

**Workers! White and Negro Together, Demonstrate May Day!**

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Colored Workers,  
Unite!

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## Mass Scottsboro Protest on May Day

### Demand Jobless Relief At Many Demonstrations

**MAY DAY MEETINGS**  
CHATTANOOGA:—Market and 16th Streets (one block above Main), at 4:30 p.m.

CHARLOTTE:—Central Demonstration at 9th and A Street (9th and N. W. R. R.) Marches to demonstration from 12th and N. Caldwell and 4th and S. Caldwell. Demonstration at 5:30 p.m.

International May Day, May 1st, will see mass demonstrations in a number of Southern cities and in practically every industrial town and city in the North, as well as throughout the world.

The demonstrations this year will be a tremendous rallying point for the struggle for unemployment insurance and relief against wage-cutting and speedup, as well as mass protests against the legal lynching of nine Negro young workers at Scottsboro.

The demonstration in Chattanooga, at Market and 16th streets at 4:30 p.m. is expected to be even larger than the unemployed demonstration at Main and Market on Feb. 10, which the police dispersed and where the three comrades were arrested. After the victory in court, where a new trial was granted for Comrades Gordon, Dalton, and Lawson, the police were forced to grant an official permit for the demonstration on May Day.

The workers are indignant at the failure of the city to grant them adequate relief and the Negro workers, as well as a number of white workers, are aroused over the lynch law verdict at Scottsboro.

Demonstrations will also be held in Birmingham, New Orleans and Atlanta. The Scottsboro case, the brutal persecution of workers in the city, discrimination on the so-called relief jobs, continued lay-offs, wage-cuts and speed-up are rousing the Birmingham workers to express their determination for a united fight in their May Day Demonstrations.

In New Orleans, many of the dock (Turn to Page 2)

### Communists In City Elections In Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—W. G. Binkley, Trade Union Unity League organizer, and Timothy Williams, Negro worker, are the candidates of the Communist Party for City Council in the elections to take place April 27. Their program demands immediate cash relief from the city of \$10 a week for each unemployed family, free meals, carfare and books for the school children of the unemployed; the right of workers to organize and picket; lower rents, electric and gas rates and a five-cent street car fare; a minimum wage of \$20 a week for the 8-hour day for municipal employees; that the present salary of the City Manager be cut from \$12,500 a year to \$2,500 a year; no discrimination against Negro workers.

This is the first time in the history of Charlotte, since reconstruction days, that a Negro is running for office.

The whole election campaign of the Communist Party is being waged around the fight for unemployment relief and for the organization of the workers to fight against wage-cuts, speed-ups and lay-offs especially in the textile mills.

In a statement issued by the Communist Party on the election it is pointed out that all the candidates (Turn to Page 2)

### MINERS HUNGER MARCH 16 MILES

WASHINGTON, Pa.—Through a government, faced by the determined miners, was forced to promise immediate relief.

Hunger marchers from all parts of Pennsylvania have already started on their march to Harrisburg, state capitol, where they will present demands to the state Legislature for immediate relief. The march is being led by Unemployed Councils of the Trade Union Unity League and the marchers will present their demands on May 1. On that date workers throughout the country will demonstrate for immediate relief.

Three miles out of Washington, Sheriff Seman tried to hold the miners back, but they brushed him aside and continued their march. They demonstrated in front of the county courthouse and forced the commissioners to listen to them. The county

#### A VICIOUS SENTENCE

FLORENCE, Ala.—Two Negroes, Hugh Webb and Ed Jackson, were sentenced to 13 months in the Atlanta Federal prison, on a charge of stealing a bundle of Birmingham newspapers from a mail train.



Home of Haywood Patterson, in Chattanooga.



Mother of Haywood Patterson, Mrs. Janie Patterson, and her youngest child.

### A. F. of L. Mayor in Greenville K.K.K.

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Mobs organized by the millowners are trying to terrorize the workers of Greenville, S. C. Last night fourteen automobiles drew up in front of a worker's house, where it was thought a meeting of the Unemployed Council would be held. Sheet and masked figures paraded up and down the street.

This was the same mob, not the regular Ku Klux Klan, but a mob especially organized by the millowners, and consisting of mill overseers, mill dicks and some of the police force, who took charge of the West Greenville City Council meeting on April 7th, and raided meetings of the Unemployed Council.

The Central Trades and Labor Council of Greenville has joined the K. K. K. crowd to try and break up the Unemployed Council and the National Textile Workers Union. Jack Green, secretary of the Central Trades and Labor Council, was a member of the K. K. K. masked mob of 100, organized by the mill owners, that raided the headquarters of the

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### Facts Show 9 Negro Boys Innocent; Protest Grows

Telegrams and Resolutions Continue to Pour Into Alabama; Mass Protest Meets Arranged

An All-Southern Conference to mobilize all support in the fight for the release of the nine Negro youths on whom a legal lynching has been passed by the Scottsboro court has been called for May 24th in Chattanooga.

The call is issued by the International Labor Defense, which has already retained George W. Chamlee of Chattanooga as chief counsel for the defense, and by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, which is cooperating in winning mass support for the Scottsboro boys.

A local Chattanooga conference, drawing around it all support in Hamilton county, called by the same organizations that issued the call for the All-Southern Conference, will be held on April 28th.

#### Nation-Wide Protest

All fraternal orders, lodges, union locals, churches and all sympathetic organizations are invited to send delegates both to the local conference and to the All-Southern Conference.

Mass protests in the form of telegrams and resolutions have been flooding the offices of Governor Miller of Alabama and Judge Hawkins from all parts of the country. The mass demonstrations called by the Communist Party and Trade Union Unity League for May Day will have as one of their central points protest against the Scottsboro courthouse lynching.

#### Demonstrations in Birmingham

One of the most significant demonstrations thus far held in protest was the one held in Birmingham last Thursday night, organized by the Communist Party. The demonstration was held on the streets and shows the readiness of the Birmingham workers to withstand the extreme police brutality and persecutions in this city in order to make their voice of protest heard.

Lowell Wakefield, Southern Dis- (Turn to Page 3)

### CHAT. COMRADES WIN NEW TRIAL

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Comrades Harry Gordon, Mary Dalton and Elizabeth Lawson were granted a new trial in a hearing before Judge Lusk last Saturday. The winning of a new trial, made possible only because of the outspoken fight against police persecution carried on in the courtroom during the trial itself, was a decided victory for the Communist Party.

After a trial in which the prosecution openly tried to prejudice the jury in every way possible against the comrades as it was made evident by the comrades themselves in their long testimony that they were arrested and being persecuted because they were Communists and leading the fight for unemployment relief, they were found guilty of "inciting a riot" under the Tennessee sedition law and heavily fined. The law under which they were prosecuted is 135 years old, and never before had a conviction been obtained under it.

Judge Lusk granted the new trial on the grounds that there was not sufficient evidence against the comrades. In rendering his opinion Judge Lusk said: "As a lover of the institutions of this state and nation, I look with deep concern upon the activities of subversive agitators of every sort. But in meeting these movements, we must demonstrate our superiority to them by keeping ourselves within the law." In other words, the police and the prosecution are to take warning that the next time they must have a better prepared case, so that under a semblance of justice, fighting leaders of the workers can be sent to prison. The new trial may be set for some time in May.

## JAIL WORKERS IN ATLANTA POWER STRIKE

ATLANTA, Ga.—Three workers were arrested here while distributing leaflets to the Georgia Power company strikers warning the men against the betrayal of the A. F. of L. misleadership and calling for mass picketing. The arrests took place outside of the power plant here. The charges are "disorderly conduct" and the workers are out on bail awaiting trial on Thursday.

The Georgia Power company, part of the power trust, has been consistently cutting wages of the workers in the state and hiring unorganized workers at a low wage rate. Under the heavy barage of wage-cuts, the workers forced the A. F. of L. misleaders to call the strike. The strike has already lasted six weeks, and has spread to other parts of the state, involving about 600 electrical workers employed by the power company. The Trade Union Unity League, which distributed the leaflets, is steadily winning a wide influence among the workers who have invited a T.U.U.L. speaker promising plenty of protection against the A. F. of L. Klansmen.

The labor fakers have gotten the mayor of Atlanta to try to arbitrate a sell-out. The leaflet for which the workers were arrested exposed this maneuver and the officials. The three workers who were arrested are Treadaway, Singer and Hart, members of the T.U.U.L., and they are being defended by the International Labor Defense.

The treachery of the A. F. of L. is exposed again as it was in the Atlanta insurrection cases, when the misleaders played a big part in working up the prosecution against six comrades and are even now trying to send them to the electric chair. Elder of the Electrical Workers Union, is being retained to help the state prosecute the case, and it seems that the charges against the comrades may be changed to more serious ones on the insistence of the misleaders. The workers of Atlanta are watching the case closely and the courtroom was packed at the time the trial was postponed to permit Elder to return from the A. F. of L. convention in Macon in time to prosecute.

## Blast Machinery To Oust Negroes

ALEXANDRIA La.—Masked men dynamited the road machinery of a construction company near here, which was employing Negro workers in the building of a new road. The men destroyed the machinery at midnight.

The dynamiting was the result of a persistent campaign of race hatred worked up in this section against the employment of Negro workers on the road. The boss press especially did its part in intensifying the race prejudice by making the white workers and farmers believe that their unemployment and suffering was due to the Negro workers. It is the same sort of lies that leads to lynching and divides the workers along race lines. Dynamiting machinery, threatening Negro workers will not help the white workers to keep from starving. It is just what the boss class wants to divide the workers. The real enemies of the workers, whether they be white or black, are the bosses. Both white and colored workers must unite together, fight for unemployment relief,

no wage-cuts on the job, shorter hours, if they are to keep from starving. Demonstrate on May 1st, white and colored together!

## Nine Boys In Alabama Courthouse Lynching



Left to right: Andy Wright, 19; his brother, Roy Wright, 14; Haywood Patterson, 17; Eugene Williams, 14; Willie Robinson, 17; Olen Montgomery, 17; Clarence Norris, 19; Charlie Weems, 20; and Ozie Powell, 16.

## Frame 13 Strikers For Mine Guard Death In Harlan, Ky.

HARLAN, Ky.—Twelve coal mine strikers are in the county jail and William Burnett, seriously wounded by a mine guard, is in the company hospital under arrest, charged with the killing of Jesse Pace, a deputized mine guard. Pace was killed when he and county sheriffs fired into a crowd of strikers who objected to the arrest of a Negro fellow striker.

The strike of about 400 miners in the Black Mountain Coal company had lasted only a week, when large forces of thugs were deputized to guard the scabs and the mines. The shooting occurred when the mine guards tried to arrest a Negro striker for the beating up of a scab. About 75 white strikers present moved to resist the arrests. Pace opened fire, wounding Burnett, who is said to have fired in return.

Following the arrests of the miners, who the coal company will try to frame for the killing of their scabber, over 400 workers gathered at the county courthouse, demanding the release of the prisoners.

Most of the miners are working but two and three days a week and pay exorbitant prices for food at the company stores. The strikers are fighting militantly against this slow

### Charlotte Communists In City Elections

(Continued from Front Page) chosen by the "Good Government League" are either lawyers, business men or real estate men chosen by the mill owners of the city. This same organization has endorsed Claude Albea, a local American Federation of Labor faker, as a bait for working-class votes. The same statement points out that wages were cut 30 percent during last year and that the stretch-out in the mills has been doubled. For those that are working, only an average of about four to seven dollars a week wages is paid working from 40 to 55 hours. It is recalled that Mayor Wilson instructed police chief Moore to use baseball bats and clubs against the unemployed workers organized into the Unemployed Council when they came to the City Hall demanding relief.

It is shown how the Negro workers are doubly oppressed, being the majority of the unemployed workers in Charlotte. They pay the highest rent and live in the worst neighborhoods in town, their children go to over-crowded schools which are no better than fire traps.

The Communist Party also points out the rapid preparations being made by the bosses for war, especially against the Soviet Union.

Vote for W. G. Binkley and Timothy Williams for City Council on April 27! Workers, fight for your own class against the capitalist class!

starvation and the brutality of the special company police and county sheriffs. By mass picketing and spreading the strike, the miners will win.

### Another Form of Boss Government Set Up In Spain

Following a victory in the elections by various elements in favor of a republic, King Alfonso XIII of Spain, has resigned "rather than throw the country into a virtual civil war."

A republic is now in the process of formation. Ushering out the old form and introducing the new, numbers of workers have been shot down by police and military in various Spanish cities. It is clear that the change is only at the top, in the form of government—but still a government of the bosses. The land and property relations remain the same. The land is still owned by the large landowners and bankers still squeeze out all they can from the farmers. The factories are still owned by the bosses, and workers remain unemployed, starving. The "republic" is only a more modern form of oppression of the working classes.

The workers and farmers of Spain will find a real solution to their problems, only when the Communist Party of Spain becomes powerful enough to lead them in a revolution which will not only overthrow the form of government, but change the whole social and economic structure. Only a Communist Party can lead the masses towards a Workers and Farmers Government.

### Demonstrations on May Day for Jobles Relief

(Continued from Front Page) strikers, disgusted with the sell-out tactics of the International Longshoremen's Assn. and the A. F. of L. in the extended dock strike, are expected to participate in the demonstration in large numbers. Many Negro workers are also rallying to the protest against the Scottsboro decision.

The May Day demonstration in Charlotte will follow the city election in which the Communist Party is running two candidates for the city council by three days. The election campaign is winning more workers around the May Day slogans.

**BANK CLOSES, WORKERS LOSE**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—The Central National Bank of this city closed down. There were over \$3,000,000 in deposits at the time of its closing, much of it belonging to workers.

## Send Warships Against Central American Masses

Three cruisers have been dispatched by the United States government to Honduras ports, on the request of the United Fruit Company, whose plantations and rule over this country seems to be threatened by a revolution headed by Honduras generals.

The revolutionary army, which is reported to consist of many unemployed workers and homeless peasants, is threatening the principal ports of the country. The United Fruit Company, which owns huge plantations there and practically rules the country, reports that its property is threatened. In all likelihood there is a strike in progress on its plantations and at its docks.

Under the guise of "protecting lives and property"—of Yankee exploiters—the battleships are being rushed to quash the revolution, if its leaders cannot be bought out. To indicate that the reported revolution might be more than a playing for power between two political cliques of the native bosses, is the fact that Puerto Castilla, one of the ports threatened, is a seaport of 4,000 persons built by the United Fruit Company. The movement has the marks of being directed against the Yankee exploiters.

At the same time, the revolutionary workers and peasants of Nicaragua, fighting the Yankee Marines under Sandino's army, are reported to have made great advances along the seaboard, capturing one port and threatening many others. The U. S. government has dispatched an aircraft carrier with 30 planes to Puerto Cabezas in Nicaragua to replace the "Memphis" which has been sent to Honduras.

Secretary of State Stimson has labelled the revolutionary army of Sandino, which refuses to allow themselves to be ruled by foreign invaders, "murderers and assassins," names that should be applied to the American invaders themselves.

### Jobless Worker, Crazed By Misery, Shoots Boss

PITTSBURGH.—Crazed by long unemployment and intense suffering, Andrew Susko, 42-year-old worker, was cornered in a barren field and arrested after having fired at his former boss.

Susko had gone to the McClintic Marshall company and demanded of the manager that he be given a job or his family be taken care of. When he was refused he fired five shots at the manager which went wild.

Susko, his wife and seven children had just been evicted from their home the day before. His wife had tried to end it all by taking poison when she found her furniture taken and her family homeless and starving. It is happening to tens of thousands of working class families. Fight for unemployment insurance and relief. Demonstrate on May 1st!

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# FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

## WORK 12-YEAR OLD CHILDREN IN RAYON MILL

By a Worker Correspondent

Elizabethton, Tenn.

Dissatisfaction is still growing among the workers in the Bemberg and Glantzstoff Mills.

It is high time the people of Carter county were waking up. When any of the men or women that took part in the last strike, goes to this Hell Hole employment office, they are told by the boss lackey, Sam Carden, "Not hiring anybody today."

We have in this state a law prohibiting any corporation from working children under 16 years of age. And what is this notorious company doing? Working girls 12 to 14 years old. What is Ben Allen, the State's attorney, doing about this? He knows all this is going on and he helps the company put it over.

When the time comes to elect a man to take Ben Allen's place, make it unanimous against him. He is your enemy and has proved it time after time by his persecution of workers. Let's fight this rat to a finish.

When a workers gets gassed in these plants now, the Pill Peddler, or company doctor, just lays him off six weeks until his insurance policy lapses. They tell him he can't work any more, he is disabled.

There is lots of this going on and many workers are suing the company. But there is no use going to law with them for they control the courts, too. If a worker does get a judgment against them it is never more than enough to pay the cost.

## Lynch Jobless Negro on Court Lawn In Tenn.

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the jail, when the mob simply entered, without any resistance from the sheriff's forces, and hanged him. Harris had denied any connection with the alleged attack, and a photographer who was about to compare his fingerprints with those found on the girl, was not given a chance to do so.

Deputy Sheriff Holloway, excused his inaction by stating: "We did all we could to protect the Negro, but we didn't want to take his place." The cooperation of the sheriff's forces with the lynch mob was made plain by the statement of Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnson, who when asked if there would be an "investigation," said: "I doubt it."

### Two Attempted Lynchings

After barely escaping a lynch mob at the Trenton jail, Henry Wauford, a Negro worker charged with wounding an officer, was almost lynched at the jail in Huntingdon, Tenn., where he was taken for "safe-keeping." Here, it is reported, the wife of the sheriff held off the lynch mob, while Wauford was taken to Nashville, where a legal lynching on the electric chair, will probably be handed out to him.

At Paducah, Ky., Andrew Jones, 28, was removed from the jail by officers, when a threatening mob gathered. He also was charged with the regular lynching excuse of "attacking a white woman."

Lynch law is rampant and will take the lives of many Negro workers—and white, too—unless a determined fight against it is immediately put up by both white and colored workers united in the fight against unemployment and starvation.

### DON'T DIE LIKE DOGS!

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Unemployed for months, unable to provide for his wife and two children, Sergeant Cohen attempted to kill himself by swallowing poison. Organized and fight, don't die like dogs!

## DEMONSTRATE MAY DAY!



## 10,000 Anthracite Miners Strike Again In Penna.

SHAMOKIN, Pa.—The National Miners' Union has declared full support of the strike of 10,000 coal miners in Western Pennsylvania anthracite fields, where the miners in District 9 of the United Mine Workers Union decided to strike until their demands were won.

The National Miners Union warns the miners to learn a lesson from the strike of 20,000 at Glen Alden which was recently betrayed by the misleaders of the United Mine Workers and calls upon the strikers to form their own rank-and-file strike committees to lead the strike.

The strike was called at a meeting of 1,500 delegates at Shamokin. When representatives of these miners appeared before the General Grievance Committee during the strike at Glen Alden to tell them that 15,000 more men in District 9 were ready to join the strike, they were denied the floor by the labor fakers and denounced as "reds." At the meeting in Shamokin, International president Lewis and district president Brennen were denounced by the miners for allowing the companies to discriminate, refuse division of work and cut wages.

## Scottsboro Protests Thruout Land.

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trict Organizer of the International Labor Defense, has been enthusiastically received by Negro workers at daily church meetings in Chattanooga. Practically the whole Negro community in the city is now fully in back of the Scottsboro defense.

Joseph Brodsky, prominent New York lawyer and chief legal council for the International Labor Defense, arrived in Chattanooga to help prepare all legal steps in the fight for the release of the boys, which goes hand in hand with the fight for the rights of Negroes to sit on juries. The legal end of the fight, supported by rising mass sentiment and actions, will be carried thru to the last ditch.

### Known Protests

Due to the fact that Gov. Miller of Alabama, has refused to be let known the names of organizations flooding his office with protests, it is impossible to record these. Among those sent, it is known, that more resolutions of protest were sent in by the David Lodge, 187, Knights of Pythias, New Orleans; Amos Lodge, 1487, Gu. O. of O. F., New Orleans; I. L. D. branch, New Orleans; Communist Party, Birmingham and Chattanooga; Young Defenders, New York; First Baptist Church of Detroit; First Baptist Church of Hamtramck, Mich.; Federation of Workers Leagues of Philadelphia; Phila. Branch of the Freethought League of North America; Youth Section of the International Workers Order; United Front Conference for National Youth Day, representing 3,000 young workers; Mass meeting, Rochester, N. Y.; mass meeting of 20,000 workers in Bronx Coliseum, New York; mass meeting meeting of Negro and white workers, of 1,300 workers in Cleveland; mass Luke's Hall, New York.

Further mass meetings are being called in numerous Northern cities and speakers for the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights are carrying the issue into many working-class organizations. Probably hundreds of telegrams and resolutions have been sent in in addition to those reported here.

### "We Want Your Scalp."

It was learned from the central office of the I. L. D. in New York City that two Negro workers had hitchhiked from Alabama to New York to

request the organization to take over the defense of the nine boys. Their trip took sixteen days and they arrived to find that the I. L. D. had already taken over the defense. The New York office, it is reported, has received a number of telegrams from K. K. K. organizations in Alabama. One telegram said: "You Negroes are invited to Alabama. We want your scalp along with the nine we already have." This murderous declaration shows the intent of the ruling class to carry thru its legal lynching and it is being met by a rising wave of protest thruout the country.

### Demonstrate May Day!

Workers, get your organizations to send in telegrams and resolutions of protest to Governor Miller and Judge Hawkins! Funds are needed for the defense of the boys, send them to International Labor Defense, Box 1511, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Workers! White and black, resist the growing lynch law terror! Demand the immediate release of the nine boys and a new trial with Negroes on the jury to expose the frame-up!

## Many Unemployed, But County Uses Chaingang

Enroute to Chattanooga. Been on the road two weeks, Met hundreds of unemployed workers going to Boulder Dam in Colorado. All the unemployed seem to be going West to the new dams that the government is going to build. Many unemployed here in Memphis, Tenn., and the county is working prison gangs on the state highways.

—A Comrade.

## Fight Stretch-Out

Greenville, S. C.  
This is a time of great oppression on the great mass of working people. It is a time when the workers must get together and whip this stretch-out system.

It has put millions out on the street to face the world empty handed. The workers have been left to starve to death.

We are painting our town Red.

—A Carolina Red.

## 8 Houses, 8 Starving Families — No Rent

By a Worker Correspondent

Charlotte, N. C.

This is what we pay for our rent—\$2.50 per week and we got no job and no money to pay rent and nothing to eat.

Eight houses here all the same way, with families that can't get anything to eat. We all rent from the same landlord.

—A Worker.

## SLOSS STEEL WORKER GETS SICK, IS FIRED

By a Worker Correspondent

Birmingham, Ala.

We workers must organize and fight for our rights. I just want to tell you what the Sloss company did to me.

After doing so much hard work my health began to fail me, so much that I had to go to the company doctor. He gave me some medicine but it did not do me any good.

Then I went back to him and he had me cut off the job and cut off from the doctor. I had four days' pay coming to me and he cut me \$5.20, which left me only \$1.52.

So you see how the bosses will do the workers. They did this after they had cut my wages \$5.20 a month and after I had worked for them for many years. They put me out to starve after I became disabled and couldn't work any more.

We workers must wake up, and organize and fight for better conditions.

—A Worker.

## A.F. of L., Mayor, Bosses In Greenville K.K.K.

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Unemployed Council on April 9.

On April 14, a meeting was called at Malden Hall for the purpose of "organizing the workers." All the big shots of the Central Trades and the A. F. of L. arrived to make speeches, but as only six workers showed up, 3 of them members of the Unemployed Council, no meeting was held.

C. B. (Clint) Steadman, of 304 E. Coffee street, a member of the Railroad Brotherhood, made a talk in front of the City Hall on April 17, to a group of about 20, denouncing the Unemployed Council, saying its purpose was to "tell niggers to marry white women." These labor fakers do not dare attack the Council on its basis of fighting for relief for white and black alike, but instead utter these lies.

On Sunday night, the K. K. K. was in the Monaghan mill village, and 40 automobiles full of sheeted and masked men, either the Ku Klux Klan or the masked mob organized by the mill owners, went through every mill village in and around Greenville. They paraded through the Judson mill village, where a recent stretch-out has taken place, the Mills Mill, Monaghan, Woodside, Brandon, Duncan, Poe and Sampson mill villages.

Mill owners are members of the Greenville and West Greenville City Councils. Mill overseers and mill cops are members of the hooded, sheeted mobs. The two raids on the Unemployed Council were led by Mayor Mann of Greenville, and Mayor Welbourn, of West Greenville, who heads the City councils.

It is very clear that the millowners in collaboration with, and who are part of, the city governments, are determined to break up the Unemployed Council and the National Textile Workers Union.

Greenville workers see the Unemployed Council as a way out of their mass starvation. The mill bosses al-

## MADE TO RUN ALL DAY IN SUGAR REFINERY

By a Worker Correspondent

New Orleans, La.

If you can find room in our paper, please print this. I was working at the American Sugar Refining Co. They work you from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., were paying 35 cents an hour but are now paying only 30 cents an hour for running all day. They give half an hour for lunch. By the time you walk to the commissary it is 10 minutes and when you get your lunch it is near time to go back to work. Sometimes some of the men have to take their lunch back to the plant and eat while working.

You run about 10 miles an hour which would be 95 miles a day. You can't stop to take a smoke or you will be fired. The foreman hollers and curses all day and claps his hands. They don't let you grease your truck but once a day. If you stop running the boss tells you, if you can't keep going punch out and he can get somebody who can.

Now they have laid off about 40 percent of the men, saying that there is not enough work. And they are still loading the same amount of cars and more. I worked one day and quit. The boss saw that I was a good race horse and sent for me and I told him that I would not run. He told me I could walk as fast as I could if I thought I could keep up with the rest.

We are starting the Young Communist League here and will try to get the young workers to join and fight against such a system. Fellow-workers, the only way we can do away with a system like this is to join the fighting unions of the Trade Union Unity League. White and colored workers, unite together and demand better working conditions, fight against speed-up, starvation and charity slop and for unemployment insurance!

—A Young Worker.

## Need More Copies of Our Paper In Fight

By a Worker Correspondent  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Please send me a copy of your paper. Also address where I may call and get additional copies, as they are badly needed in this section.

Things are not picking up in these parts. A man told me yesterday he had money enough to run him about one week more. Then he did not know what was to become of him and his family. He was ready to fight.

The belly crawlers at the shop say someone is going to get hell. I tell them that when they tackle the Communist Party they will find men who have already made up their minds about what it will take to unload the bosses.

—A Worker.

## BURMA WORKERS REVOLT

RANGOON, Burma.—Two hundred peasants and workers are reported to have been killed here during the last few days when military police fired into demonstrating workers and peasants. The news reports an insurrection in progress.

ready know what the white workers of Greenville are now realizing, and what the Negro workers know, that the real strength of the workers lies in Negro and white workers joining forces against their common enemy, the boss class. White and Negro workers of Greenville will not be bluffed or terrorized by masked mobs, or any other weapon of the boss class. As one Negro worker said, "they will stick even if it means death."

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### The Issues of the Scottsboro Case

That the nine Negro boys sentenced to death at Scottsboro are innocent is shown by the facts published elsewhere in this issue. But no matter how conclusively these facts may prove their innocence, the insolent and brazen ruling class of the South will abide by the decision of the Scottsboro court and send them to the electric chair, unless the movement of protest becomes so powerful throughout the country that a new trial must be granted. But it is not enough to ask only for a new trial—for a new trial in Scottsboro composed of white business men and farmers reeking with race hatred will send them to the electric chair. **WEAR NO MATTER WHAT VERDICT IS PRODUCED. OUR IMMEDIATE DEMAND MUST BE FOR A NEW TRIAL BEFORE A JURY COMPOSED OF WORKERS, AT LEAST HALF TO BE NEGROES, TO EXPOSE THIS FRAME-UP.**

The fight for the unconditional release of the nine Negro youths is thus also a fight for the simple democratic rights, supposed to be guaranteed by the constitution of the United States, but universally denied Negroes in the South. It is a commonplace, known to everybody, that a worker cannot get justice in a capitalist court, even if he is white. But he is, at least given the semblance of justice—the right to prepare his defense and adequate time to do so, if he is fortunate enough to be able to hire a lawyer. He is given the right to sit on a jury. We are all guaranteed the right to be tried by a "jury of our peers" which usually turns out to be a jury composed of our class enemies presided over by a judge who is thoroughly boss-minded. But Negroes are even denied this slight advantage of white workers. The Scottsboro boys were not only denied the right to prepare their defense, but not a single Negro was called on the jury panel. In fighting for a new trial, we therefore also fight for the general demand of **EQUAL RIGHTS OF NEGROES IN ALL COURTS**, which would at least place them on an equal footing with white workers in a boss court and make more possible their rescue by a nation-wide and powerful working-class movement of protest.

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But the boys are also faced with the danger of a lynching by a mob. During their trial at Scottsboro, the only reason the mob of 8,000 starving farmers misled by lynch law did not make an effort to "get them," was that they had been assured that the state would lynch them legally. The mob was there to see that this pact was carried out. During the course of the various stages of the fight for the release of the boys, they will be in more and more danger of being lynched outside a courtroom by a mob imbibing the lynch spirit of the bosses, which has already, since the International Labor Defense has taken up the defense of the boys and workers all over are demanding their release, been set on its path.

The National Guard, which will be sent to "defend" them, is much more likely to turn them over to the mob, as it has done on numerous other occasions. The National Guard is the tool of the landlords and capitalists. The blood of many lynchings are on its hands. We must demand an **ARMED VOLUNTEER GUARD OF NEGRO AND WHITE WORKERS TO DEFEND THE PRISONERS AGAINST LYNCHERS.**

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We must not forget that the fight we have launched is a vital struggle against the whole system of tenantry, starvation on the land and in the cities. It is the landlord who incites the starving white farmers and tenants to lynch Negroes, in order to keep the line of division sharply between the white and black starving farmers and make it hard for them to unite in common struggle against their oppressors. **THE LANDLORDS AND CAPITALISTS AND NOT THE NEGROES ARE STARVING THE TENANT FARMERS, WHITE AND BLACK.**

Nor do the white bosses and landlords care much about white women, as they would like us to believe. The usual lynch law excuse is "attacking a white woman," the very same one which is used against the nine Scottsboro boys. But white bosses drive women and girls in their mills and factories for 50 and 60 hours a week at miserable wages, speed them up and starve them. The white landlords make the wives of the white tenant farmers as well as the Negro work from sun up to sun set on the land. And both alike starve.

Race hatred is of great use to the bosses in order to keep us starving. Our answer must be a united struggle for **IMMEDIATE CASH RELIEF FOR STARVING FARMERS AND UNEMPLOYED WORKERS—NEGRO AND WHITE EQUALLY.**

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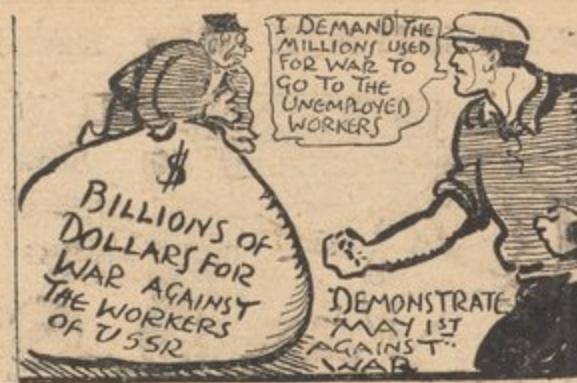
The whole struggle is part of the fight against peonage, Jim-crowism and persecution of the Negro people, a struggle which must bring about the fighting alliance of the oppressed Negro people and the oppressed white workers and tenant farmers. This alliance is necessary both to white and black workers and farmers if an effective fight is to be carried on against our common oppressors.

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Just as the simple democratic right of sitting on a jury is denied the Negro in the South, all other so-called rights such as the right to vote, are denied the Negro. These rights will not be gained by the Negro people, unless they put up a determined fight, with the active cooperation of white farmers and workers, for the right of self-determination—the right to govern themselves, run their own institutions and make their own decisions in those parts of the South where they are in the majority. Such a Negro State in the Black Belt, with the right to determine its relations with other states of the world, is necessary before the Negro people can obtain some degree of freedom.

The Scottsboro case brings this all sharply to the fore and to the attention of any thinking worker. A determined fight, waged to a successful conclusion around the Scottsboro case, will not only free the nine Negro youths, but mean tremendous steps forward of white and black toilers alike against their oppressors.

### DEMONSTRATE MAY DAY!



## THE SCOTTSBORO FACTS

The complete innocence of the nine Scottsboro boys of the crime with which they are charged, is conclusively shown by the story told the International Labor Defense representatives by the boys in an interview in the Birmingham jail. The boys' story is supported by facts obtained in independent investigations.

#### Swift Railroading

Without even considering the evidence and the court records, the speed with which they were railroaded points to a vicious frame-up. The boys were arrested at Paint Rock, Alabama, on March 25, arraigned on the same day and committed to jail without bond on a charge of rape. Judge Hawkins immediately called a special term of the grand jury which convened on March 30, immediately indicted the boys and committed them to jail all in one day. Judge Hawkins set the trial for April 6, horse-swapping day, calling in a special term of court for this day when thousands of outsiders would be in the town. In three days all the boys were convicted and sentenced to the electric chair, with the exception of Roy Wright, who is only 14 years old, and turned over to juvenile authorities, who are to return him to the court for trial and sentence if he is found to be "incorrigible." In two weeks without being given time to prepare their defense or take as their lawyers other than those appointed by the court itself and a thoroughly independent lawyer sent from Chattanooga, the boys were given a legal lynching.

The facts as thus far gathered are: Andy Wright, Roy Wright, Haywood Patterson and Eugene Williams, all friends and from Chattanooga boarded the freight train in their city on the way to Memphis in search of work. Olin Montgomery was travelling alone, Norris and Weems were travelling together, as were Willie Robinson and Ozie Powell. None of these groups knew each other and met for the first time when they were taken off the train at Paint Rock. When taken off the train they were taken off in four different groups and from four different cars, widely separated on the train which consisted of about 45 cars.

#### Negroes in Freight Hop Off

At about 12:30, near Stevenson, a fight started between white and colored boys, in a gondola. The white boys evidently got the worst of the argument and hopped off the train at a point outside of Stevenson, which is about 18 miles from Paint Rock. About ten minutes after the white boys jumped off, the colored boys who had participated in the fight also hopped off the freight.

The train stopped at Paint Rock, where two groups of armed deputies on each side of the train combed the train from engine to caboose, and rounded up everybody they could find on the train. The round-up resulted in the nine boys and the two girls dressed in overalls. None of the boys had seen the girls before or knew on what part of the train they were located.

#### Girls Deny Charges

At the time of the arrest, the deputy, who had evidently depurated the others, stated that he was picking them all up for ho-

boing. The nine boys were confronted with the two girls at Paint Rock. The sheriff asked the two girls if these boys had done anything to them and the girls answered no.

They were all taken to Scottsboro in autos. In the Scottsboro jail, the sheriff continued to confront the boys with the girls and kept yelling and insisting that the girls identify these boys as having attacked them. The girls refused on several occasions, and made but indefinite charges, but were finally bulldozed into making the charges.

#### Intimidate Norris

It is reported that the white boys, who were forced off the train at Stevenson, had someone telephone ahead to stop the train and get the white boys who had forced them off. The deputy's posse stopped the train to arrest the Negro boys who had fought the white boys, instead they found the nine defendants, who remained on the train because they did not participate in any fight and had nothing to fear. When the two girls were also found on the same train, the immediate lynch law cry of "attacking a white woman" was set up.

On the evening of the first day of the trial, when it was evident that the state had no case against the boys the sheriff beat Norris and told him that if he did not take the stand and confess he would never get off the stand alive, but if he turned state's evidence he would let him go. Norris, intimidated and believing the promises, took the stand the next day and "confessed" against the other defendants.

The two girls, Victoria Price and Ruby Bates, are notorious prostitutes. Ruby Bates had previously been arrested for "hugging" a Negro on one of the main streets of Chattanooga.

From the very day of the arrest everything was done to rouse lynch spirit and create the atmosphere, if not for the lynching by a mob, then for a lynching in the courthouse by the State of Alabama. The state kept its compact with the mob and the defense lawyers—no lynching by a mob providing the boys were sent to a speedy chair lynching. These facts will be conclusively shown in the records of the trial.

The boys are innocent. Demand their immediate release, and a new trial before a jury of workers, at least half of them Negroes, to expose this frame-up!

#### THE WAY IT WORKS

ATLANTA, Ga.—J. Sam Silver, who has been sentenced to from one to three years in prison for embezzling \$83,840 of depositors' money of the Colonial Trust Co., can now pay \$250 out of the workers' money he stole and go free. On the plea of some of Silver's friends that he was "too delicate" to stand prison labor, Governor Hardman commuted the sentence and instead had him pay the small fine. Many a worker has been sent to the chain gang for years for stealing some food for his starving family.

## Celebrating 50th Anniversary at Tuskegee

By WILLIAM L. PATTERSON

The fiftieth anniversary of Tuskegee Institute, the Jim-crow technical school founded by Mr. Booker T. Washington with the financial support of the landlord class of southern slave holders who but a few short years before struggled desperately to forcibly extend slavery on a national scale, and by the northern industrial class which, under the leadership of the Republican Party, fought to crush the slave system of economy because it diminished the profits of that class, was held at Tuskegee, Ala. April 12th.

Dr. Jones, the son of the man who was chaplain for General Robert E. Lee, was the chief speaker. To put it more clearly, we might say that a son of the Christian who did the praying for the extension of the old form of slavery prayed at this anniversary for the continuation of the new form of slavery.

Scarcely 50 miles away in Scottsboro, Alabama, the class of which Dr. Jones has the "honor" to be a member, was legally lynching nine young Negroes whose only crime was daring to fight for their lives and to rebel against the system of Jones' class, a system of ignorance, starvation, unemployment and lynch law.

At the same time, Dr. Jones with brazen hypocrisy told these young Negro students that the ideal and dream of the republic was that all races and all castes and all classes shall have a fair chance to achieve the best in life. Dr. Moton was proclaimed by Dr. Jones to be the "incarnation" of this ideal. Yes, Dr. Moton, the man who was sent by Hoover to choke the rising spirit of revolt in Haiti, and to prevail upon these people to slavishly accept the degradation heaped upon them by American imperialism, is the "incarnation" of liberty and freedom—the liberty and freedom of the ruling class to continue its enslavement and exploitation of the workers, black and white.

Dr. Jones brazenly said: "Races must not think racially and separately but humanely; not as a race, but as a people." This outburst of hypocrisy in the face of the growing terror of the ruling class that ruthlessly jails, mobs and kills revolutionary workers, who under the leadership of the Communist Party and the revolutionary trade unions are struggling to unite the black and white workers of America; this in the Jim-crow school where Negroes and whites are not permitted to sit together in the auditorium; this in a state, many parks and libraries of which bear the sign: "No dogs and niggers allowed." Surely there is no more brazen, no more despicable hypocritical ruling class than the slave landlords of the South and their tools who are praying for the perpetuation of their system of unemployment and starvation.

The day will come, and come soon when the militant students of this Jim-crow Tuskegee, with the militant students of the white schools of the south will join the ranks of the revolutionary workers.

Then will Tuskegee have an anniversary, the first anniversary of freedom, celebrated under the free government of the black and white workers of America, an anniversary that will mean not the perpetuation of slavery as this anniversary does, but the birth of freedom. Certainly the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Jim-crowism under the slogan of democracy raises the question—"Whose democracy is this?" The legal lynching in Scottsboro gives the answer.