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MINERS! UNITE AND FIGHT!

Against Starvation in Coal Fields

SEND DELEGATES TO PITTSBURGH, PA., JULY 15TH. AND 16TH., FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE CENTRA RANK AND FILE STRIKE COMMITTEE, NATIONAL MINERS UNION, (NOW LEADING THE PENNA-OHIO-WEST VIRGINIA STRIKE) AND WORK OUT A JOINT PROGRAM OF DEMANDS AND ACTION AND A UNITED FRONT OF ALL MINERS.

Conditions in the coal industry have become intolerable. Fully 40% of all miners are totally unemployed, and the rest work only part time. Wages have been mercilessly slashed, by reduced tonnage rates, by robbers on the scales, by non-payment of dead work, etc., as much as 70% in many districts. Consequently actual starvation exists throughout the mining industry.

The coal operators constantly make our conditions worse. In this they are ably assisted by their tools, the Lewis dominated U.M.W. of A. These traitors, by a thousand betrayals, have broken down the miners' resistance, and have reduced the once militant and powerful U.M.W. of A., into a strike-breaking weapon of the bosses, to increase the exploitation and suppression of the miners.

Everywhere the miners are revolting against these unbearable conditions. (Turn To Page Two)

4,000 STRIKING OR BLACKLISTED IN HARLAN, KY.

(By Special Correspondent)
Harlan, Ky.

There are now about 4,000 miners either striking or blacklisted by the mine owners in this Harlan area. Their only means of support comes from the farmers or from the miners who are working and the relief amounts to ½ pound of flour and 1 ½ pounds of beans a week.

One miner and his family, whom I visited, were living on corn-bread and water, no salt no lard. They just wet the corn meal and then bake it in the oven. This family is typical of the 4,000.

In two of the camps the miners are actually prisoners. One of these is the Tway Coal Company. The miners here make 75 cents a day and are in debt to the company. They have a debtor's law here, under which the company takes the furniture of the miner, and if this does not satisfy the claim, they arrest him and send him up. The miners in this camp are not allowed to go out for their mail and no one is allowed to go in.

It is reported that there will be a special session of the court to try the miners now in jail, and that the trials may be called within nine days (during week of July 6). There are 101 indictments for murder as the mine owners are trying to break the struggle by this mass frame-up.

The miners are beginning to organize into the National Miners Union, which is leading the strike of 40,000 miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. Harlan may soon become a part of this rapidly spreading strike under the leadership of the NMU.

Danville Mill Workers Support Mine Struggle

DANVILLE, Va.—A resolution of solidarity with the 40,000 striking miners of Pennsylvania, Ohio and W. Virginia, and a letter protesting the shooting to death of two miners by deputies in the Penna. strike were passed at the meeting of the National Textile Workers Union here.

The resolution of solidarity says in part: "We congratulate you for refusing to be misled by the treacherous United Mine Workers. We textile workers of Danville have learned by bitter experience the treachery of the A. F. of L., when the leaders of the United Textile Workers Union sold our strike out last winter. The UMW A is a twin brother of the UTW. Workers, drive the UMWA out, smash it! The National Miners Union is the only union capable of leading the miners to victory."

Boys Tormented By Jailer At Kilby Prison

The Southern District of the International Labor Defense has telegraphed Mr. Fagan, chairman of the State Board of Prison Administration, demanding that the eight Negro youths railroaded to the electric chair at Scottsboro be immediately transferred out of the death cells and given the rights of prisoners awaiting an appeal before the Supreme Court of Alabama.

"Since filing motion of appeal by our attorneys stays execution of the eight young Negro boys framed at Scottsboro, and now in Kilby Prison," (Turn To Page Two)

Jail NTWU Organizer In Elizabethton

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn. — Elsa Millbank, organizer for the National Textile Workers Union, was arrested by Sheriff Bill Fair, notorious labor hater, and is being held in the Carter County jail on the frame-up charge of vagrancy under \$1,000 bail.

The International Labor Defense, when notified of the arrest at its Chattanooga office, immediately tried to get in touch with Comrade Millbank in jail by telephone, but the jailors refused to call her to the phone. Lawyer Devine of Johnson City has been engaged by the I.L.D. to defend her.

Ever since Comrade Millbank first began work in Elizabethton, helping the workers in the rayon mills to organize against one wage-cut after another and increasing speed-up and organizing the workers blacklisted after the last strike to obtain unemployment relief from the county, the mill barons, thru their mill man, Bill Fair, has threatened again and again to frame her up if she does not leave Elizabethton. The workers of Elizabethton, must immediately start a mass movement of protest against the arrest, demanding the immediate release of the organizer.

Strikers Defeat UMW Strike-Breaking Pact

PITTSBURGH Pa.—The determined struggle of the 40,000 miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, under the leadership of the National Miners Union, against starvation, armed thugs and deputies and the strike-breaking United Mine Workers is growing rapidly. The massacres and attacks of mine thugs and deputies is being met by bigger and more militant picket lines of striking miners, unemployed miners and their families.

Fight Boss War August First!

August 1, seventeen years after the beginning of the world war will still see preparations going full force for another world slaughter. The United States government leads in a rapid preparation for war, chiefly directed against the Soviet Union.

Demonstrations will be held by the workers and peasants thruout the world on August 1, protesting these war preparations, showing their determination to refuse to fight for the bosses and to defend the Soviet Union from capitalist attack.

Workers, croppers and farm workers—you who will be sent to die for the bosses profits—prepare now for the great August 1 demonstrations. Those of you who have fought in the last war, write in to the SOUTHERN WORKER, describing your experiences both in the war and how you were treated when you returned. Negro workers and farmers, write us about how well the bosses promises were fulfilled. Did you find a land of plenty, jobs and comfort when you returned from the battlefields? Let all the workers know these facts.

Write it up. Send it in. This will help prepare thee workers and farmers to protest boss wars and to defend the Soviet Union.

The Central Rank and File Committee of the three states has issued a call to miners thruout the country to come to the National Miners Conference in Pittsburgh on July 15 and 16th to discuss ways and means of supporting and spreading the strike.

Steel workers in the Pittsburgh area are beginning to aid the mine strikers militantly. On Tuesday, thousands of miners from all parts of the sections together with unemployed steel workers were marching on Pittsburgh for a monster demonstration in support of the strikers, protesting the brutality and massacres of the mine owners and demanding relief for the unemployed and the strikers.

The United Mine Workers has failed in its attempt to break the strike. Altho it has no rank and file following in the coal fields and its organizers are stoned out of town by the miners, it has signed a fake agreement with the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Company, and announced that the miners of this company will go back to work. Thus far, however, only about 200 of the 10,000 miners are back in the Terminal mines due to the mass picketing demonstrations held by the miners in front of these mines. The UMW is being exposed right and left as a strike-breaking agency.

Brutal attacks on striking miners continue. One miner was seriously shot and another clubbed at the Bradley Mine No. 1 at Smithfield near Steubenville, Ohio, by mine guards. At Ellsworth, Pa., deputy sheriffs rode into a mass march of miners, swinging their batons, and only succeed in breaking up the march after exploding many tear gas bombs and incidentally trampling down the American flag carried by the miners.

In West Virginia the strike is spreading. 600 miners of the Rail and River Company joined the strike and mass marches are being prepared on other mines. Relief is being gathered thruout the country for the striking miners by the Workers International Relief and the Relief committee of the strikers.

NEW YORK CITY—Between six and seven thousands Negro and white workers paraded thru Harlem, in one of the largest parades ever seen in this section, protesting the refusal of Judge Hawkins to grant the Scottsboro boys a new trial and demanding the boy's release.

Mrs. Ada Wright, mother of Roy and Andy Wright, continues to speak at large mass protest meetings here after her return from a tour thru large cities of the North.

Send Delegates To Pittsburgh

By Wm. Z. FOSTER

On July 15th, in Pittsburgh, Pa., miners from all over the country will gather together in joint conference with the Central Rank and File Strike Committee, now leading the Penna-Ohio-W. Va. strike of 40,000 miners. The purpose of the meeting will be to work out a joint program of demands, organization and action for the rank and file miners fighting all over the country against the coal operators and their tools, the Lewis machine of the United Mine Workers.

The need for such a meeting is self-evident. The conditions of the miners are indescribably bad and are constantly getting worse. In many

districts the miners are in revolt against these intolerable conditions—which means also that they are in revolt against the Lewis misleadership. In the Anthracite, in West Virginia in Southern Illinois, in Kentucky—as well as in the case of the present big strike centering in Pittsburgh—everywhere the situation is the same, with the miners making a desperate starvation struggle against their capitalist and fake labor leader enemies.

All these struggles must be joined up together. This means that they must be based on a common program of demands and united front action all along the line. It is the purpose of the Pittsburgh meeting to achieve

this unity of policy and action.

It is of the utmost importance that the South be well represented at the Pittsburgh gathering. In no part of the country are the conditions of the miners so terrible as in Kentucky, Southern West Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama. All these districts must be fully represented by rank and file workers.

Calls for the joint meeting have been issued in 100,000 copies. The Southern districts should be covered with them. Moreover, steps should be taken to organize auto loads of working miners as delegates to Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh meeting is very important. And it will be doubly important with the South well represented.

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MINERS! UNITE AND FIGHT!

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Our strike in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and Northern West Virginia, led by the Central Rank and File Strike Committee, now numbers 40,000 and is steadily growing. It is actually a strike against starvation. Tonnage rates are as low as 30c, with at least 30% of weight stolen at the scales, no pay for deadwork, etc. Our people are fighting bravely on in the face of the attacks of armies of state, police, deputy sheriffs, coal and iron police, etc., who have already killed two of our men and wounded and jailed hundreds of others. The U.M.W. of A., repudiated by the miners and with no real membership in the district, is signing fake agreements with the coal companies and is openly mobilizing scabs, with the active assistance of the companies, state troopers, etc., to break our strike. We are fighting for our very lives under the banner of the National Miners Union.

Our great strike here is but one of the many fronts of the spreading struggle of the rank and file miners. In Kentucky, the Anthracite, Southern West Virginia and Southern Illinois, similar bitter strike battles are either now in progress or have recently taken place. All these struggles are directed not only against the coal operators, but also against their henchmen, the Lewis machine. The miners have learned that the Lewis machine is just as much their enemy as the coal operators themselves.

In this situation the need for a common program and joint action by the struggling rank and file miners all over the country is absolutely vital. We must work out a joint set of demands; we must link up our present scattered struggles into one concerted fight against the coal operators, the Lewis machine, and also against such elements as Howatt in Illinois, Maloney in the anthracite and Kenney in West Virginia, who while pretending to be progressive, always betray the miners to Lewis and the operators. We must unite the employed and unemployed in a joint struggle for their mutual demands.

Our enemies are wide awake. The operators are cutting wages and worsening conditions on all sides, and the Lewis machine is helping them. Now there is being planned a national conference of the government, the coal operators, and the U.M.W. of A., to work out a program of still deeper wage cuts, of trustifying the industry at the expense of the miners, of driving the masses of starving unemployed miners out of the industry, of persecuting the foreign born miners and Negroes, etc.

Against this starvation and slavery program of Hoover-Doak-Lewis and the operators, we must raise our demands for higher wages and the 6-hour day, for union conditions in the mines, for unemployment insurance and immediate relief, for removal of the armed forces from the coal regions, against discrimination against foreign born and Negro miners, for a national collective agreement, etc. To fight for this program successfully, the miners must make a united front throughout the whole industry—employed and unemployed—inside the U.M.W.A. and outside of it.

For this purpose, the Central Rank and File Strike Committee urges you to send delegates to its joint meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 15th-16th. Delegates should be sent from rank and file controlled U.M.W. of A. locals, from minorities in U.M.W. of A. locals that refuse to send official delegates, from independent local unions, from locals of the Mine Workers of West Virginia, from unorganized miners, etc. The joint meeting must be thoroughly representative of the entire industry.

The situation is ripe for action. The miners are willing to fight. The coming joint meeting provides the means to develop this fight nationally, on the basis of a common program of demands. Unite and Fight against Starvation and Slavery. Develop your own local demands and strikes. Link up these strikes nationally in a united front. Develop a joint program of demands for the whole mining industry. Smash the strike-breaking Lewis machine. Support and spread the strikes in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois and West Virginia. Send delegates to Pittsburgh July 15th-16th.

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Relief Jobs At 15 Cents Hour

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Chattanooga, Tenn.

At last the bosses have the workers at their mercy. They can pay them what they like.

The City bosses ran a hog feed soup line here this winter and in May they cut it out. They told the workers that the city would give them work.

They gave them work digging sewer ditches at 15c an hour. Each worker is given a certain amount to dig. If he does not dig his task the boss turns him out at a dollar a day or less if he likes. The workers are afraid to

say anything.

Old men who cannot dig much are given a dollar a day and told not to come back. Thus the bosses get city improvements while labor is down and the workers are helpless. That is why the Chamber of Commerce is advocating a large amount of public work. They say it is best to do it now when labor can be had for almost nothing.

Believe me, these city bosses know how to drive workers. At least one-third of the workers fall out every day from the heat. At that, in order to get the job you must hang around the City Hall for days with your hat in your hand to get registered for a 15c an hour job.

Will we ever get UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE?

—A Worker.

Unemployed Put Back Furniture In Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—After the Unemployed Council had put back the furniture of Mrs. Boozer, who was thrown out of her home because she was unable to pay rent, the sheriff dragged Mrs. Boozer to court where she was sentenced to 25 days in jail or a fine of \$17.35. The Unemployed Council had mobilized all of the neighbors around Mrs. Boozer on 6th St., and after a short meeting the furniture was taken back into the house.

This arrest takes place at a time when thousands of workers are out of work in Charlotte and also face eviction. The arrest and subsequent sentence is part of a plan calculated to throttle the resistance of the unemployed against eviction and starvation. Through the railroading to jail of Mrs. Boozer the bosses and landlords hope to terrorize the workers into submitting without protest to all attacks of the bosses.

The Unemployed Council in the same section is busily mobilizing all workers against this last attack and are demanding the immediate release of Mrs. Boozer. It is quite clear to all workers that this arrest will pave the road for further evictions.

Would Keep Job Not Save Boys

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Chattanooga, Tenn.

The bosses are up to their usual tricks of terrorizing the workers. They are now working thru the bootlicking landlords.

When these dirty little preachers and snitchers find a worker holding a Scottsboro Defense group meeting in his house, they notify the police who tells the landlord to make him move.

An instance of this was the house of a city employee by the name of Henderson. She is a supervisor of schools, a position she holds by kowtowing and selling the colored workers out every election day. On being notified by the police that one of our comrades were holding meetings in one of the houses she owned, she promptly ordered him out.

This Mrs. Henderson was frank enough to say that she did it to hold her job. Yet she calls herself one of the race leaders here. She leads them to the polls so that she can get a ham sandwich job.

We are calling upon the workers for a united front. Defend the workers and their homes!

—A Comrade.

IF—

If old Henry Ford worked for two bucks a day,
When he came home to dinner, I wonder what he would say,
When he looked on the table, and seen his beans and bread,
I bet he would tell the world, he was turning Red.

—J. G. Greenville, S. C.

HARLAN MINERS!

Form your mine committees and elect your delegates to the National Miners Conference in Pittsburgh, July 15th. and 16th. Continue your struggle in the united ranks of the 40,000 miners striking in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia under the leadership of the National Miners Union.

Pass this copy of the SOUTHERN WORKER on to other miners. Send it to miners in other Southern fields, so that they will be sure to see the call.



Great Activity In Greenville

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

The workers of this city are doing work.

The organizers are kept busy day and night as well as the workers committees.

The people are waking up and taking hold and many are joining. The Ku Klux Klan took in one member Saturday night and they had a big parade over him.

The workers are taking in from 5 to 10 members a day. Our organizer is smiling over the success she is having in Greenville.

Mrs. Viola Montgomery, the mother of one of the Scottsboro boys, is in the city this week working for the release of the nine children facing the electric chair in Scottsboro. Everybody here is joining in to help her visit here be a success. She is being well cared for.

The workers enjoy reading the SOUTHERN WORKER. They get a lot of good things out of it.

We will let you read more about us next week.

—A Worker.

YCL Holds Dance In Charlotte, A Success

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—An Interracial dance called by the First Ward Unit of the Young Communist League of Charlotte was successfully held and well attended. The dance was called in order to help the League in the James Wilson and Scottsboro Campaign.

Many young workers attended the dance and all pledged to do all they could to help save the nine boys at Scottsboro and to demand the release of James Wilson, young Negro worker framed by the police. The dance was the first of its kind ever held in Charlotte and is the first one the militant young workers have ever held in the South.

The Young Communist League in its fight for better conditions for young workers is organizing the best young fighters from among the workers and preparing them for struggle against starvation, speed-up, lynchings and bosses wars.

ILD Demands Removal From The Death Cells

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says the telegram, "we demand their removal from the death cells, right to exercise, to receive visitors, literature and mail. We protest the denial of these rights and other attempts at terrorization such as keeping the electric chair across the hall in sight of the boys and withholding information they are not going to chair on July 10."

This telegram followed authentic reports received from the jail that the boys were being constantly tormented by the jailers. The electric chair has been moved so as to be constantly in the vision of the boys and the jailers told them that they will burn on July 10, altho the execution has been stayed by the appeal to the supreme court. The parents are not permitted to see the boys at will, altho such traitors as Walter White can enter the jail at any time they please. Mail from their parents and the I.L.D. has been denied the boys as well as literature explaining the defense movement in their behalf.

News has not even been given the boys by the warden that following the denial of the new trial by Judge Hawkins, the case goes to the supreme court and the fight goes on for a new trial, automatically suspending their execution.

The I.L.D. is starting a mass campaign to force the transfer of the boys from the death cells, by means of resolutions and telegrams of protest and mass meetings.

In the meantime the mass campaign continues to grow, as the I.L.D. announces that it is pushing with all its power the trial of Roy Wright, the ninth boy, who is only 14 years old and at present in the Birmingham jail awaiting trial on the same charges. The mass of new evidence proving the innocence of all of the boys, will be presented at his trial. It is demanded that he be tried before a jury of workers and farmers, at least half to be Negroes and with no whites permitted on the jury who have anti-Negro prejudices.

The Resident Bureau of the All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference, stresses the fact that all mass activities must be intensified, that more neighborhood Scottsboro Defense Committees must be built and the whole movement broadened, if we are to obtain the release of the boys. In a leaflet issued by the International Labor Defense, it is pointed out, that to a large measure the fact that Judge Hawkins was not forced to grant a new trial was due to the fact of the treachery of the N.A.A.C.P. and the Ministers Alliance who are doing all in their power to break up the united front defense movement, without which the boys will go to the electric chair.

Funds are needed to carry on the fight. An All-Southern Tag Week has been arranged for the last week in July. In the meantime collect all available funds and rush them to the International Labor Defense, Box 1511, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

New Orleans Dock Strikers Blacklisted After Sell-Out

(By A Worker Correspondent)
New Orleans, La.

After being 4 months on strike against a wage cut of 15c in which the longshoremen fought most obstinately, the treacherous fakers of the International Longshoremen's Ass'n., succeeded in ending the strike but they can not fool the workers any longer.

In a mass meeting 1653 voted against calling off the strike and only 5 voted for it and then the officials called a conference of all the fakers of the entire Gulf Coast and ordered the men back to work, telling them that the ship owners would not discriminate against them, and would discontinue the abuses which were practiced before the strike.

The capitalist press stated that 100 had been put back to work but in reality not even 10 were put back. Mc Gurch, the head of the Ship Owners Ass'n., gave out a statement that the shipowners made no promises whatsoever and had not even met the fakers and there was no reason to discharge the men working during the strike (scabs).

The longshoremen are greatly aroused over this betrayal of the I.L.A. fakers and they realize that the policy of mass picketing to smash the injunction was the only policy. Also that the strike should have been led by a rank and file committee, as advocated by the Marine Workers Industrial Union.

10c Hour For Tampa Dockers

By AL McBRIDE

Tampa, Fla.

The police terror in this city is not different from any other. Last night a plainclothes dick went to the house of a married colored woman and asked her to have relations with him. She refused him.

He arrested her and charged her with "vagrancy." She had to pay an illegal bondsman \$5 to get out of the law's clutches.

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This city has a chain gang that has to keep the streets and roads clean. They work from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. Any worker getting over 15 days has an Oregon boot on his legs. The prisoners also take care of the city incinerator, burning up the trash and slop from the people.

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The Atlanta Coast line R. R. just made cheaper rates on their road to haul tropical fruits. There are boats coming here now that used to bring fruit to Mobile, New Orleans and Galveston. Tampa is noted for its cheap labor.

Where the longshoremen used to get 35c and 40c an hour they now get 10c an hour. The bosses claim that the Tampa longshoremen here cannot be organized.

Longshoremen of TAMPA! Speak to the Marine Workers Industrial Union Port Delegate. Let him show what can be done to these cheap outfits that are making you the lowest paid wage slave in the U. S. A.

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250 workers laid off last week at the Borden's Orange and Grapefruit Juice Plant this week. Kingham Fruit Juice Plant closed its doors until next September. All citrus fruit pickers have been laid off until next fall.

The M.W.T.U. has moved its headquarters to 832 Market St., so as to be in the best center to organize a real fighting union for all Marine workers.

—Marine Worker.

30 Cent Day In Milne Chair Co. For Negro Women

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Milne Chair Co., had a very original scheme to make the workers reduce their own wages.

They sent the bosses around to the women employees and gave them their choice of a 8-hour day or a 10-hour day. They are only working 4 days a week anyway.

The women all work on piece work polishing and wrapping chairs. They asked would their wages be reduced. The bosses said "No," if they would speed up and turn out as much work in 8 hours as they would in 10 hours.

The women knew if they did the same amount of work in less hours that the bosses would cut the price of their work. So they voted to keep the 10 hour system.

Women who assemble chairs are required to truck them to the assembly room. It is nothing to see a woman with 500 lbs. on a truck carrying it to her work bench.

The company has laid off the men who had formerly done the trucking.

Conditions are awful here. The work is hot and very dirty. The bosses are very profane. The bosses say anything to the women and insult the best looking ones. If they resent it they are placed on piece work jobs where they can't make anything. Some of them make \$.30 and \$.40 a day.

—A Woman Worker.

Farmers Can't Sell Produce

(By A Farmer Correspondent)
Thorsby, Ala.

There is nothing here for the workers to do. Perhaps a day now and then and half a dozen begging for it.

It is little better for the farmers. If they raise anything, they can't sell it or get a price to pay expenses of raising.

My neighbor planted 1000 cabbage plants, 21 lbs. beets and 150 lbs of potatoes and 5 lbs of scrap beans. The truckload of cabbage he took to B'ham but brought them home. No sale. What he got for a small truck load of beets I have not learned. For 40 bushels of potatoes, \$1 a hundred pounds.

His son and he got \$.04 for a lb, for a truck load of beans in B'ham. That was fair. They can be raised from 2½c to 3c and come out clear.

If all the workers and farmers would organize together against these conditions the bourgeois would have to dance the Gigolo.

—A Farmer.

Starvation Winter Ahead For Croppers

(By A Farmer Correspondent)
Charlotte, N. C.

We farmers work hard all summer and make a crop and in the fall we

Opium Plant Strikes Defeat Wage-Cuts On Galveston Shrimp Docks

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Birmingham, Ala.

On account of a long and technical money squabble between Dr. J. H. Eason, pastor of the Jackson Street Baptist church and his members and officials, a large number of the members got hot and pulled out.

The facts are that Eason put his fingers in their pockets to the tune of a few thousand dollars on pretense of paying a large debt that the church was supposed to owe. It was found the church had been free of debts for some time, but by the skillful use of his religious opium, he robbed these poor, poor people right and left.

But at last they awoke and made a vicious attack on this parasite. Dr. Eason is a well known Negro educator, especially in money matters. He is also famous for his so-called economy teachings. He tells his members they should spend their money with the big bosses.

He tells them they should continue to be submissive nuts and trade with the big department store owners so he can get a tip from his white buddies for sending his members there.

If the members spend their money at Pizitz department store it's understood that Eason gets a handout. But these poor members have found him out now, which means a hunk of fat is cut from his weekly bank deposits.

It seems like he will soon be a worker. If so, he will probably be given a job at Pizitz as the head man of the lavatory at reduced wages.

—By (Red Mark). Y.C.L.

10% WAGE-CUT IN SILK MILL

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

When I first started working in the silk mill, I was 17 years old.

After I worked a few months the mill shut down and I was out of a job.

Now I have a job in another silk mill. I run a warping machine. We make enough to exist on. Since I have been there we have had one wage cut.

The boss called us into the office and told us about this cut and said if anyone kicked about it, they could go. They also cut the night workers 10% and dared them to say anything about it. They said we didn't have a right to kick because we would be cut again and still be making more than the cotton mill hands.

When the mill was moved to the South a certain cotton mill superintendent told them not to pay more than the cotton mill. He said the workers would work for small wages before they would starve. Some of the jobs are cheaper than the cotton mills.

We textile workers must organize and show the bosses we will not starve on the job or off the job.

—A Young Communist League Member.

don't have enough for a suit or a pair of shoes.

The merchant takes it all for fertilizer and what it takes for us to eat. And then we have to work wherever we can get a job in order to buy clothes and shoes for the winter.

We young farmers must organize with the older farmers to better our conditions.

—A Young Farm Worker.

Strikes Defeat Wage-Cuts On Galveston Shrimp Docks

Galveston, Texas

The Santos Fish company came to Galveston from Florida and at once linked up with other companies in a wage-cutting scheme which was only defeated by the militant resistance of the workers employed on the shrimp-docks.

When the Santos company opened up here on dock 19 they allowed the workers to work for some hours before they informed them that they were working for fifty per cent less than they would get on any of the other docks. When the workers found that their wages had been cut they at once walked off the job and sent for an organizer from the M.W.I.U.

The strikers being all Negro Workers, Santos tried that old game of working race against race and hired Mexicans to take their jobs, but most of the Mexicans joined the one hundred strikers when they were told that they were helping the boss to cut wages. The only ones that remained on the job were the strikebreakers that had been brought from Florida for that purpose.

More than 1500 white and colored

Forcee 20% Wage-Cut On Shopmen

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Wall Street's political jumping-jack Mr. Hoover, tells us prosperity is staring us in the face.

We presume he is talkign of the exploiting class and not the broad masses of people.

The company I am working for sent a letter to all employees in the mechanical department advising them they faced the most drastic reduction in forces they had ever had on July 1st, 1931, unless they agreed to a 5 day week which means a 20% cut in wages. They voted 85% for the wage-cut, fearing unemployment if they refused.

The company is asking the Interstate Commission for a 15% increase in freight rates, thus further exploiting the farmers and workers.

This shows what the "Great Engineer" had in mind when he said prosperity is staring us in the face. Prosperity of this type is not what we workers want.

What we want is guaranteed food, clothing and shelter the year round and 2 to 4 weeks for rest each year. Not a forced vacation without pay and consequently without rest.

An old age pension to include all disabled people, both black and white or any other color, sufficient to care for them and their dependents.

Every able-bodied person to be required to perform some satisfactory service toward the maintenance of society.

These are a few of the things the "Great Engineer" forgot to talk about.

—A Worker.

Young Workers Active In Scottsboro Defense

Charlotte, N. C.

We Young Communist League members of Charlotte are fighting hard to save the lives of the nine boys in Scottsboro and to free James Wilson here.

The Young workers must organize and see to it that they are freed at an early date. I am doing my best to get them out and I will work and talk all that I can.

workers from different parts of the city came and aided the strikers in driving off the strike-breakers and Santos at once agreed to pay the regular price for heading Shrimp but moved the next day to Texas City.

—C. T. Davis

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Stop 65% Cut On Texas City Dock

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Texas, City, Tex.

The Santos Fish Company coming here from Galveston attempted to lower the wages of the Shrimp headers about 65% which caused the workers to all walk out at the request of a delegate from the Marine Workers Industrial Union.

A picket line consisting of all the workers was placed around the dock and drove all the scabs off the job.

Santos being a dam-fool as well as a poor business man lost more than two thousand pounds of Shrimp, which will only keep a few hours.

Santos is now back in Galveston paying the regular one cent per pound for heading Shrimp.

—A Shrimp Worker.

Defeat Another Cut On Fish Dock

(By A Worker Correspondent)
Galveston, Texas

An indirect wage-cut of from one cent per pound to 25 cents per 33 pound bucket was prevented by the dock committee of the M.W.I.U., composed of most all the workers working on the shrimp dock of the Liberty Fish Company.

In an argument which arose between the boss and a member of the Union, Angelo admitted that he intended to cut wages and that he had been mixed up with Santos when the Santos Company tried to cut wages on dock 19.

The dock committee threatened to strike if the Shrimp were not weighed and made preparations to walk out if their demands were not met by the company.

The buckets were weighed in the presence of all the workers on the docks.

—A Marine Worker

Framed Himself Helps Nine Boys

Birmingham, Ala.

I came to Birmingham, Ala., last week from Selma.

The police of the north side picked me up and sent me to jail for investigation. They were very angry that I wouldn't condemn myself.

Also when I was in jail I saw where the police had beaten up another Negro and he told me he had done nothing. He had walked out of an alley where some shooting had taken place. The police beat him terribly brutal and put him in a cell for investigation. The warden came in and asked what was the matter. He said the police beat him up. Then the warden says the police did a good job.

We workers know how they treat us. We have a right to live.

Workers, remember the nine negro boys who are facing the electric chair in Scottsboro. I didn't think of those boys until I was framed myself.

40,000 Miners Are Fighting Starvation

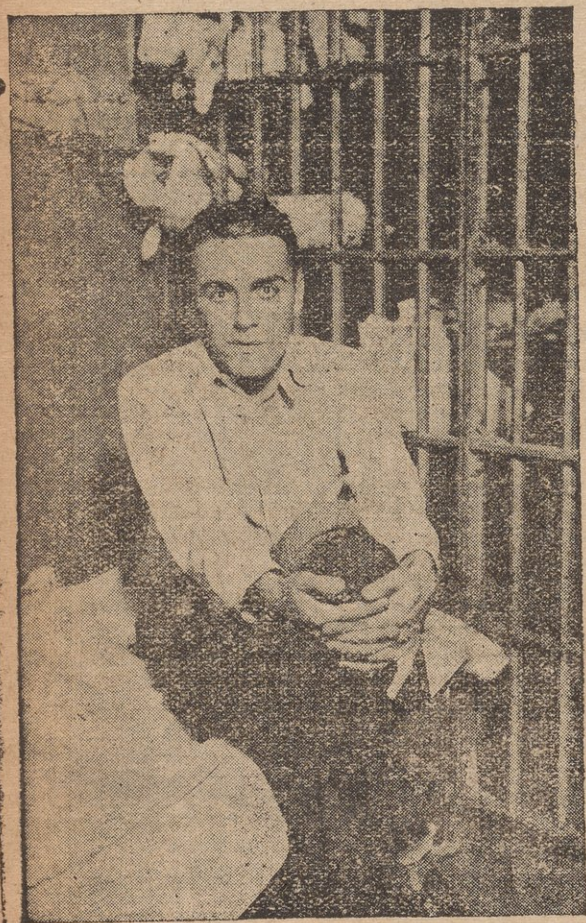
Miners of the South, Send Delegates to National Conference in Pittsburgh, July 15th! Join the Struggle!

Send Relief To Pa.-Ohio-W. Va. Miners Relief Committee, 611 Penn Ave., Room 517, Pittsburgh, Pa.

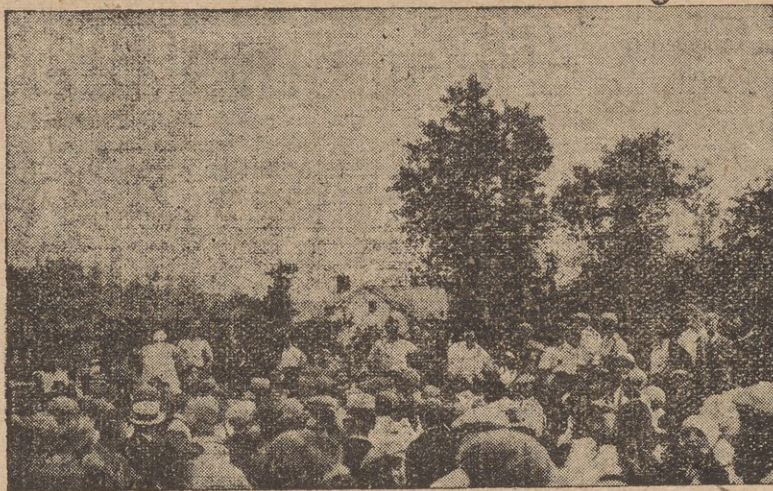
A truckload of miners and their families, part of the march of 15,000 on Washington, the county seat, demanding relief of \$10 a week for each unemployed miner and striker.



A miner wounded by bullets and shotgun slugs when company gunmen fired into a picket line from ambush at the Wildwood Mine of the Butler Consolidated Co. In front of the auto is a blackjack which one of the thugs threw aside in order to use his gun.



Leo Thompson in jail after being arrested at a protest demonstration. The mine owners are trying to frame him on a number of charges and he is under \$50,000 bail.



Leo Thompson, NMU organizer, addressing strikers mass meeting of over 2,000 at Lafferty, Ohio, before the march to the St. Clairsville Jail to demand the release of imprisoned miners.



Stella Baubles, a striker's daughter, unconscious and overcome by tear gas. June 11, 1931, St. Clairsville, Ohio.



Three of the wounded strikers who were ambushed and shot while picketing the Wildwood mine, are shown lying on a coal truck, being held without any medical attention by the company killers. They were thrown on the steel floor of the truck and shoved about. Before they were picked up they were lying on the roadway for 20 minutes.



A wounded miner lying on the roadway at Wildwood, Pa. Despite the massacre and terror of the gunmen, another mass picketing demonstration is to be held at this mine. The miners are undaunted and are determined to die fighting rather than to die starving.