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## Workers Rally To Save 8 Negro Boys

HOODED KLANSMEN INVADE GREENVILLE JOBLESS MEETING

### MAYOR BRINGS KKK TO REPLY TO WORKERS

GREENVILLE, S. C.—The mayor, the police and the bosses of the city are making use of the Ku Klux Klan in a desperate effort to stop the organization of the workers of this city by the Trade Union Unity League for unemployment relief.

In the course of three days, cowardly members of the K. K. K., hiding behind their robes and masks, twice took action against the workers of Greenville, with the full support and cooperation of the city government.

#### Attack Jobless Meet

A mob of about 100 robed Klansmen entered the Workers' Hall here at 11-A O'Neil street on April 9, just before the regular weekly meeting of the Unemployed Council, and drove out the 25 white and Negro workers present. The crowd of workers had not yet gathered for the meeting.

The Klansmen beat the Negro workers over the head with their fists and when white workers attempted to interfere they were also beaten. L. C. McCurry, a local white worker, was so badly beaten that he vomited. Threats were made against the organizers and they were told that if they did not leave town they would be taken "for a ride." One of the women present was grabbed by a Klansman, who said: "Come on, Miss Holden, and let's go," but when it was explained that she was not Comrade Holden, organizer for the National Textile Workers' Union, she was released.

#### Police Threaten Organizer

Three officers who were present made no attempt to interfere. After the raid and before the crowd left, the officers took W. G. Binkley, organizer of the Trade Union Unity League, and led him up the street and told him to leave town immediately. When Comrade Binkley asked whether this was a threat, one officer replied, "No, I am just advising you of what I know. Threats have been made that you would be taken for a ride and I am now warning you."

Not a single organizer has left town and they have no intention of doing so. The workers are roused and

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### DEMONSTRATE ON MAY DAY!

CALL BY COMMUNIST PARTY, DISTRICT 17

May First belongs to the workers. It is International Labor Day. On May 1st, 1886 scores of thousands of American workers laid down their tools and struck for the 8-hour day. From this first great strike and demonstration of the workers on May First has come International Labor Day. On this day the revolutionary workers of the whole world come out in the streets to demonstrate their fighting solidarity and their determination to smash the bosses' hunger system. May Day is the fighting day of the world working class.

This May Day, May 1st, 1931, the workers of America have more cause than ever to mobilize for the fight against starvation and oppression. In the South alone 3 million workers tramp from shop to shop from town to town, and from the towns to the country and back again, in a hopeless search for jobs which do not exist. In the towns and in the croppers' cabins in the country, men, women and children are hungry this May Day—many of them half dead from lack of food. Thousands have already died this last black winter from grim starvation.

#### A GUN AND CLUB ANSWER

And while millions of workers and farmers slowly starve to death the boss class and its government do nothing to help them. On the contrary the bosses use the fact that millions are unemployed and ready to take any job at any wage, to cut the wages of those still at work. In every industry, in almost every shop, mill, and mine, wage-cut follows wage-cut and the workers are driven harder and harder.

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### A F of L Reveals Treachery In Orleans Strike

NEW ORLEANS, La.—With the dock strike entering its second month the strikers are holding out well and growing more militant, as police terror increases and the A. F. of L. leaders make more plain their line of sell-out.

The docks are being patrolled by virtual armies of police, who escort the strike breakers to and from the docks. Strikebreakers being paid off at the waterfront last Saturday were guarded by large details of police armed with riot guns and sawed-off shot guns.

#### A. F. of L. and Gov. Long

At the Louisiana State Federation of Labor convention, Holt Ross, A. F. of L. representative, practically admitted that in calling the strike he was arranging upon a speedy intervention by Governor Long, who would help in arranging the sell-out. Ross, in a speech at the convention, said that Long had guaranteed an "amicable settlement of the strike"

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### Youth League To Meet In South

The first District Convention of the Young Communist League to be held in the South will take place in the middle of May. The Convention is being called by the District Committee of Y. C. L. District No. 17. Delegates will be sent to the National Convention to be held in New York City.

At the District Convention, to which Y. C. L. units in Birmingham, New Orleans, Atlanta and Chattanooga will send delegates, the work of the League will be carefully discussed, with a view towards exposing and overcoming weaknesses in its work. A statement, issued by the District Committee of the League states: "Our basic weakness is that we have not rooted ourselves in the shops and mines enough, nor carried on a struggle for the specific demands of the young workers."

Every effort is being made to make this first convention of the League successful, in the sense that Young Communists who come as delegates, will represent young workers in various phases of industry, as well as young farm workers, and will be prepared to report on the activity of the Units, on their weaknesses and shortcomings and set the basis for a rapid and effective building of the Young Communist League in the South.

#### Organize L. S. N. R. at Pell City

PELL CITY, Ala.—A branch of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, composed of croppers, and textile workers in the Avondale mill, was organized here this week. The branch is now mobilizing the workers to protest against the legal lynching of eight Negro workers in Alabama as a result of the recent Scottsboro trial.

—Textile Worker.

### Protest Against State Lynching Grows Rapidly

Workers Defense Attorney Visits Boys in B'ham Jail; Demand New Trial With Negro Jurors Protest Meeting In Birmingham.

#### BULLETINS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—A protest meeting, under the leadership of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, against the state lynching of the eight Negro youths in Scottsboro, was held in Powderly, a mining suburb of Birmingham, last Monday night. About 50 workers attended. A protest demonstration is being planned here Thursday night.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. April 13.—Allen Taub, sent by the National Office of the International Labor Defense to make arrangements for the defense of the eight young negro workers sentenced to death by the boss lynch law court in Scottsboro, Ala., visited the prisoners today in Birmingham jail.

It was learned that most of the boys were not even on the same box car in which the two white prostitutes rode in the company of seven white boys. Further details of the interview will appear in the next issue of the SOUTHERN WORKER.

#### Protest Grownig

A country-wide workers protest movement against the lynch law verdict handed down against the eight Negro youths at Scottsboro is growing to great proportions as the Communist Party, the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor Defense lead the working class voice of protest against the outrages of the Southern ruling class. Following the investigation of International Labor Defense and Communist Party representatives during the farcical trial at Scottsboro, these organizations immediately started the fight to save the Negro youths from bloodthirsty boss justice.

#### New Trial With Negro Jurors

As the International Labor Defense is preparing the fight for a new trial, telegrams and resolutions of protest are pouring into the offices of the Governor of Alabama and Judge Hawkins at Scottsboro from many working class organizations. Telegrams of protest have been sent by the International Labor Defense, the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the Anti-Imperialist League and one has been received from Copenhagen, Denmark, showing that the campaign against American lynch law is taking on international proportions.

The Communist Party is raising the demand for a new trial with Negro workers on the jury and the safety of the prisoners guaranteed by de-

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### "Save Us" Negro Boys Write Folks In Chattanooga

By HELEN MARCY

"My Dearest Sweet Mother and Father:—

"This is to let you know of my present life and worried to think that your poor son is going to die for nothing."

This in a letter sent to his mother in Chattanooga by 17-year-old Heywood Patterson from the Scottsboro jail after he and seven more Negro youngsters had been sentenced to the electric chair—victims of a vicious frame up and a still more vicious bosses system that is grinding under foot both white and colored workers. The letter continues:

"Do all you can to save me from being put to death for nothing. Mother, do what you can to save your son."

"We did not get a fair trial, and you try to have it moved somewhere else, if we can get a new trial. Do you all try to come down here and try to get me a new trial, or I will be put to death the 10th day of July."

"I am in jail for something I did not do. You know that it hurt me to my heart. I will be

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### HIT CHATTA. BOSS TERROR AGAIN

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Final decision on the hearing for a new trial for Harry Gordon, Elizabeth Lawson, and Mary Dalton, convicted here by a prejudiced jury for "inciting to riot" was postponed by Judge Lusk to April 18 at the hearing here last Saturday.

Defense Attorney Chamlee, in presenting the arguments for a new trial showed how Attorney General Lively and his assistant, Nick Givens, had tried to prejudice the jury in every possible way against the comrades and that they had been arrested because they were Communists leading the

fight for unemployment relief. In his speech, which lasted over an hour, he showed how the bosses of the city were interested in railroading the comrades to jail for fear of the workers organizing. He cited the statement of Nick Givens in the court during the trial that he "would not believe anything the defendants said on the witness chair."

Nick Givens, who answered for the state, could find no reply to offer. In the meantime the workers are continuing to organize for a struggle for relief and are preparing for a May Day demonstration.

### THE REPLY TO GREENVILLE KKK

By a Worker Correspondent  
Greenville, S. C.

Here are these dirty lick-spittles in their garments of white telling the Unemployed Council if they want to get a job they must leave this Communist stuff. Now, I want to see all those jobs these dirty scoundrels have given the 10,000 workers looking for work.

As far as the organizer leaving town, that will not be done because we live here in Greenville and we have just as much right here as this dirty capitalist gang has. As far as us workers being given orders by this gang to stop putting out Communist literature, we are making arrange-

ments of double that.

What the mill barons fear so bad is a general strike. An May 1st another wage-cut goes into effect and they are afraid of a strike then. Just last week a certain mill cut wages and it came very near a walk out.

Workers, we have been told by our fathers that they fought for freedom, but will you please show it to me. We are also told that we are guaranteed free press and free speech. Will you please show me where it is?

Workers, we have none of this. If we get any of it, we have got to fight all of this over again.

—Textile Worker.



## All Around Wage-Slashing For City and Farm Workers

Wage-cutting is increasing on all sides. According to official government figures there were 340 wagecuts averaging 10 percent in 50 manufacturing industries in the month of March, affecting 43,500 workers. These figures cover only industries reporting to the Department of Labor, and wide wage-slashing is taking place in all branches of industry.

The Business Week, a leading boss journal of New York, admits that wage cutting has been wide spread and declares that there will be even more wage-cuts. The same boss journal says that while living costs have declined only 13 percent since last year, wages have dropped 20 percent.

Wages of farm workers are as low now as in 1916, and are continuing to decline, according to figures published by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

With the spring plowing there is ordinarily an increase in wages, but this year wages continue to drop, having dropped by 2 percent since the beginning of the year. Farm wages are now lower than last year by 35 percent. Due to the severe unemployment in the cities there are thousands of additional workers seeking jobs on the farms. For every job to be had on the farms there are 2½ workers to be had. The landlords are using the unemployment to cut down on the wages.

The general boss onslaught against the workers grows sharper every day. Organize and fight against wage-cuts! City and farm worker, join hands for a powerful demonstration on May First!

## A F of L Reveals Dock Strike Treachery

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during the campaign for election as senator," but had not fulfilled the promise. This is a clear admission that the A. F. of L. and International Longshoremen's Assn. officials had been maneuvering behind the backs of the strikers with the politicians, with the hopes of a quick sell-out.

For fear of losing the alliance with the white ruling class of the South, William Green, A. F. of L. president, immediately wired Governor Long, assuring him of "the friendly attitude of the Federation." The Louisiana Federation immediately followed up Green with an equally sniveling telegram informing the Governor that they are not fighting him.

### Attacks Communists

In his same speech before the Federation Convention, Ross entered into a vicious attack upon the Communists and the Marine Workers Industrial Union, which are urging the strikers to mass picketing and spreading the strike, the only way victory can be assured. The Communists, he said, are trying to "wrest control of leadership of the striking longshoremen from the conservative American Federation of Labor." He means to say, that there is a growing rank-and-file movement against the labor fakery and for a broad rank-and-file strike committee which would lead the strike to victory, as proposed by the M. W. I. U.

"I believe there are 10,000 Communists or Communist sympathizers in New Orleans," he said.

The May Day demonstration called by the Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party will be a rallying point for carrying the strike militantly thru to victory.

### MINERS FIGHT SELL-OUT

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—After the grievance committee here, under the domination of the reactionary officials of the United Mine Workers, had agreed to send the 20,000 strikers back to work without an agreement with the mine owners, rank-and-file miners are indignant at the sell-out and are preparing for a wide anthracite strike under their own leader-

## Propose New Gag Law In Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga.—The labor-hating bosses of Atlanta put more pressure on their tools in the City Council and another anti-labor law is the result. After passing a severe Jim-Crow law here last week, they now are trying to pass an ordinance making it criminal to possess any literature, magazines, or papers that are not in accord with the bosses.

That this law is directed against the Communist Party and every workers' organization is proved by the following fact: Ed Hill, an unemployed textile worker, was arrested not long ago and forced to serve ten days in jail merely because a Communist Party leaflet was found in his possession, which he got at a shop gate distribution.

Mason, a member of the City Council, who is proposing the law, had the nerve to say: "This ordinance does not interfere with the liberty of the press. It really tends to preserve the liberty of the press in that it prohibits publications which in the end would tear down this liberty."

There you are, workers, the bosses would give us liberty, only they are afraid that we would take the liberty of using this liberty, so they instead give us nothing. Demonstrate on May 1st and force this "liberty" down the throats of the bosses!

## Jobless Turn on Water In Homes In B'ham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Unemployed workers here in houses where the water has been turned off by the landlord in an effort to drive them out, are turning the water on despite the fact that the water meters have been removed.

Nine police raided a house here last week when they learned the Communist Party was holding a meeting there to organize the workers of the neighborhood to turn the water and lights on and to fight against evictions. The police picked the wrong house, however and no workers were arrested.

## B'ham Jobless Demand Relief From Red Cross

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—All soup kitchens have been shut down here and the unemployed told to shift for themselves.

The Red Cross has cut away down on relief, \$2 per week at most for a large family and are discriminating openly against the Negro workers. The Communist Party has organized mass committees of unemployed workers in two sections of the city who have been cut off from any relief by the Red Cross to visit Red Cross headquarters this week to protest against this starvation program. Thousands of leaflets exposing the Red Cross have been distributed thruout the city.

### REPLACE FREE LABOR

VALDOSTA, Ga.—Since the beginning of the present year, county commissioners have dismissed all free labor used in driving the county trucks and substituted prison labor. While there are thousands of unemployed here, more are fired by the boss government and prisoners put to work in their stead.

## SCOTTSBORO PROTEST GROWING

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fense groups of white and colored workers. Meetings and demonstrations of protest are being arranged in the South and thruout the country.

### Railroaded

In rapid succession, during a farcical trial lasting not quite three days, only two weeks after their arrest, the eight Negro youths—six of them not yet 18 years old and the oldest 21—were sentenced to death on the electric chair, by juries on whom sat business men who had given money to the prosecution to assure a rapid conviction. The only "conclusive evidence" on which they were convicted was that of Victoria Price and Ruby Bates, notorious as prostitutes thruout Southeastern Tennessee and northeastern Alabama.

Not a single one of the white boys riding on the train with the two girls was put on the witness stand. They were kept in jail until the trial was over and then told to get out of town.

### Death Agreement

After the hurried conviction of the first two—Charlie Weems and Clarence Norris—the lynch incited mob packing the court room burst into thunderous applause.

It was a tacit understanding between the state, the defense and the mob leaders that there was to be no lynching by the mob, provided the boys were all sent to the electric chair.

The conviction of the remaining six followed in rapid order, Heywood Patterson was sentenced soon after the lynch ovation given the sentence against the first two. A wholesale sentence was handed down against the remaining five.

### Defense Lawyer Betrays

Lawyers appointed by the court to defend the youths openly admitted that they were in the conspiracy to send the boys to the electric chair in order to prevent a lynching by the mob. Commenting on the telegram of protest sent by the International Labor Defense, Steve Roddy, appointed by some churches in Chattanooga to defend the boys, showed that he was not much better than the other lawyers by stating: "I don't see how anyone can state that we are not striving to see that the defendants are getting the fairest trial from the defense attorneys."

It was reported after the trial of the first two, Roddy had attempted to seek a "compromise" with the state by offering to enter pleas of guilty in return for life sentences.

The ninth boy, Roy Wright, 14 years old, has been turned over to the juvenile authorities, who have been instructed to return him to the court for a death sentence, if he is found to be "incorrigible."

### Beaten in Jail

Following the conviction, the boys were transferred to Gadsden Ala., for "safe keeping." They arrived there about 6 o'clock, just after the evening meal had been served. When they demanded food, since they had not eaten the whole day, they were refused and shoved into the bull pen. When they continued to protest against their treatment, troops were called, who beat them and manacled them in pairs. They are at present in Birmingham jail, awaiting transfer to Kilby prison. Date of execution has been set for July 10.

The Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League will make

### FIGHT YANKEE IMPERIALISM

MANAGUA, Nicaragua.—A captain of Marines and two other Marine officers were killed in an engagement with Sandino forces, according to government reports. The marines are trying to pacify the workers and peasants of Nicaragua under American boss domination. Sandino's army of workers and peasants is fighting against it to the last ditch.

the May First demonstrations to be held in a number of Southern cities, a powerful demonstration for the defense of the Negro youths.

## "Save Us," Write Boys To Chat. Parents

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moved to Kilby prison.

"Good-bye and good luck, Heywood."

April 8, Scottsboro, Ala.

Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Wright, whose two sons, Andy and Roy, one 14 and the other 17 years old, are being held with the other seven, live in West Chattanooga, on the banks of the Tennessee. Clean, but very poor working class homes.

Mr. Patterson works in a steel mill on the stagger plan, three days a week. He used to make \$28 a week in the "good days," but with the stagger plan wages were cut and now for three days work he gets a measly \$7 for a family of eight. Fellow steel workers in the plant made a collection and raised \$10.36 for the defense of the young Negroes.

Andy and Roy Wright lost their father seven years ago.

Andy started to work when he was 10 years old to help support the family. He helped in groceries, and up to last year had been working as a truck driver. He was fired. Every day the boss told him to come back—perhaps he would get his job. Day after day, for a whole year, Andy hung around the firms windows until he saw it was no use.

He could no longer stand being a burden on his mother, who makes \$6 a week for working day and night in a "white folks" home, so Andy and Roy and Heywood, who palled around together, decided to go to Memphis to look for work. Andy's auntie lived there and she would support them until they would perhaps find jobs.

So they hopped on a train headed in that direction. Then came the arrest.

They are in constant danger of being lynched. Their food and bedding is not fit for pigs. The bosses newspapers are all excited that they dared raise their voices against being electrocuted for a crime they did not commit, and on the word of two notorious prostitutes.

From inquiries in the neighborhood, I learned that the two white girls, Victoria Price and Ruby Bates, are well known as prostitutes in that section where they have plied their trade for a number of years.

Andy's mother, tears in her eyes, showed me his letter from the Scottsboro jail.

"Why I am sitting down, thinking of no one but you, Mama.

"They didn't give me a fair trial. They are going to kill me for nothing. You know I would not do a thing like that. They got me all for nothing.

"when they move me I will write back to you.

"From your son,  
Andy.

Scottsboro, Ala."

## LYNCH LAW AT WORK

PASCAGOULA Miss. After deliberating only 8 minutes a jury brought in a verdict of guilty against Tom Carraway, 20 year old Negro, charged with "attacking a white woman" here on Feb. 25th, 1931. This verdict automatically means death by electrocution, the legal lynch method of bosses' justice.

DAYTON, Tenn.—A posse of 200 men, a motorcycle patrol, Hamilton county officers and bloodhounds, are searching the country round for a Negro who hid in the shed of Mrs. M. Green of Dayton, and asked her not to notify police. Six Negroes have been pulled off a freight train and are being held for questioning, and Negroes throughout the county are being terrorized. Mrs. Green admits that no one attacked her and the Negro ran when she began her wild screaming.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Eight hundred dollars reward is being offered for the capture of the Negro that was supposed to have attacked Mrs. C. A. Allen and her daughter.

SOUTHPORT, N. C.—Talmer Brown, 23-year-old Negro, was indicted by the Brunswick county grand jury for an alleged attack on a white girl. Lynch fever is so high that Brown is being held in an undisclosed jail.

## NTWU Organizing Mill Workers In Pell City

PELL CITY, Ala.—Workers in the Avondale mill here took a 10 percent wage cut this pay. The mill, which is owned by former Governor Comer, employs close to a thousand workers, 300 of them Negroes.

The National Textile Workers Union has issued a leaflet calling on the workers to organize a mill committee under the leadership of the union to prepare for a fight against the cut. The leaflets, distributed on the inside by members of the union, have had a marked effect already on the attitude of the slave-driving mill bosses.

## Send American Worker Delegation To USSR

NEW YORK.—The Friends of the Soviet Union, an organization of workers and sympathizers, which has organized a delegation of 28 workers to visit the Soviet Union, and report back its findings to the American workers, has just received a message of welcome from a large Soviet collective farm.

The executive board of the "Land of the Soviets," the name of the farm, in its message says that it is awaiting the arrival of the delegation enthusiastically and sends proletarian greetings to the workers in America. The delegation will arrive in the Soviet Union on May Day, in time to witness the gigantic celebration on the Red Square in Moscow.

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# FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

## SW "FLY IN PIE" OF WELL PAID CHURCH HEADS

By a Worker Correspondent  
Elizabethton, Tenn.

I am a World War veteran. I fought a good fight. Who for? The bosses.

Now I am going to make a different fight. Absolutely against Bossism.

I get a small pension, but I am certainly in sympathy with the workers of Carter county, who are being ridden over by a hellish crook in Valley Forge. He works in conjunction with the mill bosses and the courts, to railroad the workers to jail.

First he uses the elders and deacons of his boss-controlled church to help him in his low down tactics.

And who are they?

One Elder is a young one nobody will believe, since he played his treachery in the 1929 strike. The other is a whiskered rat that has his mug in the court house at every workers' trial. One old deacon is a man nobody fully understands because he wears two or more faces and was a noted heartbreaker until his age interfered. The other deacon is a man that don't steal, but just beats everybody that will let him.

Such is the record of the gang of church rats the workers have to combat.

Then we have a good for nothing parasite who don't do anything since the church fired him for taking on another wife. There is nothing too mean for this scamp to do.

The preacher said last night: "There is no use for anybody being in hard luck. I have made more money in the past year than ever before."

We don't doubt it, for he charges about \$50 a week for his "pie in the sky" bunk.

He was reading a SOUTHERN WORKER today and said: "I just can hardly keep off such stuff as this."

We extend to him the invitation to get on. We have a special cabin for rats like him. As soon as the fur market opens, we have a choice lot of hides to take, and Boy, we mean to stretch them.

—Adam Red.

## Form Committee On B'ham Relief Job

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The City of Birmingham has posted two guards armed with rifles on the North Birmingham Park job as a result of the distribution of leaflets on the job this week signed by the T. U. U. L.

The leaflets exposed the wage-cutting scheme of the city government which hires men to work in the park at 25 cents an hour for 3 days a week on a pretense of "relief." The T. U. U. L. called on the park workers to organize a grievance committee to take the demands of the workers for decent wages to the city hall. The leaflets were well received and such a committee is being organized on this job.

## BANANA STRIKE IN PANAMA

BALBOA, Canal Zone.—A strike of 1,500 banana loaders here, employed by the United Fruit Company has tied up the company's ships. The workers are mostly Nicaraguans, Costa Ricans, and other Central Americans and other Central Americans. During a strike two years ago on the United Fruit plantations in Colombia, the strikers were shot down by government troops. The Government of Panama is now doing the same thing, with wholesale deportations and arrests. Meagre reports state that the strike has spread to the company's new plantations.

## Ready To Defend Soviet



Soldiers of the Soviet Red Army, which is composed of workers and peasants ready to give their all for the defense of the first Workers' State.

## White, Negro Workers Meet Police Afraid To Interfere

By a Worker Correspondent  
Greenville, S. C.

Last week we had an Unemployed meeting in our section of town where we colored people live. Miss Holden, the organizer spoke and told us workers how bad we were treated by the capitalists and how we could organize and make the capitalists and mill-owners give us poor people unemployment relief. She said both Negro and white would have to organize together.

Two policemen were at the meeting and one of them tried to tell us poor workers that there was nothing to the union and advised us to stay away from it. He said it would only get us in trouble. But that didn't scare Fellow-worker Holden. She told us exactly how the police would act to help the bosses and club us workers and we know what she said was so. We announced another meeting for this week.

Well, the day before the second meeting was to be held the police went from house to house telling us colored people that if we tried to have a meeting they would break it up. But the organizers of the Unemployed Council don't get scared and run. No, siree, they just announced to the crowd that the meeting would be held in spite of the police and everybody else. And then they asked the white workers to come over from the mill villages.

When the meeting time came there were about 100 people, half of them white workers who came from the Poinsett and Woodside mill villages. We had a good meeting and got several new members, and not a single police dared to show up.

## Sheriff Will Go To Nashville To Stop SW

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn.—W. C. Williams, who controls the church here and is a magistrate, is one of the worst enemies of the Elizabethton workers. He has had the homes of various workers searched for working class literature, and gets the sheriff on the trail of anyone he suspects of being a "red."

The SOUTHERN WORKER, which is widely read by the workers here, has gotten under the hide of the mill bosses. Their sheriff says that he is going to have the paper stopped, if he "has to go to Nashville." But he will have to do more than that, and then some.

## Demand New Trial for Eight Negro Youths With Negro Jurors!

Now workers, this shows what it takes to whip the bosses and their police. Just get together and organize. They don't dare arrest crowds. When the white and blacks both organize together they know then that it is time to stay away.

—A Negro Worker.

## \$2 Plus Cuss Words For Weeks Work in Ga.

By a Worker Correspondent  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

I have just returned from a visit to Austell, Ga., where the thread mills are being built.

The working conditions are very bad. They pay 15c an hour for common labor and 27½c for carpenters. They charge a dollar a day for board, so the laborer gets \$2 a week and board and if he loses a day he gets only 50c a week.

They are driven like dogs. The boss cusses the white and Negro workers and threatens that they work harder or "there's plenty of barefoot men to take your place."

For fighting against such conditions the leaders of the workers are imprisoned in Chattanooga and lied about by the press to mislead the workers.

Workers, organize into the Trade Union Unity League to get better conditions. Fight for the freedom of our leaders.

—A Worker.

## "ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE"

Andrew W. Mellon secretary of the treasury, is the second wealthiest man in the world. The wealth of the banks controlled by Mellon and his brothers is greater than the total banking institutions in many states. He has connections with 200 corporations. No wonder he fights tooth and nail against any unemployment insurance for the workers, while he rebates millions of dollars in taxes to his corporations!

## Fight for Right to Plant Corn

KOSCIUSKO, Miss.—A tenant farmer here killed his landlord in a dispute over the amount of land to be used for planting corn. When Willie Parks, the tenant, insisted on planting more land to corn so that he will not starve to death next winter, the landlord threatened him with a plow handle. In the fight which followed the landlord died from knife wounds. Tenants and croppers will to organize their revolt on a mass scale if they are to be successful.

## Jobless T. C. I. Worker Forced Give Up Children

By a Worker Correspondent

Birmingham, Ala.

I was up at the Red Cross for some help the other day and this is my story. Just three days before I went up my wife went there to see if we couldn't get some help. Miss Simms talked to my wife as if she was a dog, and told her that I had a check from the government and was seen in the grocer's about an hour ago.

My wife told her that was a lie, as I am 24 years old and I never was in the army.

## More Red Tape

We knew we would not get anything after this from Miss Simms, so I went up to see E. Ramsay, head of the Community Chest, and one of this city's biggest bankers. A man that never had to suffer, at the head of such a thing!

Mr. Ramsay wasn't in, so his secretary gave me a letter to the Red Cross.

After giving the letter to a woman at the desk, I had to wait about one hour. Then the hell started.

## To Take Children

I was taken into Miss Simms' private office and the first thing she said was, "The state has a claim to your three children and can give them to anyone to adopt and I am going to see this is done. You are not taking care of them." I pleaded with her I was doing my best.

About three years ago I lay in gas for two hours at No. 2 blast furnace at the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co.'s Ensley plant, on account of an accident. I explained this to Miss Simms. "Didn't you get compensation?" she asked.

## Fired When Hurt

I told her I didn't make out an accident report. If you get hurt in the plant, the company will fire you or lay you off. It is never the company's fault if you get hurt, because they tell you it is your duty to see that things are made safe.

If you complain about it they might fix it but they will get rid of you in some way or another. So to keep my job I didn't make out the report, and last spring, two years later, I had to go to the company hospital for I was their slave.

The doctor saw it would take some time to build me up, so they turned me out as soon as I could walk, and not well by a whole lot. They wanted me to pay the bill after they had cut \$1.25 a month when I was working, for hospital care.

## Just "Hard Luck"

Now that the company saw that they had gotten everything out of me they could, they cut me off. They said they weren't firing me. It was just a reduction of forces.

Back on the streets again, with no means of support for my family, I had to get out of the company house. I couldn't buy any more groceries and the company forgot me. They played a trick on me and had the law to support them.

So the Red Cross had the nerve to tell me that all this is my "hard luck" and was no reason why I shouldn't take care of my children.

## In Soviet Union

I told Miss Simms it wasn't my fault that I couldn't find a job.

"No," she replied, "We will have to take the children."

But I say they might take my very blood, but they will have to go thru hell to do it.

One man told me he did not like the Soviet government because they took your children, which is a lie he got out of the bosses paper. Now look at the law here that is going to take mine and give them out to be adopted and raised as slaves.

—An Unemployed Worker.

## JOBLESS FORCE RICH TO GIVE SOME RELIEF

By a Worker Correspondent

Greenville, S. C.

Since the Unemployed Council has been organizing here in Greenville we have got the bosses scared stiff. They have done everything they could to scare the workers, but when they see we don't get scared they try to appease us with something syrupy.

We have organized five neighborhood branches of the Unemployed Council and have several hundred members. We presented our demand to the City Council of Greenville and to the City Council of West Greenville. Both, of course, refused to do a thing for the workers.

But some rich guy gave some of the workers money last week and the Elks have been giving free dinners to the hungry. Today a fat society lady drove up to my house and left some clothes for my children, also some school books and paper. She said rather snappy: "You people have been raising so much fuss about free books, free clothing, etc., for your children so they could go to school, now see that they go." She said she had given away clothes to 50 children today.

This is a very little help. For our children can't go to school yet unless they have something to eat. But this is the work of the Unemployed Council. Had it not been for this organization we would not be getting a thing now. We must spread the organization and make the bosses pay for the hard times for which they are responsible.

I know what organization means. I spent 18 days in the jail at Gastonia after the shooting of Aderholt and I know these Unions of the T. U. U. L. sure are a fighting bunch. Workers, we must all stick to them and fight for our rights.

—Unemployed Textile Worker.

## NO USE!

MEMPHIS, Tenn. The Civil Liberties Union of New York has announced that it will bring suit against the Memphis police for the arrest of Henry Fuller, descendant of the first governor of Tennessee. Fuller was arrested and kept in jail incommunicado over the week end when he inquired at police headquarters where he could find the headquarters of the Communist Party.

## "DISTURBING THE PEACE"

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Joseph Lamana, unemployed worker, was arrested for "disturbing the peace" after he attempted to commit suicide by jumping from a ferry landing.

## DON'T GIVE IN, FIGHT!

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Thomas Gromely, 71-year-old worker, killed himself here, after his wife had committed suicide one week before. They were starving.



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## "All Legal Forms Strictly Observed"

"Alabama is to be commended upon the dispatch with which this matter was disposed of."

That is the editorial comment of the Chattanooga Times on the farcical and speedy trial at Scottsboro Ala., which in three days sent eight Negroes to an electric chair lynching.

Rushing to the defense of boss terrorism and the legal lynching perpetrated by the state of Alabama, the Atlanta Constitution yaps: "The governor and people of Alabama deserve the praise of the whole country for the manner in which they handled the perpetrators of the repulsive outrage."

The Birmingham News, indignant at the ringing protests against the dastardly legal lynching raised by workers thruout the country thru various working class organizations states that the International Labor Defense should know that "the trials were conducted in an orderly manner, that there was no mob violence, that all the legal forms were strictly observed."

The Southern ruling class, thru its press rushes to the defense of its whole lynch law system. "The activity of the International Labor Defense can be regarded only as meddling," says the Birmingham News, organ of the United States Steel Trust.

Yes, meddling, gentlemen! The workers are meddling and will meddle in increasing insistence at this latest outrage of Southern ruling class tyranny. Two weeks after their arrest, with lawyers appointed to their defense by a lynch law court, eight young Negro workers are sentenced to die on the electric chair, for a crime against two white prostitutes—a crime which has by no means been proven against them. With "all the legal forms strictly observed," if you please, the electric chair of the sovereign state of Alabama is to take the place of the schoolhouse at Maryville, Mo. A lynching is a lynching, whether done by a boss-incited mob in the open, or from behind the austere top of a judge's desk.

This death sentence is directed not only against the eight Negro youths but also against all the Negro toilers and the white workers and farmers as well. The mob of 8,000 at Scottsboro at the opening of the trial was composed mostly of white farmers—destitute, in rags, wondering where their next bite of food was to come from. THESE ARE NOT LYNCHERS — THEY ARE THE TOOLS OF THE LYNCHERS, MISLED AND CONFUSED INTO YEARNING FOR THE BLOOD OF THEIR NEGRO FELLOW WORKERS, BY THE WHITE RULING CLASS. For fear that, in their search for food to keep from starving, they might DIRECT THEIR DEMANDS AT THE WHITE LANDOWNERS AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, the rage of the starving farmers is INSTEAD DIRECTED AGAINST THE NEGRO WORKERS. It is the boss method of keeping the Negroes suppressed and starving, so that they can be used against the white workers and farmers.

This diabolical purpose of the ruling class must be met by a determined struggle on the part of the white workers as well as the Negroes on the drive of terror against the Negro workers and farmers, of which the Scottsboro case is but one of a series of outrages.

Let both Negro and white workers organizations arrange for meetings and demonstrations of protest, flood the office of the Governor of Alabama and the trial judge, Hawkins, with resolutions of protest.

Make the May Day demonstrations an outstanding example of white and Negro workers' solidarity in the struggle against boss terrorism!

Demand a new trial for the eight Negro workers condemned at Scottsboro, with Negro workers on the jury.

Demand the right of armed Negro and white defense groups to protect the prisoners against any attempted mob terror!

Join the struggle for Negro rights, for the right of the Negroes in the Black Belt, where they are in the majority, to govern themselves!

DEMONSTRATE ON MAY 1st!

## New Pamphlet On Youth In Industry

"Youth in Industry," a booklet by Grace Hutchins, is the first pamphlet published on the life of the American young workers. It is the story of Tom, a young American who dreamed of becoming an aviator, but instead had to take a job in a silk mill at \$7 a week. The job began early in the morning and lasted until late at night—the same kind of a job that you have, if you are "lucky" enough to have one.

In contrast to the conditions in this country, the pamphlet describes the conditions of young workers in the Soviet Union. It tells the young workers how to organize and fight for better conditions. Every worker will want a copy of it.

It costs ten cents for a single copy and 7 cents a copy when ordered in bundle lots. "Youth in Industry" can be ordered from the SOUTHERN WORKER.

## For The Kids



A new children's magazine is coming out! There will be stories, pictures, laffs, sports—24 pages for workers' children. The subscription rates are: 50 cents a year; 30 cents a half year. Address: Pioneer, Box 28, Station D, New York City.

## TRY FORCE WORKERS BACK

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Mayor Mackey, of this city threatened to call of troops to smash the strike of 5,000 hosiery workers here, unless the strikers go back to work immediately accepting the company terms.

## CASUALTY LIST GROWS

FAYETTEVILLE, Ga. — Jim Smith 40 year old farmer, hanged himself in the woods near his home because he could not provide for his wife and several children.

# DEMONSTRATE MAY DAY!

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When the workers and croppers, driven to desperation by such conditions, come together to demand relief, to demand work or bread, they are met with the clubs and the guns of the police. Demonstrations are broken up as was the Feb. 10th demonstration of 3,000 hungry workers in Chattanooga, and the leaders of the workers are railroaded to jail.

## INCITE RACE HATRED

To prevent the workers from fighting back against this program of mass starvation, the boss class incites race and national hatred and plays the Negro worker against the white and the white worker against the Negro. In order to beat down the standards of all workers the boss class directs its sharpest attack against the Negro workers. Their wages are the first to be cut. They are the first to be cut off from their jobs. If a Negro worker or cropper dares to protest against this outrageous oppression and discrimination he is hounded to his death by a lynch mob, with the full cooperation and support of local and state governments. In order to cow the Negro workers into submission 8 Negroes are to be burned in the electric chair in Alabama on July 10th, after a farce of a trial before a jury of white business men.

Not content with the billions of profits they are squeezing from the millions of underpaid workers in this country, the bosses of America—the capitalist class—is reaching out for new fields in which to coin more millions from the blood and sweat of the workers. American soldiers are sent to Nicaragua, to China, Cuba, the Philippines, to take control of these colonial countries in the name of the American capitalist class and to plunder these oppressed people that the bosses of America may grow still richer.

## Prepare A War

While American Imperialism carries on this constant warfare against the workers and farmers of the colonial countries at the same time the bosses are preparing for a new world war, to enrich themselves at the expense of the countless millions of workers who will be killed in battle as they were in the last world war.

This coming war is being prepared particularly against the first Workers State in history—against the Soviet Union. The capitalist class hates and fears the Soviet Union, for there the working class is in power. There the oppressors have been overthrown. There the workers are building a new world in which workers rule and oppression and discrimination are unknown.

## Demonstrate May 1st.

THIS IS CAPITALISM IN ACTION. STARVATION AND MISERY FOR THE WORKERS; POLICE CLUBS, TEAR GAS BOMBS, AND SAVAGE JAIL SENTENCES FOR THE HUNGRY; OPPRESSION WORSE THAN SLAVERY FOR NEGRO MASSES AND LYNCH LAW AT THE FIRST SIGN OF RESISTANCE; WAR AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WHOLE WORLD—AND FOR THE BOSS CLASS UNTOLD RICHES AND EVERY LUXURY.

WORKERS AND CROPPERS OF THE SOUTH, EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED, NEGRO AND WHITE, THE COMMUNIST PARTY CALLS ON YOU TO DEMONSTRATE MAY FIRST! DEMONSTRATE AND FIGHT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ON MAY DAY! AGAINST THE STARVATION PROGRAM OF THE BOSS CLASS!

AGAINST LYNCH LAW AND THE POLICE TERROR OF THE BOSS CLASS GOVERNMENT!

FOR FULL EQUALITY FOR NEGROES! FOR THE RIGHT OF THE NEGRO MASSES IN THE BLACK BELT TO GOVERN THEMSELVES!

FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET UNION!

FOR A WORKERS GOVERNMENT IN AMERICA!

## Hooded KKK Invades Greenville Meeting

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enraged at the mob violence of the bosses and the action of Mayor Welbourn of West Greenville two nights before.

## Mayor Leads K. K. K.

When a committee of white and Negro workers of the Unemployed Council went before the city council of West Greenville on the night of April 7 to demand relief for the thousands of starving unemployed workers, Mayor Welbourn met them outside and told them to wait until he called them.

After waiting for nearly an hour, the Mayor walked out to the crowd, but instead of inviting them in, he passed on and in about five minutes came back leading twenty-two hooded Klansmen, dressed in full regalia. They marched first around the delegation of workers and formed a crescent in front of them, apparently trying to scare the Negro workers who were present, but the workers all stood firm. After the Klansmen had marched into the hall and filled all the benches, leaving room enough to seat four or five, Mayor Welbourn invited the delegation in. The committee of workers read the statement and demands of the Unemployed Council demanding immediate relief from the millowners and the government of West Greenville.

## "Workers Outcasts"

The leader of the Klansmen arose and warned all the workers to drop membership in the Unemployed Council. "The mills and the city government here is strong," he said, "and you workers are the outcasts. You have no power and what you are try-

ing to do will get you nowhere, but may get you in trouble." The Mayor cheered this statement. Threats of mob terror was his way of answering the demands of the thousands of starving unemployed workers of the city.

The entire mob in K. K. K. regalia was composed of mill police and overseers and their henchmen from the Brandon and Poinsett mills. Two of the mob were from outside the mill villages, one a professional stool-pigeon and the other one a shoe-shop keeper in Greenville.

## Answer on May Day!

The presence of the mob at the City Council did not scare the Negro workers away as the boss press states. On the contrary, they remained until the last and walked away together with the white workers. On the following day the workers met before the Red Cross and presented a list of needy families who are starving and who are receiving no aid. The workers were told that they could not see Mrs. Leagn, head of the Red Cross who had fled to her private office when the workers came in. The workers were told that the Red Cross had no time to look after their cases. The workers replied: "We will see you again tomorrow and shall keep coming back until something is done."

It is going to take more than masked K. K. K. mobs to scare the starving workers of Greenville. The workers have been starving long enough. The whole boss class machinery is set to attack them, but the workers are going forward in their struggle for relief in spite of all threats. The May Day demonstration will rally the workers for struggle.

# Red and The Reverend

By a Worker Correspondent  
Birmingham, Ala.

A red and a reverend hold a conversation:

PREACHER: What are you all trying to do?

YOUNG RED: We are organizing all workers on a common basis for united workingclass struggle against capitalism, and finally for its overthrow.

P.: Son your undertakings are very dangerous ones. God is in the plan, he works in a mysterious way his wonders to perform. The whole world is troubled, nations are rising up against each other. This thing in which you are participating means that men will slay each other, having no mercy.

Y. R.: From a capitalist point of view, your speech was very explicitly made. But why didn't you preachers say these things when the Wall Street gamblers were sending workers to France? And why did you support the bosses by telling the workers, especially the Negro workers, that they should go and fight for their country?

P.: Well—we must profit by our mistakes.

Y. R.: You are quite correct, reverend, that's what we workers are doing, we are organizing ourselves for a successful struggle under the leadership of the Communist Party.

P.: We, as Negroes, son, must wait the time appointed by the Almighty. We cannot get ahead of God; his is first and last. The way will be opened for us, but only when we abstain from our evils and devote our time in praising him.

Y. R.: God in his glory, saw 38 Negroes lynched within the first 8 months of 1930. His Majesty also saw 12 Negroes shot down by the police right here in Birmingham. We have prayed over a period of 300 years and our conditions are worsening. We pray more than any other nation, yet our miseries are sharper. We are denied every human right, discriminated against. You yourself, can't even vote here in Alabama, any day you and your sons are liable to become the lynch victims in the hands of a crazed, blood-thirsty mob, composed of well-dressed city officials cheerfully performing their miracles which they call "white supremacy."

P.: Well, I must go now.

And thus the conversation came to an end.

—A Young Worker.

## Who Is Starving?

Ten million workers are unemployed in this country and millions of workers and farmers are starving—BUT

The General Motors Corporation, at the head of which stands Raskob, the Democratic National Chairman, reports net sales of a billion dollars for 1930 and boasts of a surplus of 350 million and a dividend payment of 150 million dollars. Henry Ford made a profit out of the hides of his slaves amounting to 55 million in 1930. Certain corporations are declaring dividends of 750 million dollars. A rich old woman spends \$2,000 to make grass grow over her dog's grave. Twenty-one exploiters of labor were added to the list of those with more than \$3,000,000 a year income in 1930, and 504 in this country have more than \$1,000,000 a year income.

And wages are being slashed all along the line. Millions of workers and farmers are left to starve to death. Organize and fight against wage-cuts and for unemployment insurance and relief!