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## SEEK TO OUTLAW COMMUNISTS IN ALABAMA

### Anti-Labor Law Before New Orleans Council

#### AIM TO STOP MILITANTS IN DOCK STRIKE

NEW ORLEANS, La.—To prevent militant tactics in the New Orleans waterfront strike and to stop the further organization of the unemployed by the Communists, Mayor Walmsley has introduced a special ordinance into the City Council directed against the Communist Party and the Marine Workers Industrial Union.

The ordinance prohibits the "teaching, uttering, printing or advocating of anarchistic, communistic or radical doctrines in the city." The ordinance forbids owners, agents, or managers of property from allowing the use of the property for radical meetings. When proposing this ordinance, which was drawn up by Alvin Christovich, departmental adjutant of the American Legion, Mayor Walmsley declared that his purpose was to stop Communist meetings, distribution of Communist literature and the organization of the unemployed.

##### Boss Tyranny

How it is planned to make the whole working class movement illegal in New Orleans and abridge the so-called democratic rights of the workers is shown by Section 2 of the ordinance which declares it unlawful for anyone to "print, publish, edit, issue or knowingly circulate, sell, distribute or publically display any book, paper, document or printed matter in any form containing or advocating the doctrine of anarchism, communism, or radicalism," all defined as doctrines which advocate the violent overthrow of the government. So tyrannical is this new ordinance, that those who would like to see the same thing done in a "gentler" way not so openly showing the sham of democracy, have set up some opposition.

The activity of the Marine Workers Industrial Union in calling upon the dock workers and seamen to militantly picket the docks and stop all work until the strike of longshoremen is won, is the immediate cause of this ordinance. This activity has the reactionary leadership of the Int'l. Longshoremen's Assn. all worried and anxious to put the sell-out across all the quicker and they are undoubtedly in

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#### A. F. of L. SUPPORTS MAYOR BASS

The Tennessee Federation of Labor in the person of David H. Hanley, chairman of its legislative committee, has come out openly in favor of Mayor Ed Bass in the Chattanooga elections.

"Mayor Bass is entitled to the full support of every working man and his record is highly satisfactory," says this tool of the bosses in a special message to the Chattanooga Times. This should be enough to open the eyes of the A. F. of L. unions and of those workers who still have faith in this sell-out organization. According to Haney, the A. F. of L. officials are extremely satisfied with the breaking up of the demonstration of the 3,000

#### VOTE FOR WORKERS' CANDIDATES IN CHATTANOOGA

F. J. Ledford — — — For Mayor  
Mack Coats — — — For City Judge  
Albert Cassidy — For Commissioner

(ENDORSED BY COMMUNIST PARTY AND UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL)

#### Vote For Workers Men In the Chatta. Elections!

Workers who go to the polls on March 17, both white and colored, must vote for the only three working class candidates who will appear on the ballot. They are F. J. Ledford, for Mayor; Mack Coats, for City Judge, and Albert Cassidy for Commissioner.

They must vote for them because this vote will show how the workers of Chattanooga stand. Will the workers of Chattanooga continue to submit to the slop soup lines, the no relief policy of the Bass administration, the policy of police tyranny that breaks up a meeting of workers and jails their leaders? Or will they show that they no longer will stand for this policy of forced hunger, and are ready to organize, white and colored together, and struggle for relief? That is the issue before the working class of Chattanooga.

Bass and his gang, Landress and his, are the candidates of the bosses. They put into force the policy of the Chamber of Commerce, the Tennessee Electric Power Co., and the misleadership of the A. F. of L.

Comrades Ledford, Coats and Cassidy stand for:

1. Unemployed relief from the city of \$12.50 a week for every unemployed worker, in addition to reduced rents, no evictions, and free carfare for the unemployed and their schoolchildren.
2. The immediate and unconditional release of Mary Dalton, Hy Gordon, Elizabeth Lawson and H. G. Gaines arrested at the Feb. 10 meeting.
3. The abolition of the chain gang, with all city work being done by free labor working the 8-hour, 5-day week at a minimum weekly wage of \$15 with the right to organize into unions.
4. No discrimination of any kind because of race in the distribution of relief or of jobs; no discrimination by the city on school facilities, improvements of streets and sanitary conditions because of race.
5. The abolition of the poll tax. Ab-

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#### Chatta. Trial Set March 19

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — After being indicted by the grand jury on all charges made against them by the Bass administration here, the trial of Mary Dalton, Harry Gordon, Elizabeth Lawson and H. G. Gaines arrested at the Feb. 10 unemployed demonstration, has been set for March 19 in the court of Judge Chas. W. Lusk.

Comrades Dalton, Gordon and Lawson are charged with inciting to riot and vagrancy, while Gaines has only the last charge against him. In addition, in an effort to hide the real meaning of the trial as an attack on the workers asking for unemployed relief, Comrades Dalton and Gordon are charged with "lewdness."

The comrades have already been fined a total of about \$400 by the vicious labor-hating Judge Fleming on charges of blocking traffic and loitering. The trial has purposely been set after the elections so that it will not work against Mayor Bass and his administration and its policy of forced starvation for the unemployed. To keep the comrades in jail and prevent them from carrying on further organization work, Judge Fleming first placed the bond at the ridiculously high figure of \$18,000. Later Judge Lusk made a pretense of lowering the bail to \$9,500 but really kept it at the same high amount by demanding that two signers be procured for the bonds. The comrades are still in Hamilton County jail awaiting trial.

The arrest of these comrades and the serious charges placed against them shows that the government of this city and county cooperates with the bosses and their chamber of commerce to make the workers starve without a struggle.

Vote Ledford, Coats,  
Cassidy in Chattanooga!

### Propose Laws to Stop Farmers and Workers From Organizing

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—A bill, now being drafted, to outlaw the Communist Party in the State of Alabama and stop the organization of Negro and white farmers in the Black Belt as well as of workers in the Birmingham area, will be introduced into the State Legislature on March 30.

This announcement follows speeches in last Wednesday's session of the

state legislature when Representative R. J. Goode and Commissioner of Agriculture Seth P. Thomas reported that in Wilcox County, the heart of the Alabama Black Belt—and in in Walker county—in the drouth stricken area—meetings were being held by Communist organizers and literature distributed calling on both the white and Negro farm tenants and share croppers and small landowners to organize and fight for immediate relief. These gentlemen were especially alarmed by the prospect of the Negro farmers in the Black Belt starting to fight against starvation and the vicious system of persecution they must suffer under.

##### New Law Against Organizers

Goode stated that he had already held conferences with Gov. Miller and Atty.-General Knight, who stated that they were investigating Communist activities among the farmers. He stated with alarm that "converts to Communism" were growing. The attorney general stated that his department was investigated with a view to official action.

In addition to this anti-Communist bill to be modelled after a Michigan bill, the present vagrancy laws will be amended to include all Communists, thus making it easy for police to pick up any militant worker and send him to the chain gang for "vagrancy." With a view to using this new amendment against Comrades Johnson, Jackson, and Burns, whose appeal against a one-year sentence on the chain gang for vagrancy came up in the circuit court at Birmingham on March 6, the trial was postponed by the prosecutor to the end of May, so that a decisive conviction could be obtained against them under the new law.

Following a wide distribution of leaflets "Fight Against Hunger," the Southern Worker and other working class literature among the farmers of Alabama by District 17 of the Communist Party, letters from farmers, particularly in the Black Belt, came to Communist headquarters daily begging for further advice and for organizers. "We are ready to follow the Arkansas way," writes one Negro

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#### KIDNAP TWO ORGANIZERS IN DALLAS

DALLAS, Texas.—A group of armed men kidnapped C. J. Coder and Lewis Hurst, Communist organizers, last Thursday night as they were leaving City Hall, placed them in a machine and rode them out of town. No word has been received of them.

George Clifton Edwards, the lawyer who defended the Communists in court on a charge of vagrancy following their arrest at the unemployment demonstration on Feb. 25, was also taken by the armed men as he left City Hall after procuring the release of the comrades on bail, taken out of town and then released. Edwards states that he thinks Hurst and Coder were taken to some secluded spot and flogged or even worse.

Comrade Hurst had been found guilty of "vagrancy" in the Corporation court here last Saturday and fined \$50. Edwards, who defended him, was fined a total of \$105 for contempt of court by the ruling class judge, Harold Sunshine and Comrade Grove, 72-year-old unemployed worker, are still awaiting trial. The arrests were made when the police attacked the demonstration of the unemployed at Fair Park here on Feb. 25.

Enraged at the response of both black and white workers to the program of the Communist Party in the fight for unemployed relief, the bosses of Dallas think that by these terroristic methods they will be able to stop the organization. But work will continue in Dallas, just as it is continuing in Birmingham, Atlanta, and other terror cities.

##### DIES OF STARVATION

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Charles McMillan, 76-year-old unemployed worker, died from starvation here after applying at the welfare committee for work. Unemployed workers attended the funeral.

#### GUILTY OF RACE PREJUDICE

NEW YORK CITY.—Comrade Yokenin, who was expelled from the Communist Party at an open trial last week for showing race prejudice, was arrested and held for deportation to Finland by federal authorities because he committed the crime of admitting his mistake and promising that he would fight all forms of race prejudice with all his strength.

This happened the day following the trial in Harlem and the Communist Party and other working class organizations immediately rose to prevent his deportation and certain death in Finland.

Over 2,000 Negro and white workers crowded the Harlem Casino here

to overflowing to witness the open trial of Yokenin, carried on by the Communist Party. He was charged with the anti-working class crime of race prejudice for not raising any objections when three Negro workers were thrown out of a hall where Finnish workers were holding a dance. He was found guilty by a jury consisting of seven Negro and seven white workers elected by the audience and expelled from the Party. The jury ruled that he will be re-admitted into the Party if he carries on an open struggle against all forms of race prejudice, showing by his actions that he is a real Communist. No worker

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## TRIAL OF 14 ENEMIES OF SOVIET UNION

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—Fourteen members of the Russian social-democratic (socialist) party are being tried here for the greatest crime of all—plotting, with the aid of socialists in foreign countries, against the Soviet government. Many of them held responsible positions in the Soviet Government and the prosecution is asking death penalty for five of them. They all carried on sabotage work, attempting to harm the industries and distribution system of the workers' government.

During the course of the trial their connection with socialists in Germany and other countries in plotting a counter revolution was proven. The defendants all admitted their guilt and said they deserved to be shot for plotting against the Soviet. It was proven that prominent socialists entered the Soviet Union secretly in 1928 in order to build the counter-revolutionary organization.

Workers in the Soviet Union are indignant at the counter-revolutionary actions of these persons when the workers are building socialism with such great zeal and sacrifice. They demand that they be given the death penalty for helping the capitalists of foreign countries against the Soviet Union. The sentences are to be announced in a few days.

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favor of the proposed ordinance.

### Negro Strikers Militant

In the meantime, the strike of the dock workers is sliding along under the treacherous leadership of the I. L. A., which is calling upon its members to abide by the recent police decision that only four pickets would be allowed at any one point, wearing badges so that the police can recognize them. The strikers, however, are militant, as shown by small mass picketing demonstrations here and there, composed mostly of the Negro strikers, who are proving to be the most militant in the strike. Violating the federal injunction and the police orders, groups of Negro strikers sometimes reaching 150 are stopping teamsters carrying goods to and from the docks, picketing the wharves and attempting to stop all scab labor.

Thus far in the strike about 70 strikers have already been arrested, of whom seven are charged with killing a scab foreman, altho the one who fired the shot is not known.

### Fakers Help Police

In a letter to Mayor Walmsley, superintendent of police Meyers tells how he called Darcey, official of the I. L. A. and Ross, of the A. F. L., to a conference and how these gentlemen promised to do all in their power to stop the mass picketing. A sell-out agreement is being cooked up between these fakers and the conciliators of the department of labor.

Comrade H. Harvey, national organizer of the M. W. I. U., was convicted of a charge of "disturbing the peace," and sentenced to 30 days or \$15 fine. The charge was lodged against him by Mayor Walmsley when Harvey asked him for a permit to hold an unemployed meeting. The case is being appealed.

### Women's Meet In Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga.—Both colored and white workers attended the International Women's Day meeting here held by the Communist Party. Fine Revolutionary spirit pervaded the meeting. Comrade Tom Johnson was the principal speaker. Several workers joined the Party.

## Hunger Marcher, Beaten at Albany, Is Near Death

NEW YORK CITY.—Charles Heit, one of the delegation of hunger marchers who came to the state capitol at Albany to demand unemployment insurance, is in a critical condition in a Schenectady, N. Y. jail as the result of a severe beating at the hands of state troopers at the capitol.

About 200 hunger marchers started out from New York City following the mass demonstration on Feb. 25, to present their demands to the legislature. When they asked for the floor they were refused and when they insisted on speaking from the gallery and floor, they were brutally assaulted by state troopers, amidst the cries of the legislators to "Go ahead and kill them!" A number of workers were brutally beaten. Heit is an ex-service man and was gassed during the war.

## Found Guilty of Race Prejudice — Expelled

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can be a member of the Communist Party unless he has wiped out every trace of race prejudice and carries on a relentless fight against it, for this is one of the main methods the bosses use to keep the working class divided.

The trial was attended by 211 delegates representing 113 working class organizations. A thousand workers occupied the seats and another thousand crowded the hall to capacity. Hundreds were turned away because there was no more room in the hall.

### Asks For Expulsion

C. A. Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, acting as prosecutor for the Communist Party, stated that "the view Comrade Yokinen showed is the same view persistently put forth among the workers by capitalism. Everywhere, in church, in the press and in the schools, you see this conscious effort to cultivate race prejudice. The capitalists know that if they can develop feeling against the Negro among white workers they can oppress and exploit the Negroes and weaken the unity of the Negro and white workers. The theories expressed by Comrade Yokinen play into the hands of the capitalist class."

He stated that the Communist Party stood for full social and political equality for negroes and for the right of self-determination, which means the right of the Negro majority in the Black Belt of the South to confiscate the land, set up a government of their own and to determine its relation to the United States government. He declared that the act of Yokinen was a blot on the record of the Communist Party and therefore asked for the expulsion of Yokinen.

Richard B. Moore, Negro Communist and candidate for District Attorney in the last elections, was defense attorney. He said that he, like the prosecution, was interested only in defending the workingclass from the vicious propaganda of the bosses. He said that Yokinen was a victim of the capitalist system of jim-crowism and lynching, and that since he had admitted his guilt, he ought only to be placed on probation.

After the jury brought in its verdict, Yokinen stated that he would do all in his power to fight race prejudice and apply for re-admission into the Party after he had proven by his deeds that he was worthy of being a member.

### Women Meet Despite Terror

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Four well-attended meetings were held here in private houses on March 8, International Women's Day. Harry Jackson, T. U. U. L. organizer, and Harris Gilbert, Young Communist League organizer, and several Negro women spoke.

## 800 Weavers In Conn. On Strike

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—The entire weaving department of the Blumenthal textile mills at Shelton and Bridgeport, involving 800 strikers, was shut down tight, and according to latest report the strike may spread to the other Blumenthal mills at South River, N. J., and Uncasville, Conn.

The demands of the strikers are: abolition of the 2-loom system and the return of the old wage scale which has been cut 41 percent. The strike committee has been enlarged to include 29 workers from both mills and the National Textile Workers Union has been asked by the strikers to come in and help them win the strike.

This strike follows the strike of 10,000 textile workers in Lawrence, who under the militant direction of the N. T. W. U. and despite vicious police and city government persecution of the strike leaders, compelled the mill bosses to take back the stretch-out, fire the efficiency expert and practice no discrimination against the strikers.

## Workers Cut Half By S. C. Mill Stretchout

COLUMBIA, S. C.—That one mill in Columbia had reduced its workers from 1,180 to 500 by means of the stretchout system leaked out in the discussion of a bill to limit the number of looms for each weaver in the South Carolina State legislature.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Godfrey of Spartanburg. There was strong opposition from those representing the mill owners who claimed that industry would be driven out of the state if the bill passed, and that the weavers themselves want the stretch-out so that they can make more money. This is a straight lie, since the stretch-out has never brought more wages but has been accompanied by wage-cuts, so that half the number of workers do the same amount of work for even less wages. Godfrey himself is not concerned with the welfare of the workers. The only way to fight the stretch-out and wage-cuts is thru organization and fighting under the leadership of the National Textile Workers Union, which led the successful strike in Lawrence, Mass.

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olition of all vagrancy and loitering laws.

The Negro workers must show that they have not fallen for the usual election period advances of the boss candidates, and the white workers must show that they have not fallen for the race division talk of the bosses to keep the working class divided. All workers must show that they will not submit to hunger without struggle, will not be cowed by police intimidation, will not accept the jail and bayonet policy of the Chattanooga bosses. This will be shown by a large vote for the workers' candidates.

These candidates are endorsed by the Communist Party, and the Unemployed Council because they stand for working class struggle against hunger and for relief, because they are for the workers and against the bosses.

### FIGHT SEGREGATION

NEW YORK CITY.—A meeting called by the Harlem Tenants League here at which there were about 75 white and colored worker-tenants present, decided upon effective action against the Jim-Crow practices of a Bronx restaurant.

## Farm Prices Lowest on Record; More Starve

The prices of farm products are now lower than ever recorded by the United States Department of Agriculture since it began keeping such records in 1910. The level of farm prices, on February 15, was 90 percent of the pre-war level.

This shows the extent of the crisis in this country. The farmers cannot sell their products for even the cost of production, with the result that millions of them are starving, while retail prices in the cities remain about the same, further starving 10,000,000 unemployed workers. The wealth and profits remain in the hands of the bosses. The Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League demand a system of unemployment insurance, so that unemployed workers will get regular weekly wages when without jobs from the profits piled up by the bosses. They also demand immediate cash relief for the millions of starving farmers.

## Seek to Outlaw Com. Party in Alabama

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share-cropper.

### Plan State-Wide Conference

Meetings have been held in the Northern and Southern part of the state and a state-wide farmers' conference is scheduled for the middle of April to unite the two movements. A Communist organizer in the Black Belt of Alabama, where the last belongings of the small farmer and tenants have been taken by the landowners to pay off debts and where further credit is refused to start this year's crop on, reports that the country is being combed by Department of Agriculture investigators seeking to break the farmers organizations and confiscating literature. It was last November that the state department of agriculture declared that 30,000 farm families, 150,000 farm people were actually starving in that state.

There is already a state criminal anarchy law which carries with it 10-year sentences and which is expected to be invoked against all Communist organizers in Alabama when the Birmingham grand jury meets at the middle of this month. New legislation is sought to stop the circulation and distribution of Communist literature.

## Fight for Cash Relief For Jobless!

## LYNCH LAW AT WORK

ATLANTA, Ga.—John Cooper, Negro, of 183 Valentine Street, was called from his house and then shot by four white men who made their getaway in a machine. Altho the police have the license number of the car, they are making no arrests.

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GREENVILLE, Ala. — George Payne, Negro, was found dead in an auto a few miles from here. Another Negro who was with him told how Payne was run over while fixing his car by white men, who picked up his body and placed it in the car, told the companion to beat it, and made off.

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NORFOLK, Va.—William Harper, 22-year-old Negro, who was almost lynched and at a previous trial had been sentenced to die on the electric chair for "attacking a white woman" was acquitted on a re-trial when witnesses testified that the woman supposed to have been attacked was in a roadhouse at Elizabeth City, N. C., at that time. Harper is fortunate in escaping with his life, but other Negroes have been lynched and murdered by the state on similar ungrounded charges.

## Misled White Workers Fire Into Negroes

LEESVILLE, La.—A band of about 20 white men appeared at the road construction camp of Hardy Reeves near here about one o'clock in the morning and fired into tents housing Negro road workers. Two Negroes are known to have been wounded, one in the eye, the other in the back. About 50 shots were fired and the Negro workers sought refuge in the swamps.

This attack is a direct result of the boss propaganda of race prejudice, which tries to make the white workers believe that the Negroes are taking their jobs away from them. An attack such as this is exactly what the bosses want, for it divides the workers and keeps them from organizing and fighting together for shorter hours, higher wages and unemployment insurance.

## Vote Ledford, Coads, Cassidy in Chattanooga!

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# FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

## BOTH A.F. of L. AND KU KLUX FOOL WORKERS

By a Worker Correspondent  
Elizabethton, Tenn.

I want to tell the workers of some of the past troubles that did and still do exist in our State.

At first the Ku Klux Klan came in, that money-grinding organization that made millionaires and took the people's money. They told us stories about the Catholics and how they they would kill everybody that was not a Catholic. But we soon found out who the K. K. K. were and left these money thieves.

The capitalists got all this up in order to cause confusion among the poor people and keep us from getting together.

So times grew worse and worse. The workers in the big rayon mills were so pressed they could not stand it any longer and came out on strike. They were all out and didn't know anything about unions. So when the A. F. of L. those big labor fakers, came running in for all the money they could get out of it, everybody joined up.

These labor fakers got lots of money for the grand sell-out and we strikers were left in very bad shape.

We have begun a new method of fighting here. You may call it the Reds if you want to, but I call it red-blooded American fighting for something to eat and wear. The capitalists say the National Textile Workers Union and the Communist Party are illegal. They want us poor fools to lay down and starve without saying a word, but we don't intend to do it.

As long as any big man has it, we mean to have it, or get work to get it with.

Now come on, workers, let's put the SOUTHERN WORKER in every home in the county.

100% Red in Carter County.

## Many Displaced In Pipe Shops

By a Worker Correspondent  
Birmingham, Ala.

The bosses papers say things are going to pick up in Birmingham. Just read in the U. S. Steel Quarterly (Winter, 1930) that the bosses have invented a new way to make pipe which will throw thousands of molders, casters and foundry workers out of jobs. Instead of molding pipe especially for gas lines, the machine rolls a flat sheet of steel in 24 in. or whatever width pipe it is, and it is electrically welded automatically.

Also instead of molding large seamless pipe a new method has been developed by which red hot bars of steel or iron are wrapped around a core and stretched as long as it is wanted. It can be made as wide as necessary, 24 in. up.

—A Worker.

## ONE MINER'S LIFE FOR EVERY 262,295 TONS OF COAL MINED

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—During the four-year period, 1927 to 1930, 293 coal miners in the state of Alabama lost their lives in mine accidents, according to official state figures. For every 262,295 tons of coal mined in 1930 one worker's life was sacrificed for boss profits.

Practically all of these accidents can be prevented provided there are the proper safety measures taken in the mines. This can only be assured by organizing these mines under the Mine, Oil and Smelter Workers' Union, when the miners will be able to refuse to work in dangerous mines.

## Starving Farmers Are Ready To Fight For Real Relief

By a Farmer Correspondent  
Snowdown, Ala.

I am trying to farm at LeGrand, Ala. I ain't got no help on this farm. I need help. I am asking you all to help me please. I have seven in the family, one horse and a mule and can't get no corn to feed them.

By a Farmer Correspondent  
Keo, Ark.

I am writing for information. Please let me hear at once what steps to take.

We are getting 25c a week for each member of the family. We are starving, while there has been plenty sent to Keo, Ark., and England, Ark.

But the Poor people can't get it, when it comes. So I and the whole family are hungry and also bare of

clothes. So please tell me what steps to take.

By a Farmer Correspondent  
Camp Hill, Ala.

Please send me more information. I have a wife and seven children. I made seven bales of cotton last year. All went for debt, cow corn and all

By a Farmer Correspondent  
Alberta, Ala.

I am writing you a few lines to let you know that I have one of your papers and I am ready at any time, and all of the people that are around here are ready to do anything to make it better.

I want you to write me at once and we will get ready any time you say, so write me at once.

## Jail Leader As Hungry Man Dies

By a Worker Correspondent  
AUSTIN, Tex.—About a thousand

workers of Austin, demonstrated against unemployment and for unemployment relief in front of the state capitol at Austin on Feb. 25.

The demonstration was state wide, delegates from all the leading cities of Texas were there—Dallas, Ft. Worth, Houston, Galveston, Waco, San Antonio and El Paso were represented.

The Texas Rangers, in true Texas boss style, broke up the demonstration by arresting the main speaker when he tried to address the crowd from the steps of a building across the street from the capitol grounds. The capitol was surrounded by Rangers, motor cops, and police and no one could enter the grounds.

While the demonstration was being broken up in front of the capitol grounds by the police, a white worker of about 50 years of age, dropped to the ground dying of hunger. Governor Sterling, the millionaire governor of Texas, is showing the workers and poor farmers of Texas whose interest he is serving, when he rejects the demands of the workers and denies their right to petition and free assemblage and gives them death, jail and abuse instead.

After holding the speaker of the T. U. U. L. in jail several hours and threatening him with lynching and beatings they loaded up two cars of deputies and took him out on the road about ten miles, then up a side road and left him there, saying that if he ever returned to Austin he would be lynched.

The T. U. U. L. made some very good contacts in Austin and will go back to establish a real functioning organization there. The Negro and Mexican workers especially show willingness to fight and no police terror will stop us in our work. Revolutionary organizations will be built in the South.

## 2,000,000 DIE OF HUNGER

NANKING, China.—At least 2,000,000 peasants have died of starvation in the province of Szechuan in the last year and 400,000 Chinese have been sold into slavery in this area, according to the report of a government investigator. The Soviets are being built rapidly in this section and thousands of peasants are joining the Red Army of the Chinese revolution.

## Organize Relief Councils on the Farms!

## Chattanooga Worker Welcomes "S. W."

By a Worker Correspondent  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

It was with much pleasure we read in your paper that you are moving the SOUTHERN WORKER to Chattanooga. All workers are quite sure to receive this news with delight. We wish to take this opportunity to welcome your valuable paper to this city, county and state.

Everyone who is interested in the movement to advance the cause of the producers of wealth in this land, knows full well that the capitalist press will not say in their filthy sheets what the workers want said.

We, for one, have washed our hands of the plutes papers and they may send them out in blank form if they so desire. Every working man should seriously consider showing the hypocritical silk hatted press the door. So we say: "Hats off to the Communist paper, the SOUTHERN WORKER." The workers in this section are waiting to hear the things the SOUTHERN WORKER has to say.

—A Worker.

## Negroes Fired From City Jobs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Following the announcement of the Mayor of this city that "no white man should be out of a job on the city payroll as long as there were jobs held by colored men." City Commissioner Anders discharged 28 Negro workers employed by the city and gave their jobs to white workers.

Among the Negro workers fired there were a number of men who had been working for the city from 10 to 20 years, and as a reward are now being thrown on the street to starve.

A committee of Negro professional people of the city called on the Mayor to protest this action, but the insults handed out to them by the Mayor was enough to make them desist from their protest.

Such actions by the white bosses and their city officials by which they divide the white from the Negro workers, can only be stopped by the united organization of white and black toilers together fighting for unemployment relief, without discrimination because of color, and for shorter hours and higher pay on the jobs, without discrimination. A committee such as went to visit the mayor or protest, betrays and misleads the workers and cannot be depended upon. Only a committee backed by

## Family of 9 Starving; Red Cross Refuses Aid

By a Worker Correspondent  
Birmingham, Ala.

I am writing you all a few lines to let you know how good the Red Cross is to us poor people that are without a job.

I went to them for help. They said they would have to investigate. Two or three days later they came out here. I have a wife and seven children. When they investigated, they found us with nothing to eat. However, they said we didn't need anything and the little children are crying for bread.

I have been over there for the third time and they have not helped me any. I told them I did not want to go out highwaying. I told them if they did not do something, I would have to do things myself. I cannot bear to hear my little children crying for bread. I told them it looked like I would have to get me a stick and go about knocking people down in order to get bread for my hungry children.

Boys, I am ready.  
—Unemployed.

## Texas Cops Jail Workers Asleep In Empty Houses

By a Worker Correspondent  
San Antonio, Tex.

There are a lot of buildings empty around here which the unemployed workers have been using to sleep in. But though these workers were not bothering anybody, Mayor Chambers and Phil Wright gave orders to police to round them up as vags.

The labor hating Mayor Chambers, thru his chief of police Kilday, is making rounds of jungle camps and picking up colored and white unemployed who sleep together in these camps. He believes if he lets this go on, it will break down the idea that the white is better than the colored. So now white workers sleep on the ground and Negroes are on the chain gang as vags.

The Salvation Army is also discriminating against Negro workers in the doing out of their slop.

The Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party are the only organizations that are fighting against the above. For the first time in San Antonio history, Negroes, Mexicans and white workers united together on Feb. 10 and Feb. 25 to demand relief and for full social, political and economic rights for the Negroes. For the first time a Negro spoke from the steps of the state capitol in Austin, voicing the demands of the unemployed.

—A Worker.

## PRISONERS BURNED TO CRISP

KENANSVILLE, N. C. — Eleven Negro prisoners, chained in steel cells at the Duplin county prison stockade, were burned to a crisp when fire destroyed the building. All that remained of the prisoners was a pile of ashes. They had been roasted by the intense heat from the steel walls of their cells. It seems as tho the guards had plenty of time to reach them and release them before the heat took its effect, but no effort was made to do so until they had been burned to death.

both the white and colored workers of Jacksonville and elected by them can present the demands, which will be fought for until obtained.

## DEVIL'S ISLAND EVILS SUFFERED BY LA. JOBLESS

By a Worker Correspondent  
Shreveport, La.

Just a line to let you know the truth about Shreveport. The bosses are giving us hell almighty down here—ole Louisiana.

The city has one slop house. The colored go around to the back door. They give the whites a little better slop than the colored. The whites get some soup, four or five days old, a small piece of bread and sometimes some old withered greens. So you can imagine what the colored get.

The Commissioner of Streets and Parks had an article in the paper asking the hotels and restaurants to save their left over food and he would send a truck around to collect it.

The so-called Salvation Army here has a hole where whites can sleep on the floor. If a colored person goes there, they will refuse him.

Where do they go? Out into the streets, where the bosses tools throw them in jail. The judge gives them an indefinite sentence in the parish (county) jail, which is worse than Devil's Island. The law out there—beat every man at least 4 or 5 times a week. They are forced to work sick or well, from sun-up to sun-down on a little bread which is moldy and other slop not worth mentioning.

I hope we can come together and be as one, white and colored workers. The bosses don't care for us workers, white or black, except to have us fighting one another so we can cut each other's wages.

Long live the unity of the white and colored workers, and may the Communist Party win out.

—A Worker.

## Cut Seniority At L. N. Shops

By a Worker Correspondent  
Birmingham, Ala.

I went out to the L. N. shop and was talking to one of my friends. He tells me that he was looking to be cut off any time. The way they do is to put a number of men on a gang and then cut the whole gang off.

This is the way they cut out the seniority, and the men can't say anything about how long they have been with the company.

Another worker who works for the Pickword Co. told me the men went to the boss and asked for more money. He told them he was not going to give them any more. He did not care if the plant shut down. He said he had enough money to take care of him and his family for another hundred years, even if he spent \$100.00 a day. He said he was just running the plant so the men could get some bread to eat. He claimed he could not sell what he had on hand.

This is the line of baloney the bosses hand out to unorganized workers. Of course, he has plenty of money, but we know he doesn't run his shop for one minute because he is worrying about us. He only thinks of how to get richer himself.

—A Worker.

## STARVATION TOO PAINFUL

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Mrs. Cora Bristol, an unemployed working woman with two children, tried to commit suicide by taking poison. She is in the hospital in a serious condition. Organization and fight is the way out for the starving workers, not suicide.



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### Outlawing Communist Party in Alabama

The bosses and landlords of Alabama have rallied all their men in the state government to launch a state-wide attack on the Communist Party. For organizing the workers in the mines and mills of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and R. R. Co., for organizing a fight against unemployment, and, above all for threatening the very power of the white ruling class in the Black Belt by organizing the Negro and white tenant farmers, the wheels of boss justice are being set in motion to turn out special anti-workingclass laws.

The ready response of the Negro tenants and share-croppers in the Alabama Black Belt to the Communist program of struggle against the white ruling class and the equally ready response of the white farmers in the drought stricken counties of Northern Alabama, have alarmed the landowners and their representatives in the legislature. For they know as well as anyone the state-wide starvation rampant in the farming regions, the brutal oppression and exploitation in the Black Belt which makes virtual chattel slaves out of the Negro farmers. Seth Thomas, commissioner of agriculture, who takes a leading part in advocating the new legislation, himself in his official farm reports said that 30,000 farm families, or 150,000 people, were actually starving in the state of Alabama last November. Without a step being taken by the state government for the relief of these thousands of starving people, like tyrants of all ages, they instead tighten the persecution of the working people. That is the only way out for them. For starving men will fight, and there are many farmers who will do it "the Arkansas way" under Communist leadership.

New oppressive laws to enforce starvation, outlawing the Communist Party, this is the way these gentlemen give relief to the farmers and unemployed workers. They would make it illegal for a worker to say "I am hungry, I want something to eat." By a special amendment to the existing vagrancy laws, they would make anyone who objects to dying of starvation, or any militant worker fighting for better conditions, liable to arrest as a "vagrant." They would have a general anti-Communist bill, even more severe than the existing criminal anarchy law, to railroad organizers to prison for long years.

Such oppressive measures will not work in the future any more than they have in the past. You cannot outlaw hunger or the persecution and oppression in the cities or of the tenant farm system. As long as these things remain, and they will remain as long as capitalism exists, there will be a strong and growing Communist movement among the farmers and workers of Alabama. The Communist Party, its program of revolutionary struggle, is too deeply rooted organizationally and with its ideas among the working masses. The workers and farmers will continue to organize and struggle, under the leadership of the Communist Party, until their aims are won, whether the new legislation passes at Montgomery or not.

Workers and farmers of Alabama, Negro and white, answer the new repressive actions by spreading and building the fight against starvation and for relief! Fight the tyranny of the ruling class!

### Reveal Whipping, Rice Diet in Miss. Prisons

JACKSON, Miss.—Terrible conditions existing in the Mississippi prisons and state farms, where prisoners are worked to death, leaked out during the course of a trustee investigation. On the O'Keefe State Farm nine prisoners dared to tell how they were horsewhipped by a driver. At the Parchman state farm it was found that the prisoners are fed nothing but bread and rice. At this farm there are 19 cases of spinal meningitis arising out of extremely unsanitary and brutal conditions.

No action is being taken to improve the conditions. Instead there is the mere official statement from the wardens that "these conditions are being done away with and complaints are very few."

### Discharge Teacher for Red Views

CAMDEN, Ala.—Charles H. Tipton, principal of the Gastonburg public school, was asked to resign by the board of education here for suspected sympathy with the Communist Party and its program of organizing the Negro and white tenant farmers of the black belt for struggle against the starvation system of tenantry and peonage. The reason given was that Tom Johnson, district organizer of the Communist Party, spent a night in his house while on a trip here to organize the farmers. Gastonburg is in the heart of the blackbelt, where the white landowner rules as a tyrant.

### THIS IS THE WAY!

In two week's time we received 19 subscriptions from Miami, Florida. These subs were obtained by two members of the International Workers' Order in Miami. Two comrades are able to do so well. This example must be followed by our comrades and readers everywhere. There is power in the workers' press!

### SOVIET VETERANS TO WORK

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—The Soviet Government is now studying means of placing close to 2,000,000 war veterans, made invalid by the world war and supported by the Government, to work at some useful occupation. Each invalid is first thoroughly examined and he is tested to see how much work he can stand without becoming fatigued. It is planned to have them work on the state co-operative farms.

### Our Paper Gives New Life and Courage

By a Worker Correspondent  
Momence, Ill.

I have just received my first copy of the Southern Worker. I was laid off today and will have to ask you to mail my Southern Worker to a new address. I am going on the farm with my brother. Conditions are getting worse here daily. Hundreds of workers are actually starving.

—Unemployed Worker.

## Warning, Longshoremen! Mill Bosses Turn Angels

By George Mink

(National Chairman, M. W. I. U.)

New Orleans longshoremen must be influenced by actions, not hypocritical claptrap. Seven thousand longshoremen are now striking against a 15-cent an hour wage-cut. In order to win this strike, they must have the most intelligent, the most militant, the most courageous kind of leadership.

What kind of leadership are these longshoremen getting? Their leaders are the kind that sold out the bloody, bitterly fought New Orleans street car strike in spite of the most pronounced militancy of the strikers. They are the same type of leaders who betrayed the recent strike of 3,000 longshoremen in Corpus Christi and Galveston.

The same policies that were used to betray these other strikes are now being put into effect in this. Instead of fighting the Federal injunction to the limit, the longshoremen are advised to be "peaceful," while the officials conduct negotiations with Government "conciliators." Instead of letting the rank and file longshoremen determine the terms of settlement, the leaders want a group of "fair-minded business men" to fix the terms and if the business men are allowed to fix the settlements they will certainly fix the longshoremen for life. The fakers have even offered to put up a cash bond, of the longshoremen's money, as a guarantee of a complete sell-out.

In order to hide their dirty sell-out policy in the present strike, the leaders are trying to begot the real issues by dragging in some fake issues. In the February 27th issue of the Federationist, the official organ of the New Orleans American Federation of Labor, we find that T. J. Darcey, president of local 1226, I. L. A., and Holt W. Ross, organizer of the A. F. of L., have written to the Commissioner of Immigration, demanding the deportation of "alien scabs" and militant longshoremen and "dangerous" members of the M. W. I. U.

The A. F. of L. fakers raise the is-

sue of "alien scabs" as a smoke screen to sell out the strike. All workers know the immigration authorities and police will not interfere with any strikebreakers the shipowners use. A scab is a scab, whether American or foreign born, and is given the full protection of the police. The A. F. of L. is breaking the strike by refusing to violate the injunction and have mass picketing, which is the only method of stopping scabbing and which is the policy put forward by the M. W. I. U. to the rank and file of the I. L. A. The whole thing is a maneuver by the fakers to split the ranks of the workers over the issue of native or foreign born, the same as they do over Negro and white, and to have the militant longshoremen who oppose the sell-out policy of the fakers, railroaded as aliens.

The M. W. I. U. urges the longshoremen to spread the strike to the unorganized as well as the organized docks. Longshoremen must elect broad strike committees from their own ranks, and not rely on a few officials who are anxious to deal with "fair-minded business men." Rank and file MUST conduct all negotiations.

The M. W. I. U. urges the striking longshoremen to smash the injunction by militant mass picketing, and not long distance picketing! Fellow workers, you must put up a united front in this strike, because, if you allow yourselves to be divided by Jim Crow locals, it will mean that the bosses will start a widespread attack on your standard of living.

This strike proves the necessity of international action, and the coming conference of longshoremen at Hamburg in preparation for the World Congress of seamen and longshoremen, comes at a very opportune time.

The Marine Workers Industrial Union urges all seamen to give the fullest assistance and cooperation to the longshoremen in this strike. Always remember that the bosses are trying to divide your ranks so that he can attack you individually.

## The Struggle of the Negroes

By TOM JOHNSON

(This is the third of a series of articles by Comrade Tom Johnson. The first two appeared in previous issues of the SOUTHERN WORKER. A fourth article will appear next week dealing with new problems that arose while these were being published.)

To fail to support this struggle of the Negroes against the common enemy of all those who toil means in effect to give support to the enemy—to the capitalist class.

The ruling class realizes very clearly that the best guarantee they have against a successful struggle of the working class against capitalism is the present division in the ranks of the workers. Therefore they do all possible thru discrimination against the Negro, thru segregation of the Negro from the white worker, thru a whole elaborate system of Jim Crow laws, to keep the white and Negro toilers from uniting in common struggle against the common enemy. Therefore they deliberately stir up racial hatred and incite mob violence against the Negroes.

### Smash The Barrier!

It is one of the most important tasks of the Communists in the South to smash thru this barrier the bosses have set up between the white and Negro toilers. Thru careful and consistent propaganda, thru pointing out the lessons of all strikes and labor struggles, the Communists must win the masses of white workers away from their ideas of "white supremacy" etc., pumped into them by the

boss. And at the same time the Communists must do all possible to break down the justified distrust of the Negro masses toward even the white workers. On every hand and in every struggle the Communists must constantly struggle to unite the white and Negro farmers and workers on a common platform of struggle against the ruling class.

### Struggle Against Misleaders

It is the duty of the Communists to give every support to, and to fight in the front ranks of, the battles of the Negro people for the right of self-determination. But at the same time the Negro and white Communists must carry on a consistent struggle against those misleaders of the Negroes, such as Marcus Garvey, who are trying or will try to lead the national struggle into incorrect channels or to use it for their own selfish benefit. The Communists must systematically expose such misleaders to the masses of Negroes and must point out continually that altho at certain stages of the struggle even the small Negro bosses, store keepers and professional people, and plantation owners may give some little support to the national struggle, these people will in the end betray it. It is the duty of the Communists to struggle always to the end that the leadership of the national revolutionary struggle shall be taken over by the Negro workers in the shops and mines, as the Negro workers alone are capable of giving correct revolutionary leadership to the whole movement.

This great revolutionary national

By Margaret Neal

The bosses grouped in the Cotton Textile Institute have, it would seem, suddenly become very much worried at the thought of women and children working long hours in the cotton mills. They have come out against night work for women and children. By a voluntary agreement of mill owners, "women and minors are hereafter to be confined to the day shift."

Until recently, the cotton textile manufacturers have been among the bitter enemies of any attempt to regulate the hours and working conditions of women and children. Especially in the South, where hours are longest, wages lowest and conditions worst, the cotton bosses have fought against laws limiting night work, and shortening the hours of the working day and working week. Why, then, this sudden change of heart?

In the present crisis the cotton textile industry, which was "sick" even before the crash, has been among the hardest hit. The bosses find their system getting out of hand. Production must be cut down. So they hit upon the idea of throwing the women and children off the night shift, as a convenient way of unloading the crisis onto the workers.

The cotton bosses are as much as ever against laws stopping night work for women and children. Their present action is, as much as anything else, an effort to prevent future legislation. The report of the Cotton Textile Institute speaks of the "determined opposition of the industry as a whole to legislation." In case of a boom in the industry—due to a war, for instance—they will want the chance to use women and children on the night shift as before. And also this pose of fairness by the cotton bosses is done with an eye to preventing the organization of working men and women around the issue.

The National Women's Party, which is the heart and soul of the boss class on this as on every other issue, has come out against the abolition of women's night work. It stands, on principle, for the unlimited sweating of the woman worker.

The Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League fight against night work for women, against child labor and for a shorter working week. But they know that to do away with night work in the manner of the cotton textile institute is only to increase the misery of the working class. Most of these women, and child workers have no other means of support. Many of them are the only wage-earners in the family. This is more true today than ever, when so many millions of men are out of work.

The workers must fight against night work for women, against child labor, in connection with the demand of the Communist Party and Trade Union Unity League for unemployment insurance. Only in connection with this demand does the abolition of women's and children's night work mean a real advance in the conditions of the workers.

struggle of the Negro people, which is destined to become the most important ally of the working class revolution in the South, will not develop overnight. It is the task of the Communists to develop this struggle, using as the starting point the struggle for the most immediate partial demands of the Negro masses.

The manner in which this struggle must be developed, the demands which must be raised in the struggle, will be dealt with in another series of articles to appear in the Southern Worker at an early date.