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# Mine Strike Spreads

N. M. U. LEADS 27,000 IN FIGHT AGAINST STARVATION WAGES

## 400 Cigar Workers Cheer I.L.D. Speaker

Pledge Support Scottsboro Defense and Organize Strong I.L.D. Bands.

TAMPA, Fla.—Over 400 workers, mostly Cuban cigar makers, crowded the Spanish Labor Temple here June 12, to hear Helen Marcy, I. L. D. Organizer, now on tour in Florida. The crowd enthusiastically adopted a strong resolution demanding the immediate release of the nine Scottsboro boys and a wire to this effect sent Gov. Miller of Alabama. Resolutions denouncing the campaign of deportation of militant foreign born workers now being pushed by the United States Labor Department, were also passed. A collection of \$7.70 was taken up for the Scottsboro defense despite the fact the most of the crowd were unemployed.

Strong branches of the International Labor Defense have been set up at Pensacola, St. Petersburg, Ruskin, Ft. Lauderdale, and Tampa, Fla., as a result of Comrade Marcy's organization tour which is now drawing to a close. Funds have been collected for the Scottsboro defense and additional hundreds of workers drawn into active work in the defense movement.

## Chatta. Tag Day June 20th, 21st For Scottsboro

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — "ALL OUT FOR THE CHATTANOOGA SCOTTSBORO DEFENSE TAG DAY ON SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY, JUNE 20th AND 21st!" is the slogan put forward by the Resident Scottsboro Defense Committee in a statement issued last week.

The statement points out that lack of funds threatens to seriously cripple the defense of the boys in court, and calls on every individual who supports the defense campaign to take active part in the Tag Day called to raise the badly needed funds. All organizations meeting before June 20th are urged to take this question up and secure the organized participation of the members of their organizations in the Tag Day.

Boxes and collection lists should be obtained at once by all Secretaries of Neighborhood Committees at the headquarters of the International Labor Defense, 22 Chamberlain Building. Individual workers not members of Neighborhood Committees can obtain boxes for collecting funds at the same address. Every supporter of the defense on the job to make this first Southern Tag Day a real success!

Organize Block Committees! Collect Funds for Scottsboro Defense!

## Rush Relief For Miners

The great miners strike is of vital importance to every worker in this country. The outcome of this strike will affect every worker. Defeat for the miners means more wage-cuts, more speed-up in all industries. Victory for the miners means a heavy blow at the hunger program of the bosses.

The miners are fighting as they never fought before. The gunmen of the coal operators and the police and sheriffs of the State and County Governments have not been able to defeat them. The U. M. W. A. strike-breakers have not been able to smash the strike. But hunger may yet defeat the strikers. Men, women, children, in the ranks of the strikers are slowly starving. Unless the workers can come to the aid of the miners NOW the strike may be lost.

Fellow workers, This is your fight! The future of all workers depends on this fight of the miners. This strike must be won. And if relief is provided this strike can be won. Get your union, your organization, to vote funds for the relief of the striking miners! Collect from your shop mates for the strikers! Send all funds direct to the National Miners' Union, 711 Penn avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., or to the Southern Worker, which will gladly forward all funds received.

### Police Fire on Unemployed

SANTIAGO, CUBA.—Unemployed workers protesting against starvation here received an answer of bullets from the police. The government has forbidden the unemployed to hold meetings.

Following demonstrations of unemployed in Havana, the government was forced to plan the opening of soup kitchens.

## Mass Picket Lines Battle Police and Co. Gunmen

Ohio and West Virginia Miners Answer Strike Call

PITTSBURG, Pa.—27,000 miners in the Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio fields have answered the strike call of the N. M. U. The strike is spreading rapidly and additional mines are being struck daily. The Rank and File Committee has started an intensive drive to extend the strike to the West Virginia field where conditions are the worst in the country.

## More Arrests In Harlan; Strikers Denounce U.M.W.

By Southern Worker Special  
Correspondent

In Harlan, Kentucky, the miners are learning from bitter experience the strike breaking activity of the United Mine Workers, while terror of the bosses and the government continues. Everything is being done to crush the union. Last Tuesday Frank Perkins, a union miner, was arrested. He was charged with having and distributing radical literature. Perkins and others had been out on a two-day journey getting food and money for the starving women and children of the miners. G. I. Lane was also arrested on the charge of criminal syndicalism. Last Friday, John Chasteen, whose restaurant is said to be a union headquarters, was shot and killed by a mine guard thug.

So bad are the conditions that two-thirds of the miners flocked into the local United Mine Workers union. At least ten thousand have joined. But true to the regular policy of betrayal

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The miners are fighting stubbornly against the combined forces of the coal operators and their gunmen, the police forces of the government, and the chief strike-breaking agency of the coal barons, the United Mine Workers of America. Capitalist press reports describing the "seventy-mile battle front" of the strikers in Western Pennsylvania, declare the fighting to be the most severe in the last nine years. Clashes, tear gas bombs, and machine guns have been used by the State Police and the company gunmen against the mass picket lines of the miners and the mass marches of thousands of strikers against those mines still working. The strikers, white and Negro, miners' wives as well as the Negro folks, are fighting back heroically against the reign of terror. Hundreds have been jailed, scores have been shot and wounded by gunmen in and out of uniform, but the fight goes on with renewed vigor.

### County Spends \$25,000 For Gunmen

In Belmont county, Ohio, the County Board has just voted \$25,000 for the employment of additional deputies and gunmen to break the strike. Over a score of strikers including Leo Thompson, leader of the National Miners' Union in Eastern Ohio, were arrested when deputy sheriffs, aided by over 200 armed members of the American Legion, broke up a meeting of 2,000 miners called to protest the bloody terror of the operators and the County government which they have in their pocket.

While the starving miners battle his state police in the coal fields, the "liberal" governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, has called a conference of the coal barons, to meet with representatives of the strike-breaking United Mine Workers of America, in a desperate effort to split the ranks of the strikers and send the men back to work defeated. The striking miners, however, well know the slimy record of the U. M. W. A. and will refuse to abide by any sell-out agreement negotiated by this outfit, which has no members and no following to speak of in the ranks of the strikers.

## Mill Cuts off Night Shift

TUXEDO, N. C.—The Tuxedo Cotton mill here has stopped its night shift. It pays its workers from \$3 to \$9 for a 60-hour week. About 300 workers are at present employed in the mill.

## U. F. L. Leads Tenn. Farmers In Fight for Tax Reduction

Backed up by the signatures of hundreds of working farmers and farm women, the United Farmers League of Carter County, Tennessee, is this week presenting to the Equalization Board its demands against oppressive taxation of the poor farmers.

The petition demands the repeal of the ten-year no-tax agreement made in 1926 with the Bemberg-Glanzstoff Rayon Corporation, and the repeal of the tax raise upon the poor farmers from \$2.85 to \$3.27.

A letter to the Equalization Board from the Provisional Committee of the United Farmers' League, accompanying the signature petition, reaffirms the farmers' demands and points out the all-important distinction between the tax demands of certain of the small business men of Elizabethton and the demands of the working farmers. The letter points out that the small business men wish to tax the mills so as to lift the burden from their own shoulders but do not wish to lower the taxes of

the poor farmers. The United Farmers' League points out that its aim in demanding the taxation of the mills is to shift the burden from the shoulders of the poor farmers to the millionaire rayon corporation; that to tax the mills without lowering the farmers' taxes means only a greater sum of money for the hiring of sheriffs, deputies and other oppressors of the workers.

In order to sidestep the demand of the United Farmers' League that the county collect back-taxes from the Bemberg-Glanzstoff corporation and turn this sum over to an elected committee of workers, poor farmers and unemployed, the bosses and their bootlickers in the county have been hunting arguments that such a procedure would be "unconstitutional."

The farmers, through their committee of the United Farmers' League, point out that under mass pressure, county funds have been turned over to workers for immediate relief, as at England, Arkansas, in the Memphis,

## German Reds Lead Barricade Fight Against New Taxes

BERLIN.—Barricade fighting and pitched battles with the police took place this week in several German cities as the workers, under the leadership of the Communist Party, protested against a new tax measure of the government. These taxes are designed to draw revenue by laying still more of the burden on the working class.

The new tax decrees lay further taxes on articles consumed by the working class, such as sugar and tobacco; they cut war pensions; they slash salaries of government workers; they cut off from unemployment relief all young workers under 21 and all farm laborers. These new measures come at a time when unemployment is on the increase and wages are being still further cut.

When the police attempted to break up the demonstrations, the workers hewed up barricades and fought them back.

As a result of this determined action on the part of the workers, the German government is already showing a disposition to "reconsider" portions of the tax decrees.

## Copper Hill Miners Slowly Starving

COPPER HILL, Tenn.—Half the mines of the Tennessee Copper Company, the furnace and the chemical plant here are closed down. The mining towns of Isabella, Copper Hill and Ducktown in the Copper Basin are places of want and starvation.

The workers here are entirely dependent upon the Tennessee Copper Company which has absolute control of these towns. Isabella is a typical company town—"unincorporated"—owned by the company—stores, houses and all. There is no relief, of course, given the unemployed miners either by the company or the township which is controlled by the mine-owners.

On top of this the company is contemplating a wage-cut in those mines still working and the miners expect it to come at any time.

The copper mines here and the chemical plant have made a wasteland of 10 miles radius at the foot of the Smoky Mountains. Corrosive chemical fumes have killed all growth and painted the land copper-color. Acid fumes have eaten away at the miners' homes until they are nothing but a jumble of rotten boards held together by a miracle. The fumes work destruction on the lungs of miners and their families living in the basin.

As one miner put it: "We will live organized, but unorganized we will die." Miners of Copper Hill will have to organize and fight to keep from starving. Their union will have to be the National Miners' Union, which is now leading the strike of over 20,000 coal miners in Western Pennsylvania. Organize mine committees in the mines, get ready to strike under the militant leadership of the National Miners' Union!

## Y. C. L. Protests Gang Sentence on Youth

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—James Wilson, 15-year-old Negro boy, was sentenced to six months on the chain-gang here last week because he dared to defend himself against the murderous attack of a white storekeeper. The storekeeper attempted to run an ice pick thru the boy and was only stopped when Wilson threw a rock at him.

## Resident Com. Works Out Scottsboro Defense Plans; Block Committees Formed

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Concrete plans for the mobilization of additional thousands of Negro and white workers and poor farmers behind the campaign to free the nine Scottsboro boys were worked out by the Resident Committee of the All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Committee, at its first meeting last week. Every member of the Committee was present and all members took an active part in drawing up plans for the extension and organization of the campaign.

Major emphasis was placed on the strengthening of the Neighborhood Defense Committees and the rapid extension of the form of organization. In line with this a successful meeting of all secretaries of the Neighborhood Committees was held in Chattanooga Friday and arrangements made for a regular weekly Secretaries' Meeting to coordinate and direct the work of all local Neighborhood Committees. Secretaries were present from 12 Neighborhood Committees and plans were worked out to secure the best

possible mobilization for the Chattanooga Tag Day to raise funds for defense on Saturday and Sunday, June 21st and 22nd.

In order to draw all organizations which elected delegates to the All-Southern Conference actively into the work in their own cities, the resident committee decided to request the delegates from each locality to immediately call local meetings of all delegates. Dates were set for such meetings in Birmingham and Atlanta during the coming week. A similar meeting of delegates elected locally was held in Chattanooga Tuesday. As we go to press reports indicate the Chattanooga meeting to be highly successful.

A full report of the decisions of the Resident Committee and the plans worked out at its meeting will be forwarded at once to all organizations which elected delegates to the All-Southern Conference. It was announced by Comrade Wakefield, Secretary of the Resident Committee.

## Mass Pressure Forces Charlotte Ministers To Support Scottsboro Defense

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The Inter-denominational Ministers' Alliance of Charlotte voted to join the United Front of the I.L.D. and the L.S.N.R. in the fight to save the lives of the nine boys who are awaiting the carrying out of the lynch sentence in Scottsboro. The vote was made after a stormy tussle between the smaller preachers and the leading Bureaucracy following an appeal made by D. Doran for the nine boys.

The president of the Alliance and the leading preachers tried in every way to prevent Doran talking, finally consenting to give 3 or 4 minutes. The comrade took the floor and spoke for ten minutes, exposing the legal frame-up and pointing out the role of the I. L. D. and the L. S. N. R. in the defense of the lynch victims and the evident success registered by the granting of a new hearing despite the betrayal tactics of the Negro higher-ups.

Several times the President at-

tempted to interfere with the talking but was motioned out of the way by the majority of preachers present. At the end of the ten minutes several jumped up and asked for an extension of time. This was refused and a small rumpus was kicked up as a result. Many wished to ask questions but this also the President would not allow. A motion was made to send resolutions of protest to the Governor of Alabama and the judge at Scottsboro. This was passed unanimously amid applause of many present despite the President's consternation.

The preachers pledged to do all they could in the support of the nine boys and are opening wide their doors for speakers from the Party and the I.L.D. and L.S.N.R. There are many evidences that point to the great mass pressure on these weak-kneed preachers which forces them to sometimes take a militant stand.

## Scottsboro Boys Solid With I.L.D.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Full confidence in the mass campaign being waged for their release was again expressed by the eight Scottsboro boys when they were visited in the death cell of Kilby prison by a representative of the International Labor Defense last week. Mr. Patterson, father of Haywood Patterson, one of the condemned boys, accompanied the I. L. D. representative on this visit.

The boys said that they had been visited repeatedly in the past three weeks by organizers of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who attempted to get them to repudiate the I. L. D. and the mass protest movement for their release, organized and led by the I. L. D. and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights. Despite all the pressure brought to bear on the boys they have remained solidly behind the I. L. D.

The Young Communist League has issued a call for a neighborhood conference to mobilize the workers in the neighborhood where young Wilson lived for struggle for his release. Neighborhood open air meetings demanding his immediate release have already been held.

## Boss Press Calls Layoff "Vacation"

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Thousands of textile workers are joining the ranks of the unemployed in the Piedmont section as more mills close down or go on slack work schedule.

The bosses' press, notably the Charlotte OBSERVER, speaks of the mass layoffs as the "customary summer vacation," and has the guts to state editorially that the half-starved workers "might be disposed to grumble if the seasonal vacation were denied them." This to workers who have been making from \$7 to \$15 a week and are now faced with an indefinite lay-off which can mean only one thing to them—hunger and black poverty.

The Capitalist is working and so are we  
We are working for the I.L.D.  
They are working to keep us down  
We are determined not to turn around  
We are going to get on top.  
Keep on working and not going to stop  
We are working day and night  
Not going to starve, but we are going to fight.

E. B. and M. W.,  
2 Pioneers of Charlotte, N. C.

## A.F. of L. RANK AND FILER RAPS GREEN'S SPEECH

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Being a member of one of the crafts affiliated with the A. F. of L., I feel impelled to express my complete disgust with the belly-crawling officials of this Wall Street controlled labor-faking institution.

C. M. Preston, Paul Kruesi, or John D. Rockefeller, Jr., would hardly have made a more conservative speech, if you could call it such, than did the A. F. of L. capitalist hood-carrier Bill Green, when he spoke in Chattanooga.

While admitting that one-fourth of the population is facing starvation, this Wall Street tool says you must not squeal, but just starve and let your little ones cry for bread. You are not to organize in Unemployed Councils or join hunger marches. Just sit and wait for the pot-bellied rich to take pity on you.

We for one, do not take thee American workers to be such fools as that belly-crawler Green does, if you can believe one who is in touch with the rank and file workers. Watch these \$500 to \$1500 a month toads go hopping to thir holes then.

The capitalists will Green's blathering for a "more equitable division" of their ill-gotten gains the same consideration a hungry lion gives a lamb.

—A Worker.

## Harlan Strikers Demand U. M. W. A.

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and cooperation with the bosses carried on by the leading officials of the United Mine Workers, the local union is being slowly crushed. Even the local organizer, W. B. Jones, who has been framed up and is in jail on three charges of murder, receives no word or aid from these corrupt leaders of the U. M. W.

### Miners Ready for N. M. U.

The miners and local leaders are beginning to see that the only thing to do is to break with the Lewis gang.

Wholesale eviction of miners has grown to be a daily routine in the county court. A spirit of unrest grips the 18,000 diggers. Many of them have not seen any actual money for months. Script forces them to trade at company stores. Prices are intolerable. They and their families face persecution and starvation and the breaking point is near.

These miners are worse than slaves and they know it. They are gouged from every angle. They are forced to pay enormous salaries to doctors who testify for the companies and the insurance carriers when a workman gets hurt. They are forced to keep their mouths shut. Living in company houses, depending on earning a family living from a company job, they have no freedom. And man for man, they will tell you that the "law" is against them.

## LYNCH LAW AT WORK

WATER VALLEY, Miss.—Sam Greene, 19-year-old Negro boy, was sentenced to death here after the jury had "deliberated" for 11 minutes. Greene is said to have attacked his boss, Wagner, for threatening to beat him. For this crime of self-defense Greene faces trial for his life. Mississippi militia were called out to help insure at least a legal lynching.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—J. P. Moore, Negro, was electrocuted here June 12th, protesting his innocence. He made no appeal to the state supreme court or to the governor, feeling that it was useless. All of the seven Negroes who preceded him to the electric chair this year failed in their appeals. The electrocution was set for the earliest hour permissible under the law. The charge was the usual one of "assault on a white woman," the charge that is in practically every case trumped up.

RALEIGH, N. C.—Odell Eskridge and Sylvester Williams, Negro convicts, were shot in the back by guards when they attempted to escape from the terrible slavery of the quarry pit at state's prison.

CARROLTON ——A mob of 200 to 300 traced a Negro through swamps and forests after a white woman had charged an "attack." These charges, made by hysterical women, have practically always been found to be false—after the Negro is lynched or electrocuted.

## WORKERS LOSE WHEN LITTLE BANKS CRASH

Many of the workers who have scrapped together a little savings to help them over unemployment or sickness, now find them wiped away by bank failures. Last week during three days 24 banks were closed in Chicago. These were small banks, just the kind where workers put their small savings. Not only does capitalism throw workers out on the street by the millions, and cuts wages at every opportunity, but it gobbles up the workers' savings just when he needs them the most.

"If only we could get help. Why men have gone back to work because their families were starving. Let word come in here that a carload of food is coming to help us win, and you'd see a solid walkout. Hell couldn't stop us. We would win!" Thus the miners who are still out talk. There are about three thousand of them.

These militant miners are about ready to repudiate the U. M. W. and to form an independent union. Every effort should be made to draw them into the National Miners' Union, affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League. This union which leads the "70-mile front" around Pittsburgh is the only union fighting the miners' battles in this country.

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## FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

Convicts Sweat  
In Ala. Jails for  
15 Cents a Week

By a Worker Correspondent

In the South a black man's got to work or lie down quiet. Of course if there's any work to do for white or black, the Negro man must ask for less. The white man's wages are kept lower this way. But when a black man is out on the road looking for work he had better lay low, the state has work for him all the time.

The state of Alabama, for example, has lots of work for Negroes. Got convict camps at Bessemer, Leeds, Truesdale, etc., etc., and more city and county camps. There are large prison factories, mills and farms, like Speigner pen and Kilby prison, near Montgomery.

Every chance is used to keep the black man in his "place." Let a Negro raise his voice, Let him resent a kick on the shins, let a black man stand up straight—he'll be kept put. Get a rope, hang him, burn him, get a gang and beat him to a raw steak in a pool of blood. Holler rape! "He's raped a white woman!" Get a crowd and lynch him!

Then again, maybe some village has pride in "law and order." The "nigger" can be taken care of in court by judge and jury. Don't hang him now, he can be lynched judicially. If you can't get him burned to charcoal with a law book, shut him up for life. The state will give him work at Speigner Pen or Kilby Prison. The state of Alabama has contracts to fill.

Speigner Pen has 4000 acres to be worked and a cotton mill and finishing plant. Speigner has 800 Negroes sleeping where 300 were supposed to be squeezed in. The 800 slave from sun-up to sun-down, full week, 14 to 16 hours a day. They sweat in the field, can't straighten up a minute in the mill, get sick at supper, where they eat unwashed, stinking beans, and maybe some fatback.

Sun-up to sun-down in the cotton fields and mill. Sixteen hours hotter than hell and heaped up sweating bunk-mates. Work the fields, the jenny, and then wash and comb and spin the cotton. Sun-up to sun-down, weave it, and there's the dye bath and collendering and finishing to do. Eight hundred heaving hot bodies stack up yards and yards of blue cotton cloth for the state of Alabama. For work in Speigner Pen, Alabama pays its convicts 15 cents a week.

And if you're good and become a trustee, they'll let you out of the gate evenings to work awhile at housework for neighbors, free of charge.

In Kilby Prison, 25 miles away, the Negro must work at making that cloth into workshirts. The contracts of the State of Alabama must be filled.

—A Worker.

Saw Millers Get  
50c for Ten Hours

By a Worker Correspondent

Polkton, S. C.

The saw millers are getting 50 cents a day, working ten hours every day. Times are very hard and we workers ought to wake up and fight for better conditions.

Last year young cotton pickers got 50 cents per hundred for picking cotton and this year I guess it will be less. Both white and colored should unite and work for better conditions.

—A Young Worker.

HARLAN WORKER  
CALLS FOR ACTION

(By a Worker Correspondent)

Dear Comrades:

I am now receiving my So. Workers on time, also a nice bundle of Daily Workers. I am employed on a salary and cannot get out in the open as I would like to but believe me I "scoot" those papers around. I have nifty lieutenants that do my every bidding. Things are getting hot in this old country and by-the-way its going to get hotter. And furthermore the men that's going to make it hot is 100 per cent Americans as far as that goes. We are just tired of this bullying of the masses by a handful of well organized "Fat-Bellied" Capitalists.

Step on it and get some speed up. When I get this section worked up properly I am going to call for an organizer of the N.M.U. In the meantime I want to write up everybody I can into the I.L.D. so as to offer more aid to those miners that are already on the battle front.

Don't ask me why I ain't organizing unemployed councils, etc., etc., here

because this is the strongest Capitalist stronghold on earth, simply because these natives are so ignorant of world's affairs, but they are secretly waking up.

They was taught that the sun rose and set in either a Democrat or a Republican's \_\_\_\_\_. Starvation is wakening them up and of course we are reaching them through the So. Worker and the Daily in lieu of the Capitalist press which they have fed on eternally—that is doing wonders to some of my strong Republican brothers. I myself bolted back when the elder LaFollette ran for President and I have been preaching against this very depression and the present Class system whenever I could get space in the Capitalist Press. The Spirit of Revolution never dies, but gets awful slow sometimes, so comrades let's be up and doing—even if you have to ape me by doing it secretly until you get a foothold.

—A Miner

U. M. W. of A. FAKERS FEEDING  
HARLAN STRIKERS ON PROMISES

By a Worker Correspondent

Harlan, Ky.

It looks like all the promises of food and aid from the United Mine Workers is all a fake. Nothing has been received here but promises and more promises.

There is seldom a meeting of the union miners but what someone announces himself as a candidate for office of some sort. These candidates are the leaders and it seems they are working for votes instead of for the benefit of the miners.

John Gross, ex-jailer and one of the "leaders," never fails to tell the men at the meetings to remember their friends at the next election and then he will say: "Aid will be here very soon." But it has failed to get here and these promises are becoming very worrisome to the empty stomachs of the men and their families.

Preacher Jason Alford always says we must win this strike peacefully. Violence must be avoided at all costs. Yet men are coming here from everywhere and taking the jobs while the men are supposed to sit quietly by and watch their jobs go to others. Yet they are told to win peacefully, not to attempt to picket or anything like that—just sit and wait! I bet that within 30 days or sooner not a job will be open for a Harlan man if the strike is called off—they will all be filled by others, then they will get more promises of aid which will never come.

U. M. W. A. Prepares Sell-Out! When the U. M. W. of A. was first started around here, everybody believed in it, but now there are a lot of doubters, and with good reason.

Promises never won a strike, promises never fed an empty stomach.

L. F. Perkins does not make promises. He acts. So he has been arrested and is now in jail with the others. Why doesn't the U. M. W. of A. use some of its money to get these men out? They are paying big salaries to their officials and put them up at the best hotels. I'll bet none of their families have empty stomachs.

I suppose I'll be the next one arrested for I have been very outspoken in my views but if I am put in jail I'll still stick to the principles I believe in.

—A Harlan Miner.

(Editor's note: Since receiving this letter, we have learned that Perkins was arrested on a criminal syndicalism charge when I. W. W. literature was found in his home. He returned from a two-day search for food and money for the starving women and children of union miners, to find Sheriff Blair's men searching his house. During Perkins' trial, the prosecution read an extract from the SOUTHERN WORKER, charging Perkins corresponded for it. The SOUTHERN WORKER is thoroughly hated by the bosses in Harlan because of its fearless encouragement of the miners in their struggle.)

Wash, Cook, Tend  
Ten For \$3 a Week

By a Worker Correspondent

Charlotte, N. C.

A lady wanted me to work for her from 6:30 all day, for \$3.00 a week. Another lady wanted me to work for her and I would have to cook for ten children and for her and her husband, keep the house and wash their clothes, and attend to the children, for \$3.50 per week.

Friends, if we don't organize and fight, white and Negro together, we must starve and die. When I would not work for her she said that she could get someone for \$2.00 a week.

The harder times get, the sharper the terror is on us as Negroes. We must come together and fight for better conditions or we must starve and die. Work is shutting down every day. Let's organize.

—A Negro Woman Worker

Negro Cropper Framed  
on Charge of Rape

GREENVILLE, S. C. — Tommie Henry, young Negro farm laborer, is in the County jail charged with the lynch law excuse of raping a five-year-old white girl, daughter of his white landowner.

The landowner swore out the warrant for the arrest and Henry was immediately clapped into jail.

It seems to be another case of a white planter trying to get out of

B'ham Bakery  
Slaves Workers  
10 to 18 Hours

By a Young Worker Correspondent

Birmingham, Ala.

In the McGough Bakery the boss is forcing his men and women to do two men's work and on top of that some of them got a ten per cent wage cut. They work their slaves from 10 to 18 hours a day, both Negro and white. They only give the Negroes twenty minutes for lunch.

It is time for both white and black to wake up and fight against these rotten conditions that the bosses' government has forced upon the poor black and white workers. Just as long as the bosses can terrorize the workers and keep them divided they can profit more and suppress them both.

There are hundreds of thousands of white and black workers starving in the U. S. A. today. When a man searches the city for work and fails to find it that means his family will starve, it means his family will be evicted from their home. It means his light will be cut off and also means his family will go ragged because he can't buy clothes for them.

Workers, the only way we can stop this is to unite together and fight against the bosses' system under the leadership of the Communist Party, an organization that leads the workers into struggle against capitalism.

—A Negro Y. C. L. Member

FAKER TELLS  
NEGRO WORKERS  
TO STICK BY BOSS

By a Worker Correspondent

Birmingham, Ala.

I was at St. James' church and Rev. Thornton got up and addressed the congregation, telling them that the Negro had to stay behind the white bosses because they had everything and they were the ones to look to for bread, because we did not have anything in our pockets and we had to stick to the white bosses. He is right about the workers having nothing in their pockets because the bosses and all bull-faced fakers like him keep the workers pockets clean, telling them to put a dollar in church and the Lord will give them two.

Workers, wake up. We have been sleeping for years. Now is the time to mobilize together and fight against starvation, eviction, wage-cuts, speed up and lynching and fight for the freedom of the nine innocent Negro working-class boys who are being railroaded to the electric chair by the boss ruling class with the help of some preachers.

—A Negro Y. C. L. Member

## TRY CHEAT WOMAN OF \$3.00

By a Worker Correspondent

Charlotte, N. C.

We workers here have to work hard for \$3.00 and \$4.00 a week and then often we don't get that. I know a worker who did some washing and house cleaning for a woman and when she went after her money the woman said her husband had so many debts to pay she couldn't pay for the work. The girl told her that she also had debts to pay.

—A Y. C. L. Member

paying wages to his worker. Members of the Unemployed Council of Greenville are investigating the case to discover the complete facts.

Danville Bosses  
Prepare Break  
New Strikes

By a Worker Correspondent

Danville, Va.

On June 5 the voters of Danville voted for \$150,000 bonds to build an Armory and American Legion Home. Thus the bosses will be better equipped to break the next strike here. We workers haven't forgotten how the National Guard was used to beat us back last fall. Now they went around and begged we workers to vote for these bonds. Those that were crazy enough to vote for it were, of course carried to the polls in a car.

When they came to my place and asked me to go and vote for them, I said: "Let the mill companies house you. They did during the strike. What's the matter they can't do it now?"

No, we workers haven't forgotten how they were used against us as strike breakers and we won't forget for some time. It's no wonder we are starving when we have the bosses and their government, backed up by the National Guards, against us openly, and Gorman and the U.T.W. on the inside of our ranks doing all they can to sell us out.

Workers of Danville, it's not too late yet. If we were fooled once, we know that there is a fighting union controlled by the workers. That is the National Workers Union. Organized under the leadership of the N.T.W.U., we can win against the bosses and the National Guardsmen.

It is either organize and fight or we will starve. The mills here are only employing half the number they did a year ago. These are only working three and four days a week. With time work we who are working are wage-cut after wage-cut and part-starving now in the summer time. This winter will be much worse.

Join the National Textile Workers' Union. Join the Unemployed Council. Make the bosses and their government pay for these hard times.

—A Worker.

## Via Freight and Highway

By Al McBride

Tampa, Fla.

Glad to be on the Southern Worker again. Down here in Dixie land where the citrus fruit grows, the workers are suffering from hunger and privation. Workers here on the docks are paid from 10 cents up to 40 cents an hour and get 45 cents an hour for overtime. Longshoremen wait as long as 48 hours at a time waiting on a ship and then the bosses won't hire them.

Here at Tampa we have the speed-up system on the docks and waterfront. A land rig on a barge does the work of 20 men with one man to run the machine, one man to hook on, one man to unhook the load. There used to be 20 men with trucks before this machine loader did the work.

One of the destroyers sunk in the bay here is being raised to be put in commission in the banana trade in Central America. As soon as the rivets begin to loosen up they will have her heavily insured so she can sink and be a coffin for 16 or more seamen. Seamen, don't work in these boats unless you know they are seaworthy. Join the Marine Workers Industrial Union. See Al McBride at 1707 16th Street, Tampa, Fla.

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### The Miners' Strike Can Be Won!

Latest news from the Pennsylvania-Ohio battle front, where over 20,000 coal miners are waging a heroic fight against starvation wages and mass unemployment, contain lessons which must be well learned by every worker.

First the present struggle gives the lie to the false theory that it is impossible for workers to strike and win better conditions during periods of hard times and mass unemployment. By correct revolutionary strategy the National Miners Union which is leading the strike has united the working miners and those unemployed in one fighting front against the bosses. By rapidly extending the strike into new territory through mass picket lines and mass marches of thousands of miners on those mines still working, the strikers have thrown a real scare into the operators. Last Saturday the Hillman Coal and Coke Company announced that it had "voluntary" increased wages 20 percent in its Edna mine No. 2. This will not be the only mine to increase wages before the miners return to the pits. **STRIKES CAN BE WON TODAY.**

Second, the present strike shows up in vivid fashion who the best and most dependable strike breakers of the operators are and how they are used. The whole forces of the State were thrown into the strike on the side of the operators from the first day. State troopers and the infamous Pennsylvania Coal and Iron Police have waged pitched battles with the strikers, firing their machine guns and gas bombs into the masses of unarmed men and women on the picket lines. But these means have failed. The miners have fought back and more than one Cossack has made the trip to the nearest hospital, while the picket lines marched on.

Now the operators have swung into the fight another strike-breaking agency: the corrupt operator controlled United Mine Workers of America. The U. M. W. A. has long since ceased to be an instrument of the miners in their struggle for better conditions. It is today an open agency of the coal barons, useful to put over wage-cuts, and the chief social bulwark of the operators against the rising mass resistance of the miners to the attack on their wages and conditions. It is not at all strange therefore, that the press reports a conference between the head of the armed forces of the state, Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, the coal operators and the leaders of the U. M. W. A. This conference has but one purpose: to complete plans for crushing the present strike and for sending the miners back to the pits defeated, with their wages cut to new low levels. Every miner must see this clearly; every worker must remember this: **STRIKES CAN BE WON TODAY — BUT ONLY IF THE FIGHT IS CARRIED ON, NOT ALONE AGAINST THE BOSSES AND THEIR GOVERNMENT, BUT AGAINST THE AGENTS OF THE BOSSES IN THE RANKS OF THE WORKING CLASS AS WELL.**

## Capitalist Courts in South as Lynch Agency for Mill and Land Owners

(Statement by Communist Party District 16)

Another lynch murder has been carried out today. The land owners of South Carolina have washed their hands in the blood of a Negro worker, delivered to them by the County Court of Cherokee County, by a blood thirsty Judge and Jury of lynchers.

This lynching of the Southern Boss court was approved by the Governor of the State and the President of the United States, fat belly Hoover himself, who refused the appeal by this Negro Worker to be freed because of innocence.

John P. Moore a young Negro is now added to the long list of innocent working men, members of an oppressed Nationality who paid the price with their life to satisfy the thirst for blood of the white ruling class in the South. He is the victim of a lynch system, purposely constructed to keep the Negro masses in semi-slavery which affords the Southern rich to get richer, to get super profits from super exploitation of a National Minority of more than 12,000,000 human beings, the Negroe masses in this country.

As usual the charge against this Negro worker was raping of a white woman, as usual this was a shameful frame-up and as usual this Negro worker was guilty of only one thing and this demanding his rights as a worker and member of an oppressed nationality.

The charge of raping white women by Negroes serves the ruling class to further divide the white the black

toilers, to incite the ignorant white farmers and workers for lynchings. This assures the white master class the exploitation also of the white working masses. The cutting of wages, the stretch-out and the starving of millions of workers black and white both in the South and in the North.

This is why Mr. Hoover, who is one amongst the big capitalist in the United States, keeps silent to the appeal for their life of innocent Negro workers, approves the lynchings in all forms, lynchings by incited mobs or by the courts with a white lynch in the judge's seat and a group of white lynchers in the jury box.

The executioners of J. P. Moore in the electric chair of Columbia S. C., after shocking out the life of this Negro worker, are announcing his confession of guilt after J. P. Moore can't any more throw this lie into their face. This is again done to further incite the white workers against the blacks and to prepare the ground for another lynching, at this time to prepare the ground for murdering the nine Negro children in Scottsboro.

J. P. Moore is killed and can't answer the lies of the white ruling class in the South about the Negro raping white women, but the honest working men both black and white, the oppressed Negro masses, will throw this lie back into the face of the Court Lynchers and with more vigor enter the campaigns to free the Scottsboro Nine, to fight lynchings in every form and to demand death to all lynchers, to achieve the unity of all workers against the ruling class.

## Daily Worker Faces Suspension — Workers Must Rush Funds

The DAILY WORKER, fighting paper of the Communist Party, is face to face with suspension. On three days last week the Daily Worker appeared with only two pages because there was no money to buy more paper. And at the very time that the revolutionary movement is faced with the loss of its daily paper the need for it was never so great. The tremendous struggles in the coal fields of Pennsylvania and Kentucky, the great Scottsboro defense campaign, the growing movement of the workers and poor farmers all over the country against the hunger program of the bosses, all demand the continued existence and growth of our daily paper.

There is only one solution. Instead of a few fairly large contributions, we must get ten, twenty times, as many small contributions. Every worker who supports the fight against wage cuts, for unemployment relief, for the release of the Scottsboro victims of lynch law, must help save our best weapon in these fights—the DAILY WORKER.

Workers! Take up collections in your shop and neighborhood for the DAILY WORKER, get your organization, union, club, to contribute to its support today. Rush all funds collected direct to the Daily Worker, 50 East 13th Street, New York City, or to the Southern Worker, which will forward all funds sent in to the Daily Worker.

The financial crisis which threatens life of the DAILY WORKER is not a result of loss of influence or circulation. On the contrary the last year has seen tens of thousands of new readers won for our paper. But the

## Former Chattanooga Mayor Attacks Reds and Soviet Union; Workers Prepare for August 1st.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—A vicious attack against the Communists was made by George Ochs-Oakes, editor of Current History Magazine of the New York Times, before a chapter of the D.A.R. last week in a speech of lies and vituperation. His subject was the "Menace of Communism." Oakes, the D.A.R. and all the other 100 per cent flag wavers want to save capitalism, which Oakes had to admit is in an unparalleled depression, hard-times, throughout the whole capitalist world. He wants to save this boss-owned system with its misery and starvation facing millions of the workers and poor farmers.

### Lies About Soviet Union

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And side by side with this they see the Soviet Union where the capitalist class has been overthrown, by a communist revolution and where the workers run the shops, mines and factories and the poor farmers are organizing into great collective farms which they operate themselves with much aid from the government. In the Soviet Union there are no hard times no unemployment, wages are constantly being increased, and the seven hours day is being introduced in all industries, workers receive social insurance, free medical attention and the like, old or sick receive special provision and insurance. Oakes and his capitalist friends do not want the workers to know the truth about this, so he spreads slanders against the Soviet Union and comrades. For example he said that such things as "human affection," and "the holy bonds between parents and child" have no place in communist philosophy. But what is the actual situation?

The boss-class in the United States which Oakes represents shows its "human affection" by beating down the conditions and wages of the workers and by cutting off the miserable little relief which has been given to only a few of the starving mothers and children of the unemployed. While under the workers rule special care is given to mothers and their children.

### Prepare For August 1st.

His speech was typical of the way capitalist spokesmen are calling for war against the Soviet Union, against its Five-Year Plan of developing industry and agriculture for the welfare of the toilers. Among other prominent capitalist lackeys who attacked the Soviet Union last week were Nicholas Butler, president of Columbia University who called for world action against the Soviet workers and George Theunis, former premier of Belgium urged on the anti-Soviet drive.

But the workers all over the world are learning to fight for Communism and learning about the tremendous success of the Workers' Fatherland. They are rallying to its defense. **Workers, mobilize and demonstrate August First against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union!**

## Women's Wage Half Necessary Minimum Report Shows

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A report just released by the U. S. Department of Labor puts the rock bottom wage on which a single woman can live at \$15.71 per week. The same report states that the average weekly wage for women in the state of Mississippi is \$8.29, or a trifle more than half the minimum wage set by the Department of Labor.

## Y.C.L. Convention Shows Youth Task

On Sunday was held the first District Convention of the Young Communist League in the South. Delegates were present from Atlanta, Birmingham, Chattanooga and New Orleans. Due to difficulties the delegate from the unit in the Alabama Black Belt was unable to come. The Convention marks a forward step towards building up a strong YCL in the South which will lead the young workers in their struggles.

The main points discussed were 1. How to break the isolation of the league here from the masses of young workers and to root the league into the shops, mines, mills and on the farms. 2. To build up the league and to function better organizationally. In order to break the isolation from the masses of young workers the discussions centered around the need for the Young Communist League to develop youth features in our work and the specific demands of the young workers to rally them for struggle.

This was brought out by raising the special conditions of the young workers such as lower pay for same work, cheapest, hardest and speediest work, unsanitary work, etc., and raising demands for protection of the special needs of the young workers. Particularly on drawing in and educating the young workers thru youth features such as sports organizations, educational clubs, freethinkers clubs, defense groups, Young Defenders, to build up especially around the Scottsboro case Young Liberator groups to fight for Negro rights, as well as Scottsboro Youth Committees.

### Build Shop Units!

Our main task is to attract the young workers thru developing demands for their special needs in the shops and farms, for social, sports, and cultural life and thru our agitation and organization work to rally them around these demands. It was stressed the looseness of the league organization to date, irregular meetings, comrades irresponsibility, comrades being only good talkers but not yet organizers, and it was resolved that we must especially see that the regular functioning of the units and responsibility of the comrades to root our organizations in the shops by building up SHOP UNITS.

The discussion was participated in by all the comrades and was fine. The unions experiences, difficulties and especially our shortcomings and weaknesses were brought out by the comrades. Suggestions on how to improve our work were given especially on the need to get among the young workers more and to organize them into the YCL and other youth organizations as brought out above.

A district Committee and Bureau was elected to take charge of the district work and delegates were elected to the YCL National Convention. The comrades departed from the Convention full of enthusiasm and determination to build the YCL among the young workers as the working class youth leader. The Convention calls upon all revolutionary workers, young and old to help us in our work of rooting the YCL among the toiling youth. **BUILD THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE.**

### JOBLESS MOTHERS TAKE POISON

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Two women swallowed poison here this week because they could find no work to do and no way to support their children. One of them also poisoned her four children in order to put an end to their sufferings.