

GAS KILLS WHOLE MINE CREW, FORCED TO WORK IN DANGER BY HUNGER

Crisis Worse; Census Figures Show Unemployed Numbers 8,000,000; Bosses Admit Lies

Councils of Unemployed, Unity League, Growing; Prepare Conference in Chicago, July 4

BULLETIN.

TACOMA, Wash., April 13.—Seventeen bodies of miners had been removed from the Carbonado Mine of the Pacific Coal Co. late today.

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TACOMA, Wash., April 13.—Twenty men, the entire working force below ground at the time, were killed late yesterday by gas explosion in the Carbonado mine, 20 miles from here.

Gas fumes are so strong that it is impossible for the rescue crews to go down for the bodies. The mine is a deep one, and the force of the explosion caved in part of it.

It has been known as a "gassy mine" for a long time, but the men were not organized sufficiently to compel the use of safety measures. They were deliberately sent into danger for the profit of the company.

The entire mining industry, like all others, is taking advantage of the short time to bitterly exploit its working force. With millions unemployed, the companies are absolutely ruthless in their treatment of the men at work. Rationalization, abolition of safety measures, reckless speeding, wage cutting, discharge of men by hundreds in every mine that puts in new machinery, without a thought as to what will become of these men, are everyday conditions.

Miners at Jobless Meet.

It is in answer to conditions like this, that a large delegation of miners is expected to the July 4-5 national convention on unemployment called to meet in Chicago. At least

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PROTEST JAILING 15 IN CALIFORNIA

Mass Demonstration Is Called for Saturday

LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 13.—Fifteen workers who led the March 6 unemployment demonstration were found guilty yesterday. They face a sentence on Monday ranging up to six months in jail and fines of \$500 each.

The jury deliberated one hour and a half. Frank Waldren and Karl Sklar defended themselves. They exposed capitalist justice. Attorney Leo Gallagher, for the International Labor Defense, will ask for a new trial. Frank Spector, International Labor Defense organizer, is serving a ten days' sentence.

A mass demonstration is being arranged for Saturday, April 19, at 2 p. m. at Red Plaza to protest de-

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10,000 delegates in all are expected. The convention was called by a preliminary national conference held in New York March 29-30, attended by 215 delegates of unions and unemployed councils. The Trade Union Unity League has set a goal of 50,000 new members to be obtained by the time of the July 4 convention.

Figures Show Crisis Worse.

Figures for business activity and industrial production for March, just made public, disclose that the crisis is deepening still further. All the optimistic lies of Hoover during last month are exposed. "The Annalist," financial weekly, exposes this in more polite words, saying:

"The crude figures as given out in Washington seriously misrepresent the actual significance of the change." It declares of the March records, that "it cannot be said that they bring much cheerfulness into the business outlook; on the contrary, the most significant of them are unfavorable."

Construction contracts, about which Washington made such a joyful noise, "represent a shade less than the normal seasonal increase." Increase in pig iron production was only three-fourths the normal increase for this month. Steel ingot production actually decreased by 2.7 per cent instead of the normal seasonal increase of 5.1 per cent. In the first four days of April, construction contracts show a daily average of \$7,000,000 below the same days last year, a decline of almost 30 per cent. Freight car loadings declined almost 4 per cent. Coal production went down 6 per cent, automobiles six per cent, and so on.

Preliminary announcements of the census of the unemployed show that the figure is running uniformly from 6 to 7 per cent of the total population. This shows that the estimate of the Daily Worker of about 7,000,000 unemployed was too conservative, and that the total is actually closer to 8,000,000.

The "Psychological Cure."

The capitalist press continues to launch fanciful schemes (not expensive to the bosses like relief, insurance, or shorter work day) to "cure unemployment." The latest meeting of the New York branch of the American Psychological Association had the usual papers read on "finding work for borderline cases," and "age groupings" psychologically considered. The New York capitalist press seizes on these formal considerations of how to treat some dozens or hundreds of mental cases as "solutions of the problem of unemployment" for the probably 8,000,000 now jobless!