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Vote Communist!

FAKE SCHEMES FOR JOBLESS TO GET VOTES

In the last minute pre-election assemblies, the Republican federal government and democratic and republican state governments are proposing fake relief schemes for the unemployed, in an effort to stem the tide of working class revolt.

An Election Trick

Following the formation of the Federal unemployment board headed by a former police commissioner of New York City by Hoover, which, it is announced, is to study unemployment and make recommendations, various governors have picked up the trick and are appointing similar commissions. Governor Horton of Tennessee, who sent the troops against the Elizabethton strikers last year, also called together a committee to study unemployment. The Chamber of Commerce and mayor of Chattanooga have also followed suit and are speaking about repairing the houses and some more studying. The governor of Georgia has been struggling hard to convince the poor farmers that his farm relief committee will actually do something and the Alabama bosses are content with broad-casting stories in the newspapers that "times are getting better" and a thousand and one other lies.

It is a part of the bosses' election campaign to spread this all over their newspapers, together with photos of the committeemen, in a vain effort to convince the starving man that he is not starving and should vote for them.

More Unemployment

In the meantime, unemployment grows worse. The city jails are full of unemployed workers seeking a night's shelter. Soup kitchens are being set up. The Community Chests and charity organizations are collecting the bosses' pennies. On the eve of winter thousands upon thousands of workers join the army of the unemployed. Many workers face the second winter of unemployment.

As the election campaign is being waged, there stands out but one real plan of relief, but one answer to starvation. That is the Communist demand for immediate unemployment insurance, provided by the government out of the money appropriated for war and by a progressive income tax on all incomes over \$5,000 a year. That demand is being made by the Communist Party. Pending the passage of the Federal Social Insurance Bill, introduced by the Communists Party, it demands immediate and effective relief from the city and state governments.

All the fake schemes of the bosses and their candidates can no longer fool the starving workers. They will vote in the polls on November 4 and vote for the Communist candidates, a vote which will show the added forces in the fight on the hunger regime.



Seaton Worthy, Communist Candidate for Senator, Alabama



Sam Borenstein, Communist Candidate for Governor, Tennessee



W. G. Binkley, Communist Candidate for Congress, North Carolina

Successful Anti-Lynch Conference

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Forty delegates from local unions, mill committees and fraternal organizations attended the Charlotte Conference against lynching. Five delegates, 3 white and 2 Negro, were elected to the National Convention at St. Louis. A permanent A. N. L. C. committee was formed. Full details follow next week.



Our Candidates

Alabama:

WALTER LEWIS, Negro worker for Governor.
SEATON WORTHY, white worker for Senator.
These names will not appear on the Alabama ballot. WRITE THEM IN!

Tennessee:

SAM BORENSTEIN, white, for Governor.
SHERMAN BELL, Negro plasterer, for Senator.
These names will appear on the Tennessee ballot. There is no Party designation on the ballot. Remember the Communist candidates. Vote for Borenstein and Bell.

North Carolina:

DEWEY MARTIN, textile worker, for Senator.
J. A. ROGERS, textile worker, for Congress.
W. G. BINKLEY, union organizer, for Congress.

Virginia:

J. D. RAVENPORT, Negro worker, for Senator.
A. J. HAUSER, white worker, for House of Representatives, 5th District.
T. H. STONE, white worker, for House of Representatives, 4th District.

Texas:

J. STEDHAM, white worker, for Lieutenant Governor.
W. A. BERRY, Negro worker, for Senator.
J. L. SWAN, white worker, for Senator.



J. D. Ravenport, Communist Candidate for Senator, Virginia



J. A. Rodgers, Communist Candidate for Congress, North Carolina



T. H. Stone, Communist Candidate for Congress, Virginia

Cooper on Tour For Atlanta Organizers

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — After an appeal by Jennie Cooper, Southern District Organizer of the I. L. D., in behalf of the six Atlanta defendants, the International Workers' Order Branch of this city, donated \$50 and pledged to raise more to free them and other workers defended by the International Labor Defense.

Comrade Cooper will continue her tour thru the state of Florida, visiting Jacksonville, Miami and Tampa.

WAGE BATTLE FOR WORKERS CANDIDATES

Breaking thru all color lines and sharply raising its revolutionary slogan, the Communist Party has candidates on the field in five southern states in the November elections.

For Jobless Relief

It raises the cry of the millions of unemployed workers for work or wages, in the form of its Workers' Social Insurance Bill, which provides a minimum of \$25 a week for every unemployed worker and \$5 additional for each dependent. The Communist Party demands immediate relief for the hundreds of thousands of tenant farm families who face starvation this winter. To the fake relief schemes of Hoover and the democratic state governments it opposes immediate and effective relief. While Hoover and the various city and state governments are appointing commissions to study unemployment, the Communist Party points to the 8,000,000 jobless workers strewn the country on bread line and job line, and organizes the working class to force immediate relief.

In four states in the South the Communist Party is running Negro together with white candidates—in Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia and Texas. This is happening for the first time in the history of the South and with it the Communists raise the great issue of full social, economic and political equality for the Negro masses, breaking thru the century-old white supremacy and lynch law ideas of the Southern ruling class. The fight against lynching, Jim-crowism, segregation and all forms of persecution of Negro workers plays a major part in the Communist campaign.

For Organization

Also raised sharply is the right of the workers of both colors to organize together into unions and fight, for their demands, to protect themselves against boss terror and lynching.

The Communist Party raises the class issue sharply in the election campaign, pointing out the two candidates of the democratic, Republican and Socialist parties stand for the ruling class. The support of either the democratic or republican candidates by the A. F. of L. misleaders in the South shows their complete alliance with the boss class. Just as the A. F. of L. leaders sold out the workers at Marion and Elizabethton and are now doing at Danville, Va., they sell out the entire interests of the working-class whenever an opportunity arises. They are against unemployment insurance, against strikes and struggle against wage-cuts.

Finally the Communist Party raises sharply before the whole working-class the organization and struggle for the overthrow of the capitalist system and the creation of a workers and poor farmers' government, the only means by which true freedom for the workers can be obtained.

DOWN WITH THE HUNGER REGIME!

SOCIALISTS AVOID LYNCH LAW ISSUE IN TEXAS ELECTIONS

WACO, Texas.—The attitude of the Socialist party is compromising with and siding out to the white supremacy of the South is shown by a letter received by a Texas Communist from A. F. Von Blon, socialist candidate for lieutenant-governor of Texas.

"You know the South well enough," says Mr. Von Blon, "to know that it will not be class conscious enough for at least 50 years to tolerate voting for a colored man."

This reference is to W. A. Berry, Negro workers, who is the Communist candidate for United States Senator from Texas. Von Blon, typical of the whole Socialist party whose true masters are the bosses and landowners, tries to hide behind this misstatement of fact and avoid the Negro issue, which is one of the principal issues in the South. Not a single step forward in the fight against exploitation can be made in the South by the masses, unless that step is taken by both Negro and white workers in common struggle. Any effort to go any longer in the slightest way, the whole system of lynch law and segregation is a blow at the entire working class. Von Blon plays the game of the white ruling class by doing all in his power to avoid the Negro issue, by keeping the working class divided, by accepting the basic maxim of strict segregation and being content not to raise a finger against it for at least the "next 50 years."

The Communist Party enters into no such compromise with the white ruling class. Its whole election campaign is not based on the purpose of gaining votes just to pile up figures, but the election campaign is a field for struggle, it is used as a means of winning both the white and Negro workers to our active program. The Communist Party desires to vote that compromise on the basic principle of full social, economic and political equality for Negro workers. It organizes the working class in the South, as well as in the North, against the whole system of lynch law.

Vote For Him!



In the background is Walter Lewis, Communist Candidate for Governor in Alabama, who served a chain-gang sentence for organizing the miners in the T. C. I. mines.

This same socialist party, in the same manner as the republicans and democrats, uses a Negro candidate in the North to give the impression that it fights for the Negro masses. Just as the Republicans have DePriest in the House of Representatives whom they use as a tool against the Negro masses, the socialists are running Communist in New York as a candidate, at the same time lin-crowding the Negro workers in the Southern election campaign and accepting the whole system of lynch law.

The Communist Party exposes these socialist candidates wherever they are on the ballot. The class conscious workers of Texas must answer Von Blon by voting Communist.

Low Wages for Food Workers in A. F. of L.

By a Worker Correspondent
Houston, Texas.

In the port of Houston the restaurant game 100 per cent for the A. F. of L. All restaurants have the A. F. of L. card over the doors and in prominent places where the guests walk hardly see them. In the Seaman's Institute they have the card over the door leading to the kitchen. In this lunch room there are three bees on the staff. They work a ten-hour shift straight thru. The wages are of the lowest of any workers in this part of the city. The manager does not pay any of the workers outside the cook. He is exploiting the general lay-off of seamen and other workers in this labor crisis.

The other restaurants in this part of Houston are not paying over \$3 a week for waitresses and \$5.00 a week for pearl divers. Cooks are not getting over \$35.00 a week and they are all working 12 hours or more a day.

—Chief Cook.

Vote For Communists on November 4th.

BOSS LIVES IN \$3,000,000 PALACE; WORKERS GET \$6

By B. W. BINKLEY
Communist Candidate for Senator,
Six District, N. C.

"You'll be arrested every time you are caught in this town with these papers" said Police Chief Wooten of the Reynolds-Hanes owned town of Winston-Salem after I had spent a day in their city jail for distributing The Liberator to the Negro slaves of the B. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. The tobacco workers are among the worst paid in the entire South. They are now only working part time and thousands are unemployed. Last winter the Post Office and public buildings were crowded with the unemployed trying to keep from freezing. This winter the situation will be much worse. In the meantime the Reynolds company is making more money than ever while the workers are being speeded up and getting wages cut.

In 1928 500 cigarette machine then in use made 35 packages of cigarettes per minute with one operator. About two years later they installed new and improved machinery which turned out 70 packages of cigarettes per minute. Today these machines have been speeded up to 84 packs or more per minute. One operator is now doing more than twice the work as formerly. In the meantime wages have dropped steadily. Some workers, such as the stitching department, leaf-horn, etc., who work amongst stinging tobacco dust in the most unhealthy

conditions receive the mere pittance of \$3.00 to \$4.00 per week. The average is perhaps \$5.00 or \$7.00 a week. The majority of these poorly paid workers are Negroes.

From these slaves the Reynolds Tobacco Company grabs millions of dollars in profits. Last year the company declared a dividend of \$22,000,000 profit and had a surplus of more than \$45,000,000 in the bank—the largest in the history of the company.

Palace and Hat

Mr. Bowman Grey, the president of the Reynolds Tobacco Co., has recently built a new home costing \$2,000,000. This is modeled after the English castle and is one of the finest in the South. One bathroom cost \$50,000. The spigots and knobs are of gold. The walls are finished with imported Indian marble. Mr. Grey spends a few months each year here. The hot summer months when his slaves are sweltering in the tobacco dust he is vacationing at some mountain resort. In the winter while his slaves are freezing and starving he is banking in the coziness of the British Riviera.

Contrast this with the shabby shacks where the Negro slaves work. Five-ten-roomed huts, built of the cheapest material possible—vermilion fire traps—filthy and insanitary—such as would have put to shame the slave-owners of the 16th

Killing Mill

Another slave-driving company is the P. H. Hanes Kettling Company, the

RAISE CALL TO FREE ATLANTA SIX AT POLLS

Unconditional freedom for the six labor organizers who are shortly to go to trial in Atlanta on charges of "incurrection" is one of the principal demands of the Communists in the election campaign, not only in the South, but throughout the Country.

The Communist Party shows its uncompromising stand on the principle of full equality for the Negro masses, the very principles for which the six organizers are being prosecuted by raising Negro candidates alongside of white in the elections.

The trial may be called almost at any day now. The case A. F. of L. officials who are supporting the boss' candidates in the present elections are the very ones who helped to draw up the charges and bring about the arrest of the organizers. A vote for the Communist candidates means another arm raised in defense of the Atlanta six.

The second largest employer of labor in the city, working normally about 4,000 hands. The main plant is located at Hammett, just beyond the city limits of Winston-Salem. These workers slave 55 and 60 hours a week for \$9.00 and \$10.00. From this is deducted housing rent, fuel, light, and the rest each week for mere service. No nurse is ever seen around this place. Generally the workers have one or two dollars left from their pay.

Next to the mill town, Hanes has a large farm where he raises cotton. After work hours his mill slaves run farther to enhance their incomes by being cotton in summer as picking cotton Saturday afternoon in fall and winter months. That any worker "in honest distress" can keep from starving.

"Like in Russia"

To keep the workers from revolting against this miserable condition, in which the police warn that any one caught with Communist literature will be arrested. Yes, the chief said he would arrest as every time and hold in without charges being preferred. "I know," said the chief, "this is beyond the law, but what you want is to stir up these Negroes and get them to vote you into power. Then there won't be any chance to run a Republican or Democratic ticket. It will be here just like it is in Russia." Again, "You Communists think our courts are too bad for you to use. This is why I will continue to arrest you and hold you without preferring a charge and will vacillate your liberators. If you get it back you will have to use the courts."

The 20,000 workers of Reynolds and Hanes companies are waking up to the fact that there are militant or-

LYNCH LAW AT WORK

WELDON, N. C.—Buddy Jackson was shot and killed by a mob of 200 white hoodlums, led by town and county officers, on Oct. 19. Police claim that Jackson shot the chief of police.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 14.—Joseph Singleton, 55, who is held as a material witness in the assassination of Senator E. J. Dennis, slashed his throat with a razor, rather than testify against white killers. He knew it would be lynch law for him if he testified.

OXFORD, N. C., Oct. 17.—Jeff Morrow, 35-year-old Negro barely escaped lynching when taken from Siler township to Raleigh, as a mob formed. Police charged that he attacked the "most respected lady in the county."

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 25.—Three Negroes were removed from the Henry county jail while a mob formed last night at Clinton, Mo.

FLORENCE, Ala.—Three young white women have been arrested in connection with the slaying of A. Reynolds, who was supposed to have been fatally stabbed by a Negro. Again the cry that a "Negro did it" seems not to be working so well.

ELIZABETHTON, N. C., Oct. 13.—L. D. Edenfield, white farmer, and Tom Fleming, a Negro, were convicted last night of second degree murder growing out of the death of the death of the day-old child of Edenfield's 15-year-old unmarried daughter. The Negro was given ten years, but the sentence of Edenfield, who was the real instigator of the crime, was postponed until next year.

CIRCLEVILLE, Ohio, Oct. 17.—Thomas Williams, Negro, was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment on charge of burglary. He was arrested in the Norfolk and Western freight office last August while looking for something to eat.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Wills Smith, Negro, was unemployed and his children were starving, so he robbed Julia Brazier of \$25 cash to feed his hungry family. The judge felt very "kind" so he gave Wills one year in the pen instead of 10 to 20 years as the law said.

NEW YORK.—Senator Overman, of N. C. votes vigorous protest against placing Negroes in charge of Pullman cars. The Honorable Senator says "It is an outrage for white women to be forced to ask advice of a Negro, or pass tickets to Negro porters." 2000 Pullman porters will be laid off this month, another regiment to join the great army of unemployed.

STEALS TO FEED SICK WIFE

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Francis Voina, a deaf mute, was arrested when caught trying to snatch a pocket book in a Jewish church here. "I wouldn't have done it if I was not driven half mad," he wrote on a slip of paper. "But I could not see any wife lying there sick and bed-ridden. I, too, was hungry." Voina had been unemployed for months.

Legislatures now functioning in the South and they are ready to follow the leadership of the T. U. U. L. and the A. N. L. C. And, in spite of the intimidations of the police and clubs of the Reynolds company these workers will continue to read our literature and will join the T. U. U. L. On Nov. 4, thousands will go to the polls and register their protest by voting Communist.

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THE QUOTAS

DISTRICT	17	Sales	Subs.
Birmingham	250	50	
Chattanooga	250	25	
New Orleans	250	25	
Atlanta	150	25	
Elizabethton	100	15	
Whitney, Ala.	50	10	
Total	1400	150	
DISTRICT	18	Sales	Subs.
Charlotte	200	50	
Winston Salem	100	25	
Bessemer City	150	10	
Gastonia	50	10	
North Belmont	50	10	
Greenville, S. C.	100	25	
Charleston, S. C.	100	25	
Richmond, Va.	200	25	
Norfolk, Va.	100	20	
Total	1400	200	
Houston, Texas	200	50	

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NOT PICKING THE COTTON

CLARKDALE, Miss.—The cotton ginned this year in the Mississippi delta is only one-third of the amount ginned at this time last year, figures of the Department of Commerce reveal. Twelve delta counties have ginned 37,472 bales of cotton thus far in comparison with 221,532 bales at the same time last year. The farmers would rather leave the cotton in the fields than pick it and sell it for almost nothing. Many of them are ruined. The Communist Party fights for immediate relief for the stricken farmers and tenants. Vote Communist!

SLAVES IN LIBERIA

LONDON, Eng.—American Negroes who are officials in Liberia and American bosses are engaging in a slave trade, according to Lady B. High officials in the government page in this trade.

CALL FOR MASS CONFERENCE AGAINST LYNCH-LAW

Issued by the Provisional Organization Committee for the South of the American Negro Labor Congress

To All Negro and White Working Class Organizations:

To All Labor Unions: Greetings:-

The year of 1930 has already witnessed the brutal murder of 37 Negroes at the hands of boss-led mobs. With guns, with torture, with the rope of the cowardly lynch mob, the white rulers of the South have this year surpassed their own bloody record in the savage murder of Negro and white workers who dared fight for their rights. In one week three Negroes were lynched in Georgia alone. Two more barely escaped with their lives in Huntsville, Ala. Scarcely a week passes without another brutal killing of some working class fighter.

Lynch law is the answer of the Southern ruling class to the demands of the 2½ million Southern workers who are unemployed. It is the answer of our masters to any attempts of the white and colored workers to organize in unions for the struggle for better conditions and more wages in the shops and mines. It is their answer to the demands of the Negro nation for full equality with the whites.

The state and national governments, far from putting a stop to this reign of terror, encourage and condone it. Governor Graves, of Alabama, after the shooting down in cold blood of six Negro workers at Emelle, Alabama, last July, offered a reward of \$300.00 for the capture "dead or alive", not of the white mob which did the killing, but of those Negroes who bravely defended their lives from the blood-thirsty mob. In the lynching of George Grant, at Darien, Ga., Sept. 8th, it was definitely proven that no lynch mob, but the jailer, who was supposed to guard him from the mob, actually shot the defenseless Negro down in cold blood in his cell.

Nor is lynch law used against the Negro workers alone. In Gastonia, white strikers were shot down by the bosses' gunmen. In Miami, Florida, a few weeks ago, a mob beat up and tarred and feathered a white worker because he advocated the organization of white and colored workers in unions on a basis of equality. In Alabama the organizers of the Communist Party receive death threats from the Ku Klux Klan and the police alike, and their bodies are burned in effigy by the murderous Ku Klux Klan. In Atlanta the boss men of the South are today trying to burn six workers, two of them Negroes and four white, in the electric chair for the "crime" of organizing workers to fight against intolerable conditions.



THE LYNCHING OF JOHN WELL CLARK IN CARTERSVILLE, GA.

This bosses' campaign of mass murder of the best fighters of the Southern working class can only be halted by the workers themselves. Only thru the building of a powerful organized mass movement of the Negro and white workers against Lynch law can an end be made to this reign of terror. To organize such a movement, to map out plans for the mobilization of the best forces of the Southern workers for the campaign against Lynch law, the American Negro Labor Congress has called a mass Conference of representatives of white and colored workers and working class organizations to convene in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in the Odd Fellows Hall, 124 East 9th Street, at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9th.

The American Negro Labor Congress calls on your organization to elect two or more delegates to this conference against Lynch Law and Bosses' Terror.

Take up this call in the next meeting of your union, club, lodge or church and see that delegates are elected to represent your organization at this historic conference, where the Negro and white workers of the whole South will meet to plan the fight against Lynch Law, against Jim-Crowism, against all forms of racial discrimination, for full equality for the Negro nation.

Workers in the Shops and Mines! The American Negro Labor Congress calls upon you to organize Committees of Action in the shops, mills and mines, to mobilize the workers for the fight against Lynch Law. Get together with a few of your shop mates now; hold a meeting and elect delegates from your shop.

Down with Lynch Law!

Answer the murder campaign of the Boss Men with a mass conference of white and Negro workers representing thousands of Southern workers on November 9th, in Chattanooga!

CREDENTIALS

The following delegates were elected at our meeting on to attend Anti-Lynching Conference on November 9, at 1 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall, 124 East 9th Street, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Name of Delegate

Address

Name of Delegate

Address

Name of Organization

(President)

(Secretary)

(Fill out the above credentials as soon as delegates have been elected and mail at once to Frank Wallis, Secretary A. N. L. C., Provisional Organization Committee for the South, P. O. Box 219, Chattanooga, Tennessee.)

WORKERS TELL OF STARVATION ---- VOTE COMMUNIST!

A COMMUNIST TO A FARMER

(Continued from last week)
The Communist discusses the crisis with a farmer, pointing out how he is exploited and cheated by his bank, banker and merchant. He tells how the farmers in the South, together with the work-
"You know the entire exploiting class between the so-called middle class, which do not help farmers at all but are a lot of making profit for the bank and dealers, and the true farm-
"cooperatives in the Soviet Union in which the farmers get all the
"They are now discussing the
"the fact of farm relief
"this country.

"So there's nothing I can
"do now? Won't tariff help?
"COMMUNIST: Tariff won't help you
"at, nor any "good" or "expert" de-
"cision". If it helps anybody, it will
"the big market trusts. But you're
"and right there's something you
"do right now to help yourself.
"I'm not fooling around waiting
"some Jesus Christ to save you,
"by organizing and forcing land-
"to reduce rents, by tax-payers'
"tax, everybody refusing to pay
"taxes or interest on them, forc-
"the capitalists to cut prices on
"get you have to buy. Sure, you
"do that!

"BORDER: Darned if I ever thought
"it before! How could we do it?
"COMMUNIST: Write to the United
"Farmers League, Bismark, N. Dakota,
"It is organizing farmers all over
"country to make this kind of a
"It's the only poor farmers' or-
"ganization that has a fighting re-
"Organize the poor farmers in
"Township and elect a Township
"office, affiliated with the United
"Farmers' League. The Communist
"and the revolutionary trade uni-
"will help you. The Communist
"aid you to win tenant strikes,
"peasants' strikes, etc. It is the only
"—can better our conditions. Of
"the only guarantee of permis-
"betterment is revolution and a
"farm and farmers' Soviet govern-
"Can't you get your neighbors
"the poor farmers, to a meeting?"

"BORDER: Sure, I'll get them to the
"of the house a week from tonight,
"I'll be there and give them a
"—I show us how to organize?"

"COMMUNIST: Sure, The Communist
"is always ready to help the poor
"men in their struggles. We'll or-
"a Township Committee of the
"Farmers League and get or-
"dred all over this state. Then
"we things begin to happen if
"We'll fight hard. We'll help you
"the free insurance and real re-
"the without interest, cancelled
"the crop.

"BORDER: We'll fight all right. We
"are willing to lose.
"COMMUNIST: And you get a lot to
"out I must be going on. And
"forget to vote Communist at
"somebody with guts will go to
"and make a real fight for a
"the big trusts to give you free
"and real relief, loans with
"interest to robber bankers. So
"Communist, remember! So long.

"BORDER: So long! I'll vote Com-
"I from now on! See you next
"at the meeting. I'll get a lot of
"fighters who are in the same fix.
"I got to have a fighting organiza-
"So long!"

"THE END.

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Work and Live Here



Workers employed at the plant of the Tennessee Furniture Co., in Chattanooga live in the hovels beside the factory. Notice the cow. Workers don't get enough wages to live on and attempt to keep up the milk supply on parched deep grass.

14-Hour Day; Starvation Under Hoover's Reign of Prosperity

By a Worker Correspondent
New Orleans, La.
To the general public the life of a taxi driver looks soft, a life of lying in a soft leather seat, reading newspapers or dirty jokes. But just try it!

We work three shifts each approx-
imating 14 hours long. One shift is
from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (called the
building watch); the second is from
about 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.; the third is
from 4 p.m. to about 6 a.m.

Taking the 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. watch
as only one instance, it means that
if I live any distance at all from the
company garage, I have to get up at
5:30 or 3:45 every morning. As I
have a wife and two children and the
pay is an abominably low, I am forced
to stay out with my cab until the
very last minute of my schedule, in
order to make the maximum this miser-
able job offers. When I get back to
the garage at 9 p.m. I find a long line
of cabs ahead of me waiting to be
checked in. By the time my taxi is
checked, my motor checked, card
handed in, tools inspected and turned
in, fill my gasoline tank and cab in-
spected, dust it off, park it, hand in
my receipts and borrow a few nickels
to last until the next day—by that
time it is already about 10 o'clock.

In good weather I get home about
10:30 p.m.; in bad weather not be-
fore 11 p.m.
A hell of a fine life for a worker
under Hoover's capitalist reign of
fake prosperity! When I get home at
such a hellish hour of night, I am re-
assured from the eternal cracking of
the cab and the nervous grind of
intense speed-up that sometimes I
hardly have the strength to convey
the meager morsels of food to my
mouth in order to help me carry on
for the boss the next morning, at 5:30

**Fired Because He
Could Not Speed Up**
By a Worker Correspondent
Chattanooga, Tenn.
This story is from a working friend
of mine who worked in the Goodrich
plant in Ohio, where he mounded and
cooked mushrooms. A year ago he had
to mangle and cook 250 tubes in eight
hours in order to make \$4.50. They
laid off 125 men which meant more
work on the rest.
He was fired because he couldn't
cook 400 tubes for which he was to
get \$5.25. The boss told him that if
he couldn't do it there were other
men waiting for the job.
Now he is unemployed in this city.
What are we going to do, is the ques-
tion. The only thing is to join the
fighting unions of the Trade Union
Unity League, to organize into one
large body and fight for better con-
ditions.

—A Worker.

and put up more profits for him. It
means that I never see my children,
for I leave while they're asleep and
I return to find them asleep. It
brings about chaos in the household,
in the family, "which is the corner-
stone of our glorious civilization,"
according to Hoover and the other
bosses' prostitutes. Such irregular
hours of cooking etc., and lack of
proper home-life and companionship
have made nervous wrecks out of
both my wife and myself.

If I'm late to work, or if sickness
keeps me home (if only for one day)
I am docked 5 percent of my commis-
ion for the whole week. Why, I was
even docked 5 percent during the
worst days of the food last year
when I had to walk home in filthy
water reaching above my waist, and
was marooned at home the next day.
That week I made a little less than
other weeks. I brought home to my
margined, half-starved family the
meagrest sum of \$5.25!

From now on it's Communism for
me!

—A Cab Driver.

A HYMN
By a Worker Correspondent
Hoover is my shepherd,
I cannot work,
He leadeth me thru the valley of
starvation.

I am found in free soup houses.
And after I was nearly starved he
reneweth my job at half pay and long-
er hours.
When I had a pay day, to the pro-
perty I fled,
The procteryman said to me: "I can-
not sell you first class stuff for the
bosses buy the cream."

**Road Workers Must
Serve Boss; No Pay**

By a Worker Correspondent
Chattanooga, Tenn.
There is a construction company
here in this city working laborers to
speed as low as 20 cents an hour and
today up by the boss.
I have been working for this com-
pany for a number of years until re-
cently when the superintendent hav-
ed of me when I refused to do do-
mestic work in the evening after la-
boring hard all day, for which I had
never received any pay.
It's hell to chop up wood, bring in
coal and a thousand other things to
do around the boss's house after
being worn out from doing construc-
tion slaving all day. Naturally I was
sacked and told to get the hell away.
Conditions!—everything but bes-
ter here. We'll—we must organize or
we will be lost.

—A Worker.

Vote Communist!

6,000 Jobless In Port Arthur

By a Worker Correspondent
Port Arthur, Texas.

There are over 6,000 workers walk-
ing the streets of Port Arthur. This
is a city of oil and grease. The Texaco
plant has laid off over 3,000 workers
and the Vacuum Oil Co. has laid off
the rest.

The few workers who are now on
the job are getting 25 cents an hour
and are subject to lay-offs at any mo-
ment. The city workers are getting
40 cents an hour and the contractors
and other builders are paying 30
cents an hour.

For some of these workers it is the
first time in their lives that they are
seeing actual starvation and running
to the city's mayor for aid. The mayor
is giving to workers a lot of bla-
bla which doesn't mean a thing since
it is only a figure head put in office
by the oil companies.

All the unemployed should join the
Unemployed Council of Port Arthur
and Beaumont and fight for work or
wages.

For further particulars write to the
M. W. I. U., 7311 Ave. O, Houston,
Texas. Ask for the SOUTHERN
WORKER.

Al W. McBride.

How Workers Get Subs in Atlanta

By a Worker Correspondent
Atlanta, Ga.

Last week we went out to distribu-
te the SOUTHERN WORKER. We
covered about sixteen square blocks,
and distributed about 1,000 copies
from door to door.

The next morning I returned to
the same section in which we had dis-
tributed and found a group of eight
Negro workers, two of them women,
standing on a corner and reading the
SOUTHERN WORKER. After read-
ing it they started a discussion. Ap-
proaching the group I discussed the
various problems of the workers, ex-
plaining some issues before them.
They responded enthusiastically to all
that was said, all of them joining in
praising the work carried on by the
Party in the South. I left the group
after securing four subscriptions.
The rest were unemployed, promis-
ed to subscribe as soon as they found
work.

—A Worker.

Fink Masters Kicks Out Seaman Seen Reading Our Press

By a Worker Correspondent
Houston, Texas.

I want to give you some informa-
tion about fink masters in the local U.
S. Shipping Board office. It hurts him
very much to see seamen, reading
Daily Worker, Labor Unity or Sou-
thern Worker or any other workers'
paper. Yesterday he went around the
hall and started to pick up all the
papers lying around and when he
noticed that a seaman was reading the
Daily Worker, he asked him if he
liked that paper and he answered that
it was the best paper he ever read in
his life. So the fink got wild and said
that if he wanted to read those pa-
pers he should get to hell out of the
office and then to show how yellow he
was he tore the paper out of the
seaman's hands and ran like hell to
his private office.

That office is full of sea-faring men
out of jobs for the marine industry
like any other industry, is hit hard
by Hoover prosperity. So it is up to
you, seamen, to organize into the
Marine Worker's Industrial Union
and fight for the establishment of a
farmers' and workers' government.

—A Seaman.

MAKES \$8.60 FOR 8 DAYS' WORK IN MILL

By a Worker Correspondent
Charlotte, N. C.

I have worked in lots of mills. The
conditions were very bad in all of
them but the worst was Hookins mill.
I spoiled there eight days and
made \$4.60. We went to work at
4:30 a.m., got one hour for dinner
and worked until 5:30. They use big
buckets to measure the bobbins and
it took you hour working hard to
spoil a box. They paid 22 cents a
box.

Some of the girls make \$10.00 a
week but they went to work at six
o'clock and went back from dinner
at 12:30. So you see it could not be
much worse for a working woman.
After such a hard day's work I have
to walk home over two miles. After
I do get home I have to attend to
the children and make supper and by
the time I was thru I could hardly
walk. But the next day I had to go
to slave again.

How long are we going to stand
for it? We must organize into the
N. T. W. U. and stand by our rights or
we will soon be starved to death.

—A Woman Worker in Hookins Mill.

Best Amidships; Hell For Crew

By a Worker Correspondent
Houston, Texas.

Conditions aboard the Standard Oil
bunker Gleason must be absolutely
rotten, for every trip at least 35 men
quit because of the rotten grub and
the lousy quarters. The men were re-
fused enough to eat, and what little
the crew did get was unobtainable.

The stiles aboard went to the first
assistant engineer and told him about
it but instead of looking into the mat-
ter he stood up for the steward. Even
the steward himself admits that Cap-
tain Shaw gave strict orders to give
the very best amidships and let the
crew go to hell or get the hell off his
ship.

One wiper was fired and told that
he could never get another job with
the company because he refused to
let a six-foot chief engineer take him
into his room alone.

Are conditions like these to be al-
lowed to continue? No. Organize and
combat these evil and rotten condi-
tions aboard ships commanded by
belly rubbing captains like Shaw.

Negro Plasterers Kept Out of Union; Jobless

By a Worker Correspondent
Chattanooga, Tenn.

I work in the building trades. My
job is a plasterer. For this class of
work it is supposed to be \$1.50 an
hour. There are three Negroes in the
plasterers' union out of about 400
Negro plasterers here, who work as
low as 55 to 65 cents an hour or any-
thing less than get. The three Negroes
in the union and a great many of the
white workers don't get any work.
The Negro and white workers must
organize together in the T. U. U. I.
and demand \$1.50 an hour and stop
fighting among ourselves.

Co-op For Bankers and Big Plasterers

ATLANTA, Ga.—Only the biggest
tobacco growers are being invited to
attend the meetings with members of
the Farm Board to form a Tobacco
Growers' Cooperative. The small
farmers, who were hardest hit by
the low prices, are left out of the pic-
ture. The bankers and the big grow-
ers will get all the benefits from the
co-op.

AGAINST BOSS LINE-UP IN ALABAMA--VOTE RED

Winter rain, shortly to be followed by sleet and snow, introduces the November elections. Hundreds of thousands of workers, tenant farmers and their families watch the approach of winter with great alarm. They are unemployed. Winter means starvation and freezing.

A New Force

A new force enters into the Alabama elections. Communist candidates are on the field. Walter Lewis, a Negro miner, runs for governor on the Communist ticket and Baxter Worthing, a white worker, runs for Senator as a Communist. Into the elections they bring the clear cut demands of the working class and stand solidly opposed to the bosses candidates—whether they be Republicans, the regular democrats or the republicans. All these candidates of the bosses represent the hunger regime of capitalism.

While all the bosses candidates favor some form of boss charity—whether it be the Community Chest, soup kitchens or some fake relief scheme—in this unemployment situation, the Communist Party demands immediate relief from the city government pending the passing of the Workers' Social Insurance Bill. Rankhead, the mine owner and democratic candidate for Senate supported by the A. F. of L. bosses, represents the bosses and the coal barons of Walker county in particular, where there has been wage-cut after wage-cut and lay-off after lay-off. The A. F. of L. Misleaders are exposed in all their rottenness by their full support given "the bosses" man. Like the Alabama Associated Industries the boss candidate and their A. F. of L. supporters are opposed to any form of social insurance. The Communists demand immediate unemployment insurance and immediate relief for the 20,000 tenant farmers and their families who are according to state figures, face one starvation this winter.

Against the Workers

The boss candidates—Rankhead, Locke, Miller, or Hedlin—represent the interests of the employers, the mass interests that are being carried out by the police department of Birmingham for the Tennessee Iron and Coal Company in the campaign of terror being waged against Communist and Y. U. U. L. organizers. The K. K. K., which has sent death threats to our organizers and burned them in effigy, is closely allied with the A. F. of L. misleaders and also supports Hedlin. The Democratic city government arrested our organizers and gave them plain gang sentences, threw hundreds of unemployed workers on the chain gang. All these candidates are allied on the basis of preventing the workers from organizing and fighting against lay-offs, wage-cuts and starvation.



A tenant farmer's wife and children. Over 30,000 tenant farm families in Alabama are sure to starve this winter.

The Communist Party is the only Party which represents the interests of the working class and leads them in struggle.

For Negro Equality

Waging war against the whole system of lynch law and white supremacy, for the first time in the history of Alabama, the Communist Party runs a Negro candidate for governor. While the Democratic state government offers \$100 reward for the capture of anyone of the Robertsons, while it legally lynches Tom Robertson after lynching four other members of the family at Emelle, the Communist Party leads the fight against lynching and all forms of persecution of Negro workers. Walter Lewis, the militant Negro miner, represents the true interests of the Negro masses as against the "good Negroes," the tools of the white rulers, who lock their pants in order to be allowed to set up a Negro Communist Club Committee and help fool the Negro workers of Birmingham.

WHITE ON THE BALLOT The names of Walter Lewis for Governor, and Baxter Worthing for Senator! A Communist vote means a blow struck for unemployment insurance, a blow against the T. C. I. thugs, a blow against the lynchers and a blow for the entire workingclass. Vote Communist!

RUSSIAN REVOLUTION MEET IN CHARLOTTE

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — A mass meeting to celebrate the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Russian Bolshevik Revolution will be held here at the new Workers' Center, 1204 E. Belmont Street, on November 7, at 7 p.m. Dewey Martin, Communist Candidate for Senator, who just returned from the Soviet Union where he attended the World Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions, will be the principal speaker.

Another Soviet anniversary meeting will be held here on November 8, at the White Swan hall, in the Dilwille section of Charlotte, at 3 p. m.

CUT WAGES

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Officials of Bricklayers' Union Local No. 1 agreed to cut the wages of union members by \$4 a day in work on a government hospital here.

SUCH FAKERS FOR BOSSES' CANDIDATES

By a Worker Correspondent

In April of 1929, the workers of the Bamberg and Glanville Mills came out on a strike 100 per cent against low wages and bad working conditions in the mills. The U. T. W. of A. and the American Federation of Labor came into Elizabethton and about 4,000 workers joined the union and paid the fee of \$2.00 which was a total of \$8,000 into the pockets of Hoffman, Kelly and others. When they saw that they were caught taking the workers' money, Kelly, McGrady and others sold the workers out to the mills and gave the workers an agreement that was not even signed by any of the mill owners, and today this agreement never has been found.

A complete sell-out of 4,000 poor working people for a little sum of about \$20,000 that they spent for "relief", that other workers over the country had sent into Elizabethton. The U. T. W. of A. officers got about \$20,000 out of the strike that happened at this time and the workers got a little scrap of paper shoved down their throats.

Things went very well for awhile until Paul Fuller was sent into Elizabethton. He started by having meetings with Willson, the man they sent from New York to bust up the union in Johnson City, and then they began to fire the workers out of the mills. They wanted to strike and McMahon came into Elizabethton and told them to wait a little while as they could get money to fight the mills with, and the strike was called off, for he was afraid the workers would win, for they were strong at this time.

Fuller had the workers fired out of the mills until there was about 300 left of the union in the mill and about 2,000 walking the streets, and he then called a strike when everything was dull and the workers without anything to live on and promised them \$10.00 a week for six weeks and the workers came out on a strike and got \$1,500, that was what Fuller said they got, but he got the money and left town, just like Kelly, German, McMahon, and McGrady. The poor workers got nothing and lost their jobs and today, little children are crying for bread, while this outfit is up in Danville trying to sell out the workers of that town.

For a blind, they left Donnelly in Elizabethton to try and cover up the dirty tracks but they left one that helps to sell out his fellow workers. Not a man has been into Elizabethton from the A. F. of L. or the U. T. W. of A. since Fuller took the money that was there and left.

Workers of the South, if you want to get better wages you had better let this gang alone that comes to you as the great American Labor Movement. They will get your money then leave you. Look at Marion and Elizabethton. The last of the gang of dead beats is leaving, they are closing up the office of the great so-called Union 1420 of the U. T. W. of A. and Donnelly will live off of the money that ought to be given to the hungry little children in Elizabethton. I hope to see some organization come into Elizabethton that will treat the workers fair and tell them the truth. We have heard lies upon lies for the last 12 months from such men as McMahon, Kelly, German, Aynon, Fuller, and Donnelly.

—A Worker

LAY OFF 2,000 MEN

Over 2,000 Pullman porters will be laid off this month, according to a statement by the Pullman company. This lay-off will also affect maids and yard workers.

VOTE DOWN FAKE RELIEF PLAN IN TENN.--VOTE RED



A Negro worker's home in Chattanooga. Notice the ramshackle building and the dirt street which is like a river bed when it rains.

By Tom Johnson

Despite all legal obstacles placed in the way, the Communist Party is on the ballot in Tennessee. Sam Bernstein, white worker is candidate for governor, Sherman Bell, Negro pleader, is candidate for U. S. Senator.

Winter faces the workers of Tennessee with starvation and worsening conditions. Governor Horton has called fake unemployment conferences, has promised relief—all election lies. Instead of the bearded better times, even the lying sheets of the bosses are forced to admit the seriousness of unemployment.

In Chattanooga, Mayor Bass, proposes fake "relief" bills. The hypocrisy is shown by the statement of Public Chief Bryan who openly declares that all unemployed who are assembled in idle streets will be arrested. Fake relief schemes and prison sentences are the bosses' answer to the starving workers.

Thousands of workers are without jobs, those working are miserably paid up, have their hours increased and receive wage-cut after wage-cut.

YOUNG TOILERS AND ELECTIONS

By Harry Gilbert

We young workers have a lot to gain or lose in the elections. In all industries in the South, there are hundreds of thousands of young workers. We have to work like hell ten and twelve hours a day or night in the cotton mills, steel plants, coal mines and other shops for the starvation wages of \$8 to \$12 a week. There are many kids from ten up who have to leave school to go to work to help out the family. The boss hires us young workers because he can pay us less and also we, being young, can stand more of the speed-up and stretch-out driving than the older workers, who have been worn out. Of course, when the boss can't make enough profits on us we get thrown out into the streets to join the 8,000,000 unemployed who face starvation. In addition to this they try to divide the Negro and white workers by giving the Negro workers the lowest paid jobs, and by segregation.

Not only do we face these rotten conditions but the bosses are also trying to prepare another World War so they will be able to make more profits. That is why the U. S. A. spends \$2,000,000,000 for WAR, past, present and future (while not one cent goes for the unemployed) gas, planes, ships, guns, etc. are being stacked up in Government arsenals. They prepare us young workers to murder other young workers. In the Army and Navy, in the National Guard, and C. M. T. C., R. O. T. C., Boy Scouts, Rifle Clubs and other military organizations they today tell us openly that we will be used in a few years to kill

factories are only working part time. Thousands of farmers are facing ruin. The farmers in Hamilton county, their conditions made worse by the drought, face serious losses on their own crops. With the price of farm produce the lowest in years, the farmers are facing the blackest winter since 1923. The state government, following in the footsteps of Hoover's fake farm "relief" conference, pledged aid to the farmers, but nothing has come of it. Workers and farmers alike are fed on promises.

The actions of the A. F. of L. in the present elections expose them clearly as the tools of the bosses. The Memphis Federation of Labor has endorsed Horton, the bossman who sent the national guards to crush the textile strike in Elizabethton, Tenn. last year. The Chattanooga Federation of Labor, after supporting Gwynn for governor in the primaries, is now indicating that it will support the republican, Bruce. The bloody record of the ruling class in the recent years of the A. F. of L.

Only the Communist Party comes out with a real program of class struggle. The Communist Party fights for real relief, for the passage of the Workers' Social Insurance bill, which will pay \$28 weekly to all unemployed workers. The Communist Party stands for full equality for the Negro masses, and pledges a determined fight against lynching, Jim-crowism, and segregation.

The Communist Party fights for the 7-hour day, 5-day week, for real relief of farmers by forced allotments of credits. It fights at the same time for the overthrow of the whole boss system that breeds unemployment, misery and war and for a workers' and farmers' government in America.

Workers of Tennessee! Support the COMMUNIST PARTY! Away with the parties of the bosses! Vote for workers who will fight for your class! Vote for the party of the working class! VOTE COMMUNIST!

and be killed, Negro and white young workers will be called upon to lay down their lives again for "Democracy" and "freedom" while we see that the only democracy is class and jail for workers who organize and fight, chain gangs for being unemployed, and the lynch law, segregation and Jim-crowism for the Negro workers.

In these elections the Young Communist League supports actively the program of the Communist Party and puts up demands for the young workers. We put up such demands for young workers because we can pay us less and also we, being young, can stand more of the speed-up and stretch-out driving than the older workers, who have been worn out. Of course, when the boss can't make enough profits on us we get thrown out into the streets to join the 8,000,000 unemployed who face starvation. In addition to this they try to divide the Negro and white workers by giving the Negro workers the lowest paid jobs, and by segregation.

Show by your vote and by speaking to your fellow workers that you are against the present rotten conditions and are going to organize and fight for better conditions. YOUNG WORKERS, JOIN THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE! VOTE COMMUNIST!

Fight Hunger!
Vote Communist!

Join The Communist Party

Join the vanguard of the working class in the struggle against starvation. Use this blank:

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I wish to join the Communist Party.

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The Election Campaign

Never have the workers had more cause for indignation against the parties of the boss class than when they go to the polls next week. Eight million workers are unemployed today in this country and the Republican government has done nothing to help these millions who face cold, hunger and starvation this winter. Millions of jobless men tramping the streets in the cities of the South and the democratic state and city governments have no solution for unemployment except to railroad the unemployed to the chain gang. Wage cuts are taking place in every shop and when the workers fight back and strike against starvation wages they are clubbed by the police or shot down in cold blood by the National Guard.

The republican national government and the democratic state governments, by their failure to provide relief for the farmers ruined by the drought and the drop in prices of cotton, tobacco and wheat, have condemned millions of farm families to a winter of suffering and starvation. Share croppers by the hundreds of thousands are being forced to actual slavery in order to pay off the debts the landlords have piled on their backs.

In the South 37 Negro workers have been brutally tortured and murdered by the white bosses this year in an effort to terrorize the workers and to prevent them from fighting for their demands. Far from punishing those who are guilty of these mass murders the democratic Governor Graves of Alabama offers a reward for the capture dead or alive of those Negroes who bravely defended their lives against a mob of murderers in Emelle, Ala., last summer while the murderers go free. Thousands of workers have been railroaded to jail for their working class activities and in Atlanta the Southern bosses are determined to burn six working class organizers in the electric chair.

However, in the name of the United States Government, declared open war on the American working class in his speech at Kings Mountain and called for war to the death against the leading section of the working class, the Communist Party.

These agents of the bosses in the ranks of the working class who make up the leadership of the American Federation of Labor have endorsed the candidates of the republicans, and socialist parties and demand a leading part in the general attack on the bosses on the workers. These traitors lead the fight against unemployment insurance. They are loudest in their demands for a war against the first workers' state, the Soviet Union. They are actively siding the State of Georgia in its efforts to send the Atlanta Six to the electric chair. As elections take place these misleaders are engaged in selling out the strike of the Danville textile workers.

The socialist party stands open and unashamed as the third party of capitalism. In every strike, in the struggle for unemployment insurance, on every front of the class war, these gentlemen are actively fighting for the bosses against the workers.

Against this united front of all enemies of the workers and poor farmers the Communist party stands out as the one revolutionary party of the working class. The Communist Party leads the struggle for unemployment insurance and for immediate relief for the unemployed, for immediate relief for the small farmers and share croppers, against wage cuts, and speed-up in the shops, for full equality for the Negroes and for the right of self-determination for the Negro nation in the South, against the war preparations of the bosses and for the defense of the Soviet Union. Finally the Communist Party organizes and leads the working class into the struggle against this whole hunger system of the bosses and for a Workers' and Poor Farmers' Government in the United States. Down with the class enemies of the workers—the candidates of the republican, democratic and socialist parties! Vote for the candidates of the Party of your class! Vote Communist on Nov. 4th!

STUDYING WITH THE 8,000,000

By a Worker Correspondent
Elizabethton, Tenn.

The unemployed situation is now attracting a few more who leads to study the situation with the 8,000,000 who are already studying it. What kind of a solution will they prescribe? Like the farm relief, we suppose. If a farmer has plenty of land and an abundant crop all in the barn and is lucky enough to hold a position in Hoover's cabinet, he can borrow a few dollars at about 5 percent interest after all his ancestors have been sized up and sized out.

What is a Red?

Why don't some high-collared gentlemen get the idea of investigating working conditions around some of the big plants of the country and let studying unemployment alone. If the working conditions were made good, part of the unemployed situation would be solved. Take men working 10, 12 and 14 hours a day, divide this time with some other man and pay them a living wage and lots of us could be working instead of salvaging the garbage dumps.

Then, there is that scare about the

Communist. What is a Communist, that the Walls and Smiths and Hoovers are raising such a scare about? Why, friends a Communist is one who believes in equality for all men and women who toil and is a man or woman who has guts enough to stand up and demand justice to all and to bring justice by force, if necessary. The name Communist don't mean murder, or a criminal. You can go into a church on Sunday and pick out worse people than Communists or Reds. Of course, you can't expect a mill superintendent or a steel pigrow to give a Communist a fair deal, for they don't want a worker on the job who will stand up for his rights.

Fight Who?

When Wilson sent two million men to France to make Germany give down her milk, were these boys Communists? They were opposed to have been sent there to fight "oppression," then why shouldn't we fight capitalist oppression at home? It was alright to send our boys to France for cannon fodder but let one crook like the pig against a boss here in Dixie and is either killed by a cop or hurt so

To Keep From Freezing



Negro children picking pieces of coal out of the cinders on a railroad track in Chattanooga.

MY LIFE

By a Negro Working Woman

The Story Thus Far:

The author of this story is a Negro working woman, born in a farm town in Georgia, and whose father became a share farmer when she is ten years old. In previous installments she tells of the hardships she had to live thru as a child on the farm. When she was 12 years old she already thinks of getting married to escape the hard winter that is sure to come after the boss takes the whole crop. Continue reading.

So we had a little Christmas, not much, but papa seemed like he was having the time of his life. At this time our boss would give a few hundred dollars to the fifty tenant families on the farm, which was the settlement for the year's work. But after Christmas they would all be without money again so there was nothing for them to do but go to work on New Year's Day for the boss who would give them something to live on until another Christmas for they would not get any more cash until that time. After the holidays were over we started school again, and I was always wondering why I could not be treated like other girls. I began to write notes to papa and he was worrying about the way papa and the boss were treating me for I felt that I would be married soon.

I went to school that term and we made another crop in the fall. We gathered and Christmas came again and I yet did not have anything. I was then thirteen and I thought I was deep in love. I know now I was not. I was only trying to get away from home. I had decided not to work an-

der that mean boss another year. I would run away before I would do that.

After Christmas papa got another big crop pitched for that year and I went to school that winter. Since I had finished grammar school the year before, and I was not fond to go to junior high, I just decided that I would go to grammar school another term. When I entered school I taught the small class for the teacher. I enjoyed that for I felt that I was grown up.

Before school was out I was engaged to a man about sixteen years my senior, but I felt that I would be better off away from home. I was to get married the fourth Sunday in February but my papa stopped me and I could not get away until March 15. I ran away then and got married. I was just thirteen years and five months old, just a baby. If I had known what was ahead of me I might have committed suicide, for the boss in the country where I was raised were just hell. I never want to go home any more.

My sister was married two weeks before I was. My husband had a good boss, as bosses go. I did not work in the fields. I had nice clothes and shoes and was treated alright. I lived happily for my husband told the boss the he was enough to boss, and he could not boss me.

I was always happy. My sister and her husband lived in the house with my father and I lived in a little one-room cabin, but yet I felt that I lived in a mansion.

(To be continued next week.)

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led that he has to be killed.

One guard at the gate of a plant here said that he was not afraid of the A. F. of L. doing anything, but that he was afraid of "them damn Reds." Neither are we afraid of the A. F. of L. doing anything but selling us out.

People, get that scare off and join the real fighting unions of the T. U. U. L.

—A Worker.

DANVILLE STRIKE

DANVILLE, Va. — Disheartened with the sell-out policies of the U. T. W. of A. in leading the strike here, strikers are beginning to mass picket the mills. Ten workers have been arrested. William Marlock, N. T. W. U. organizer, is in jail and deportation proceedings against him are on the way. More details next week.

The Reds Say--

By JIM ALLEN

The Soppiest fish that ever flopped in stale water is flopping itself South to Chattanooga and palea south. Hamilton Fish, Jr., and his four associates of the Congressional Committee investigating the Reds has served notice on the Reds in the South that they shall not escape the fate of their Northern comrades. We, too, comrades, are to be subjected to the scrutiny of Fish.

One comrade suggests that we send his Honor a complete file of the SOUTHERN WORKER so that he can make his startling discoveries even before he steps into Dixie. But we decided against it. Let him come to Birmingham and read it. We don't want to make things easy for him, and there is the slight chance that he may be picked up for vagrancy by Chief Cole's dicks when caught reading it by candle light. Besides, Fish is quite a hand at forgery and might get out a special edition of the SOUTHERN WORKER in his honor and compromise us forever in the eyes of the Southern workers. Better let the whole file of them come down and spend two cents a piece for the paper. At least we would get 15 cents out of the \$50,000 or so Congress appropriated for them. And in three times of prosperity we need it.

We doubt whether they will discover anything new. Reds are pretty much the same the world over. Fish will find that just like in the North, we are against the capitalist system and the whole system of persecution and exploitation. That we commit the great crime of asking for bread when we starve and leading the workers in organization and struggle against the parasites. But, come to think of it, he has something up his sleeve. He is coming down here to discover those Moscovites who are "stirring up the Negroes." Some lousy fascist in New York told him that millions of dollars have been sent down here from Moscow to organize the Negroes for revolution and Fish makes believe that he believes it. If necessary, he will produce the check (prepared in Washington) and also some documents forged by the same crew that forged the Amberg documents in New York.

Then there will be the whole lineup of "experts." He'll probably have Gendreau and Woods on the stand, and have them read their "Black-shirt" to tell how dangerous the Reds are to "white supremacy." He'll ask them if they don't think it would be a good idea to exile all the Reds in the South to the foot of the Mississippi river and let a flood wipe them out. The T. U. U. L. will see to it that Cole gets on the stand and all their staid pigrows to tell about the secret meetings of the Reds in Birmingham. By the time Fish gets thru he'll have the idea that about the best thing to do with the Reds in the South is to get them all on the chain gang and have them help do away with unemployment by building roads.

That's nothing new either, Fish. The Southern rulers thought of that years ago. They even went you one better—lynch the negroes and keep them in their place, shoot down the white organizers also. You will probably be convinced of the advisability of this method, and while not recommending it to Congress (that wouldn't do) you'll do your best.

We are good fishermen, tho. Some day you and your ilk will bite. And there is no getting off that hook, Fish.