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**Free Speech in Boss-Ruled
U.S.A.**

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FREE speech and free assembly have become only memories. The right to organize and to strike are being rapidly liquidated. When the workers strike, they confront groups, police and armed private thugs. Their leaders are jailed by hundreds and given ferocious sentences. Powers and Carr in Georgia are actually facing the electric chair for organizing white and colored workers, while the Dohenys, Fall, etc., robbers of hundreds of millions, go free. The courts brazenly show their capitalist class character.

Clubs For Bread.

When the unemployed demand relief they are ridden down by mounted police, or insulted by Governor Roosevelt's pauperizing old age pension bill, by Wagners hypocritical bill to take a census of unemployed. Night sticks, bread lines, jails, fake statistics, are the capitalists answer to the unemployed. In New York the Tammany Hall administration, the expression of the reaction and terror of the bosses, is clubbing and killing workers because they dare to demonstrate against unemployment. Whalen, the Chamber of Commerce, and all other agencies of the bosses have forged documents in order to discredit the Communist Party and to create war sentiment against the Soviet Union.

In the present bosses attacks against the workers they have enlisted the support of the American Federation of Labor and the socialist party. The American Federation of Labor was the initiator of the forged documents presented by Whalen. Matthew Woll the vice-president of the American Federation of Labor has united with the most bitter and open shop and fascist enemies of the working class. The American Federation of Labor and its history of countless betrayals of the struggles of workers, has today proven very clearly and definitely to the entire American working class that in its policy and reactionary leadership it is an open fascist and bureaucrat organization working hand in glove with the bosses against the working class.

Crisis.

While the United States is the scene of paralyzed industry mass unemployment and growing fascist terrorism, world capitalism shows a similar picture of crisis. The various capitalist countries driven on by internal crisis and an insatiable thirst for markets and world control, come into violent conflict with each other. They fight by building tariff walls against each other, by building up larger armies and navies and suppress ruthlessly the colonial people. They are now particularly preparing a war against the Soviet Union. The London Naval Conference has definitely proven that the bosses are preparing for war and that disarmament is impossible to achieve under capitalism.

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