

White and  
Colored Workers,  
Unite!

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Don't Starve—  
Fight for Social  
Insurance!

## MANY JOBLESS SIGN PETITION FOR INSURANCE

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Close to 1,000 signatures to petitions demanding Congress to enact an Unemployment Insurance Bill have already been collected by the Unemployed Council of the Trade Union Unity League in this city.

The petition blanks are being signed by white and colored workers, both employed and unemployed, as fast as they can be gotten to them. These workers have had their fill of the fake "registration and starve" relief of the Chamber of Commerce Unemployment Committee, which has registered thousands of workers and found temporary work for a few hundred at greatly reduced wages. The Social Service Bureau of the city has also demonstrated its fake character and Negro workers are enraged at the discrimination against them even in the doling out of boss charity.

Close to 2,000 workers were being fed by the City soup lines daily on slop and hundreds of workers find refuge every night in the basement of the City Hall where they sleep on the cement floor with newspapers as bed linen. The signature collection campaign of the Unemployed Council with headquarters at 16½ W. Main Street, is rousing the workers to a concerted demand for unemployment insurance, and delegates will be sent from this city to the conference of the unemployed in Washington which will precede the presenting of the unemployed demands to Congress in January. All workers wishing to sign these petitions for a minimum wage for unemployed workers can do so at the local headquarters of the Unemployed Council.

## COP BRUTALLY KILLS NEGRO

NEW ORLEANS, La.—A brutal lynch law murder took place here last Saturday when Joseph Cronin, a policeman, entered a Negro home where a wake was taking place, ordered everyone to put up their hands and then shot down George Simmons, 46-year-old brother of the dead Negro.

Cronin, who was drunk, went thru the front door of the house where the body of the dead colored man was laid out, looked around, and drew his gun and commanded the 30 Negro men and women present to throw up their hands. George Simmons was deaf and didn't do so. Finally when he saw what the others were doing he also threw up his hands.

Keeping the others covered with his gun Cronin walked up to Simmons and said: "You're a bad nigger, huh?" and with that he hit Simmons in the mouth, who fell to the floor. As he was falling, Cronin fired two shots into him, wounding him fatally. The others present rushed for the door, and Cronin fired two shots into the crowd. He was later found on the street threatening everyone with his gun.

It is an example of the men employed by the boss "law and order" who are as vicious a set of mobbists as any. The

## FARMERS IN GUN FIGHT FOR BREAD

The fight for bread and for life itself on the farms has already resulted in individual armed struggles between landowners and tenants in which two tenants and three landowners have been killed in various parts of the South in three days. Sporadic, unorganized warfare smolders on the farms as hundreds of thousands of farm people face certain starvation this winter.

### Refuse Advances

At Summerville, Ga., Tom Carter, a large landowner, killed Hop Brown, a tenant on his farm, in a dispute over advances for the winter which Brown had asked. Brown had asked for \$50 in furniture, according to Carter, who had refused to give it to him. Carter was freed by the landowners' court. This occurred on Dec. 24th.

Following a dispute between John Smith, landowner, and Colin McKee, tenant on his farm, over a division of the proceeds of the crops, Smith killed McKee and then shot himself. This took place at Dothan, Ala., on Dec. 23rd.

### Fight for Bread

At Savannah, Tenn., on Dec. 23rd, an argument between C. J. Brown, large landowner and Walter Broad-

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## TAX REFUND TO RICH EXCEEDS HOOVER RELIEF

WASHINGTON, D. C. — In the midst of mass starvation Andy Mellon's treasury department of the federal government refunded \$126,823,333 in taxes to the wealthy bosses of this country during the past year.

### Hoover's Lies

This sum is more than the paltry \$116,000,000 appropriated by Congress for fake unemployment relief after so much bickering, and Hoover's talk about "runs on the treasury." While millions of workers and farmers are starving the government not only does all in its power to prevent any increase in taxation of the rich, but actually returns them millions of dollars while talking of a treasury shortage.

At the same time, figures released by the government show that in 1928 income tax returns revealed that there were 511 people in the country who had a yearly income of over \$1,000,000, an increase of 221 over the previous year. These exploiters made their millions out of the workers and farmers who are now starving to death.

### Plenty of Cash

The United States Steel Corporation, which runs the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co., in and around Birmingham

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## Mill Workers In Charlotte Win Victory

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Workers of the Pinoca Mill here, organized in a Mill Committee of the National Textile Workers Union, succeeded in forcing the mill management to retreat from a proposed wage cut.

A new system docking the weavers was started by the assistant superintendent, Mr. Thompson, a former Philadelphia efficiency man of the United Textile Workers. This cut was to range from 50 cents up to as much as the company saw fit to take from the workers. As soon as the workers were informed of this they held a meeting on the same afternoon on the spare floor of the mill followed by another meeting next day. At this meeting a committee of workers was elected and sent to the general superintendent, Hanosack. This meeting lasted two hours and the workers came out victorious.

The success of the workers was due to the fact that two weeks before the old N. T. W. U. had been reorganized on the basis of a mill committee consisting of representatives from every department. This reorganization fooled the spies of Thompson, who thought the union was getting weak and the time was ripe to put the wage-cut across. Imagine the surprise of the superintendent when the grievance committee included workers not affected by the new docking. Hanosack asked some of the committee what they were doing there since they were not affected. The answer was: "One's grievances are our grievances and we are behind the workers who are to suffer."

All textile workers must follow this example and set to work organizing mill committees to resist the wave of wage-cuts and lay-offs.

**The workers of the South must keep it going. Our paper needs money, quickly.**

**Fill your collection lists. Rush all funds to Southern Worker, Box 1813, Birmingham, Ala.**

### DONATIONS:

Previous Total	\$39.63
Workers in Philadelphia, Penn.	10.00
A Sanroman, Ybor City, Fla.	2.00
Total	\$51.63

## CHARLOTTE GIVES BATS FOR BREAD

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Carrying signs "Tax the Rich and Feed the Poor," "We Demand Work or Bread" "Give us Milk for the Babies," and other similar slogans more than 1000 white and colored workers marched to the City Hall to demand immediate unemployment relief.

In answer to the cry for bread, the whole city police force, which had been mobilized for the purpose, used baseball bats and clubs to disperse the demonstration. They were not successful, for speakers of the Unemployed Council of the Trade Union Unity League addressed the crowd of workers near the City Hall.

### Bats For Bread

The demonstration had been called by the Unemployed Council for 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 23. At about 2:15 p.m., two lines of marchers started towards the City Hall. When they were within a block of the meeting place they were met by squads of police armed with baseball bats, guns and tear bombs. When the unemployed workers refused to disperse on orders from the police lackeys of the Charlotte bosses the police began to swing the baseball bats right and left, shouting "Keep moving."

One unemployed Negro worker was severely beaten over the head by two bully policemen with their baseball bats. He was then arrested but was later released when the International Defense lawyer appeared to defend him.

### Try to Divide Workers

Employing the age-old tactic of the Southern ruling class, the police attempted to keep the Negro workers divided from the whites and brutally maltreated the colored in an effort to stir up a race riot and thus prevent the demonstration against starvation. But black and white stomachs alike feel hunger and no boss race prejudice succeeded in dividing these workers and turning them away from a united struggle.

As the police were attempting to disperse the crowd, W. G. Binkley, of the Trade Union Unity League, began to speak from the steps on a corner lot. He denounced the brutality of the police and showed how the blue coats were the bosses' tools trying to divide the colored and white workers against each other. "The unemployed workers come here demanding bread," he said, "and the boss government gives us baseball bats. If the chamber of commerce or a group of bankers or the A. F. of L. fakers wanted

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## 35 More Banks Fail In 5 Days, Increasing Misery

Thirty-five more banks closed their doors between December 23 and December 27, according to newspaper reports, bringing added misery and suffering to thousands of workers, poor farmers and farm tenants.

Of the number of banks closed, 29 were located in the South and 6 in the North. Those in the South are chiefly located in the cotton and tobacco regions, where starv on knocks at the farm doors.

Of the Southern banks that failed 13 were located in Mississippi, 4 in Georgia, 3 each in Alabama, Virginia and Kansas, one each in Missouri, North Carolina and Florida, the latter being the large City Bank of Miami.

A significant trend in the bank failures is that the banks located in industrial sections are also beginning to close down. The City National Bank and the Besemer Trust and Savings Bank, both of Bessemer, Ala., in the steel and mine region, are among those closed down, taking with them the few pennies saved by miners and steel workers, who are now also suffering unemployment, part time work and wage-cuts.

Despite the fact that the bankers are trying to hide their own robbery by blaming the failures on the "reds" most of these banks are located in towns where there is not a single Communist. The worker and farmer depositors must demand that their deposits be paid off first and not permit the banking departments to use workers' money to pay off the big depositors.

Atrocities of lynch law can only be effectively combatted by armed defense corps of both white and Negro workers, and by an uncompromising fight against the whole lynch law system.

## Our Paper Needs Help To Keep On

**Now never as much as before do we need the Southern Worker. Unemployment grows every day. While the government returns millions in refunded taxes to the bloated bosses, bits of paltry charity are handed out to the workers.**

**We have to organize and fight to keep from starving. Big struggles are coming. We must have the Southern Worker to lead the way.**

**But the Southern Worker is in danger.**

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Two white workers and one Negro worker will be candidates in the City elections to take place here in March.

The platform of these candidates will be chiefly one of immediate unemployment relief from the city government in the form of cash relief to every unemployed worker, no evictions of the jobless, use of public buildings to house the unemployed, free meals and carfare for the children of the unemployed, without any discrimination because of race.

The candidates are Frank D. An-

derson, white worker and local organizer of the Trade Union Unity League, for Mayor; Mac Coads, unemployed Negro construction worker for judge running against Judge Fleming who has sentenced Communist organizers to jail and the chain gang, and Albert Cassidy, white unemployed, as one of the City Commissioners. In the November 4th elections, the 3,382 votes cast for Sherman Bell, Communist Senatorial candidate, showed that the workers are ready to follow a militant program.

## Workers in Chattanooga Elections

## MILL BOSSES TRY TO ROUSE LYNCH SPIRIT

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—A campaign of terrorism is being waged against the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League by the Charlotte newspapers and the city government in an effort to stop the rising mass movement of the unemployed for immediate relief.

Last Tuesday the Charlotte News, in an editorial entitled "Whispering Wreckers," published on the front page, denounced the Communists as being responsible for the hard times and for the bank failures. "It is time to have done with these dirty curs," raved the editorial in an effort to arouse a boss lynch mob in the same manner as during the Gastonia strike. The same paper carried a news item stating that the chief of police had given orders to all his men to arrest any and everyone who was heard talking about our banks and other "American institutions." Judge Gray of the Superior Court also issued a statement denouncing the "talkers" who were responsible for the hard times.

This is in an effort of the capitalist robbers to hide their robbery and corruption under the cloak of an attack on the Communists who are explaining the true situation to the workers and preparing them for struggle against starvation and for immediate unemployment relief.

### Charlotte Police Club Jobless Asking Relief

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to see the mayor they would be greeted by a special reception committee, but when we workers come here to demand relief we are greeted with police billys."

#### Call for United Struggle

Other speakers were Russell Knight, one of the original defendants in the Gastonia case and Dewey Martin, organizer of the National Textile Workers Union. The speakers exposed Mayor Wilson's fake unemployment relief committee, his plan of "register and starve" and called upon the workers to fight for unemployment insurance. Martin spoke for the unity of white and Negro workers, pointing out the necessity of organizing together.

Notwithstanding the brutality of the police thugs about 1,000 persons stood around the street corners and nearby lots listening to the speakers. It is estimated that about 2,000 were kept from attending by the police.

#### Demand Immediate Relief

The unemployed council of the T. U. U. L. is continuing to organize the unemployed workers and announces that it will call for even greater demonstrations. The council is preparing to send a large delegation to Raleigh, the state capitol, when the legislature meets on January 6, to demand a state unemployment relief bill. The Council is also collecting signatures for the National Unemployment Insurance Bill and will send a delegation to Washington in January which will participate in the nation-wide unemployed conference to be followed by the presentation of the unemployed demands to Congress.

In the meantime the Unemployed Council is demanding the following immediate relief measures from the City government of Charlotte: \$5.00 per person a week and \$10.00 per family a week; no evictions of the unemployed; free gas, light and water; free meals and free carfare for the school children of the unemployed.

Defend the Soviet

## FAKERS SEEK TO STOP ANTI-LYNCH FIGHT

A further blind to prevent a real effective struggle against lynch law is now being perfected by the Southern Inter-Racial Commission, participated in by such upper-class Negroes as Moton of Tuskegee, the leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other similar misleaders of the Negro people.

George Milton, editor of the Chattanooga News, who was one of a group to carry on a study into the causes of lynching, in announcing his findings mentioned everything but the real causes. He had various psychological causes, but was very careful to avoid mentioning real economic causes, such as extreme exploitation of Negro tenant farmers and workers, the policy of the white ruling class to divide the colored from the white workers so as to be able to exploit them better and the tenant system on the farms.

At present university professors and ministers are meeting in Atlanta to work out a national anti-lynching law. How any government law can prevent lynching is behind a worker's understanding, since it is government officials themselves who either participate in lynching or help cover up the lynchers.

The only method to prevent lynching is that proposed by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights at its St. Louis convention. The organization of white and Negro workers together and the formation of armed defense groups will do more than anything else to break down the lynch law spirit of the bosses. In the Black Belt, the Negro farmers must fight for the right of self-determination—the right for them to build their own state and government as a nation in the Black Belt where they are in the majority. It is only by such a militant fight that lynching can be done away with.

### Farmers In Gun Fight To Keep Off Starving

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way, his tenant, over proceeds from the sale of some timber which the tenant had chopped, ended in the shooting of the landowner. Brown is an absentee landowner, who runs the large farm here while acting as County Surveyor of Oktibbeha county. To keep from starving, Broadway cut crossties on the farm and sold them, and Brown demanded the proceeds. Broadway, who has 9 children, is now in jail.

At Waycross, Ga., on December 5, Henry J. Barber, big Ware county turpentine operator, was killed in a fight with Wilkes Fulwood, a turpentine worker. The fight was probably over wages and conditions of work, which are unbelievably terrible in the turpentine swamps, where the camps are noted for the brutality of the bosses. Fulwood is certain to be sentenced to death.

#### Freezes to Death

Further evidence of the extreme privation and misery on the farm lands suffered by the poor farmers and tenant farmers is the discovery of the body of Isham Stover, a Negro tenant farmer, in his hut in North Carolina. He was frozen to death, on the farm lands of Will H. Johnson, absentee owner and county commissioner.

The farm tenants are urged to any drastic action to keep from starving and freezing to death as winter approaches. But nothing will be gained by these individual fights. Like the workers in the cities, the farm tenants and poor farmers must organize into Tenant Leagues and committees of action, refuse to pay in-

## A "SW" Builder



Al McBride, local secretary of the Marine Workers Industrial Union in Galveston, Texas, and one of the most active builders of the Southern Worker. He has challenged all other cities to build as fast as he does.

### Hyde Reveals Drought Fund Not For Poor

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of Agriculture Hyde dispelled any ideas that poor farmers may have had about the \$45,000,000 drought relief appropriation being of any good to them.

None of this money was to be loaned for food, he said. Instead it will be loaned for seed, feed, fertilizer and gasoline and oil for tractors. Security will be demanded. It is clear that this fund will be used to help the big landowners in drought-stricken areas, and not a cent of it, even in loans, will be given to the poor farmer or tenant farmer.

### Mass Evictions Start Of Danville Strikers

DANVILLE, Va.—With snow still on the ground and winter winds raging, the mill barons of the Riverside and Dan River mills have already evicted eight strikers' families and served notice on 27 others to move by January 9.

The strikers continue their picket activities in small groups, being held back from effective mass picketing by the A. F. of L. misleaders. As a result of this treacherous policy more scabs are trickling into the mills which are kept running. The militia is there to stay, under the orders of the mill owners, until the strikers are starved back to work, or the A. F. of L. makes its sell-out agreement.

### Tax Refunds to Rich Exceeds Fake Relief

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ham, and has been laying off men by the thousands and cutting wages, received \$15,205,343 in refunded taxes for the year. And Andy Mellon is one of the steel corporation men, and this money is turned over in cold cash.

In the face of these cold figures, which show on which side of the line prosperity lies, Hoover and Congress talk of the paltry sums appropriated for so-called relief as something the workers should be thankful for to the end of all time. This is nothing but plain robbery of the masses by a handful of people, the greatest criminals the world has ever seen. These facts should give more energy to the unemployed workers in their fight for unemployment insurance and relief in cash, which, as is seen, lies in plenty in the pockets of the bosses.

GALVESTON, Texas.—Kress's 5 and 10 cent stores are laying off all the new salesgirls on the day after Christmas and also cutting the steady force. The wages here are \$1.50 a day.

terest, rent or debts, and demand immediate cash relief from the counties and landowners.

## "SW Best In World" Says Boss Victim

Comstock, N. Y.

Dear Comrade:

I wish to inform you that yours of Nov. 2 was sent to me from Dannemora here, also the 8th issue of the Southern Worker. And oh, how I enjoyed it! It is the only paper in the world I enjoy. It breaks my heart to tell you the Worker is not allowed in this prison. I only received one issue.

Will you kindly send the paper to my grandmother. She cannot read but others will read it to her and I feel sure we will gain many comrades in Housa, as my race will rally to any cause to stop lynching and to unite the two races, especially the workers. I wish I were at liberty to express myself.

Anyway, I send my hearty wishes to all the comrades of the world and tell them always we will not cease until every country in the world becomes a Communist government. Yes, I am a Southern colored and am the happiest person in the world to see the two races at last uniting against the capitalist world. They, the workers, have fought against each other long enough. I remain, with comradely wishes and success to all workers, unfortunate,

—Clifford Morris

(Editor's Note: Comrade Morris would appreciate letters from comrades in the South. He is from Houma, Louisiana. Anyone wishing to write to him, send your letters thru the SOUTHERN WORKER.

### Jailed as Vagrant for Protecting A Child

By a Worker Correspondent

Galveston, Texas.

Two small colored children were eating candy in a car. One big plain-clothesman sees them enjoying themselves eating candy out in front of Kress's store, accuses them of stealing the candy and hales them before the manager. The manager tells him that the candy was none of the cheap Kress kind on these counters.

Unemployed worker tells cop that the kids had a box of candy mother left there. The cop got sore, punched unemployed worker, charged him with vagrancy, fined \$25 in the corporation court. The worker is rode

## LYNCH LAW AT WORK

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Timothy Rouse, 24-year-old Negro orderly at the Municipal Hospital, was arrested for "flirting with a white nurse" then released by the jailers to a mob of white fiends who took him to the outskirts of the city and castrated him. Not even the usual fake investigation is being carried on.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Patrolman Joseph Cronin, drunk from whiskey and the "white supremacy" of lynch law, entered a place where a Negro funeral was being held, knocked down Louis Simmons, Negro, and then shot him in cold blood.

CHICKASHA, Okla.—After about 300 Negro families in this vicinity were forced to leave their homes and crops to the landlords to escape from lynch mobs set on foot by the discovery of the body of a white woman murdered near here, it finally came out that the husband of this woman committed the murder. In the meantime, the Negro families are penniless and homeless, and the landlords have taken their crop without compensation.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Clifton Payne, Negro watchman of the Greenberg Auto Parts Corporation, was attacked by two white men, and thrown into a shed and burned to death when the men set fire to the shack.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—District of Columbia police attacked a dance given by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, at which both white and Negro workers were present. The police brutally attacked and then arrested Leonard Patterson, young Negro food worker, when he denounced the police attack.

### For 7-Hour Day, 5-Day Week Without Wage Reductions!

out of town 8 miles on the Galveston and Houston highway and told to keep on moving. Unemployed worker is back in town.

Why should I have to leave the town because I can't get work? I won't walk and I'm not going to starve.

—Speedy Goldsmith.

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# FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

## MORE SPEED- UP IN SAVONA TEXTILE MILL

By a Worker Correspondent  
Charlotte, N. C.

Being that you printed my last article on the Savona mill I thought that I would drop you another line or two on what happened this week. Last Monday morning, Dec. 15, when we came to work the super informed us that the mill would shut down until January 5, to give us a chance to "buy now" and prepare to meet Santa Claus.

The truth of the matter is that same of us ain't going to have no more money to pay the rent next week. The company says the reason they are closing down is because they haven't got enough cotton. We all know there is a supply of cotton in the warehouse.

On top of this the company has also announced that beginning January they will put in meters and charge us for lights.

Since last November the working day has been lengthened from 8 to 10 hours. The looms have been increased from 2 to 3. And it is now pretty sure that when the mill reopens in January, if they open up at all, they will surely announce a new wage-cut or some new scheme of stretchout.

We workers must sure prepare and organize against wage cuts and stretch-out.

—A Savona Worker.

## CAUSE BEHIND LYNCH JUSTICE

By a Worker Correspondent  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

There are many excuses used to start a lynching party and this is one. After a Negro has worked as a tenant farmer and made a good crop of corn, or cotton or rye, or potatoes, and other things, just a word is needed to start off a mob. The farm boss will send his wife or his daughter in the way of this Negro. He may or he may not speak to the woman, but the boss will say that the "Nigger" insulted his wife or his daughter and that starts the fuss. A fight takes place, the Negro is shot to death, his family is driven away from his crop. That leaves the tenant's family to suffer and the crop with the boss. That has been the case many times.

Now the bosses say that lynching upholds white womanhood. Such a false statement is not so. If it were true they should have lynched some of the farm bosses.

Say, readers, let us join the Communist Party and be the people that will die for its great cause. Let us all say: "Down with lynching, jim-crowism, segregation, and separation of the white and Negro workers in any form."

—A Worker.

## Cut Wages For Banana Line

By a Worker Correspondent  
Galveston, Texas.

The Southern Banana Corporation is cutting the crew's wages 10 to 20 percent from the first of the year. This is an American company that has the Nicaraguan flag flying from her jack-staff. This company owns four ships running to Galveston, all of them are Diesel-driven and were built for sub-chasers during the world slaughter and are now built over into cargo carriers.

—Al W. McB.

## Won't Starve, Won't Walk - He'll Fight!

Galveston, Texas.  
Was arrested for vagrancy. Room rent paid two weeks in advance, and owned a car. Was charged with vagrancy, mugged, finger-printed, pleaded not guilty of vag and found guilty of vag. Fined \$25 and costs. Did not have it and the cop proposed for us to get out of town and we don't intend to go until the ship owners let us have work or wages.

—Unemployed Seaman.

## More Wage-Cuts At Fairfield T. C. I.

By a Worker Correspondent

Birmingham, Ala.

There was a wage-cut of 8 percent for heaters and rollers in the Fairfield Sheet and Jobbing Mill, owned by the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co., about two weeks ago.

The rollers used to get \$30 a week and the heaters from \$18 to \$20. The workers in this shop as well as in the rest of Birmingham must take this as a lesson and organize into the Metal Workers Industrial League now to prepare to fight against the bosses attempts to cut our starvation wages down more.

—Young Worker.

## Boss Charity Dolers Insult Negro Jobless In Chatta.

By a Worker Correspondent  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Please allow me space in your paper to tell you of some of the bad conditions of the working class people of Chattanooga. There being about 18,000 men and women, colored, and white without jobs, conditions are very bad and it has forced many white and colored to call on the city and social charities for help.

I have seen them insulted and driven away like dogs every day, especially the Negroes by a Negro woman who has control of the Negro department by the name of Mrs. Bines.

I hope that this will teach the Negroes of Chattanooga never to support political parties like the one that put Mrs. Bines there. For many of these Negroes gave money for this when they had jobs, for many of the companies they worked for would take the money from their wages for this purpose. And to think, when they need for themselves, they have to go to a woman like that just to be abused and sent away, with little of nothing at all. Many of the people have worked hard and have given their help to the city in many ways and to think when they needed help they got to go to their colored to be talked to and treated like dogs.

I think the people of Chattanooga

## Order Us To Live On \$1.78 a Week

By a Worker Correspondent  
Greenville, S. C.

With \$16,000,000 in the banks of Greenville, according to their own statements, the Red Cross comes out with a grand statement that it has been figured out and tested and proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that a family of five can live on \$1.78 per week. I have statements before me to prove this.

On December 20, Greenville was covered in a heavy blanket of snow. It was saturday and all colored people look forward to Saturday for shopping and I, a textile worker, was in the same mad rush. As I was on my way home I noticed a colored man trudging in the snow in front of me. I speeded up and caught up with him. I asked him how much he paid for what he had on his back and he said 50 cents, and I saw it was about 50 pounds. According to that the coal yards of Greenville are getting about \$20 a ton for coal.

Now, workers, in order to do away with these conditions, we must organize industrially. The place of the textile workers is in the Textile Worker Industrial Union, a militant fighting union, with headquarters at 30 South College St., Charlotte, N. C.

## More Wage-Cuts At Fairfield T. C. I.

## "Buy Now!" So Goes To Buy But Forgets He Needs Cash

By a Worker Correspondent

Charlotte, N. C.

I am a worker in the Highland Park No. 1, when it runs but for the last year we have not got to work much and the boss always says that the textile industry is on the bum and they don't make anything when they run. We are now forced to accept a lay-off for Christmas and the New Year, without any pay and then they holler: "Buy now and help the poor as well as the industry." The mill where I work is just one of a chain of 7 mills all owned by the same company.

Buy Now—Let's Go!

But what I want to say is that 3 weeks ago the wife and the three kids went to church and while they were gone I began to wonder what was wrong with the mills and this thought came to me: Buy now and help your job. So I went to the trouble of looking around to see what to buy.

In looking over the house I found that we could use eight or ten blankets and three or four bedspreads and a dozen towels and the linen which once was on the table is gone. After looking over the house for a while I discovered that the wife was in a position to use at least four new cotton dresses and she needed underwear. The children needed at least two pair of overalls to wear to school and could make use of a suit each for the two boys. And the girl who is in school needs at least three new dresses and the necessary clothes to keep warm with.

Plenty to Buy

And when it came to my own wardrobe I found that I needed two pairs of overalls and two work shirts, two suits of underwear, three pairs of socks and a suit of clothes and a Sunday shirt or two.

This is a lie. Because I happened to be one of those that applied and only three out of the 20 were hired, the rest of us were told to go home. This goes to show how far these bosses' agents would go in fooling the workers. Like now they have a few dozens of workers shoveling snow for 25c an hour while the newspapers talk a lot about "the big money" the unemployed are making on city jobs.

## SANTA BRINGS MORE LAY-OFF

By a Worker Correspondent

I am a worker in the Louise Cotton Mill, a branch of the Chadwick Hoskins Co. I have been making about \$10 per week. Today when I entered the mill I was confronted with a notice notifying all employees that after the Christmas holidays were over the plant would curtail to four days per week.

With these conditions prevailing in the plants, we workers find it practically impossible to live. There is only one way that we can remedy such conditions and that is thru organization into revolutionary unions, such as the National Textile Workers Union.

—A Louise Mill Worker.

## No Charity! Fight For Jobless Insurance!

From another Red the Fish Committee missed because they did not stop in Greenville, S. C.

I had forgotten to think of the money when I made all these good resolutions. But when the notice was tacked up in the mill yesterday, I thought of the many things that my family needed and I was not able to get for them. I have no coal, no wood for a fire, and the snow is knee-deep here.

Will the poor people ever wake up and unite, or will they sleep and be robbed?

—50-Year-Old Mill Worker.

## SPEED-UP SO GREAT BOSS USES PISTOL

By a Worker Correspondent

Birmingham, Ala.

I am a worker in the U. S. Cast Iron and Pipe Co., and have been employed there over 5 years. I began to work there when I was only 14 years old. A colored man has to stand back on every hand and he don't have any right to do by one thing and that is work and plenty of work.

We work 10 hours a day and for all overtime below 45 minutes we don't get any pay. The bosses do not stand over you to speed you up, for he knows a better way. He speeds up the machine and you'll have plenty of speed and then he goes and sits down. It always lasts from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. But we all know he gets a wonderful salary for working ten minutes a day.

They are getting wiser every day. In July they cut two men off the "jack hammer" and they are so wise they cut off the "hill napper." All the men they cut were colored and they were left in the streets to starve. All the departments in the shop except one have had wages cut by shortening the hours, working 8 hours a day at 25 cents an hour. One of our bosses thinks he is bad. I suppose he thinks so for he comes in the shop every morning before he changes his clothes and brings his pistol in and puts it in a switch box. He stays near his pistol all day and he is always cursing at the top of his voice at the workers, both white and black, from one day to another.

Another very important thing in the house of a family is food. So when I went to the kitchen I found that we had no meat, no bread, no flour, no coffee, no lard, milk, and in fact, not a damn thing to eat. After seeing that I decided to buy and then buy again and keep on buying until it hurt.

But Forgot The Money

And lo, and behold! What would you think happened on Monday following all these good intentions? The mills shut down for a week. But this did not stop me, for I walked the whole week trying to buy on the "Buy Now" slogan and when the merchants found that I had no money they simply refused to let me have any of the things I wanted.

Well, fellow-workers, you see that

## Use Jobless To Cut Wages, Lay Off Men

By a Worker Correspondent

Galveston, Texas

Gottlieb's Bakery, manufacturers of Sonny Boy Bread, is exploiting all workers who are hungry and begging for bread. A worker who asks this shop for bread, is sent into the bakery to help the bakers by handling hot loaves that are being taken from the oven.

I counted three extra men in this shop, and all of them looked starved. There are several bakers and cooks walking in the streets and looking for jobs. They have families here in Galveston and plants like Gottlieb's are not hiring any of these workers because they can get a helper to work all night for a few loaves of bread and 50 cents. Bakers and cooks, join the Trade Union Unity League, and fight against these rotten conditions.

—Unemployed Baker.

## FEED JOBLESS WORMY MEAT

By a Worker Correspondent

I chanced to be at a worker's house today who had been down to one of the soup houses that the preachers are telling us to be so thankful for and for which the Chattanooga papers said for every worker to be proud of.

And I will tell you it was a shame to see how little the bosses care for workers. They would not let a dog of their own eat it. It was made of scrap white meat and mixed with flour and to my surprise it was seasoned with worms and weevil bugs, which were in as thick as maggots. And this woman worker was a widow with seven children. The amount they get each day is half a gallon and one loaf of bread.

Workers, fight against this less than human treatment and demand the passage of the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill which provides wages for every worker who is unemployed.

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## Bloated Parasites and Starving Millions

The tax refund of over 24 million dollars engineered by Andy Mellon of the treasury department exposes as clear as day the lying, and hypocritical gestures of the Hoover administration in its farcical unemployment relief measures, and writes on the wall so plainly that this government belongs to the bosses that anyone can read it.

When Hoover proposed his \$116,000,000 unemployment relief bill and certain Congressmen, playing for political support, asked for more, you will remember Hoover's rage at what he called the "run on the treasury." According to him the treasury department was almost bankrupt.

And here comes a tax refund of over 24 million dollars to the leading exploiters of the country, who are the very ones who have laid off workers by the hundreds of thousands, put them on part time, cut wages. THE TAX REFUND AMOUNTS TO MORE THAN THE APPROPRIATION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF!

The government, made up for the most part of leading industrialists and millionaires, is concerned chiefly with piling up the fortunes of the employers. False promises of relief for the unemployed workers—so faked that a 6-year-old can see thru them—a few bushels of seed for the starving farmers to which has been added Secretary Hyde's remark that the farmers need no food—that is the concern the government feels for millions of starving people struggling thru the worst crisis this country has seen.

Add to this the revelation of the department of revenues that there are 511 people in the country who receive a yearly income of over \$1,000,000, and you have a clear picture of how things stand. For the handful of big employers and financiers millions of dollars that can be thrown away in million-dollar debut parties, for the wide masses of the population, extreme suffering and hunger. This is nothing but cool, calculated cold-blooded robbery and murder. Deaths from diseases of poverty, starvation and cold, intense suffering of millions, can be laid directly at the door of these parasites, who uphold and are in turn upheld by the capitalist system.

Against such atrocious brutality there can be only one answer from the working-class—an undying fight to the end against such a system. In its place there must be set up a Communist society, a Soviet system like that in the Soviet Union where there are no millionaire parasites, no unemployment, where wages and standards of living of the wide masses are steadily rising.

Right now, with added force and vigor, the working class must push on its fight for unemployment insurance. From these stores of capitalist riches, from the millions spent on debut parties and pleasures by the parasites, we demand cash funds for the starving unemployed workers and cash relief for the farmers. The demand contained in the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill, to be presented by delegations of unemployed from all over the country to Congress, for minimum wages for unemployed workers and their families, can be filled out of the millions swilled by the parasites. Just like you must lead a horse to water, these brutes must be led by a roused workingclass to dig their hands into their coin boxes and fork across with what will mean a decent existence for the unemployed.

Away with the soup kitchens, charity crumbs, and degrading handouts of a bloated parasitic class! We want our due, our wages, in the cash which these parasites have so plentifully. Forward in a militant fight for unemployment insurance!

## Warfare On The Countryside

Armed warfare for very existence smolders on the countryside. It has already flared up in scattered spots thruout the South in gun fights between individual tenant farmers and big landowners, taking a toll of two tenants dead and three landlords killed. These deaths resulted from a fight for bread. The rock bottom prices of cotton and tobacco, the taking of the whole proceeds of the crops by the landowners, the refusal of the landlords and merchants to advance any more credit for food and other necessities of life, any other means of making a living being closed to the tenants due to the severe unemployment—is resulting in widespread starvation and misery. The drought has eaten up what little corn and other food stuffs the tenant may have raised to help see him thru the winter.

Winter is here. One bank after another in the farm country closes its doors. For the first eleven months of this year there have been 981 bank failures in the country, more than at any other time in history. In November alone there were 236 bank failures. Most of these banks were located in the cotton and tobacco country of the south. It means the loss of deposits and cutting off of credit to the mass of farmers. It makes starvation a reality.

That is why warfare smoulders on the countryside. People do not starve peacefully, no matter how much the bosses would like it to be so. The individual fights for existence that have already taken place are only forerunners of what is coming. At the height of the winter there will be more widespread warfare, sporadic attacks on the landlords storehouses, on town food supplies. It will be a more intensive fight for bread itself.

But the tenant and poor farmers must learn, and learn quickly, that they can only make gains by an ORGANIZED fight. They must band themselves together in Tenant Leagues, township committees and local committees of action, which will lead the farmers in their struggle. They must formulate definite demands from the county authorities, such as cash relief from the landowners and merchants, cancellation of debts, food and cash advances. Only by an organized mass fight can the farmers win the right to live.

## Hit One and You Hit Them All



## Celebrating A Piece of Paper While Negroes Remain Slaves

The Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance will lead the celebration in Chattanooga on January 1 of the so-called Emancipation Proclamation of Abraham Lincoln. This document, issued at the height of the Civil War, declared the Negro chattel slaves to be "free and equal." Amendments to the Constitution later were supposed to guarantee the freedmen all the rights of a white American citizen. istocracy a notch lower. Northern

To this day, the Republican Party still uses the Emancipation Proclamation as a means of gaining Negro support, and those making most use of this are the Negro Republican politicians. The idea that the Civil War was fought purely and simply by the golden-hearted Northern capitalists to free the slaves of the South, is still accepted in many quarters by the Negro workers. Still more harmful to the workingclass is the idea that the amendments to the Constitution were passed in all good faith by a Northern Republican, only to be nullified by the wicked Southern democrats, who to this day do not give the Southern Negroes the right to vote, and other rights supposed to be guaranteed. Put the Republicans in power in the South, say these demagogues to the Negro masses, and everything will be hotsy-totsy.

In the first place, it was not out of any humanitarian horror at the evils of slavery that the North declared war on the South. In the North, where industry was developing at a fast pace, the bosses saw their control of the government threatened by the Southern landed aristocracy. The North was a growing industrial country, the South a purely agricultural country based on an old outworn feudal plantation system of slave labor. Cotton served as a powerful weapon in the hands of the Southern plantation owners against the Northern manufacturers and in carrying on dealings in back of the Washington government with foreign powers. It was impossible for these two totally different systems of society to exist side by side under the same whitehouse roof. The inevitable war came—a war for profits and domination, as capitalist wars are—and the North won it because it was more powerful as an industrial country. In order to smash the power of the Southern plantation owners, Abe Lincoln declared the slaves free. Following the war, came the amendments, as a further step in bringing the landed ar-

troops were kept in the South, to see that these conditions were carried out, that the former rulers and competitors were properly cowered and subdued, and used the freed Negro slaves for this purpose, by putting them up as puppet law officers and even governors to carry out the will of the Northern bosses.

But once the victory of the North was completely assured, the kind-hearted Republicans smugly turned their backs and allowed the Southern ruling class, which was now harmless to Northern capitalist profits, to reinstate itself as the supreme rulers and take their revenge on their former slaves. The amendments and the Proclamation were safely tucked away in the White House files. In the South it is as if no Emancipation of the Negroes was ever declared. The tenant system on the farms is only another form of slavery to a white ruling class. In the factories, the Negro workers are subjected to an even more vicious form of slavery—wage slavery. Today, when there is no food there is starvation.

Instead of the old plantation whip—which was used with care, for an ablebodied slave cost money—there is the whole lynch law system used by the boss class to "keep the Negro in his place" at starvation, or low wages, or farm peonage. In the chattel slave days a dead Negro slave was so much money lost to the owners. Today a dead Negro worker is no one's loss but his family's.

And into this new slave system has also been dragged the white worker of the South. He too, is a wage-slave, subject to the same unemployment and starvation, to the same wage-cuts and lay-offs. The white wage slave and the Negro wage-slave—the only difference is the color.

These so-called leaders of the colored race, the ministers, and the upper-class, have the colossal nerve to celebrate the "Emancipation." They are celebrating a piece of paper.

There is a real emancipation that the white and colored workers must look forward to today. Final emancipation from the chains of capitalism will come only thru the power of a united and struggling working class, only by overthrowing this whole system of exploitation and lynch law.

## The Reds Say--

By JIM ALLEN

We poor Communists have to be blamed for everything. When the Federal Farm Board didn't do anything for the farmers, it blamed the Soviet Union because it sold a few million bushels of wheat using a credit operation known as "hedging" in the Chicago wheat market. The howl went up that the wicked Communists were directly responsible for the low price of wheat and the starvation of the farmers. Hamilton Fish flopped a few more flops in his stale water, and pointed his war finger at the Soviet Union.

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But now it turns out that the Federal Farm Board has been using these awful hedging operations itself in the cotton and grain markets. When the Soviet Union sold wheat in this way it was terrible and almost cause enough for war. When the Federal Farm Board does it, it is the best procedure and is, as the Board says, "essential to successful operation." Fish doesn't set up a howl this time.

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Just now Fish is busy howling about something else, and he's got a whole bunch of alley rabbits joining in the concert. Lo and Behold! The Communists are responsible for the bank failures! Fish has made the discovery and he is going to have Congress adopt it in the form of a law providing for the arrest of Communists who say that the banks are failing, something any blind man can see for himself, even Fish. The New York bankers picked up his cry and said they would arrest and prosecute Communists who said banks were failing and that the depositors should try to save their hard-earned savings from the crash. They are doing it in Charlotte, too. We repeat, the banks are failing, and are continuing to do so in increasing numbers. The workers and farmers are suffering most from it. Who will call me a liar? No one except Fish and the whole set of financial scoundrels who would stoop to the lowest depths of lying to hide their own corruption and robbery of the worker and farmer depositors in the banks which are closing down. Another case of using the anti-Red gag to hide the boss robbery.

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President Hoover is very much "concerned", we learn, about the million dollar party given by the Oil King Doherty for his daughter to celebrate her debutante. A debutante, fellow-workers, is a sort of auction-block used by rich society to palm off their daughters in marriage to some millionaire's son. While Doherty's picked prospective sons-in-law and their Ma's and Pa's rolled into the garage at the back of the hotel where the party was given in their limousines, unemployed workers were being fed at a bread line in that very garage. Among the guests of this famous oil briber, were many of his cronies in the government who helped him pull that famous corrupt deal across by which he made his millions. It turns out that Secretary of War Hurley was among the guests as a token that the guns and army would be at the service of the oil king when needed. No wonder Hoover was "concerned." There is no worker dumb enough not to take his lesson from it.

### LAY-OFF- ON S. P. Ry.

HOUSTON, Texas.—The Southern Pacific Railroad gave the workers a surprise for Christmas by laying off many yard men, switchmen and clerks.