

Rally to the Daily Worker

By Jay Lovestone

OUR party membership and those workers who sympathize with our program, at least in a general way, are now answering the question: shall we have a daily paper that will fearlessly express our point of view and energetically defend our interests?

"We have no doubt that all of these workers will answer this question emphatically in the affirmative. We do not doubt that every class conscious worker can be made to feel and realize the need of having a daily spokesman for the American working class.

But what we must strive to do is to make the workers not merely grasp the abstract need for the existence of a newspaper like the DAILY WORKER. We must spare no effort to convince these workers that it is their duty to insure the practical continuous existence of the DAILY WORKER.

THE best way to approach the workers in an appeal of this sort is to resort to practical examples of instances where the bourgeois press attacks and tries to undermine workers' movements and when the DAILY WORKER defends and tries to strengthen these same movements of the working class. Concrete examples which will be most easily grasped by the workers should be chosen by us, if we wish to get the greatest results.

Let us take, for example, the present anthracite strike. We can put it very simply and with straightforwardness to the workers. Show the workers how the capitalist press is lining up with the coal bosses, with the operators on every issue in the strike. Show the workers copies of bourgeois papers in which the striking miners and their demands are attacked. At the same time GIVE AWAY a copy or two of the DAILY WORKER in which the anthracite miners are defended, in which their demands are indorsed.

Then, we may take up the union-breaking campaign of certain reactionary labor leaders. Let us take the recent situation in the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. We can show that the only paper printed in the English language which consistently and sincerely fought against the vicious expulsion policy and stood up for a united labor organization, for a solid union, was the DAILY WORKER.

THE present situation in Panama where the American soldiery is serving in the role of strikebreakers affords another practical, living approach to workers for getting some support for the daily. It certainly affords interesting and clinching argument to compare the columns of the DAILY WORKER with the columns of every capitalist sheet in the country in the handling of this critical situation. In every so-called big paper, that is in every paper of the bosses, the poor tenants of Panama are being denounced as rioters and the soldiers bayoneting the defenseless working men are hailed as heroes. Only in the DAILY WORKER will there be found a plea in behalf of the working men striking to reduce the rent bills for their miserable hovels.

A rent appeal in reference to Panama workers is not distant from the rent issue which is keenly felt by great masses of the American proletariat. The landlords in both instances are largely members of the same American capitalist class. There is much sympathy for the "under-dog" in the ranks of the American proletariat which we can exploit most constructively for the working class and its institutions like the DAILY WORKER.

THE ravages of the fascisti in Italy gives us an excellent point of approach to many thousands of workers. There is considerable hatred of the fascist murderers by the American working masses. We can certainly utilize this issue to disillusion the workers by showing them how the newspapers, which always slander and vilify them when they manifest the slightest resistance to the open-shoppers, repeatedly indorse the bloody crimes of the Italian government gunmen and hooligans. Then, we should



bring up the way in which the DAILY WORKER has treated the fascisti abroad and the open-shoppers at home. Strike the point quickly and bring it home to the workingman.

Let us take a typical instance how to approach a poor farmer. Talk to him about the propaganda the capitalist papers are now spreading ceaselessly in behalf of increased freight rates. Compare for him the way in which the DAILY WORKER and his bourgeois farm papers have been handling the railroad barons, the coal magnates, and the big bankers.

IN short, every need and issue of the workingman affords us a starting point for appealing to him to support the DAILY WORKER. The

DAILY WORKER is not only the organ of the Workers (Communist) Party of America. The DAILY WORKER is the organ of the whole American working class. It is precisely because the DAILY WORKER is the political organ of the Workers (Communist) Party that it is the organ of the whole working class. It is axiomatic for us that we Communists have no interests other than those of the working class as a class.

Our members have not appealed to a wide enough mass of workers in behalf of our leading party organ, the DAILY WORKER. The support of the DAILY WORKER has been too much a "family" affair, in a sense, too much restricted to a too narrow

circle. What we need now is to increase this "family," so to say. First of all, all our party members must get into the campaign to save the DAILY WORKER. Secondly, our party members must approach a wider circle of workers in appealing for support for the DAILY WORKER.

The DAILY WORKER is the most vital concern of every member of our party regardless of what language he speaks or reads. The DAILY WORKER must be made the concern of every workingman. Then only will our task have been achieved. Then only will the DAILY WORKER occupy the place in which it rightfully belongs in the lives of the American working masses.

Uncivilized!

An ancient ape, once on a time,
Disliked exceedingly to climb,
And so he picked him out a tree
And said, "Now, this belongs to me;
I have a hunch that munks are
mutts
And I can make them gather nuts
And bring the bulk of them to me
By claiming title to this three."

He took a green leaf and a reed
And wrote himself a title-deed,
Proclaiming pompously and slow:
"All monkeys by these presents
know—"

Next morning, when the monkeys
came

To gather nuts, he made his claim:
"All monkeys climbing on this tree
Must bring their gathered nuts to
me,
Cracking the same on equal shares;
The meats are mine, the shells are
theirs."

"Buy what right?" they cried,
amazed,
Thinking the ape was surely crazed.
"By this," he answered; "if you'll
read
You'll find it is a title deed,
Made in precise and formal shape

And sworn before a fellow ape
Exactly on the legal plan
Used by that wondrous creature,
man,

In London, Tokio, New York,
Glengarry, Kalamazoo and Cork.
Unless my deed is recognized,
It proves you quite uncivilized."

"But," said one monkey, "you'll
agree

It was not you who made this tree."
"Nor," said the ape, serene and
bland,

"Does any owner make his land,
Yet all its hereditaments,
Are his and figure in his rents."

The puzzled monkeys sat about;
They could not make the question
out.

Plainly, by precedent and law,
The ape's procedure showed no
flaw;
And yet, no matter what he said,
The stomach still denied the head.

Up spake one sprightly monkey
then:

"Monkeys are monkeys, men are
men;

The ape should try his legal capers
On men, who may respect his pa-
pers.

WE don't know deeds. We do know
nuts,

And spite of 'ifs' and 'ands' and
'buts',
We know who gathers and unmeats
'em,

By monkey practice, also eats 'em.
"So TELL THE APE AND ALL
HIS FLUNKIES,
No man-tricks can he play on monk-
eys."

Thus, apes still climb to get their
food,
Since monkey's minds are crass and
crude,

And monkeys, all so ill-advised,
Still eat their nuts—UNCIVILIZED.

—EDMUND VANCE COOKE.
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German Rail Heads Go West.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Bert M. Jewell, president of the railway employers' department of the American Federation of Labor, is escorting on a middle western tour the five German rail labor executives who visited the convention in Atlantic City. They will see Cincinnati, Kansas City, Cedar Rapids, Chicago and Indianapolis headquarters of various unions.

Take this copy of the DAILY WORKER with you to the shop tomorrow.