

# An Urgent Appeal

From the Chinese to the American Section of the W. I. R.

THE workers, students, and intellectuals of China are calling aloud to all workers and liberty loving people of other countries for help. Never before has such an appeal been sent out by the Chinese. Thousands upon thousands of Chinese are on the verge of starvation. For months they have been carrying on strikes against pauper wages and miserable living and working conditions. In addition they are waging a bitter battle against not only their own oppressors, but also against foreign invasions of capitalist dictatorship, that in attempting to destroy any vestige of self-determination still left to the Chinese people. In the past few weeks, hundreds of defenseless Chinese workers and students have been shot down in cold blood during peaceful demonstrations. From out of the wounds of the Chinese there flows the red blood of rebellion against oppression, tyranny and exploitation.

A Chinese school-teacher, after making a heartrending talk about the suffering of his people, cut the tip of his finger off and wrote with his own blood upon a placard—"Chinese, awaken! Offer your lives to save China!"

In the foreign quarters alone of the City of Shanghai there are more than 25,000 children under the age of 12 years working in the mills and factories. They live on rice and water. Milk is a luxury they seldom get.



The International Workers' Relief has already established several food supply stations in Shanghai.

HELP US to establish more relief stations in other parts of China where starvation is rampant.

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Let no one forget that a conquered, subjugated and enslaved Chinese people under the iron heel of International Capitalist Imperialism means the first step towards the attack and attempt to destroy the first workers' and peasants' government, Soviet Russia.

## ***This Must Not Be!***

The struggle of the Chinese people is the struggle of all liberty loving people. We must declare our solidarity with the workers and the people of China, not only in words, but by acts—helpful action. They must not be left to starve and perish.

***Capitalism Gives Them Lead. We Must Bring Them Bread.***

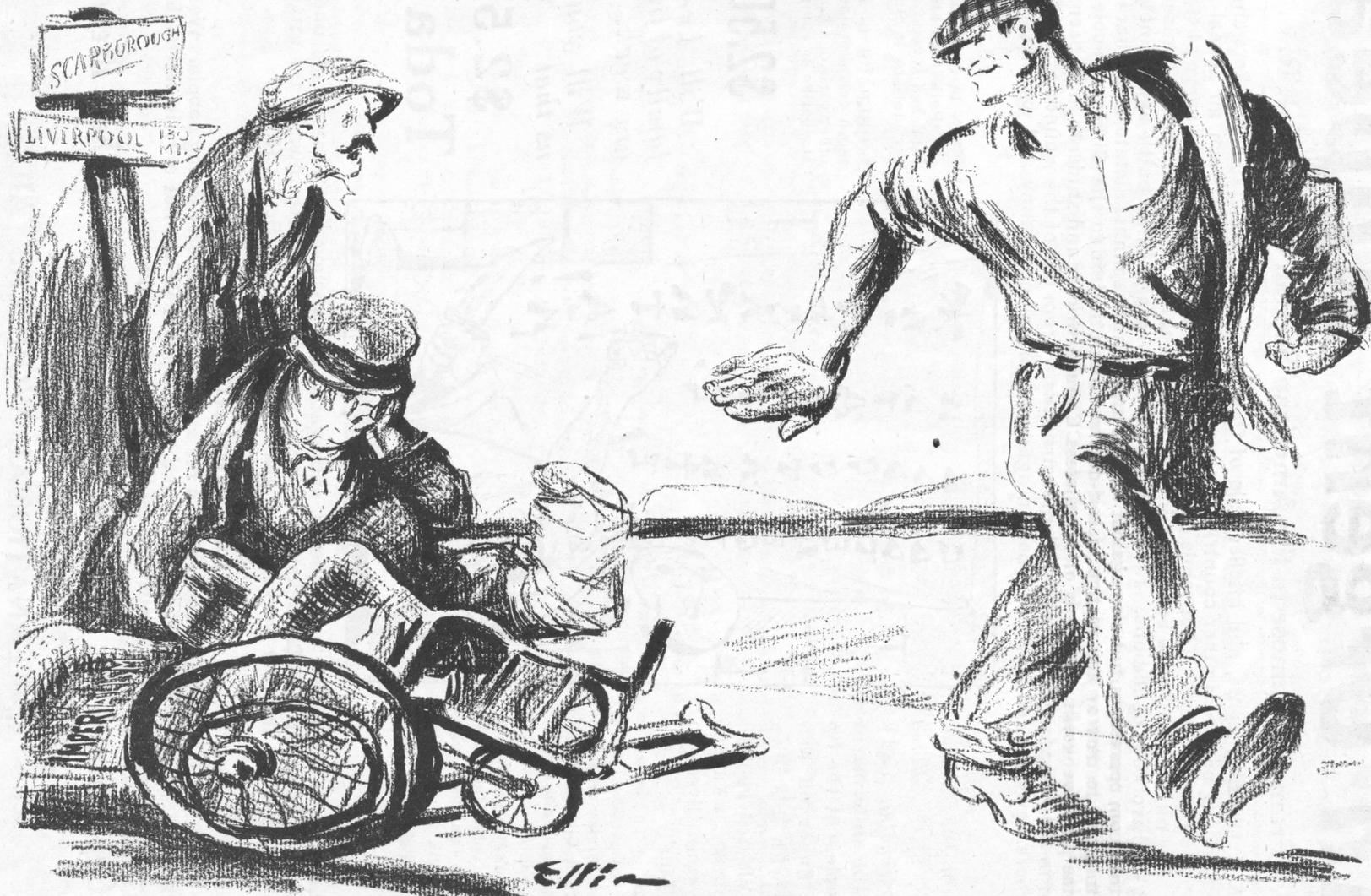
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British Labor to British Imperialism: "Go to Hell—I'm Through!"



After British and French soldiers had fired upon the rebellious workers and students of Canton, China, June 23. The Chinese were conducting a demonstration in sympathy with the strike of the workers in Shanghai, who had revolted against the brutal conditions imposed on them by their English, French and American bosses.

This picture was taken at a street corner, where six of the bodies of those that were killed lay where they fell. Hats and shoes of the sympathizers are shown strewn about the ground.

of the Russian trade unions for world trade union unity. The vast consequences of the joining of the British labor movement by almost unanimous action into an alliance with the revolutionary unions of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, in favor of a world-alliance of all trade unions of the world for common struggle against capitalism, while simultaneously accepting the revolutionary program for the complete liberation of the colonies, can hardly be overestimated by even the most "visionary" of the Communists.

A thousand "labor" careers are ruined overnight. A thousand political prostitutes, preachers of the "British way," suddenly find the "stabilized" world shifting under their feet in the direction of the "Russian way."

They were looking at the map of England which did not show the "England" which extends through Bombay and Tientsin, Shanghai, Hongkong and Africa. Therefore their plans are wrecked by an "accident."

But there are no accidents in history. So little is this development of the British labor movement an "accident," that Vladimir Ilyitch Lenin was able to trace its main lines in advance.

#### Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

The rapid advance of Union of Socialist Soviet Republics at this time—in sharp contrast—is a factor which forces its way to the attention of the working class of the world.

The visits of the British, German and Swedish trade-union delegations to Russia have brought a gasp of astonishment to the staid social-democratic workers of those countries, and a shudder of fright from the capitalist world. History is not standing still when a leader of the social-democratic party of Germany—the party of Scheidemann and

Noske and Ebert—is obliged upon his visit to Russia to write an admission of "the triumph of the power of the working class" in Russia, and to remark, "I can see how a new world is coming into being here, and how great the achievements of the Russian workers are." (Words of Theodore Oberhagen, of the German trade union delegation to Russia.)

#### African Lightning.

But now turn to Africa—to the Riffian war. This has much to do with the interpretation of the historical period.

History in recording the period between the two world wars—this period of the world revolution—will write down the name of Abd el Krim in blazing letters. It will record the "little" revolt of the Riffian people as a flash of lightning in the sky which foretold the second and bigger storm of world war which cannot be survived by what capitalists call "civilization" and which we call "capitalism." Eleven years after the first world war began, the French and Spanish fleets are belching cordite shells at the African coast as rapidly as the 12-inch guns can be fired. Two hundred airplanes in a single unit are dropping one-ton bombs on towns and villages.

It is Peace.

According to all military calculations, Krim's army will be defeated. It seems incredible that 150,000 brown men with almost nothing but rifles and such ammunition as they can capture, could drive out of their small patch of territory a force of professional soldiers double their number, equipped with every known device of warfare, supported by hundreds of modern aircraft and by two hundred warships. It would seem to be only a freak of history—but neither is this an accident. On the contrary—Colonel Sweeney may soon have perfectly legal employment under the American flag,



Comrade Naftali Botwin, twenty-year-old member of the Young Communist League of Poland, who was executed on August 8 by the Polish government for the killing of the provocateur Cechnowski.

committee. He was always active and knew everything. He gave into the hands of the police dozens of the best comrades, twice he betrayed several members of the Central Executive Committee. He was unmasked during the trial of the revolutionary officers Baginski and Viecherevitch who were sentenced to death on his testimony, and later were shot near the Soviet border while on their way to U. S. S. R. as exchange prisoners. Their murderer, Murashko, has not yet been punished, and the bourgeoisie plainly says that he is not in danger of the death penalty.

The shooting of Communists by the Polish white terror government is greeted joyfully by the Polish socialist party, section of the Second International, and there is nothing strange in this. Socialists not only spy on the Communists but also murder them. Leading members of the Polish socialist party murdered Comrade Bialy in Warsaw.

#### The Background of Terror and Provocation.

"Wer den Dichter will verstehen muss in Dichter's Lande gehen," said Goethe. A look at the map of Poland will make one understand the reason of that bestial terror and provocation in Poland.

Poland borders on the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. The Polish-Soviet borderland is inhabited by seven million Ukrainians and more than two million White Russians who are even more persecuted and terrorized by the Polish regime than the workers and peasants in autocratic Poland.

The Ukrainian and White Russian peasants lean toward the Soviet Republics as they see in Soviet Russia the liberation and prosperity of the toiling masses, whereas in Poland they are hungry and persecuted by the Polish regime which taxes them to the utmost in order to keep a large state apparatus of oppression.

Half of Poland's budget goes for military expenses. It is sufficient to point out that the government apparatus of

Chemical Institute built with dollars collected from Polish workers in America by the Polish Socialist Alliance.)

Comrades Hibner, Knievski and Ruthkoviski were executed lately in Warsaw for defending themselves when they were held up by the police. The last to die was Comrade Botvin, shot in Lemberg for killing provocateur Tseknovski.

#### Tseknovski's Role.

Tseknovski was a member of the Social-Democratic Party of Poland and Lithuania and later a member of the Communist Party. He was a member of the Warsaw party

Poland having a population of 27,000,000 consists of 1,132,798 officials. This means that for every 23 inhabitants there is one government official.

There is in Poland an everlasting land-famine as most of the land belongs to the rich landowners.

A conservative writer, S. Gonsiorovski, estimates that there is at least a population of 8,000,000 peasants in Poland who are literally starving. Is there any wonder that peasants throughout Poland, conducting open warfare against the rich landowners, are becoming militant, and are natural allies of the workers in their struggle and in the class war for the overthrow of the dictatorship of the capitalists and landowners?

This state of affairs will become still more acute since the "Sejm" (Parliament) has recently passed a bill parceling out land on the eastern border to the retired army officers and Polish cossacks. This is intended as a measure of "protection" against Soviet Russia.

The homesteads which are parceled and bestowed upon Polish military settlers are in most cases land taken, not from rich landowners, but from peasants of non-Polish nationality.

Lodz is the center of the textile industry, the Polish Manchester. Conditions there are very serious today.

The Warsaw bourgeois newspaper, "Nacz Przegląd" (Our Review) writes: "Poor city; an endless row of smokeless chimneys stands in proud despair. Only a few of the bigger factories are operating; and most of them operate only two, three days a week. The city is eager to live, live as in the past, but it has no means for it."

What applies to the textile industry applies also to other branches of industry. More than 250,000 workers are unemployed and those who are employed are working only part time.

The bosses are taking advantage of conditions of unemployment and are cutting down the already existing starvation wages; this is causing strike after strike.

At the time of this writing Poland goes through a general strike in the metal industry. On top of everything the Polish government has started a tariff war with Germany. This has helped to decrease export of coal and raw materials to Germany.

The Polish bourgeoisie is unable to uplift the miserable economic situation. All this brings more aggressive class war.

The capitalist government, as its last resource, in order to remain in power and to keep workers and peasants in sub-



Stanislaw Lanzutzki, Communist deputy to the Polish parliament, whom the Polish government sentenced to six years at hard labor for a speech addressed to a workers' mass meeting, in which he laid bare the treachery of the Polish Socialists to the working class.

of MacDonald which reached its climax in the way he handled the Zinoviev forged letter.

The only people who denounced these anti-Labor policies, as they took place, were the Communists. But no sooner had MacDonald's crowning blunder over the Zinoviev letter led to the defeat of his Government, than he was assailed by even members of his own party—the I. L. P.

It was James Maxton, M. P., a left-wing member of the I. L. P., who urged that MacDonald be removed as leader of the Labor Party in Parliament. And, at the I. L. P. Annual Conference, held during April, the feeling against the premier was such that nobody openly defended his policy—he had to listen to belated apologies on his behalf.

This does not mean that the I. L. P. is a left-wing group. Like the S. P. of America, it faces both ways. It contains some elements who, although confused, are at least good and courageous fighters, such as the Clyde Group, but it also has Liberals like Snowden and MacDonald, who most bitterly oppose every move to the left. Thus, as in the American S. P., every time action is demanded, the party stultifies itself.

While MacDonald and his right-wing friends like Clynes, Henderson and Thomas are rapidly losing their grip over the rank and file of the Labor Party, it must not be imagined that they have no political influence. They are in a very strong position because of their official control of the machinery of the Labor Party. And they are rallying new allies to their aid from the liberalized and conservative middle-class, who are backing them in their struggle against the left wing and the Communists.

At present the left wing has no definite line of policy. The one coherent element is that supplied by the Communists. There are, however, forces at work that will compel the left wing to formulate a plan of united action.

Two of these forces, out of many, are:

1. The appearance of two left-wing weekly journals—"Lansbury's Weekly" and "The Sunday Worker." These have only been in existence for about three months and have larger circulations than any of the old labor weeklies. Well-known Communists write in both organs. Already, the more militant of the two, "The Sunday Worker," has managed to bring together the left-wing leaders of the Parliamentary Labor Party and the trade unions.

2. The best known leaders of the trade unions are now in the left wing. This was evidenced by the success of the Anglo-Russian Trade Union agreement. At the same time a move is on foot to form a four-fold alliance of the Miners, Railwaymen, Transport Workers and Engineers (Machinists). This will force forward the urgent need for a common policy and will, therefore, consolidate the whole left wing.

In all these activities the Communists are very active. Slowly and surely the Communist Party of Great Britain is learning how, by sheer merit and hard work, to win its real place in the labor movement. The leaders have left the old rut of sectarianism which so long beset British radicalism



A Communist Mass Meeting in Hyde Park, London.

and are beginning to acquire the essential mobility of Leninism.

The proof of this may be seen in the mass-press attacks against the "reds" which are now the normal feature of British journalism. This change of tone in the press is significant. They used to sneer at the Communists; now they show they are afraid of them.

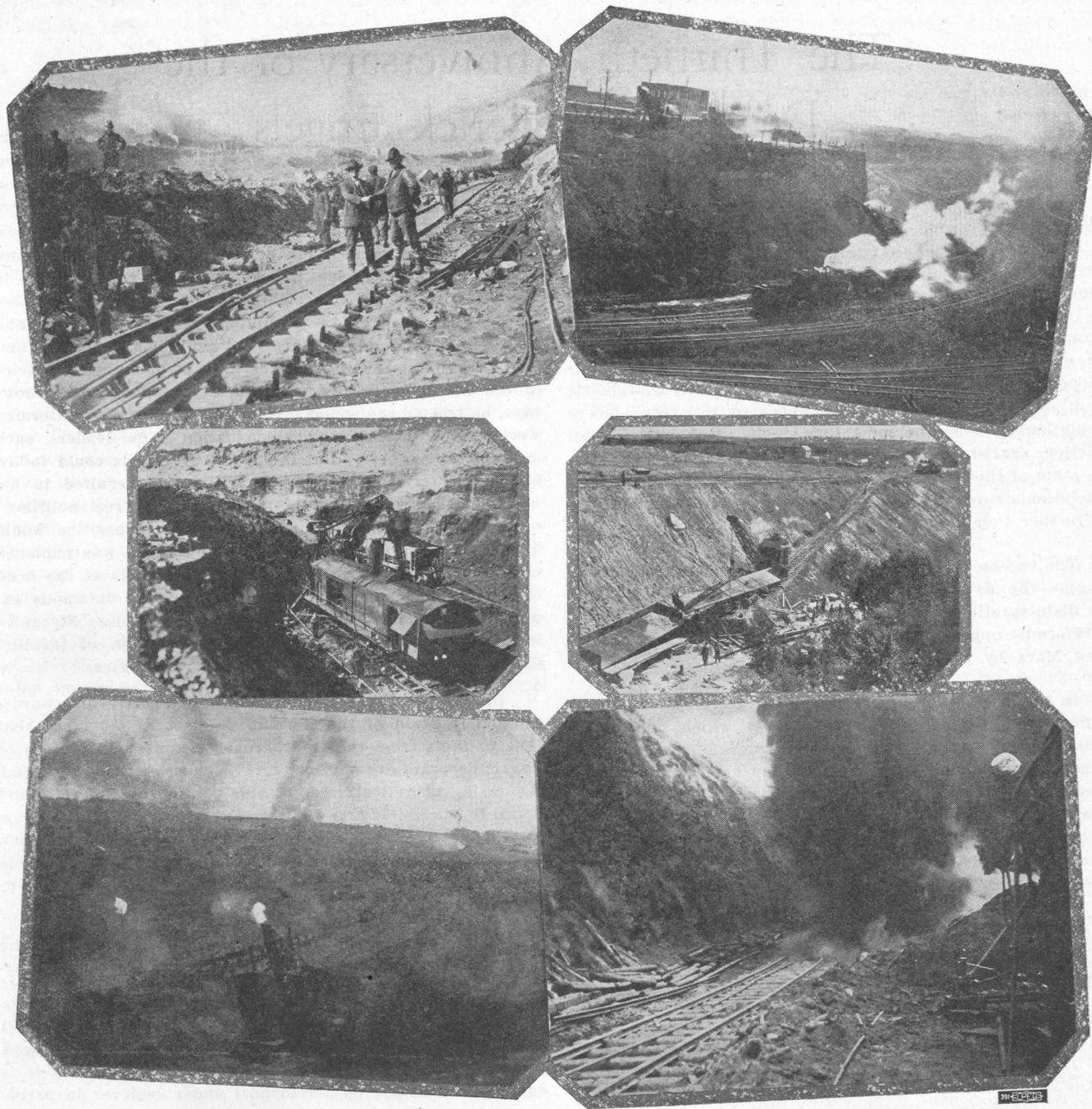
Last October, under the shadow of a pending political crisis, resolutions were stamped through the Labor Party Conference to drive the Communists outside. This policy has failed. Even the executive committee has not dared to give a clear ruling on the matter.

The increasing difficulties of British capitalism both at home and in the empire domains, are forcing forward big attacks on the workers. The parliamentary Labor leaders are afraid of this coming struggle and are anxious to retreat by entering into an industrial truce with the employers. The Tory premier, Mr. Baldwin, is playing up to this policy with all the hypocritical cunning, characteristic of the clever statesman of British capitalism. While the parliamentary labor leaders are moving rapidly to the right, the very nature of the capitalist offensive against the organized workers is forcing the trade union leaders to the left. This is the position at the moment of writing and it shows the rapid approach of a revolutionary situation in this country.

Viewing all the facts we can see that the left wing in Britain must gather all the best elements in the labor movement to its standard. We can also see that in a very short period, the left wing will be forced to show its fighting quality.

In the past the British movement has, on many occasions, thrown up left-wing groups. These never came to anything because the revolutionary elements were too sectarian to give a real lead. Now, however, the situation is changed. The present left wing will not only be forced to consolidate itself and formulate a concrete policy of common action, but the real revolutionary element in the movement, the Communist Party, will act both as a centralizing and accelerating force.

London, 1925.



### ON THE MESSABA IRON RANGE.

who stayed away from the mines to celebrate labor's international holiday. It is to be hoped that the above is the foreshadowing of a future unity between the two organizations that will lead to the unionization of the thousands of iron miners in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan into a militant, fighting unit that will play its part in the struggle against the Steel Trust and finally in the struggle to build a Communist society.

Today the capitalists on the iron range have all the cause in the world to celebrate an "Iron Ore Jubilee," but

with the creation of a militant organization under revolutionary Communist leadership the next jubilee held on the iron range will be one for the workers to celebrate their victory over capitalism. And now, as the bosses celebrate, is the time for workers to take the first step in preparation for their jubilee by organizing their own forces for the immediate struggle for a decent standard of living for the iron miners.

*They're framing up  
on Zeigler!*



They are trying to break the Zeigler Spirit.  
They removed Zeigler's fighting union officers.  
They murdered Mike Sarovich.  
They arrested 26 of his co-workers.  
They are trying to railroad 15 of them to the penitentiary.

The mine bosses, the Ku Klux Klan, Farrington's machine and the State Power are all lined up in this dastardly conspiracy against the Zeigler miners.

## **FIGHT THE ZEIGLER FRAME-UP!**

**ACT QUICKLY!**

**The Danger is Great!**

**Time is Pressing!**

**Hurry Up With Help!**

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