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NEW SCOTTSBORO TRIAL

SMASHING GAINS BY COMMUNISTS IN GERMAN POLL

100 Red Deputies With
6,000,000 Red Votes

1. The Communist Party now has 100 deputies in the Reichstag, with a total vote of 6,000,000 adherents of the proletarian revolution.
2. The Communist Party has captured Berlin as well as the Ruhr district, becoming the largest party in the two most important regions of German capitalism.
3. The Social-Democratic Party, has lost 10 percent of its vote, largely to the Communists.
4. Hitler's Fascist Party lost 15 percent of its supporters, losing enormously in the farming regions of East Prussia and losing domination of the Ruhr to the Communists.
5. Even the Catholic Centrists, with their previously unshakable religious support, lost more than 7 percent.
6. The Communist Party is now the third largest party in Germany, and shows a gain of more than 60 percent over the results of the April presidential elections.
7. The results of the German elections, with their tremendous Communist gains, show the correctness of the Communist line of extra-parliamentary struggle against Von Papen's wage-cuts, layoffs and unemployment and against any reduction of social insurance.

The provisional results of the German Reichstag elections, the high points of which are summarized above, represent a smashing gain for the Communists, with corresponding losses for the socialists and even greater losses for the Hitlerites. Of the four major parties, only the Communists registered substantial increases, and now the decisive sections of the German working class—coal, machinery, textiles—are lined up behind the Communist program. Large numbers of the ruined middle class, the intellectuals, and the peasantry, are also lined up behind the slogan, "The Dictatorship of the German Proletariat—On to Soviet Germany!"

The remainder of the votes was split among a number of minor bourgeois parties, such as the Agrarian Party, the State Party and the Christian Social Party.

Berlin Is Communist!
In the capital, Berlin, with its huge working class population, the Communists polled 861,000 votes, or more than any other party. In the last Reichstag elections on July 31st the Nazis had a slight lead over the Communist and Socialist vote, but on Sunday the Nazis got only 720,000 votes, a loss of 30,000, while the Social Democrats fell from 722,000 to 646,000, a loss of 124,000. The Communist gain of 130,000 votes in Berlin was almost entirely at the expense of the socialists, as the Nazis engaged in a tricky bit of election democracy to retain their followers. They announced their "support" of the Berlin transit strike, hoping to keep their proletarian adherents from deserting to the Communists, whose militant leadership of the strike has been reflected in the huge Communist gain.

The figures for the proletarian heart of Berlin are even more striking. The Communists polled over 400,000 votes here, or within 50,000

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Painters Denounce Attempt to Deliver Them to Socialists

NEW YORK.—The International Left Wing Groups of District No. 9 (New York) of the Brotherhood of Painters denounces, in a statement issued yesterday, the attempt of David Shapiro, Secretary of the District Council, to "pledge" their votes to Norman Thomas. The painters point out that the Socialist Candidate Hillquit was paid \$1,000 per case or more as a lawyer and tried to force through the Tammany courts that the painters affiliate with the corrupt Building Trades Council. The painters voted down this affiliation move time after time.

The Left Wing Groups call on all painters to vote Communist in this election.

Vote Communist!

The Communist Way Out!

1. The new trial for the innocent Scottsboro boys ordered by the United States Supreme Court is the result of the world-wide mass struggle in their behalf organized by the Communist Party and the International Labor Defense. This struggle must now be raised to a new high point to liberate these victims of lynch justice whose executions have been postponed by the upsurge of mass protest.

The verdict is proof that the Communist Party tactic of mass organization and militant struggle outside the legal forms of capitalist "democracy" is the most effective method for workers and all oppressed. It refutes unanswerably the vicious slanders of the Socialist Party and N. A. A. C. P. to the effect that the Communists were endangering the lives of the boys. They have, for the time being, been rescued by mass struggle from the executioners to whom the S. P. and the N. A. A. C. P. surrendered them from the beginning.

2. The German masses led by the Communist Party, by their smashing victory in the course of the election struggle have upset the strategy of the von Papen-Hindenburg dictatorship of big capital and landlords and delivered a smashing blow to the capitalist offensive against the Soviet Union and the living and social standards of the German masses.

The exposure of the treachery of the German Social Democrat leaders and struggle against them has been proved to be a central need for effective battle against the capitalist offensive and for the preparation for the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism.

3. On its Fifteenth Anniversary, the magnificent victories of the proletarian revolution and socialist construction in the Soviet Union, led by the Communist Party in the face of the implacable enmity and attack of the capitalist world, place before the working class the greatest concrete achievements for the masses ever recorded in history.

163,000,000 people in the course of the earth's struggle constantly progressing in every field under the proletarian power with the widest democracy yet seen, while capitalism decays, prove irrefutably the correctness of revolutionary Marxist-Leninist program and tactics of the Communist International and its Communist Parties.

4. The betrayal of the interests of the masses by the Second International and its parties like the Socialist Party of America is laid bare by their attacks on the Soviet Government and its Communist leadership, by their sabotage of the mass struggles of the German workers, by

their vilification of the leadership of the struggle for the Scottsboro boys, by their sabotage and slander of the mass struggle of the unemployed in the United States.

5. Socialist Party opposition to and sabotage of the great local battles of the unemployed and the National Hunger March to Washington under Communist leadership is a crowning current example of the betrayal of the American working class by the social fascists headed by Norman Thomas, whose whole election campaign has been aimed to check the revolutionary development of the American working class—and lead it into the capitalist camp via capitalist "democracy."

Support the National Hunger March to Washington for unemployment insurance and cash winter relief at the expense of the employers and their government—organized and led by the Communist Party and the Unemployed Councils!

Vote Communist! For Foster and Ford! Support the Communist Program of mass struggle for a Workers and Farmers Government—the revolutionary way out of the crisis! Join the Communist Party!

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Lynch Verdicts Stayed Again by Mass Fight



The nine Scottsboro boys in whose defense millions of workers, peasants and intellectuals throughout the world have held numerous protest demonstrations. Standing left to right, they are: Anderson, 17; Williams, 17; Montgomery, 17; Clarence Norris, 19; Charlie Weems, 20, and Ozie Powell, 14.

Scottsboro Lads Victims of Hideous Class Frame-Up

They Were Railroaded to Death Sentences On
Trumped-Up "Rape" Charge

Reformists Aided Lynch Bosses While Communists Lead Fight for Their Freedom

The nine Scottsboro boys were arrested at Paint Rock, Alabama, on March 25, 1931, while riding a freight from Chattanooga, Tenn., in a vain hunt for work.

They were at first arrested in connection with a fight which took place on the freight between a group of Negro boys and seven white boys. This charge was later changed to "rape" when the sheriff discovered two white girls riding the freight in overalls. The two girls at first denied they had even seen the Negro boys on the freight. The two girls were mill workers forced into prostitution by low wages and unemployment. The state used this fact to coerce them into lying away the lives of the boys.

Misleaders In Case.
The boys—all minors—were denied any opportunity to communicate with their parents or to arrange a defense. The "defense" attorneys appointed by the court helped in railroad the boys toward the electric chair. One of these attorneys, Stephen Roddy, was later endorsed and sponsored by the misleaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. These misleaders and other Negro and white reformists, have consistently played the role of assistant hangmen to the imperialists throughout the long history of the case.

Trial on "Horse-Swapping Day."
They were rushed to trial on April 6, 1931, "horse-swapping day" in Scottsboro, Alabama. The normal population of the town is 2,000, but on April 6, a mob of 10,000, many of them armed, surged through the streets of the town demanding the lives of the boys. During the "trial," this mob, mobilized by the boss press and entertained with booze and a brass band furnished by local mill

throughout Europe, China, South Africa, etc., while in the Soviet Union millions of workers and peasants thundered their protests against the lynch verdicts and their solidarity with the oppressed Negro masses.

The Scottsboro court was forced to grant a new trial and a stay of execution. The new trials were held on June 5, in Scottsboro, with the judge who had handed down the original lynch verdicts and who now denied a change of venue to a point outside of Scottsboro, presiding. Judge Hawkins upheld his own lynch verdicts. He set a new date for the legal murders.

Case Appealed.

The I. L. D. attorneys appealed the case to the Alabama Supreme Court, while the mass fight of white and Negro workers went forward in giant strikes throughout the world. The Alabama Supreme Court upheld the lynch verdicts against seven of the boys and set a new date for the executions. In the case of 14-year old Eugene Williams, the court reversed the verdict and ordered a trial in the juvenile court. Chief Justice Anderson, in an opinion dissenting from the majority opinion upholding the lynch verdicts against seven, was forced to admit that none of the boys had had a fair trial.

The I. L. D., supported by increasing numbers of white and colored workers, demanded a review of the lynch verdicts by the U. S. Supreme Court. Oral argument was heard on October 10 by that court. Its decision was postponed until yesterday, when it was given as a last minute election move in an attempt to corral Negro voters for support of the slave-driver and Jim-crow president Herbert Hoover and his lily-white Republican Party.

DEMAND RELIEF!

CROWN POINT, Ind.—Fifteen workers who have been getting relief from the North Township came to the county commissioners' court to protest against the cut in relief from \$5 to \$4 food a week.

The unemployed also demanded free light, free gas and free clothing for their children as protection against the coming winter. They also demanded that fresh meat be given them.

FIGHT WAGE CUT ON RELIEF JOB!

Amalgamated, I.L.G.W.
Agree to Wage Cut

NEW YORK.—The Needle Trades Unemployed Councils call all jobless needle trades workers and other workers to a mass meeting Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Union Square, to protest the wage-cutting scheme which the Gibson Committee, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the International Ladies Garment Workers have worked out for work on the 5,000,000 yards of cloth to be worked up for the unemployed.

At present the Gibson Committee is registering unemployed needle workers for work on this cloth. The registration office is at 111 East 22d Street. But it is so far registering only those who have cards from the Women's Trade Union League. The Unemployed Councils propose to all unemployed women needle workers that they go down and demand also the right to register.

It is well known that Potofsky of the Amalgamated and Dubinsky of the International have agreed with the Gibson committee to put workers on at 50 cents per hour, and to provide the shops.

This proposition was put up to the Unemployed Councils by Mr. Kidder, representative of the Gibson Committee, at two meetings which a committee of the Councils had with him. Kidder denied any such proposition. The Unemployed Councils demanded that the Gibson Committee furnish the shops, and that wages from \$18 a week minimum to \$30 maximum be paid those who work on the cloth, also that a special bureau with jobless representatives on it be set up to pick out the most immediately needy cases to get the first jobs.

The Gibson committee, through Kidder, rejected these demands, and said its only interest was "to get the work done as cheaply as possible," and that "the propositions of the Amalgamated and I. L. G. W. were satisfactory."

BROADCAST SCOTTSBORO VICTORY TO NEGRO WORKERS

The Daily Worker calls for volunteers to report to the office of the Daily Worker, 8th floor, 50 East 13th Street, to get special issue of the Daily Worker to sell in Harlem and vicinity. It is urgent that the news of the new trial won for the Scottsboro Negro boys shall be broadcast widely among all Negro workers in Harlem. The comrades, therefore, are urged to report to the Daily Worker, get their bundles and go out with the papers among the workers of Harlem.

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GREAT APPLAUSE GREET'S STALIN IN BIG VICTORY MEET

Moscow Soviet, Shock
Workers At the 15th
Anniversary Meet

(Cable By Inprecorr)

MOSCOW, Nov. 7.—A special meeting of the Moscow Soviet, with representatives of the Central Soviet Government and shock workers celebrating the 15th anniversary of the triumphal Russian Revolution was held today at the Moscow Grand Opera House.

Long before the opening of the meeting, the hall accommodating over 3,000 people was overcrowded by workers from Moscow factories and mills. The hall was decorated with slogans emphasizing the peaceful character of the successful socialist construction carried on for the last fifteen years.

Stormy Applause Greet's Stalin, Molotov

The appearance on the platform of members of the Soviet Government and the Political Bureau of the Communist Party headed by Stalin and Molotov, caused a powerful outburst of applause passing into a stormy ovation. All rose to their feet.

The meeting was opened by Comrade Bulgantsev, President of the Moscow Soviet who reviewed the historical events of the past 15 years and moved for the election of a presidium. Members of Central Organs of the Party and Government, shock workers from Moscow factories, Comrade Martov, well known French Communist leader, and Sen. Yatsynsky, leader of the Japanese Communist Party, were elected as members of the Presidium amidst great acclamation.

The Presidium headed by Stalin, Molotov, Kalinin, Voroshilov and Thaelman provoked a stormy ovation. U. S. Senator Peter S. Gray, Kalinin, Comrade Kalinin, chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Union, delivered the principal speech devoted to the 15th anniversary of the great Russian Revolution.

Kalinin traced the victorious road traveled by the Soviet Union in building socialism on one-sixth of the globe. The successes of the Soviet Union, he said, are particularly striking on the background of the world economic crisis hitting capitalism which has reached the last stage of its disintegration.

Pointing out the world significance of the October Revolution (according to the Western Calendar the Revolution occurred in November, Editor), the determination of the Soviet Union to live at peace and its tireless struggle for peace, Kalinin touched upon the difficulties which the proletariat has to overcome in breaking down the old world and building a new one.

Fight Against Opportunism
Most of these difficulties, Kalinin pointed out, were accompanied by an intensification of the inner Party struggle. However, the Party resolutely dealt with all sorts of right and "left" opportunists, and again displayed its will for unity and preservation of the solid character of the ranks.

In conclusion Comrade Kalinin pointed out that since the organization of the Soviet Union, the whole world was split into two camps, the camp of socialism and the camp of capitalism. In the countries of capitalism oppression, exploitation, reaction and mockery is the lot of the workers. In the land of socialism, in the USSR, there is complete national and social freedom for all toilers.

Kalinin's speech was received by an ovation lasting many minutes. The sound of the International merged with the mighty hurrah from thousands of throats.

Marty Hails Success of Socialist Construction.

Kalinin was followed by Andre Marty who led the heroic revolt of the French Black Sea fleet, against the intervention of their government. Marty conveyed heartfelt greetings to the proletariat of the Soviet Union on behalf of the Comintern and the Communist Party of France. His appearance provoked a lasting applause.

The successes achieved by the Soviet Union, said Marty, give the world proletariat a clear answer to the question "What road to follow?" The road of revolution pointed out by Lenin or the road of compromise

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Capitol Police in Attack on Pickets

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 7.—On the eve of the Presidential elections, the U. S. Supreme Court, in a decision handed down today, granted a new trial for the Scottsboro boys. The decision reverses the death verdict of the Alabama lynch courts against the nine innocent Negro boys who were framed up on a "rape" charge in Scottsboro, Ala., and originally sentenced to die in the electric chair on July 10, 1931.

This partial victory is a direct result of the international campaign of protest organized and led by the Communist Party of the U. S. and the International Labor Defense. In practically every country of the world mighty demonstrations of protest were held, and millions of workers—Negro and white—mobilized behind the campaign to force the freedom of the Scottsboro defendants.

Does Not Mean Boys Are Free!
The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court means that the Scottsboro boys get a new trial—it does not mean that they go free!

While the decision postpones the execution in the face of overwhelming evidence of their innocence, the U. S. Supreme Court turns the Scottsboro boys back into the hands of the court which engineered the original frame-up.

A careful reading of the official decision shows that the Supreme Court has taken great care to instruct the Alabama authorities how "properly" to carry through such lynch schemes and thus to bolster their discredited "judicial" institutions.

Cue for New Lynch Verdict.
Thus, "the failure of the defendants to obtain adequate legal representation" is given as the sole ground for granting the new trial.

In its ruling it based itself on a mere legal technicality. It ignored the fact that the boys were framed up from the start; that the lawyers for the "defense" assigned by the court and approved by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People actually worked on behalf of the prosecution; that the original trial was held in an atmosphere of lynch law—with armed militia and a mob of 10,000 outside the court howling for the blood of the innocent Negro youths. It ignored the fact that Negroes were excluded from the juries in the Scottsboro trials.

These fundamental questions of Negro rights were contemptuously passed over by the court as of "no material weight." Taking the cue from the misleaders of the N. A. A. C. P. in their attacks on the mass fight to free the boys, the Court characterized the defendants as "young, illiterate and ignorant."

Meanwhile, in Fort Payne, Ala., Judge A. E. Hawkins, who imposed the death penalty on the Scottsboro boys, said that the new trial will be set for the March term of the Circuit Court at Scottsboro. He said that the trial date would be set within the next few weeks, and that he would ask for troops at the second trial, over which he probably will preside. "The presence of militia will be more imperative than ever," he said.

Ask Immediate Lynching.
A dissenting opinion was rendered by Judge J. C. McReynolds and Pierce Butler, two judges who upheld the contention of the Alabama authorities that the judicial murder of the Scottsboro boys should proceed without further delay.

Even as the court was in session, a militant demonstration of several hundred Negro and white workers was held on the capitol grounds yesterday afternoon. Defying the police, who had mobilized to prevent picketing, the workers battled with them as they held their banners aloft demanding: "Free the Scottsboro Boys."

Twelve were hurt, including several policemen, and 13 of the workers were jailed.

Five hundred police patrolling every inch of the capitol grounds launched a tear gas attack on the picketers. The capitol was an armed camp. Motorcycle police patrolled all roads entering the Plaza. The picketers marched in the face of drawn revolvers in the hands of police. Only a gas attack and four-to-one mobilization of police dis-

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Refuse to Cross-Examine
The San Francisco District Attorney, Captain of Police Gough, and Chief of Police Quinn had special representatives present, but these, seeing Callicotte's story unassailable, refused to question him in public.

Sam Darcy, Communist district organizer, spoke particularly on the way in which the Mooney frame-up was handled by a city administration which acted as the agents of the employers against whom Mooney had been leading strikes. He told also of the long history of treachery to Mooney by the AFL leaders in California and elsewhere.

Tried to Suppress Evidence
Attorney Goodman of the International Labor Defense vividly exposed the "investigation" by San Francisco police agents of Callicotte immediately after he made his announcement of hitherto concealed evidence in Portland, Sept. 26. Goodman told of the frantic but vain efforts made by these police agents to suppress or discredit the Callicotte confession.