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2,500 Demand Relief In Chattanooga

700 CHARLOTTE UNEMPLOYED IN HUNGER MARCH FOR RELIEF

DEFY POLICE BAN; MEET AND MARCH TWICE

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—About 700 white and Negro workers demonstrated here on February 10, demanding immediate relief for the unemployed and the passage of the workers Unemployment Insurance Bill and carried through a hunger march, despite the threats of the police to break it up.

The City Council had refused a permit for the demonstration and the police gave advance notice that they would break it up. But led by white and Negro women and children, the workers marched from the Union Hall on S. College Street, to the corner of Fourth and Caldwell streets, where the demonstration lasted for an hour.

Speakers of the Unemployed Council and the Communist Party spoke on unemployment, exposed the fake schemes of the Mayor's relief committee and presented the demands of the unemployed for immediate cash relief for every unemployed worker in the city to be raised by the City Council. The demonstration backed the unemployed delegation sent to Washington to demand unemployment insurance from Congress.

When the speakers were thru the workers marched again to the Union Hall, where the demonstration was concluded.

PROTEST DEPORTATION

GALVESTON, Tex.—The International Labor Defense will hold a mass protest meeting here on February 25, International Fighting Day Against Unemployment to protest against the deportation of foreign-born workers for their participation in the labor movement.

FAKE RELIEF

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Out of the thousands of unemployed here, 238 have been given "relief jobs" out of the theatre fund, most of them working two days a week, cleaning the streets. Workers are fighting against these starvation jobs and for real cash relief from the city.

Congress Agrees To Let Farmers Starve to Death

While Hoover has settled up with the Democratic demagogues by adding another \$20,000,000 to the paltry relief loan fund for the landowners, farmers all over are continuing to starve.

According to the official figures of Harry D. Wilson, state commissioner of agriculture, over 40,000 farm families in the drought areas of Louisiana are starving. "40,000 families in Louisiana are faced with an almost

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Only 75 Danville Strikers Hired

DANVILLE, Va.—With only 75 of the 4,000 textile strikers rehired after the infamous sell-out of the strike by the A. F. of L. misleaders, 2,300 strike families are in actual famine condition after their desertion by Gorman, according to John Hopkins Hall, state labor commissioner, who also had his hand in the sell-out.

The National Guard have been ordered to stay on indefinitely despite rumors that they were to be withdrawn, in order to prevent any militant action by the starving workers. The ranks of the blacklisted and unemployed workers have been added to by the firing of 300 workers from the mills.

The Red Cross, called in by Gorman, vice-president of the U. T. W., the week before the final sell-out, is now dispensing a bottle of milk and a can of tomatoes to each family that applies, to last a day. This "relief" means slow and painful starvation.

Matilda Lindsey, one of Gorman's henchwomen, is still here trying to scare up more Red Cross "relief" but all the other fakers have fled town.

The strikers have not felt themselves defeated by the sell-out, but are instead preparing for new struggles under the leadership of the National Textile Workers Union, the fighting union.

HUNGER REGIME REFUSES HEAR OUR DEMANDS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The highest governing body of the American bosses refused even to listen to the demands of a committee elected by delegates of the unemployed from all over the country when they demanded the floor in the House of Representatives to present the demand for the passage of the Unemployment Insurance Bill on Feb. 10th.

At the same moment workers in practically every important city thru-out the country showed that they intended to carry on the fight for immediate relief and for the bill by carrying thru mass demonstrations and hunger marches. Even greater mass demonstrations will be carried thru on International Day, Feb. 25.

Congress Ignores Starving

Over 100 delegates elected by the unemployed of many cities met in Washington, finally approved the Unemployment Insurance Bill, which has already been signed by 1,136,000 workers and endorsed by the Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party. A committee of 14 consisting of white and Negro men and women, was elected to present this bill to Congress direct, together with the petitions.

Capitol Hill and the House were thick with policemen and plainclothesmen, to "protect" the august governing body of the bosses. The committee was immediately surrounded by police and not permitted to enter the

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Jobless Worker's Wife Dies From Starvation

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Comrade Mrs. Mitchell, a member of the Communist Party in this city, died last Saturday morning due to undernourishment and lack of medical care, after months of unemployment for both herself and her husband.

With no money to summon his own doctor, Comrade Mitchell tried to get the city doctor to come to the bedside of his dying wife, but in vain. The doctor laid off coming indefinitely and finally arrived after Comrade Mitchell had died.

This is a striking example of the brutality of the capitalist system, taking the lives of thousands of workers by starvation because of unemployment. To prevent death from starvation for many members of the working class, every worker in this city must pledge himself to more militant action to force immediate cash relief from the parasites.

JAIL 4 WORKERS IN CHATTA., CALL CITY HALL MEET FEB. 25.

Police Pull Speakers From Stand: Deputized Bosses Nab Leaders of March to City Hall

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—With practically the whole city police, plainclothes and county law forces mobilized, as well as members of the chamber of commerce who had been deputized for the occasion, 2,500 white and Negro workers demonstrated at Main and Market streets Tuesday morning for immediate relief for the unemployed from the city government.

B'HAM BOSSES GIVE JOBLESS MORE TERROR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Police raided a private house here last Thursday, Feb. 5, and arrested Harry Jackson, T. U. U. L. organizer, Harris Gilbert, Young Communist organizer, Eugene Braxton, young Negro worker and two other Negro workers and confiscated a quantity of literature.

This raid following close upon the heels of the raid last week in Ensley in which five workers were arrested and charged with violation of the city criminal anarchy ordinance, shows the increasing efforts of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co., and their city police to smash the growing fight of the workers against starvation.

After being questioned and held two hours, the five workers arrested Thursday were offered their freedom if they would agree to leave town, but the comrades, of course, refused to leave. The chief then told them to "get the hell out" and stay out, and warned them all that if they were caught again it would be "hot."

At the meeting of the Grand Jury this week the prosecutor will attempt to have warrants sworn out for all Communist organizers in Birmingham under the State Criminal Anarchy law, which carries with it ten years imprisonment. Previous methods of intimidation having failed, the bosses hope to be able to stop the fight for relief and organization by clapping the leaders in jail. The answer is and will be, continued and stronger organization into the Communist Party and the Young Communist League.

No sooner had the demonstration started with over 2,000 workers crowded around the speaker's stand when police captain Perkins, flanked by a large force of police pulled Hf Gordon, Trade Union Unity League organizer, from the stand, trembling and mumbling at the same time, something to the effect of "blocking traffic" and being able to use the city hall lot.

"March To City Hall"

When Mary Dalton, Communist Party organizer, demanded the right to use the street, she was nabbed by police, and slapped in the face by Detective Neil. After the cowards in uniform had already grabbed Gordon, he was punched in the back by the police.

The workers, enraged at having their speakers jailed before they even had a chance to say a word, and feeling the pinch of hunger, responded to the call of Mary Dalton as she was being taken to the waiting patrol to "march to City Hall." The crowd moved to cross Main street and a large part of it, despite the efforts of the army of police to block it, started on their way. Workers shouted "On to City Hall!" and were jumped on and arrested. For almost an hour the workers milled about before they were finally dispersed by the police.

Framed Charges

For leading the demand for immediate relief, four workers were still in jail (Wednesday morning), held under high bond totalling \$17,850 on trumped-up and fake charges. The speakers, Gordon and Mary Dalton are charged with "inciting to riot," blocking traffic and vagrancy, as well as the added framed-up charge of "lewdness" in an effort to have them put away in the pen for years. Elizabeth Larson, Communist organizer, arrested when she protested the ar-

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FILE CANDIDATES IN CHATTA.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Petitions placing the three candidates endorsed by the Communist Party in the city elections on the field have been filed here and the election campaign, under the direction of the Workers Election Committee, 316 W. Main Street, is now fully under way.

The arrest of the speakers at the Feb. 10, demonstration here has aroused workers thruout the city and the Communist candidates will receive wide support in their fight for immediate unemployment relief from the city government.

The candidates filed are: L. J. Ledford for Mayor, Mack Coads for

Judge and Albert Cassidy for Commissioner.

All workers who have not yet registered are urged to register on Feb. 23, 24 and 25 at the precincts and poll tax can be paid up to March 17, the date of the primaries.

Judge Fleming, present city Judge and running for re-election will probably try the cases of the workers arrested on Feb. 10 and will not hesitate to impose heavy sentences as he has done in the past. The election returns must show a heavy vote for the workers' candidates as an indication of the rising movement against capitalist starvation.

ATTACK NEW ORLEANS JOBLESS

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Over 50 police, with tear gas and machine guns, were mobilized here last Thursday night to prevent a meeting called by the Unemployed Council at Jackson Ave., and Tchoupitoulas Streets to demand immediate relief for the unemployed.

The police did not permit workers to get near the corner, but when about 150 reached the spot they were dispersed.

When Howard Harvey, national organizer of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, and Frank Lamarque, organizer of the Unemployed Council, demanded a permit from Mayor Wamsley for the meeting they were

refused outright and thrust into jail. When the mayor stated that he would "not have a repetition of Arkansas in this town" Comrade Harvey exposed him and his fake relief committee using his own statements to do it. The mayor had him arrested as "insulting."

Harvey is now out on \$250 bail and Lamarque was about to be released on bail as we go to press.

In spite of the presence of police at the union hall, 308 Chartres street, on Sunday in an effort to scare away the workers, 40 came to the meeting of the Unemployed Council, fully determined to spread the fight against hunger in New Orleans.

JAIL MILITANT ELIZABETHTON RAYON WORKER

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—An Elizabethton deputy sheriff, with the cooperation of the Chattanooga police department, arrested Jason Hill here last Saturday while walking down Ninth street, and he was taken back to Elizabethton where the Bemberg-Glanzstoff sheriff is trying frame him on burglary charges for the militant part he played in the last strike and his union activity now.

The police are trying to frame Hill for the robbery of a grocery store, altho this crude frame-up was exposed last week when Sheriff Fair, notorious labor-hater, and Baldwin-Felts detective, tried to plant goods on Hill's land. Fair was followed by workers and exposed when he tried to spring the frame-up.

The Bemberg-Glanzstoff corporation is attempting to stop the organization work of the National Textile Workers Union and the Communist Party in Elizabethton and thus is framing militant workers. The workers, however, are rising to the defense of Hill.

Congress Agrees Let Farmers Starve More

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hopeless future and many of them starvation," he said, after a trip thru the drought-stricken areas.

There was another near food riot in England, Ark., last week, when about 800 farmers came to the Red Cross office for the paltry ration and declared that they could not keep from starving on the allowance given them. The farmers were angry at the way the local merchants were profiteering on the Red Cross checks and many of them were refused anything at all when the landlords refused to grant them the necessary certificates. Details of this action has been suppressed.

There are also many reports here of brutality on the part of Red Cross officials against croppers and small farmers who demand relief or more than what they are getting. Will Allison, township chairman of the Red Cross in Egale township of Pulaski County, Ark., bodily kicked out the starved farmer, Blasingame, when he came to ask for relief.

In those sections in which the Red Cross is dispensing its starvation charity the farmers are just on the borderline of starvation. At Athens, Ala., \$1.50 a day is being spent to "relieve" 2,000 persons in that county, or seven cents per day per person.

The beginning of spring plowing finds many of the animals dead or dying and the farmers unable to obtain credit to carry thru their crops due to the fact that they are already heavily in debt with every bit of their belonging mortgaged or pledged. In Athens County, Ala., the Red Cross officials estimated that 1,000 tenants and croppers will not be able to get credit or furnishings from the local merchants or landlords, to see their crop thru. This means that the land will remain idle while these thousand families will starve to death.

In Cullman County, and adjoining counties of Alabama where the drought was the worst and the drop in cotton prices added to the misery, there is a movement on foot to organize Farmers' Relief Councils to demand immediate cash relief from the State. This is the only way out for the farmers if they are to keep from starving—fighting Relief Councils forcing concessions from county and state.

In A Southern Cotton Mill

By Elbert Hubbard

I thought to lift one of the little toilers to ascertain his weight. Through his thirty-five pounds of skin and bone there ran a tremor of fear, and he struggled forward to tie a broken thread. I attracted his attention by a touch and offered him a silver dime. He looked at me dumbly through a face that might have belonged to a man of sixty, so furrowed, tightly drawn and full of pain it was. He did not reach for the money—he did not know what it was. There were dozens of such children in this particular mill. A physician who was with me said that they would all be dead, probably in two years, and their places filled by others—there were plenty more. Pneumonia carries off most of them. Their systems are ripe for disease, and when it comes there is no rebound—no response. Medicine simply does not act—nature is whipped, beaten, discouraged, and the child sinks into a stupor and dies.

Hunger Regime Refuse Hear Jobless Demands

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Congress hall, but told to present the demands to the sergeant-at-arms, which they indignantly refused to do, demanding the right to be heard from the floor of Congress. When the hunger-regime refused this unemployed workers in the gallery spoke one after another, demanding a hearing. Four were forcibly seized by detectives, arrested and later released.

Invade Minn. Congress

At St. Paul, a huge crowd of workers forced their way into the Minnesota state legislature, took possession of the rostrum for over two hours, and made the demands of the unemployed for immediate relief heard. The demonstration was led by George Powers, Communist candidate for mayor of Minneapolis. Unemployed workers crowded the restaurant in the basement and helped themselves to hearty meals.

Thirteen workers were arrested on the Boston Common, when a force of 200 police brutally attacked and broke up a demonstration of several thousand called to back the delegation at Washington and demand immediate relief.

Many Demonstrations

In Chicago there took place a militant hunger march of white and Negro workers carrying banners demanding relief for the unemployed. About 1,000 workers in Cincinnati, followed by thousands of others, paraded around the City Hall and held a demonstration.

At Sacramento, Cal., police were severely beaten up by the enraged unemployed workers when they tried to interfere with the demonstration. In Johnstown, Pa., police brutally attacked the demonstration and arrested 15 workers. Thousands of workers demonstrated at Union Square in New York City and marched to the City Hall. (As we go to press news is not yet available of the numerous other demonstrations.)

The fight for relief has just started. Workers thruout the country are mobilizing for tremendous mass demonstrations on Feb. 25th, when workers of all European nations will also demonstrate for adequate social insurance and relief.

TAKES FOOD

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Rather than starve an unemployed worker here ordered three dozen hot tamales from a vendor and then walked away without paying for them.

Cash Relief Now For Unemployed!

SOVIET FARMERS IMPROVE MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.—The amount of grain collected by the Government at the end of last year was 52 percent above the 1929 collections, and reached the great total of 21,700,000 metric tons, with a great supply left on the farms for rural consumption, according to figures just published.

This success was made possible by the organization of the farm collectives and the growing use of tractors and other farm machinery which the farmers use in common. By the end of January of this year nearly 50 percent of the chief grain-producing regions had been collectivized. This tremendous growth in farming in the Soviet Union occurs at a time when there are millions of starving farmers in America, many of whom are dying from want of food.

PROFIT TAKES TWO LIVES

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Two workers were killed and three injured when a tank exploded at the Chattanooga Boiler and Tank Co. here last week, while it was being tested under pressure. The company continually risks the lives of its workers by refusing to take safety precautions because of the slight expenditure involved. Only an organized shop under the Metal Workers League can force the bosses to install safety devices.

2,500 Demonstrate In Chattanooga

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rest of a white worker who called on the others to march and then herself issued the call, is also held under the same charges. Unemployed worker, H. G. Goines is also under arrest for participating in the demonstration.

As we go to press the workers are being released on bond, and going back into the struggle for unemployment relief with preparations for a huge demonstration in front of the City Hall on Feb. 25th.

Police Pull Guns

Police pulled their guns on two workers who called on the others to stop the arrests and protect the speakers. Following the demonstration hundreds of workers came into the Union Hall, 316 West Main street, enraged at the arrests and the attacks on the march to City Hall, fully determined to carry it thru and this time to see nothing interferes.

The arrest of the speakers had been carefully planned by Mayor Bass and the Chamber of Commerce, the boss outfit that is laying off more workers daily, putting others on part time and cutting wages. The patrol wagon was ready as well as the excuse of Captain Perkins.

Now, Feb. 25th

Rumors were current before the demonstration that Mayor Bass and the whole city council had left town rather than meet the delegation elected at the Unemployed Council meeting on Monday and to be ratified at the demonstration Tuesday. The committee, composed of both white and Negro workers, was to go to the City Hall to present the demands for \$12.50 a week relief for each unemployed worker, reduction in rents, no evictions. After the demonstration Mayor Bass had his newspapers print that he would welcome the delegation to the reception room in the City Hall but he took good care that they should not arrive by sending his whole police force to arrest them.

During the course of the demonstration six other workers were arrested but later released, among them a Negro woman who said that she was proud to be called a Red.

The arrest of the leaders is not stopping the fight for relief as the Mayor hoped. The workers are more militant and now understand that they must stick together solidly against police tyranny. The cry thruout the city is: "To City Hall on Feb. 25th!"

Buy Off Jobless To Evict Others

By a Worker Correspondent
Charlotte, N. C.

The other day while I was walking down the street I saw the landlord having some worker put out on the street. And who was doing it? Did he do it himself? No. He had hired two unemployed Negro workers to do it for him and he gave them \$1.00 a-piece.

Fellow workers, is this the way for we colored and white workers to stick together? No! We must stop this foolishness and learn to stand by our rights. The little dollar which we get today is not going to help us. Stop putting our fellow worker out. Refuse to do it. Just tell the boss if he wants the furniture out to put it out himself. We workers will and must put the furniture back in the house.

—An Unemployed Worker.

Pray, Don't Fight, Say Sky Pilots

By a Worker Correspondent
Charlotte, N. C.

Since we colored workers began to organize and join the Unemployed Council to help ourselves, the preachers and their agents became greatly alarmed. At the call of the Charlotte Observer, the paper of the capitalists in Charlotte, Negro preachers in most of the churches have turned their Sunday services into propaganda speeches against the workers and their fighting labor organizations.

It seems like these sky pilots are afraid that if we Negro workers open our eyes and begin to fight our real enemies, these Negro preachers will lose their "do nothing" jobs and will have to go to work.

Douglas Rogers, one of the deacons of the House of Prayer got up and attacked the T. U. U. L. before a crowd of Negro workers, telling them to "stay away" from the union, but to continue praying.

Douglas, why don't you tell the workers what is being done with the two big bowls of nickels and dimes and pennies that is being collected from the Negro workers every day at the House of Prayer?

If these nickels and dimes go for the feeding of the children, then why does the soup that the children are fed on look like old thick black mud,

LYNCH LAW AT WORK

RICHMOND, Va.—Under suspicion of having killed L. B. Clements, a railroad detective, Oscar Breadenbaugh a Negro was sentenced to life imprisonment, and Wm. Foyle, a Negro child of 13 years, was given 20 years in jail. There is no age limit for capitalistic justice, when it concerns the lives of workers.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.— After the slaying of a Commissary clerk, at the Acmar mines, in St. Clair county, on Jan. 26, William Stokes, a Negro worker, was arrested on suspicion. Workers look with dread and hatred upon the company commissary, as it is used as another means of cutting wages, by charging higher prices for food and forcing the workers to buy there.

SAVANNAH, Ga.—Actual military repression of the Negro workers here has become the rule. The city has now announced a 1 a.m. curfew for Negroes. Any Negro found on the streets after that time will be questioned by patrolmen and any "unsatisfactory" answers will be investigated by the detective department.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.— In line with the general policy of shooting down helpless Negro workers, two "brave" officers, entered the home of Ben Lesly, shot and broke his leg, under the fake alibi that he was reaching for a gun. They found in Lesly's pockets a half pint of whiskey, according to police reports. Police officers, determined to make a record for themselves at any cost, shoot down innocent workers on any fake excuse they can think of.

SEVEN WORKERS BURNED

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Seven workers were burned, one seriously, when a gas valve at the coke plant of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co. at Fairfield, ignited and caused a terrific explosion.

Industrial accidents are mounting as the speed up is increased and hours lengthened with no safety protection out of the profits of the bosses. If this shop were organized the workers could see to it that safety precautions were taken.

that I wouldn't even feed a dog with? Douglas, the union must be hurting you or you wouldn't kick.

— A Negro Worker.

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FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

Red Cross Gets Rake-off From Ark. Merchants

By a Farmer Correspondent
Paris, Ark.

"Relief" for drought-stricken farmers is being distributed from here. This means that certain local merchants are relieving themselves, while the farmers who need relief are first insulted, then cheated and robbed. The scheme is to send the unfortunate one to those stores which charge double prices for all goods furnished on Red Cross requisitions, and allow the local Red Cross officials a "rake-off" on all such business.

The situation in the coal mines is very bad. To save the expense of making their mines reasonably safe, the local operators maim and murder their employees with unusual frequency. Lesser evils are numerous: workers are obliged to report for work at every opportunity on pain of losing their jobs if not present, while for the most part there is no work; machine runners and helpers who work at night must report for work in mid-afternoon, and then frequently wait four or five hours (without pay, of course) before starting to work; wash house and sanitary facilities are entirely inadequate.

We need a Communist organizer in here—one who can talk to farmers and miners. In this section they are certainly ready to listen.

Says Our Paper Is Grand — Build It

Gastonsburg, Ala.

I am sending you 25c to subscribe to the Southern Worker. I need this 25c, but I will give it. I think it is a wonderful paper. I read all of it. The Southern Worker is grand.

—A Farm Woman.

Lay-offs and Wage-Cuts Epidemic in Kamopolis

By a Worker Correspondent
Kamopolis, N. C.

I want to tell you something about working and living conditions here. I will say in the beginning both are bad. All we can hear is stretch-out and more speed-up until it is almost impossible to keep a job going.

Also we are well acquainted with wage-cuts and lay-offs. I am convinced that there is only one remedy and that is going under the wing of the Communist Party. I beg my fellow workers to come to a workingman's Party.

—A Kamopolis Worker.

Works for \$8 Week; Asked to Live on Less

By a Worker Correspondent
Chattanooga, Tenn.

I am a hard working woman with a small child. I worked ten hours a day for a family for \$8 a week. Then the lady asked me if I could not live on less than that. I told her I had to pay three dollars a week for someone to take care of my baby. My room rent was \$1.75, and with insurance and laundry and clothes and coal and light to pay for, I told I couldn't do it.

So she made me do a lot of extra washing, worth about \$1.50 for time it took. That is the way we are speeded up.

Free Banker But Jail Workers For Fighting Hunger

By a Worker Correspondent
Birmingham, Ala.

Just a line from the Magic City, where the city authorities do not consider it proper for the unemployed to demand relief. They say that because of the depression we must not throw extra burdens on the government. We must prove how loyal we are to the government by starving silently, and when white and colored struggle for bread they charge us with criminal anarchy. This they did recently to several workers arrested while printing leaflets.

But if you are a banker, like Sam C. King, vice-president of the Bank of Ensley, and your bank crashes, the mere fact that you accept deposits when you know the bank is going under, is nothing.

Of course, the workers who put their few pennies in this bank and lost them, can show their patriotism by starving in silence.

According to all the rules of capitalist justice, Sam King is acquitted and can go out and play his shell game again. They blame the bank failure on the depression (alho we see in the papers every day that the depression has ended).

Of course jails or chain gangs are not run for the bankers but only for the workers and as long as they are able to keep the working class divided, white against colored, and colored against white, so long will the capitalist class sit on top, working us to the limit, robbing us of our few pennies, executing capitalist justice.

—A Worker.

50-Year-Old Negro Woman Set for Fight

By a Worker Correspondent
Charlotte, N. C.

I am a Negro working woman who has done all kinds of work, even pick sweeps in a cotton mill where we had to pick all the white cotton out of the lint and spit. But when times got so hard the boss told me I would have to hunt me a job.

I walked from house to house, begging for something to do and could not even find washing or scrubbing.

When I heard of the Trade Union Unity League I went to two meetings and heard the speakers and saw what they were trying to do. I joined up.

I am 50 years old and hope to live to see my people free and the poor white people also.

—A Negro Working Woman.

Mayor Bass May Even Stop Soup Lines

By a Worker Correspondent

You can pick up a newspaper and read it and the first thing you know you see where times are going to be better and things are picking up but the poor people know different.

I know a woman who has three children and no husband. There is no furniture in her house and no food and clothing. And now Mayor Bass says he is going to stop the soup line and flop houses. The city is doing nothing for the workers.

—An Unemployed Worker.

USE PORCHES FOR KINDLING

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Unemployed workers here are tearing down the porches to their homes for kindling wood. One Negro worker was fined \$10 and 30 days on the chain gang on charges brought against him by his landlord.

ALL AROUND WAGE-CUTS, MILLS CLOSED IN CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Wages Cut Up to \$3 Week in Buckeye Oil

By a Worker Correspondent
Charlotte, N. C.

Two hundred Negro workers employed by the Buckeye Cotton Oil Co. have just received a wage cut of from \$1.50 to \$3.00 a week. This is forcing the workers into complete starvation. Working twelve hours a day on two shifts without a chance to rest even one minute, with the new wage-cut some of us will work for about 15c an hour. The company has cut wages, but how about rent? Ten and thirteen dollars a month is what we are paying for some of those company shacks we are living in.

We are driven on the job and whenever the white foreman is dissatisfied with something he will curse you out and tell you to get the hell out of here. Will Garden is the best expert in this line.

Let us join the union and organize a mill committee to fight wage cuts and long hours.

—An Oil Worker.

Worked 19 Years in Mill - Fired

By a Worker Correspondent
Charlotte, N. C.

I like your paper fine and see where you print news sent in by workers, so I want to tell you how the mill where I work does people after they have worked all their life for them.

I have worked most of the time at the Calvin mill, since 1912, and now my reward for all this work is to be laid off. They do this under the pretext that all people that do not live in a company house will be laid off, so the people living with the company can work.

But they don't work it just like this. They lay off all the workers at a time, and keep the young ones so that they can work faster. They have sent me old people out to starve, after getting a life's profits from us. If we had been the old mule that hauls coal, then we would have been given food and shelter.

But, no. We are left to starve or organize. I, for one, am ready for the fight.

—A 47-Year-Old Worker.

Cut up to 20 Cents Hour at Wade Co.

By a Worker Correspondent
Charlotte, N. C.

I am a worker in the H. M. Wade Manufacturing Company here which makes show cases and office fixtures. There are about 75 workers in this factory. Last week we all got a wage cut from 5 to 20 cents an hour. This means starvation for us workers.

We workers must organize and fight against the wage cuts and the speed-up.

Waiters Get \$7 Week; No Limit To Hours

By a Worker Correspondent
Birmingham, Ala.

This one particular boss has demanded his waiters to work in white uniforms which is costing these waiters 50c each and every time they get soiled.

The boss only pays these waiters seven dollars a week and there is no limit to hours of work. We need to organize for better conditions.

Closed Savona Mill Evicts From Houses

By a Worker Correspondent
Charlotte, N. C.

After speeding us workers up to the limit here in the Savona mill and grinding our lives out the bosses shut the mill down on the 13th of December for the holidays. But they have never started the mill up and we are still waiting for our old jobs back.

Instead of giving us work as we have been expecting, the bosses have gives us notice to move. He says we must pay our rent or get out of the houses. But we cannot pay rent unless we work, and he won't give us work.

We workers must not be put out into the streets when we cannot get work to pay the rent. We must join the Unemployed Council and organize to fight against eviction of unemployed workers. Let the ones who are responsible for the closing of the mills pay for the hard times.

—An Unemployed Savona Worker.

64 Do Work of 500 In Tire Co.

By a Worker Correspondent
Charlotte, N. C.

The McClaren Rubber Company is a large tire manufacturing company. Only about six months ago they employed over 500 workers but now both day and night shifts have about 64 workers, both Negro and white.

Production is now 1200 tires a day, which is more than the 500 workers used to produce under the old system. How did they do it?

Just before the big lay-off, they brought in new machines and speeded up the workers. So one man now does the work of ten. Besides this they have cut wages three times within the few months.

We workers work 13 hours a day for as low as 17 cents an hour. During these 13 hours we don't even get a lunch period. Compare these wages with what we used to make a few years ago and you will find that our wages went down about from \$15 to \$20 a week, because we used to make about \$30 to \$35 a week. There is also talk that more wage cuts will come and it seems like we workers will all have to get together and organize to put a stop to the cutting of our wages, or we will soon be working like slaves for starvation wages.

—A McClaren Worker.

CONVICTED OF SEDITION

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Two members of the Young Communist League, Tess Ryder and Anna Lynn, both 20 years old, were convicted of "sedition" here for distributing leaflets to the National Guardsmen calling upon them to join in the fight for unemployment insurance and refuse to be the bosses' tools against workers on strike. They may be sentenced to from 10 to 20 years in jail. The International Labor Defense is appealing the case and starting a nationwide campaign to free the young workers.

NO SPECULATORS HERE

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—Fourteen persons, including a former priest, were exiled from the Soviet Union for speculating in kerosene and keeping the supply from the workers. In America speculators are honored and allowed to carry on their activity at the expense of starving workers.

AT THE GLANZSTOFF PLANT

Coning Workers Make \$15 Less Than 1929

By a Worker Correspondent
Elizabethton, Tenn.

I am a worker in the coning department of the Glanzstoff rayon mills. A year ago we averaged from \$30 to \$35 a week. Now we don't make any more than around \$20 a week or less, and practically never more than \$22. They start the boys at \$12 a week. This in spite of the fact that we have to work much harder.

On Saturday night, on C shift, we have to clean up for one hour but we do not get any pay for this. We want a rate for this last hour. We had an agreement for a rate, but this was not kept.

Sometimes we have to double back on a shift, so that we work 16 hours at a time. But we get only straight time for this.

There are 2 shifts of men in this department and one shift of girls. None of us make enough to live on decently. Isn't it about time to organize in a real fighting union and do something to improve our conditions?

—Coning Worker.

FARM CHILDREN DIE FAST

DENVER, Colo.—A recent investigation of 386 families of beet sugar workers shows that 187 of the families lost 443 children by death, so terrible are the conditions on the sugar beet lands. The average death rate for children in this section is over 28 percent of all children born.

Cut More Wages By Fines in Spool Dept.

By a Worker Correspondent
Elizabethton, Tenn.

Saw your article about the conditions in the Spool Cleaning Dept. of Glanzstoff. This is all true. Besides cutting down our wages and other tricks they manage to squeeze even a little more out of us by fines. If you are 5 minutes late two mornings a week you are cut half an hour on your pay. If you lay off two shifts a month without showing a doctor's certificate the fine is three days. But if you have a doctor in it costs you about as much as this pay is worth. If you are late from lunch twice you are fined half an hour.

I am sending you a schedule of rates for the spool cleaning department. As you see, they start beginners at 28c an hour. You see how they say: "An operator at 100 percent efficiency must clean 14 cars a day." This would make \$21.04 a week. From this about \$1.00 is lost by the 35c rate while waiting on cars and on the cleanup period. So if you work 100 percent efficiency you can't possibly make more than \$20 a week, even by the bosses' figuring.

The schedule gives a rate for bonus. We used to get this, but now the section boss gets it. And the section boss takes an extra rate for all cars.

—Spool Cleaner.

Demonstrate Again On February 25th!

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We're Marching Again on Feb. 25th!

Police tyranny prevented the hunger march of 2,500 workers from the demonstration at Main and Market streets to the Chattanooga City Hall to demand immediate cash relief for the unemployed.

Bringing the heavy fist of boss justice down, the mayor, the police department and deputized members of the Chamber of Commerce jailed the speakers at the very beginning of the demonstration and then the workers who began to spontaneously lead the march to City Hall, despite the huge force of police and detectives that had been mobilized to stifle the demand for bread.

But police tyranny will not force the starving workers to keep on starving. The arrest of the leaders of the unemployed, the framed-up charges, the high bond of \$17,850 will not stop the fight. Prison and police tyranny does not fill an empty stomach. The workers are starving and are starving more every day. The workers can no longer stand it. We will fight and win immediate relief from the tyrannical city government of Chattanooga.

On Feb. 10 the workers showed, 2,500 of them that they are ready to march to City Hall and demand relief. Increasing thousands are rallying to the fighting cry against starvation.

This is but the beginning. Workers will call the bluff of Mayor Bass and Police Captain Perkins who, while his men were arresting the speakers, stated that the City Hall lot was open for them.

To the City Hall lot, then, on Feb. 25th! By the thousands, from all parts of the city, the workers must come to the City Hall on Feb. 25, ready not only to demand relief but fight for it. This time, we will bring our demands, with greater force, backed by more thousands, to the City Council. We will fight, rather than starve!

Congress "Settles" Farmers' Fate

The fake fight in the U. S. Senate for an amendment to the drought relief bill providing for an additional \$25,000,000 to be used to buy food for the half million starving croppers of Arkansas, the 150,000 in Alabama, the 200,000 in Louisiana, and the millions more starving poor farmers thruout the country, has ended, as we predicted, in a "compromise" which means in effect that the starving farmers and croppers can continue to starve while the Federal government spends not one red cent to help them get bread.

The bill as finally passed, provides for \$20,000,000 be spent for farm "rehabilitation." Not one single word is said about the use of this money for the purchase of food to help the farmers hold off starvation. Instead the uses to which this fund shall be put are to be designated by Secretary of Agriculture Hyde, one of the bitterest fighters against the granting of any assistance to the starving farmers.

This \$20,000,000, like the \$45,000,000 already appropriated for loans to farmers to buy seed and fertilizer and feed for stock, is to be loaned out to the farmers thru the local committees in the drought sections appointed by President Hoover. Without exception these local committees are headed by and completely controlled by the biggest local bankers and landlords. Will these bloodsuckers grant loans to the croppers and tenants and to the poor farmers who cannot give good security? Like hell they will! Every cent of this 20 million like the 45 million before it will go only to those farmers who can give the best kind of security. Not a penny of these funds will be loaned to a cropper or tenant unless the landlord will sign away his right to next year's crop in case the crop is too small to pay back the loan and pay rent. How many landlords will sign away their right to the rent? You can cover all the landlords in the South that will do this with one bushel basket. THIS MEANS THEN THAT PRACTICALLY NO CROPPERS OR TENANTS WILL SEE A CENT OF THIS MONEY AND THEY ARE THE VERY ONES WHO ARE STARVING.

It is clear that the "fight" of Senators Caraway and Robinson in the U. S. Senate for food loans to the farmers was nothing but a preparation for the slimiest kind of a sell out. As soon as these gentlemen saw a way to back down without it appearing too raw they jumped at the chance like a pack of wolves and now claim they are "completely satisfied" with the result, which means satisfied to see the farmers starve. It is now clear that this whole "fight" was not over the question of whether or not the starving farmers should get food. It was over a difference of opinion as to the best way to let the farmers starve and at the same time prevent them from fighting back against this system which dooms them to starvation in the midst of plenty. To hell with his kind of "relief"! There is only one way to get bread for the starving—that is to organize and FORCE the bankers and big landlords and supply merchants to give it—and if they refuse, to take it anyway.

B'ham Fires 200 Men As Bond Issue Drops

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Two hundred men were cut off by the City here last week when one of the two special bond issues, supposedly for the relief of the unemployed, failed to pass. The Communist Party has pointed out that these bond issues were designed not to aid the unem-

ployed but to allow the City to take advantage of the hunger of the unemployed to extend its Jim Crow park system at the starvation wages of 25 cents an hour. The Communist Party called for the organization of mass struggles and demonstrations to force the City Commission to turn over the proposed bond issue of one million dollars for direct cash relief at the rate of ten dollars per week to every worker out of a job.

"10 Years In Prison For Every Communist In Alabama"

By Tom Johnson

Five Communist organizers and workers arrested and charged with Criminal Anarchy in Birmingham; five more workers arrested in a police raid the week following in the same city; two Communists arrested when asking for a permit for a hunger march in New Orleans Feb. 10th.; one delegate to the Washington Conference for Unemployment Insurance arrested in Alabama on his way to Washington; two police raids on textile workers' homes in Elizabethton, Tenn. and the N. T. W. U. organizer threatened with a ride out of the state in the same town; another delegate to Washington arrested on a framed up charge in Chattanooga—such is the record of the past two weeks in District 17.

As these figures show the development of the Party's work among the unemployed workers, the growing response of the masses of workers and poor farmers to the program of the Party has called for a corresponding increase in the intensity and ferocity of police terror. In Birmingham, the steel trust owned police frankly state that they have embarked on a campaign to wipe out the entire leadership of the district thru 10-year prison terms for every known Communist. The police have come to this decision as a last resort. Every possible method from repeated arrests on vagrancy charges to threats of murder and the cool kidnapping of organizers in broad daylight, has been tried to drive our Party from this field. These methods have failed and now, much as the local forces of reaction hate to carry thru a purely political trial which they realize will result in the rallying of larger masses around the Party, they are preparing to carry this thru.

Even now every effort is being made to drive active Communists out of town by threats of application of the Criminal Anarchy law rather than its immediate application. Thus, in the first arrests on this charge the arrests were made under the City Criminal Anarchy Ordinance, passed against our Party last summer in order to facilitate arrests without a

warrant and to enable the state to deny the right to a jury trial. This ordinance makes Criminal Anarchy a misdemeanor punishable by 6 months on the chain gang and a \$100 fine. The comrades arrested on this charge were released on their own recognizance and the trial continued until Feb. 28th. At the time this was done the prosecutor stated that he requested the postponement in order to seek an indictment in these cases before the Grand Jury which convenes this week under the state Criminal Anarchy Law, which provides for 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. Within a week 5 more workers were arrested and brought to police headquarters where they were held for several hours. While there the police chief warned them that indictments against all known Communists would be handed down by the Grand Jury and "advised" them to leave town.

The tactics of the police are clear. They wish to avoid a political trial, if at all possible. Therefore they warn our comrades that they will be indicted if they fail to leave. Therefore they do not ask our comrades to post high bond in these cases and on the contrary make it very easy for those arrested on this charge to leave. At the same time it is clear that when they fail in driving out leading Communists by these threats they will carry thru the only alternative left them—indictment under the Criminal Anarchy laws and 10-year prison sentences for every Communist.

This last series of attacks against our Party in South will fail as other attacks have failed in the past. Our Party has sunk its roots deep in the heart of the most exploited sections of the Southern proletariat and poor farmers. Growing thousands of the white and Negro miners, steel workers, textile workers, and croppers to day claim it as their own—as the one revolutionary Party of their class. It is a part of them and to destroy our Party today the bosses must destroy the Southern working class. These thousands will protect their Party, will fight for it to the last ditch, and will defeat this last attack of their class enemies.

N. T. W. U. Exposes Danville Sell-Out

The National Executive Board of the National Textile Workers Union in session in Providence, R. I., on Feb. 1, adopted the following statement on the Danville sell-out:

The sell-out of the Danville Textile strikers by the officials of the United Textile Workers is another decisive lesson to the textile workers of the treason of Messrs. Gorman, Green, et al. and will drive the workers away from this false leadership and make them rally under the banner of the National Textile Workers Union.

The whole effort of the U. T. W. in Danville and other textile centers has been towards getting the workers "to pay dues and be quiet"; to be docile slaves instead of workers fighting for better conditions. The cowardly advice of Vice-President Gorman to the strikers to obey the injunction and stop mass picketing (their most effective weapon to keep scabs out of the mills) shows conclusively that he is under the influence of the mill bosses and carrying out their instructions for betrayal. Agents of the employers like Gorman cannot be allowed to lead the textile workers. They must be kicked out of our ranks.

Gorman's many trips to the Fish Committee in Washington, where he lied about the National Textile Workers Union, as reported in the Danville press, shows that he is only acting as a stool pigeon for the boss-

es. His statement that the N. T. W. U. furnished scabs to the Danville bosses is too obviously a lie to fool the textile workers. Our militant leadership in Gastonia and the South generally GIES MR. GORMAN THE LIE DIRECT. He cannot prejudice the workers against our union, neither can he prevent them from clearly seeing the lessons of his gross betrayal. The Danville mill owners used Gorman's name and the U. T. W. generally to put William Murdoch, National Secretary of the N. T. W. U., in jail, because Murdoch was giving the strikers the correct leadership.

The desertion of the Danville strikers will mean the wiping out of the U. T. W. in the South. The militant strikers were not defeated. They were misled by the U. T. W. The record of struggle in the strike is a classical record of the determination of the rank and file workers to put up a fearless fight against wage-cuts.

Misleaders only temporarily stem the rising tide of struggle against the inhuman and miserable conditions existing in the mills. The workers are already denouncing the betrayers and preparing for future struggles.

The National Textile Workers Union despite the vicious attacks of the mill bosses and the U. T. W. is on the job. Our members are known for their organizational efforts. Our union is growing and will lead the workers in struggle.

When the real facts are gotten to

Recruit Most Militant in Party

By T. J.

At the bottom of this column appear the quotas of new members assigned for the various sections of District 17 by the District Committee for the Lenin Recruiting Drive, which started with the Lenin Memorial Meetings on Jan. 21st. These quotas of new members to be recruited into the Party are to be filled by March 31st. They are high. To fill them will require the conscious organized effort of every Party member during every day of the drive.

This drive for members is not to be a spectacular affair which will end in a blaze of glory at the end of the drive period and then be promptly forgotten. The drive will be utilized to train the Party membership in the often neglected task of steady day-to-day recruiting of new members in the process of our work. Therefore, the main emphasis in the drive must be in those sections of Party activity which are most important.

This means first of all recruiting new members in the shops thru the direct work of our shop units and individual members working in large shops. The success or failure of the drive will be judged primarily by the number of workers in the shops recruited into the Party; by the number of Party units established in large shops and mines and by the manner in which these shop units carry on their work.

Finally the success of the drive will not be measured alone by the number of new members taken into the Party but also by the number of both old and new members retained. Members coming in one door of the Party and going out another door just as fast are valueless. Our job is not alone to get new members but to keep those we have and to develop them into Bolshevik fighters, deeply rooted in the Party. This means first, that we must carefully select the quality of new members taken into the Party during the drive and see to it that only the best and most militant fighters developed by the struggles now going on are admitted.

It means also that we must make all Party activity from the meetings of the units to the greatest mass actions which the Party leads, so alive with working class enthusiasm and fighting spirit that the new members recruited into the Party will feel that in truth they are now members of their own Party—of the one organization which leads the many-sided struggles of the working class not only for its immediate demands but forward to the final revolutionary goal.

Lenin Recruiting Drive Quotas

District 17

(Quotas to be attained by March 31)

Birmingham

New Members: 50; 33 Negro; 17 white. Nine Shop Units

Chattanooga

New Members: 36; 25 Negro. 11 white. Two Shop Units.

Atlanta

New Members: 18; 13 Negro, 5 white. Two Shop Units.

Elizabethton

New Members: 39; 21 white, 4 Negro. Two Shop Units.

Farming Sections

New Members: Northern Alabama, 10; Pell City, 5; Southern Alabama, 15.

The Southern textile workers they will scorn the U. T. W. for what it is. The Northern textile workers are rapidly deserting this fake union and it is definitely up to the real union workers of the South to get on the job and work night and day to enroll the thousands of textile workers who are ready to respond to the asking into a "fighting union controlled by the workers." the National Textile Workers Union.