

# FELLOW WORKERS OF THE WHITE GOODS INDUSTRY!

The cause of the wrongs and suffering which we, the workers, endure lies in the system of society under which we live. It is a system where a small group of capitalists by owning the shops, mines, mills, and other means of production, also control our lives and happiness. They own our jobs and can decide when we should work and when we should be idle. We are the slaves of our employers, constantly exploited in their factories under the most miserable conditions.

**HOW LONG, FELLOW WORKERS, WILL WE REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO OUR OWN INTERESTS AND WELFARE?**

The workers of Europe have awakened and have broken the chains which bound them for so many ages.

What has hitherto been a dream is being realized now. By means of "WORKERS' COUNCILS" the workers of Europe are controlling their own jobs.

Shall we not profit by the experience of other workers? We cannot emancipate ourselves from the present system of wage slavery unless we use the most effective weapons of organization against the capitalists. We must organize into Workers Councils and fight the master class right in the shops, at the very point of production.

Certainly we cannot allow ourselves to be separated into craft unions, and depend upon union job-holders to act for us. The time has arrived when we must act for ourselves.

Our trade unions have outlived their usefulness. Instead of uniting they divide us. Instead of making us think and act independently they lead us to abandon all interest in our own affairs, and to depend upon officials to settle everything in their own way.

Fellow Workers do not stand aside but join our ranks and help us in the building of the new movement. The Workers' Councils have proven to be the best and most effective method of organization for the overthrow of the Capitalistic system and bringing about the industrial commonwealth.

## Our Aim Is:

To teach, advocate, agitate and educate the workers for the abolition of exploitation of men by men, and the entire abolition of division of classes, and in its place establish a free society based upon social and economic equality.

## How the Workers' Council Functions

I. All the workers of each shop including the cutters, operators, finishers, machinists, electricians, shipping clerks and every other worker that is actively engaged in the production of Ladies underwear shall be a member in the "Workers' Council."

II. The Workers of each shop elect a shop committee who are to adjust any dispute or grievance that may arise between the Employer and the Worker, in order to enforce the demands the workers should use direct action, that is stoppages and strikes.

III. The workers in each shop also elect two (2) delegates that are to confer with the delegates of all other shops in the same industry. These delegates decide what action to take in order to improve the conditions in the industry.

IV. Each industry is also to elect a number of delegates that are to meet in conjunction with the delegates of all other industries. These delegates constituting of Workers' Councils of all the industries will discuss ways and means how to bring about the overthrow of the "Capitalistic System" and the emancipation of the Working Class..

## Special Notice

A conference of shop delegates to work out plans of how to continue the work of the Worker's Council will be held in the near future.

See to it that your shop elects two (2) delegates and have them ready for the call of the conference.

Yours for Industrial freedom,

THE WORKERS' COUNCIL OF THE WHITE GOODS INDUSTRY

# To the Workers of the White Goods Industry

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## Fellow Workers:-

We spend the best part of our lives in the factories under most miserable conditions, making fine underwear for millionaires' wives to wear.

We receive starvation wages. Our existence is insecure. We are in constant fear of unemployment. We groan under the oppression of industrial tyrants.

Shall we forever toil and sweat that others may live in idleness?

Shall we forever wear out our lives in unceasing drudgery, so that our employers may have leisure and comfort? Our answer shall be NO!

We will no longer allow our industrial despots to rule over us. We must no longer allow ourselves to be separated into craft unions, and depend upon our trade union officials to act for us.

It is high time that we cease to depend upon some one to act for us. Let us open our eyes!

## Let us do our own thinking and act for ourselves.

Workers' Councils are being organized all over the U. S. We, the workers in the White Goods Industry, will not stand aside. Let us help build the Workers' Council in our industry which will create solidarity and unite the workers into a strong fighting body against our exploiters. To this end we shall carry on educational and revolutionary propaganda along class-conscious and industrial lines.

Fellow Workers, come to a mass meeting and let us talk this over and work out ways and means to put it through. Come to Stuyvesant Casino, 142 Second Ave., Thursday evening, May 22 at 8 o'clock. Spread the word among your shop mates.

Come and help launch the movement for a Workers' Council in our industry.

Yours for Industrial Freedom,

THE WORKERS' COUNCIL OF THE WHITE GOODS INDUSTRY.

## RIOT AT MEETING OF GARMENT UNION; TWO ARE ARRESTED

800 Cloak and Suit Workers in  
General Fight When Ad-  
vised to Quit A. F. of L.

A meeting of 800 cloak and suit makers in the Manhattan Lyceum, No. 66 East Fourth Street, last night to organize a new union along Russian Soviet lines broke up in a general fight. The police arrested two men and reported that one man had been badly hurt when struck over the head with a chair.

The meeting was under the auspices of the Workers' Council of the Cloak and Suit Industry. Dr. Blossom was down on the programme as the Chairman and John Reed, Rose Pastor Stokes, Jim Larkin, Michael Rosenberg, J. Abrams, A. Winnick and N. London were listed as speakers.

Dr. Blossom made the first speech, urging the cloak and suit workers to secede from the American Federation of Labor and join the new union. He attacked Hugh Frayne, General Organizer of the A. F. of L., charging that Frayne's testimony before the Lusk committee was responsible for the raids on Soviet headquarters.

Mingled cheers and hisses greeted Dr. Blossom's speech. The second speech, made by a man not on the programme, whose name was not announced, had scarcely begun when a disturbance broke out in the hall, due to the contention of advocates of the proposed "One Big Union," that A. F. of L. men in the rear of the hall were trying to break up the meeting.

Suddenly, a husky participant walked down an aisle and struck a man a heavy blow on the nose. Riotous scenes followed at once. The man

who had been hit was pounced on by a dozen men, and was trampled.

The riot spread to all parts of the hall in a few minutes. Chairs were used as weapons, and both men and women were struck. A number of women are said to have been trampled in attempting to make their escape from the hall. Tables were overturned and pictures knocked from the walls.

Although the members of the A. F. of L. in the hall were heavily outnumbered by the radicals, they seemed to have more fighting spirit, and the honors were at least even by the time the police got things straightened out.

Police Capt. James McCauley and Sergt. King of the Fifth Street Station were in the rear of the hall when the fighting started, and were joined quickly by Patrolmen Sullivan and Manning, who had been on duty outside. Members of the Bomb Squad and State Constabulary were said to be present, but if so, they did not help the police.

Morris Green, manager of the hall, announced in the midst of the fighting that he was going to turn the lights out, but was prevented from doing so by Sergt. King.

The police were unable to clear the hall until reserves arrived. The crowd was dispersed about half an hour after the fighting started.

Harry Rosenbaum, thirty-nine, No. 2946 36th Street, Coney Island, was arrested on a charge of felonious assault on complaint of Herman Levine, No. 296 South Fifth Street, Brooklyn, who said Rosenbaum hit him with a chair.

Samuel Schiffer, twenty-five, No. 59 East Third Street, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct because he failed to obey a policeman's order to move on.

9-NIGHT!

TO-NIGHT

Workers come to the

6-17-14

# Mass-Meeting at Manhattan Lyceum

66 EAST 4th STREET

**SUBJECT: A. F. of L. and Workers Councils [Soviets]**

The following speakers will address the Mass-Meeting:

JOHN REED

J. ABRAMS

JOSE PASTOR STOKES

A. WINNICK

WIM LARKIN

N. LONDON

MICHAEL ROSENBERG

Dr. BLOSSOM, Chairman

Under the auspices of the

Workers Council of the Cloak & Suit Industry

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