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# MASS FUNERAL

VICTIM OF  
STARVATION

Frank C Barlow, member of the Single Worker's Unemployment Council, died at the Globe Hotel, February the 26 th. 1935. The doctors immediately attributed Barlow's death to a "heart attack", the usual alibi of capitalist doctors when an unemployed worker dies of starvation, and improper medical attention. Barlow was forced to work at the S.E.R.A. woodyard for no pay at all, when he should have been receiving medical attention at the hospital. When he asked to be sent to the hospital, the Relief Officials sent him to Grandma's Kitchen, the notorious sloop shop known as a garbage distributor, where workers have dropped dead in their tracks while waiting in line to be fed. Doctors at the clinic have stated that half of the workers who come to them from grandma's Kitchen for treatment suffer from severe stomach disorders.

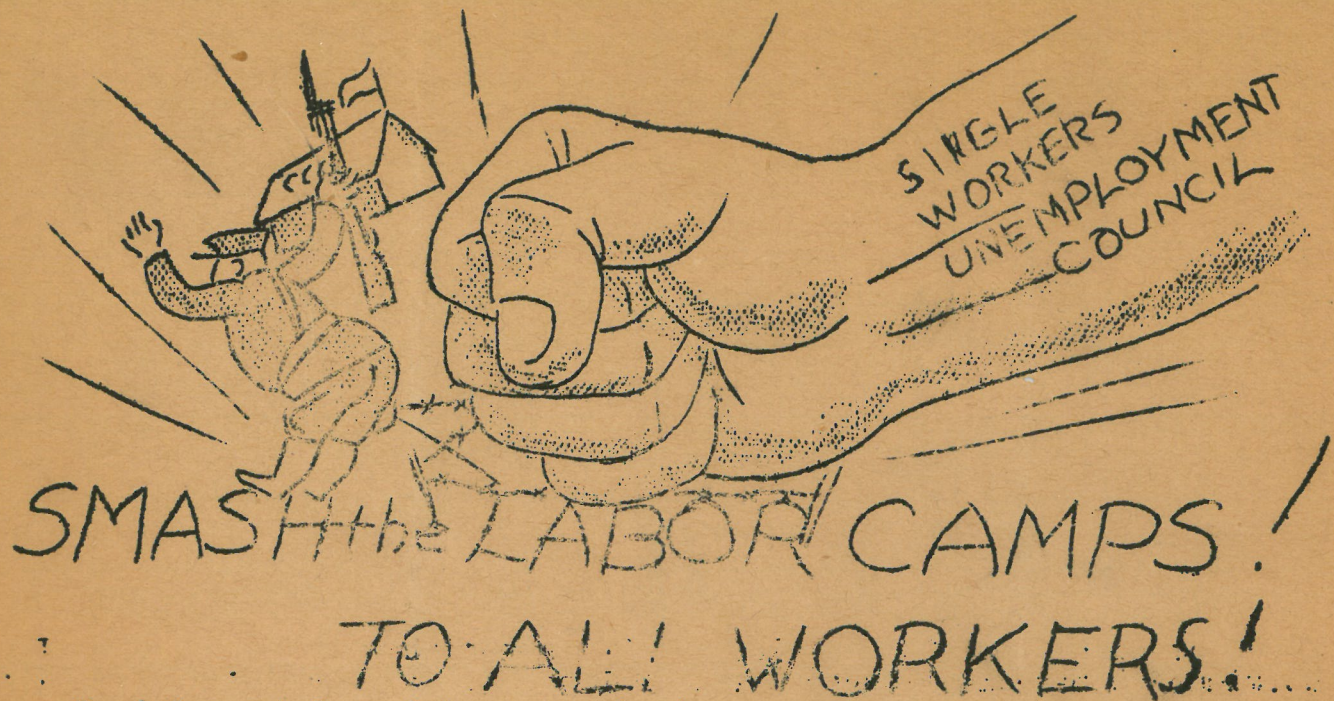
Barlow fought against such conditions and was twice arrested for his activities in trying to abolish forced labor camps, into which the Single workers of Portland are being forced to starve, and for his activities in the recent Maritime strike.

"WORKERS, employed and unemployed, YOU MAY BE NEXT. It is up to the workers of this city to attend this workers funeral and protest 1. The sending workers to forced Labor Camps, To work for a dollar a week. 2. The railroading of workers to jail for working-class activities, such as demanding better relief. 3. The placing of Special Police(thugs) in the relief stations.

THE FUNERAL WILL BE HELD, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th. 2-P.M. AT BRUNING'S MISSION MORTUARY 1521 S. W. SALMON STREET. BETWEEN 15 and 16th on Salmon ST. ALL OUT MAKE THIS A MASS WORKING CLASS FUNERAL

Issued by the Arrangements Committee of the  
Singlemen's (Workers) Local Unemployment Councils.  
111 N.W. 2nd. Ave.





The local papers have been spreading much ballyhoo about the transient camps: Three square meals, wages, medical and hospital care and even recreational and educational privileges; in other words, all the comforts of home.

#### WHAT ARE THE ACTUAL CONDITIONS?

We workers know about the actual conditions in these camps: The men are forced to work thirty hours per week for the sum of one dollar, the three square meals are little better than has been handed out on the soup line, quarters are crowded, tobacco is denied, unsanitary conditions prevail.

#### WHY THE FORCED LABOR CAMPS?

The capitalists seek to have the unemployed single workers, and others as well, to perform work in return for a starvation subsistence, and to work as scabs in the event of a strike.

They wish to use the forced labor camps as levers to slash the wages of the industrial worker, thereby reducing the wages of all workers to starvation levels.

They wish to regiment the unemployed single workers as a war measure.

#### HOW CAN WE COMBAT THIS FASCIST MOVE?

The slogan of the Single Workers Unemployment Council is to abolish these wage-less starvation camps.

The S.W.U.C. is organizing the workers to smash all forms of forced labor; to fight for a wage of not less than fifty cents an hour; for thirty hours per week; and, if work cannot be furnished, not less than ten dollars cash relief per week.

ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF THE SINGLE WORKERS UNEMPLOYMENT COUNCIL At 111 N.W. 2nd Avenue--every Sunday at 1 p.m.

Street meetings every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 4th and Burnside Sts.

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# CASH-RELIEF FOR all SINGLE UNEMPLOYED..

The conditions of the SINGLE WORKERS that are UNEMPLOYED through no fault of their own are intolerable. Herded into SOUP LINES and FLOP HOUSES, DRIVEN to DESPAIR by a system of DISCRIMINATION and FORCED LABOR. The SINGLE WORKERS have at last determined to STRUGGLE FOR THE RIGHT TO LIVE LIKE MEN.

Buletin No. 3 of the FEDERAL RELIEF ADMINISTRATION plainly states that there shall be NO LABOR PERFORMED for DIRECT RELIEF. For any labor performed, same shall be paid for at the PREVAILING WAGE SCALE.

Under the Burnside Bridge, we UNEMPLOYED WORKERS are forced to labor 2 hours per day for the "privilege" of eating on the SOUP LINE and FLOPPING at either the SALVATION ARMY, PORTLAND COMMONS, or GRANDMAS KITCHEN.

## W E      D E M A N D :

- 1) At least \$6 in cash per week. Not less than 50¢ per hour for all work, wood yard included.
- 2) All sick and disabled to be paid on this scale, in cash.
- 3) No discrimination on the basis of time in the city or county, on race, creeds, sex, color, political or economic opinions, or the kind of a "home" they live in.
- 4) Medical and dental attention and medicines to be furnished free. Patient to choose own doctor or dentist.
- 5) Recognition of all committees.

# DEMONSTRATE

TUES - FEB. 13<sup>TH</sup> - 2 P.M. at the PLAZA PARK

WE APPEAL TO ALL WORKERS regardless of organizational affiliations, to BACK US UP IN OUR FIGHT because OUR FIGHT IS YOUR FIGHT.

Our committee will present above demands to the Multnomah County Relief Committee on that date at 2 PM. Demonstrate that you are opposed to slavery conditions and a system of peonage.

## A T T E N T I O N      W O O D      Y A R D      W O R K E R S

If you hope to better your conditions you will show where you stand on the 13th. The Single Workers branch of the Unemployed Councils of Portland was only recently organized and already has several hundred members. Look about you. Your fellow workers are organizing to abolish this whole rotten set-up under which we are suffering.

ORGANIZE AND FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO LIVE  
issued by the Single Workers branch of the Unemployed Councils of Portland ..



# SHANGHAIED!

TO DANIELS, GOUDY & CO'S "BOARDING HOUSE":

This is what is happening to dozens of men every week, right under the noses of our "City Fathers"!!

Just like the old days of wind-jammers and Hell-Ships--single unemployed workers, arriving in Portland are held, SOMETIMES PRACTICALLY UNDER LOCK AND KEY, at the Single Men's Relief Registration Bureau (the official insult and high-pressure headquarters of the S.E.R.A.). They are held in a back room, fed at "Joe's Cafeteria" (a slop joint next door to the Bureau)--not allowed to see or talk to anyone outside until they are finally put--at the first opportunity, when the way is clear--into a private car and spirited away like slaves in the old BLACK-BIRDING days to a mobilization point, from which they are sent to a

CONCENTRATION CAMP!!

After arrival at the FORCED LABOR CAMP, the men are supposed to receive \$15.00 worth of clothes. SO FAR, HOWEVER, WE HAVE FAILED TO FIND ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN TO A CAMP THAT DID RECEIVE HIS QUOTA OF CLOTHING!

Unadmittedly, the \$15.00 "per head" constitutes part of the GRAFT of the Relief Officials. A FIFTEEN DOLLAR BOUNTY ON THE HEAD OF EVERY SINGLE UNEMPLOYED WORKER IN THE CITY!!

Citizens who refuse to submit to this pecunage and slavery are refused further relief in the City--BY ORDERS OF GOUDY, DANIELS & CO.! We have numerous affidavits to this effect already, from men who lost their relief, and we are getting more!!

The SINGLE WORKERS UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL has organized over 200 men who are struggling militantly against practices which hark back to ANCIENT FEUDALISM!! Already, we have won complete victories for many men who have felt the heavy hand of Riley the Man-Catcher, who does the dirty work for Goudy, Daniels & Co. They got their tickets back by an ORGANIZED STRUGGLE--BY THE USE OF MASS PRESSURE!!

We call upon every unemployed single worker to JOIN OUR RANKS!! SMASH THIS FORCED LABOR -- THIS SLAVERY!!

We call upon all seamen, regardless of affiliation to JOIN THE FIGHT WITH THE SWUC, BEFORE THE F.E.R.A. HAS YOU SCALLING ON YOUR FELLOW-WORKERS IN SOME "WORK PROJECT" AT 90¢ PER WEEK.

We call upon all workers, professionals, small business men, intellectuals, etc., to SUPPORT OUR FIGHT!! If you do not, YOU WILL BE NEXT IN LINE FOR THE INCIPIENT FASCIST CONCENTRATION CAMPS!!

MEETING OF THE S.W.U.C. <sup>COME TO THE</sup> EVERY SUNDAY AT 1111 N.W. 2ND AVE.  
<sup>AT 1:00 P.M. SHARP</sup>

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