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## PROGRESSIVE MINERS DEMAND WORK OR RELIEF FOR STARVING, AND AN IMMEDIATE CONVENTION

BY ALEX REID.

(Secretary, Progressive Miners' International Committee of the United Mine Workers of America.)

Brother miners! From the country come reports of intense suffering among miners, their wives and families due to unemployment. Starvation is gaining throughout the mining towns of the country, and many mining villages are completely deserted.

Never in the history of mining has the suffering been so general throughout the country with so little prospect of recovery, and in certain districts, while children mechanically move around, the picture of ill-health caused by malnutrition.

## Children Starved.

I talked with a school superintendent a few days ago, and commenting on the pupils at school, the workers' children, drew his attention to the miners' children in the schools as a true picture of the miners' suffering on their face. Their demeanor is saddening, many of them not properly washed, no doubt for lack of soap, many in rags, save in every way, and all of them plainly hungry. The picture of fakers are not leaving aid to the progressive miners, but they are lined up with the coal operators, thru their class collaboration scheme, thru their coal operators, and the expelling from office of the militant progressive coal diggers and the expelling from membership of the rank and file progressives.

Rank and File Demands Regular Convention.

Letters from every state in the union are pouring into the office of the progressive miners' committee, protesting against the inactivity of the Lewis miners and demanding immediate action. The committee is instructed by the militant rank and file to state that the vote for postponement of the regular constitutional international convention is snowing under the treacherous proposal of the Lewis miners.

On behalf of our starving fellow workers, we, the progressive miners' committee, are prepared to join a united trade union international protest meeting against unemployment and starvation, demand government aid, and to demand an immediate movement for the same—**we demand no postponement of the miners' convention, but the same to convene as soon as possible.**

## For Immediate Action

We demand the international executive board convene at once to arrange for same and we further demand that the miners' rank and file, since interviewed and demand from the government authorities immediate relief for the unemployed miners.

Brothers, organize, and subscribe to the Progressive Miner, our militant rank and file paper.

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By SANDE

(Worker Correspondent)

WILKINSBURG, June 15.—Three hundred miners, employed on Edgewood country club's golf course, recently struck for and won an increase in wages after showing the caddy master a real display of solidarity.

These young rebels who last year were receiving 45 cents a round, and who sometime ago demanded and were given 55 cents, are now proud to announce that a short strike has forced this club of wealthy business men and capitalists to pay them a 55 cent a round increase.

Two members of the East Pittsburg Junior group of the Young Workers League who are employed as caddies had an additional demand added which was also taken up as one condition upon which the caddies agreed to return to work.

The caddy master had them divided into two classes. Class A boys were receiving more than the Class B boys. The Juniors pointed out that this was unfair as all boys did the same work and that there was only one class—**one wage class.**

Before this successful strike the caddies who are all young boys, were among the poorest paid in the Pittsburgh district, now they can tell the cock-eyed world they are among the highest paid and wish to announce that they are not as they are taking steps to organize a union.

President: TOMSKY.  
Secretary: DOGADOV.

I. C. C. Probes Freight Rates

WASHINGTON, June 15.—The transportation commission today ordered an investigation of the rates from points to northern Iowa, the Pacific coast, and the Atlantic coast.

We therefore suggest that the general council of the Amsterdam International review its decision of Feb. 5, and 7, and convene a joint unconditional conference with the All-Russian trade union confederation on the question of trade union unity.

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Treacherous in the Unions.

The progressive miners are showing what the workers' leaders are doing at this time of trial, what the Lewis

## SOVIET LABOR UNIONS ANSWER AMSTERDAM INTERNATIONAL ON BASIS OF ANGLO-RUSSIAN PACT

MOSCOW, May 19, (By Mail)—The Foreign Relations Committee of the All-Russian Trade Union Council has directed the following letter to the Amsterdam Trade Union Federation:

Dear Comrades: For various reasons, and in view of the London Conference of British and Russian Trade Unions, the plenary session of the All-Russian Central Trade Union Council could not be held sooner than April 30-May 3. The London Conference of the British and Soviet trade unions examined exhaustively both the question of trade union unity and the question of the relations of the All-Russian Central Trade Union Council and of the Soviet trade unions to the Amsterdam International.

The plenum of the All-Russian Trade Union Council ratified the work and decisions of the London conference and instructed its foreign relations commission to send you a reply. On the basis of these decisions we consider it our duty to inform you of the fact that the February 7 decision of your general council has made a very deep impression on our trade unions and on their membership.

## Wanted a Joint Unconditional Conference.

We were of the opinion that our correspondence would bring about a greater mutual understanding resulting in a conference of our representatives. We therefore invited you for the purpose of examining jointly the question of trade union unity—which would have constituted a first attempt at an objective treatment of this problem, which we consider to be of the greatest importance to the workers of the world.

We desired a joint unconditional conference of the representatives of the Soviet trade unions with those of Amsterdam. Your resolution rejects our proposal and makes such a conference conditional upon a previous consideration on our part to the effect that we desire to affiliate to Amsterdam.

## The Aim of the Soviet Unions.

This would mean: affiliation to the Amsterdam International. It is, on the basis of the constitution and the rules of the International, the greatest and Joughau wherein they con-

cern this view is of enormous importance. We find with deep regret that conservatives means be adopted, which in common sense would indicate that the struggle against the bosses should be modified that it would not disturb the profits of the bosses merely to help the workers improve their conditions.

He stated that "it suffices to hold what we have already gained," and he warned against "going over the limit" for fear of losing what has been gained.

Obviously, Brother Lynch intends to have the workers remain in fighting against the bosses for our interests.

## Why Have Unions. Brother Lynch?

Asks the miners: "What is the I. T. U. president ought to make our membership stand up and take notice.

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However, the members of our union think differently. They know the union is the means by which the workers can defend their economic interests and fight steadily to better them. They know (and others are distinctly beginning to feel it) that to hold what we already have is not sufficient—for the cost of living is continually on the upward climb.

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## Statutes Not Important.

Compared with this great goal, the statistical question is of secondary importance.

The Soviet Union international is not a matter of rank and file, much from the statutes of the Amsterdam International.

The enumeration of aims of the international is not important.

The main thing is that the workers

of the various sections of the divided trade union movement be removed—without a personal conference or without an exhaustive and objective examination of these vital questions.

The mutual associations of the British and Soviet trade union representatives, and the sincere desire on both sides to achieve trade union unity thru joint conferences and joint methods, undoubtedly had good results.

## Propose an International Meeting.

There is no doubt but that the recent London conference promoted the idea of a joint conference of the British and Soviet workers.

Similar, a conference between the representatives of the Russian trade unions and those of the Amsterdam International could, with mutual good will, serve as a beginning to the relationship of unity of the whole trade union movement.

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## The Usual Threat.

The method of the capitalist manufacturing

class is just at its height so the

union should have some advantage in that. The manufacturers are making the usual threat to move their

shops 20 to 80 miles out of town in

the hope of evading the union.

Five thousand subs for Red Week.

## 8-HOUR DAY IN STEEL MILLS IS ALL BUNK

## Worker Tells of Gary Fairy Stories

By THOMAS

(Worker Correspondent)

PITTSBURGH, June 15.—Judge

Riley, the noted steel-slave-driver,

once stated in a chamber of commerce meeting that they had the

eight-hour day in force all through

the steel industry. There were a

few exceptions to this.

There is no such a thing as a general eight-hour day. It

is mostly ten to twelve hours and

there are men working fourteen hours a day.

Of course, they have the eight-hour day in certain departments which

can be forced to produce six times

as much as when they are on the

ten-hour shift, or where it would be

impossible for the men to last much

more owing to the terrific heat. So

you can see the only thing that is

different is when they get twice as

much work.

They will give water for blood any day and the blood of

the workers flows freely in the United

States corporation works—all the

it is never allowed to get outside the

borders of the plant.

Workers Pay for Funerals.

When there has been a serious accident it is all hush-hush. The steel

company makes another boat, that

is, if a man gets killed in their

works, that they will see that he gets a decent funeral. They see to that

right. They have to make the workers

pay for it all.

They are very desirous of giving

down to the workers when they are

dead. When those same workers were

living they never had a chance to see or smell the smoke from the

pavements and the smokestacks that

workers live in.

A worker who has the privilege

of staying in the place for fifteen

years is allowed to have one week's

vacation with pay. After wasting his

energy for fifteen years he is given

one week and gets paid for another.

Five years is work. But there

are many who live or remain

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But according to such logic, our union

is not necessary and it may become a

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We, therefore, appeal to you

to rally to the support of this

committee and undertake the future

tasks.

The existing conditions among the

workers at the present moment are

not good.

Unemployment has shown a steady

increase in recent years

among the organized bakers.

Both organizations endeavor to

cope with it. The A. F. of L. organizes

bakers, but fails to do this.

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