

# AMTER URGES RESISTANCE TO FEDERAL SLAVE WAGE PLAN

## FIGURES REVEAL \$50 MONTHLY PAY AS FAKE PROMISE

### \$6,500,000,000 Available Divided By Number of Employables on Relief Rolls Shows Average Monthly Wage Will Be \$24.39

By Israel Amter  
The shameful wage decided by the United States Congress in Roosevelt's "relief" bill, of \$50 a month, means a sharp reduction of the living standards not only of the 3,500,000 on the relief rolls (minus the 1,500,000 "unemployables"), but of the whole working class. And further, the "wage" of \$50 is a fake and will not be paid.

Facts and figures make this clear. The appropriations made by Congress was for \$600,000,000 immediately plus \$4,000,000,000 provided in the bill. In addition, there is supposedly "available" \$1,700,000,000 remaining from the \$3,300,000,000 appropriated in 1933 in connection with the adoption of the N. I. R. A. This makes a total of \$6,500,000,000.

Before examining these figures, let us call attention to figures of the United States Department of Labor. In the October report of the Department of Labor, we find that 1,950,000 were on the "emergency relief program" of the government in that month. Their total wages were \$51,000,000. This provided a "wage" of \$26.16 a month for these workers. Even the boys and men in the semi-military C. C. C. were paid higher wages. In addition to their food, shelter and clothing, 391,894 men received \$16,939,595 in wages in October, or an average of \$43.32 a month in wages alone.

**Material Cost Exceeds Wages**  
More interesting is another analysis of the figures. Total wages for 5,285,981 men employed and paid by the Public Works Administration over a period of 15 months—from August, 1933, through October, 1934—amounted to \$290,649,000. "Materials" for this same period cost \$356,201. In other words, wages amounted to approximately one dollar for each two dollars for "materials." These "materials" included such supplies as aircraft (\$4,284,000), electrical machinery, etc. (\$22,199,000), foundry and machine-shop products (\$56,422,000), railway cars, freight (\$34,644,000), railway cars, passenger (\$7,152,000), etc. Obviously, WAR materials!

The Roosevelt "relief" bill provides for work till June 30, 1937. In other words, for two and one-half years. The total sum available is \$6,500,000,000 to supply wages 35.4 per cent of whole sum and to purchase materials (65 per cent). Today there are not 3,500,000 "employables" on the relief rolls, but 3,650,000. For these 3,650,000 unemployed there will be available over a period of two and a half years, \$2,226,250,000 for wages. This gives us \$24.39 a month per worker for two and a half years.

Roosevelt will probably not proceed in this manner. He will provide an "average" of \$50 to some workers for a short period. We remember the "union scales" on C. W. A. jobs. These scales frequently prevailed, but the workers received so little work that their weekly or monthly wages brought them down to \$50 a month. Scales for the unskilled "tapered off," as did the hours. The employed originally received 30 hours of work, then it was reduced to as low as eight hours in the South, 12 hours in the North.

**Scales Below C.W.A. Rates**  
The scales are now reduced far below the C. W. A. rates. No longer do even the "local prevailing scales" apply. On the contrary, Roosevelt declared that the scales shall always be below the local prevailing rates, so as to induce the workers to "find jobs" in private industry. But exactly the opposite will occur. The employers will use the scales on the relief jobs to cut the wages they pay their own workers. This will apply not only to building trades workers, but to all workers on jobs. The facts are before us—facts that cannot be disputed. Roosevelt has juggled big figures, in the hope that the workers would not be able to penetrate the "mystery" of his higher arithmetic. The working class is to be reduced to a hunger standard that they have never yet experienced.

A threat faces all of us workers. The unemployed face it first of all. They must immediately organize into the National Unemployment Council and refuse to accept Roosevelt's hunger decree. They must demand: 1) Not a single worker shall be removed from the relief rolls; 2) All unemployed shall immediately be put on the relief rolls, without discrimination; 3) Scales on the relief jobs shall be union scales; 4) A guaranteed 30 hours of work per week for every worker shall be provided; and at least 40 weeks in a year; 5) Immediate enactment of the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill.

The trade unions must be aroused to the danger that confronts them and all workers. Roosevelt is cracking the whip of hunger. He utters fascist threats. Now is the time to unite our ranks. Trade unionists, shop workers, unemployed, organized and unorganized, Socialists, Communists, Democrats, Republicans, workers of all nationalities, Negro and white: Hunger and terror face us. We must unite our ranks. \$24.39 a month is Roosevelt's decree. Let us weld our ranks together and fight!

## Funds Needed at Once To Send Delegations To HR 2827 Hearings

The National Joint Action Committee for Unemployment Insurance yesterday appealed for finances in order that the representatives of the workers might appear in the hearings on the Workers' Bill before the Committee on Labor in the House of Representatives.

Hearings on the Workers Unemployment, Old Age and Social Insurance Bill, H. R. 2827, will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 30, and continue for three weeks. One thousand dollars is needed.

All contributions should be sent to the National Joint Action Committee, Room 436, 799 Broadway, New York City.

## 80 Auto Locals Quit Industry Labor Board

### Strike Comes Nearer As Green Is Forced to Back Down

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—Automobile workers came a step closer towards a general auto strike this spring as yesterday eighty federal locals affiliated with the American Federation of Labor informed President Roosevelt of their withdrawal from the Auto Labor Board headed by Leo Waldman which tricked them last spring into calling off their strike. The withdrawal was announced yesterday by William Green, president of the A. F. of L.

Green, who found the provisions in the settlement of March 25, 1934, a "victory" for the automobile workers, has now been forced to declare that labor will not agree to a further extension of the agreement beyond February 3, when it expires. The March 25th settlement provided for recognition to company unions, a merit clause and low wages. As a result of this settlement company unions have been set up in most of the plants and steps are being taken now to consolidate them into a national organization.

As a step to counter the growing company union menace, and towards a general strike to force recognition of the A. F. of L. Federal Locals, a conference of rank and file elements within the locals will open in Detroit at 9 a. m. tomorrow at Danish Brotherhood Temple, 1775 West Forest Ave. This conference, it is expected, will play a significant part in organizing the growing indignation among the membership against the stalling and dickering of the A. F. of L. officials for actual steps towards a strike.

It was reported that Green told Secretary of Labor Perkins and President Roosevelt already in September that the workers were dissatisfied with the settlement arrangement, hoping to convince them that some concessions were advisable. The announcement which was withheld until yesterday, it was explained, was finally forced through the increasing pressure from the locals through many protest resolutions, and the fraudulent plant election recently framed by the Cadillac Company, which have aroused renewed wave of protests from the ranks of the workers.

## Labor Groups Urged To Protest Suppression Of Caribbean Strikers

All unions of the American Federation of Labor, the Trade Union Unity League, all independent unions and all workers' organizations have been called upon to protest immediately the reign of terror unleashed by the imperialist sugar barons and their puppet governments against striking sugar mill workers of Cuba and Puerto Rico, the National Executive Board of the Trade Union Unity League declared in a statement made public yesterday.

"The terrorist measures of the Mendieta government against the Cuban workers," the appeal stated, "is not only an attack against our Cuban brothers but a threat to every American worker and his trade union."

"Immediate protest meetings should be organized. Resolutions and telegrams should be sent to Secretary of State Hull, Washington, D. C.; President Mendieta, Havana, Cuba and Governor Winship, San Juan, Puerto Rico."

## Two Dead, 46 Still Missing In Mysterious Ship Sinking

Two members of the crew are known to have lost their lives and forty-six persons are missing as a result of the sinking of the liner Mohawk, a Ward Line ship, in a collision with a Norwegian freighter, the Tallisman, off the Jersey coast on Thursday night. The latest catastrophe follows on the heels of two other Ward Line disasters, one of the tragic burning of the Morro Castle which took 124 lives, and the other, the Havana, lost

## Textile Leader In Lancaster To Appeal Case

### Lawyer's Tactics Bring 'Riot' Conviction Against Quinlan

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 25.—Pat Quinlan, local organizer of the United Textile Workers, found guilty on framed charges last week, for alleged rioting during the general textile strike last September, has taken action to appeal the decision to a higher court.

The boss-picked jury found Quinlan guilty of four charges: riot, inciting to riot, resisting arrest and unlawful assemblage, despite the fact that Quinlan was not even at the scene when the so-called rioting took place at the Stehli Mill. The testimony of State Police, and the city police which were sent by Mayor Ross to the Stehli Mill, which is outside the city limits, merely brought out that Quinlan was looked upon as the leader and therefore responsible for any disorder which occurred.

The lawyer for Quinlan was the Democratic politician Robert Rupp, who wasn't even interested to challenge the obviously prejudiced jury panel. Due to the disgraceful tactics of Rupp, the other four workers were fooled into pleading guilty and were fined \$65 costs each, and given a six months suspended sentence by the labor-hating Judge Benjamin Allen.

J. Granville Eddy, local Communist leader, has his case postponed to April. This was after District Attorney Paul Mueller privately admitted that he did not have "enough on him." Not desiring to admit their framed arrest of Eddy, police will either try to find a stronger basis for doing so or wait until such time as the general public here forgets about the case and drop it.

## Five German Workers Arrested for Criticizing Nazi Road Directors

BRUNSWICK, Germany, Jan. 25.—The Brunswick Tribunal is at present dealing with an affair which provides another instance of increasing open opposition to the Nazi regime.

The case concerns five workers who had been employed on the construction of an arterial road. One of them is accused of having "attacked the directors of the work in front of a large number of his fellow-workers," while the others are alleged to have "incited the workers to insubordination."

## Division of Abyssinia Is Planned by France and Italy Reports Indicate

ROME, Jan. 24.—The colonial armies of Italy and France and the diplomats of these powers will unite their efforts to dismember Abyssinia and absorb the rich booty of the country, an official spokesman indicated here today.

The incredible hypocrisy of the French imperialists in deploring on the one hand the incident of the killing of a provocative military squad and on the other in sending heavily armed contingents into the Abyssinian interior was duplicated by Italian fascism this afternoon. The French-Italian invasion of Abyssinia was now taking place with the excuse that "its government is incapable of controlling the situation on its borders," an official statement declared.

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## Wisconsin, New Jersey Lead Other Districts In Subscription Race

### Low Totals Show Most Districts Have Failed to Put Organized Apparatus Into Motion for Circulation Drive of Daily Worker

Running neck and neck, Wisconsin and New Jersey lead all the other districts in the Daily Worker subscription drive!

Chicago, though it has gained sixty subscriptions, is only in fifth place. New York and Philadelphia are tied for fourth. Only three districts have not yet scored.

But with the total gain in subscriptions so far only three hundred it is evident that the districts have still not set their apparatus in motion.

**Must Set Example**  
Such districts as Chicago, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Boston and Philadelphia particularly are charged with the heavy responsibility of showing an immediate gain. They must set the pace for the rest of the country.

Boston announced yesterday that it is planning to send letters to all subscribers in the district, calling upon them to renew their subscriptions and to help get new subscribers. This is an idea that might be utilized to good advantage by every other district.

**Popularize Contest**  
Only workers from nine districts were entered in the subscription contest, when Thursday's reports were made up. The leadership in each district must assume the responsibility of organizing an intense campaign for registrants. The free trip to the Soviet Union and the nine other prizes are certainly

The subscription table follows:

District	Subs. Received Week Jan. 17-23	Total Subs. rec'd to date	Quota	Percent of Quota to date
1—Boston	7	19	400	4.7
2—New York	11	27	600	4.5
3—Phila.	8	27	600	4.5
4—Buffalo	6	8	300	2.6
5—Pittsburgh	3	8	285	1.7
6—Cleveland	13	30	800	3.7
7—Detroit	6	16	500	3.2
8—Chicago	12	60	1500	4.0
9—Minnesota	2	10	800	2.0
10—Nebraska	1	7	200	3.5
11—North Dak.	4	8	200	4.0
12—Washington	1	3	200	1.5
13—California	16	50	500	10.0
14—N. Jersey	10	20	400	5.0
15—Connecticut	1	6	200	3.0
16—N. Carolina	1	5	150	3.3
17—Alabama	—	—	150	—
18—Wisconsin	10	21	400	5.4
19—Colorado	1	2	300	0.7
20—Texas	3	3	150	2.0
21—Missouri	6	6	300	2.0
22—W. Virginia	1	1	150	0.6
23—Kentucky	—	—	150	—
24—Louisiana	—	—	150	—
25—Florida	—	—	150	—
26—South Dakota	—	—	150	—
TOTAL	113	393	9385	3.2

## Rakosi Hits N.R.A. Backs White Terror Mine Owners, In Courtroom Cases Show

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**By GRACE HUTCHINS Labor Research Assn.**  
N.R.A. coal labor boards, both divisional and national, continue to hand down decisions favoring the operators against the miners. Cases thus decided, of course, become precedents for decisions against the workers of other mines. The following are typical of many recent rulings.

At the Union Pacific Coal Co.'s mines, Rock Springs, Wyo., the National Bituminous Coal Labor Board has favored the company in an important decision on mine workers' wages. This company is a subsidiary of the Union Pacific Railroad, of which W. Averell Harriman is chairman. Harriman has recently been appointed N.R.A. administrative officer.

The N.R.A. code calls for increases in tonnage rates equivalent to the increase in rates for men paid by the day. Workers in the Union Pacific mines claimed this increase should be ten cents per ton for pit-car loaders. The company claimed it should be only seven cents per ton.

The N.R.A. board, of which John L. Lewis is an important member, upheld the operators against the miners and ruled that the increase should be only seven cents. This makes a difference to the loaders of three cents on every ton loaded.

In another case, where the National Labor Board upheld the ruling of Division II, hoisting engineers are excepted from the seven-hour day provisions of the N.R.A. code, and must therefore work a longer day than other mine workers.

## Lenin's Works Offered As Subscription Prize By 'Working Woman'

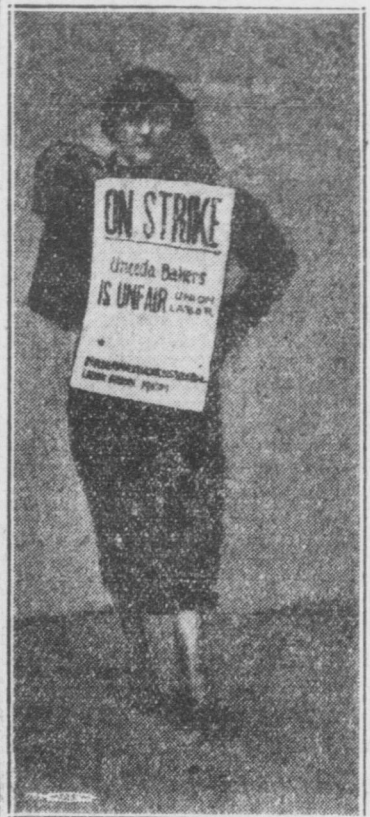
Eight volumes of Lenin's works free is the prize offered by the Working Woman magazine in its subscription drive.

The person sending in the highest number of yearly subscriptions over two hundred, will receive a complete set of Lenin's works. For ten subscriptions the prize will be a free subscription. For every five subscriptions a copy of the new Internationalist pamphlet, "Mother Bloor," by Ann Barton will be given. The subscription drive ends April 1. Subscriptions are 50 cents yearly. They should be addressed to Working Woman, 50 East 13th Street, New York, N. Y. If the winner wishes, an alternative first prize is a set of cast aluminum cooking pots.

## BAUMGARTNER HEADS COUNCIL

The caption appearing above the picture of James Matles, national secretary-treasurer of the Metal Workers Industrial Union in Thurs-

## PICKETING A. & P.



With workers of the National Biscuit Company on strike, members of the union are seeing to it that retail customers know the facts of the strike, too. Here's one young woman walking back and forth in front of the Atlantic and Pacific store telling the world not to buy National Biscuit products while the strike is on.

## Worker Group Visits Carlson In Newark Jail

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 25.—A mass delegation has been organized by the International Labor Defense here, to visit Frank Carlson this afternoon in jail at Newark and Central Avenues. Carlson is serving ten days for leading a delegation to the C. C. C. headquarters here and forming a picket line to protest the firing of the mutineers from the South Mountain camp.

The delegation will visit the jail between one and three o'clock. The visiting hours are from one to two o'clock for women and from two to three o'clock for men.

A delegation was also to visit the home of Judge Seymour Klein, who sentenced Carlson, to demand the immediate release of Carlson and the seven other members of the picket line who are serving five-day sentences. Three of the 12 who were arrested have been released after serving three days and the last of the 12 will come up for trial at the Seventh Precinct Court, Seventh and Summer Avenues, at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Workers have been urged to turn out for the delegation and to telephone Judge Klein at Market 2-2650, to demand the immediate release of Carlson and the other pickets.

## Plaingoods Workers To Meet Tomorrow To Nominate Officers

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 25.—A special membership meeting has been called by the plaingoods department of the American Federation of Silk Workers here for tomorrow 9 a. m. at Turn Hall, Ellison and Crosbie Streets, to mobilize the membership for the fight against renewed attempts by the mill owners to cut wages and to nominate candidates in the approaching union election.

Nomination for general officers will also include nomination for a general manager and the membership at last has the opportunity to rid itself of the present reactionary Lovestonite, Eli Keller, who holds the position.

## CAFÉ WORKERS STRIKE

Twenty-five workers of the Dean's Restaurant Corporation, 577 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, responded yesterday to the strike call of the Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Workers Union, local 123, section of the Food Workers Industrial Union. The daily firing of workers for union activity by Mr. Sheel, owner and former president of the Brooklyn Restaurant Owners Association, leaders of the union he said, is a conscious attempt to prevent the workers from organizing into the union.

Boys and girls: Sell the Daily Worker after school and make expenses. Write to 50 East Thirtieth Street, New York.

## RUSSIAN CONGRESS OF SOVIETS RAISES LIVING CONDITIONS

### While U. S. Congress Passes Wage-Cutting 'Relief' Bill, Soviets Bring Health Service to Workers to World's Highest Level

MOSCOW, Jan. 25 (By Wireless).—At the very moment when the capitalist Congress in the United States was passing the Roosevelt wage-cutting "Relief" Bill, the bill which will ultimately reduce the living standards of all workers, as well as of the unemployed, to the miserable income of \$12

## Councils Call Demonstration In Cincinnati

### Jobless to Assemble Next Saturday at Hospital Place

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 25.—The Communist Party and the Unemployment Councils yesterday called upon all workers to assemble at Hospital Place and 12th Street and Central Avenue, Saturday, Feb. 2 at 11 a. m. to fight the sentencing of six unemployed workers to jail and the denial of jury trials to 23 others who had massed at the relief station demanding aid.

The city and welfare officials of Hamilton County, unable to cope with the growing mass movement among the unemployed industrial workers and farmers in the outlying townships, are resorting to new moves in an attempt to smash the unemployed organizations.

When the 29 workers who were arrested for demanding relief for two families who refused to wait for the promises of Welfare Director Stuart appeared before Judge Clarence Sprawl, six were sentenced to the workhouse. All the rest demanded jury trials.

The Council Law Committee then moved to recommend passage of a proposed ordinance reducing the fine in "disorderly conduct" cases to \$40. This was a law passed by the State legislature in 1933, the right to jury trial is granted only to cases involving a fine of more than \$50.

The Central Labor Council and numerous A. F. of L. locals have protested the passage of this ordinance.

## I. L. D. Leader Held in Seattle For 'Contempt'

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 25.—Wesley Randall, district secretary of the International Labor Defense here, was sentenced to ten days in jail for insisting on his right to defend transients who were arrested here in a demonstration for improved relief.

Judge Bell, in police court, denied Randall the right to give the men defense counsel because he was not a member of the bar. When Randall attempted to quote the law to prove his right, Judge Bell ordered that he be arrested. The case has been appealed. Randall is free in \$100 bail.

## Silk Union Organizes 150 Employees in Lodi Cotton Bleaching Plant

LODI, N. J., Jan. 25.—Extending the union into the cotton bleaching, the American Federation of Silk and Rayon Dyers, Lodi local, signed an agreement with the Millbank Bleachery here, employing 150 workers. The same wage scale, 66 cents per hour, 36-hour week and other concessions which formed the basis of the recent general strike settlement is provided for all silk and rayon dyers in the plant.

Women workers on rayon finishing get 48 cents. For cotton workers the contract provides a minimum of 50 cents for men bleachers, and 40 cents for women. The cotton scale is 15 cents above the code minimum. The shop is at present under the cotton code authority. But the contract now provides that if at any time more than 50 per cent of the work in the plant is on silk and rayon dyeing, the entire plant goes on the basis of the 66 cent rate.

## Hathaway Will Speak In Pittsburgh Monday At Memorial Meeting

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 25.—Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, will speak here on Monday at the mass meeting to commemorate the anniversary of Lenin's death at the Fifth Avenue High School auditorium. The meeting will begin at 8 p. m. Hathaway's topic will be "The Life, Work and Teachings of Lenin."

## Discussion On Negro Question To Be Held At Youth Mass Meeting

A mass meeting called by the New York District of the Young Communist League will be held at two years in the State prison on a trumped-up charge of "inciting to riot." It also asked that similar framed charges against Herman be dropped "at once."

## Railway Brotherhood Lodge Protests Terror in Racine

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 25.—Governor LaFollette of Wisconsin was asked last Saturday by the W. A. Gardner Lodge of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen to make a special investigation of the terror in Racine, Wis., where Sam Herman, Communist organizer was kidnapped and beaten. The Communist