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## Miners Mass --- Harlan Trials Begin

BIRMINGHAM TERROR CONTINUES--NEW SHOOTINGS, ARRESTS

### GREETINGS FROM CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. greets the Southern Worker on the occasion of its first anniversary on August 22.

In its first year of existence, the Southern Worker has gloriously upheld the traditions of the Communist press. It has already established an enviable record as a militant leader and organizer of the Southern masses, white and colored. It has given aggressive support and bold revolutionary leadership to the workers in all their struggles. It has been in the forefront in the defense of the workers and in the struggle against starvation and evictions, against lynching and other forms of boss terrorism against the white and Negro masses. It has successfully mobilized thousands of white and Negro workers for the struggle for equal rights for the Negro people, for the defense of the Negroes, and against the legal lynching of the nine innocent Scottsboro Negro boys and the frame-up of the heroic Camp Hill croppers. It has staunchly supported the textile and mine strikers and the struggles of the agricultural masses. It has vigorously led the fight against wage-cuts, against speed-up, against stretch-out, etc.

It has waged relentless war against the boss poison of race hatred with which the landowners and capitalists seek to divide the workers and to destroy their unity and strength in the necessary fight against their common oppressors and against the bosses program of starvation for both the colored and the white unemployed workers and poor farmers. It has successfully united white and Negro workers through organization in the Communist Party, in the revolutionary unions and in other class struggle organizations.

The Southern Worker has been a herald of Communism in the South, that has dared to raise the banner of struggle of black and white against

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### JACKSON HELD; 3 VAG CASES POSTPONED

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The lash of the boss terror continues to wreak its fury on the Negro workers and the Communist Party, as the police use the pretext of hunting for a Negro hold-up man to crush the rising militancy of the Birmingham workers.

Harry Jackson, District Organizer of the Communist Party is still behind the bars on a cooked-up bond forfeiture charge.

In an attempt to deprive the arrested workers of defense, Lowell Wakefield, District Organizer of the International Labor Defense, was arrested when he came to Birmingham to arrange the prisoners' defense. He was held for 72 hours without any charges being placed against him, but was released later.

The three Negro Comrades, Eugene Braxton, D. James and J. James, still held under vagrancy charges, after the white girls who had been shot by an alleged Negro, refused to identify them, came up for trial August 17.

The dicks testified that they were vagrants because they found "Red" literature in their homes. When the Judge asked to see the literature, the dicks said they had not even read it and had no copies with them. The Judge told them to get samples of the literature and when they returned looked over the copies of the SOUTHERN WORKER and DAILY

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### MACHADO TERROR

HAVANA, Cuba.—American imperialism sent war ships and troops to the assistance of their pet lackey, Machado, shooting down the workers and peasants to prevent a revolution against the Cuban dictator. Machado seems to be making a deal with the petty bourgeois nationalists who have been leading the revolt so far in order to prevent a revolutionary dictatorship.

### Machine Guns Ready, Trained On Miners

#### BULLETIN

HARLAN, Ky.—Doris Israel, Federated Press reporter, was taken from the Harlan County Courthouse steps and then shot in the leg by the company thugs imported from Chicago.

Sheriff Blair and his gangster deputies, armed to the teeth with machine guns, an armored car and tear gas bombs, are surrounding the Courthouse ready to shoot down any miners they think belong to the National Miners' Union.

Vincent Blotti and Robert Dean of Evarts were arrested for distributing "Red" literature and raids were made on many workers' homes. All this terrorism is the last desperate effort of the coal operators to prevent a demonstration in front of the Courthouse.

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### 5c COTTON DISASTROUS TO FARMERS

With cotton at 5 cents, the small farmers and the cotton croppers of the South are faced with ruin and starvation, but instead of immediate relief, food advances for the croppers, chance to make cash settlement, the Farm Board and other agencies of the bosses and big landlords, are putting forward all sorts of proposals which—if they could be carried out at all—would benefit only the large rich farmers and the capitalists who hold large quantities of cotton. At the same time, the landlords continue to shoot down, lynch and jail croppers who organize in a fight against starvation.

The proposal for the farmers to plow under one row of cotton in every three cannot be carried out. If it could be, it would mean ruin for even more of the small farmers and croppers; it would be possible for only the big rich farmers to survive, who have enough to tide them over a long period, and would benefit only the capitalists who can afford to hold their cotton until the price rises. The same thing applies to the proposal to raise no cotton at all in 1932; the big farmers and the cotton capitalists

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HARLAN, Ky.—Thousands of miners crowded around the Harlan County courthouse prepared to show their solidarity and join in mass protest against the railroading of 35 of their comrades for the death of 3 Harlan company gunmen, in spite of the fact that the prosecution called the case on Aug. 17, instead of Aug. 25, as scheduled, and the violent terror campaign waged in order to prevent the mass demonstration and hinder the legal defense. The seditious case of Jessie Wakefield, International Labor Defense Organizer, who was active in organizing the miners' defense and in distributing relief to the miners' families, is also coming up as the cases of more than a hundred miners, growing out of the miners' strike against starvation.

As part of the reign of terror to prevent the demonstration and the building of the National Miners' Union, the Evarts food kitchen was renamed last week and open threats made against the other relief kitchens; four gunmen took McKinley Baldwin, militant Negro miner, from an auto owned by Sheriff Blair, and after tying him to a tree beat him so that the clothes came off his back and threatened to kill him if he returned; another Negro miner was critically beaten and jailed; the International Labor Defense has been driven underground; the KKK has been burning fiery crosses on the hills; the American Legion is burning leaflets rousing the business elements to war against the Communists and the National Miners' Union.

Commonwealth Attorney Root, mouthpiece of the coal operators, is demanding the death penalty for all 35 miners and says: "We've got to put cold chills of steel down the backs of the criminal element in this country."

The International Labor Defense, which is cooperating with the Harlan Miners' Defense Committee, and the National Miners' Union which has a membership of 5,000 in the Kentucky fields, are conducting the defense of the miners, and rallying the workers to their support.

Richard Dowling, of New Orleans, La., has offered his services to the I. L. D. and will probably be retained to assist Ben Golden, local lawyer.

### Parents Visit Scottsboro Nine In Kilby Prison

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Mrs. Williams and Claude Patterson, parents of two of the Scottsboro boys, have just come back from Kilby Prison, in Montgomery, where the boys are being held.

All the boys reaffirmed their complete faith in the International Labor Defense, altho Walter White of the N.A.A.C.P. who has visited them twice in the past week made various attempts, by threats and lies to make them change their stand, the boys refuse to have anything to do with him.

The prison officials cooperate with White in trying to impress on the boys' minds that neither their parents nor the I.L.D. cares any more about them, by refusing to deliver mail or the cigarettes and money that the I.L.D. sends. One registered letter from Mrs. Patterson to her son, Haywood, was not delivered until ten days later.

#### Third Degree for Workers Only

NEW YORK.—In a report to the government on the brutality of the police department, the Wickersham Committee has revealed that the worst sufferers are the Negro workers, the foreign born and the Communists. According to the report it is admitted "strangely enough the investigators discovered that professional criminals rarely figure in these secret inquisitions. (third degree methods of terror.)"

### Death to Lynchers!

### Hit Chicago Massacre In Many Meets

The murder of four Negro workers by the Chicago police because together with hundreds of other Negro and white workers, they resisted the eviction of an unemployed Negro family, has brought tremendous protests from workers in every section of the country.

Following a mass funeral in Chicago in which 50,000 workers of both races pledged to continue the fight against evictions and joblessness, mass meetings in New York, Detroit, Youngstown, Battle Creek, Charlotte, and dozens of other cities have protested the Chicago murders.

The officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who have been trying to smash the Scottsboro defense, are continuing their treachery by working hand in glove with the Chicago real estate operators and city government to smash eviction fights.

## DEMONSTRATE ON AUGUST 22

Workers of many cities of the South and throughout the world will meet in mass demonstrations on August 22 to voice their indignation at the police terror let loose by the bosses to crush the workers' movement. At these demonstrations, the workers will pledge themselves to go on with the hard struggles now underway against terror and frame-ups, and demand release of all class war prisoners.

These demonstrations are being held on August 22 because it was on this day, four years ago, that the bosses of Massachusetts, thru their

state machinery, put to death two of the bravest fighters of the working class, Sacco and Vanzetti, on a framed up charge of murder, but really because they led struggles against wage-cuts and rotten conditions in the factories.

The anniversary of their death in 1931 finds the bosses desperately trying to crush the rising movement of the workers and farmers. They are doing everything to break up the united protest of black and white workers against the Scottsboro frame-up and legal lynching. The past two months alone show increas-

ing terror against militant workers and their organizers: the arrest of more than thirty of the striking Harlan miners on a frame-up murder charge and of Jessie Wakefield, representative of the International Labor Defense, for "criminal syndicalism; the shooting, lynching and jailing of share-croppers in Camp Hill, Ala., for daring to organize against starvation; the arrest in Birmingham of three militant young workers and of the acting district organizer of the Communist Party, Harry Jackson, on fake charges, using the

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### The SOUTHERN WORKER Reaches One Year

On August 16, 1930, the first issue of the SOUTHERN WORKER was published. With this issue the SOUTHERN WORKER marks its first anniversary. The militant actions of the southern workers, both white and black, during the last year, in which the SOUTHERN WORKER played an important part as a leader and organizer, are proofs in themselves of the crying need of the Southern toilers for a revolutionary organ.

Let us recall some of the events of the past year. The year began at the height of the bosses' wave of terror against the workers. At the September 1 unemployed demonstration in Birmingham, the police kidnapped the Communist organizer and ran him out of town, for him only to come back again and continue the work. Lynching was at its height, 38 Negro workers and farmers being lynched in the year 1930. In September, 1930, there were five lynchings in five days. Wage-cuts, layoffs, stretch-out were hitting the dazed workers from all sides. Under the leadership of the Communist Party the movement of resistance against the bosses onslaught was begun. On September 25, the Trade Union Unity League led a demonstration of 2,500 steel workers at Ensley, Ala., in the heart of the U. S. Steel domain, against mass lay-offs. As a result of this demonstration the Tennessee Steel and Iron Co. was forced to grant partial relief to the laid-off men.

On November 9, the All-Southern Anti-Lynching Conference was held, at which there were 54 white and Negro workers' delegates, the first of its kind ever held in the South. This conference marked the beginning of a systematic struggle led by the Communist Party against race prejudice in the South and for the fighting solidarity of Negro and white workers.

In the State election of November, 1930, the Communist Party ran white and Negro candidates in Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia and Texas. One of the high points in the elections thruout the country was the polling of 3,382 votes for the Communist candidate, a Negro, for the senatorship of Tennessee, and 1,296 votes for the Communist candidate for governor. This was an indication of the readiness of growing numbers of Southern toilers to follow the revolutionary leadership of the Communist Party.

Again, in December, a Communist Negro organizer led a demonstration of 5,000 white and Negro workers in Birmingham in a protest against unemployment and for relief. Similar demonstrations on a smaller scale took place in a number of Southern cities, in which the SOUTHERN WORKER and other Communist literature inspired the workers to this form of mass protest. The most outstanding demonstration was the hunger march of 500 poor farmers at England, Ark., in January, 1931, threatening to take food if it was not given to them. The SOUTHERN WORKER, which had readers in this section, played an important role in mobilizing the white and Negro workers for a struggle against starvation.

In the SOUTHERN WORKER of January 24, there appeared the Communist Party appeal to the farmers of the South to fight against starvation. That marked the beginning of an organized struggle on the part of the Southern workers and poor farmers. On Feb. 10, 2,500 white and Negro workers demonstrated for unemployment relief in Chattanooga under the leadership of the Communist Party.

The revolutionary unions played an important part in exposing the treachery and fakery of the A. F. of L. fakers during the big struggles of the textile workers in Danville and Elizabethton, and the dock workers in New Orleans. As a result of this these workers have been educated to the tricks of the labor fakers and are now ready for militant struggle under revolutionary leadership.

On March 31, 1931, a representative of the SOUTHERN WORKER and the Communist Party, appeared at Scottsboro, Ala., at the first hearing of the nine Negro boys charged with rape, and thus began one of the biggest movements ever seen against ruling class terror in the South. From that day on, the movement for the release of the Scottsboro boys grew until it encircled the globe. Fighting against the white ruling class of the South and their lackeys, the Black Judases, the Scottsboro defense movement has grown into a mighty struggle for equal rights for Negroes, and for solidarity of Negro and white workers in the struggle against starvation. On May 31, over 100 white and Negro delegates from seven Southern states participated in the All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference in Chattanooga and laid the basis for a determined struggle in the lynch-law South.

The struggle of the croppers at Camp Hill, Alabama, against starvation, showed the militancy of the croppers in the most oppressed section of the South. It indicated that the toiling masses of the Black Belt were determined to join the revolutionary struggle by organizing and fighting against their white landowner oppressors.

In Harlan, Ky., the miners are waging a deadly struggle against starvation together with the 40,000 northern miners on strike. Thousands in the Kentucky fields have already joined the National Miners Union and cast out the A. F. of L. misleaders.

In all these struggles the SOUTHERN WORKER played the important role of welding the bonds of solidarity, of pointing the road to travel, of organizing. This past year has seen the deep rooting of the revolutionary movement among the white and Negro workers and farmers of the South.

The year to come will be even of greater importance. The struggles already begun will be spread, will grow, will find thousands of new adherents. Under the leadership of the Communist Party a mass movement against growing misery and starvation must and will grow. In the cities and on the farmlands the Communists will lead the struggle against starvation and the terrorism of the ruling class.

To help lead these struggles we need a better and growing SOUTHERN WORKER. Our paper—our teacher and our organizer—must be spread far and wide.

## Greenville KKK Make Third Raid On N. T. W. Organizer

### RODDY, TRIAL LAWYER FOR 9, GOES CRAZY

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Stephen Roddy, whose defense helped make the trial of the nine Scottsboro boys a legal lynching bee, has gone insane for the second time and is now in a Missouri asylum. The Ministers' Alliance of Chattanooga, knowing that he had "rested" in a N. Carolina crazy house last year, hired this madman to defend the boys.

General George W. Chamlee, International Labor Defense attorney, who has complete control of the case now will file a petition to reopen the question of a new trial for the boys, since their trial lawyer, Roddy, was, and is, insane, and could under no circumstances have conducted the defense in a coherent manner.

#### Burn Corn For Firewood

DENISON, Ia.—In harmony with the "third row" cotton plan, "uproot peachtree plan," Iowa is forming a "burn-a-bushel-of-corn-a-day club, in order to raise the price of corn. They are also boosting burning corn instead of wood this winter, since it is \$3 cheaper than coal, on the ton.

#### Socrates, Thy Name Is Judas

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Another Negro Judas, Bishop Socrates A. E. O'Neil, is licking the bootstraps of the Southern white man by attacking Communism and the International Labor Defense in his speeches on "Racial Integrity."

"The Southern white man will do more for the Negro and help him more readily than any other white man," he said.

### Jackson Still Held; 3 Vag Cases Postponed

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WORKER and adjourned the case until Wednesday, Aug. 19.

It is very evident that the Judge is giving the prosecution time so they can frame these young workers up on a more serious charge than vagrancy. All boys admitted selling and distributing the literature.

The Negro landlords and preachers are cooperating with the police and city government to continue the terror, by hunting for the Negro and offering large rewards for his capture.

With this hold-up as an excuse, the Birmingham bosses and their police are carrying on a wave of terror against the Negro workers. Two Negroes were taken out of bed and shot a short distance from their homes by the police. A Negro worker getting off a freight train was murdered by dicks and his companion wounded. Scores of Negroes have been arrested and subjected to the third degree.

Any Negroes in Birmingham seen walking with a parcel are immediately picked up or beaten, since the police and steel bosses are furious at the distribution of thousands of leaflets by the Communist Party exposing the real reason for the present terror as an attempt to smash the growth of the Communist Party and other workers' organizations.

Workers, Negro and white! Defend the unity of white and colored workers against the murderous attacks of the capitalists. Defend the revolutionary party of the working class in its fight against starvation, wage-cuts, evictions and the oppression of the Negro masses. Demonstrate on August 22nd!

## Lynch Law At Work

PRENTISS, Miss.—A Jefferson Davis county sheriff and a posse are out to "get" William Payne, 25, a Negro who is alleged to have attacked a 13-year-old girl on a farm. This too-familiar story, which is usually unfounded, is used as pretext for the wholesale lynching of Negroes.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Andrew Sanders, sentenced to die in the electric chair August 21, for the alleged rape of a 12-year-old white girl last Septemehr has had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment on the plea of the sheriff, judge, solicitor and jury that convicted him. This action was prompted by the petition of 200 workers and farmers in Bilbo county, denouncing the whole thing as a conspiracy, a fact well known to the prosecution for the last year. Freedom for this worker would embarrass the court, so he must rot in jail for the rest of his life.

DENHAM, SPRINGS, La.—Using the reported beating of a white woman by a Negro as an excuse, white workers have marched in hundreds on the four construction camps where Negroes were employed, and with bloodhounds and other methods have run them all out of the the county.

Instead of uniting with their black brothers and demanding UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, the bosses have successfully misled these La. white workers into making war upon their fellow workers instead of fighting the common enemy, the boss.

#### ALABAMA MINERS WIN

WHITWELL, Ala.—After a successful three-weeks strike against the Black Diamond Coal Co., the Whitwell miners have gone back to work. They struck when the company fired two men for leaving the mines without a permission. Their demands also included the abolition of the new ruling that a boss be placed over ever thirty men.

### Wholesale Raids On Canadian C. P.

TORONTO, Ont.—In the government's effort to smash the Communist Party in Canada the Canadian Mounted Police led raids in and near Montreal, northern Ontario, on the Pacific coast and Toronto.

This vicious attack centered on the Toronto headquarters of the Communist Party, the "Worker," the Party newspaper and the headquarters of the Workers' Unity League.

Tim Buck and John Boychuk, Communist Party leaders were arrested and held on sedition charges. Other Communist leaders are frantically being sought for with subsequent raids on workers' homes.

### Demand Release of Scottsboro Nine!

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# FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

## Miners Face Gunmen To Hear Report NMU Unity Conference

By DAN BROOKS

Defying a reign of terror, delegates from Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia gathered at Wallins Creek, Ky. Sunday, Aug. 2 in the high school auditorium to hear the report of the delegates who had attended the Unity Conference called by the National Miners Union in Pittsburgh. Comrades Alford, Lindsay, Brogdon, Drew and others made reports, which were received with storms of applause by the delegates.

While the delegates were drawing up their demands in the fight against starvation, hundreds of miners were being stopped on the highways leading to Wallins Creek by the thugs of the coal operators, under the orders of Sheriff Blair. All automobiles were stopped and searched, many were forced to go back. But many miners were coming over the mountains, in small groups, walking all thru the night, determined that nothing could stop them from reaching the conference.

These determined miners are fighting against starvation of their children, who are dying daily in all the camps, of a disease doctors call flux, but which the miners say is just plain starvation, while their fathers are being hunted like wild beasts thru the hills, shot at, their homes raided and dynamited in an effort to terrorize the miners and stop them from building the National Miners Union.

The kitchen at Wallins Creek fed all the delegates as well as the visitors and the kiddies. All the delegates had heard how the children were being fed at this kitchen, not just promises as had been given by the UMWA, and they are going back home and begin preparations for the opening of more kitchens. The Women's Auxiliaries of the Union are doing the work, but they know that if the kitchen is to continue they must have the support of the workers everywhere. They appeal to the workers to send relief to Striking Miners Relief Committee, 611 Penn Ave., Rm. 205, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The General Committee has already taken up the work of spreading the NMU into other fields, organizers are being sent into Tennessee and Virginia. The Section Committee must be strengthened, young miners be drawn into the work and immediate preparations made for the holding of another conference prior to October. All this is a part of the program of work adopted by the Conference. Every member of the National Miners Union must become an active organizer, locals of the NMU must be established in every mine in Kentucky before October. Make preparations now for an immediate struggle for our demands. The next conference must clear the road for the general strike against starvation.

Miners of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, the National Miners Union is leading 45,000 miners in a strike against starvation in Penn., Ohio, W. Va., and Ky. They ask you to fight with the miners who are battling the coal and iron police, courts and the injunction judges. State troopers,

### Klan Revives For Reds

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Klansmen of this lynch town revived their dead organization and paraded thru the streets as a threat to the organization of Madison county workers and the influence of the Communist Party upon them. This was the first public demonstration in years and is a signal for a KKK revival thruout the South combat Communism.

tear gas and bombs are being used against the miners. The fake U. M. W. of A. officials who have betrayed the miners dozens of times are playing the role of actual strike-breakers in this strike. The miners of Ky., Tenn. and Va. are starving also, even those who are working are starving. We might as well starve striking as working. Fight against starvation! Fight for our demands! Fight for Unemployment Insurance!

## Relief Refuses Aid To Starving Family

By a Worker Correspondent

Charlotte, N. C.

My wife is veyr sick with Pellagra and I have been out of work for 4 months and the city water works cut off my water.

I went to the Relief and found that they refuse to talk to me about the matter. We have 5 children and nothing to depend on.

Just what our friends come in and give us is all we have to live on.

We must get together. We may as well die fighting as to die of hunger.

—A Worker.

## Mill Workers Forced to Pay For Machinery

Rutherfordton, N. C.

We work in the textile mill for \$5 and \$6 a week and none get over \$9. We make this when we run a full week of 5½ days at 12 hours a day, but now the mills are running part time. Sometimes we work two days, sometimes only one and again, not any.

The way we know that we are going to work is to listen for the mill whistle to blow at 4:30 in the morning. If it blows, we work. If not, we don't.

We are not allowed to speak to another worker in the mill. They tell you when you go to work, that if you talk to anyone or raise the windows, they will fire you, for there is always somebody begging for a job.

The other day a motor burned out so they docked every worker \$2 in order to buy another. Some of the workers quit over this, so the mill bosses kept all the workers time for the last two weeks.

When it rains, the ones who live in the mill village gets wet. It rains in the same as if there were no tops on the houses. If you ask them to fix it, they will tell you that if you have a bank account to pay for it with, you can have it done. No one in the whole mill makes enough money to have a bank account.

There is only one way to stop such conditions and that is to organize into the National Textile Workers' Union and fight against them. The N. T. W. U. has headquarters at 30 South College St., in Charlotte, N. C.

—A Young Mill Worker.

## Demand Freedom Class War Prisoners Aug. 22

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shooting of three society parasites as an excuse to crush the workers' organizations; the arrest without charges of Lowell Wakefield, of the International Labor Defense for attempting to arrange bail and legal aid for the jailed Birmingham workers; the

## Croppers Penniless After Season's Work

By a Worker Correspondent  
Sumter County, S. C.

I started my farming this year with nothing much to eat and not very much clothes for myself and my people.

We worked hard and made a good crop. Now we are not going to get anything for it. I have ten in my family to feed and clothe.

I don't know how I will face the cold winter.

Let's get together and organize and fight for our rights.

—A Cropper.

## Starved, Steals Cantaloupe—Gets 30 Days on Gang

By a Worker Correspondent

Greenville, S. C.

A negro worker of Greenville was walking the street here the other day looking for work. He was nearly starved to death. He walked into a store and took a cantaloupe worth 5 cents. He was arrested and carried to trial and given thirty days on the chain gang for refusing to starve. Before arresting him they took him off and beat him.

Not only this case, there are cases like this happening every day to white workers as well as colored workers.

The county statistics of Greenville county show that there are three times as much pellagra at the present than there has been in the history of the county.

The Red Cross has asked the County Treasurer to donate to them 15,000 dollars for them to fight this disease with.

If the Red Cross didn't have so many officials that drawed big fat salaries, they could take the money that they bum, beg, borrow and steal from the few workers that are working and put up a darn good fight with starvation. No, their salaries are not big enough so they are going to try to steal \$15,000 dollars that belong to the workers of Greenville County so they can live in more luxury, drive a finer car, and live in a nicer house and to hell with the starving workers and their children.

"For they will get Pie in the Sky when they die."

The workers of Greenville want their pie now, and we are going to get it, and the only way to get it is to organize into a militant union which is the National Textile Workers' Union and the Unemployed Council.

—A Worker.

arrest of the section organizer of the Communist Party in Elizabethton, on a fake vagrancy charge.

The workers of the South, as of the rest of the country, are going on with their fight in spite of this terror. By mass protest, they have already won the release of 22 of the Camp Hill croppers. At the coming demonstrations on August 22, the workers will demand the release of the victims of the Scottsboro frame-up, the release of the 7 croppers still held in jail in Camp Hill, the release of the Harlan miners and of the Birmingham comrades, as well as the release of Mooney and Billings and the dozens of other class fighters now in jail for working class activities.

The demonstration in Chattanooga will be held at the playground on Garfield avenue, 2000 block, at 7:30 p. m., August 22.

It will be under the auspices of the International Labor Defense and the Scottsboro Defense Block Committees.

## Our Motto "Every Worker A Reader, Subscriber To SW"

## Kentucky Pipe Liners March On County

Goodloe, Ky.

People in all Eastern Kentucky are rising in revolt against this capitalist system.

At Boldman, Ky., the pipe liners are on strike. Hundreds marched on to the county seat with banners flying; thousands everywhere you go are rising up, speaking openly against this rotten system, demanding their equal rights. So hold tight boys. They are beginning to do things in Pike and Floyd counties. Do not be evicted from your homes, if the Coal Co. fires you. Organize a crowd and put your comrades things back in the home. Fight back as you never fought before.

—A Comrade.

## Bosses Prepare Young Workers for New War

By a Worker Correspondent

Birmingham, Ala.

War is sure being rushed on by the bosses' government, and of course it is the young workers who will be the cannon fodder. Just last week 500 troops of the Alabama National Guard left Birmingham for Ft. McClellan where they will be put thru the paces of how to be good cannon fodder for the coming bosses war for profits and how to slaughter workers who dare to strike or demonstrate for better conditions.

Young workers, we must not allow ourselves to be used as bloody tools in the hands of the boss class. We must organize together with our fellow workers for better conditions and against war. The Young Communist League which is the only youth organization fighting against war calls on you when you all go to camp to learn whom to fight while learning how to fight. To learn that your real enemy is not the workers of some other country or your fellow workers of this country—but that our real enemy is the boss class which starves us all and drives us to war so they can make profits. Members of the National Guard and all young workers write to Box 1813, Birmingham, Ala., for more information on how to organize for better conditions and for the fight against the war danger.

—Y.C.L. Member.

## 5-Cent Cotton Spells Disaster to Farmers

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ists can live for a year without a crop, but a year of idleness for the small farmer or cropper is ruin.

All the proposals of the Farm Board are impossible to carry out in any case. They serve only to show the madness of a system in which workers are suffering for lack of clothing, while at the same time enormous quantities of cotton pile up and cause ruin for the small farmers.

Compare this with the system in the Soviet Union, where the workers, whose standards of living is constantly rising, demand more and more cotton goods, with the result that the cotton-growing regions of Turkestan and other centers are straining to take in every new acre of land and

By JACK CARSON

The workers of District 16, including the states of North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina, are today celebrating the 1st Anniversary of a militant, working class paper in the South. The militancy, leading and organizational capacity of the Southern Worker has been assured by the Communist Party in the South, whose official organ the Southern Worker is.

The workers in our district, both white and colored, take pride and responsibility for this only paper issued in the South in the interest of the exploited masses, for it is with their aid and devotion that the success of this paper was assured.

Just as at the time when the Russian workin' class cut the roots of capitalism and with it the misery of the masses on one-sixth of the earth, the enemies of the workers predicted the immediate downfall of the workers' government, the Soviet Government, so the enemies of the toiling masses in the South predicted the downfall of our paper. Just as our enemies tried with all their force to destroy the Soviet Union and failed, they tried to prevent the existence of the Southern Worker and also failed. The workers, when united under the leadership of the Communist Party, have tremendous power and the greatest abilities. This is the reason that the workers in the Soviet Union succeeded in holding out against the attack of the boss class of the world, have stopped unemployment, have increased their wages and standards of living, have gained the seven hour day, and have inspired us, the workers in the South, to work for the same aim.

We, the workers in this district, have shown our understanding of the value of the Southern Worker, by spreading it to many industrial cities and to the country side. Reaching thousands of exploited textile workers, thousands of unemployed in the cities, great numbers of farm laborers and share croppers.

Thanks to this collective organizer, the Southern Worker, we achieved the amount of working class organization we have today in our district. Now it is our duty to make the Southern Worker grow. By doubling and tripling the subscription list, by further spreading the paper to every home of the exploited workers and poor farmers, by taking the Southern Worker into the mills and shops, by putting the paper on a paid basis and enriching it with loads of workers' correspondence, will we be able to achieve more organization of the workers, gain more and more of our immediate demands against wage the release of the Scottsboro victims, cuts, for unemployment insurance, the defense of the Soviet Union, and, finally, our revolutionary aims: the overthrow of the capitalist system of misery and starvation and the establishment of the rule of the toiling masses, a Soviet Union.

Long live the Southern Worker! Our motto is "every worker in our district a reader and supporter of the Southern Worker."

increase the crop. Why? Because in America the bosses produce for profit only; in the Soviet Union, the workers and farmers produce for use.

Five-cent cotton is ruin for thousands of small farmers and share-croppers. Their only choice is to follow the lead of the Camp Hill croppers, organize against starvation and demand immediate relief.



# FIRST ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

## DAILY WORKER

The Daily Worker, Central Organ of the Communist Party, hails the first anniversary of its brother paper, the Southern Worker. We have followed each issue of the paper and we are proud of its accomplishments and confident that it will continue to fulfill the great tasks before it.

In the one year of its existence, it has penetrated into the farthest corners of the South. It was established at a time when the robbery, oppression and terror of the capitalists and landlords against the Southern toilers increased tenfold. In the midst of this the Southern Worker came as a beacon light to the starving miners in Kentucky, to the robbed and oppressed share croppers of Alabama, to the steel workers of Birmingham and the toilers of Tennessee. It has brought hope and leadership in struggle and confidence in victory.

In its year of existence, the Southern Worker has been in the forefront of the struggle to unite the Negro and white toilers against exploitation and hunger, against the oppression of the Negro people, for equal rights and for the right of self-determination of the Negro majority in the Black Belt. It has taken the lead in rousing the Southern masses against the legal lynching of the nine Negro working class boys in Scottsboro. It played an important part in organizing the share croppers of Camp Hill, Alabama, and immediately rushed to their defense following the cold-blooded massacre on July 17th. It has boldly and courageously led the struggle against lynching.

Like the Daily Worker, the workers and poor farmers have received the Southern Worker as their own voice, their own organ which is showing them how to fight against hunger and the robbery of the capitalist class.

The Southern masses have gigantic battles before them, and in these battles the Southern Worker has a decisive role to play. The Southern masses need the Southern Worker; they need it to teach them how to combat their common enemy, to show them the way out of their misery and oppression, to unite and organize them in common struggle for the final overthrow of the whole capitalist robber and starvation system.

Workers and poor farmers of the South! Support and build the Southern Worker! It is your paper; you need it! Long live the Southern Worker!

### COMMUNIST PARTY, DISTRICT NO. 16

Charlotte, N. C.

In the name of the Communist Party District No. 16, with its headquarters in Charlotte, N. C., we greet the SOUTHERN WORKER on its first anniversary. The one year existence of the Southern Worker has proven its value as a collective organizer in our district. It has been one of the main weapons in the hands of the toiling masses in this district against starvation, wage cuts, stretch-out, lynchings and oppression of the Negro masses.

We therefore greet the one year existence of the revolutionary SOUTHERN WORKER and look forward to many more anniversaries, towards making the SOUTHERN WORKER a real mass paper, mass organizer and leader in the fight for better conditions for the workers and poor farmers in the South.

District Committee, Communist Party, District No. 16.

### BLACK BELT CROPPER

Sumter County, S. C.

I receive the papers every week and give them out just as soon as I get them. The people is very interested, because they are finding it very hard to get food. The bosses is cutting all the poor farmers off and is not giving them no food and they say they are ready to fight.

I have not got a paper. I have give them all out.

—A Share Cropper.

### SOUTHERN WORKER AN ORGANIZER

Charlotte, N. C.

Greetings to the Southern Worker in its first successful year. Your paper is the only one the southern workers have and is one of the best papers printed by the workers. This is the only paper in the South that organizes white and Negro workers together in a joint fight against starvation, wage-cuts and frame-ups of innocent Negro young workers. It also prepares and organizes young workers against the war the bosses are making against workers' Russia.

Fellow young workers! All those who have not yet read this working class paper, right now is the best time to start.

—A Y. C. L. Member.

### COMMUNIST PARTY, DISTRICT 17

It would have been impossible to spread the movement in the South as we did without the cooperation of the SOUTHERN WORKER and the splendid organization medium it offered.

Not only in the cities and farms where the Communist Party membership is concentrated does the SOUTHERN WORKER lead the workers and farmers, but in all the far flung corners of the South it carries the message of organization and struggle.

We pledge ourselves to get readers and subscribers for the Southern Worker, and make it THE paper of all the southern workers.

### NATIONAL MINERS' UNION

Harlan, Ky.

The General Committee of the National Miners' Union sends greetings to the SOUTHERN WORKER on its first Anniversary.

The SOUTHERN WORKER is the only paper published in the South that fights for the workers.

We pledge our full cooperation in helping to build the SOUTHERN WORKER and to have all miners become subscribers. We are going to help build the SOUTHERN WORKER into a mighty weapon of the working class in its struggle for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government.

## UNITE!



### SOUTHERN DISTRICT, INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE

When nine innocent Negro boys went on trial for their lives at Scottsboro, the Southern Worker, in a special edition, exposed the frame-up and called upon the Negro and white workers of the South to join the mass defense fight of the International Labor Defense. In the struggle that developed to free the Scottsboro boys, the SOUTHERN WORKER played a part second to none in explaining to workers of the South every attempt made by the Colored Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance of Chattanooga or by Walter White, William Pickens, and other leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (to the electric chair) to smash the united front Scottsboro defense.

In the defense by the I.L.D. of Negro members of the Share-Croppers Union at Camp Hill, Ala., of white and Negro miners in Harlan, Kentucky, of evicted unemployed workers in Chattanooga, of militant workers and organizers in Elizabethton, in Birmingham, and in other parts of the South, the SOUTHERN WORKER has played the same role of mobilizing the workers for protest.

The Southern District of the International Labor Defense greets the SOUTHERN WORKER as the only paper in the South devoted to the interests of white and Negro workers in the struggle against class justice of the bosses.

### MARINE WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION, GALVESTON, TEXAS

The two hundred members of the Galveston branch M. W. I. U. extend greetings to the SOUTHERN WORKER on its first anniversary.

During this short year the SOUTHERN WORKER has become so interwoven not only into our organization, but into our everyday life that it is hard to realize that it is but one year old.

The SOUTHERN WORKER is a part of our very lives, it reflects our sentiments, it shows us ourselves as we are and pictures the goal for which we are fighting. It enters into all of our struggles and with the patience of a comrade it points out our mistakes.

The SOUTHERN WORKER is humanly imperfect. It makes no pretense of being intellectual but is plain and simply a WORKER, the same as we.

As a workers' paper the SOUTHERN WORKER is the vanguard of the South. Many will follow its lead but none can ever take its place. It unites the workers of the entire South in one big class, fighting for economic emancipation.

**Fight Evictions!**

### MARINE WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION

New Orleans, La.

We wish to show our appreciation of the Southern Worker by sending revolutionary greetings.

We hope that the little paper will not only be in the struggle for another year, but that it will grow bigger every day.

We also wish to pledge our support and solidarity.

### CHATTANOOGA SECTION COMMITTEE

The workers of Chattanooga, through their Section Committee of the Communist Party, hail the first anniversary of the Southern Worker and pledge themselves to spread this fighting paper of the workers.

The year that has passed since the first appearance of the Southern Worker has been a year of severe struggle for the Chattanooga workers.

The Southern Worker has been an active fighter for the workers, helping and leading them in a united fight of black and white against the Scottsboro frame-up, for Unemployment Insurance and for immediate relief, against evictions and wage-cuts.

### ELIZABETHTON SECTION COMMITTEE

The Section Committee of Elizabethton, Tennessee, greets the Southern Worker on the completion of its first year. Since its establishment, the Southern Worker has always stood ready to voice our grievances and has been one of our best weapons in our difficult struggle with the rayon mill bosses, who are trying to grind us down with their speed-up and cut our wages to the bone.

By bringing us the news of the successful struggles of workers in every part of the country, the Southern Worker has encouraged us in our own efforts to organize.

In spite of the blacklist, spy system and threats of the bosses, in spite of the terror of sheriffs, deputies and other hired tools of the mill bosses, the workers and farmers of Elizabethton will continue to read and spread the Southern Worker.

### YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, DISTRICT NO. 16

Charlotte, N. C.

The Young Communist League of District 16, speaking for the thousands of white and Negro young workers in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia warmly greet the Southern Worker on its first Anniversary. Without the Southern Worker, it would be almost impossible for the Young Workers of the South to carry on the struggles they are today. The Southern Worker as an invincible fighter for the interests of the workers against those of the bosses is a weapon that the young workers of the South cannot do without.

The determined fight for the freedom of the Scottsboro Nine; the mighty Cropper's Union in the Black Belt; the organization of thousands of starving textile workers; the growing solidarity of white and Negro, young and adult workers, are all achievements that beat time with the Southern Worker in its march forward with the aid of the workers of the South and of the world under the leadership of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League.

The first milestone has been passed in this forward march. The milestone marks off a smashing blow dealt at the boss class by the workers of the South. The Young Communist League of District 16 pledges to do all in its power by organizing young workers for better conditions, to aid the Southern Worker to deal the master class of the South many more such smashing blows until finally a workers' and farmers' government is built in the U. S. A. like the one in Russia.

### GREETINGS FROM A Y. C. L. MEMBER

Charlotte, N. C.

Greetings to the first anniversary of the Southern Worker, the fighting working class newspaper of the South. The Southern Worker serves the workers and farmers in the South, realizing the close relation existing between organized labor and farmers. Through the publication of the Southern Worker, we hope to overcome the obstacles and difficulties in building up working class organizations.

And may I ask that all friends in organized labor and others to support and show their appreciation for the free lance paper of the South, the exposé of capitalism.

—A Young Communist League Member.

### DOWNTON UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL—NEW YORK

Adopted at a street meeting in N. Y.

We workers of New York, assembled at a street meeting greet the SOUTHERN WORKER on the occasion of its first anniversary.

We express our admiration and our wholehearted support to the struggle which the SOUTHERN WORKER—the fearless Communist organ, is conducting against the brutal rule of the white masters in the South, against the poison of the white chauvinism spread by the bosses—the common enemy of the white and Negro workers and poor farmers and for the unity of the white and black workers.

Through our fighting paper we greet the brave Negro and white workers fighting for bread and liberty against exploitation.

White and black workers—fight shoulder to shoulder against the lynchers!

We demand liberty for the Scottsboro boys and the sharecroppers of Camp Hill.

We demand immediate relief for the unemployed without any discrimination because of color or any other reason.

We protest against the brutal terror of the bosses against the only party of the working class—the Communist Party.

We demand the liberation of Eugene Braxton, John James and David James.