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Thugs Kill Miner, Wound 25 in Strike 3-Day Nation-Wide Demonstrations To Protest Brutality

HAWKINS REFUSES NEW TRIAL, UPHOLDS COURT LYNCHING

Scottsboro Mass Defense To Fight On To Victory

Upholding the lynch law verdict of his own court, Judge Hawkins refused to grant the eight Negro boys railroaded to the electric chair in Scottsboro a new trial. This decision was handed down by the judge Monday, June 22.

This decision coming from the judge who tried the boys, despite the fact that new evidence showing the boys to be innocent had been produced by the lawyers of the International Labor Defense, shows that he is determined to send the boys to the electric chair, no matter what evidence is produced.

The International Labor Defense is appealing the cases immediately to the Supreme Court of Alabama and will carry the fight to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary.

The wide mass movement, organized and led by the I. L. D. and the L.S.N.R., to obtain the release of the nine Scottsboro boys, is gaining force, and will be built much stronger in the fight to save the boys.

Eight of the boys, two of them only 14 years old and the oldest 20, were sentenced to the electric chair after a lynch law trial in Scottsboro last April. Roy Wright, another 14-year-old boy also framed on the charge of "raping two white women" has not yet been tried. Judge Hawkins refused to grant a new trial although evidence was introduced to show that 10,000 lynch-inspired farmers surrounded the courthouse at the time of the trial, that the jurymen were prejudiced against the Negroes, that the only testimony on which the state based its evidence was given by a notorious white prostitute, and other details of the happenings which prove the boys to be innocent.

Advancing Red Army In China

Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi Province, China, according to an Associated Press Dispatch from Shanghai is being surrounded by Red Army troops, and its fall is momentarily expected.

The Shanghai report stated that 20,000 Nationalist Government troops were being rushed to Nanchang in an effort to bolster white guard defense.

"The Reds, with a strong grip on Southern Kiangsi," reads the cable "moved northward, their advance approaching the gates of the capital. Fearing Nanchang would fall, the government hurried 20,000 more troops into Kiangsi with field guns and modern arms."

Chiang Kai Shek has not started out on his second much-heralded anti-Communist crusade.

Red advances were reported in new sections of China. Chengyankwan, the A.P. Dispatch said, "an important city 150 miles west of Nanking, was reported surrounded by Reds. No troops were available for its defense and its fall was expected."

Boys In Kilby Say They Will Stick to I. L. D.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Janie Patterson, Ida Norris and Josephine Powell—mothers of three of the Scottsboro boys—and Maddox York, brother-in-law of Andy Wright, talked with the eight boys confined in the death block at Kilby Prison for half an hour last Sunday.

They vigorously exposed Walter White, executive secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., who is again on his way to Kilby Prison in a desperate effort to get the boys to denounce the International Labor Defense and make it easier for the state to send them to the electric chair. Despite presence of the warden, who would not leave them alone with the boys, the parents told the boys of the dirty tricks of the N. A. A. C. P. and explained to them the fight being carried on by the International Labor Defense for their release.

The parents exposed the prison authorities for holding the letters and literature sent to the boys. Letters sent by the parents to the boys had never been turned over to them, and thus the boys were left in the dark as to what their parents wanted and as to the program of the mass movement for their release led by the I. L. D. and the L.S.N.R. While those letters were excluded by the warden

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700 at Second Tampa Meet

TAMPA, Fla.—Seven hundred enthusiastic workers crowded the Labor Temple on June 15 in Ybor City to hear Helen Marcy, organizer for the International Labor Defense. Seventy workers joined the I.L.D. and resolutions protesting the reign of terror against the foreign-born workers and demanding a new trial for the 9 Scottsboro boys, were unanimously voted on.

This meeting was a follow up of a meeting held in the same hall on June 12, to hear Comrade Marcy, where 45 workers joined the I.L.D. and similar resolutions were passed.

For the first time in the history of Tampa, Negroes, native white Americans and the Spanish workers met in large numbers together. The majority of the audience were young people and large numbers of them joined the I.L.D. Eight young girls, all dressed in white with red ribbons on their dresses, greeted Comrade Marcy publicly in the name of the cigar workers.

Also many workers were unemployed they rallied to the defense of their class brothers and succeeded in raising \$18.29 in the collection.

The first meeting of the I.L.D. branch will be held Monday night, June 22 was held Monday night, June 22, in the Labor Temple. This branch is destined to play a leading role in the defense of those Tampa workers who are being persecuted by the boss system by being deported or otherwise framed, and in the organization of a Tobacco Workers' Industrial Union.

NOTICE!

A copy of the new pamphlet on the Scottsboro Case—"Lynching Negro Boys in Southern Courts"—will be given free of charge to each new subscriber to the SOUTHERN WORKER. Subscribe!

I. L. D. Protests Lynching of Jasper at Huntsville Jail.

In a telegram to the International Labor Defense, Chief of Police Blakemore of Huntsville, Ala., tried to evade the responsibility for the abduction and lynching of Thomas Jasper, a Negro worker, who was taken from the Huntsville jail and has not been heard from since.

On receipt of information that two white men had taken Jasper from jail while the police department went off on some fake trip, the Southern District of the International Labor Defense sent the following wire to the Chief of Police:

"We protest the lynching of Thomas Jasper, and demand immediate, thorough investigation, speedy trial and execution of his murderers. Police officers and deputies responsible for leaving jail unguarded. Co-operation of

police and lynchers clear. Excuses published in press ridiculous." In answer to this telegram the chief of police wired:

"We do not consider it any of your business what we do at our jail, as you are not a taxpayer of this community."

The I. L. D. immediately replied with the following telegram:

"Attack on us doesn't change your responsibility for punishment lynchers of Thomas Jasper and police officers assisting them. What happens at your jail when it involves brutal murder of Negro worker is our business and that of all Negro and white workingmen. I. L. D. will always protest such crimes and will continue mobilizing workers against them."

Deputies Fire Into Mass Picket Line at Pa. Mine

BULLETIN

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—One miner was killed and 25 wounded when deputies and mine thugs fired into a mass picket march of miners at the Wildwood Mine of the Butler Consolidated Coal Company. The miners marched in defiance of an injunction against picketing. Forty-one miners were arrested after the thugs had fired into the line of march. Mass demonstrations of protest against the mine thugs have been called to take place thruout the country from Thursday to Saturday of his week.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Thirty-five thousand miners are now on strike in the bituminous coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia under the leadership of the National Miners' Union.

At the last meeting of 302 members of the Central Rank and File Strike Committee in Pittsburgh it was voted to mobilize all the miners in

Use White Scabs Against Negroes In Greenville

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Fifty workers, the majority of them, Negroes, struck here last Saturday against working Saturday afternoons at the Southeastern Compress Co.

The company advertised for scabs to break the strike and a few hundred unemployed white workers came to take the jobs of the strikers at \$1.50 a day. The colored workers fought for their jobs, but the white workers, urged on by the bosses finally drove them off. The white workers were incited to fight against the Negro strikers by the boss-class poison of race hatred and they secured the jobs at \$1.50 a day.

The bosses use white workers as strike-breakers against Negro workers as well as using the colored workers as strike-breakers against white workers. In order to prevent the white and colored workers from getting together and fighting against the low wages, in this case the bosses

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the vicinity for a mass march on the Wildwood mine of the Butler Consolidated Coal Co. in defiance of an injunction against picketing granted the company by a coal barons' judge.

Mine after mine continues to be pulled out by mass picket lines of the miners and their families. Last week a hunger march of 15,000 miners, converging from all parts of the county, and later swelling into a hunger march of 35,000, converged on Washington, county seat, to demand relief for the strikers and the unemployed miners.

All the coal mines in Eastern Ohio have already been paralyzed by the strike, which has spread rapidly to every section of the area, from which strike-breakers have been successfully stopped by the mass picket lines. The strike is spreading rapidly into West Virginia, where conditions are hardest, but where the miners are determined to organize under the leadership of the N. M. U.

The U. M. W. of A. is trying to do all in its power to break the strike. Its officials held a conference with Gov. Pinchot in an attempt to make a fake agreement. This conference fell through for the 35,000 strikers let it be known that they would not abide by any agreement signed by the U. M. W. At the last meeting of the Central Rank and File Strike Committee, which is in the leadership of the strike and is elected by miners in every section on strike, it was voted to send a delegation of five from each of the seven struck Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Co. to Harrisburg. There they will walk into the conference between International vice-president Murray of the United Mine Workers of America, President Purselove, of the Pittsburgh Terminal and Gov. Pinchot, and tell the assembled fakery that they cannot make an agreement to settle the strike. There will be mass picketing of all the Pittsburgh Terminal mines to back up the delegation.

Relief is needed at once for the striking miners and their families. All funds for relief should be sent to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn. Ave., Room 517, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Frame-Up Young Negro Worker In Charlotte, N. C.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Ralph Garrett, militant young Negro worker and active YCL member of Charlotte N. C., was provoked into a fight by a white rat, who was obviously used for this purpose. The white stool pigeon began beating Garrett as he was working Saturday in a shoe shine parlor and when Garrett attempted to defend himself he was immediately dragged off to jail.

Garrett is an active worker of the young workers in struggles for better conditions in Charlotte and recently during the Scottsboro campaign and the Conference the YCL is arranging to demand the release of James Wilson, young Negro worker from a framed up charge, Garrett has been particularly very active. He has spoken in many churches on the Campaign calling on them to send delegates and has also spoken at open air meetings. The activity of Garrett has been noted by Charlotte police, these uniformed thugs once having questioned Garrett during an open air meeting of the Young Communist League. As yet it has not been ascertained what charges will be framed against Garrett.

Mrs. Montgomery, Speaking In Charlotte; Committee Challenges Others

Charlotte, N. C.

Just a few words to all our friends who are working to free the Nine boys in Scottsboro, Ala.

We started to organize in our neighborhood just about two weeks ago. I heard about this crime the Rich Class wants to carry out in killing nine of our children. I bought a Liberator and read all about this case, so I called together a few of the neighbors and got a speaker to organize a committee in my neighborhood. And we organized a good committee.

Yesterday we had a big meeting about twenty-five attended. We had with us one of the mothers of the boys, Mrs. Montgomery. She told us about her boy and read a statement for us that she is with the I.L.D. for saving her boy and all the rest.

Mrs. Williams who came with the Mother spoke very good about the work the other committees in the other neighborhoods. Comrade Carson read to us out of the little book called, "Framing Negro children." It sure gives all the facts of this frame up.

Every one present joined the committee we decided to do all we can to save the boys. We are going to sell all the Liberator and the Labor Defenders and we are arranging a Fish Fry right in our Church to raise money for the defense.

We want to beat all other committees in Charlotte and in the United States, and we want to hear from them what they are doing to save the boys and to fight for our right.

—Secretary Neighborhood Scottsboro Defense Committee.

ATTENTION, READERS!

Use the SOUTHERN WORKER in the daily struggle. Do not be satisfied with just reading it. There are many workers who have not yet seen it. We must get the paper to them also.

Order special bundles of the SOUTHERN WORKER for distribution to your fellow-workers, in your neighborhood or on the farms. One cent a copy for bundles of over 10 copies. Order from SOUTHERN WORKER, Box 1653, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Exposes Brutal Treatment In Ala. Prisons

The following letter from Paul Cooper, a discharged prisoner of Wetumpka Prison, Ala., appearing in one of the Birmingham papers, shows the extreme brutality common in Southern as well as in some Northern prisons. This is another example of the barbarity of the boss government, which sets in motion the rotten lies about "forced labor in the Soviet Union. The letter says:

"We, the prisoners, are being treated like beasts instead of humans. We are being whipped with a nine-pound strap without an order from the capitol. The Negro prisoners are taken into a special room where they are whipped by guards each day without an order from the capitol; and the warden knows this to be true.

"Monday night a poor unfortunate prisoner was whipped with his hands tied behind his back; he said Dr. Sewell stood with his foot upon his neck. The law says we cannot receive more than 21 lashes, but we are given from 24 to 37.

"If we ask for medical treatment, we are cursed and forced to go back to work. The outside world wonders why there are so many criminals. They are made and turned out at such places as this. With my own eyes I have seen 15 blacks and whites put in the dog house without air or water overnight, and then forced to work the next morning."

Pioneers Hold Big Picnic; Grows Fast, Challenge to Chattanooga

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—A picnic was held by a Branch of Charlotte Pioneers last Sunday and all of the children in the neighborhood were invited. Over sixty were present. The picnic was held on the side of a creek, two miles out of the city. A short march through the streets of Charlotte preceded the picnic and many children playing in the streets joined.

The march and the picnic was a great success and so loud and enthusiastic were the Pioneers at the picnic that the songs and cheers were heard for a great distance from the group.

The Pioneers of Charlotte are rapidly becoming a mass organization under the direct leadership of the Young Communist League. At the present time they number 3 groups with about 75 members. They are carrying on a lot of work participating in such campaigns as the Scottsboro Case, helping distribute literature and doing their bit for the nine boys at Scottsboro by collecting signatures on a petition demanding their release.

The Pioneers of Charlotte challenge the Pioneers of Chattanooga to build as great a mass organization of Pioneers by October First, as they will. Come on Chattanooga, show your stuff.

Use White Scabs To Break Strike of Negroes

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succeeded in getting the white workers to fight against the Negroes for the starvation wage of \$1.50 a day.

The real enemies of the white workers are their white bosses, the colored workers are their brothers. As long as the bosses are permitted to carry on this kind of division the workers will never be able to obtain better conditions. The white and colored workers must organize together and fight for better conditions, for relief for the unemployed from the city government. Join the Unemployed Councils and the fighting unions of the Trade Union Unity League!

Mooney In Jail



Tom Mooney, framed labor leader, has already served 14 years in jail. Only a wide protest movement will obtain his release.

Protest Attacks On Young Negro Workers In Char.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The Young Communist League of Charlotte is calling a Neighborhood Conference in the First Ward on July 20th to demand the immediate release of James Wilson, Sam Davis and the Scottsboro Nine. James Wilson, 15 year old Negro worker of the First Ward, has been thrown into jail for six months because he dared to defend himself against a murderous attack of a white store keeper. Sam Davis is on the chain gang for 12 months after a farcical trial during which a mass of evidence was brought before the judge that Sam Davis, young Negro worker also of the First Ward, DARED TO LOOK AT A WHITE WOMAN. The young workers of the First Ward are much incensed over these attacks against the Negro workers and are rallying in large numbers to the support of the YCL in its campaign to free these innocent victims of the boss class.

An open air meeting was held by the First Ward Unit of the YCL in protest of boss terror against Negro workers. Before the meeting, the white landlord who owns a considerable amount of property in the First Ward and who owns all the property adjoining the place called for the meeting, attempted to keep all the workers away from the meeting by threatening to bring the cops when it would be held. A group of Young Pioneers heckled him and chased him away from the vicinity. During the meeting, while a young worker was speaking, two thugs in uniform came down upon the crowd and attempted to interfere. But the mood of the young workers was one that would not brook any such interference and the thugs went away to get more reinforcements, so they said. What they really did was to hire a rat by the name of George to throw rocks at the speaker from the shelter of a shack nearby. This rat was immediately routed by the now thoroughly aroused young workers.

Another meeting was held by the Brooklyn Unit of the YCL of Charlotte which was very successful with a large amount of young workers present some of whom joined the League and bought literature.

Protest Hawkins' Ruling! Demand New Trial for Scottsboro Boys!

Stripping the Tampa Tobacco Workers

By HELEN MARCY

Ybor City is the Little Spain of Tampa, Florida.

Cubans, Spaniards and Italians compose the majority in Ybor City. Practically all the people, from young children to old grand-daddies work in the cigar factories.

At 5 o'clock in the morning the average family has already hustled the young babies out of bed and carried them over to a neighbor's house to be taken care of for the day.

Then the long, hard day in the factory—stripping the tobacco leaf faster and faster under the merciless eye of the foremen—rolling the cigar with more precise movements, with worse tobacco, striving to please the efficiency expert. And what for? So every bead of sweat on the workers brow enlarges itself into a silver dollar for the boss's pocket.

Since Jan. 1 all the cigar workers have not only received a 10 per cent cut in wages, but by various, clever means worked out by high salaried experts, the workers must work twice as hard to get enough to exist on. In many factories workers are being fired on Saturday and other hired on Monday to take their place, in order to terrorize the workers.

Within a short period of time over 4,000 workers have been made part of the permanent army of unemployed by the introduction of new machinery in the cigar factories. In one plant where 90 cigar makers were employed, machines were introduced and now 10 machinists look after the work previously done by 90 cigar makers.

Another 4,000 workers have been thrown on the streets because the bosses have cut production because of the crisis. This means that out of 16,000 cigar workers, only 8,000 are employed today, with corresponding misery and suffering among the unemployed.

The majority of the cigar workers, the strippers and cigar makers, have reached such a low wage level that no stripper can make more than \$5 weekly and no cigar maker more than \$14 weekly, even though they work a 55-hour week.

The cigar workers are fighters. They have had unions before and great strikes, that were betrayed by the American Federation of Labor. Becoming disgusted with the A. F. of L., they organized craft unions under local leadership which was just as bad. When the cigar makers union would go on strike, the stripper, selectors, packers and pickers would work and vice versa.

Today there are about 300 selectors on strike, led by their local union, and the rest of the cigar workers are working in the factories. The bosses like to see the workers divided up this way, because they can always break a strike if the workers are not united.

A few years ago in the Havatampa factory, when the Spanish tobacco workers lost their strike, the bosses hired only native white Americans to work in Havatampa at lower wages.

The bosses' slogan is "Divide and rule." They want to create language and race differences among the working together. The American girls in order to keep them from organizing in the Havatampa must be drawn into the union movement of the tobacco workers, so that the workers can be united in their fight.

What the cigar workers need in Tampa today is to ORGANIZE TOGETHER into the Tobacco Workers' Industrial Union, where every worker from selector to sweeper belongs to the same union. Then you will have strength and power. Only then can you force the bosses to listen to your demands. Only by belonging to an INDUSTRIAL Union can you win a strike, so that when the strike call comes every worker will come out, and the bosses will be left with bare walls.

The Tobacco Workers Industrial Union is part of the Trade Union Unity League, the fighting organization that is today leading 35,000 miners in a strike in Pennsylvania and Ohio and West Virginia coal fields, that has recently won the first strike victory in years in the textile centers of Lawrence, Mass., and Rhode Island.

There will be more wage cuts for the workers in Ybor City. There will be more speed-up and unemployment. When the bosses want to give you a cut they and the Mayor meet together and force it down your throats.

Do not let the boss dictate to you like some sheep in the field. The factories cannot run without you! On your mighty strength everything depends. UNITE TOGETHER into the TOBACCO WORKERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION, and throw back into the faces of the bosses their wage-cuts and their speed-ups. UNITE!

P. O. Dept. Protests Croppers Un. Leaflets

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—In an attempt to hinder the work of organization of the starving farmers and croppers of the South into fighting organizations such as the Croppers' Union, the United States Postoffice Department, in a letter received here recently is threatening with arrest one who places the leaflets of this organization, as well as copies of the Southern Worker in the rural mail boxes of the farmers.

The letter mentioned particularly the leaflets of the Croppers' Union distributed in the croppers' mail boxes on the big Bradshaw plantation at Silver Creek, Ga., where the Croppers' Union is organizing the white and Negro croppers for struggle against starvation conditions.

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FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

Rich Parasites Take Charter of Negro Community

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Greenville, S. C.

Southern Pines, N. C., has always been owned by the colored people. They had their own policemen, mayor and charter. But the rich whites thought the colored people were climbing too fast. So the rich guys took the badges from the colored officers and demanded the charter. So today the colored people no longer own Southern Pines, N. C. The rich guys of Pine Hurst, N. C. (resort of many rich Northern capitalists) have it in charge so that they can use the poor people as they want to.

Wake up, colored people! Get together with the rest of us! Fight for your rights! Demand your own homes town and work! Don't sleep too long, wake up! Stir around! The rich guys are grabbing everything from the poor white and colored people, starving them so they will have to work for nothing, and sitting soft upon millions of dollars. They have millions of dollars for their beds to sleep on and millions for pads in their autos to sit on and they have hay, moss, straw and sometimes cotton mattresses for the poor people to sleep on.

The rich guys eat the best of food while the poor eat such foods as we call rubber gravy and cement biscuits which are bad enough to give everyone the pellagra and all kinds of serious diseases.

Let us demand this wealth for the poor people. We must fight to win. Stick together!

—A Worker.

"Times Better" Take \$1.50 Week

By A Worker Correspondent
Charlotte, N. C.

The times are getting worse here. My daughter is 17 years old and is working for \$1.50 a week, 7 days, from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. They tell her that times is better and that food is cheap and that she ought to live high at \$1.50 a week.

My boy is working in a seed store delivering seeds to customers every day and only gets \$3 a week.

I can't get a job at all. The landlord where I live won't fix my house and I don't even have water on the premises and he won't put water into the house, but he demands his rent every week.

If you steal to live you are punished, if the poor man sells whiskey he is punished, if you take you are charged with robbery and if you live at ease they will arrest you on suspicion.

I went to the store the other day and bought some goods. The store keeper charged me \$2.85 and I asked him for a receipt and I told him it was for the boss. Then he charged me \$2.30.

I asked my landlord what he thought of the nine Scottsboro boys and he said he hadn't thought it over much, but he believes that they are guilty.

So if the bosses sticks, why not the workers? This is why we should organize and fight.

—A Worker.

Don't Scab! Spread Mine Strike to Southern Fields!

Workers' Children, Join the Pioneers!



Children of workers, white and Negro, are joining the Young Pioneers, a workers' organization for children. Charlotte already has 75 members. How about Chattanooga?

Rob Cropper, Then Send Him K.K.K. Threats

(By A Farmer Correspondent)
Talapooosa County

Mr. John J. Langley, a white U. S. mail carrier, and his friend, the big landowner, jumped on a Negro share cropper.

After bringing the Negro's check by mail, Mr. John J. took it back to endorse it and cash it. Later the Negro asked him for the money and he jumped on him. The landowner forced the Negro to leave the farm and now they are trying to force this Negro to pay \$40, a sum he never has seen.

By his Ku Klux Klan influence Mr. Wrenn, the landowner, is writing him threatening letters.

The share croppers and renters here will be in bad shape after June, both Negro and White. The merchants say they won't give any credit to either white or colored after June, so they can force the croppers and renters to work at the saw mill for \$1 a day.

The graft on the government loans and the high prices have put the farmers here in great misery, merchants are charging them two and three times over for things.

—A Cropper.

Workers' Shacks



This is the street on which Eugene Williams, one of the Scottsboro boys, lived in Chattanooga. The children of the rich live in mansions. Eugene, forced to look for work, is framed on a charge of rape.

Boys in Kilby Say Will Stick to I.L.D.

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letters sent in by Walter White and other traitors were allowed to the boys. The boys were all enthusiastically happy and declared that they would stick with the International Labor Defense and never sign for Walter White.

The parents began their frantic rush to the boys on Saturday night from Chattanooga on the receipt of letters from the boys stating that White was coming this week.

Haywood Patterson's leg is greatly improved as a result of the medical treatment that the prison authorities were finally forced to give him after

Gets Puppy For Two Weeks Work

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Tampa, Fla.

The boss man that owns a saw mill came to my house in Tampa and wanted me to go to the Allen Saw Mill Monday morning to go to work as an off bearer in the carriage.

I had worked two weeks with the promise of \$2 a day for an 11-hour day, 6-day week. The boss then told me and another colored man he could not pay us \$2 as money was tight and he had to pay for food and supplies to the bigger bosses.

The mill is in a small town called Brookville and there were 5 colored workers on the job. None of them got paid.

The three white workers on the job got paid. The boss man said he wanted to have no bills next week so us 5 Negroes would have to wait for our money. We all quit and came back to Tampa.

The boss did not pay us but gave us a police dog puppy to take home instead of money.

I wonder if there is any other place in the world where colored workers are paid off with a dog that will eat more food than my two children that have to stay away from school because they have no shoes.

I will join the T.U.U.L. and fight for my family.

—Saw Mill Slave

Negro Workers Boycott Vicious Bosses' Paper

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Birmingham, Ala.

The editor of the Birmingham Post is printing a great deal of slander against the Scottsboro boys. It is making the Negroes feel awful bad.

They say they won't read his paper anymore. There are 26 who declare that they won't take no more of it. It calls the Negroes underdogs.

The colored people are very anxious to hear of the boys trial and what the International Labor Defense is doing.

Please send me some more Southern Workers.

—A Worker.

the I.L.D. had exposed this prison brutality.

Clarence Norris, who is the only boy who ever signed Walter White's statement repudiates him entirely and now understands the fight of the I.L.D. for their release. He promised his mother that he would resist any further attempts to terrorize him into signing for the N.A.A.C.P.

Protest Brutality Against Mine Strikers!

Wage Cuts Amount to 50 Per Cent In Last Year at Reidsville Mill

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Reidsville, N. C.

I have just learned that there is a paper where we workers can write to and tell our troubles. If we all do that you will soon have to increase the size of your paper for we have loads to tell.

I work in the Edna Cotton Mill at Reidsville, N. C. Last year I made 17 dollars a week doffing. Now I make \$9.00. We workers have got two direct wage cuts in the last twelve months amounting to nearly 50%. And the more they cut our wages the harder our work is. It makes no difference how hard we slave we must stay bent over our machine all day. Never have a minute to run out to the shack and get a drink or never time to take a smoke.

There are some in this mill that make less than half of what I do. Less than a dollar a day for 11 hours!

What we workers need is a good strong Union. We want a Union like the National Textile Workers Union. One that fights for the workers and wins victories like they did in Lawrence Mass., last Spring. We will have nothing to do with the Gorman UTW outfit. We know how they sold the

workers out in Danville. That should be a lesson for all workers. We have learned our lesson and from now on the Union for us textile workers is the National Textile Workers Union.

—A Worker.

Miners Starving At Cremona, Ky.

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Cremona, Ky.

I have received one copy of the Southern Worker and was glad to get it.

Now Friend, I am a miner and I want to know all I can and get the Southern Worker out to the people.

Here on this job they were paying 40c a ton and 5 to 20 cents a yard, but have cut the ton to 30c and the yard to 3¢ cents a yard. Now we work only one and two days a week.

All the men that were getting—
\$4.16 were cut to \$3.36 a day
\$2.88 were cut to \$2.40 a day
\$4.88 were cut to \$3.86 a day

Our house rent and light is \$13.70. Doctor bill \$2 a month. A no-good charity fund gets \$1. We can't make a living on that.

—A Miner

Danville Worker Hits "Welfare"

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Danville, Va.

After Gorman and his bunch sold us workers out and let scabs take our place, because he told us workers not to picket we have been living at the mercy of the local welfare. The Welfare comes around once each week and after asking questions enough to tire you out she gives a small order of a few dollars worth of groceries.

That is, she has been giving us a few orders, but now the lady in charge says this will be cut out unless the next time she comes we can show a certificate from five different places showing that we have applied for work.

These fat society ladies pretend they don't think we try to get work and that we are lazy. Well, we can show them better than that. We are now organizing into the National Textile Workers Union and the Unemployed Council and when we put up the next fight there won't be any sell-out, but Employed and Unemployed will fight together. We'll show these big bosses where to get off.

We were fooled once. But we know we just had the wrong kind of leaders. Under the NTWU leadership we will win. So come on boys and join up. Help us put this across. Stop starving.

—An Unemployed Worker

68c A DAY IN EDNA COTTON

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Reidsville, N. C.

I am a spinner in the Edna Cotton Mill here and we are worked like slaves. We work 11-hours a day and make the big sum of 68 cents. That is what I make and some of my girl friends. Of course some of the girls make a little more, but it is very little.

What are we workers going to do? Are we going to starve to death without putting up a kick? I say not. We will organize and refuse to slave for nothing. If we get fired, what of it? We have nothing to lose. We can starve cheaper and live longer without working than we can working for 69 cents a day.

—A Mill Worker

Bosses Discover Greenville Slum

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Greenville, S. C.

The capitalist newspapers have announced to the public that the famous city of Greenville, S. C., really has slums where "white Americans exist sleeping on pallets on the floor eating whatever they can find, trying to keep body and soul together."

Even the Red Cross admits it. But nothing will be done about it because they say, "What's to be done about it?" Maybe nothing, but the slums are there.

Then in another part of the same paper it says prosperity is just around the corner and is bound to get here next week.

And then the law and order gang, which is the K.K.K., will jump us and try to tell the workers we shouldn't get red over such.

—A Worker.

WOMEN'S WAGES LOW

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Weekly wages paid to women workers in the United States vary from \$8.29 in

Mississippi to \$16.36 in Rhode Island, according to figures of the Labor Department. Industries in southern states pay the lowest wages, with cotton textiles, hosiery and knit goods among the lowest-paid industries.

The government figures, which compute "weekly earnings," do not take into account the large number of women working part-time, the number of weeks the women are not working, and the large number of unemployed women. Large numbers of women workers are today the only support of their families.

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Farm Workers, Croppers, Organize Now!

Unless the croppers and farm workers take some action immediately many of them will not live to sow another crop. The large landowners are driving the croppers and renters hard, squeezing every bit of profit possible out of them. Day wages have fallen to an unbelievable 15c a day in some sections of South Carolina. Every minute of the day the cropper and his whole family are driven by the landlord. The food advances are not enough to keep a family alive. Wages are not paid. By the end of the season the landlords will see to it that he has all of the crop.

What will happen to the toilers on the land when the season is over? Death either by starvation or freezing unless there is a wide mass struggle put up against starvation.

We must now begin to prepare for settlement time. Now is the time to build the Croppers and Farm Workers Union on every plantation and farm, and build our fighting strength by opposing every move of the landlord against us. We must get ready for the big struggle when the crops are in—to see to it that we get a big enough share of them so that we do not die a dog's death this winter. To organize and fight now is a matter of life or death, for all our families. It is the only way out.

On every farm, no matter if there are only three or four croppers on it, the Union must be organized. On every large plantation the best of the croppers and farm workers must be organized into the Union. In every township or section there must be a Croppers and Farm Workers Council set up, on which there is one representative from every group organized on the farms and plantations. Organized in this way, united action can be taken to win one point after another from the landlord.

This organization will spread like wildfire, especially thru the cotton and tobacco country, once it is started and a fight is put up. It would be suicide for one cropper or farm worker to refuse to work on his landlord's pea patch for 25 cents a day, but it would strength and victory for all the croppers and farm workers on any one plantation to refuse to do so and demand a wage increase with wages paid in cash. The time of saying, "Capt'n, please give me another piece of fatback," is gone. We can no longer beg, we must demand food and cash from the landlords if we are to keep from starving.

Unless we begin demanding these things right now, we cannot hope to put up the big fight for the crop at the end of the season. Right now we must organize and fight for higher day wages paid in cash, for more food advances to the croppers, for payment in cash for work done by the cropper on the landowner's fields, seed and fertilizer furnished by the landlord to plant food crops for the croppers' families.

We must get ready for cotton picking time, so that the landlords will not be able to make us work for 25 cents a day at picking cotton, the same as they are making us do at chopping cotton now. Organize and get ready to demand higher cash wages for cotton picking.

If we are organized solidly together, if we carry on these struggles during the summer, then we will be able to put up the big fight for our crops in the fall.

GET READY FOR THE BIG STRUGGLE BY ORGANIZING AND FIGHTING FOR BETTER CONDITIONS NOW!

No Mine Strike-Breakers From South!

The strike of miners in the bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia is spreading rapidly and 35,000 miners are now on strike. This is one of the severest struggles in the coal fields, with strikers and unemployed miners sticking solidly together, with the white and Negro miners in united ranks. The miners, their wives and children, are marching by the thousands, smashing the injunctions granted by the coal barons' judges.

As in previous strikes the mine owners are attempting to recruit strike-breakers from other coal fields. If they have not already done so they will recruit miners as strikebreakers under false pretenses in the Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky fields. This effort must be met by the miners in these fields by refusal to scab on their fellow miners in the northern fields who are in the front ranks of the fight against starvation. And more, the miners in the Southern fields must spread the strike and take up the struggle against starvation.

Miners in Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, set up your grievance committee in the mines, demand better working conditions, join the strike led by the National Miners Union against starvation. Spread the strike into the Southern fields.

THE GREAT AMERICAN FLAG

The Red is for the Worker,
That works hard every day,
And the White is for the Politician,
That sells their rights away.

The Blue is for the Capitalist,
That takes in all the gold,
And Hoover sits and fishes,
While it waves up on the pole.

The Stars are for the Cops,
That carry out the law,
If you don't like their dirty work,
They'll sock you on the jaw.



Just study this all over,
I'll tell you what you'll do,
You'll find out this is the way,
Of the Red, White and Blue.
J. G., Greenville, S. C.

A Share-Cropper's Home



Large families live in huts like this one. These huts are overcrowded, there is no protection against rain or cold. Croppers, organize and fight for better conditions!

Farm Workers Getting as Low As 15c Day--Organize, Fight!

By JIM ALLEN

For the farm laborers, croppers, tenants and poor farmers this is one of the hardest slave summers ever seen. They are working from sun-up to sundown for practically nothing—planting a crop which will be taken away from them, and facing a winter of starvation and cold.

Sumter County is in the heart of the black belt in South Carolina. Rembert is a town in this county named after the "big boss," Bob Rembert, biggest plantation owner in the section. On his large plantation at Rembert he pays 25 cents a day for farm workers—not in cash but in food that the worker is forced to buy from the plantation store. About 100 are working on this plantation. Children are paid 10 and 15 cents a day.

15 Cents A Day

In adjoining Clarendon County farm laborers are being paid 15 cents a day for hoeing cotton. Around Rembert they are paying 25 cents an acre for hoeing cotton—and it takes a good full day's work to hoe an acre of cotton. On one of the farms managed by Bob Rembert three Negro children, working four and one-half days chopped seven acres of cotton and got a total pay of one dollar.

The croppers are working at starvation conditions. The plantation bosses and landowners are just advancing them enough food so that they can get up the next morning and work the day through and not drop dead at it. One Negro cropper family, having nine mouths to feed, gets an advance of \$2.50 worth of food a week from the landowner. The whole family is supposed to get along on the following for a week: 10 pounds of fatback, 12 pounds of flour, two quarts of rye, two pounds of sugar, 2 pounds of lard and one pound of coffee. Another cropper family having eight mouths to feed gets \$1.75 worth of food a week.

Boss Takes Crop

For this starvation food advance and some fertilizer the whole family works on its crop of cotton and corn the whole summer long, only to find that when "settlement" time comes most of it, if not all, goes to the landowner. The landowner is supposed to take only half the crop, but he manages to take nearly everything.

The outhouses on the cropper farms are in ruin, and the boss will not have them fixed so that the cropper can store his part of the crop there. The idea is to get most of the crop stored in the landowners barns—and once it gets there the cropper never sees it, or the proceeds of it.

The cropper and his children are forced to work on the white plantation owner's land for nothing. He may promise them 25 cents a day for hoeing peas, but he doesn't pay them. He charges it up to "horsepower" or something else. The cropper must put his children to work on the bosses' land for the use of his mules. For two days of plowing the landowner's land, he may permit the cropper one day of plowing on his own.

When settlement time comes, there just is no settlement. The white bosses' word is law. You've got to take what he gives you, and if he gives you nothing, you got to take that, too, without opening your mouth. If you have the nerve to ask for your settlement, he will call the sheriff and there will be a chain-gang sentence for you on charge of "breaking contract." It is worse than slavery for men, women and children working on the farm lands.

Organize!

A handful of white plantation owners keep hundreds of cropper families in slavery, the white croppers as well as the Negro. The small white landowner is also losing his land and going into slave service for the plantation boss. Something will have to be done and done quick if the poor farmers are to save themselves from death.

There is only one way to fight against having to hoe cotton for 25 cents an acre and then not getting paid for it. There will be only one way to fight against the starvation wages that are going to be paid when cotton picking time comes. There will be only one big way to fight for the crops, for something to eat and dress in when winter comes.

That way is organization. Like in Southern Alabama and on a plantation in Georgia, the croppers of South Carolina are also organizing. They are organizing to fight against the starvation wages, against the starvation advances and to put up the big fight for their crops when settlement time comes.

DO YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION?

If you want more information about the Communist Party, what it stands for and what it fights for, write to:

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Dem'nstrate Against War August 1st!

War is inevitable under the capitalist system where bankers and business men are in a continual fight for greater profits. They will do anything for money. War brings big profits to powerful financial groups, bankers, steel men, food and munition manufacturers and many others. Especially do the bankers of the winning country reap large loot. They make the defeated country pay as much as possible, just as Germany is now made to pay billions of dollars in reparations. The rich ruling class of each big country is driven on to fight for more colonies and for more places to trade, so that they can do more business and make more money. But if the United States for instance, gets new places to trade it must take them away from some other country, mainly England. The danger of a war between England and the United States over trade in South America, China, and other places is very great and comes closer every day.

The present crisis, or hard times, drives the imperialist powers on faster than ever towards war. Millions of unemployed would be used for cannon fodder. Business men would start up their industries to produce war supplies. The mouths of the capitalists are watering for new markets in which to sell their surplus goods.

The imperialist powers want to destroy the Soviet Union, where the workers are building socialism, building their own great industries for the benefit of the toilers. The capitalists hate the Soviet and want to divide up among themselves the great riches which now belong to workers. On the other hand the Soviet Union is the only country which really desires peace among all nations. It is the only government which has seriously proposed disarmament for all countries. But if the imperialists start a war against the Soviet the toilers are ready to defend themselves with their last drop of blood. They have overthrown the capitalists and won their country through a hard revolution, and will not yield an inch back to the capitalist countries.

Who pays for war? The workers and the poor farmers who have to fight. They are the ones who suffer privation, heavy taxes and who are shot, bayoneted, and blown up by shells. The bankers stay at home and reap profits.

Only the workers can stop capitalist wars. They have no interest in killing their brother workers of other countries. Only the mass struggle of the workers all over the world can fight imperialist war. This and the fear that if war is started, the workers would turn their guns against their capitalist masters has kept off war up to the present time. But the capitalists cannot help getting into a scrap sooner or later. Only the fear of revolution in their own countries and the strength of the Soviet Union has kept the imperialists from attacking it. Plans for war were already made but had to be put off because of the power of the revolutionary workers over the world.

Workers increase the fight against imperialist wars. Rally to the defense of the Soviet Union. Join with the workers all over the world to demonstrate on August First against imperialist war.

GIVES UP CHILDREN

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Out of work since last August, a man was forced to give up his two motherless children. His savings gone, he had to make an appeal to newspaper readers to care for the children.