THE WHITE TERROR

The Capitalist Terror against Negro Workers in the U.S.A.

By Maxim Gorky.

The capitalists and their faithful servants—the social-democrats and fascists, the Churchills and Kautskys, all the human reptiles without which capitalism cannot exist, all of them accuse the "Bolsheviks" of the Soviet Union that they wish to "destroy culture". The bosses of the bourgeois press have given it a slogan: "Fight against the Bolsheviks, against communism, fight for culture!"

Naturally, capitalism has something to fight for. Its "culture" consists of a series of institutions which act with perfect freedom for the purpose of defending and justifying the absolutely unlimited power of a parasitic minority over the working majority, over the workers, peasants and petty-bourgeoisie. Its culture consists of lying schools, lying churches, lying parliaments, a lying and slanderous press; its culture is the police, which is given the right to beat up the workers and murder them.

The characteristic features of the cultural life of the bourgeois countries consist of street fighting between the police and the workers; the growth of suicides from starvation, the develop-
ment of petty thieving as the result of unemployment, the growth of prostitution. This is not an exaggeration. The news columns of all the bourgeois papers are filled with such facts. The so-called capitalist world is in a state of uneasiness war with the working class, a war which grows more bloody every day. The war of the rich and well-fed against the hungry and the poor is carried on by weakening the working class which is striving towards a determined front throughout the world, by seizing the most active people from its midst, imprisoning them or driving them to and from concentration camps, or by evicting the masses of workers, condemning innocent persons to death in the case of the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti.

In America, a drama is being unfolded which recalls the case of the two Italian anarchists. A war which grows more bloody every day.

The trial of six Syrian communists commenced on 18th August, before the Qadri Court at Beirut. Madyaia and Tadde Dadorian were sentenced to three years' hard labour each. Georges Rasheed, Francois Marin and Agob Berberdossian to two years' hard labour each, and Nisour Karamanian was acquitted. Counsel for the defence was the French communist delegate, Berson, expressing solidarity were received from a number of towns in Syria and Asia Minor. The trial has made a deep impression in Syria and the Near East, and the influence of the Communist Party on the masses is growing.

The accused were arrested in March last. At that time the French police in Syria hastened to declare that the Communist Party of Syria had been liquidated. But the C. P. of Syria, to the great chagrin of the imperialists, is now stronger than ever. The founding of the Communist Party of Syria in July 1930 and its activity since then have led to frustration the plans of the imperialists to enslave the people of Syria still further. A part of these plans has already been realised. The pipe-line from Mosul conveying the French share of oil has been laid to the Syrian port of Tripoli; the cultivation of cotton has increased from 90 tons in 1930 to 230 tons in 1930; French capital invested in Syria amounts to more than 6 million francs; the exports from Syria to France amount in value to 86 million francs a year and the imports from France to Syria amount in value to 200 million francs a year. Syria is swarming with French soldiers. Considerable military works have been carried out on the North-East coast of Syria. It is planned to build a railway line from Tripoli to Nakora on the frontier of Palestine, whereby the Paris-Constant the Tripoli line will have connection with Cairo, to build a railway from Tripoli to Alou Koulma on the frontier of Egypt, to enlarge the harbour of Beirut from 40 to 70 hectares and to carry out big irrigation works in order to promote the cultivation of cotton, etc.

In order to carry out their plans the French capitalists are striving to come to an agreement with the native bourgeoisie. The present French High Commissioner, Ponson, has been
Against the Torture of Political Prisoners in Poland.

Appeal of the International Red Aid

Moscow, 22nd August 1931.

The Executive Committee of the I.R.A. has issued the following appeal to all toilers of the world:

Raise the sharpest protest against the barbarous treatment of prisoners! Rescue the political prisoners! Out of the dark dungeons of fascist Poland, in which more than 10,000 political prisoners are being held, out of the prisons of Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, out of prison cells of fascist Italy, out of the countries of "democracy" which are becoming more and more fascist, the echo of the heroic and arduous struggle reaches us in which the imprisoned revolutionary heroes are waging against the inhumane treatment.

On the order of the Piłsudski government, the political prisoners in Poland are being placed on a par with the ordinary criminal. In Latvia, a new penal code is being introduced which is much more cruel than the old Tsarist penal code hitherto in force. In Finland, the revolutionary workers are treated like robbers and bandits. In Italy, the best representatives of the proletariat, like Lo Sardo and Gazzotti, are miserably perishing in the damp dungeon of Gramsci, Terracina, Hofmair and a thousand other prisoners are threatened with death from starvation or death from disease without any medical aid, or violent death at the hands of the fascist murderers.

This worsening of the prison regime, this new savage attack of the bourgeois against the proletarian fighters, these horror crimes of the prisoners in the prisons are the immediate expression of the fascist terrorist policy of the bourgeoisie, in which the whole world is becoming more and more fascist.

This is considered by them to be the only means in order to stop the rising revolutionary wave, to break the counter-attack of the capitalists to cast upon them the results of the crisis, i.e., misery, hunger and unemployment. This is a link in the chain of preparations for the new imperialist war and intervention; this is part of the plan to annihilate the most courageous and most determined fighter of the red front who oppose the blood-thirsty interventionist intentions of the imperialists.

Our fighting brothers and sisters who are torn from our midst and isolated in cells and dungeons, the unarmed political prisoners are conducting a hard and heroic fight against ill-treatment and outrage. The old bourgeois democracies are raising their protest against the humiliating and inhuman treatment and are carrying on hunger strikes.

This fight must meet with response and support in the whole world, everywhere where in the hearts of the proletarians there is hatred against the exploiters and oppressors, where the intentions to prepare a new world slaughter and a new attack upon the Socialist fatherland of the international proletariat is evoking profound indignation and protest.

Working men and women! Unemployed! Toilers in town and country! Raise your voice in protest and in defence of your imprisoned brothers!

Canadian Government Aims Blow at Communist Party of Canada.

By Thos. A. Ewen (Toronto)

On August 10th, Federal, Provincial and City police raided the National Offices of the Communist Party of Canada, the Workers' Unity League of Canada and the homes of the Secretaries of both organisations. The offices of the Worker, the official organ of the C.P. of C. was also raided, and all materials, books, files, etc., in every instance, were seized.

Attorney-General Price of Ontario and Federal police issued warrants for the arrest of six leading members of the C.P.; Comrades Buck, Carr, Bruce, Boychuck Hill and Ewen, Comrades Bruce and Carr were arrested in Vancouver and Comrades Hill and Ewen were arrested in the "War Measures Act". On the 11th Comrades Mike Gollansky and Tom Castles were arrested on charges of vagrancy, which were later changed to criminal-syndicalism and the same amount of bail demanded.

This latest act of the Starvation Bennett Government is aimed directly at decapitating the revolutionary movement of the Canadian workers against the starvation policy of Bennett and making them amenable to further reductions in wages and living standards.