

# U. F. L. FORCES ACTION ON ALL FEED LOANS

UNITED STAND OF FARMERS PREVENT COMMITTEES ATTEMPTED EVASION.

The mass pressure organized by the United Farmers League in Sheridan county, Montana, forced the county feed loan committee to meet with the farmers on Tuesday, Dec. 8 in the Farmer-Labor Temple in Plentywood and to approve the applications of farmers for loans which had been refused previously.

Some fifty or sixty farmers were present at the meeting. Many of them told of the unwarranted refusals and of cuts in the loans which had been made by either the county committee or by the Grand Forks office. Also the date for the meeting had been arranged a week in advance by the UFL with the chairman of the committee the other members of the committee stated that they had not been notified of the date by him.

After the meeting had started, however, one member of the county committee and the county agent were persuaded to come to the meeting by a committee which went to visit them. After the farmers had told of the unjustified treatment they had received in their feed loan applications the county agent was given the floor by the chairman to explain his activities in the matter. He contented himself with passing the buck to the Grand Forks office and refusing to give any definite statement as to why loans had been turned down in the county committee. All of the farmers present could see that he was only evading the issue under the pretext that legally he had nothing to do with passing or rejecting applications.

## COMMITTEE MEMBER ON TRIAL

After he had finished with his testimony the member of the county committee present, Langer, was asked for his defense. Langer thought he could crawl out by a policy of know-nothingism. Although a member of the committee he did not know what applications had been turned down or why they had been turned down. After much cross examination by the chairman, Rodney Salisbury, Montana state organizer for the UFL, by the farmers present and by Charles Taylor, organizer for the UFL for South Dakota, Langer finally agreed to meet with another member of the board and approve such applications as were qualified. He and the county agent then beat a hasty retreat, but not until the chairman had extracted a promise from him that



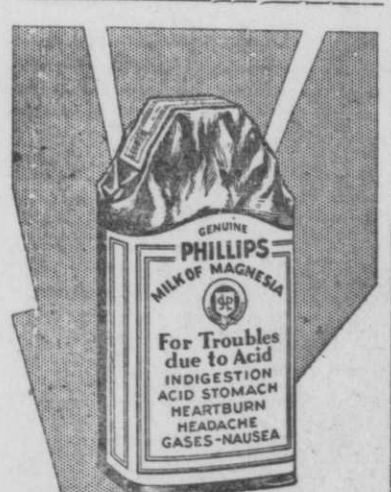
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# Capitalist Plenty is Capitalist Hunger.



By Ryan Walker

# MIGRANT FARM WORKERS FACE STARVATION

CANNING COMPANIES COIN MILLIONS WHILE 200,000 CHILDREN GO HUNGRY

The more than a million workers who move from one section of the country to another in search of work—harvesting, canning—are now facing a great misery as any part of the working class of the entire country. Mass unemployment has hit this group terribly. In the few jobs that are available the work has been speeded up intensely and wages have been slashed to below the hunger level of existence. Wages have been cut by one third and more. In one section of the country tomato pickers received but \$1.75 a ton for picking this vegetable for which the working class housewife has to pay to the canning corporations the same outrageous prices as ever.

**200,000 Children Face Misery**  
In this group of one million members of the working class are over two hundred thousand children who have worked for long hours at back breaking field tasks. Their bodies have been crippled, their growth stunted. Now they face starvation in the very fields they have tilled to bring forth nourishing foods. The charity rackets do not even hand out to these workers the miserable scraps that are handed out sometimes to other workers—for do these migratory workers do not "belong" to any community—except that of the hungry, and the capitalist class and its charity racketeers and grafters have a legal excuse to let them starve.

## HOVELS FOR THE AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

Staying from six weeks to two months in a place, their home a tent, a company shack or a hut built of melon crates and burlap sacks, they move from crop to crop, harvesting each in its season: cutting lettuce and asparagus, picking cotton and, later, nuts and fruit in California; hops and apples in Oregon, berries in Washington, pulling sugar beets in Colorado, Minnesota and Michigan; weeding onions in Ohio, harvesting apples and grapes in New York, "scooping" cranberries in Wisconsin and New Jersey, and preparing corn, beans and tomatoes for canning in Maryland and Delaware. Through the 3,000 canneries over six hundred million dollars worth of perishable fruits and vegetables each year are conserved and distributed. Out of this comes the millions in profits of the canning corporations owned by the bankers of Wall Street. Out of this comes the misery and hunger of the agricultural workers.

Only by organizing as the workers of the cities are doing can the agricultural workers win a decent life for themselves, can they win immediate relief from the capitalist class. Agricultural workers, join the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League.

## CAPITALIST MURDER

Sidney, Mont.—Walter Kitts, 44, laborer, committed suicide here Saturday night by placing the muzzle of a double barreled shotgun in his mouth and blowing off his head.

Kitts had been in and out of Sidney for about three years. He had been employed at the Holly Sugar factory but had been out of work for some time. It is believed that the fact that he had been drinking for the last three weeks, illness and unemployment, prompted the act.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide.

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## HYDE REFUSES TO EXTEND TIME FOR APPLICATIONS

Secretary of Agriculture Hyde refused to permit a fifteen day extension to the time the farmers of the northwest had for filing applications for livestock loans. Many farmers, especially in South Dakota were having "difficulty" in getting waivers on prior mortgage liens before Nov. 30, when the time for application ended.

Hyde, in his refusal, said that it "was necessary to close the books now in order to prepare a report to congress." Hundreds of farmers will get no livestock loans because Hyde has to get out a report for the hunger congress. To him his report is more important than the farmers about whom he is reporting and who are to him no more than miserable statistics for his report.

This hypocrite stated that the farmers "should apply first and that then ample time would be given for the waivers." This was said on November 29—the last day for filing applications and reported by the capitalist press on December 1, when it was too late to file applications.

This is the answer of Hunger Hoover to the farmers of the north west.

## TENN. POLICE PERSECUTION

ARREST, TRAIL, SEARCH NEGRO AND WHITE WORKERS

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Negro and white workers are being arrested, searched, and trailed by plain clothes detectives as they leave the International Labor Defense office or the Trade Union Unity League headquarters here.

Dan Brooks, southern district organizer for the T.U.U.L. declares that he has been shadowed for days by plain clothes men, one of whom he recognizes as a thug who trailed him while he was helping organize negro and white miners in Harlan county, Kentucky.

All Chattanooga is being combed by police to stop activity of militant workers. This city is the center of the National Miners Union in the south, of the southern district of the International Labor Defense, and the place of publication of The Southern Worker. A veritable reign of terror has been projected against workers in these activities, especially when they are negroes.

Three negroes seeking aid from the International Labor Defense were arrested as they were leaving the office on Nov. 20, taken to police headquarters, searched, grilled and finally turned loose because they possessed no literature and would give no information. The I.L.D. charges that this is a part of a "drive on the reds" arising from the growing fear of the south. The anti-red drive is timed to intimidate workers just as 18,000 negro and white miners are set to call a general strike in eastern Kentucky coal fields; sixteen miners go on trial for their lives on framed murder charges in Mt. Sterling, Ky., and the Scottsboro case is re-opened.

## Red Cross Hijackers

On the Job Every Day

Charles Ashley, general manager of the Armour company, West Fargo, N. D. plant, today forwarded a check for \$76.84 to Rev. R. C. Crouch, Moorhead, county Red Cross roll call chairman, stating it is the contribution of Armour workers residing in Moorhead and expressing the hope it will aid in alleviation of distress.

"This is a fine example of good sportsmanship on the part of the Armour employees," said Rev. Mr. Crouch today.

We wonder just how this particular piece of hijacking was accomplished by the Red Cross in cahoots with the Meat Packing Trust.

after the meeting, so this proves conclusively that the workers and farmers have decided to deliver themselves from bondage and slavery under capitalism for good and all.

THEO. THORSTVEDT.

## MANY FINNISH FARMERS WANT TO BUILD USSR

HAVE NOTHING AFTER MANY YEARS OF TOIL UNDER CAPITALIST U. S.

Under the title of "Finns in America Not Very Anxious to Go to Russia," the Helena Independent of Nov. 23 prints a story of the migration of the Finnish farmers of the United States to Soviet Karelia. Every single word of the story cries out that the title given to the story is a complete lie, and the head writer a vicious liar, writing lies about the Soviet Union in order to prevent the working masses from rallying to the defense of the Soviet Union against the imperialist attacks.

In our last issue and in the current one we have published letters from two of these Finnish comrades who have left for the Soviet Union to aid in the up-building of Socialism in Soviet Karelia.

These letters also are a complete refutation of the lies in the title of the Helena Independent story. If the Helena Independent editor had any sense he would have changed the story to contain the same lies that are contained in the title.

## Many Ready to Go to Karelia

The story itself reads as follows:

"Between 750 and 1,000 Finnish residents of the middle west and Canada have professed a desire to leave America and contract for work in Karelia according to John Heino, Duluth attorney, who has acted as counsel for several of the emigrants.

"They are, however, unable to dispose of their property or secure the necessary \$500 to be deposited with the Soviet Republic of Karelia, Mr. Heino has learned from prospective emigrants.

**3,000 Have Already Gone**  
"Since the first group of Finnish people left America and Canada, about three years ago, Mr. Heino estimates nearly 3,000 have followed, about 2,200 from states in the middle west and about 600 from Canada.

"The majority of the emigrants and prospective emigrants are from Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin and North and South Dakota, and are farmers and laborers. Most of them are naturalized citizens of the United States where there are approximately 300,000 Finnish people, with about one-half that number living in the middle west.

"Information has been given the prospective emigrants that if they are unable to secure the necessary \$500 for the Karelia government by the first of the year, they will be unable to enter the country under contract, Mr. Heino said. The Karelian government, he added, demands a deposit of \$500 from the head of each family contracting to work for the government, keeping the money for two years and returning it to the depositor without interest after that time, provided they work for two years. American citizens are permitted to stay two years without renewal of passports.

**Retain National Characteristics**  
"The Finnish people of eastern Karelia, Mr. Heino asserted, preserved in a great measure their language and their racial and national identity. Finnish is the official language on a parity with Russian and is the language of the schools. More than one-half of the population of Karelia which lies east of Finland, is inhabited by Finns."

The Soviet government of Karelia has made the requirement of entry of a family into Karelia the deposit of a specified sum in order to provide for the initial expenses of maintaining the new immigrants until they have been brought into the industrial functioning of the republic. Otherwise the expense of keeping thousands of new arrivals would be a severe drawback on the rapid industrialization of Karelia.

After two years, tho, the money is

## Southern Landlords Try to Murder Negro; Labor Defense Acts

Houston, Texas.—Mass meetings are being held through this section by the International Labor Defense to rally negro and white Lee Ross, 23 year old negro, sentenced to death on the charge of attacking a white woman in Dangerfield.

Ross was tried four days after his arrest and sentenced to the electric chair after a two hour hearing. He was allowed no time to prepare a defense. Lynch mobs were immediately formed and Ross has been shifted from jail to jail. The I.L.D. has secured a lawyer to demand a hearing for him, and has set its legal investigation committee to work securing witnesses and testimony with which to prove him innocent. The I.L.D. labels the Ross trial "another Scottsboro case, in line with the terror projected against poor negroes and whites by southern landowners and bosses who fear an uprising due to starvation, unemployment, and misery among workers."

## DEMAND CUT IN HIGH SALARIES

REFUSE FARMERS' DEMAND IN IRONWOOD, MICHIGAN

About a week ago, the farmers in the Ironwood section of Michigan organized a few UFL meetings in the Marengo territory. Farmers from the surrounding territory attended the meetings in which a set of demands for the Ashland county government were drawn up.

The farmers were so militant and aggressive that the demand of a 20% reduction in pay for all county officials was agreed on. All the other demands were dodged in the usual faked fashion thru pointing out it is "illegal" to reduce taxes, give relief, stop evictions, etc. According to the county board's remarks one could say that they had all the power in the world to help the farmer, but none to give him any help.

However, these high paid officials were not satisfied with the 20% reduction in pay. So the following day the county lawyer together with other county officials made a demand that this not be put into effect. With a vote of 15 to 12 the county board decided to "investigate further in the matter."

The lawyer was smart enough to avoid a scandal thru pointing out that this promise does not go into effect until 1933. This caused a lot of fighting between the board and the officials, for, the board is looking forward to the next elections. The officials are looking forward to their wages. But, they can still unite together to rob the farmer.

## FARMERS PREPARING FOR STRUGGLES

The farmers, in answer to this fake maneuver of the county officials, are organizing strong fighting groups of the United Farmers League, and are preparing to fight against the evictions and starvation facing them. The promises of fakers, county officials, and all social fascists are not feeding them or keeping them on their farms.

returned to them for their own use.

**U. S. Farmers Show Nothing For Years of Toil.**  
The important fact about this deposit is that after years of toil in these United States thousands of Finnish farmers, naturalized citizens of the U. S., who want to leave this misery to go and aid in the building of Socialism in the Soviet Union are "UNABLE TO DISPOSE OF THEIR PROPERTY OR SECURE THE NECESSARY \$500." This is their reward after decades of strenuous toil at CAPITALIST farming. It is for this reason that they want to go to the land of the workers and farmers soviets where years of work under SOCIALIST farming mean ever greater benefits for the masses that produce and not for a gang of robber parasites, bankers, railroad capitalists and speculators as live off the farmers and workers under capitalism.

## FARM PRODUCTS EXPOSITION IS ONLY MOCKERY

HARVESTER TRUST AWARDS TO FARM YOUTH MADE TO DECEIVE U. S. FARMERS

The thirty-second International Livestock Exposition, which was held in Chicago last week, was this year, more than in any previous year, a horrible mockery of the wretched conditions under which the masses of farmers throughout the United States exist.

Prizes were awarded, as usual, for the best cattle and the best grain samples. These prizes and the publicity given to the exposition by the entire capitalist press are a hypocritical attempt to make the poor and middle farmers believe that capitalist agriculture can produce decent results.

While the prize steer is sold for a fairly recent price, the meat trust has paid the farmers the least possible for the hundreds of thousands of head of cattle that they have sold this year. While prizes were awarded for the best wheat, corn and other products, the millions of farmers who have produced these crops are in dire want, oppressed by the bankers and by the capitalist tax collectors, because they have produced too well, because they have produced large crops at a time when the capitalist class has doomed millions of city workers and their families to hunger.

## PRIZE MISERY UNDER CAPITALISM

The real prizes of agriculture this year are the destitute farmers of the drought stricken areas, the greatest crop of foreclosures and sales for taxes, the greatest misery for the farming masses of these United States that we have yet known. These are the goals—these are the prizes of capitalist agriculture.

The capitalist class also took the occasion of the exposition to make its annual awards to the farming youth of the country for their products. The International Harvester Company gave prizes to 100 farm boys and girls. The names of the winners "were announced by Cyrus McCormick, Jr., vice-president of the harvester company" while the "winners were warmly congratulated by Alex. Legge, president of the harvester company, and the losers were encouraged to keep on striving."

Legge, who as head of the Farm Board, caused the farmers of the country to lose millions of dollars for the benefit of the speculators and the bankers, is the one to encourage the losers to keep on striving.

The real purpose of the farm implement trust is to keep the farmers trying to win a decent livelihood under capitalism so that the harvester company can continue its milking of the farmers. This program of deceit and plunder "was carried out with the cooperation of the state agricultural colleges and the U. S. Department of Agriculture" acting for the bankers, the railroads, the fertilizer and the implement trusts.

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