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## Deputy Murders 3 Harlan Miners

### WOULD STOP COTTON PLANTING, DOOMS MILLIONS TO STARVE

#### OUTLAW PLANT IN LA., OTHER STATES FOLLOW

On the insistence of Gov. "Felix" Huey Long, the Louisiana legislature has unanimously passed a law outlawing the planting of cotton anywhere in the state in 1932, providing other states growing 75 percent of the country's cotton pass a similar law. The governors of Texas, South Carolina, Georgia and other cotton growing states are talking of calling a special session of the state legislature to pass a similar law.

Due to the world crisis—the demand for cotton has fallen because the working masses have no money with which to buy finished cotton products—there will be a surplus of about 10,000,000 bales of cotton on hand at the close of this season. The Farm Board, with its project of plowing under one third of the cotton and the new plans try to make the poor farmers, the tenants, and croppers suffer the effect of the crisis.

If no cotton is to be planted next year, what are the millions of small cotton farmers and tenants going to do? That is a question that Huey Long, his banker friends and his landowners are not interested in answering. Cotton offers the only means—small as they are—for the poor farmers and tenants to obtain enough money with which to buy their necessities. Bankers, merchants and landowners will not stake small farmers and tenants for the planting of vegetables or any other crop but cotton, since this can be sold for cash and debts and advances collected. How are the tenants going to pay for their ground rent and tools and work animals—even within the limits of the payment system of the South—with which to raise food stuffs in the great "live-at-home campaign" that is supposed to take the place of cotton? If there is no cotton planted next year, it means that there will be no farming at all for the great majority of the farming masses. It will mean starvation for them. That is the plan of Huey Long.

If this plan goes into effect it will mean that at the price of starving millions, the surplus cotton now held by the banks, large merchants, large landowners and the Federal Farm Board will be sold at higher prices for a profit. Dollars for the masses—starvation for the millions.

The only final solution possible for this state of affairs is the overthrow of this system of starvation for the millions and profits for the bosses. The American workers and farmers will have to follow the example of the Russian workers and peasants—take over the land, the factories and the government and see to it themselves that all the workers and farmers get enough to eat and wear. There shall be no such crisis.

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#### Communist For Mayor In North Little Rock

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—The first Communist candidate ever to be announced for Arkansas qualified for the city elections here. Dominic Zini, who will run for mayor on the Communist ticket on September 15th.

Comrade Zini was arrested last fall during a demonstration by tenant farmers for relief following the march on England, Ark., by 500 farmers who demanded and got food. He represents the Communist program in the city election, the most important points of which are cash relief for the unemployed workers and the starving farmers.

#### Active Chatta. Worker Jailed

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Oscar McDonald, militant Negro worker, was arrested here while walking down the street and an old charge of assault was revived against him in an effort to frame him and railroad him to jail for his working class activity. The International Labor Defense is defending him and obtained his release on \$2,000 bail.

McDonald is charged with shooting with intent to kill Rufus Ball, a Negro who under the influence of the local NAACP and the Ministers' Alliance, beat up his wife for attending a Scottsboro Block Committee. Ball also beat up McDowell's aged mother. McDowell warned Ball to keep out of his house, but he continued his terrorist methods for the Black Judges and a fight resulted in which McDowell was wounded in the arm. When this happened which was a few months ago, McDowell was arrested, but on the defense of the I.L.D. his case was dismissed in the police court. The rearrest of McDowell means that the police and the local Negro misleaders are trying to "get him" for his activities in the Scottsboro case.

During the early days of Negro slavery in this country, as well as in the later stages the Negroes revolted time and again, in spite of the cruelties, whippings and pillory that always followed such revolts. The Negro people showed the greatest courage and determination in their fights for liberation.

The Nat Turner Revolt was the 27th of the Negro rebellions recorded by the white prejudiced historians of this country. Of the many slave rebellions the Nat Turner Revolt, one hundred years ago (Aug. 21, 1831) was the best planned and it exceeded all the others in its conspiratorial form. The leaders quietly and systematically organized the slaves. The following report shows how they carried on their work.

#### Free Braxton On Bond; Legion In Anti-Red Drive

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Eugene Braxton, young Negro worker, one of many arrested in connection with the reign of terror here against Negroes arising from the Shades Valley shooting, was released on \$150 bond while the International Labor Defense appealed the vicious sentence, against him of \$25 fine and 30 days on the chain-gang. Harry Jackson, district organizer of the Communist Party, is free on \$500 bond after being held in jail a number of days in an effort by the Birmingham police department to use the Shades Valley affair as an excuse for smashing the Communist Party.

The Executive Committee of the Alabama American Legion, meeting here last week, made the drive against the Communist Party its major task and put Capt. E. R. Laird of Huntsville, chairman of the Americanization committee, at its head. Laird has been carrying on a campaign against the workers in his home city.

A statement issued by the Legion says in part: "The legal decision condemning the Negro rapists in the Scottsboro case, the action of authorities in Tallapoosa county in recent racial trouble (Share-Croppers' Union—Ed.), means used in Jefferson county to find the Negro murderers of two girls, our system of race segregation are being viciously attacked by paid agents of the Communists and by literature in its name." It states that "all legal ways will be used to stop the spread of Communism." The American Legion, always a ready tool of the bosses on this occasion also is rallying its forces, which include A. F. of L. fakers, in an effort to stop the rising unity of white and Negro workers in the fight against starvation and wage-cuts.

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#### Shoots At Unarmed Men At Soup Kitchen

BULLETIN

HARLAN, Ky. — Attorney Franklin Reynolds of Mount Sterling, Ky., where most of the cases have been transferred for trial, has been retained by the International Labor Defense. The General Defense Committee of the I. W. W. has refused to permit Richard A. Dowling of New Orleans, who had offered his services free to the I.L.D., on the defense, while all the defendants had signed statements welcoming Dowling. Over 175 miners face trial, including several Negroes and a few women. Forty-seven are now charged with murder, 20 with criminal syndicalism, 48 with larceny and confederating, 60 with robbery. Criminal syndicalism cases due for hearing last Tuesday were expected to be shifted to other counties by Judge Jones.

HARLAN, Ky.—One miner was killed outright and two others wounded, one fatally, when deputy Sheriff Joe Fleece drove up to a miners' relief kitchen one mile out of Harlan last Sunday night and fired point blank at the unsuspecting miners standing on the pavilion. Joseph Moore was shot in the heart and died instantly. Julius Baldwin was shot twice in the head and had little chance for recovery, and his brother, Jeff Baldwin, was shot twice in the shoulder.

This is the renewal of a murderous drive against the miners by John Henry Blair and his imported gunmen, after they had raided miners' homes throughout the county confiscating firearms so that the miners would have nothing to defend themselves with. The pavilion where the attack occurred was used as a relief kitchen by the miners to feed the starving and their children. A similar relief kitchen had been blown up with dynamite a few weeks ago at Ervata.

The gunman, Fleece claimed that the men opened fire on him as he drove up to the pavilion, but it hardly stands to reason that at such close range Fleece would not even be touched and he could inflict fatal wounds on three miners at the same time. There is also a gas station at the pavilion and what happened was that Fleece drove up under the guise of asking for information and opened fire as soon as the three miners appeared.

Carlo Hyatt, 10-year-old miner, was shot and killed at a mining camp four miles west of Harlan by Deputy Sheriff Ed Rose, whose story is that Hyatt was drunk and resisted arrest. The young worker's father, Hugh Hyatt, was wounded in the hand by the deputy.

At the same time, the coal operators, through their courts, are laying the ground for reroading 25 miners framed on murder charges to the electric chair, and scores of others to long prison terms on charges of criminal syndicalism and conspiracy. Fifty-one of the cases have already been transferred to distant counties by the coal operators' man, Judge D. C. Jones, where it would be easier to get convictions from a jury of landowners and businessmen.

The coal operators fear the solidarity and militancy of the miners in Harlan and Bell counties. The cases have been transferred to Montgomery and Clark counties. Thirty-six more indictments were returned by the Grand Jury Tuesday week, including

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#### TO CUT DOLE IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Eng.—Following in the steps of the more advanced labor fakers of all lands, Ramsay MacDonald, British prime minister, has set up a virtual fascist dictatorship for the purpose of pushing thru reductions in the employment odds, and wage-cuts all along the line in order to "save England" from a financial panic.

In order to get a \$400,000,000 credit from American and French bankers to stabilize British money, exchange MacDonald chose the fascist method of attacking the workers in order to "balance the budget." The new cabinet—on which sit the most vicious reactionaries in England—is putting thru a ten percent cut in the dole and an increase in payments made by employed workers to the unemployment insurance fund. This precedes similar action in the way of wage-cuts and serves as a precedent in cuts in the unemployment insurance.

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## 100 Years Ago --- Nat Turner

Nat Turner preached in North Carolina on the 14th of August. There many of the slaves who listened to him signified their readiness to support him by "wearing round their necks red handkerchiefs, and who in many ways showed their rebellious spirit. This behavior, however, was not understood until after the insurrection. (not understood by the landowners.—Ed.)"

The revolt was originally set to begin on July 4 of the same year, but the rebels changed the date to August when they saw the unusual preparations being made for Independence Day. August the crops were already in and many of the white landowners would then be on their hunting and fishing trips.

The country was thrown into a pan-

ic of wild excitement on Tuesday, August 23, when the news was flashed that "the slaves had risen." The revolt started in Southampton, Va.

Indeed they had risen! The black-belt was in the wildest confusion and turmoil.

On the second day of the rising nearly 60 whites had been killed. The rebels covered a distance of 30 miles without encountering the least resistance. Nat Turner, the valiant and skillful leader of the uprising placed the best armed and most trusted men in the lead, with orders to approach the houses as fast as they could ride, so as to prevent anyone escaping who could spread the alarm.

Not only the leaders, but those who joined the march later showed the

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## PLAY UP RACE RIOT RUMORS IN ALABAMA

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Under cover of carrying on a campaign against rumors of "trouble between the races," the local boss press and Mayor Claxton are giving full publicity to these rumors and helping to incite the lynch spirit.

The rumors which are without foundation, report that three machine guns were found in baskets sent to Negroes in this city, cartloads of dynamite have been sent to Montgomery with no claimants. One rumor had it that a general Negro uprising was to have taken place on August 28th. The Montgomery Advertiser, vicious anti-labor paper, reports that a "group of white laborers with communistic tendencies" are trying to "severely working Negroes out of the city so they can take their jobs." These rumors played up big in the town columns are followed by editorials hypocritically calling for "harmonious race relations," when this same newspaper has been the most vicious in arousing race prejudice and keeping the "Negro in his place."

These news articles reveal the fear of the ruling class that both white and Negro workers, faced with terrible suffering due to unemployment this winter, will demand food, shelter and clothing and fight for it. The bosses are therefore straining every nerve to keep the white and black workers separated and thus divide the working class. No race prejudice between white and Negro workers, but a united front against the bosses in the struggle against starvation.

## Free Braxton on Bond, Legion Anti-Red Drive

(Continued From Front Page) — Here Negro workers have been arrested in Georgia, West Virginia and Alabama in connection with the shooting of the society girls. The opportunity has also been seized to add six more deputies to the Jefferson county force to be used against the workers. Elijah Thompson, Negro worker held in Chicago and whom the Birmingham police tried to extradite has finally been ordered freed when the International Labor Defense took up his case and rallied the white and Negro workers of Chicago to his defense. The police are now trying to pin murder charges on Carl Montgomery, Negro worker, being held in jail here.

The Communist Party has exposed as Negro stool-pigeon, James Wright, who lives next door to the home in which Eugene Braxton, John and David James were asleep when the house was broken into by police and they were arrested. It has been established that Wright plotted with the police for the arrest of these militant Negro workers.

## Outlaw Cotton Plant In Huey Long's State

(Continued From Front Page) — The poor farmers and tenants in the cotton country must organize now, demand cancellation of all debts and rent, the right to sell their present cotton crop wherever and whenever they please. The unemployed workers and the employed workers must fight for unemployment insurance, against wage-cuts and for better conditions so that they can buy out of that great surplus of food and clothing which remains unused while millions starve.

## Defend 175 Harlan Miners Being Railroaded to Death and Prison!

## 5 More Furnaces Closed By T.C.I.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The bosses' lies about steel production going up are very plainly being exposed every day in the Magic City. The remaining four open hearth furnaces and one of the three blast furnaces going were closed down Friday night in Emley Tennessee Coal & Iron Company plant. This means hundreds more workers thrown out to join the 1200 laid off a few weeks ago and the thousands more who are walking the streets facing starvation.

This is also a part of the move of the U. S. Steel Corporation to starve the workers so that they can put over the wage cuts they are planning in a short time now.

## Workers Disarm Brutal Deputies

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Mrs. Beatrice Gee, a 65-year-old colored woman, had been served an eviction notice and was packing her things ready to move, when two halliffs came in her house and began throwing her things out of the doors and windows into the street besides pushing and slapping her.

Neighbors gathered and when they saw what was happening disarmed the halliffs who drew their guns and gave them a thorough thrashing, much to everybody's delight. The deputies fled.

Mrs. Gee has been without work for five months now and has no relatives who could help her. If she doesn't get work, which she probably will not, it means being evicted again in a few weeks from the new house she moved to.

## FIGHT EVICTIONS, DEMAND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE! FORM UNEMPLOYED COUNCILS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

## Deputy Murders Three Harlan County Miners

(Continued From Front Page) — a charge of criminal syndicalism against Jessie Wakefield, local organizer of the International Labor Defense. Woody Emory and Hager Layne were indicted for murder in the killing of Jesse Pace, a deputy sheriff and three murder indictments were returned against Lloyd Gilbert in connection with the clash with thugs on May 5, at Evans. Sheriff Blair and his armor-plated gunners are trying to lay hands on every local leader of the miners and frame them on charges, or kill them outright.

Judge Jones warned all newspaper reporters in Harlan that he would prosecute them—if a gunner doesn't take care of them—should they send anything to their papers not approved by himself and the coal operators. Jessie Lloyd, reporter for the Federated Press, has been warned to leave town, or she would get what "was coming to all red neck reporters."

The trials have been set ahead to November and December and the National Miners' Union and the International Labor Defense are mounting all forces for a wide defense campaign to save the miners and defeat the coal operators' terror.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Bishop Socrates O'Neal, Negro preacher, who is living by getting rich returns for making speeches against the Communist Party and the International Labor Defense, and who has been made welcome by the white mayors of all the cities in which he speaks, has been arrested and jailed on a charge of "switching" \$50 from a waitress in a restaurant.

## CHI. WORKERS CONTINUE PUT FURNITURE IN

CHICAGO, Ill.—Despite the brutal murder of four Negro workers who helped put back the furniture of an evicted woman a few weeks ago, the Unemployed Councils are militantly carrying on the struggle against evictions of unemployed workers. During the past week five families were put back in their homes. In three of these cases the landlords did not even take the trouble to get eviction writs, but evicted the families themselves. Of course the law of, for and by the bosses made no attempt to arrest these landlords.

While Mrs. Lillian Knight, mother of four children was away from her home the police forced the door and piled her belongings in an alley. A huge crowd gathered by the time the riot squad had arrived. The police tried beating up some workers, but got scared when they saw the militant attitude of the workers, and beat it, leaving on the scene an actor who tried to crack jokes in order to "take down" the crowd.

Hundreds of willing hands put back Mrs. Knight's furniture. She said she had paid rent regularly in the house for a year, but her husband had been sick a long while and the landlord threatened to put her out.

One Unemployed Council member who helped put the furniture back said, "I haven't got a job and can't get one. I haven't even got a place to sleep. That's why I am not afraid of the police arresting me. They can kill me if they want to. I might as well die trying to help somebody."

## LYNCH LAW AT WORK

LIBERTY, Miss.—Armed with a gun S. Brandon Bates, white landowner, went to the cabin of a Negro farm boy in order to "cheat" him. Defending himself with a knife and stick the boy got the best of the argument. Bloodhounds and a searching party are combing the woods for the young Negro.

MERIDIAN, Miss.—Mrs. Luella Williamson who sent a Negro boy to the drug store to buy poison so she could murder her infant was given a life sentence, and the boy was sentenced to be hung within a few days. The boy thought he was only going on an errand for a white woman, a thing he dared not refuse.

ANNISTON, Ala.—A mob of 200 killed about the Calhoun county jail following the arrest of three Negroes who were supposed to have lured a white woman. The woman claims she outstripped the Negroes by running faster than their car could, after they had threatened to get her. The state which has a Scottsboro and a Camp Hill holds on to its reputation.

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Julius Finlay, Negro, was killed when Magistrate C. O. Baker shot at him five times. The Negro defended himself and the Squire was slightly wounded in the leg. When other Negroes attempted to carry Finlay's body home they were severely beaten by a mob and almost lynched.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—While the unemployed live on garbage scraps, the Cannery League of California will buy and destroy 144,000 tons of cling peaches and will uproot the trees in about 12,000 plantations. They are using this "constructive" method to cut the crop from 27 million to 9 million cases.

## Bloody Lynch Law Toll Mounts For This Year

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Already, for a little more than the first half of 1931, lynch mobs in America have compiled an infamous record.

Lynchings From January, 1931:

1. Mark Brown and an unidentified Negro worker lynched near Tallapoosa, Alabama.
2. Raymond Gunn, burned on top of school houses, Maryville, Mo., on Jan. 10.
3. Two-year-old baby of Hart King, shot by lynch mob which fired 50 times at his father and mother who laid down on the floor of their table.
4. Lemon McDaniel lynched by mob of 1,500 and taken into Jim-crow section of hospital at Shreveport, La., Jan. 19th. The papers of the capitalist class claim that this worker died in the hospital. He was accused of shooting a white man in self-defense.
5. Irving Douglas, Negro worker chased into river at Baton Rouge, La., last week of January.

6. Charles Rannon, young white farm hand, lynched near Schafer, N. D. He and his father were accused of murdering a wealthy farmer in self-defense. The evidence was too weak and the sheriff allowed a mob to force a "confession" from him to save his father.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH

7. Rene Henry, lynched near New Orleans, La., accused of pushing and abusing a white woman. A frame-up.
8. George Spann, lynched at Clarkdale, Miss. He was accused of killing his landlord.
9. Wess Skipper, white farm hand, lynched at Dolan, Ala. He had fought his landlord in self-defense and was lynched by a group of wealthy persons and landlords.
10. Steve Wiley, accused of attempted rape and murder. Lynched at Inverness, Miss.
11. Elie Johnson, accused of killing his landlord in self-defense. Lynched at Vicksburg, Miss.

APRIL AND MAY

12. George Smith, lynched on court house yard at Union City, Tenn. Accused of insulting a white woman, daughter of an undertaker, who said she had been raped. He was later proven innocent.
13. Mrs. Jane Wise, lynched at Frankfort, Va., because she objected to her daughter being taken out for "rides" by white klanmen.
14. Thomas Jasper, lynched at Huntsville, Ala. (home of Victoria Price), accused of getting fresh with white girl. Sheriff turned him over to a committee of lynchers.
15. Filmore Davis, chased by a mob of 1,500 and sheriff's posse. He was accused of shooting a sheriff. Mob stopped suddenly, which indicated he was murdered. His body was thrown into a river.

JULY AND AUGUST

16. Ralph Gray, Negro tenant farmer lynched by mob the sheriff led. Gray was an organizer of a tenant farmers' meeting. He was taken

home by some Negro workers after the sheriff left him, thinking he was dead. Upon learning that Gray was still alive, the mob came to his home and killed him. This took place at Camp Hill, Ala., July 16.

17. Oscar Livingston, lynched near New Orleans, July 22, charged with "attempted rape."

18. 16-year-old Negro boy lynched near Haynesville, Ala. Shot 22 times, on August 5.

19. Major Harrel, lynched by wealthy farmer and Negro assistant, at Conway, Ark.

20. John Parker, lynched by wealthy farmers and a Negro lackey at Conway, Ark., accused of stealing peaches.

21. Edward Edwards, shot by a lynch mob at Birmingham, Ala., during the week of Aug. 5th. He was shot under the pretense of looking for the murderer of a white woman 26 miles from Birmingham.

When one listens to the stories of a Pickett, White or DuBois, about not disturbing existing peaceful race relations, one is forced to inquire as to the value of peace that brings only starvation, misery and death.

## Lynch Two Negro Workers In Fla.

BLOUNTSTOWN, Fla.—Two Negro workers, father and son, names not given in the boss press, were lynched in their home by a posse of masked men near here. The Negro workers were riddled with bullets.

Father and son both worked in a turpentine camp and had been released from jail on bond after being arrested following a fight with a white foreman of the camp. Shortly after their release they were lynched.

Gov. Carlton, of Florida, who says he "deeply regrets the affair," has ordered an "investigation" into the lynching. That nothing will come of this investigation is certain, as shown by dozens of other so-called investigations which resulted neither in the arrest or conviction of anyone. The International Labor Defense demands the death penalty for lynchers.

## England's Hungry To Have Dole Cut Off

(Continued From Front Page) — since in France and other European countries. Under the slogan of "equal sacrifice by all," MacDonald, who is a blood brother of William Green, Matthew Wolf, and other fathers in this country, is making the workers pay and keeping the bosses' profits intact.

The Communist Party of England is organizing a wide united front of the workers to fight the reactionary government and the labor misleaders and organize the workers to resist all further attacks on their standard of living.

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# FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

## WORKERS MUST RETURN PAY TO DAM COMPANY

By a Worker Correspondent  
Bluffton, Texas.

A giant hydro-electric dam is being built at this place by the Emery, Peck & Rockwood Co., and I have been working on the pipe-fitting gang.

About a week ago I made the remark that we should do something about getting better wages. A steel-pipe gang reported my remark and I was fired the next morning. The foreman claiming that I had been drinking in camp. Very easy to see through that since there is nothing to drink in camp, not even good water.

Conditions for the workers here are terrible. Only those in the company camp get enough to eat. Most of the workers are glad to get a job of any kind so they may get credit for groceries.

The company's laborers receive only 25c an hour. They insist on the men staying in the camp where he is charged \$8.40 a week for board and bunk. A worker making 25c an hour has very little left on payday.

Those who work the timber contracts have tried unsuccessfully to come to an understanding about the price. The timber should pay from \$15 to \$20 per acre, but some has been let for as low as \$3 an acre.

—A Worker.

## Ala. Natl. Guard Prepares for War

By a Worker Correspondent  
Birmingham, Ala.

The Alabama National Guard is sure getting its war time training to be good cannon fodder for the bosses. According to the papers, they are being trained this year in camp on a WAR TIME FOOTING—with all sorts of formations, maneuvers, and so forth.

Likewise they are prepared to crush in blood this winter any attempts of the white and Negro workers to fight for relief against the starvation of unemployment or against wage-cuts and layoffs. They are now having a sham battle between the "Blues" and the "Reds." It is plain that this winter they will certainly be used against the Reds—and not in a sham battle either. Young workers—in the National Guard and elsewhere, we have got to see thru these war plans of the bosses and organize ourselves for better conditions and against WAR. Join the Young Communist League.

—Young Worker.

### Well Again

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Enlarging the international committee to fight the "reds," Matthew Well, secretary of the American Federation of Labor and chairman of this committee, has invited the German League for the Defense of Western Civilization to become the German section of this international boss organization to fight workers. Matthew Well, the big well-oiled chief of American labor, takes his place with the Chamber of Commerce gang to suppress labor the world over.

BERLIN, Germany.—Fearing the mighty power of the German workers under the leadership of the Communist Party, the German government is carrying on widespread raids upon headquarters of workers' organizations and homes of militant workers. Flying squads of policemen totalling 1,000 officers are leading the raids.

## No 'Baccy For 30 Days—50c for S. W.

By a Worker Correspondent  
San Quentin Prison, Calif.

I received my August 1st copy of the SOUTHERN WORKER yesterday. I intended to renew my subscription sooner, but money is a novelty in the outside world nowadays, and doubly so in prison.

However, I am coming through with another half-dollar for six months more of your valuable publication.

This is the best I can do at the present time. It means no chewing tobacco for 30 days for me. And knowing Southerners who use the weed, you realize this is quite a sacrifice.

So dig into the comrades out there. If a "convict" can do this much, they ought at least to equal it.

—A Prisoner.

## "A Nice Crop But Can't Get Anything For It"

By a Farmer Correspondent  
Sumner, S. C.

This is one of the worst times I ever did see. I don't know hardly what to do. I have worked hard all year and have a nice crop of cotton and corn. I made it with not very much to eat.

Now I am not going to get anything for it. The police say they will not buy it. I don't see no other way but to get together and organize and fight and that must be quick, for the cold winter is near.

What will the poor farmers do if they don't fight against hunger now? How in the world can a poor man eat with ten-cent meat and five-cent cotton?

—A Cropper.

## Miners Wife Tells of Thugs Activities In Harlan County

By a Worker Correspondent  
Harlan, Ky.

Just a few words from the awful, hellish place they call Harlan. This morning four Baldwin thugs came over to my house hunting for my son, saying he had a few Southern workers.

I told them I didn't know where he was and they started off and turned and came back and called me a liar. I asked them didn't they think I could tell the truth, and they said "No."

Oh, Gee! They talked terrible to me. I called one of them a damn liar and he said to "go back and shoot her brains out."

They call us Red Necks. I had much rather be a Red Neck than a damn thug.

Why don't Sheriff Blair and the coal operators take the thousands of dollars they are paying out to those Baldwin Felts and thugs and give it to the poor little pale faced children who are plodding the streets, starving to death. No! They get up at the best hotel and sit all lit up at card tables smoking cigars and having a big-eyed time.

It looks like you are passing a regiment when you pass the New Harlan Hotel the times when they are not ranning their legs off after the SOUTHERN WORKER and DAILY-WORKER. They surely must like to read them.

What do people mean to let dirty dicks like those to stay in their town. But they have no law in Harlan County. The thugs make their own law. I reckon folks think they have to abide by it.

They went to Bill Gibbs house the other day and set up two machine guns and had 10 or 12 men along before they dared search it for one little man. Fellow workers, keep the good work going.

—A Miner's Wife.

## 45c Day For S. C. Cotton Pickers

By a Worker Correspondent  
Sumner, S. C.

I am a laborer and that is all I have to depend on. I have nine in the family and three of them can do nothing but eat, and \$2.75 is all I can get for a week's work. And that is for food to feed us all and to get clothes for my children.

New cotton is here to pick, but we can't make anything hardly at 30c a hundred. People, let's get together and organize and fight for better conditions.

We have nothing to face the cold winter with. There is not one person in this condition, but everyone is in the same shoes.

—A Farm Laborer.

## Another 10% Wage Cut For Victory Workers

By a Worker Correspondent  
Greenville, S. C.

The Victory-Monaghan Mill Company has just put over another 10 per cent wage cut on the workers.

The carpenters of Monaghan Mill also got a cut from 30c per hour to 25c per hour. They told the carpenters if they didn't like that they could quit, for they could get all the carpenters they wanted at this price.

The Monaghan Mill workers are organizing, an dthey are organizing into a fighting union, the N.T.W.U., and not the A. F. of L. They know the A. F. of L. is nothing but a fake union and that it works hand in hand with the bosses, and not with the workers.

—A Worker.

## Starving Children Eat Rinds Left By Dogs

By a Worker Correspondent  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

I want to tell you workers of a family of children staying in my neighborhood. They are starving. Their mother is gone and their father has no work.

The children eat out of garbage cans, and pick up melon rinds after the dogs have had their fill of them.

If you report it to the city charities, the colored woman that looks after these cases asks you why you are interested in these starving children. She says "It is nothing to you." These children live on Garfield St.

The charity woman's name is Mrs. Bindson and she talks to people like they were dogs, and turns her nose up at you and runs you out without a

bite to eat to go home and starve.

She gave one woman \$1.25 for a month's food for her five children and herself. We must get together and demand cash relief, or we will all be starving next winter.

—A Woman Worker.

## Poor Farmers, Tenants Fight For Debt Cancellations!

What next, Mr. Hoover? Winter is coming and we have already tried selling apples.

## 10,000 Tex. Workers Jobless As Martial Law Is Declared

### Remember Bosses 1917 Lies And Ala. Terror Now

By a Worker Correspondent  
Birmingham, Ala.

The Negro workers in Ala. are now faced with a great boss terror. They have arrested some of us. They are shooting some of us. They threaten to shoot anybody that has Red literature in his house.

But we are going to continue this fight and struggle. The police say the Communist Party is to blame because they kill us and shoot us up. They threaten their faces and do their dirt and then blame it on the Negroes.

They forget what they promised a few years ago when they wanted us to go to war. They said we were no more divided, but we all would be as one nation and one people.

In the war they Jim-Crowded the regiments and made the Negroes do the dirtiest work and since then they kill without cause.

Now there is another war coming, just over the hill, and they will want us to fight again. The only way we must fight in is a war in union with the white workers against the bosses that rob us and our families.

—A Comrade.

By a Worker Correspondent  
Kilgore, Texas.

Ten thousand oilfield workers were thrown out of jobs here when martial law was used to stop production. The city officials, who last year chained unemployed workers by their necks and locked them in the churches have announced that it will not give any relief.

Under the provisions of a fake conservation law, passed recently by the corrupt State legislature, Governor Sterling himself, a big oil operator, sent troops to the oil fields. The big oil companies are using the state to put the smaller companies out of business, and as usual the workers are left holding the sack.

The National Guardsmen are also used to prevent organization among the workers. Workers of East Texas, organize into fighting unions, into militant unemployed councils. Don't go hungry and barefoot this winter. Fight for immediate cash relief and the establishment of a Workers and Farmers' Government in this greed-paralyzed nation.

—A Young Worker.

## Scheme To "Save" Miners, On Rocks

By a Worker Correspondent  
Birmingham, Ala.

Some time ago there was a lot of noise about how Rev. Morgan was going to help the poor miners in Selma who were thrown out of work. A lot of money was raised to help the miners help themselves. The good Rev. issued a warning to the Birmingham press for all reds to stay out of Selma.

Now we read that unless \$500 more is received this good scheme is going on the rocks. The men are working on a small plot of ground and the wives making rugs. Still and all they are not able to even make a bare existence. Fellow workers, this going back to the farm bush and being "self-sustaining" is the bunk under this profit system. Everything we buy we have to pay the bosses' profits for. We have got to get together to demand that the bosses give us work or UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE. Not these fake "rehabilitation" schemes of the bosses. Organize under the lead of the Communist Party and expose these little ponders and fakers as tools of the bosses.

—A Worker.

## Meetings Banned

By a Worker Correspondent  
Tyler, Texas.

All public meetings except church services have been prohibited for the period of martial law, by Gen. Jacob Walker, provost marshal.

The ban is aimed primarily at smaller companies affected by curtailment of production in the East Texas oil fields, but it applies with equal force to gatherings of workers thrown out of employment as a result of this warfare between the big capitalists and the little capitalists.

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Fascism reigns in Texas. It is a case of government for the pirates, of the pirates and by the pirates. But every class-conscious worker knows that this government is controlled by the bosses.

—A Worker.

## What Next?

CANTON, Ohio.—It seems that Hoover and the more lowly politicians are having a time of it trying to solve the unemployment "problem." First they puffed and blowed about property being around the corner but they couldn't tell us the street. Then they said something about helping a few thousand workers by building construction and digging ditches.

But alas and alack, an engineering firm has perfected a machine which drills passageways underneath the ground without a ditch being dug.

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By a Worker Correspondent  
Charlotte, N. C.

Any white man can arrest Negro children in Charlotte.

There were two Negro boys arrested by a white landlady. He brought them into town and left them in a car. A worker who was passing by asked the landlady what he was going to do with the boys. The landlady said the boys had been stealing wood, and he was carrying them to jail.

The workers in the neighborhood immediately got together a small group of fifteen and demanded immediate release of the two boys, so this charge was nothing but a frame-up.

The two boys went home to their mothers. This is an example of what class-conscious workers can do. The workers who demanded the boys' trial never been members of a militant workers' organization before. After a small discussion they realized the need for unity to succeed in releasing the two boys.

—A Worker.

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### "White Man's Nigger" Creed

The program of the Black Judases has finally been put down in black and white by DuBois, writing in the September issue of *The Crisis*, official organ of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. It is an official statement of policy, expressing in words what has so placidly been expressed in deeds by the Black Judases in the Scottsboro case, the Camp Hill, Ala., events and in the Chicago eviction massacre.

It is a very carefully worded statement by a master of demagoguery, contradicting itself a dozen times, yet its basic conclusion stands out clearly. It is primarily directed against the Communists, to whom increasing masses of Negro voters are looking for leadership, and yet just because of the tremendous Communist influence among the Negroes DuBois is forced to concede certain points, only to contradict them again later. He concedes that: "The importance of the Russian Revolution cannot be gainsaid." Only to contradict this important concession by stating that the Russian revolution and the Soviet Union "leaves him (the Negro) just where he was before the Russian revolution," denying the tremendous importance of this historic event in pointing the way and shaping the struggles of the oppressed Negro masses throughout the world.

DuBois is forced to concede that the capitalist politicians can offer an solution to the Negro masses, yet he extends a pleading hand to those very capitalists whose politicians he just got through rejecting. In one place, hypocritically stating that since the foundation of the N.A.A.C.P. "there has never been a moment when the dominating leadership of the American Negro has been mainly or even largely dominated by wealth or capital or by capitalist ideals," yet not a word about the large donations received from wealthy white bosses to enable the N.A.A.C.P. to continue its work of betrayal. And later on, forgetting what he had said barely a half-page back: "We have in 20 years of struggle, solicited the sympathy and cooperation of the rich, the white and the powerful." Equally treacherous and deceitful statements follow. "The capitalists are against such violence," says this sage of the Black Judases, "and would listen to reason and justice in the long run." On the other hand, according to this collector of 30 pieces of silver, the white workers are the Negro's enemies, their lynchers and torturers. The Communists are enemy, he says, young Judases leading the "ignorant Negro masses" to suicide, to the lynch rope and murderous posse. The white worker is to blame for the persecution of the Negroes, the white bosses and landowners are the Negroes' friends.

And then we read further on: "The foundation of its present worldwide power (power of the ruling class.—Ed.) is the slavery and semi-slavery of the colored world, including the American Negroes. Until the colored man, yellow, red, brown and black, becomes free, articulate, intelligent and the receiver of a decent income white capital will as the profit derived from his degradation to keep white labor in chains."

But how is this freedom to be obtained—by cooperation with the white ruling class against the white workers, answers DuBois, and not by a fighting solidarity of Negro and white workers against their common enemy the white boss and landowning class. As DuBois and his N.A.A.C.P. cronies have shown in deeds, their ambition is to further split up the working class, strengthen the color line among the workers, for while they are gratefully supported in dollars by the white ruling class. This new talk of DuBois—also making an attempt to confuse the Negro workers by empty radical phrases thrown in here and there—is the same old boss talk: "The poor whites are your enemies, we, the bosses, are your friends. Be a white man's nigger."

DuBois, Pickens, White and others of their ilk have become "white man's niggers," have received a degree more of freedom and much comfort for themselves, but at a price—the betrayal and selling out of the masses of Negro voters, by helping to strengthen the hands of wage slavery and peonage on white and Negro alike by intensifying race prejudice, by strengthening the color line among the working class. As tools of the white ruling class they have viciously fought every effort of the white and black toilers to unite and fight as one against slavery and starvation and oppression.

Against this policy of rank betrayal, as formulated and polished up by DuBois there stands the militant and faithful leadership of the Communist Party, based on the solidarity of all workers of all races and nationalities in the struggle against all bosses and their hangers-on—a struggle which will find its victory in the overthrow of the capitalist system and in the building of Socialism.

### "Some People Just Won't Work"

By a Worker Correspondent

Austin, Texas.

"Some people just won't work."

So whites Joe Amstead, for years owner of a cigar store and now local unemployment director by appointment of his former business friends on the city council. It seems that Austin workers won't pick cotton for 40¢ a hundred and this puzzles the industrious Joe.

Picking cotton is the refreshing sunshine in such pleasant work, as any southern worker can testify. Besides one can earn anywhere from 80¢

to \$1.00, if he works from sun-up to sundown.

The Wall street speculators who control the cotton market are not interested in the plight of the poor farmer who grows the cotton or the worker who picks it. It is of no concern to them that the tenant receives less than a nickel a pound for cotton, that pregnant women miscarry under the burdens of the cotton sack, that children are kept out of school because every member of the family must toil like even if an existing wage is to be made. No, they are interested in lining their pockets at the expense of the sweating masses, or only.

## International Youth Day Nat Turner

By DAVE DORAN

Out of the criminal slaughter of millions of young workers in the last war, was born International Youth Day. In the very heat of the war in 1915, young worker delegates of ten countries of Europe met at a conference and pledged to fight against all boss wars. This conference denounced the killing of young workers in a war for profits for the bosses and set aside a day on which the young workers all over the world would demonstrate and protest such wars. This day is called International Youth Day, and comes on September 30th.

Today the young workers of the entire world take up the fight laid down at this conference, under the leadership of the Young Communist League in every capitalist country. Though already sixteen International Youth Days have passed in the sixteen years since 1915, yet the young workers of the South have never before learned of the existence of this world-wide day of protest against imperialist wars. This was because the Young Communist League of the South has only just recently penetrated the South and has only just become the real leader of Southern young workers in the struggle against the bosses for better conditions.

Worst Conditions for Young

This, the seventeenth Anniversary of International Youth Day, is of great importance to the young workers of the South. Amidst growing starvation, wage-cuts and terror, the boss class is swiftly moving toward war. In all suffering imposed upon workers during "peace time," the young workers feel the worsening conditions worst. The boss class cuts wages of young workers first and forces them close to starvation on the job. Consequently, when they are fired they are the first to starve. In many cases of terror used by the bosses to paralyze the working class movement and to keep the workers in everlasting misery, the young workers are picked out to be the victims. This we have in the Scottsboro Case, to use just one example, where nine young Negro workers are about to be railroaded to the electric chair for "raping" two white prostitutes they never saw before their trial.

Such false charges and terror are used by the boss class to keep the white and Negro workers divided and fighting each other, rendering both helpless to the attacks of the boss class upon their living conditions. When young and adult white and Negro workers are divided and terror

used against them it becomes easy for the boss class to force them into a new war.

Today lynch law is used throughout the entire length and breadth of the Black Belt as a means of binding the Negro and white share croppers closer to starvation so the assure the white master class of an army of cannon fodder in the next war.

Starved Into Army

Children and young workers are being prepared in schools for this next war. Military training in schools prevails throughout the South. In the agricultural districts 4-H Clubs are being formed by the white landowners where the young worker farmers are injected with a war hysteria against the Soviet Union, the Workers' and Farmers' country. Young unemployed workers are attracted into the army and navy. In one city alone in the South 100 young workers applied to join the army in JUST ONE WEEK. Driven by hunger, young unemployed workers all over the South are entering the army where they will be prepared to be the first to get killed off in the coming war.

Through the boss class through their news liars are shouting peace, yet they accept these young workers into the armed forces and are spending billions of dollars for battlefields, cannons, poison gases, airplanes and other war materials. Millions of dollars are spent by the boss class on propaganda against the Soviet Union. All of the schools, 4-H Clubs, newspapers and other bosses' agents are working up a frenzy against the Soviet Union. All this is calculated to make a war easy against the only workers' country, by getting the young workers prepared to fight and get killed protecting starvation conditions here and crushing the Soviet Union.

Young workers, smash the war schemes of the bosses. Make the 17th Anniversary of International Youth Day, the first one in the South, a day of mighty protest against starvation, wage-cuts, terror and war. Show the boss class that we will fight for our own interests against theirs! Defend the Soviet Union against the bosses of the entire world! Turn the next war, from a war for profits for the bosses into a war for a Workers' and Farmers' Government in the U. S. A.! Down with hunger! All war funds for the unemployed! Demonstrate International Youth Day, Sept. 30th, under the leadership of the Young Communist League! Young workers, join the Young Communist League!

### "Free" Fla. Workers Get 40 Cents a Day

By a Worker Correspondent

Tampa, Fla.

Well, comrades we are going thru the same terror that all organizers are meeting in the lily-white South. The cops have used their power in trying to suppress us but we are still here and here to stay.

A young unemployed worker was arrested for selling the Labor Defender on the streets today. He was released after he had told the court about the miserable conditions of the unemployed workers of Tampa and himself.

A seaman on the beach here has to pay \$1 more for a job on the State highway than a citizen. One seaman know worked 9 hours a day and made 40¢. Then he had to wait three days for the inspector to pay the word whether or not he would get paid.

The state is taking the convicts off the roads as the free workers can do the work much cheaper. If you don't work for 40¢ a day you get put on the chain gang for vagrancy. Tampa puts you on a street cleaning

### Starvation in Land of Plenty, What's Wrong?

Danville, Va.

While walking up Main Street yesterday, near the postoffice I saw a large picture in the window of an empty store. This picture showed 70,000 bushels of wheat poured out on the ground in Kansas.

There was also a picture taken in Kansas near the same place showing a farmer wrapping a bushel of wheat for three loaves of bread. Now we all know there are at least 10 times that much bread in a bushel of wheat, so what I want to know is who got the other loaves.

Thousands of bushels of wheat poured out on the ground. Millions of starving workers. Something wrong somewhere. Workers, isn't it time we were getting busy and doing something?

—A Worker.

gang-without pay. You can get a chance to work down here, but try and get paid for it.

—A Worker.

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greatest courage, determination and conspiratorial discipline. They were, however, very poorly armed, so that at the very first meeting with the white militia, the rebels were forced to use gravel for shot.

The rebels planned to reach Jerusalem, the county seat, where they had expected reinforcements in ammunition and men. About 3 miles from Jerusalem they met the first armed resistance. At first the white slaveholders were beaten and forced to retreat, but they obtained reinforcements and several Negroes were killed and many wounded. Later they met a cavalry attack and were beaten and scattered. Nat made another attempt to rally his forces but the federal militia was in full control, routing and killing off all supporters.

After hiding for eight weeks in a field Nat Turner was discovered, but made his escape. He continued to roam from place to place, being given food and other aid from Negroes in the neighborhood. In the meantime the whites had placed a price on his head and large parties searched for him far and wide. On October 30, he was discovered and captured.

The merciless revenge that followed is indescribable. Every slave in the territory was suspected and many were shot in cold blood. Turner himself was cruelly disemboweled by large mobs and was hung on Nov. 11th. His body "was skinned and grease made of the flesh," according to a report of the time and money prices were made out of the skin.

A serious shortcoming of the revolt was the lack of political outlook. The rebels set out to free the slaves by killing off the whites. They had no plan or program.

It was important at the very beginning of the rebellion for the rebels to declare the taking over of the land from the landowners and distributing it among the Negro masses.

Then again, the rebels had to face the entire organized American state with its armed forces and its economic machine. It had not yet become possible for a slave revolution to secure the aid and unity of the working class and the poor tenant farmers, not only in the South, but in the North as well. WITHOUT A WELL-ORGANIZED AND CENTRALIZED PARTY THERE CAN BE NO SUCCESSFUL REVOLUTION. The rebels had individual leadership, but no centralized party.

In view of these great shortcomings and the brutal system of oppression the Negroes suffered under, and the absolute lack of freedom it is indeed remarkable and to the credit of the Negro masses that this revolt extended "from the state of Delaware to the Gulf of Mexico." The great significance of this revolt lies in the fact that it was not limited to a few leaders, but was a broad mass movement.

### Soon It Will Be War

By a Worker Correspondent

Charlotte, N. C.

There are hundreds of people here that do not have clothes to wear and some have not bread to eat. Some have no place to stay and nowhere they can get a job.

Those that have jobs work so little that they cannot make a living. Not the way they are cutting wages and laying some of them off two and three days a week.

The way the world is going now something is going to happen and happen quick. If it don't make a change soon it is going to be war, and a big one at that.

The only way for us to do it is organize and fight for better conditions, white and colored together.

—A Worker.