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## GEORGIA LYNCHING MAKES 34TH. IN 1930

### 130,000 ALA. FARMERS STARVE

#### 1,050 Children Starving In One County Alone

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—More than half of the tenant and share farmer families in the state of Alabama will be left to starve at the end of the season. F. W. Gist, state agricultural official, was forced to admit today.

##### 30,000 To Starve

Over 130,000 men, women and children will be left without money, or food owing to the drought and low prices of farm products, he said. More than 26,000 tenant families will thus be allowed to starve and freeze to death. There are 50,000 tenant farmers in the whole state. This report by the state department of agriculture is based on conditions existing September 1, and since the crisis has grown even worse, there will be many more than reported on the starvation list as winter starts.

The Alabama State Child Welfare Department thru its director, Mrs. A. M. Tunstall has also been forced to admit in a recent statement that there are literally hundreds of families with their children who are facing actual starvation as a result of the drought. In one county alone 1,050 children were reported in need because of the drought, and in Alabama it is admitted there are 36 such counties which have been hard hit by the lack of rain. The survey conducted by the Child Welfare Dept. did not include the other counties comprising practically the entire farm population of Alabama where 9-cent cotton means slow starvation for the farmers and their families.

##### Vote Communist

This cold-blooded statement of fact applies as well to farm conditions thruout the country, especially among the poor farmers and tenants of the South. Cotton and tobacco the principal Southern crops, are selling at prices that will not pay the taxes. Landlords have long ago refused to advance more credit to their tenants.

Governor Graves has called the usual "conference" to discuss the situation. The conference will of course adjourn after doing nothing to relieve these sufferers. Only the Communist Party calls for immediate relief for the drought sufferers thru funds provided by the government and thru the emergency taxation of large fortunes. Only the candidates of the Communist Party in the coming elections will carry on the fight against the big landlords and bankers and for the poor farmers and share croppers. Don't vote for your enemies! Vote Communist this fall. Write in the names of Walter Lewis for Governor and Seaton Worthy for Senator on your election ballot!

##### Negro Worker on Red Ticket

TRENTON, N. J.—For the first time in New Jersey the Communist Party has a complete congressional ticket. Dozier Will Graham, Negro, the Communist candidate for the state, opposing the millionaire, right W. Morrow.

#### 2,500 ENSLEY UNEMPLOYED DEMONSTRATE

Close to 2,500 workers gathered for the great demonstration against unemployment and for social insurance, called by the Metal Workers' Industrial League in Ensley last Thursday. These workers were part of the 2,000 cut off in the Ensley mill of the T. C. I. company a week before, the 1,000 cut off with the closing down of the Pullman Company plant in Bessemer and thousands of miners in this section either totally unemployed or working only 2 or 3 days a week.

Harry Jackson, District Organizer of the T. U. U. L. was arrested as he opened the meeting. He was taken to the police station and released a couple of hours later after the more than 50 police present, aided by an equal number of T. C. I. special police had succeeded in breaking up the big crowd. The police arrested Jackson despite the fact that the Metal Workers Industrial League had secured a permit from the owner of a "va-

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#### I. L. D. Protests Miami Flogging

MIAMI, Fla.—The Southern District of the International Labor Defense telegraphed a vigorous protest to the mayor and city council of Miami condemning the mob violence against David Weinberg, who was flogged, tarred and feathered for his workingclass activities.

"The I. L. D. of the Southern District most vigorously protests and condemns the flogging and tar and feathering of David Weinberg, by a group of men, some of whom, according to press reports, wore police badges," the telegram said.

"We demand the immediate stopping of these terroristic methods and the obvious encouragement of mob and lynch action as is being manifested by the chief of detectives of your city. We demand the immediate release of this man and punishment of the floggers."

"The I. L. D. will continue to expose the terror used by the boss class against the working class and will continue to mobilize the workers for struggle against all forms of boss terror."

David Weinberg, a Miami tailor and member of the local I. L. D., was taken from his home on the night of Sept. 23, by three men, flogged, stripped and then tarred and feathered and dropped on the street tied up in a sack. He was later arrested and finally released after being warned to leave the city. Chief of detectives Scarborough gives lynch law free reign by declaring that Weinberg was a "dangerous radical" because he had some pamphlets by Bishop Brown in his house and that "the treatment given him was deserved."

#### King of Exploiters



J. P. Morgan, enslaver of the masses in this country, in Germany and in the colonies. Make him pay out of his millions for social insurance!

#### Winter!--- What Now?

By Al W. McBride.

Houston, Texas.

Word came in today that all freight train conductors were told to let all unemployed ride out of Texas. The unemployed situation is no worse here at present than in other cities. The Southern Pacific has laid off most of the unskilled labor in the yards and shops.

This railroad and the chamber of commerce of Houston are awake to the fact that a great migration of workers will make for the Southern states this winter if conditions don't get better in the northern states.

Then there are the cotton field workers to stay some place this winter. Cotton pickers are only getting about 60 cents a hundred pounds and have to feed themselves and large families. Where are these workers going to spend the winter? I'll bet they don't stay in Miami, Florida, or in any of the resorts with the idle rich.

There will be gin workers. The weighers, the samplers, the floormen, the press men, the truckers, the warehouse men, the pilers, the motor truck drivers and helpers who haul the cotton from warehouse to warehouse, to the compress and to the docks. All these men are now working for the lowest wage scale since the world (Turn to Page 2)

#### ANTI-LYNCHING CONFERENCE POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 9

The Anti-Lynching Conference originally called for November 1 in Chattanooga by the Southern Organization Committee of the American Negro Labor Congress has been postponed until Nov. 9. The Committee announces that this was done to permit more time to reach and visit organizations thruout the South.

#### SHERIFF WHO GAVE NEGRO TO MOB PRAISED; PUSH ANTI-LYNCH MEET

Negro workers thruout the country have been aroused to a fever pitch of anger at the outrageous lynching of Willie Kirkland, 20 year old chain gang trusty, at Thomasville, Ga., last Thursday by a mob of white fiends on the vague testimony of a 9-year-old school girl that he had "attempted assault."

The Provisional Organization Committee for the South of the American Negro Labor Congress, which has called the Southern Anti-Lynching Conference for November 9, in Chattanooga points out in its conference call to Negro and white organizations that this is the 34th lynching thus far this year, five of which have taken place in Georgia during the last two months. The International Labor Defense has sent its representative into Thomasville to uncover the facts of the lynching.

##### Sheriff Leads to Slaughter

The lynching of Willie Kirkland was marked with all the brutality and sadistic torture which is characteristic of the lynch wave led by the "superior white bosses". Sheriff Davis himself led Kirkland from the prison stockade to the lynch mob and feigned being "overpowered" by members of the mob who took the prisoner. Later at the fake jury hearings Davis said that he could not identify any (Turn to Page 2)

#### BOSSES CRY FOR WAR ON U. S. S. R.

The attack on the Soviet Union, only workers and farmers government in the world, has taken on renewed fury with the growing economic crisis. Secretary of Agriculture Hyde and Legge of the Farm Board have started another attack on the basis of some wheat sold by the Soviet government on the Chicago Exchange, attempting to hide the miserable failure of the farm board to do anything for the farmers and shift the blame to the Soviet Union.

Hamilton Fish, Jr. and his congressional red baiting committee, encouraged by conferences with President Hoover and Hyde are resuming their "hearings" in New York City. Their principal aim is to provoke war against the Soviet Union and smash workers' organizations in this country.

#### MINER'S CHILD STARVES TO DEATH

By a Worker Correspondent  
Warrior, Ala.

I want to tell the readers of the Southern Worker about conditions in the town of Warrior, Ala. The only 2 camps around here where any of the mines are running are at Belltona, and Neitona and they are running only one day a week. There is lots of talk about starvation but down here people are really starving to death.

A few weeks ago they found a family of miners here half dead and one little boy in the family about six years old did starve to death. The paper was forced to come out and admit it. He hadn't eaten for days. The rest of the family had not eaten either, but he was the smallest and the first to die. Many more boys like this little one will die this winter unless we are able to force the coal operators to come across with some of their

#### CRUMBS FOR THE JOBLESS

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — With the calling of the Social Insurance Conference in this city by the Trade Union Unity League for October 19, the bosses and the city government are redoubling their efforts to intimidate the unemployed workers and are offering fake relief schemes.

The police grip on the unemployed is tightening. The recent order of Chief Bryan to arrest any jobless worker seen on the streets for "loitering" has already landed a large number of workers in jail. In an effort to stop organization of the Unemployed Council, police tried to photograph every worker leaving the union hall at 16½ Main Street after the unemployed meeting last Friday, and create a permanent blacklist. But the workers know they can't get jobs anyhow and the meetings are continuing. Harry Gorman, who was arrested after speaking at a T. U. U. L. meeting here two weeks ago and charged with loitering and vagrancy, was given 112 days on the chain gang or \$50 fine by Judge Fleming on the loitering charge and is being bound over to the grand jury on the vagrancy charge.

The various charity organizations like the Community Chest, Salvation Army and the City Social Service are trying to "solve unemployment" and at the same time prevent the workers from organizing by offering insulting bits of charity to the workers. Negro professional people here, meeting with Mayor Bass made demands for a flop house to offer some sort of an answer to the growing cry against starvation. One worker who applied for help from the City Social Service was given a voucher for \$1.00 for himself, wife and four children.

profits to help us.

The town of Warrior made a bluff of helping the starving miners by opening a soup kitchen, but it closed down a couple of weeks ago. They told us we could go out to the farmers and pick cotton for our meals if we wanted to eat. They tell a story here about one mine operator named Morse, who was asked to give something to help out the soup kitchen. He told them "I can't give anything. Don't you know I am paying \$2 for one day's work a week for many of these men in my mine. I guess I am doing my share now."

We have got to organize and force rats like this Morse to come across with more than \$2 a day for 10 hours work. We have got to make them pay us \$25 a week if they can't give us work like the Communist Party Bill says.

—A Miner.



## A COMMUNIST TO A FARMER

**INTRODUCTION** There are over 6,000,000 farmers in the United States. Most of them are poor farmers, having little or no money or credit to serve them as capital, unable to buy expensive machinery as do the rich farmers and farm corporations, and if they manage to buy it cannot use it profitably on their small farms. About 40 per cent are tenants, millions are mortgaged; all of the poor farmers have been getting poorer and poorer and are desperately looking for some way out, some way to live and support their families as farmers. It is to these poor farmers that the Communist Party speaks.

Communist: We, the Communists, ask you as a Poor Farmer to vote for Communist candidates for Congress.

Farmer: Why? How is the Communist Party different from other political parties?

Communist: In our program. All the other parties are for the big capitalists and against all who toil. The republican and democratic parties are openly for the trusts, which are all controlled by the big banks; while the so-called "socialist" party is actually against socialism, really the same as the other capitalist parties, but uses more "radical" talk to get the poor people, the workers and poor farmers, to follow them, but as you see from where these fake "socialists" have ruled in Germany and England, they are best defenders of the capitalist class and the worst enemies of workers and poor farmers.

Farmer: What about where the Communists rule, in the Soviet Union? The papers say that things are terrible over there; yet they admit that production is going up there while it's going down here, and we hear of almost all agriculture being "socialized," enormous farms with lots of machinery, bigger crops at less cost than even here; we hear of all poor farmers putting their land, animals, machines and so on together, even building hotels where they live together like city folks and doing other things cooperatively. But we have cooperatives here too, yet they don't work that way.

Communist: They can't work that way here, because we still have capitalism here. The land is private property. Its owners demand rent. Money or credit (the use of money) is private property and its owners demand interest. All machinery and animals used are private property and the owners wouldn't think of letting the poor farmers who haven't got them use them without paying—and you can't pay. You can't join a cooperative without turning in capital or raising it by a loan from the bankers. And when you can't do that as most of the poor farmers can't, you're left out, that's all. In the first place, they are not real cooperatives because the land isn't turned in, and can't be because you don't own it, or have a mortgage on it, and the bankers have something to say about it. It's all a game to get the big banking interests in control of marketing.

(To be continued next week.)

## McGrady On Hand To Aid Furniture Bosses

HIGH POINT, N. C.—Speaking at a meeting of workers of the Tomlinson Furniture Co. here Edward F. McGrady, now chief faker of the Southern A. F. of L. campaign in the South, said that he "could settle all differences in one hours time if the employers would only sit down and talk."

When it became evident that the furniture workers would strike against the Bedaux stretchout system despite the A. F. of L. councils

## Houston TUUL Continues Work Despite the Attacks of Police

HOUSTON, Tex.—The Riot Squad headed by the captain of police raided a meeting in the Fifth Ward here, called by the Trade Union Unity League, arrested the speakers and charged them with "vagrancy."

Comrades McCuiston, McBride, Schaefer and Sitka were arrested, and a comrade from an English ship who was later escorted back to his boat by the police. The police used the usual bull-dozing tactics, and the speakers were held in jail 24 hours before they were allowed bail. The maximum bail of \$200 each was set and furnished by the International Labor Defense. The police grudgingly released "those damn nigger-loving Reds."

The police captain who made the arrests stated that "he did not give a damn what the law or Constitution was, that he would lynch the goddamn Reds if they didn't leave the Niggers alone." He further stated that "they had the niggers tame and didn't want no riots" and that "the damn Reds had better stay away from the Fifth Ward or he would make the niggers run them out of town."

Houston, Texas.

Dear Comrades:

Our trial was postponed due to the fact that the police captain and two lieutenants were honorary pallbearers at a cop's funeral. Our bonds were continued. The International Labor

## Georgia Lynching Is 34th So Far in 1930

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members of the mob, and he was officially commended by the jury for the part he played in the lynching. The jury findings resulted in the following: "We wish to commend our sheriff for the quiet and orderly manner in which he handled the angry crowd at the jail and stockade and for the PREVENTION OF OTHER BLOODSHED."

The mob took Kirkland a number of times to the 9-year old girl, hoping that he would confess to the crime, and played with him like a kitten with a mouse. He remained in the hands of the mob a whole night before he was finally riddled with bullets.

### Lynch Plan Known

That the planned lynching was known to authorities before it took place is shown by an Associated Press Dispatch, dated September 24, one day before the lynching took place, reporting that the highway was choked with hundreds of automobiles containing the lynch mob, in search of Kirkland. The mob had the Negro in its hands all night without a step being taken by authorities to save him.

The complicity of the authorities is pointed out in the A. N. L. C. Committee statement and the same is shown to be true in the case of all recent lynchings. The committee points out that by having a well representative conference on November 9, of Negro and white workers' organizations, a powerful workers' movement can be set on foot thruout the South, which alone will be able to stop lynchings.

### Miners Strike

BARBOURVILLE, Ky.—Two hundred miners struck today at the Anchor Block Coal Co. They demand increase in wages.

of no-strike, a hurried call was sent to McGrady by local A. F. of L. officials. A strike vote which was supposed to have been taken last week was delayed until the arrival of McGrady. He is now conferring with the bosses to find a method of averting the strike and selling out the workers.

Defense is awakening here and is rallying to our defense. We are holding a meeting tonight and another Thursday in defiance of the lynch threat of the Cossacks. ALL THE COSSACKS IN DIXIE CAN'T RUN US OFF THE JOB. With proletarian greetings.

J. Sitka, W. C. Shaefer, Al W. McBride, W. C. McCuiston.

## Building The Southern Worker

Attalla, Ala.

Dear Editor:

I want you to send me the SOUTHERN WORKER. I am a share farmer and I am standing ready to help the Party at any time. I will send you in some letters about this place later.

—A Farmer.

Birmingham, Ala.

Gentlemen:

I have seen an issue of your paper and wish to subscribe to same. Please send me a subscription blank and a couple of extra blanks as I may be able to get my brother and a friend to subscribe.

Your paper sure exposes the bosses and I hope you keep up the good work. I have not had a job in a year now.

—A Worker.

"Say Jim, if I keep alive and out of the kidnappers' hands I'll show you some real work," writes our SOUTHERN WORKER agent in Elizabethton, Tenn. "I am 43 years old, small in stature, but I am a Red, red-blooded Red and I know there is hundreds of them here. The woods is full of them. They are constantly calling on me to hurry up and get something done towards organizing. You will get letters from here regularly when we get some circulation for the 'Worker' and I mean to have it."

## Winter Comes With Thousands Jobless

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slaughter in Europe. Where in hell are these workers to stay this winter? We workers who have been struggling here this summer are going to stay in Texas. If the mosquitos can feed off us in Summer, we ought to be able to feed off the bosses in Winter time.

What little cotton there is moving to Europe is being shipped on foreign boats. The American ships are all laid up in the mud flats. These ships that are laid up mean that there are 10,000 American seamen unemployed at present. When the Great Lakes close up for the winter, that alone is going to send thousands of more seamen here. Lake seamen, stay home and fight. Join the M. W. I. U., fight the Lake Carriers' Association. We Gulf seamen are here hold the fort of the Marine Workers Industrial Union.

On top of all this wage slashing there are the A. F. of L. sell-outs. Green and Woll are in Washington today selling out the members of the International Longshoremen's Association just like the International Seamen's Union was sold out in 1921. Stevedores, get out of the I. L. A. while you can look an honest worker in the face. Green and Woll are selling you now. Join the M. W. I. U. Don't wait, do it now, your fight is our fight!

Send delegates to Anti-Lynching Conference on November 9.

## LYNCH LAW AT WORK

Tennessee Mob crossing border to Huntsville, Tenn., to lynch Rufus McCoy and H. Henderson in jail, as we go to press.

THOMASVILLE, Ga. — Willie Kirkland, 20 years old, Negro trusty on a county gang, was taken from the stockade by a mob and lynched on the vague testimony of a 9-year old girl that he had attempted assault on her.

CHICAGO, Ill. — Mitchell Gray, unemployed Negro worker, was morally wounded by a policeman here, when found trying to sleep in a vacant house. This makes the third police killing of militant workers within the last few months by the Chicago police.

MIAMI, Fla.—David Weinberg, radical tailor, was forcefully taken from his home by three men, beaten, tarred and feathered and then arrested by city detectives.

FOREMAN, Ark.—A Negro man and woman were wounded when a white landowner, Ellis Craig, fired into a group of Negroes, whom, he said, were "degrading white folks." A mob is now searching for one of the Negroes who fired at Craig in return, but missed.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—A mob broke thru the gate of the jail yard here in an attempt to reach and lynch G. H. Henderson, Negro, whom they suspected of killing a white man during a robbery. Henderson says he can prove his innocence. Despite the presence of troops the prisoner may be lynched at any moment as we go to press.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Tom Robertson, of the family of Negro sharecroppers, four of whose members have been lynched and killed at Emelle, was brought before the Circuit Court in Livingston to be arraigned for murder.

COLUMBUS, La.—Dock Murray, Negro tenant farmer, was shot in the stomach and thigh by the sheriff and plantation bosses, in a scrap over the crops.

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—Lacy Mitchell, Negro witness against four white men who are charged with assaulting a Negro woman, was fatally shot in the stomach by the whites on Sept. 27, to keep him from appearing on the witness stand.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Five Negro bell boys were forced into cars and flogged by a mob of unmasked white men here on September 25. The mobbists are supposed to be members of the Blackshirt organization.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Floyd Edmondson and Albert Smith were sentenced to 10 years for "attempting assault on a white woman." More than a dozen witnesses testified that the men were elsewhere at the time of the reported assault.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—W. T. Clafk, Negro, was fined \$5 for talking back to an officer when the latter stopped him in the street and tried to arrest him for carrying liquor in a pail. The pail contained buttermilk.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—An unemployed Negro worker was severely beaten by company guards on the subway here when he fell asleep and missed his station and insisted on remaining on the train until returning to his station. He was tumbled onto the platform in a wrecked condition by the guards and is now in serious condition.

## BUILD THE SOUTHERN WORKER DRIVE

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## THE QUOTAS

DISTRICT 17		
	Sales	Subs.
Birmingham	550	50
Chattanooga	350	25
New Orleans	200	25
Atlanta	150	25
Elizabethton	100	15
Whitney, Ala.	50	10
Total	1400	150
DISTRICT 16		
	Sales	Subs.
Charlotte	500	50
Winston Salem	100	25
Bessemer City	100	10
Gastonia	50	10
North Belmont	50	10
Greenville, S. C.	100	25
Charleston, S. C.	100	25
Richmond, Va.	300	25
Norfolk, Va.	100	20
TOTAL	1400	200
Houston, Texas	200	50

Watch our progress in the SOUTHERN WORKER.

## Comrades, Workers, Help Build Our Paper

Become An Agent for the SOUTHERN WORKER

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Birmingham, Ala.

## 2,500 Demonstrate in Ensley for Insurance

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cant lot close to the mill for the meeting.

Only the militant attitude of the men prevented the usual police attack on the workers. This time the police were very careful and quite evidently leary of provoking the workers to fight back against this open attempt to prevent the workers from organizing to fight for their demands.

The Metal Workers Industrial League has announced that another demonstration, protected from police interference by a strong workers defense corps, will be called in Ensley shortly. At the same time the T. C. organization of the Metal Workers Industrial League will continue its work of building a strong mill committee within the mills of this company to prepare for the coming struggles.



# FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

## WORKERS SEE WORST TIMES IN 16 YEARS

By a Worker Correspondent  
Charlotte, N. C.

I have read your paper and I will say that you are sure telling the truth about the conditions of the workingmen in the mills. I have been a mill worker for over 16 years but have never seen anything worse than the conditions we are working under now.

I am working in the Louise mill in Charlotte where the stretchout has been increased to a point where we mill folks can stand it no longer. Last week my wages amounted to a little over \$5.00 and this is about all we mill folks get for our hard work. The mill only runs every other week and lots of us are being laid off. Now the Union is in and we are going to join it and stick to it.

Last week the Super offered to some of us two dollars a-piece if we would vote for Bulwinkle. Lots of the folks took the two dollars, but none of us are going to vote for the murderer of Ella May. We are all going to stand behind the Communist Party and vote for Dewey Martin, the organizer of the National Textile Workers for Senate and J. A. Rogers and W. G. Binkley for Congress.

—A Mill Worker.

## Making Red Shop Out of U. S. Pipe

By a Worker Correspondent  
Birmingham, Ala.

We put out a shop paper, the Red Rammer, in this shop a couple of weeks ago. The workers liked it fine but the bosses of the U. S. Pipe Co. went crazy trying to find out who put the paper all over inside the shop. They finally posted a sign on the board that any man who knew anything about it was to come and tell it to the superintendent. No one told because only good men, members of the Communist Party, know about it. The pimps cannot find out anything.

The SOUTHERN WORKER and the leaflets of the Communist Party is also put out in this shop every week. The bosses are trying to stop this because they don't want the workers to read a paper which tells the truth about conditions. They can never stop us because we are making Communists in this shop faster than the boss can find us out and fire us. We will make the U. S. Pipe shop a red shop whether the bosses like it or not.

—A Worker.

## Travels 20 Miles To Get \$2 A Week Job

By a Worker Correspondent

A worker was promised a job at a dairy about 20 miles away in Catoosa County, Ga. He rode out of Chattanooga on the dairy truck. When he arrived at the dairy the boss told him he would give him a job for \$2 a week and board, and furnish him two pair of overalls a week. He was to work 7 days a week.

—A Negro Worker.

## Collectors Win Strike

NEW ORLEANS, La.—A quick strike by garbage collectors employed by the city forced Mayor Walmsley to return to the full time pay schedule. In an effort to cut city expenses the collectors were cut to 3 days a week with a similar cut in wages.

## TWO WEEKS WORK AND NO PAY

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No. TENNESSEE COAL, IRON & R. R. CO.  
PAY STATEMENT

### EDGEWATER WORKS

#### SECOND HALF MONTH

COAL	TONS MINED	LESS DOCK-AGE	TONS PAID FOR	RATE	AMOUNT
WICK					
MACH.			24 2	49 5	120 5
YARDAGE					
DATE					
HOURS					
TOTAL EARNINGS					120 5
GARNISHMENTS					
U. S. STEEL STOCK					
CASH ADVANCES					
GROUP INSURANCE					
STORE CHECKS					6 00
COMMISSARY					3 70
RENT					
WATER					
LIGHT					
DOCTOR					
DENTAL, HOSP. AND DISPENSARY					
TENNESSEE LAND CO.					
EXPLOSIVES					8 5
SUPPLIES					3 5
SHOP					0 5
SCHOOL					
COAL					
CHECK WHEGMAN					10
BATH HOUSE					
BADGES					
R. R. TICKETS					1 00
TOTAL STOPPAGES					120 5
BALANCE DUE					

EMPLOYEE TO KEEP THIS PART  
THIS IS YOUR RECEIPT FOR ALL STOPPAGES

This pay slip of a miner in the Edgewater mine of the T. C. I. near Birmingham shows that after 2 weeks work he did not receive a cent in pay. His total wages for that period were \$12.05. After the company got thru deducting for supplies the miner was left without a cent.

## A Vicious Speed-Up Method

Birmingham, Ala.

All the piece workers in this shop, the Stokholm Pipe and Fitting Co., work under the "B" hour system. The number of moulders a day is 300. A moulder working under the "B" hour system has to labor under strain and red tape. First of all the boss holds his watch to obtain a knowledge as to how many the workers can put out per hour. If the job is of a large type of fittings, the boss will suppose the moulders can mould about 56 moulds per hour. Then the boss will say: "If the nigger can put up 56 moulds per hour then in 8 hours he can put up 448." The boss will deduct 148 allowing for scrap and swelling in the mould and rate the moulder at 300 per day or "60 B."

If the worker fails to put out the required number the boss will put him on record as working in the "red" mark. If he fails to reach the 300 mark again he is still in the "red." If the worker stays in the "red" long the boss will fire him. What the boss calls on is 5 days. This same burden is put on all the workers in the shop.

The bosses give the day laborers hard tasks and pays them 48 cents per hour as long as he stays out of the "red," then he gets 32 cents per hour, just as they pay a new man starting to work. They do this to keep the workers' heads swelled and to make them do 2 men's work in 8

hours. If not, he is in the "red" and besides the boss will only let him work about 2 or 2½ days a week at about 80 or 90 cents a day.

The only way for we colored and white is to organize together under the leadership of the Communist Party and T. U. U. L. and break down the rotten system of the bosses.

—A Worker.

### NOTICE

The worker who wrote the correspondence from Laurel, Miss., appearing in last week's Southern Worker, and the farmer who wrote the letter from Whitney, Ala., appearing in the issue of two weeks ago are asked to send in their name and address to the Southern Worker. No names or addresses will be disclosed. We must have them in order to keep in touch with our correspondents.

### More Lay-offs in Tool Co.

HOUSTON, Tex. — The Houghs Tool Co. laid off 450 men Monday, Sept. 22, and laid off 50 more today, Tuesday, Sept. 23. This company is now working only six hours a day and a five day week. The workers are paid by the hour.

### 10 Cents An Hour!

HOUSTON, Tex.—The City of Ft. Worth is making Clear Lake larger and exploiting the workers, taking advantage of the large lay offs of workers. This work is all being done by white labor. The scale of wages on this job is 10 cents and 15 cents an hour. It is a hurry-up job. The workers are working twelve to sixteen hours a day.

## More Pay? 'Bad Nigger' Says Boss, "Fired!"

By a Worker Correspondent  
Birmingham, Ala.

I worked for the Birmingham Laundry. I had to work from 6 to 6 and only made \$8.50 a week and I asked my boss man for a raise and this is what he told me: "If you don't want to work for \$8.50 a week, get the hell off the job. I don't want you anyway."

I told him that was a hell of a way to talk and he said to me: "Nigger, where are you from?" I told him I was from Birmingham. He said: "Don't you know better than to talk to a white man like that?" I told him I was a man like him and he said "You damn fool, if you say that to me again, I will break your neck." I told him it would be break for break. "To hell with you," he said, "You is one of them bad niggers, ain't you?" I told him, No, I am not a bad nigger, I just want more wages. So he told me to get off the job and I got my money and walked away. He has two boys doing the work I was and paying them \$4.50 each a week.

—A Worker.

## CLUB WORKER ASKING PAY

By a Worker Correspondent  
Birmingham, Ala.

In the Birmingham papers—the News, Post, Age-Herald—we are told what fine Christian gentlemen are on the Birmingham police force, how they help dogs get a drink of water on a hot day, etc. How brave they are shooting defenseless workers down as they go in their shacks in the alleys for the crime of walking home after dark and arresting organizers for the Communist Party and Trade Union Unity League.

Just last week I was one of those lucky enough to get a job at a bakery at the end of the week. Working away at top speed at the end of the week I went to the boss for my wages and he run me out of the shop. Being broke and hungry, I thought I would call a policeman, he will get my wages for me. But on coming into the bakery again, this time with a policeman, the owner hollered out: "What the hell are you doing here? Didn't I pay you once and you are not worth that much." The policeman turned on me shouting that I told him a lie. He then took his club and hit me over the head, and run me out on the street.

We can see more plainly all the time that these methods are being used on Negro workers so that they will work for nothing. The white and Negro must both organize together to fight their common enemy, the boss. For if they don't have to pay a Negro his wages, down will come the white worker's wages, also. I have joined the Food Workers Union of the T. U. U. L. and the more I see of rotten conditions here, the more I know that only the workers organized, white, black, all the workers will get better conditions for themselves.

—A Baker.

### G. A. R. Approves Lynching

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The 64th encampment of the G. A. R. blankly refused to vote on a resolution against lynching and mob violence. The G. A. R., which was supposed to have fought for the freedom of the slaves thus goes on record as an endorser of lynching.

VOTE COMMUNIST!

## FOOD TRUCKS DON'T DARE GO BY MILL TOWN

By a Worker Correspondent  
Greenville, S. C.

The Southern textile mill men, or rather the mill barons and their industrial association is coming out with large ads stating to us poor slaves that it is for our benefit that the night work has been cut out. But it should have read like this: It was for their benefit and not ours.

The workers have been shown the value of industrial organization by taking a side glance how the mill barons can sit in their office and pull a string and industry will cease to run. Secret meetings have been held here in the Poinsett Hotel by these big nice, fluffy, soft-handed mill-owners until 12 or 13 hundred have been thrown out of work. At one mill village a bread wagon or a wholesale truck will not travel the streets. They actually unload every vehicle that comes along with foodstuff.

You can pass thru some of the mill villages and truly see some horrible sights. And then the newspapers will come out with very near a half-page ad, saying it is for our own benefit that the night work was cut out. September 15th, 250 hands were laid off at Mills Mill. In about two weeks hard times will be facing these workers. The workers are really up in the air, have got no money, no clothes, no food, no fuel and winter coming.

Now with all these hardships on us poor textile workers the mill-men and all business men tell us to go back to the farm. I simply want to know how we can go to a farm on nothing. We can't eat leaves and dirt for twelve months. So we are at the end again. There is but one way out of this mess and that is to organize industrially and fight the question down. Call a general strike, tie up the whole town. Now, ask yourselves, how long would you be out. Just about one week. This is the only way out for quick relief.

Now, workers, I am a Greenville man and luckily I am in one of the mills yet. I am begging you all to line up for your own betterment, for no one else can. I am ready any time.

—A Worker.

## 7-YR. CHILDREN GET \$1 PER WEEK

By a Child Laborer  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

I am writing you a few words to let you know about the workers. I am working in a grocery store without getting any pay.

The children from 7 to 10 are getting up at 6 o'clock to go to work.

Some of them work in grocery stores, and some of them carry dinner's for only \$1 and \$1.50 a week.

Some of the workers are put out of their houses, some are sleeping in box cars, and some are put in jail for walking down the street and sitting around. And some of them haven't anything to eat, they have no clothes, no shoes.

All children should join the Pioneers because it teaches about the workers. The Pioneers also teaches the children to play games, go on hikes and to speak. The Pioneers is for both white and Negro children. So I will close.

—Robert Nash.

ATLANTA, Ga.—Musicians employed in Atlanta theatres struck when they were refused long-term contracts.



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## Preparing the Ground in Georgia

The bosses preparations for the Atlanta "insurrection" trial are in full swing. The black terrorist organizations are being sharpened and the ground is being laid to make possible extreme penalties for the six working class organizers amidst a general atmosphere of boss terror.

The American Order of Blackshirts or Fascisti have obtained their charter in Orlando, Fla., and are now legally functioning in their center, Atlanta. A fascist band tarred an dfeathered David Weinberg in Miami, Florida, with the full support of the police department, for being "a dangerous radical." The Blackshirts have attempted to terrorize Negro workers in and around Atlanta. The whole "white supremacy" movement of the bosses has taken an upward swing, having thus far this year taken a toll of thirty-four Negroes lynched, the last being in Thomasville, Ga., in which state five lynchings have taken place during the past two months. Every effort is being made to prevent mass mobilization of the white and black workers, especially in Atlanta, in support of the six organizers and their program of the united organization of the workers. All sorts of bosses' propaganda and terror is in motion to counteract the tremendous effect the trial of the organizers will have on the workers of the South, caught in the death grips of capitalist crisis and unemployment.

The International Labor Defense is mobilizing workers thruout the country to the defense of our six comrades. The defense of the Atlanta organizers is one of the leading purposes of the national drive against lynching and boss terror being led by the American Negro Labor Congress. The Southern Anti-Lynching Conference, called by the Provisional Organization Committee for the South of the A. N. L. C., for November 9, will be a tremendous demand for the unconditional release of the Atlanta Six. This conference must be made a powerful answer to the lynch law system of the bosses.

## Government Dooms Farmers To Starve

26,000 families of Alabama tenant farmers will face shortened rations and possible starvation this winter. This is not the estimate of the Communists. It is the cold statement of F. W. Gist, statistician, made in an official report of the Agricultural Department of the State of Alabama. 130,000 men, women and children are included in these 26,000 families whom the State of Alabama coolly announces may starve this winter. This statement comes on the heels of a statement by Mrs. Tunstall of the Alabama Child Welfare Department to the effect that 1,050 children are already badly suffering in only 1 of the drouth stricken counties of the state while there are a total of 36 counties hard hit by the drought.

Over in Arkansas he "Honorable" Judge John C. Sheffield, chairman of the State Drought Relief Committee, speaking at a meeting of well-fed business men in Helena, stated last week that "neither the Federal Government nor the Red Cross are going to spend a penny for direct relief in the way of food or anything of that nature." He went on to state that "the State Relief committee is more interested in getting seed for planting fall crops to produce feed for live stock thru the winter . . ."

This is the "relief program of the Federal Government and the Red Cross brutally stated, frankly: "Feed for the livestock and particularly the livestock of the big planters, starvation for the scores of thousands of tenant farmers and their families." THIS IS CAPITALISM IN ACTION.

This is the government controlled by the Democratic party in this state and by the Republican party nationally. Their candidates will ask you small farmers and you 26,000 tenant farmers who are doomed to starvation by this same government for your votes this fall. Your answer must be: "Not a vote for these scoundrels who offer us starvation instead of relief. Not a vote to these enemies of all who toil. All votes for the one Party which leads the struggle of all those who toil against this whole starvation system of the bosses and landlords! Vote Communist this fall!"

## The Ensley Unemployed Demonstration

The tremendous mass demonstration of 2,500 unemployed steel workers in Ensley last Thursday under the leadership of the Metal Workers Industrial League showed two things clearly.

One, that the thousands of unemployed workers of Ensley and Birmingham are ready to fight and to fight under our leadership. The whole attitude of the great crowd, which had the police and company thugs of the T. C. I. fairly buffaloed, was one of readiness to fight back against this company which cut them off without a day's notice and against this whole capitalist system which breeds unemployment and starvation for the masses of workers. When Jackson, the T. U. U. L. District Organizer and principal speaker, was arrested the crowd openly showed their hostility to the police and were within an ace of taking direct action against them.

Second, the fact that the meeting was not well organized and that no organized resistance was put up against the lickspittle Birmingham cops and T. C. I. thugs who arrested Jackson and later broke up the demonstration, shows the complete failure of the Metal Workers League to actually organize and lead into the struggle in an organized manner the thousands of workers who follow its leadership, and answered its call for demonstrations.

Demonstrations by themselves mean nothing. It is up to the Metal Workers Industrial League to ACTUALLY ORGANIZE these workers who follow its leadership and support its program. The workers who demonstrated their readiness and determination to carry on the fight for Unemployment Insurance, for the seven-hour day and five-day week, for higher wages, and better working conditions last week at Ensley, must become actual functioning members of the Metal Workers Industrial League, consciously preparing in an organized manner for the big struggles that are one the way in the Birmingham steel industry. This is today the main task of the Metal Workers Industrial League in Ensley and thruout the South.

## Organize — Rather Than This



A breadline in New York last winter. They will be larger this winter all over the country. Workers don't stand for it! Organize, Fight for social insurance

## 34 ARE LYNCHED IN 9 MONTHS

There have been 34 lynchings in the first nine months of 1930. In a statement issued by the Southern Provisional Organization Committee of the American Negro Labor Congress, the lynchings are listed and it is pointed out that organizations like the Tuskegee Institute and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People have issued incomplete and misleading figures on the number of lynchings thus far this year.

Counted only as lynchings in the A. N. L. C. list are only those killed by a mob before their victim had a chance to be tried in court for the crime he is suspected of. The following list does not include Negroes found dead on the streets and in rivers or swamps, or those shot by policemen on "suspicion," or Negroes legally executed by the state on almost no evidence.

LEE IVY, Rockford, Miss., Jan. 11.  
JIMMIE LEVINE, Ocilla, Ga., Feb. 1.  
LAURA WOOD, Salisbury, N. C., March.  
JOHN WILKINS, Locust Grove, Ga., April 5.  
ALLEN GREEN, Walhalla, S. C., April 23.  
DAVID HARRIS, Rosedale, Miss., April 28.  
JOHN HODAZ, White, Tampa, Fla., April 28.  
CLARENCE HAYES, Kansas City, Mo., May 9.

GEORGE HUGHES, Sherman, Tex., May 10.  
GEORGE JOHNSON, Honeygrove, Tex., May 19.  
HENRY ARGO, Chickasha, Okla., May 30.  
DAN JENKINS, Union City, S. C., June 21.  
BILL ROAN, Bryan, Texas, June 22.  
JACK ROBERTSON, Austin, Texas, June 28.

MOREHOUSE, Atlanta, Ga., July.  
ESSAU ROBERTSON, JOHN HENRY ROBERTSON, JOHN NEWTON ROBERTSON and ANOTHER ROBERTSON, Emelle, Ala., July 4.  
S. S. MINCEY, Mt. Vernon, Ga., July 30.  
THOMAS SHIPP AND ABE SMITH, Marion Ind., Aug. 6.  
OLIVER MOORE, Tarboro, N. C., August 19.  
GEORGE GRANT AND WILLIE BRYAN, Darien, Ga., Sept. 8.  
LOCKETT and WHITE Scooba, Miss., Sept. 9.  
M. C. WYLIE, Eastman, Ga. Sept. 12.  
WILL HARRIS, Warrenton, N. C., Sept. 18.  
WILLIE KIRKLAND, Thomasville, Ga. Sept. 25.

**Data Not Complete**  
HERBERT JOHNSON, June 5.  
ROBERT BURNEY, Kansas.  
HENRY AGATE, Chicago.  
CHESTER FUGATE, White, Irving Ky.

## "Nice Clean Young Man" For \$12.50 a Month

Good luck to you who will qualify for the job. Your troubles will be over forever, if you will be lucky enough to land this one. The following ad appeared in the Georgia Market Bulletin, Department of Agriculture, September, 25th.

### "FARM HELP WANTED"

"Want a good single man, 25 or 30 years old, to plant and run a small truck farm and do other light work. Must know how to drive and fix a car or truck, be sober, honest and a willing worker and like to go to Sunday school and church. Be very clean and nice. Will pay \$12.50 per month, board and washing and a good home to stay."

What a wonderful opportunity for a nice "clean young man"! Thousands of "young clean men" are just waiting for the opportunity. All you have to do is know how to operate a farm, run a truck, be a mechanic, work like hell 14 or 16 hours a day for \$12.50 a month. No wonder this farmer wants you to go to church and pray to the Lord for giving you such a fine opportunity!

## MY LIFE

By a Negro Working Woman

I WAS born and raised in Pendergrass, Jackson county, Georgia. It had a very small population, just a farming town. There were seven children in the family. My father was a good worker but he could not provide well, causing my mother and the children to have a hard time.

Mother would go away early in the morning to launder for different white people and would stay until late at night. Sometimes she would launder four bundles a day and only make \$1.00 and a little piece of bacon or a gallon of syrup. Some of the people were nice to her but they did not pay much for the work.

This went on until I was ten years old. I was often hungry. When mother came in at night sometimes we would get bread and milk and sometimes bread and syrup for our supper and I would often go to bed hungry for mother could not give us all plenty. My father drank most of his small earning up, which amounted to

50 and 75 cents a day.

When I was ten years old my father decided to work a farm on shares, and he carried us on a farm. There were only five of us children at home, two boys and three girls. The two boys were younger than I and the two girls were older. My father worked us very hard. We knew how to work on the farm alright, for mother had let us pick cotton for different farmers and they would pay us thirty five and forty cents a hundred pounds.

The first year we were on the farm we did not get any cash money in the fall at all. Just a little corn and syrup and about 250 pounds of meat.

We did not own a cow that year and we did not get any clothes and shoes. Mother was awfully disappointed. The boss had taken all we had worked for that year. Of course, I did not understand then as I do now.

(To Be Continued Next Week)

## The Reds Say--

By JIM ALLEN

"Each year the deputies of the sheriff catch and haul hundreds of vagrants to the county borders and turn them loose," says the Miami Herald. "A much better and more profitable method would be to set them to work for a week or two and get the dual benefit benefit of free labor and a well impressed lesson to stay away from Dade county." The bosses who have come down to spend their vacation at Miami while their plants are closed up north, evidently do not allow the same privilege to their workers. If you are out of work you can't come down here where it is warm enough to sleep on the street and spoil the scenery, but must starve in the North and wait for freezing weather!

The delicate lips of some New York millionaire spending his vacation fishing on Ocracoke Island, N. C., could only coil smoke from a particular brand of cigars. Since the local store had only Cincos, or some other such low-down weed, the said millionaire ordered that his favorite cigars be brought him by airplane from the nearest city in time for lunch. Two boxes came by airplane. The cost of those cigars and that airplane trip could have kept a family of North Carolina textile workers living decently for a couple of months. The crisis has certainly hit the poor bosses!

Chattanooga newspapers are all up in the air about the city's fine police force. When a stranger comes riding into town in a big automobile its police cops actually take him to his destination. When some unemployed worker rides in on Shank's Mare, he is either bumped off by some railroad yard dick or lodged in the city jail. Find a Negro worker loitering around looking for a job and the cops kindly find a hard bed for him in the cells at City Hall. Let a married man with four kids and a wife to support come to the City Social Service Bureau and he will get one dollar's worth of groceries for his family to feast on for a week. A very hospitable city!

The Utah Associated Industries has found a cure for unemployment. "To Workmen: If work cannot be had temporarily in your craft, accept the best available job which you may be able to perform. Give an honest day's work for the wage agreed upon. Take no part in any movement, organized or otherwise, to bring about industrial disturbance." The idea is to have the workers starve peacefully without even a death rattle.

We will complete the circle and come back to the Miami Herald, paper of the bosses' garden city. "If Russia is attempting to disrupt our society and government through commercial interference that is war, and should be treated as such," says this paper. The bosses can't seem to take a vacation, without putting some business deal across. The hammer and sickle seems to bother them even in their princely beach pajamas. If the Farm Board doesn't do anything for the farmer's that is the Soviet's fault. If 8,000,000 unemployed workers face starvation in this country today, that is the fault of the Russian bolsheviks. Get the workers into another war, maybe they will be able to forget empty stomachs and leave the bosses in peace on the Miami sands. Still better if you can get them to fight the Soviet Union. Whoopee! Pass another cocktail.