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National Strike Hits Belize

Oppose John Smith's Letter

At the mass wage-freeze strike meeting held this morning at Cinderella Town, the 2,000 audience was asked to indicate by show of hands who all oppose the anti-strike letter written by "little John Smith, renegade political and labour leader, who deserted his people in time of crisis."

A photograph was taken of the people who oppose this letter which accuses "GWU however has over the last several months had its finances squandered" and asserts "this is a political strike timed for the arrival of the new governor," and ends with the **warning** "look before you leap—Consider your family and yourself".

One Hour Strike On Hood's

At nine o'clock sharp this morning Leon Chin delivered a notice to Mrs Prindle, Manager of Hood's Bakery, that the General Worker's Union had called a strike on the bakery. The strike was scheduled to be a round-the-clock one. The workers immediately walked out and pickets were stationed in front of the bakery.

Why

The Union struck on three demands: 1) reinstatement of a millman who, the Union alleged, was fired through victimization; 2) that the foreman be released of some of his oven duties which, it is alleged, are so many that they become oppressive to the other workers; and 3) that a collective bargaining agreement be signed with the Union on behalf of the workers. The Union informed Mrs. Prindle that it would agree to send the workers back to work immediately if she agreed to the Union's demands.

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Join GWU

Leaders Will Fast If Necessary

The General Workers' Union held a mass meeting at Cinderella Town at ten o'clock this morning. The meeting was orderly attended by some 2,000 strikers and other interested persons.

The Executive Committee announced that this first session of 6 a. m.—6 p. m. strike will be followed by other strikes and go-slows at the discretion of the committee if the employers do not meet the Union's demands.

The Committee is prepared to press the employers to the limit until they come through with the Union's demands and if the strike action reach the point where the workers have to suffer through the employers' withholding their just rights the Executive Committee, comprising General Secretary Nicholas Pollard, Acting President Herman Jex, Education Secretary Leigh Richardson, and Assistant General Secretary Philip Goldson, will execute a **voluntary fast** with prayers as a moral weapon in the campaign to get the workers their just rights.

Another meeting was scheduled for early this afternoon.

New Governor In

Mr. P.M. Rennison C.M.G. new colonial Governor of British Honduras and Mrs Rennison arrived here by BWIA aircraft, today.

PALACE

Tonight 8:30 p.m.

Cyrano De Bergerac

MAJESTIC

Tonight 8.30 p.m.

Sunset Boulevard

At sharp nine this morning, the General Workers' Union called its national strike on CDC hotel building, CDC cabinet shop, Belize Estate and Produce Company sawmill, PWD workers, and Hood's Bakery. BEC wrote the Union shortly before strike time, asking in effect for a delay in the strike.

C.D.C.

Asst. Gen. Sec. Philip Goldson, Lloyd Coffin and Mrs. Enid panting of the Executive Council, arrived at the Hotel and circled the building shouting "GWU ALL THE WAY." The men immediately checked their tags at the gate and left the Building and assembled at Cinderella Town for the strike meeting. The Building was cleared in just 13 minutes after the strike was announced. The night watchmen were allowed to remain to protect the property.

CDC cabinet workers streamed out at the waving of a white handkerchief by Shop Steward Duncan (Red) Menzies and pickets were posted immediately for the 6 a. m.—6 p. m. strike (Hood's strike is reported elsewhere in this issue.)

Sawmill

A trumpet on GenSec Nick Pollard's signal, was sounded at both gates of the BEC sawmill indicating that the strike had begun. The workers immediately streamed out leaving the place deserted except for a few workers who were allowed to remain to attend to the boilers and the watchmen to look after the property. Machinery and equipment were checked for safety.

P. W. D.

A booster drum was the signal by Education Secretary Leigh Richardson at the PWD yard and the workers walked off leaving the yard deserted with the trucks parked together in a huddle in the yard. A bugle was sounded at Cinderella Town calling the drain workers off their jobs. Equipments and tools were also checked here.

The P.W.D workers at Gov't. House were called out on a white handkerchief waved by Senior

Note On Hood's Strike

At a meeting this evening, Mrs. Prindle of Hood's Bakery agreed after the one-hour strike to sign a collective bargaining agreement with the General Workers' Union. Also included in the agreement is the union shop principle. The union shop principle is that all workers employed in a certain business are to be union members or else will agree to **become** members in six weeks after being employed.

Further negotiations will be made later on in the week to consider the conditions of work and the workers.

T. A. Dead

Death claimed Mr. James (T. A.) Barnett, popular politician, yesterday after a short illness. His funeral service held at the Nazarene Church same day was attended by relatives, friends and some People's United Party members in uniform.

Union Officials For S. Creek

GWU General Secretary Nicholas Pollard and Southern Organizer A. Arzu will be leaving for Stann Creek tomorrow to continue negotiation there with the Citrus Company of British Honduras. They are expected to return on Wednesday.

Wage Freeze Strike Fund

A wage freeze strike fund was launched today and persons contributing to this fund should make contributions at GWU Headquarters or through authorised collectors circulating lists issued by the UNION.

Southern Organizer Albert Arzu and pickets were posted,

Scab

The headquarters blackboard & *National Strike Special (No 1)* carried a warning against scabs and an article on scabs. "Scabs be off! A Scab is a man who stays on the job in a strike or who goes on the job after the strike is called. Here is what Jack London, world famous author, has to say about a scab.

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The United Nations At Work

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One of the best examples of the diversity of help for which the United Nations agencies are asked and which they help to provide is offered by the case of Pakistan. This new country, at the time of the partition of the Indian subcontinent, found itself sadly short of experts in almost every field of activity connected with its development programme, and it has therefore turned to the United Nations to recruit help from the

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For example, geodesy, terrestrial magnetism, seismology and atmospheric physics are erudite subjects which may seem remote from the urgencies of economic improvement as implied by technical assistance. But such subjects have an urgent and practical significance in the case of Pakistan. Geodesy and terrestrial magnetism can mean training personnel to discover the still unknown natural resources of the country. Baluchistan, in north-east Pakistan is in the earthquake belt, so it must have trained seismologists; much of West Pakistan is an arid zone, dependent for its water and its food on the flow of the Five Rivers, so atmospheric physics means the study of the causes and pattern of rainfall. To help develop Pakistani skill and knowledge, four Unesco experts are working on these problems and training local technicians.

Under the Expanded Programme, the World Health Organization, jointly with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund is helping with the maternal and child health training centres at Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar and Dacca; with tuberculosis demonstration and training centres at Karachi and Dacca with malaria control in West Punjab, with venereal disease campaign and with cholera control in East Pakistan.

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One Hour Strike On Hood's

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At 9.30 Labour Officer Kenneth Dunn interviewed GWU Assistant General Secretary Philip Goldson on the Hood's strike. He was informed that the Union would call off the strike if she agreed in writing to the Unions demands. (He was also informed that the other strikes would be called off after a first conference with the employers, reveal since rity of employers in negotiating.

Strike Ends

At 10 a.m. she agreed through Inspector Dunn to the Union's demands and agreed to negotiate at 3 p.m. The Union immediately called off the picketers and instructed **all** the workers, including the discharged millman, to return to work to bake the bread.

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'After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad and the vampire, he had some awful substance left with which he made a SCAB. A SCAB is a two-legged animal with a corkscrew soul, a water-logged brain, and a combination backbone made of jelly and glue. Where others have hearts he carries a tumor of rotten principles.

'When a scab comes down the street men turn their backs and angels weep in heaven, and the devil shuts the gates of hell to keep him out. No man has a right to be a scab as long as there is a pool of water deep enough to drown his body in, or a rope long

Errol Hill

The last public lecture to be given by ERROL HILL, the visiting West Indian Actor, will be at 8 p.m. in the Jubilee Library on Thursday 23rd October 1952.

The title of the lecture is "The 'West Indian Theatre.'"

Meeting For Domestic Servants

An important meeting of all domestic servants will be called by the General Workers Union, on Wednesday night October at 9 p.m. sharp.

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