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CHURCHES, ORGANIZATIONS RALLY TO SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

MASS PROTEST WINS FREEDOM FOR ROBINSON

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—As the direct result of a campaign waged by the Communist Party against the frame-up, Ed Robinson, Negro farm laborer, was released after a jury returned a verdict of not guilty on a charge of attacking a white woman.

Robinson was framed by rural police at Mint Hill, N. C., and the International Labor Defense immediately started an investigation establishing his innocence. The Communist Party exposed the frame-up in meetings and by leaflets.

At the trial, Jake Newell, notorious for his defense of the murderers of Ella May Wiggins during the Gastonia strike, and who blackmailed the Robinson family into hiring him for this case, warned the jury that the Communists were mobilizing mass protest. This served as a warning to the jury and they brought in a verdict of not guilty. The court room was crowded with white and black workers who had been informed of the frame-up thru Communist leaflets.

With this victory to their credit, the white and Negro workers of Charlotte are working ahead for the Charlotte Scottsboro Defense Conference, to be held on May 24.

Chattanooga Soup Line Crowded at Closing

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—During the last week of operation of the city soup kitchens 20,447 meals were served to unemployed workers, making an average of about 3,000 families a day, according to R. L. Davis, in charge.

This gives the direct lie to Mayor Bass and his committee who state that the soup kitchens are being closed because there is no more need for this relief. As unemployment grows worse, the little relief given at the kitchens is being withdrawn, with the workers left to starve. The Unemployed Council of Chattanooga is again mobilizing the workers to demand the continuance of the soup kitchens and cash relief for the unemployed.

Power Strikers Force Release of Workers

ATLANTA, Ga.—Under guise of a reward of \$500 for any striker caught in acts of destruction, the Georgia Power Company hopes to send the most militant of the power strikers to the electric chair or long prison terms.

Men out for 2 months against wage-cut and the attempt of the company to break the union. The three workers, members of the Trade Union Unity League, who were arrested for distributing leaflets to the strikers calling on them to picket and spread the strike, obtained their release under pressure brought to bear by the workers.

Already Elect 40 Delegates To Conference

Twenty-five delegates from churches and Scottsboro Defense Block committees in Chattanooga have already sent in their credentials for the All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference to be held here on May 31 at the Masonic Hall.

Reports arriving from other cities thus far give Atlanta six delegates from 3 large churches, a delegate from New Orleans, at least six from Birmingham, and a delegate from a Negro club in Hopkinsville, Ky. According to reports of activities in these and other cities numerous credentials and notices of election of

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Mrs. Ada Wright and her daughter Ella, who are now in the North rallying more mass support in the fight to save the Scottsboro boys.

Troops Enforce Injunction Against Striking Ky. Miners

HARLAN, Ky.—Sweeping permanent injunctions against miners who by "letter, word or deed," prevent strike-breakers from entering the mines was granted the P. V. & K. and the Black Mountain Coal Co. (Peabody Coal Co. subsidiary) by Federal Judge A. M. J. Cochran. Four hundred soldiers are on the field to see to it that the miners starve peacefully.

The trial of seven miners charged with murder has begun with the defense demanding that Circuit Judge D. R. Jones who is openly allied with the mine owners, vacate his bench. W. H. Hightower and W. B. Jones, officials of the Harlan mine local, are among those on trial.

In a statement issued from union headquarters in Evans, Wm. Hightower declared: "If we cannot get help from anyone, we are going to help ourselves." There are 11,000 unemployed miners in the area who are actually starving to death. Hightower stated that the governor and the troops are siding with the mine owners and are against the miners, altho he was one of the signers of the petition demanding that troops be sent.

Hightower said that Gov. Sampson broke all the promises he had made when he sent the troops in. The governor had promised that no strike-breakers would be permitted into the fields, that arrangements would be

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Jail Another Marine Organizer in Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, La.—With the recent arrest of Angelo Herndon, Negro organizer for the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, the ship owners and the police are trying to drive the militant labor organizations underground.

Comrade Herndon was arrested on May 8 on the waterfront when he visited ships to recruit members for the Marine Workers' Industrial Union. He was picked up by a gang of police and charged with inciting to riot, no visible means of support and violating the federal injunction. Eugene Braxton, Young Communist League organizer, was arrested a few days previously on the same charges.

Herndon is now free under \$150 bond. On the basis of no evidence no action was taken against him in the federal court. Braxton was re-arrested on federal charges after being released from the police court.

Parents See Boys In Kilby; Solid For ILD

Mrs. Powell Exposes Lies of Walter White To Her Boy In Kilby; Funds Misused.

The hearing on the motions for a new trial for all of the Scottsboro boys, filed by George W. Chamlee, chief counsel employed by the International Labor Defense, has been tentatively postponed from May 20 to June 5, because of a death in the family of Judge Hawkins.

The parents and relatives of all nine boys and the boys themselves, have now made it plain once and for all that they want no organization other than the International Labor Defense and the lawyers they have employed to take care of the legal defense. Mrs. Josephine Powell, Bernice Norris, Ida Norris, Viola Montgomery, Mamie Williams, Beatrice Maddox, Claude Patterson, Janie Patterson—parents and close relatives—visited the boys in the death block in Kilby prison, most of them seeing them for the first time after their arrest. After this visit all the boys and parents stand united and solidly for the Labor Defense.

More Underhanded Tricks

Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has continued his shameless lies both to parents and to the boys in an effort to split up the defense. Writing to Ozie Powell in prison, Mr. White says: "I was very happy to meet your mother in Atlanta, and to talk with her. As soon as I had explained the facts regarding the case, she told me very promptly that she wanted the N. A. C. P. to defend you instead of the I. L. D."

Ozie Powell immediately forwarded this letter to his mother who sent it to the International Labor Defense along with a letter from her, which says:

"White Is a Lie"

"Makes no difference what anybody says, I am depending on you. I wish you would look after this letter right away so Ozie won't sign for no one else. Walter White is just a lie. I have not even seen him. I just want to let you know how White was posting letter on me, also my son."

On receiving the letter from White, Ozie Powell immediately wrote to his mother: "I got this letter today. I am sending it to you so you will know just what to do. You know the best for me."

Misused Funds

The petition points out that the rayon mills made \$6,000,000 in profits last year, and the county has incurred an indebtedness of over \$1,250,000 by exempting the mills from taxation, giving them free water, building roads for them. But the tax raise the county is making the farmers, who are suffering from the crisis, pay up this debt. Of the farmers who own their own land, more than three-fourths are heavily mortgaged, the prices of farm necessities have gone up, and the prices of farm produce have sunk very low.

All farmers, whether they own land or not, are being asked to sign the petition, including croppers and renters, the wives of farmers and their children working on the land.

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Carter County Farmers Fight Tax Oppression

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn.—Demands to make the Bemberg Glanzstoff Rayon Corporation pay taxes and the removal of the tax burden from the poor farmers of Carter county, are contained in a petition being circulated here by the United Farmers League of Carter county.

The petition is to be presented to the County Court and the Equalization Board meets in June, and a tax agreement made in 1926 with the Bemberg-Glanzstoff Corporation and that it be taxed by the county; the repeal of the 10-year no-tax agreement.

The petition further states that the farmers insist that the rayon bosses make no attempt to make up these tax sums from the increased exploitation of its workers and that they would be ready to help the rayon workers, resist any effort of the mill owners to do so.

covered by a special added assessment on the Corporation; that the American Bemberg-Glanzstoff pay back taxes from the beginning of the 10-year no-tax agreement; that the sum of these back taxes be turned over to an elected committee of workers, poor farmers and unemployed to be used partly as a loan fund without interest to poor farmers and partly as a relief fund for the unemployed.

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Roddy Put in Place

When parents of the boys living in Chattanooga were informed by fellow-workers that hundreds of dollars are being collected in the churches for the boys, but are not being turned over either to them or to the

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Green Forced To Admit Cuts But Betrays Strikers

WASHINGTON.—The executive council of the A. F. of L. which as late as last winter was officially declaring that there were no wage cuts, and that any strikes would be a breach of the solemn compact made between the A. F. of L. officials and the employers at the Hoover conference a year ago, has had to admit that there are wage-cuts, terrific wage-cuts.

Admits Attack on Wages

The A. F. of L. general council which declared the slogan of the Trade Union Unity League, "Strike Against All Wage Cuts," to be nothing short of treason, has now, that there is a wave of spontaneous strikes of workers who are determined to live and cannot live on wages already cut, and still being cut, come out itself in a timid, treacherous, side-tracking sort of statement advising resistance. If it did not, it would be openly discredited.

The A. F. of L. executive council has stated that "certain banking interests and certain employers" are "apparently" making an effort to bring about a general reduction of wages. The A. F. of L. stated: "The executive council proposes to appeal to the workers to stand firmly in opposition to wage reductions. The council will urge working men and women, both organized and unorganized to resist to the fullest extent any and all attempts to reduce wages and lower American living standards."

The A. F. of L. bureaucracy whitewashes Hoover and his administration by not saying a word about government wage-cutting and by representing the "certain bankers and employers" as merely violating their pledge in the Hoover conference. The A. F. of L. officialdom does not call for any particular strike, nor offer any assistance to strikers.

Only T. U. U. L. Leads Struggle

It does not mention the fact that while the A. F. of L. was openly and flagrantly breaking strikes and lying about "no wage cuts" before its present tardy admission of wide-spread wage-cuts the Trade Union Unity League unions were leading successful strikes in the mine fields, in the textile mills, as particularly at Lawrence, in the needle trades and food industry. The T. U. U. L. program of strike struggle against wage-cuts is vindicated. The T. U. U. L. remains the only organization that leads such struggle.

Thousands In Protest March in New York

(Continued From Front Page) have wired protests to the governor of Alabama.

Two of the largest churches in Cleveland have joined the united front. These are the Treed Store Baptist church, with a congregation of 1,500, and the Zion Hill Baptist church with a congregation of 3,000. A mass protest meeting, under the auspices of the International Labor Defense was held in the Hope Chapel Church, leading Negro church in Utica, from which a resolution of protest was sent to Gov. Miller. The Pilgrim Baptist church of Chicago, has opened its doors for an I.L.D. mass meeting at which Mrs. Ada Wright will speak. The Chicago local of the National Assn. and Brotherhood of Dining Car Employees, has elected delegates to the Scottsboro Defense Conference there, over the protest of their leaders.

2,500 In Seattle

In Seattle, Wash., there was a tremendous demonstration of 2,500 workers protesting the Scottsboro outrage and the police attack on another Scottsboro protest meeting held a few nights before at which 60 workers were arrested. The demon-

Keep Vote From Negroes In Tex. Primary Decision

NEW ORLEANS, Tex.—The white man's primary in Texas, by which Negroes are barred from any part in the elections, was upheld by the United States Court of Appeals, when L. A. Nixon, a Negro, fought the case thru against two precinct judges who refused to permit him to vote in the 1928 democratic primary.

Nixon showed violation of the 14th and 15th amendments but the Appeal Court held that the Democratic party was a voluntary association and therefore had the right to exclude anyone it wished from its primary.

Since the primaries in the Southern states take the place of the actual election because of the one-party system, the Negro is thus entirely denied the right to vote, which he is supposed to have. As in the Scottsboro case a fight is being put up by the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights for the right of Negroes to sit on juries, so must a fight be put up for the right of Negroes to vote.

Defeat Wage-Cut In Mill Strike

PAWTUCKET, R. I.—Under the leadership of the National Textile Workers' Union a complete victory has been won in the Lexington worsted mill strike. The ten per cent wage cut has been stopped, and other demands are won. Daily mass picket lines by the Lexington workers, sometimes as often as five times a day, and the powerful support of the workers from the Bay State and General Fabrics mills was what gained the victory. The workers of the Bay State, 100 per cent organized in the N. T. W., picketed with the Lexington strikers. The General Fabrics is solidly on strike and the strikers have been holding powerful picket demonstrations not only before their own mill, but also before the Lexington.

The General Fabrics strike committee is one-half young textile workers. A youth committee of the N. T. W. is active, and the young strikers are taking the leadership in picketing and organizing.

40 Delegates Already Elected to Conference

(Continued From Front Page) delegates from churches, lodges and other organizations are expected within the next few days.

Six Chattanooga churches have already elected two delegates each to the conference. Three Scottsboro Defense Block Committees are arranging fish fries and dances to help raise money for the defense.

Delegates will also be elected from the local conferences in Charlotte and New Orleans on May 24, and a number of delegates from the not too distant conferences being held in northern and western cities are expected at the Chattanooga conference.

All organizations are asked to notify the Provisional Committee, Box 1511, Chattanooga, Tenn., as soon as delegates are elected so that proper arrangements can be made for the Conference. Workers in other cities having cars which they can place at the disposal of visiting delegations are asked to get in touch with the Committee immediately.

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Numerous Negro churches and lodges, labor unions and other working-class organizations are making continual demands upon the I.L.D. and L.S.N.R. for speakers. About 30 local conferences have been arranged in that many cities all over the coun-

Mine Struggle Scene



Where the struggle rages in Kentucky. The shaded portion of the map shows the Harlan coal fields where the miners are putting up a stiff fight.

Melrose Miners Win In Strike

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The strike of the Melrose miners which started as a result of the May Day demonstration, lasted ten days, under the leadership of the National Miners' Union and ended yesterday in a significant victory for the miners.

The strike was against a wage-cut affecting 180 miners. Originally the loaders were cut from 75 cents to 60 cents a wagon, and the day men were cut 50 cents a day. After the miners went on strike, determined to defeat the wage-cut, the company came out with several fake schemes but failed to deceive the miners. Finally it proposed to pay 70 cents per wagon and to withdraw 25 cents cut to the day men.

The miners accepted this proposal providing the company would agree on the following additional demands: (1) A reduction in house rent from \$12 to \$8 per month; (2) No idle day work; (3) Payment of dead work based on the day men rate; (4) Recognition of Mine Committee; (4) No discrimination against any of the miners; (6) Immediate dismissal of 3 strikebreakers.

Raise Real Wages

All the demands were granted and the miners returned to work, determined to fight against any attempt of the company to rob them of their victory.

BANKERS URGE CUT IN WAGES

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo.—The committee on stabilization of the Missouri Bankers Association in session here today reported that "a movement looking toward the reduction of the hourly wages paid in industry" is "becoming widespread" and is justified because "it stands to reason that industry cannot continue to pay the old scale of wages if it cannot sell its products in volume and at the old prices."

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TO CONSCRIPT FOUR MILLION IN COMING WAR

WASHINGTON.—Plans are completed for conscripting 4,000,000 American workers for the next war in the interest of Wall street. These facts were brought out in the testimony of General Douglas McArthur, Chief of Staff, testifying before the War Policies Commission.

The War Policies Commission, headed by Secretary Hurley, and composed of cabinet members, senators and congressmen, is planning for the coming imperialist war under the pretext of studying the question of "profits in war."

Plan to Mobilize 4,000,000

General McArthur outlined a plan for immediate mobilization of 11,000,000 men, of which 4,000,000 would be put under arms for the imperialists and other millions would be driven into the factories as slave labor to produce munitions of war.

In making public this conscription plan, General McArthur said it had heretofore been secret but since war preparations are becoming matter of more importance every day he wanted the "public confidence" in getting ready for the coming war.

Giant Air War Display

At the same time Hoover who yells about economy provides for the expenditure of \$3,000,000 for an air war show. Over 600 planes are concentrating in Dayton, Ohio, in the largest air war maneuvers ever held in any country in or out of war.

On the eve of this gigantic war move, Rear Admiral Moffet, chief of the Naval Bureau of aeronautics said that more airplanes should be built for the approaching war. Hoover can find millions for war maneuvers, airplane building, army and navy expenditures, but not one cent for the 10,000,000 unemployed facing starvation. The N. Y. Times reveals Hoover's lie, by saying:

"According to informed officials, there is no intention on President Hoover's part to take any steps which will impair adequate preparedness for war or the national defense."

Expose More NAACP Scottsboro Tricks

(Continued From Front Page) I. L. D., they were highly indignant and asked all workers to see to it that these funds were sent direct to the I. L. D. at Box 1511, Chattanooga, Tenn. A letter appealing for funds signed by all the parents, is being sent out to lodges, organizations and churches.

On the eve of May 20, when the hearing for new trials was supposed to have been heard in Scottsboro, Stephen Roddy, traitor to the boys, issued a statement to the press, full of his usual lies and vainglorious boasting. This statement was answered conclusively by George W. Chamlee, who showed that Roddy had no business in the case from the very beginning, and was not now considered by either the parents or the boys as having anything to do with them.

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LYNCH LAW AT WORK

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Wilson Avery, captured after a three-day hunt and charged with "attacking a white woman," has been lodged in the Mecklenburg County jail. A reward of \$100 was offered for his capture. He denies any connection with the alleged attack. He is to be taken to Monroe N. C., for a hearing, where the danger of being lynched is great. He stands no chance for a fair trial.

ELIZABETHTON, N. C.—Samuel Davis, richest planter of Bladen county, shot in the back and killed John Fischer, a Negro, on his plantation. Fischer and his brother were passing thru and when the planter saw them he ordered them to move on. They both left at once. As they were leaving Davis shot at them, "intending to shoot above their heads and so frighten them that they will not return." Fischer was wounded in the hip and the planter threw him on a truck in order to ship him across the county line. Fisher died on the way. Davis was placed under \$2,000 bond to await trial, and it is certain that he will go scott free.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—As a last act before leaving his judgeship, Judge Carlos S. Hardy released 16 white men convicted of criminal assault on young girls and women. It is not necessary even to prove such a charge against a Negro, who is either strung up or electrocuted. Protecting white womanhood?

BEAUMONT, Tex.—A fine of \$19 against Sadie Petillo for occupying a seat in a white section of a city bus was upheld in a county court here.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Police called out to stop burglars, wounded Giles Sheegog, Negro, who happened to be walking down the street the burglary was supposed to have taken place on. The officers shot at the first Negro they saw.

The part boss newspapers play in inciting and leading lynch mobs is shown in the following editorial from the Huntington, Tenn., Republican: "Some of the highbrow journals are decrying the lynching of the Negro at Union City last week. The red-blooded men who have no qualms of killing a mad dog or a rattlesnake are not going to lose any sleep over the deed of the 'mob.' It is generally death for a brute to attempt rape and should be. 'It is death to touch' should be forcibly impressed on these lecherous animals."

BOLIVAR, Tenn.—A mob gathered to lynch a young Negro farm tenant who is reported to have shot his white landlord in a quarrel over the crops. Officers arrested the wrong man, who would have been lynched anyhow, had he not been taken to Memphis and released.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—A man hunt is on the way here in search of a Negro—or any Negro—who can be charged with the reported attack on a white woman. Altho the white woman is very vague in her charges, a Negro may yet pay with his life.

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FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

Spinnerette Notes

Worker Correspondents

Elizabethton, Tenn.

The Bemberg rayon mill is using girls more and more for night work, although this is not supposed to be done in this state. Now the girls in the bobbin and coning departments have got to work on the 3 to 11 shift. They don't pay one bit more for night work than they do for day work, or for overtime either.

5 DO WORK OF 14

They have fired still another man in Glanzstoff's spool-cleaning department and 5 men are now doing the work. When I worked here a year ago there were 14 men on a shift here, now there are 5 and no transporters, and we are getting out even more production than we were then. Our base rate is 14 cars a day, but some days we cut as many as 20, and we have to keep up to an average of 18.

Last week the boss stood over us an hour and forty minutes with a stop watch to make sure we weren't taking a second off to breathe.

THREE WAGE-CUTS

In Glanzstoff's twisting department we have had our rates cut three times since the beginning of the winter. Last fall we used to get 10 cents a frame for silk. Now it is down to 7 cents a frame. We used to run only one machine in this department, but now we have to run nearer to two all the time. If we do manage to keep up our wages, it is only by rushing like crazy. We have no Saturday afternoon off.

INDIRECT WAGE-CUTTING

They are transferring out all the girls and putting in boys in twisting. The girls were making higher rates as they got more skilled and now they have put boys in and are paying them beginners' rates, 28 cents an hour. This is how the Bemberg-Glanzstoff are always trying to fool the workers. They do not usually cut your pay openly, but they have all kinds of tricks to do it instead.

ON THE CARPET

If someone here is caught talking union, they are called on the carpet and have a sort of trial. A while ago about 12 people were called into the office and given a lecture that if they were caught reading the SOUTHERN WORKER or the SPINNERTTE, they would surely be fired. But the workers are reading them anyhow, and like them.

MORE ACCIDENTS

Since they have started the extra-stretch-out and 7-day week in the Bemberg-Glanzstoff rayon plants, accidents are happening oftener than ever. Five men who were painting the ventilators opening into the spinning room were overcome by turpentine, and had to be carried out. They were terribly sick. It was feared that one of them would die.

Fire 53 Workers On B'ham Relief Job

By a Worker Correspondent

Birmingham, Ala.

The Birmingham Park Board has cut off 53 colored workers. They told them they could go, they did not have any work for them to do.

Black and white workers are plentiful. They all look starved. The rent man has no mercy.

I have applied to the Red Cross. They have not paid any mind to me.

They have been giving me only \$1 a week and it looks like they have quit doing that.

It seems like they want us to starve to death.

—A Worker.

ORGANIZATION SPREADING IN THE BLACK BELT

"SW" Fine Paper

By a Worker Correspondent

Lee County, Ala.

Reeder, the landowner here, has 8 share croppers. He won't buy any sugar or meat for the people. He says they don't need it.

There are six colored share croppers and two white ones.

F. G. Wren, a government agent, is warning the white and colored workers against the Red propaganda.

—A Share Cropper.

No Sugar or Meat

By a Farmer Correspondent

Lee County, Ala.

We have to make a crop with mules and the landlord won't furnish nothing to feed them. He gets worse every day. He just gives a mite each week to his people. He owns 6000 acres of land.

And you needn't go there for anything except on Saturday and it's very little you get then. He makes fully 50c on the dollar on everything you get there. He don't put it down so he can explain it and we don't have a showing for anything we get. We just have to take his word for it.

I am sending this letter to you to show you that I received your paper. Write me some information by return mail and I will do my part in keeping other people.

I am 61 years old and I have never seen anything to compare with your wonderful paper.

—A Farmer.

Cut Farm Worker

By a Farmer Correspondent

Opelika, Ala.

All the landlords of Tallapoosa county held a meeting against the poor share croppers and renters. They decided that all day labor for men is to be paid 50c and for women 25 cents a day.

The saw mills here are planning to use the speed-up system. The highest skilled labor is getting \$1 a day and the unskilled labor 50 cents a day.

George Harper White is a big land owner and a country merchant who has 9 sharecroppers. He is only half feeding them. He only lets them have one sack of flour a month regardless of how large their family may be.

—A Negro Farmer.

Gal. City Officials Lead Life of Czars

By a Worker Correspondent

Galveston, Texas.

Moody, the Czar of Galveston, also rules over the workers in his employ with an iron hand.

This was shown when he fired his housemaid for her political beliefs after she had slaved for 16 years in his household.

Also Mrs. Smith who for years served Mayor Jack Pierce told a number of people gathered at an election rally that life in the Mayor Hotel was worse than slavery.

They not only had to furnish their own drinking glasses, but were also deprived of the scraps left on the trays after the guests had finished eating.

—A Worker.

KILL 30 CAIRO STRIKERS

CAIRO, Egypt.—Police, turning their machine guns on a strike meeting of 5,000 striking railway shopmen here, killed 30 strikers, according to incomplete reports. The police surrounded the workshops and were repulsed by firehose.

In Bitter Struggle



An Alabama miner. Miners throughout the country are ready for a bitter struggle against starvation. The National Miners Union is ready to lead them.

Want War Funds For Unemployed

By a Worker Correspondent

New Orleans, La.

I was looking over one of the capitalist papers. It stated that Hoover will spend \$135,000,000 less this year than last year.

Last year there were more than nine million unemployed. Now there are over ten million.

Workers all over the United States are starving, freezing, being evicted, picked and charged with vagrancy, railroaded to the chain gang for long prison terms, children going half naked and barefooted. And now Hoover says he will spend \$135,000,000 less than last year.

Workers of the United States, colored and white, must unite and force the government to spend billions of dollars less on war ships, bombing planes, less profits for the big landlords and real estate dealers.

Unite together and force them to spend these billions of dollars on unemployment insurance, for food for the starving workers, black and white.

Unite together and put up a united front against starvation, evictions, poverty, unemployment, lynching, Jim-Crowism, and all other forms of capitalist oppression.

—A Young Communist.

Ga. Ministers' Alliance As Bad As In Chatta.

By a Worker Correspondent

Galveston, Texas.

The Ministers' Alliance of Galveston was asked to sign a petition to send to Gov. Miller of Alabama, asking a retrial for the nine Scottsboro boys.

The petition was changed from a demand to a request, yet the Ministers' Alliance refused to sign it. They claim they want to wait until such time as the International Labor Defense will "prove" that the Scottsboro jury was prejudiced against the race, as tho any sane Negro in the

LYNCH JUSTICE AT SCOTTSBORO

-STARVATION AT STOCKAM PIPE

Lynch justice at Scottsboro! Starvation at Stockham plant.

For over a week the entire plant of Stockham Pipe and Fitting Co. has been closed down. The closing down of the plant, of course, was a trick of the bosses, played in order to invent a new wage-cut scheme and to plan greater unemployment landslides.

When the workers returned to work on Tuesday, a great number of them were sent back on the streets after being told there was no work for them. Many of them turned in their badges.

The next day, others were put on the street to starve. About 250 of this plant will join the millions of others and begin starving to death.

Those who are still employed are speeded up in high gear while their wages are being slashed right and left.

White and colored workers in this shop must lay aside the hate instilled by the bosses and fight the horrible "B" hour system under which both are being killed.

The bosses who try to divide the white and colored workers are the cause of the intended cold-blooded murder of 9 Negro working-class children, because they are doing their best to create a deep hatred between the races. The bosses seek to destroy the starving workers on one hand and by creating a malicious hatred between the white and colored workers, try to render themselves innocent of the hunger situation.

Right here in Stockham, both colored and white workers must organize

ize their own shop committees and fight the "B" system, against wage-cuts, lynching, Jim-Crowism, defense of the Scottsboro boys, against the low tonnage price, for social insurance for the unemployed.

—A Young Communist.

KKK Stops Cars To Make Negroes Keep In "Place"

By a Worker Correspondent

Miami, Fla.

In this beautiful Miami the Ku Klux is still thriving. It does its dirty work in the good 100 per cent American fashion. It is still at work making the Southern democracy safe for the white employing class.

On the 13th of May 1 saw 8 automobiles near a place on the "causeway" where some dredging is being done. In those machines were Ku Kluxers, dressed in their official regalia, the priestly white robes.

With their faces covered they were exercising their American God-given right to teach their colored "brothers" the Christian spirit of humility.

These colored workers are employed in the hotels and restaurants during the winter months. They are poorly paid.

In Miami, to go to work to the beach, these colored workers must cross Biscayne Bay in a street car, paying 20c a day. They are supposed to occupy the rear seats only. It seems that some of these colored workers overstepped the "boundaries."

These self-appointed and anointed Ku Kluxers could not stand this so at the entrance of the Causway they held up the street cars and lectured to the colored passengers. They told them to be humble and know their place, otherwise colored families would be swimming in the bay with bullet holes in them. If they get away from sharks and can swim to shore it will be their good luck.

Thus the Jim-Crow law is enforced by the bosses in true Mussolini fascist fashion. The colored workers, 12 million of them, should use their united power to assert their human rights. This the colored workers can accomplish best by joining with the white workers in the Communist Party and the League of Struggle for Negro rights.

Last 25 Cents To Renew Subscription

By a Worker Correspondent

Sturgis, Mich.

Conditions here are bad and still getting worse.

Shops are only running two days a week with only a few hands. But still the slave drivers say times are getting better.

I would not know what to do without my Southern Worker. I am doing all I can to keep the good work going on. Here is my last 25 cents to renew my subscription.

—A Worker.

while plowing, and became angered when Williams stood his ground when Butler attempted to beat him. The planter seized his rifle and fired at the boy, but missed.

The mighty protest being raised around the defense of the Scottsboro boys must be directed at the wild wave of lynch terror which is sweeping the South, and which is attempting to keep the Negroes in starvation and submission.

Planter Shoots At Boy Farm Worker

CAMILLA, Ga.—Willie Williams, 16-year-old son of Mrs. Lula Williams, narrowly escaped death when his white landlord shot at him with a Winchester rifle. Butler, the landlord, accused the boy of beating a mule

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Organize and Strike Against Wage-Cuts

The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has made an announcement about wage-cuts. It is not the first announcement these fascists have made. In November, 1929, the A. F. of L. leadership participated in and approved of the Hoover "Conference to Maintain Prosperity," in which the A. F. of L. leadership pledged "No Strikes," supposedly in exchange of a pledge of the employers not to cut wages.

However, wage cuts began at once and went on until today, and today the employers are engaged in a wide and intensive drive against wages. The A. F. of L. leadership from the time of the 1929 conference have aided the employers to cut wages by three especial policies:

1. They have suppressed and broken strikes against wage cuts, trying to justify this by the falsehood that strikes cannot be won in times of unemployment. The Danville and Elizabethton, strikes, broken and betrayed by the A. F. of L. testify to the dishonesty of their pretensions.

2. They have not only accepted, but actively pushed the wage cuts against the workers initiated by Hoover with his "stagger" plan of employment, whereby the burden of the crisis is unloaded onto the employed workers of "sharing" employment with the unemployed, thus immediately cutting the wages of those employed, while the unemployed, who are supposed to benefit are also put on a starvation standard and each set against each other, instead of the employers and the government being forced to pay Unemployment Insurance at full wages. By this means the general average wage of the working class has been cut sometimes in half—yet these scoundrels of the A. F. of L. now pretend to be "against wage-cuts."

3. The A. F. of L. has aided the employers in every possible way to speed up the workers, to drive them to a speed that is wrecking their very life force, with no increase, but rather a decrease of wages, under the pretense that "helping the employer helps the worker."

The result of the wage cuts already put over, but ignored by these fascist trade union bureaucrats, amounted to some \$12,000,000,000 during 1930. That is, the working class got that much less wages in 1930 than it got in 1929. Why, then, does the A. F. of L. now, today, in the middle of May, 1931, suddenly make an "announcement" that:

"Certain banking interests and certain employers are making an attempt to bring about a general reduction in wages."

Why only now does the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. discover "an attempt" at wage cutting? The answer is that these scoundrels are observing an attempt of the workers to fight back and strike against wage cuts! It is this attempt that Green, Woll and the rest of the A. F. of L. bureaucrats want to stop.

Everywhere, the American wage workers are beginning to fight back. A strike wave is rising—but it is rising in spite of everything the A. F. of L. has done to stop it.

The miners of Melrose, Pennsylvania, won a strike against the wage cut! The textile workers of the Lexington Mill at Pawtucket, R. I., won their strike 100 per cent against wage cuts! The Lawrence textile workers recently won a strike against wage cuts! These prove that strikes can be won in spite of unemployment—providing the workers follow the leadership and militant strike policies of the revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League.

But it is the purpose of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. to defeat this rising strike wave. It therefore comes out, when the workers no longer follow their advice not to strike and not to resist wage cuts by calling on them to "resist"—but it consciously avoids telling them how to resist; it does not tell them to strike! And moreover, it discourages striking by harping continually on unemployment and laying a line of no strike, but rather an "appeal to employers" (the very idea!) that wages should not be cut because it will "hurt the employers."

Workers, you have no other way out but struggle! Employed and unemployed alike should rally to the revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League to strike against wage cuts! Expose the fascist treachery of the A. F. of L. leaders! Unite all forces under T. U. U. L. leadership to defeat wage cuts with strikes! Organize and strike against wage cuts!

Troops Enforce Federal Injunction In Harlan

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made to take care of destitute families, that the armed guards at the mines would be dismissed, and the right of the miners to organize would be recognized. Col. Carrell, in charge of the troops, tells the miners that there are jobs open for them, but the miners refuse to work under starvation and slavery conditions. The Red Cross refuses to give them any relief, trying to force a few hundred back to work. The miners say that "there is no difference between working under the guns of the tin-hats and working under the guns of the thugs."

"Under conditions existing in the fields today, a miner is lucky to get 25 tons a week, which at 42 cents a ton average will net him \$10.92 for a six day week." This does not take

into account company deductions for schools, churches, hospitals, mining supplies, rent, etc. Under these conditions the miners refuse to work and starve at the same time.

There is a strong sentiment among miners in other parts of the state, and in Tennessee to strike in sympathy with the Harlan miners and for their own demands. So strong is this sentiment that President Aymon of the Tennessee Federation of Labor, was forced to acknowledge it.

The strike movement has spread to Cawood, county seat, and 200 troops have been dispatched there from Evans. The miners, strikers and unemployed are solid and fighting militantly.

Demand New Trial For
Scottsboro 9!

Make Life Easier For Them



The brothers and sisters of Eugene Williams, 14, who has been sentenced to death at Scottsboro. To obtain the release of the Scottsboro boys will mean to make it harder for the ruling class to legally lynch other Negro boys.

Foreign Workers In Soviet Union Marvel At Advances

STALINGRAD, USSR.—Foreign workers working in Stalingrad plants at the May Day demonstration here made an appeal to all foreign workers and specialists in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, and all workers' delegations visiting the Soviet Union. The appeal reads:

"We have worked in the USSR for several months, some have worked here for years. During this time, with our own eyes, we have seen the mighty construction work now proceeding in the USSR.

"We ourselves worked on the new gigantic socialist industry and realize the enormous extent of construction and new work. Giant undertakings are growing like mushrooms and hundreds of new plants are commencing.

"An energetic life is springing up everywhere. We frequently ask ourselves how a country so backward technically and culturally can develop such enormous construction so rapidly.

This is explained by the correct

Scottsboro Parents Statement

The following statement was issued by the parents of the Scottsboro boys when they left to visit the boys at Kilby Prison. The same statement was fully endorsed and signed by the boys in prison.

"This statement made in Chattanooga, Tennessee, May 14, 1931, after a conference with the relatives of the nine boys hereinafter named.

"George W. Chamlee, of Tennessee, and associate counsel, Joseph R. Brodsky and Lowell Wakefield, representative of the International Labor Defense, is to witness that Bernice Norris, sister-in-law of Clarence Norris, Ida Norris, mother of Clarence Norris, and Viola Montgomery, mother of Olin Montgomery, Mamie Williams, mother of Eugene Williams, Beatrice Maddox, sister of Roy and Andy Wright, Claude Patterson and Janie Patterson, father and mother of Haywood Patterson, and Josephine Powell, mother of Ozie Powell have this day ratified, approved and confirmed the contract and agreement heretofore made with the counsel of the International Labor Defense to make a fight to save the nine boys convicted in Scottsboro, Alabama, and now known as the Scottsboro Case, and we give them full authority to do and perform any and all things that they may deem proper or necessary in order to provide legal defense for the nine boys above mentioned.

"We hope that outside organizations will not go into the jail or prison to try to persuade our children to disregard our advice in this matter. We fully appreciate all friendly co-operation but we condemn in unmeasured terms efforts of intermeddlers who have heretofore been interfering and sending out false reports about the case.

"We appeal to all organizations throughout the world to co-operate with the International Labor Defense and with the attorneys we have selected jointly with the International Labor Defense in providing funds and assistance in helping to save our innocent boys from a most cruel and unjust punishment ever inflicted upon defendants in a court in the civilized world; and we want to thank our friends and the organizations who have been showing a friendly and financial interest in this case and while we can't thank them in person, we thank the organizations everywhere for their friendship, loyalty, solidarity and co-operation. We will see that our boys sign a similar statement so that once and for all the world may know that we are with the International Labor Defense and its present attorneys in this fight and will stay with them to the end.

"Signed:

"Claude Patterson
"Janie Patterson,
"Bernice Norris,
"Josephine Powell,
"Viola Montgomery,
"Mamie Williams,
"Ida Norris."

Setting Him Right

(Overheard on a soup line after white workers to join the fight for the distribution of a leaflet calling on the Scottsboro boys.)

FIRST WHITE WORKER: Them red nigger-lovers are sure raising a fuss about them Scottsboro niggers. Let 'em hang, I say.

SECOND WHITE WORKER: Wouldn't be so sure of that. I seen those girls laying out on the dump nights and down at Casey-Hedges getting paid off by the men on Saturdays. Don't look much like rape to me.

FIRST WW: But those niggers should burn anyhow. Keep them niggers in their place, I say, and that's a good way to do it.

SECOND WW: Looks to me like if we're not careful, we'll be in the same place as they all is. And ain't we there now, right here on this soup line, together with the burrheads? And it seems to me that the Reds ain't far wrong in this here leaflet, saying the way they do here that the bosses is just set on keeping us divided so we can't fight for jobs or relief.

FIRST WW: Say, you're fallin' for that red gaff. Who is it but the niggers who takes our jobs away and work for almost nothing. It's their fault there is this many unemployed, coming here waiting for this poisoned soup. Jes listen. I been a moulder at U. S. Pipe, used to get six and seven dollars a day. Had a nigger helper. Boss come along, fires me, saying it's because of the depression, gets the nigger to take my place at \$3 a day. And here I is with a wife and three kids, waitin' on the poison soup. Hang them all, rape or no rape, that's the only chance for us white workers gettin' our jobs back.

SECOND WW: Heard that afore, old man. But ain't you blaming the colored for something that ain't their fault. Seems to me like the boss and you yourself is to blame for losing that job of yours. I know you all in that Moulder's Union you had. Allowed only white moulder in, called the niggers helpers, altho they is as good moulder as you all, and barred the union to them. Just what the boss wanted you to do and you just did. Got what's coming to you—you all got kicked out or jes had to work for half you did before. The colored wanted to join up with you all and you all signed your own discharge by not accepting him. Not the niggers' fault, it's the boss at work, keeping us separated from the colored everywhere but on this here soup line. They want to get us down to the soup line level, where they don't care about us. Abe Lincoln may be a Yankee but he had the right dope about 'divided we fall, united we stand.' Times is here for us all to do something and do it together, black and white. Nope, the reds ain't far wrong on this here proposition.

FIRST WW: Maybe you're right about that Moulder's Union and the colored jes using us like checkers. Nigger and I get the same poisoned soup. But no white woman is safe. I'll tell you that, with the niggers around. They got to be protected...

SECOND WW: Look at that, will you? See that notice on the door. "Beginning Monday this soup kitchen will be closed." No soup, then what? FIRST WW: Holy Jimminy! My wife and kids!

SECOND WW: Your turn. Get your soup and remember that your wife is a white woman, and they don't seem to care much about protecting her. Hope to see you again and talk some more.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—In the report on Communism by the American Legion Americanism Committee the national executive council of this fascist organization was asked to approve greater activity by the department of justice against Communists and foreign-born workers.