modification of the wage scale" and the formation very likely of company unions is another sign of the coming offensive. Will the young miners stand by as "weak sisters" and idly watch the coal grafters prepare to smash up their wages and union? Your answer must be decidedly, no! You must prepare to fight back, but you cannot hope to win with John L. Lewis and Co. steering the ship. The first step in the battle is to prepare to drop them overboard. Young miners, attend your union meetings. Become active in your local. Rally the young miners around the standard of: Prepare for the coming struggle! For a progressive administration in the U. M. W. of A.!

Dangers in Coal Mines for Youth

By a Young Coal Miner.

In the coal mining industry we find a great number of youth who must do the most dangerous and difficult work in the mines. I do not propose to detail the abnormal conditions under which the youth must work. I am anxious that some of the working class should know some of the dangers that exist in the mining industry.

"Driving is one of the most dangerous and difficult tasks in the coal mines. A driver must work nine hours per day and is paid for only eight hours. He must be in the barn at 7:30 a. m., take a brush and clean the horse that he is going to drive that day. Also the agreement does not apply to the cleaning of horses you must do it or look for another job.

After that they take their horses to the working place which takes them until 8 a. m. and from then on they are paid until 4:30 p. m. The main occupation of a driver is to transport the coal to and from the passageways. This occupation brings about more fatalities than any other occupation in the mines. The narrow passages that the driver must pass thru, the neglect on the part of the boss to keep these passages clear, lack of safety devices, passages wired with deadly voltage and many other things that are dreaded obstacles to the young miners, are all reasons for the many injuries and deaths among the young miners. —F. S.

Pa. Miners Rally Against Wage Cut

DUBOIS, Pa.—(FP)—Hard pressed by short rations and injunctions that they are, union coal diggers from 50 miles around assembled in DuBois and demonstrated against the wage reduction and open-shop policy that bituminous operators are practicing and merchants are advocating. They paraded the streets of DuBois in a line of march a half mile long, and packed the largest theater in town. They listened to speeches by John Brophy, their district president; P. J. Fagan, president of the western Pennsylvania district; and Philip Murray, vice-president of the international.

Cloakmakers Continue Mass Picketing

NEW YORK—(FP)—The largest mass picketing demonstration yet is the answer of the 35,000 striking New York cloakmakers to appeals of the manufacturers association that they come back to work and desert the strike. Eight pickets were arrested but discharged by the court. Settlements now number 65. The union says it is not worried by the employers' threat to move factories out of town.

\$100,000 for Miners' Relief Despite Baldwin's Lies

MacDonald Shows Yellow
Streak

LONDON, England.—Loud cries of "Shame" and "Coward" greeted the announcement of A. J. Cook, secretary of the Miners' Federation, of the statement of Baldwin to the American press aimed at nullifying the work of the British delegation gathering funds in this country, for the miners' children. "In the past," said Cook, "the prime minister has made himself a laughing stock, but he is now an inhuman monster." Cook was addressing a miners' meeting in Clapham Park, S. W.

LONDON, England.—Ramsay MacDonald refused to send a message to America contradicting the lies of Premier Baldwin, concerning the conditions of the mine fields. Baldwin had cabled to America to the effect that the suffering of the families of the strikers was "exaggerated" and that there really was no suffering and Americans should not send any relief funds. Thus MacDonald through his silence allies himself with Baldwin and shows why it was no accident that he betrayed the general strike.

CHICAGO.—The Trade Union Educational League has sent an open letter to the British Miners' Delegation. The delegation has already collected \$100,000. This statement in part declares:

"The organized workers of America are in a position to materially assist the British miners. First, they can check the shipment of scab coal to Great Britain. In Norfolk, Baltimore, and other southern ports, scores of ships are now either loading or have loaded coal designed to break the British strike. You must demand that organized labor use its utmost efforts to prevent the shipment of this coal. The union railroad men must refuse to haul it from the mines to the docks, and the union transport workers must refuse to ship it to England. All those workers who dig coal or transport it to break the English strike are scabs, whether they carry union cards or not. American labor must place an embargo against coal for Great Britain.

Must Give Millions.

"The trade unionists of this country can also help financially. The workers in the trade unions of the Soviet Union have donated \$2,500,000 to assist the striking miners, notwithstanding that the Soviet Union is just emerging from a deep-going industrial crisis, the outcome of a dozen years of war and revolution. The American workers can easily make an even greater contribution. Your problem is to rouse the reactionary leadership to the necessities of the situation. The rank and file stand ready to respond if called upon. You must demand from the unions, as a starter, an assessment of an amount equal to at least two hours' pay for each worker. In addition, the unions, many of which have large financial reserves, are in a position to vote you substantial sums from their treasuries. The labor banks, of which there are 40, have amassed resources of \$200,000,000. These reserves must be drawn upon in this crisis—else of what value are they? The labor banks can and must be made to lend the Miners' Federation of Great Britain at least \$3,000,000. Every central labor council and every local union in the United States must elect special committees to raise funds for the British miners."

Demonstrate Int'l. Youth Day



LENIN, ON THE FOUNDERS OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

"In view of the state of affairs in Europe, to the League of Socialist Youth Organization falls the enormous, noble, but at the same time difficult task, of fighting for revolutionary internationalism, for true Socialism against the reigning opportunism which has gone over to the side of the imperialist bourgeoisie."—V. I. Lenin, Dec. 1916.

Young Workers League Demands Release of Polish Politicals

Both the Workers (Communist) Party and Young Workers (Communist) League has sent cables to Bartels, prime minister of Poland, demanding the freedom of the political prisoners in the jails of that country. Thousands of working class fighters have been thrown behind iron bars by the capitalist rulers of Poland because they fought for the freedom of the workers and farmers of Poland from unbearable conditions and against the suppression of the subject nationalities. The telegram of the League follows:

"Bartel, Prime Minister,
"Warsaw, Poland.

"You jailed sixty thousand working class fighters including youth. We demand immediate amnesty.

"Young Workers' League,
"Darcy, Secretary."

Shows C. M. T. C. Connected With House of Morgan

Close linking of the war department with finance-capital by the appointment of direct representatives of this dominant group to department positions gives a key to the connection between the chief beneficiaries of American imperialism and the militarist propaganda and activity carried on under the auspices of the war department.

F. T. Davison, recently appointed assistant secretary of war, is the son of H. P. Davison, before his death one of the firm of J. P. Morgan and company.

Dwight W. Morrow, appointed by Coolidge as head of the air craft commission, is also one of the Morgan crowd.

The Morgan interests are among the most ardent advocates of military training, and the war department, with its reserve officers' training camps and its citizens' military training camps, is under their control with Hanford MacNider, banker and former head of the American Legion, acting as the ballyhoo artist.

C. M. T. C. Recruits Find All Is Not "Joke" With Coms

FT. SHERIDAN, Ill.—There is quite some protest here among the C. M. T. C. recruits against the food and the high expenses the recruits have to undergo. Among many recruits there is disappointment with the camp life and they are sorry they ever came here.

YOUNG MINER KILLED.

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—Thomas B. Crawford, 17 years old, was killed by a cave-in in a mine which is nine miles south of Cisco, Placer county, California.

FIGHT AGAINST DANGERS OF NEW CAPITALIST WARS ON INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

SEPTEMBER 3rd is an historic date for the world movement of the working class youth. On this day the militant young workers are gathering together into demonstrations throughout the world as part of their struggle against imperialism, the dangers of new wars and the pauperized conditions of the working class youth. This world wide day of demonstration is known as International Youth Day.

3 Young Communists Held in Anti-C.M.T.C. Drive in New York

Force Reduction of Drill Hours

NEW YORK CITY, Aug. — That the C. M. T. C. camps are afraid to stand the test of criticism was revealed here today when the police of the New York Central Railroad detained three young Communists for distributing anti-C. M. T. C. leaflets in the Grand Central Station. The N. Y. League had assigned Comrades Phillip Frankfeld, Harris Karis and Louis Astroz to distribute the leaflets to a group of 850 recruits which were leaving the city for Plattsburgh, N. Y., where the camp is located.

The three young Communists after their release refuted the statement of Col. Robert H. Hughes, commandant of the camp, that "the young citizen-soldiers had not paid the slightest attention to the circulars." They pointed out that very few of the recruits had thrown their circulars away. Frankfeld made the following statement for the Young Worker: "The leaflet was well received to judge by the few that were thrown away by the recruits. The immediate effect has been a reduction in the hours of drill. This I got from today's Times. They now receive 3½ hours of drill instead of 4½ hours."

"I'M NOT GOING TO DESERT THE WORKERS WHILE IN C. M. T. C."

By Enlightened C. M. T. C. Recruit.
FT. SHERIDAN, Ill. — When you hear the military authorities here explaining the true nature of "American Liberty" you can begin to see thru their bunk. They never mention such a thing like the Passaic strike and the cops beating workers' heads when they talk of this "liberty." I've come to find out what "American Liberty" means by inquiring who supports the Citizens Military Training Camps like Fort Sheridan. It is the rich people who are supporting these institutions.

One of the military officers speaking to the C. M. T. C. students here said that "liberty" means to be free from other nations. That would mean that the Filipinos, the Porto Ricans, the Mexicans and the other peoples are fighting for their "liberty" from the Wall Street bankers who have invested money in their countries and are exploiting their workers. Did the officer mention this and tell us to help these people fight for their liberty? No! On the contrary he wants us to train to become soldiers of the U. S. army so that we can fight against these people who are struggling for "Liberty."

That made me conclude that the U. S. army and navy and the auxiliary forces like the C. M. T. C. and R. O. T. C. is really built in the interests of the rich people. Then again I was able to look up facts on how the soldiers are used to shoot down workers in strikes, which again proves that the armed force today is an instrument for the rich employers. I have always stuck by my own fathers and brothers who work for a living and I am not going to desert them now while in this camp. I'm going to fight against all anti-labor propaganda and call upon my buddies to join me in this fight... It was the workers who built America and all C. M. T. C. buddies should be patriotic to the labor movement and not to the rich grafters and their few paid representatives in the C. M. T. C. the dried up army officers.

For a Mass Organ Thru Worker Correspondents

W. Va. Miners Gain Ground In Strike

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The strike of miners in Northern West Virginia appears to be gaining ground. The first convention of District 31, a newly created district of the United Mine Workers was a big success and attended by several hundred delegates and visitors. In the strike area there are between 2,000 and 3,000 men, women and children on the picket line each morning at the mines. A huge mass meeting and parade was staged in Jere, W. Va. and attended by 5,000. Production at these mines which repudiated the Jacksonville agreement has been severely cut.

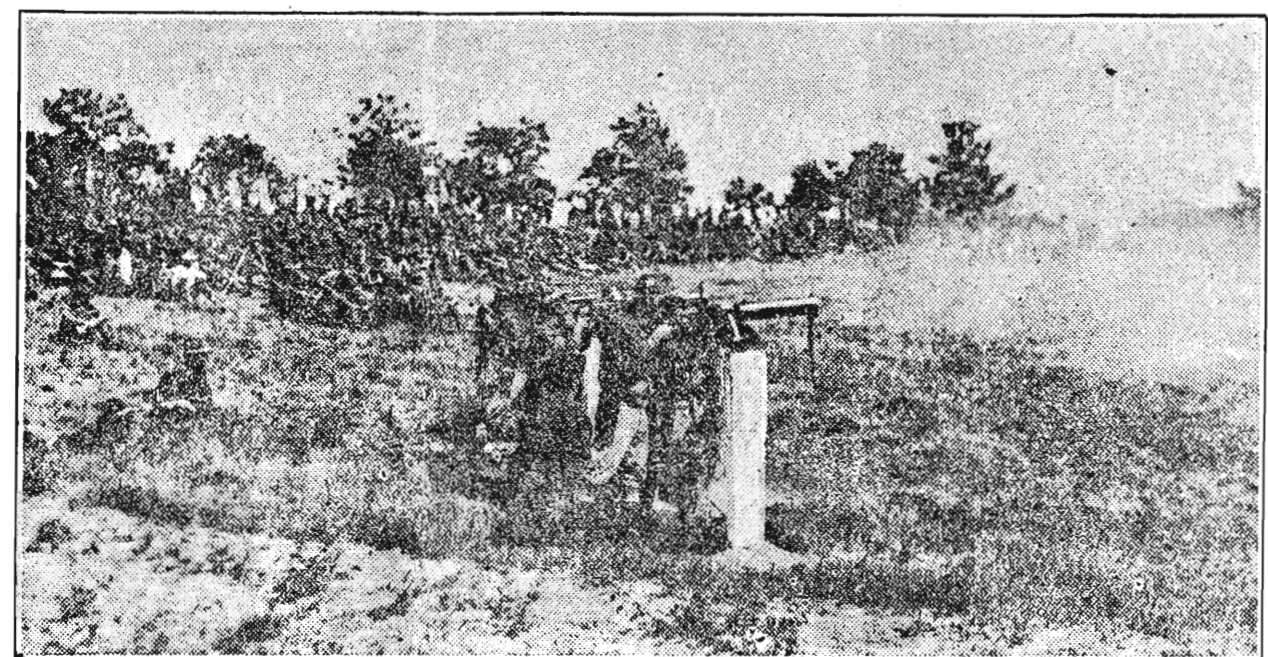
Pinch Three Youths in Miners' Relief Drive

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — The young workers are learning more about the "made in America" brand of freedom. Three young workers, Elsie Jaffe, and Abe and Max Garfinkle, members of the Young Workers League, were arrested last Saturday at Kenneywood Park near Duquesne for collecting money for the British miners at a picnic. The young girl worker was held for 26 hours and the boys for 48 hours. They were then released under \$300 bail for each. At the hearing, the "benevolent" capitalist judge fined them \$10 each and \$7.50 each for costs.

RELIEF NEEDS URGENT.

PASSAIC, N. J.—The textile strikers' relief committee urges that no let up in the sending of relief be permitted in the present situation. It states that the relief situation is extremely acute and calls upon all workers and sympathizers to send money for food for the strikers and milk for the children.

Shooting Hot Lead Into Workers



Training such as this is the real purpose of the Citizens' Military Training Camps

