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You have nothing to lose but your chains

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## SUPPORT BRAS D'OR MINERS

Editor Nova Scotia Miner and Comrades:

I am not trying to take up where "Mick E. Mouse" left off, but Mick left out quite a bit about the Royal Family concerning Florence Mine. Mick left out a few facts about Dave and Sam. You know, this person Dove I have mentioned is married to the Clown Prince's sister, namely Jimmie Guest. And of course the clown prince is married to Pa Dickson's daughter, if that means anything. Well, what I was going to say is this: The elder Dove was a kind of mechanical flunkey underground at Florence and he became the slickest man to change the stroke on a Flottmann Shaker engine. Now when the present flurry struck Princess mine, some of those Flottmann Shaker engines were sent to Princess and the mechanical flunkey not long acquainted with the above-mentioned engines, could not make them shake. So Lo and behold, the elder Dove journeyed forth from Florence to Princess, and then a slight twist of a one-inch spanner and presto! the stroke on the Flottmann changed from five-inch to fourteen-inch. So much for the elder Dove.

Now we come to the son, Dicky Dove, being a nephew of the Clown Prince, and the Prince being underground Manager, Dicky falls heir to his Dad's position—and what Dicky doesn't know about a shaker engine or a donkey engine would fill a Mary Ellen. But when it comes to pimping this guy has the world skinned. It is only a month back since Scotch Rory was jerked up on the carpet for giving the same Dicky five shifts per week and the pit only working two.

If I am given space for this letter I will put a bug in somebody's ear next week about the "Official Auto Repair Shop" at Florence Pit, where the mechanics work days and weeks on the officials' cars. I can see the Bras d'Or miners losing the fight for lack of help from the other locals. If the other locals would do the same as Florence is doing, they could put Burchell and his bunch of pimps to the wall. So come on, you other locals bring the matter up at your next night of meeting. Some of you are forgetting that the Bras d'Or miners paid us when we were on strike in 1925—fifty cents per shift. So step right up, give them a levy, like the Florence miners—and it is not thru

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## TORIES USE POLICE AND RIOT GUNS TO PUT OVER ILLEGAL ACT

Just how muddled the Tory police are becoming, was shown in the case pulled off at No. 11 mine last Monday. A worker had been killed, and the law gives the employees of the mine the right to send two of their number into the mine to inspect the place where the fatal accident took place.

Two committees were present, one appointed at a meeting of a dozen men who still stick to the Lewis-Company union; the other committee from a meeting of some hundreds of employees who have kicked the Lewis-Company union from their midst.

The policemen—the new Tory kind with the yellow markings on them—arrived. Like good Tories of the "blaster" they brought riot guns with them, guns that kill workers at the rate of fifty a minute.

The question was; which committee is going into the mine? Inspector Nicholson put it this way: The Lewis-Company union committee is illegal but they are going down the mine if I have to use an army of soldiers to force their way down. In other words, when the law is against the miners, yellow-legs and riot-guns will be used to shoot the miners into submission, and when the law is with the miners—well, as a matter of Tory principle, we will shoot the miners anyway. Good boy, Dannie, that's the way to "maintain law and order" (we mean Tory law and order). Your logic is as good as Bennett's, but God help you both after next election.

One thing the police over-looked at No. 11 mine and that was the number of miners that threw an admiring look at these riot guns. They are dandy toys, and it is reported on very good authority that the guns are quite impartial as to whose guts they pour their contents into.

In the old days the town police could have settled the No. 11 trouble with a few words, but the new Tory blasters are just itching to try out their riot guns on the miners.

**MASS RELIEF MEETING**  
 Behind Post Office at 2.00 p.m.  
 Saturday. All who want relief should attend this meeting and join in this mass demand.

## "YOU'RE NO GOOD" A NEW CRIME

### Water Cut Off on Dying Woman to Force Payment of Rent

"You're no good." For saying that, John R. McDonald was arrested and will be tried on Friday morning. Did he make that frightful statement?—well the warrant under which he was arrested, says he did, and you know that warrants never tell lies.

A man by the name of Guthro is buying one of the Dosco shacks at No. 11. He has half of the shack rented to another miner, and this miner, like thousands of others, under starvation Bennett's rule, was unable to pay his rent. Last week he drew \$2.00 for his week's wages. He has a wife and two children, the youngest two weeks old and his young wife in bed, dying, with a temperature of 104. The doctor had ordered that cold water pads were to be kept on the sick woman's head. What an opportunity to extract the rent from this starving and distracted miner's family! So Guthro shut off the water and laid down the law, that unless the rent was paid then there would be an end to cold water pads for the dying woman's fevered brain.

Then it was that John R. McDonald is charged with the terrible crime of telling some one of the Guthro family "You're no good."

Under capitalist laws the right of rent and interest must be maintained, even if it should mean the murder of week-old babies and prostrate, child-bearing mothers, and to tell the would-be murderers that "You're no good" deserves the utmost lash that "law and order" can lay on. Rent, profit and interest are sacred, but dying mothers and week-old babies!

John R. McDonald and a number of other miners and their wives, learning of the plight of the young mother gathered around the Guthro house. They phoned for the police; they phoned to the mayor. The first police that came were prevented by the Guthros from entering the house and relieving the distress of the sick woman. A second policeman came and forced an entrance and turned on the water, but meantime the young mother had become so dangerously ill that she had to be removed to the hospital.

The monstrous thing about the

whole affair is that McDonald was arrested for voicing a protest against the brutality heaped on a sick woman who looked as if dying. That to tell such people "You're no good" could be construed into a crime shows how rotten the whole machinery of justice has become. We have read somewhere in a book whose teachings have long been discarded by both church and state that "he who shall give a cup of cold water (much less a cold water pad) shall have his reward." But today, under Tory capitalist rule, to tell those who cut off the water from the sick and dying that they are no good is a crime.

We do not know whether McDonald told the Guthros that they were no good or not, more than likely he did say something like that. In any case the writer takes his time to cool write down here that Guthro is scoundrel that should be kept outside every working class organization.

### CHEAP TRICKS OF LEWIS GANG

The miners of New Waterford are making arrangements this week for the taking of a referendum vote as to whether they want the A. M. W. or the Lewis-Company union. The efforts of the small-fry Lewis local graft-takers failed to turn the miners aside from their purpose of kicking the Lewis racket off the island. They were all present at the mass meeting where the miners decided to take the vote but, with scorn, the miners refused to listen to them. One of the small tricks by which they tried to destroy the meeting was to call up the provisional officers on the phone, pose as friend, and tell the provisional officers that the meeting was called off and not to come over until they were again notified. Meantime, in Waterford, they were spreading the story among the miners that the mass meeting had been called off, as the A.M.W. officers could not attend. The scheme failed, the meeting took place and a committee of six appointed to take the vote that will give the final smashing blow to the Lewis racket on Cape Breton Island.

"On to Pictou County" is now the slogan of the miners in this district, and the miners of Pictou are ready to join up in the new union as soon as the Provisional officers visit there.

# MASS MEETING FOR RELIEF

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## THE NOVA SCOTIA MINER

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## PUT YOUNG MINERS IN OFFICE

The miners of Cape Breton have smashed the Lewis-Company union on this island. That's good as far as it goes, but the job can only be completed when the miners have also ended all the corrupt and reactionary practices that the Lewis gang carried on, and which so effectively demoralized the miners.

While the Lewis-Company union was international in name, it was the most provincial and sectional that a boss class could wish for. There are splendid fighters in the labor movement in Canada, but if the miners of Nova Scotia ever attempted to link up their struggles against wage cuts, blacklists, etc., with these fighting Canadian trade unionists, then such attempts were met by loss of job and starvation by the baby-starvers like Morrison and Muise.

The miners of Nova Scotia must get into this militant Canadian labor struggle and discard for ever their narrow, stupid provincialism. There is no better way of doing this than by having the very best and most aggressive young miners appointed to local and district offices. Young miners who understand that the class war is world wide, and who are prepared to give their best to the greatest movement on earth and join up the forces of the miners of Nova Scotia with the marching millions who are out for the complete overthrow of the present rotten system. Get the young blood into office and watch your union grow in power and shed the last shreds of graft and corruption that were fostered by Lewis and his traitor gang.

## NAILING A GAZETTE LIE

Editor Nova Scotia Miner:

Please publish the following contradiction in the Miner:

An editorial appearing in the Evening News of August 10, copied from the Glace Bay Gazette, dealing with secession from the U. M. W. of A. some years ago in Pictou Co., needs some correction. For instance the comment of the Glace Bay Gazette says the Westville miners are sorry they left the U.M.W. of A. and that the minimum datal rate is \$2.87. We wish to point out that this is both misleading and in direct variance with the truth. Anyone seeking the truth can easily find out the minimum datal wage in Westville, which is the Duncan Commission's finding of \$3.25 per day as paid in all the Dosco collieries and not \$2.87 as set forth by the article mentioned. The Gazette should ascertain the facts, unless they wish to be judged as merely propagandists. Perhaps the minimum datal wage prevailing in the Nova Scotia collieries would

not be as low as \$3.25 if the rest of district 26 had followed the Westville local in their secession from the U. M. W. of A. some years ago.

The Westville local, comprising a membership of less than 500 and paying 50c per month dues, when the depression bore down hard on its less fortunate members and before the Municipality and government would listen to the appeal of the workers for relief, were able to provide relief to the amount of \$3,400, owing to the fact that they were in a Canadian union and kept their money at home where it would do the most good, and further, the Westville miners have not paid one cent levy in the present organization. So we don't see where there is much cause for sorrow as stated by the Gazette, when the true facts are known and compared with any other local of its size in District 26.

Yours truly,

CHARLES HENDERSON  
Secretary, M. W. U. of C.,  
Westville, N. S.

NOTE—We are very glad to publish this letter from Westville. As our paper is very small, space limited, we could never give space to contradict even a minor portion of the lies that are spread daily by the Glace Bay Coal Company Gazette. Any story appearing in this Coal Co. paper is enough to cast doubt on it—Editor

SYDNEY STARVATION HORROR  
LIVING ON 88 CENTS PER WEEK

Editor Nova Scotia Miner:

At the last meeting of the United Steelworkers of Sydney the single men brought up a grievance which dealt with their distribution of relief. The single men are supposed to receive a dollar's worth of scraps a week, but in reality they only receive about 88c worth. In the meantime if any one of them gets a shift, this relief is cut off.

In the case of a married man receiving relief, if he gets a shift, for which he receives \$2.80 minus 55c for benefit, this amount is deducted from his relief order. Therefore, the man loses out, and it's no wonder that many don't want a shift, as they use up a dollar's worth of clothing and break their hearts in one of the slavish shifts which they now get at the Steel Plant.

A committee was appointed at this meeting of the steelworkers to interview both the Relief Committee and the Mayor and find out who is responsible for giving orders to deduct and cut off relief orders if a man is unlucky enough to get a shift.

This committee went to the Relief Station and were referred to the Mayor, who told them that unless the banks loan the city some money, relief would be cut off, also to keep quiet and not get too cocky or they'd lose what they're receiving now.

You may be interested, brother editor, in the case of a member of the United Steelworkers, C. Bailey by name, who was told by his landlord, A. R. Reeves, a wealthy landlord of Sydney, that even if it cost him \$100 to evict Bailey, he would

CRUMBS FROM RICH  
MAN'S TABLE CAUSES  
QUARREL

Editor Nova Scotia Miner:

Will you kindly allow space in your paper for an open letter to H. J. Kelly?

A young fellow was picking stove coal at the Albion dump. He had a bag about half filled when along came the company police and said, "What are you doing here?" and the boy replied "can't you see? I am picking a little coal" and the chief said to him "did your father send you here?" "No" said the boy.

"Does your father work in the mines?" The young fellow said yes; "but he is only working one day a week and there are twelve of us to feed, and mother is going to the hospital."

The chief said "I will have to take you to jail" and the young fellow replied "Alright, I will get something to eat there." The chief decided to take him in his car to the Manager's office at Albion to see what they would do with him. After giving him the once-over the Manager told him that as it was his first offence he would let him go, but further advised him to keep off the Company's property in the future.

The scene has changed since this happened, and now we have a Ball Park in the ash field and the Company has been good enough to lend horses to haul stone coal to this park on idle days. The people get some coal out of this rock, but knowing what has been done in the above-mentioned case, do not want to go to jail for stone coal. But certain people get away with enough coal to keep them all the rest of the summer and part of the winter. They go over to the dump and pick it out and haul it home, and some of them pick it on the Ball Park and carry it home from there. Some have got their coal-houses filled while others are not allowed to have any. We understood that these horses were lent to haul rock to the park and not to haul coal to certain people.

Can your chief of police explain why he allows jail for the young fellow who was caught with the bag full, while this has been allowed to be done by others? The writer believes in justice being meted out the same to all. ONE FOR JUSTICE

do so.

Brother Bailey immediately notified the shock troop committee from the United Steelworkers, who are volunteers from all wards of the city and who have sworn to do all in their power to prevent steelworkers from being evicted, and next day, as early as 8.00 a.m., this committee, with the help of other workers, were at Bailey's home and stayed there all day to prevent this eviction form being carried out.

They waited all day in vain for the landlord and police to turn up, and are going to keep watch further, so that they won't be fooled.

STEEL WORKER

STAY ONE WEEK  
AND FIND OUT

Editor Nova Scotia Miner:

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to pass a few words of comment on the relief meeting held in the Town Hall, Glace Bay, Aug. 18. This meeting of doctors, clergy and nurses, who were never hungry, turned out to be a public meeting, which was just as it should have been. I heartily agree with the lady from New Aberdeen who stated that too many meetings were held behind closed doors. When the Hon. Mr. Harrington, Mayor McVicar or any other gentlemen want to discuss relief I think they should discuss it with the people affected, for the simple reason that the people affected know more about relief than those who have never known privation or want.

From the Glace Bay Gazette I wish to quote a statement alleged to have been made by Coun. W. R. McDonald as follows: Coun. McDonald stated that instead of looking for more relief everyone should make an effort to secure coal orders, also that the schools cost \$165,000 a year, and if necessary, they should be closed.

Now in regard to this matter of selling coal, I suggest that this matter be passed on to the Hon. Mr. Harrington—he might secure orders for a million tons or more. I have nothing but contempt for suggestion No. 2—closing of schools. It is bad to be hungry and naked ourselves and our children, but I think that is going too far. While we have representatives who know no better than to make such statements our living conditions will never be any better, but will go from bad to worse.

Now a word regarding this independent survey of the situation. I suggest that they be shown every courtesy and that the gravity of the situation be impressed upon them very strongly by asking them to stay as a member of the family for at least one week and they be given full charge of the household for that period of time (what a lovely time they would have planning menus). I'll bet there would be no morning and afternoon teas such as they are having in Ottawa at the present time, and what a report they will have for Mayor McVicar, Prem. Harrington and the other well-fed and well-dressed gentlemen. No. 11 MINER

## 66 SUMMONS IN CROW'S NEST

Toronto, Aug. 15 (C.L.D.L.)—Reports from the Crow's Nest Pass strike scene show that thus far 66 working men and women have been summonsed. Of these, sixteen workers were charged with assault and thirty-nine with waiting and besetting. Ten were freed, four were ordered to place bonds of \$500 each to keep the peace for one year. Over sixteen will face trial in the fall. It is expected that the police will attempt to arrest a further number of miners in connection with the picket demonstration.

# Workers' Economic Conference Demands

PRESS RELEASE Aug. 11 1932

The following statement was read to R. B. Bennett by the spokesman of the delegation (Geo. Inslade) from the Workers' Economic Conference after the demands of the Conference had been enumerated.

The foregoing demands are presented to you for consideration by myself on behalf of the 502 delegates attending the Workers Economic Conference now assembled in Ottawa.

These delegates represent hundreds of thousands of both employed and unemployed workers, ex-soldiers and farmers throughout Canada. They have come from Nova Scotia, Vancouver Island and many points in between. The demands framed and adopted by this workers' and farmers' conference are national demands and affect the lives of all sections of the working class of Canada.

Demand No. 1 is well known to you because it has been presented to you before, at least one very similar. On the basis of your election promises to cure unemployment, we now demand that inasmuch as plenty of time has elapsed since that time, to, if not cure unemployment then at least to alleviate the situation concerning the suffering of the workers thru unemployment by passing legislation that will provide some measure of relief. This relief we are proposing pending the adoption of the proposed bill for Non-Contributory Unemployment Insurance. The workers and poor farmers all over Canada are tired of waiting for your government to act in this and are now demanding that action be taken immediately.

Demand No. 2 is also a national demand. The first sentence of this demand is constructive from a workers' viewpoint, for helping to overcome the depression. This is the means of placing more workers in Canada to work and giving more leisure to those so placed to work. The measures of forced labor camps and forced labor on Municipal Relief work which is being adopted all over Canada has now come to the point when the workers are demanding a halt to be called to this vicious system of exploitation and slavery. In most instances this work is not paid for in cash but is paid for in relief slips on the grocery stores or at the Municipal relief depots. This system has now degenerated into a relief racket just as Mr. Babson stated it has in the United States. We are therefore demanding that all relief work be paid in cash at Trade Union rates. The last sentence of the second demand is absolutely necessary if we are to raise our children decently. Not only are children being exploited in the light industries but they are being exploited by the owners of heavy industry and are being used more than ever during this crisis to replace adult workers.

3. This demand is of opportune

importance at this time. The tariffs in many cases are set up not to protect the labor of Canada but to bolster up prices and keep them up. This applies to necessities of the workers and only acts as protection to the manufacturers of commodities affected and only protects their interests. Other taxes such as sales tax is another method of cutting the wages of the workers and reducing the living standards of the working class of Canada.

4. This demand is of great importance to the workers and farmers of Canada. Step by step the former rights of the workers and farmers of Canada have been taken away from them since your Government took over the reins of power. Last year, for the first time since the Winnipeg strike, this Section 98 of the Criminal Code was used against eight men now in Kingston penitentiary. These men are working men. They were leaders of the working class organizations in Canada and were not prosecuted for their ideas but for the fact that they were leaders of the working class and were not willing to betray the workers but were honest leaders. This persecution has steadily been increased until now workers are not safe anywhere to hold meetings inside halls or out of them to discuss their problems. If we do not agree with the present government and their program for carrying out their public economy program then we are all classified as "reds" and the police are brought in the attack on our leaders, smash our meetings and generally terrorize our hall owners and printers. This is being carried out by Municipal, Provincial and Federal authorities. Inasmuch as the Federal Government is in control of the R.C.M.P. which is taking the lead in this regard and using the most brutal methods in arresting, kidnapping and deporting us workers, we consider we are justified in placing the demand before you that this policy of terror cease and that workers be allowed to hold free and unmolested organization, freedom of speech, press and assembly. This legislation, which is aimed at the advanced sections of the working class organizations we demand be repealed and the workers who are now incarcerated be allowed their freedom.

5. This is the demand expected to bring before the Imperial Conference as there are leaders of the ruling class of India present at the Conference. We are not unmindful of the severe exploitation practised upon the working class of India by the rulers of India, both native and from the British Isles. We have not forgotten the statement of Mr. Joynton Hicks: "We took India by the sword and we will hold it by the sword." These 32 men are held in prison at Merut solely because they were being successful in organizing the Indian workers in order to better their

conditions. This mass imprisonment of the political and trade union leaders and the demand for self-determination we wish to bring before the Imperial Conference.

6. In regard to this demand I should tell you that I was a victim of the last war. There are in Canada thousands like myself and many more thousands with us who are now opposed to Imperialist war. Many thousands more are not opposed to the Soviet Union. This economic blockade being fostered by yourself and Mr. Bruce of Australia is not in the best interests of the workers of Canada nor yet of the farmers. War was not of any benefit last time to us workers. It made many millionaires such as Mr. Flavelle and others but we workers suffered the ravages of the war and are still suffering thru it, and we are well aware that it will be the workers and poor farmers who will have to suffer this time. We therefore demand, in the interests of the workers and poor farmers of Canada that instead of recommending an extension of this economic blockade against Soviet Russia that the present embargo imposed upon this workers' country by your government be lifted and that the war shipments to Japan instead be prohibited because they are intended to pave the way for the following up of the economic blockade by an armed attack upon these workers and farmers who have shown to the world that unemployment can be cured if we only go about it in the right way and that peace can reign for us as well as for them by letting them develop their own resources and in their own way. If you ask us where the money is coming from to feed the unemployed workers and poor farmers in Canada while this Unemployment Insurance is being perfected we say this demand supplies the answer to it.

7. You will remember that there were three thousand farmers came to Ottawa three weeks ago to lay their problems before you. I saw and talked to these farmers and I can tell you that while there were many poor farmers who could ill afford to leave their chores and pay their transportation to come and support their delegation, nevertheless there are many thousands even in a much worse plight in Western Canada. These men and their families are demanding that action be taken to alleviate their suffering, and were it not for the fact that it is now harvest time there would be many more hundreds of poor farmers here from the West. It is no joke to have worked many hours a day and in many cases a whole family assisting in this farm work for a number of years to find yourself gradually being reduced to a state of semi-starvation, to have the sheriff come and seize your stock and implements and have to leave the farm for the city to swell the ranks of the unemployed workers. This is what is actually taking place, and instead of the government alleviating the situation thru immediate farm relief it is playing with foolish plans which will not only fail to alleviate the situation but will ag-

## THE DOCTORS' PAY AND CLERGYMEN'S SWAG

Mayor McVicar stated in the Town Council the other night that any report made on the starvation conditions by a committee appointed by the miners and their wives was likely to be an exaggeration. That's the low standard that this social climber sets the morality of the miners at—just a bunch of liars that no one could believe.

And so, as an alternative to lying miners and their lying wives, he proposes a committee of doctors, nurses and clergymen. His committee never, never lies, and besides, they are "trained" to fit them for investigating whether \$5.00 per week is enough for a family of eight to live on. We have not the least but that a nurse would chuck up her job if the job only gave her \$5.00 per week to keep herself—without having to feed and clothe the other seven.

Fortunately we have some figures presented to the first Duncan Commission, which give some idea of how the doctors and clergymen struggle through life while getting a "training" fitting them to pass judgment on the starving miners of Glace Bay.

The figures given below are taken from the document handed to the Duncan Commission showing the deductions made from the wages of workers for the year 1924. As no cut has been made in these deductions since that date, the reader may take it that the same amounts are being deducted today from the starvation wages of miners whose families are in the most dire want.

The Dominion Coal Co. deducted from mine workers' wages, in 1924, for doctors \$154,024.84; for churches \$60,966.34.

These are the well-fed who, according to McVicar, have had a "special training" on how to feed families on anywhere from a few cents to a few dollars per week. They have had a "training"—so had Shylock.

## POLICE COMMISSION REFUSES TO RENEW CAFE LICENSE

Some three months ago, the Finnish restaurant was refused renewal of its license by the Police Commission on the grounds that Communists were known to eat their meals in the restaurant. After some protest the license was renewed for three months. The Police Commission, upon the expiration of the three months' period, has refused to renew the license without stating any reasons. This is but one more case of Toronto police rule even in such a manner as a restaurant where workers have the opportunity of eating their meals at cheaper prices than in other restaurants.

grave the situation. I am referring to the "back to the land scheme" which is mooted by some of the Government members and supporters of the Government. We workers of the cities and towns are wholeheartedly in support of the farmers of Canada in their demands for emergency relief and their proposed legislation as outlined in the Farmers' Emergency Relief Bill.

## PICKET TELLS OF BATTLE AT DIXIE BEE MINE

### Scab Fired First Shot; Young Miner Killed; Airplanes Repulsed; U. M. W. Treachery.

A letter to the Daily Worker from one of the pickets at the Dixie Bee Mine at Pimento, Indiana, shows that it was not only the strength of the militia that broke the armed picket line and rescued scabs who had tried to shoot up the pickets. The United Mine Workers of America local leadership energetically protected the scabs and in the first stages of the fight prevented the strikers from driving them all out in disorder. Like wise, the U. M. W. A. leadership sent around reports on the last day of the fighting that the mine owners had agreed to recognize the union and that the scabs should be allowed out—with all their rifles and pistols.

The letter also says that 25 rifles pointed at the six militia airplanes before he troops arrived, prevented them from drenching the tickets with tear gas.

#### Story of the Battle

Extracts from the letter follow:

"We ewre trying to get them, the scabs, out in a peaceful way. But when we saw that they were carrying guns, we were also carrying guns to protect ourselves. We got word that about 60 scabs entered the mine with guns Tuesday morning. About 6,000 miners showed up at the mine about 12.30 p. m. About 2 p. m. the first shot was fired by one of the mine guards. Then two more shots were fired from the tippie by the scabs, and then the miners started shooting back.

Then we got news that three of our men were wounded and the men were all on their feet and going towards the mine at the main gate, shouting: "Get them scabs out, before we all get shot up!"

"But our so-called leader began preaching that we mustn't stand on the road or go up to the mine, and our men were sure anky. The miners refused to be led by Joe Timbo and Tubby Lard of the United Mine Workers. We started to call our leaders scabs, and they left, and the miners took the fight into their own hands. "About 6 p. m. we heard that Taylor Keller, a picket from Linton, Ind., a boy of 22 years of age, was shot through the head and killed. Then nothing could stop the miners.

#### Defeated Rumors

"That day and night and all day Wednesday firing went on. About 1 p. m. Wednesday we were notified that 1,000 soldiers were coming to help the scabs, and about 12 airplanes came, but in spite of that the men fought on. About 6 p. m. Wednesday night word came to hide the guns, the soldiers were here, and that did not stop the miners.

#### Plane Defeated

"Then came six government airplanes loaded with tear gas bombs, but 25 high-power rifles were pointed from the ground to the planes; if they were to drop anything from the planes we would sure let them have

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Editor Nova Scotia Miner:

Would you kindly allow me space in your paper to ask some question? "Hello Central, give me No. 000." "Hello Mr. —, I am sorry to get you out of bed this time of morning but I want to tell you what happened at the Local meeting last night when the pimp started to spill his guts.

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Who is the bird that is trying to get the hospital dues raised from 50c to \$1.00? Is he a member of Local 4481? Has he been paying his dues since over a year and also, has he been working for the Acadia Coal Co.? Brothers, get down to your meetings and tell him to take a back seat.

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Things are getting in a bad way in Stellarton when the Board Member has to buy beer for some of the committee men before he can get them to go over and see the lion in his cage.

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Are there any old women's clothes in C. B. that you could send to Stellarton, as we have a few men up here who are always poking their noses into other peoples' business like old women.

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Can any one of the 4481 members explain what became of the letter that came from the new union in C. B. some weeks ago? We understand it was received O.K.

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Regular meeting of the new union will be held in the same place.

By order of President and Secy.

## THE C. L. D. L. PLENUM REPRESENTATION

Delegates representing 54,900 organized workers from C. L. D. L. branches and affiliations as well as from organizations represented by fraternal delegations, attended the national plenum of the Canadian Labor Defense League.

Eighty-five delegates, representing forty-four organizations, came from twenty-one cities and towns, from one end of the country to the other.

Of these, fifty-one were either natives of Canada or of the United Kingdom, three being French Canadians. The native and British-born workers have rapidly come to the fore in the defense movement.

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"Then, about dark, word came to us that the fight was all over and the governor and the miners' committee had signed up, that the scabs would leave the mine and they would never open non-union again but under the U.M.W.A. They came with the news that all on the other side of the mine had gone home.

"But about five minutes later we heard around five shots that were fired from the Sullivan side in the woods, and the miners on our side said, "Like hell they did!" And so we stayed.

"The soldiers entered the mine about midnight, blowing the bugle and shooting and the miners left from around the mine about 4.00."

## Live to work or; Work to Live

The turn-over in labor is always the greatest when jobs are plentiful, and lowest when jobs are few. To-day in Canada that turn-over has reached the lowest figure in the history of the country. Everybody who has a job hangs on to it like grim death.

In the Soviet Union the one outstanding feature that turn-over jobs are plentiful and condition good is the large turn-over in labor. It also knocks higher than a kite the forced labor lie. In the Soviet Union labor turn-over has been as high as forty per cent. The workers in that land have 1-6 of the entire earth to look over and visit in all its length. A worker can always find a good job at good wages.

The miners wages are 270% higher than the pre-war wage, his hours of work have been reduced 50%, he has full wages when off work, by sickness or accident. In Canada, the wages of miners are today only 50% of the pre-war earnings, has no wage when sick and only 55% of his wage when hurt in the mine. There is no turn-over of labor in the Canadian tremble in fear at the loss of their job, and even if they wanted to have a look at Canada they have not the price to roam and certainly know that there would be no job waiting at the end of their trip. Economically the Canadian miner is a poverty stricken slave chained to his present job, and they will remain so until they have learned how to organize their forces and by sheer weight of numbers, smash the capitalist, just as the workers in Soviet Russia did in November, 1917. That smashing is surely coming and every young miner who really wants to get a kick out of life should take a learing roll in the organizing of his fellows for that end. Then, and only then, will you be able to satisfy the roaming itch to the limit. Slaves live to work, free men work to live. In the Soviet Union men and women really live. In Canada slaves work or hunt work.

## CONSTITUTION IS ONLY GUIDE

And Should be Subject to Change During the Life of It

The last Convention of the A.M. W. instructed the Local Unions to appoint committees to prepare a policy and Constitution to present to a District Convention to be held in the near future. No doubt, both Constitution and policy will be iron bound. The Constitution is only a guide and serves the purpose for which it is framed to a certain point. The powers that be have a constitution to govern the country and it is strictly adhered to. But when it serves the purposes of the capitalist system, or when it is a case of preserving the system, then the constitution doesn't count. They can change or add to it without calling any of the parasites spread over the country. They have that option.

If that is done under the capitalist system, why should it not be in the case of the workers—alho we don't advocate the autocratic rule of the capitalist system. Nevertheless, it should be left optional to the workers to make the necessary changes

## SUPPORT BRAS D'OR MINERS

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checkoff either—we pay it over the table. It is not only their fight, but ours as well. If they win it will benefit the miners in years to come. Snap out of it, Let's go! Support the Bras d'Or strike.

I remain,

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## MOSCOW GOLD VS. INDIANAPOLIS GOLD

In 1925 the miners of the Don Basin in the Soviet Union sent 10,000 roubles to help buy bread for the striking miners of Nova Scotia. Only one condition was attached to that "Soviet gold" and the condition was that it be used to buy bread for the strikers. We were proud of that money from the Soviet miners and today glory in the fact that we had some little to do in passing it on to the striking miners, and oh how the yellow press and "citizens committee" raved about "foreign money" and "Moscow gold."

In 1932 the miners, by a majority vote of over 95%, have kicked the betraying Lewis-Company union out of Cape Breton and the baby-starvers Dan W. Morrison and Pat Muise, have told the world that they too have got a bunch of "foreign money" and "Indianapolis gold," not to feed the starving miners with, but for the work of smashing the work of 95% of the miners who are struggling for freedom from their betrayers. And the yellow press glories in the prospect of majority rule being smashed by "foreign money" and "Indianapolis gold" and miners again made the victims of baby-starvers and Dominion Coal Co. slave drivers.

"Moscow gold" was used to feed the striking, hungry miners. "Indianapolis gold" is to be used to enslave hungry miners. He who thinks that Morrison and Muise have changed is silly. They are where they always were—prepared always to maintain their graft, even if that results in the black betrayal of 95% of the miners in Cape Breton.

or additions to the Constitution between conventions. A constitution framed at a Convention, no matter how good, can't serve the best interests of the workers for a period of 1 or 2 years owing to economic changes. Therefore the Constitution should be left open for any change necessary to meet the economic changes which are bound to take place during a period of 1 or 2 years, or until another Convention takes place. We must get away from the idea that when a constitution is framed that it is sacred and should not be touched. I maintain it should be torn to ribbons if need be or if any part of it is a hindrance to the welfare of the workers and frame or add to suit the times and the workers until such time as an another convention takes place.

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Toronto, July 14 (CLDL)—The manager of the Workers' Co-operative Restaurant was fined \$25 on charges of operating a restaurant without a license. The case will be appealed.