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Don't Starve—  
Fight for Social  
Insurance!

## Dallas Organizers Are Tortured

POLICE SMASH COMMUNIST PARTY ELECTION RALLY

### Arrest M. Coads, Negro Candidate, Trial Thursday

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.— Mack Coads, Negro worker and Communist candidate for Judge in the Chattanooga municipal elections, and Dave Doran, Communist Party Organizer, were arrested Monday night when they protested against a police attack on a Communist election rally at the Union Hall, 316½ West Main street.

Coads and Doran are held incommunicado in the City Hall and so far police have refused to allow bail to be posted for their release. They are charged with the usual frame-up charges of "vagrancy and loitering." They are also "held for investigation." Mary Dalton, Harry Gordon, and Elizabeth Lawson, leaders of the unemployed workers who were arrested when the lynch spittle Chattanooga police attacked the Feb 10th demonstration of 3,000 jobless workers with drawn guns, are also in jail facing similar charges.

Try Feb. 10 Leaders Thursday.

Mary Dalton, H. Gordon and Elizabeth Lawson, come up for trial in Judge Lusk's Court in the County (Continued on Page 2)

### Striker Framed By U.T.W. Leader

DANVILLE, Va.— Harold Sidmore, a militant worker of Danville, was released from jail here on March 7th, when the Court of Appeals was forced to reverse the decision of the Police Court, where Sidmore had been sentenced to 30 days in jail and a \$25 fine on January 28th for strike activity. Sidmore was railroaded to jail by the Gorman gang of traitors because of his militancy in support of the strike.

A rat by the name of Dock Patterson, who is a member of the U. T. W. and one of Gorman's pets, played the role of police spy and testified in court that Sidmore had stated that the only way he would go into the mills during the strike was with dynamite to blow them up. Of course, Sidmore made no such statement. But this good member of the U. T. W. U. got on the witness stand and swore that Sidmore had threatened to blow up the mills, which is a dirty bare-faced lie, which old Patterson will have to answer to the workers for.

The above only shows how some of these dirty curs in the United Textile Workers fake union will doublecross a worker who wants to fight for better conditions. They are the true agents of the bosses, always ready to send a worker to jail if it will help the bosses break a strike. We Danville workers who have been sold out know their dirty game now. We will be fighting soon again, but this time under the banner of a union which fights the bosses and not the workers—the National Textile Workers Union.

### Jail Red Union Leaders In New Orleans Strike

WATCH HIM!



This is Holt Ross, headman for the A. F. of L. sell-out artists in the South. He is now in New Orleans, helping betray the strike of 5,000 white and Negro longshoremen.

### Wood Workers Strike In Knoxville Plant

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Seventy workers in the cabinet department of the Tennessee Table Company here, walked out on strike Friday in answer to wage cuts of from 31 to 37 cents an hour. All but two workers in the department joined the strike the first day.

The striking workers must begin mass picketing immediately and call on the rest of the workers in other departments of the plant to make it a general walkout and tie up the plant completely.

### T. U. U. L. Warns Strikers of Coming Sell-Out

ATLANTA, Ga.— Two hundred workers from the Loeb Overall Co. are still on strike. The officials of the corrupt United Garment Workers in charge of the strike are attempting to arrange for Mayor Key of Atlanta to act as arbitrator and thus pave the way for an early sell out. Scabs are going into the shop daily while the union heads forbid mass picketing. The T. U. U. L., in a leaflet issued last week, calls on the workers to take the strike in their own hands and conduct a real fight with every striker on the picket line.

## Smash Bosses Terror March 28th.

Two of our comrades, Lewis Hurst and Charles Coder, have been found tortured and almost killed for leading the struggles of the unemployed workers of Dallas for bread. This is the vengeance taken by the boss class thru their hired gunmen against workers of the South for fighting against starvation.

Lynch Terror against the workers and poor farmers grows. In the Black Belt of Southern Alabama armed lynch mobs of white plantation owners search the cabins of the Negro croppers for revolutionary literature and threaten the cropper with death who dares to read the Southern Worker. And while our comrades are beaten and tortured the boss class feverishly prepares new laws designed to terrorize the white and Negro workers into submitting quietly to starvation, and to outlaw any organization which unites the Negro and white workers and croppers for struggle against the bosses' hunger system.

In Alabama, New Orleans, North Carolina and Texas, laws making the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League illegal are now being rushed thru the State Legislatures and City Councils.

The wave of Terror grows. In New York City the Government is today preparing to deport a Finnish worker Yokinen, because this worker, following his expulsion from the Communist Party on a charge of white chauvinism, renounced his former stand and pledged the working class to do all in his power to unite the Negro and white workers for struggle against the common enemy. This is the greatest "crime" in the eyes of the boss class—to fight for full equality for the Negroes, to unite the Negro workers and croppers together with the white for the fight against the bosses' murderous hunger system. For this "crime" Coder and Hurst are beaten into unconsciousness, Dalton, Gordon and Lawson are in

### Coder, Hurst Brutally Beaten By Lynchers

DALLAS, Texas.—Charles Coder and Lewis Hurst, leaders of the Dallas jobless, who were kidnapped by an armed gang aided by the Dallas police, on March 5th, have been found.

The two workers, after being beaten up in jail, were released into the arms of a lynch gang who drove them twenty miles into the country, stripped them of clothes, tortured them and beat them with doubled ropes until they fell unconscious. Coder was then thrown into a river with the expectation that he would drown.

The two workers, bloody and delirious, were found the next morning by Negro farmers and nursed back to life. They were delirious for days and only last Saturday managed to reach Kansas City to report the attack to their organizations, the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League. Coder and Hurst have announced that as soon as they are sufficiently recovered from the effects of the beating and torture they will return to Dallas to resume the work of organizing the white and Negro workers for struggle against starvation.

#### POLICE AID KIDNAPPERS

Facts now coming to light show conclusively that the Dallas police Department and the District Attorney's office gave direct aid to the attempted murder of our comrades.

#### 10 CENTS AN HOUR RELIEF JOBS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—On the Gate City highway job, supposed to be started to help the unemployed, the night watchmen are paid 10 cents an hour. Skilled men, like bricklayers, only get 15 cents an hour on this rotten job. All this talk of helping the unemployed by starting public works is just another scheme to force the starving workers to work for nothing.

Late last week Edward Barr, a reporter for a Dallas paper, admitted that (Continued on Page 2)

### CITY COUNCIL FLEES JOBLESS, REFUSES RELIEF

GREENVILLE, N. C.—Members of the Greenville City Council, scared at the growing crowd of workers gathered outside City Hall, met in the dark and adjourned without holding the regular session, Tuesday evening, March 10th.

A committee of white and Negro workers which had been elected to represent the unemployed at two mass meetings called by the Greenville Unemployed Council, arrived at the City Hall at 8 o'clock to present the demands of the workers. No lights were on in the Council meeting room and the workers were informed that the council had met and adjourned. Later three Councilmen were seen sneaking around a corner.

#### Mass Meeting Called

The Committee will report the failure of the City Council to meet the unemployed workers at a mass meeting called for Monday, March 16th, at the Perry Avenue Show Grounds. The unemployed workers of Greenville, thousands of whom are starving, will take further steps at the mass meeting to force the City Government to meet their demands.

#### City Forced to Act

The Greenville Unemployed Council has already gotten results. The day after the first demonstration of 1,000 workers on March 2nd, the Chief of Police was forced to announce in the local press that workers looking for jobs would not be jailed as vagrants. Workers also report that the Red Cross, alarmed at the growing militancy of the workers, has increased the miserable ration they serve out to a few of the unemployed. Several hundred unemployed workers have joined the Unemployed Council in the last week and many are signing up daily.

## 4 Southern States Plan To Outlaw Communists

Four Southern states are now rushing thru new laws to smash the growing struggles of the starving workers and croppers.

In Texas and North Carolina Criminal Syndicalist Laws aimed at the Communist and revolutionary workers are now before the State Legislatures. The North Carolina law provides for 10 years in the pen for workers who fight the bosses hunger system. The Texas law carries a one to fourteen years sentence.

In New Orleans the City Council is preparing to pass a new ordinance making it a crime to print revolutionary literature and for fighting working class organizations to even hold meetings.

In Alabama the State Legislature, not satisfied with the present Criminal Anarchy law, which provides for ten years in prison for militant workers and croppers, is putting thru a new and more drastic law aimed directly at the Communist Party. At the same time the present Vagrancy law will be amended to include all Communists as vagrants liable to one year on the inhuman chain gang. The big landlords in the Legislature are frantic at the growing strength of

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he had been told by Norman Register, secretary to the Dallas District Attorney, that Coder and Hurst had been taken to the woods near Hutchins and there beaten into unconsciousness and Coder thrown into a nearby river. It is clear that Register had advance information on the kidnapping and probably took part in it himself.

Further, the police, at the time the kidnapping took place, told the son of the attorney representing Coder and Hurst, who was kidnapped at the same time but released on the outskirts of town, that his "father would not be harmed," and "not to worry." This proves without question that the police took part in the kidnapping and attempted murder and delivered the two organizers directly over to the gang of gunmen at the entrance to the jail.

The Dallas District Attorney, aided by Governor Sterling of Texas, is doing all possible to cover up the participation of the city government in the affair and to prevent a real investigation. The city authorities will undoubtedly protect the gunmen they aided and the lynchers will go free.

The Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League, cooperating with all other fighting working-class organizations, are preparing for huge protest meetings in the South and throughout the country to protest this brutal attack on the working class and demand death to lynchers.

### Jobless Worker Kills Himself

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—J. B. Conley, unemployed textile worker, killed himself here Friday night. Conley had been out of work for months and shot himself rather than see his family starve. Conley is added to the long list of workers who have been, in effect, murdered by the capitalist system which doomed them to slow starvation in the midst of plenty.

The Bushwick unit of the Communist Party has issued a leaflet on Conley's death, calling on the workers to organize in the Chattanooga Unemployed Council and fight against the conditions which caused him to kill himself.

**Demand Death For Lynchers!**

the Communist Party in the Alabama Black Belt where the Negro croppers are rallying around the Party in increasing numbers.

The workers must answer these laws with determined fights to retain what few "rights" they yet have and to smash thru this wall of anti-working class laws.

### Jail Starving Marion Worker

MARION, N. C.—Garland Buckner, 19-year-old textile worker, was sentenced to one year on the chain gang here for taking a few pairs of shoes from a railroad box car.

Buckner was blacklisted together with his father and other members of his family since the strike at the Marion Manufacturing Company over a year ago. Last January David Buckner, 14-year-old brother of Garland, died as a result of being shot by a scab during the strike a year ago. Young Buckner received 48 buckshot thru his neck and shoulders when a scab tried to murder him. The scab went free of course. The United Textile Workers Union, hated by textile workers throughout the South for its record of betrayals, sold out the Marion strike.

The Marion Manufacturing Company again cut wages 10 per cent in February. The Marion textile workers are asking that an organizer of the fighting National Textile Workers Union, which recently won the strike of 12,000 workers in Lawrence, Conn., be sent in to help them organize and defeat the wage cut.

We were told by the boss that, in order to work every day the company would have to cut our wages. The average wage for a week is only \$8.00 and now we are cut 1c and 2c on the dozen and we are docked for menders. That means cash out of our checks and this wage cut will come out too. We won't have enough to pay bus fare and before long we will be working for a pair of sox a day.

Yes, times are getting better. Who for? The company. Fellow workers, our conditions are terrible. This is a T. B. plant, and you don't have to stay long to get it. The factory is not ventilated at all. The lint and dust just fly all over. Many are dying from working in here and one never sees a health doctor within a mile of the factory.

You don't have to ask me who is sick with the T. B. (tuberculosis) and who has died with it that has worked right in here. Just study for yourself and see.

Now girls, we should get together and demand from the company what is due us. We need the National Textile Workers Union here and we should everyone join it. I am against the United Textile Workers, it is not a fighting union, but a sell-out union. I know, because I was a member of it.

—A Hard-Working Girl in the Hosiery Mill.

**Organize Defense Corps! Fight Lynchers!**

### Government Cuts Navy Yard Wages

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The Government Navy Yard here has announced that the wages of all skilled workers will be slashed this week. Officials of the Navy Yard told the workers to "take the cut or lose their jobs." In the past six months over 500 workers in the Navy Yard have been fired and thrown out on the streets to starve. President Green of the A. F. of L. prepared the way for these wage-cuts last year by his strike-breaking agreement with President Hoover that the A. F. of L. will not fight against wage-cuts during the depression.

### No More Relief In Dallas, Texas

DALLAS, Texas.—The Dallas City Welfare Department will stop giving out relief to the starving workers this week. Mrs. Albert Walker, head of the department, announced Thursday. An average of 125 orders for groceries, worth \$3 each has been given out each day. An order is supposed to last a family two weeks. Now even this miserable amount is to be stopped. Coder and Hurst, organizers who led the fight of the Dallas unemployed for cash relief, were tortured and left unconscious by an armed mob of Dallas business men last week.

### RED CROSS QUILTS RELIEF

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Red Cross relief in the farming section of Alabama is to be cut off March 15th, according to an announcement here today.

## Hosiery Workers Dying From T.B. As Wages Are Slashed

By a Worker Correspondent

Elizabethton, Tenn.

Well, it looks like us poor hosiery workers will have to organize to put a stop to our wages being cut. I think we should be getting more all the time, rather than less.

### Machine Guns For Cuban Workers

The murderous anti-labor government of President Machado in Cuba, which is owned body and soul by American bankers, has organized 20 squads of police, armed with machine guns, to patrol the streets of Havana to shoot down workers suspected of being Communists. The blood-thirsty Machado has murdered thousands of working-class fighters in the past several years and now with the organization of these new murder squads is out to beat his own bloody record.

The Communist Party is completely illegal but despite the terror the Party is growing and rallying new thousands of Cuban workers to the fight against Machado and American imperialism which keeps him in power. In Tampa, Florida, 15 Cuban cigar workers, former members of the revolutionary movement in Cuba, have just joined the Communist Party.

### ARK. FARMERS CALL ON PARTY

OSCEOLA, Ark.—All Red Cross relief to the starving farmers of this section ended March 1st. Since this date suffering has increased tremendously and the croppers are seeking aid in organizing for the Communist Party.

### CHINESE REDS WIN VICTORY

Cables to the New York Times from Shanghai, China, show that the Communist-led Red Army of the Chinese workers and poor farmers has won another decisive victory, capturing thousands of machine guns and artillery and 20,000 rifles. Ten thousand and soldiers of the counter-revolutionary government of Chiang-Kai-Shek, who is supported by the biggest American bankers, mutinied and went over to the Red Army.

The Soviet Government of the Chinese poor farmers and workers now controls a great territory with a population of over 40 millions. The Workers' and Farmers' Government has introduced the 8-hour day, raised the wages of the workers, confiscated the lands of the big land owners and turned it over to the poor farmers and established a whole series of laws to protect the workers and working farmers.

### Arrest M. Coads, Negro Candidate

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Court house on Thursday morning, March 19. The International Labor Defense, which is defending them, calls on workers to jam the court room at this trial to demand their immediate release.

The police raid on the election rally Monday night, was led by the "Red expert" of the Chattanooga police department, a cheap dick by the name of Neal Neal, together with his side-kick, the stool-pigeon and rat Cunningham who was expelled from the Unemployed Council for ratting, have shadowed active workers in the Unemployed Council and the Communist Party for weeks in an attempt to terrorize them and prevent them from continuing the struggle.

The two workers arrested will probably be tried before the labor-hating Judge Fleming, who in previous trials has stated that he wished all revolutionary workers were "dead or in jail." Fleming, a part of the corrupt Bass gang, which control the City Hall, was opposed in the election by Mack Coads, one of the arrested workers. At numerous meetings at which Coads and Fleming spoke from the same platform, Comrade Coads exposed this corrupt politician for what he is—an enemy of every worker in Chattanooga who likes nothing better than to send Negro and white workers to the chain gang for long terms for the "crime" of not having jobs.

It is significant that this latest attack on the workers of Chattanooga and their organization came the night before election. The election campaign of the Communist candidates Ledford for Mayor, Coads for Judge, and Cassidy for City Commissioner, has aroused the bosses and their tools in the City Hall to fury. They have done everything possible to cripple the campaign of the working class candidates but without success. The Communist candidates alone have dealt with the real issues in the campaign, such as unemployment and the

### WORKERS MAY FORCE STRIKE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Phillips-Lester Company here, makers of overalls, have announced a 25 percent wage cut for all workers in their plant. Workers in this shop are organized in the sell-out United Garment Workers' Union. Victor Altman, International Representative of the fake union, is now in Birmingham preparing to sell the workers out and prevent a strike of possible. In Atlanta 200 workers in the Marcus Loeb Overall Company are now on strike against a similar cut. The union leaders did everything possible there to stop the strike, but the workers forced them to call it.

The Trade Union Unity League calls on the overall makers to take the situation into their own hands, elect a rank and file strike committee and prepare to fight against the wage cut. It points to the record of sell-outs by the A. F. of L., to which the United Garment Workers Union is affiliated, in the South and warns the workers to be on their guard to defeat attempts by the union leadership to prevent a strike and if one takes place, to sell it out.

### Prisoners to Take Workers' Jobs

AUSTIN, Texas.—A bill providing for use of prisoners from the state pen on the state highways has been introduced in the Texas State Legislature.

This is the kind of unemployment relief they give down in Texas where they attempt to murder working class organizers for leading the fight of the unemployed. They take work from those who are starving for want of it and have it done by prisoners under the lash of brutal guards.

### T. C. I. Fires 200

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Two hundred men were cut off in the Ensley rail mill of the T. C. I. Co. two weeks ago. The remaining workers are putting out as much work as before the lay-off.

The Metal Workers Industrial League which has a number of members in the mill, put out a leaflet this week exposing the vicious speed-up and the slave-driving tactics of "One-Eye" Ledbetter, the super.

failure of the City to provide decent relief, the increasing police terror against the workers, the railroading of the unemployed to the chain gang in increasing numbers.

As the Southern Worker goes to press the Communist Party announces that a protest meeting will be held at an early date to demand the unconditional release of the 5 workers now behind the bars in Chattanooga and to protest the brutal attempted murder of Coder and Hurst in Dallas. Workers are called to beat back this latest attack on their organizations by intensifying the fight for cash relief for the unemployed and for free speech for the working class.

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## FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

## FARMERS RALLY TO ORGANIZE FOR RELIEF

By a Farmer Correspondent  
Silver Creek, Ga.

I received your letter a few days ago and got the papers and books. I sure did enjoy reading them. I just think they are the very thing, and a good many more of my friends think just like me. They are ready to take sides with you in this matter, as they are in the same shape as myself.

Mr. H—— told me to write a few words for him. He said he was ready to do anything that would help us, and several others said were going to write you. Everyone that knows about your letter stops here, as they say it is a good thing, as we need help.

—A Farmer.

Note: This letter was sent to the Communist Party organizer after he had written a letter to this farmer outlining plans to fight for real relief. Organizational steps have already been taken in this community.

By a Farmer Correspondent  
Cedartown, Ga.

I am an unemployed man and have a family that is starving. Please give me advice on how to organize and start the fight against starvation.

By a Farmer Correspondent  
Harpersville, Ala.

Please send full information and advice on how to start the fight against starvation.

By a Farmer Correspondent  
Round Mountain, Ala.

I haven't a penny since the first of last year. I have been working some this year, but have taken it out in groceries and we have eaten corn bread and peas most of the time.

I have tried to get subscribers for the Daily Worker, and Southern Worker, but the working people are all broke. I hear they were holding meetings in Gadsden, Ala. I hope they get a good nucleus there. I sure would like to go to a meeting and get lots more to go.

I'll try to get a bunch together for a meeting here, to get people more interested in the movement. We are mighty close to the breaking point.

Rabbits are scarce around here and they call them Hoover Hogs.

By a Farmer Correspondent  
Silver Creek, Ga.

I am writing you for full information which your papers tell how to fight starvation. There are hundreds of people starving here in our part of the country.

Write at once and tell us how to get something to eat before we get so weak that we can't do anything.

Prepare Now For  
March 28th!

100 Votes Gained Thru Spreading of Literature

By a Worker Correspondent  
Stillwater, Minn.

By sending numerous farmers and workers in this section copies of Bishop Brown's enlightening books and literature issued by the Communist Party we have succeeded in getting 100 votes for the Communist Party in the last elections.

Try out this plan in your county. Write Comrade Bishop Brown at Galion, Ohio, and he will send free literature to you or your friends. We would urge all workers to do the same with the SOUTHERN WORKER and the Daily Worker.

—A Worker.

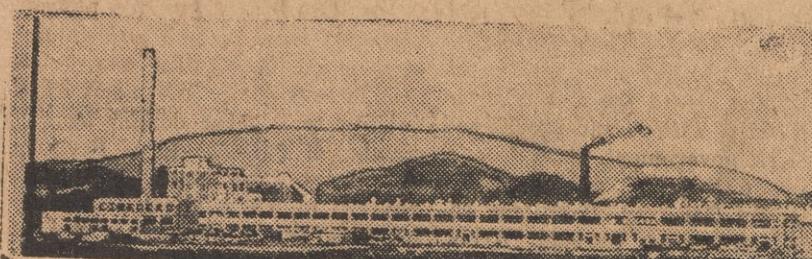


Photo here shows the huge Glantzoff Rayon Mill in Elizabethton, Tenn. Workers in this mill struck five times in the last three years. The mis-leaders of the United Textile Workers Union sold them out twice. Now they are organizing in the fighting National Textile Workers Union. Correspondence from workers in this mill appears on this page.

## Eliz. Scab Herder Put In Charge of Relief

By a Worker Correspondent

Elizabethton, Tenn.

Since I wrote to the SOUTHERN WORKER last a good deal has happened. The Red Cross came in with a story of how they were going to take care of the poor and needy for the balance of the winter months. They appointed dispensaries in each locality.

In Valley Forge they appointed a man, M. Chambers, who did not discriminate between the blacklisted workers and others.

In our community we have a skunk called W. C. Williams, who everybody calls Bill, and the name fits him fairly well, for he has his bill in everything. He was a scab herder in the great strike and a friend of the noted yellow-striped attorney-general, Benn Allen, who is a vicious labor hater.

It would never do to let Mr. Chambers handle the Red Cross money, since, if he did, the workers who were blacklisted by Ben Allen and his gang might get something to eat. So they made a re-appointment and appointed this notorious scab herder and crook, W. C. Williams, to see after it.

You can bet your life no worker who was in the strike or a sympathizer, will get a red cent. This activity of Mr. Williams is making Reds all over this district, and we consider a new Red worth much more than the starvation relief of the Red Cross.

We want the workers to know about this damned rascal at Valley Forge and that we are organizing strong forces against his and the rayon mill's low down tactics.

On Sunday morning we see him in the church house with a face as long as a race horse telling others how to be good Christians. The church is a good place for such scoundrels to thrive in, as it needs hypocritical, scheming hounds like him.

### Work Ten Hours For \$1.00 Relief

GALVESTON, Texas.—The local Rotary Club, an organization of business men, has been planting trees along the highway with the announced purpose of giving work to the unemployed. The few unemployed who get this work are paid the miserable wage of \$1 per day. This is the "help" the local business men give to the unemployed—ten hours work at

### Farmers Tricked Into Buying Land In Carter County

By a Worker Correspondent  
Carter County, Elizabethton, Tenn.

We poor workers and farmers in Carter County, after being blacklisted out of the Rayon plants, the empty stomach policy of the Red Cross is being played upon us.

They will take your name and all until they "investigate," which takes about 30 days. Then they will give us \$5.00 per month. Just enough to keep us hungry.

We cannot live under these damned conditions. The real estate men and the fat, well-fed business men of Elizabethton, who don't hear of "hard times," tell poor farmers from other states that they can get jobs here in Elizabethton. Then these sharks sell them farms and these poor farmers come to Elizabethton, where a job is unheard of, and they are reduced to starvation and misery. The crooked Baldwin-Felts do this to get their property sold.

Well, My comrades, if the U. S. A. was under a workers rule, like the Soviet Union, we would not have these rotten conditions. Even the lying capitalists had to own up how the Soviet was prospering. The U. S. A. and all the other capitalist countries are preparing to attack the Soviet Union, the only workers country. We will help defend the country where the workers rule, and such things as the rich are never heard of.

—Unemployed Worker.

\$1 a day. To hell with this "dirty scheme to cut wages under the guise of "charity!" The unemployed workers of Galveston should tell these rotten fakers to plant their own trees, and thru their Unemployed Council, force the City government to come across with some real relief.

### Elizabethton Striker Raps U. T. W.

By a Worker Correspondent  
Elizabethton, Tenn.

I am a reader of the SOUTHERN WORKER and I like it. I was blacklisted during the strike and have been out of work for over a year now. I am a union man from the end of my toes to the top of my hair and not the same kind of a union man I was in 1928-1929. I am a Red Union man.

I live three miles out of Elizabethton on a farm. A bout a month ago the Red Cross came to our district, but they put a scab herder in charge of the relief blanks and blacklisted workers can't get a thing. Also if you

want to keep the job you have you must trade in this man's store and use his boys bus to ride to work in, or else you get fired.

I am a member of the Communist Party and I am glad of it. I think the next strike that happens here will be a real one and not a sellout like the other ones were, that was led by the United Textile Workers.

I read the SOUTHERN WORKER every week and lots more around here do and they all like the paper fine. I think many will join the Communist Party.

A Blacklisted Worker.

### Stretch-out and Cuts For Ky. Mill Workers

By a Worker Correspondent  
Kamapolis, Ky.

A few days past the weavers in one mill were given an addition of six looms, making a set of thirty. Also a reduction of 15c per day in pay.

We have no workers organization here, but our preachers and merchants are organized.

The General Manager of the mills a few months ago gave \$2000 for an organ for one of his hypocritical organization, but he will not do anything for the unemployed here in town, or give his workers a decent living wage.

My fellow workers. There is only one remedy, and that is thru the Communist Party.

—A Textile Worker

### CITY FARM IN HOUSTON, TRAP AFTER 25% CUT

By a Worker Correspondent  
Houston, Texas.

By Al. McBride

When are we, the workers, going to wake up and do away with these prison farms. Think of the 11 Negro workers that were burnt like cord-wood in Kenansville, N. C., chained to their bunks in a corrugated iron and wood building.

We have a City Farm out of Houston, about ten miles outside of the city limits. Once this pest hole takes fire, the men will not have the slightest chance of being saved.

The Pea Farm in Houston is a building with two rows of cells and a corridor in the middle. On one side are the whites and on the other side the colored prisoners. The corridor is about 14 feet across.

Separating the corridor there are pipes about 3 inches in size, 3 inches apart. When prisoners enter this pest hole they slip through a small door about 6 feet, 6 inches high and about 3 feet, 8 inches wide. Only one prisoner at a time can go through these doors. The windows are screened with heavy wire and barred with heavy strap iron, and bolted on the outside.

The night guard is a stool about 65 years old and as deaf as a bat. If there was a fire and the men screamed for help he wouldn't know the difference. The captain of the prison has a separate home away from the prison house, so he would be of little help.

The farm is greatly overcrowded, because the bosses have been jailing unemployed workers.

Fight for the destruction of fire traps like these.

### Women's Home Work Pays Only 4c an Hour

By a Worker Correspondent  
San Antonio, Tex.

The Juvenile Manufacturing Co., on Santa Rosa street, manufactures dresses. About 500 women slave for them.

A lot of the women take the dresses home to work on. One of the women told me she slaves from early daylight until ten at night, that she makes from \$4.50 to \$5 per week, or less than 4c an hour for actual time worked.

We must organize to throw off such slavery as this.

—A Worker.

### Protest Terror On March 28th!

### 1-YEAR SUB. FOR BEST A.F. OF L. SELL-OUT STORY

By a Worker Correspondent  
Danville, Va.

The dirty Gorman gang have framed up Harold Sidmore on a false charge that Sidmore was supposed to have said he would blow up the mills. Of course, this is a clear case of a frame-up with the A. F. of L. and the police working hand in hand. Sidmore was given \$25.00 fine and 30 days in jail. The Circuit Court finally threw the case out of court for lack of evidence after he had been in jail for 38 days.

The town jailer here gets 65 cents a day for feeding each prisoner and the cost to him is about 10 cents a day. He gets \$1.50 for every prisoner that he locks up.

Most of the workers here are very anxious to have a real fighting union. Now that the workers are fully convinced that they have been double crossed by the Gorman-Green gang, they are sending in their applications to a real union, the National Textile Workers Union. I don't believe it would be healthy for these "seven to ten dollars a day and expenses" men to come back to this town.

The workers of Danville and Schoolfield have learned their lesson and will not be duped again by white collar men. But the next strike will be pulled by a fighting union, and by gum, the next strike will be won by the workers. For every man, woman and even the children will be on the picket line, and I pity the first scab that starts in a mill gate. He sure will be out of luck.

The Chief of Police won't like it so much either. He won't come into the "fighting unions" secret meetings and tell the boys that he is with them, for the Law is never with the workers.

I will pay for ONE YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION to the SOUTHERN WORKER for any worker who writes the best story on a recent sell-out by the rotten A. F. of L. leadership. All stories should be sent to the SOUTHERN WORKER and the Editor will be the judge of which is the best.

—A Danville Worker

Note: The Editor asks that workers sending in stories should not make them more than two written pages, in order that we can publish all the stories. Send in stories as soon as possible, as the contest starts now.

### No Clothes-So Children of Ky. Miner Stay Home

By a Worker Correspondent  
Thornton, Ky.

I have stood about all the punishment I can. As I have worked and begged for better conditions, they have made my conditions worse in every respect.

I have been forced to take my girl out of high school because I wasn't able to pay \$3.96 a month railroad fare. Our clothes are getting low and on top of that they have cut our wages again. The rest of my children are in need of clothes and they say I am forced to send them to free school.

How can I send them to school when they are all barefooted and have not sufficient clothes? They say the sheriff is going to be putting me in jail if I don't send them.

—A Coal Miner.

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## Two Kinds of Strikes

An A. F. of L. union, the United Textile Workers Union, led the last two strikes at Elizabethton, Tenn. Letters from Elizabethton textile workers in this week's issue of the Southern Worker show what the workers got—2,000 black-listed, more wage-cuts and speed-up, complete defeat for the workers after months of heroic struggle. The same union conducted the Danville strike, "settled" just a month ago by the most shameless sell-out in the history of the Southern labor movement. An A. F. of L. union is conducting a strike of 5,000 longshoremen in New Orleans today. Stories in this issue tell of the attempts already under way by the leadership to smash the strike and send the workers back to the job with a wage cut. WORKERS, THIS IS A. F. OF L. LEADERSHIP IN ACTION. These rats at the head of the A. F. of L. unions are not out to carry on a fight for the workers. They are out first, to stop a strike from being called, and if they can't do this, to break the strike and sell it out in the shortest possible time.

Two weeks ago a revolutionary union, the National Textile Workers' Union, settled a strike in Lawrence, Conn. Twelve thousand textile workers went back to the mills with the speed-up system broken, the "efficiency men" paid to speed up the workers, driven out of the mills, with a wage cut defeated. Most of the demands of the strikers were won. They were won because the union had a correct leadership. There was no talk of "arbitration" in this strike. The leadership of the strike was in the hands of a broad rank and file Strike Committee of the mill workers, made up both of workers already members of the union and of the unorganized workers. The whole 12,000 strikers were drawn into active participation in the strike. Not 7 or 8 pickets, as in New Orleans today, but thousands of workers were on the picket line every day. Not only this; the thousands of pickets invaded the mills and called the workers out from the inside. These workers really fought—and therefore they won.

This does not mean the revolutionary unions will or can win every strike but it does mean that the workers on strike will run their own strike—that there will be no shady agreements pulled behind the backs of the workers. It does mean that the strike will be a fight from first to last, and you can bet your bottom dollar there will be no sell-out!

## Federal Farm Board Starvation Program

The Federal Farm Board, with the assistance of the economists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has issued an estimate of the price cotton will bring this year for crops of varying sizes. The following table gives the estimated price of cotton for the different size crops:

Bales	Cents per pound
10 Millions	14.50
11 Millions	12.50
12 Millions	10.40
13 Millions	8.20
14 Millions	6.45
15 Millions	5.40

Last year the farmers of this country produced a cotton crop of 14.2 million bales. If they produce the same size crop next year the farmers can look forward to a price of a little over 6 cents a pound, according to the above table. But in making up this table the Department of Agriculture left out of account the tremendous increase in the carry-over this year from last. According to the New York Times of March 9th, the cotton carry-over from this year's crop will be over 9 million bales. Last year it amounted to about 6.5 million bales. With an increase in the carry-over from 6.5 million bales to 9 million bales the farmers of the south may be sure that a crop of 14 million bales will not be much over 5.5 cents per pound, if indeed it is not lower than this.

It cost a farmer on an average of 16 cents to produce a pound of cotton. Any price under this means absolute ruin to the farmer. A price of 5 or 6 cents will mean starvation for millions in the cotton belt next year.

In an attempt to boost up the price this year, every "farm expert" in the country is howling for reduction in the amount of acreage planted to cotton. BUT THESE "EXPERTS" ARE ALL AGREED THAT THE REDUCTION MUST TAKE PLACE ON THE SMALL FARMS AND BY DRIVING SCORES OF THOUSANDS OF THE NEGRO CROPPERS FROM THE LAND. The Alabama Farm Production Bulletin published by the Alabama Dept. of Agriculture leads the whole pack in the cry that the small farmer and Negro cropper must be the one to reduce acreage. In a recent issue of the Bulletin a leading article states: "If it be so, (that the Negro cropper will not reduce cotton acreage. Editor) then it is time to send the Negro from the farm and let intelligence and thrift operate the farms of his state." In other words hundreds of thousands of Negro farmers in the Black Belt are to be driven from the land to swell the ranks of the ten million unemployed in the cities in order that the big plantation owners can continue to plant big crops and reap tremendous profits. This is a program of mass starvation of the many in order to increase the profits of the few. This brutal starvation program of the big plantation owners must be fought to a finish by every farmer and cropper in the South. It can only be defeated by the organization of the millions of small farmers and croppers into The United Farmers League and the carrying on of a relentless struggle for a 50% reduction in rents, for a 5 year stay on all debts and mortgages, for a 50% reduction in all taxes, for immediate cash advances to all small farmers and croppers by the government for the planting this year. WHITE AND NEGRO FARMERS, JOIN THE UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE AND DEFEAT THE STARVATION PROGRAM OF THE LANDLORDS AND PLANTATION OWNERS!

## Workers Hail Paris Commune

By JIM ALLEN

March 18, 1931, will be exactly 60 years after the day when the workers of Paris raised the Red Flag in the capitol of France and proclaimed a workers' government.

It was during the war between France and Germany. Paris was being besieged by the German Army. The working class of Paris was feeding on rats and dogs. The revolution was organized against the oppressive capitalist government of King Louis Bonaparte by the workers of Paris. The National Guard joined the revolution. The government was forced to abdicate and fled to Versailles. The workers set up their government in the City Hall of Paris on March 18, 1871. They organized their own army and passed new laws giving the workers the 8-hour day, nationalizing certain industries and laying the basis for a workers' government. This workers' government, the first in history, existed for 72 days.

### Bosses Unite Against Workers

But the rising German Empire at war with the French government and capitalists, in order to get more land and industries to exploit, forgot the war for a moment to meet a new danger to them. The workers of Paris could not be allowed to maintain their own government, for the workers of Germany would be sure to follow their example and revolt. The German generals released the French army of 600,000 men penned up as prisoners in the North of France, to be sent against the workers of Paris. When it comes to fighting the working class the interests of all bosses are the same.

With the German troops guarding all avenues of approach to the city to prevent contact with revolting workers in the Southern cities of France, the French troops attacked the city. There were weeks of fierce fighting. The French workers fought for every inch of ground, throwing up barricades when the troops forced their way into the city, fighting to the last man. Men, women and children fought in defense of the Paris Commune, the first workers' government in history. On the 72nd day of the Commune the workers were overcome. The government of Louis Bonaparte, with the nobility and bosses of France, again took possession of Paris.

### Boss Vengeance

The bosses of France took bloody vengeance upon the working class of Paris. In the "Bloody Week" that

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mass and go on the docks and smash the injunction. I would like to know if the New Orleans Steamship Association has requested that Federal authorities raid the Communist headquarters and cite the guilty parties for contempt?"

Ross' demand that Communist headquarters be raided was granted by the police and as a result the organizers of the M. W. I. U., who alone have consistently called on the strikers to mass picket and keep the scabs off the docks as the only way to win the strike, are in jail and the rotten corrupt leaders of the 5,000 strikers are busy preparing the sell-out.

This is not the first time the union-buster Ross, has acted as a police spy and has called on the police to send militant workers to jail and to help him smash their unions. Holt Ross testified before the notorious Fish Committee at its sessions in New Orleans last fall. At that time Ross testified "We (the A. F. of L. leaders.—Editor) have an agreement where representatives of the American Federation of Labor immediately report to the local officers the presence of any Communists. The leading

followed tens of thousands of working class men, women and children were stood up against a wall and shot in cold blood. The ladies of the nobility took great delight in these massacres. The streets of Paris ran with the workers' blood. Because the workers of Paris allowed traitors, spies and representatives of the boss government to remain in Paris during the Commune instead of beginning immediately a war against the ruling class, was one of the reasons the Commune was defeated. For the Commune showed, for all workers thereafter to learn, that the ruling class will stop at no act of brutality and violence to smash a revolting working class. For a working class revolution to be successful, there must be set up immediately a strong dictatorship of the workers, with iron discipline.

This lesson was well learned. Lenin, the leader of the Russian workers' and peasants' revolution, wrote many articles about the Paris Commune, pointing out why it was defeated and what the workers must do in order to have a successful revolution. The revolution of November, 1917, in Russia showed that the workers had learned the lesson. This time there was a strong, well-disciplined Communist Party to lead the revolution. The workers set up their dictatorship. The bosses and the old

ruling class was immediately wiped out. The old order was so thoroughly smashed that it could not be set up again, even with the help of the British, French and American troops. This time the workers won.

### Sets Example Today

The Paris Commune lasted 72 days and the blood of the workers of Paris flowed. But the Paris Commune was not defeated. It was an introduction to a new day for the workers of the world. The Russian revolution succeeded and the Paris Commune helped its success, for it taught many lessons. As a result the Soviet Union is in existence today, covering one-sixth of the earth's surface, building a socialist society.

There have also been revolutions in Germany, Hungary, and Austria after the world war. There is revolution going on today in China. The Paris Commune lived on to find fulfillment in the Soviet Union. In the same way, both the Paris Commune and the Russian Revolution live on today for workers throughout the world, to find fulfillment in a world-wide chain of workers' republics.

employers of labor also make these reports and the minute we get in touch with any of these Communists we make arrangements to get him out of the state."

Ross testified further: "About eight years ago we had considerable trouble with the Communists in the Timber Workers Union. There are no longer any Timber Workers Unions in the State of Mississippi."

Workers, you see how this rat who dares to call himself a "labor leader" boasts of smashing your unions and acting as a police stool for the bosses! And this scoundrel is the Special Representative of the American Federation of Labor in the New Orleans strike!

### Must Fight to Win!

Striking longshoremen, both Negro and white, the officials of your union the International Longshoremen's Association, Darcy Spencer and Stein, also testified before the Fish Committee which had as its purpose to smash all fighting organizations of the workers. These crooks are tarred with the same brush as Ross. The whole rotten gang is doing their damndest right now to break your strike! Don't stand for their sell-out policies any longer! Elect a rank and file Strike Committee of white and Negro workers, and run your strike to win!

## 55-HOUR WEEK LAW IN N. C.

RALEIGH, N. C.—The state legislature is preparing to put thru a bill which is supposed to limit the hours of labor for women and children to 55 hours a week. The real reason for proposing the bill is contained in another clause of the bill which opens the way for the use of the Yellow Dog Contract in North Carolina. By means of the Yellow Dog Contract the mill bosses of North Carolina hope to throttle the organization of the textile workers in the National Textile Workers Union. The law, if passed, will mean that the thousands of women and children workers in the textile hells of the state will be forced to work over 9 hours a day for 6 days a week, day or night. In the Soviet Union the workers government is rapidly introducing the 7-hour day in all the shops and mills. There is no child labor and no night work for women in the Soviet Union.

## Chain Jobless In Texas Church

KILGORE, Texas.—With the local jail jammed to the guards with over 300 unemployed workers arrested last week in a fake "drive against crime", State Rangers announced that workers arrested this week would be leased together with chains around their necks like cattle and kept in the First Baptist Church.

The unemployed workers are not allowed to invade the churches at night for a warm place to sleep but the preachers are only too ready to throw open their churches when it is a question of chaining up workers whose only crime is their inability to find work. This is the Texas "solution" for unemployment.

## Starving Woman Eats Meal; Says Charge It

CHATANOOGA, Tenn.—A woman walked into a restaurant on Market Street last week, ordered a meal, and after eating it told the owner of the restaurant to arrest her as she had no money and couldn't pay for the meal. The woman had been without food for two days. Thousands of workers are starving in the city while the City government meets the demands of the unemployed for bread with the clubs of their police and with long jail terms for the organizers of the unemployed. Workers, don't stand for this any longer! Join the Chattanooga Unemployed Council and fight for cash relief!

## I.S.N.R. GROWS IN ATLANTA

ATLANTA, Ga.—A large club of Negro workers, after listening to a speaker of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, has agreed to buy the Liberator, official organ of the L. S. N. R., for every member of the club. Several church clubs in Atlanta have also promised to take the Liberator for their members each week.

The newly formed Atlanta Branch of the Young Liberators has set itself the task of selling more Liberators than the West Side Branch of the L. S. N. R. and some lively competition is expected.

Smash the injunction! Every man on the docks to keep off the scabs! Demand the unconditional release of Hynes and Harvey! Follow the lead of the fighting Marine Workers Industrial Union!