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Fight to Extend Kentucky Strike

EXPOSE ENFORCED HUNGER IN NATION - WIDE HEARINGS

PROBE EXTENDS TO PRINCIPAL CITIES IN U. S. A.

In connection with the fight against wage cuts and against unemployment a nation-wide campaign has been launched for a systematic working class exposure of starvation conditions.

The exposure is to be carried on in the form of a thorough-going investigation of working class life in the big industrial centers, among the workers of the smaller localities and in a number of important farming regions.

The Councils of the Unemployed, with the participation of the trade unions and other workers' organizations, will direct the investigation.

Hearings Everywhere

The hearings will be held in Birmingham, Charlotte, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, Bridgeport, Boston, and other places. Hearings on the conditions of agricultural workers will be held in Denver and in California and Dakota. Hearings will be held everywhere during the entire week of November 1st to 7th.

The Unemployed Councils are arranging to hold such hearings in workers' halls in working class districts. Where no regular halls under control of workers are to be obtained special efforts are being made to secure halls of any kind.

Special South Problems

The hearings in Southern centers, especially in Birmingham, have to be conducted under conditions approaching ruling class terror. But the Unemployed Councils announce that the attempt will be made to establish the right to hold an investigation of starvation conditions. Special investigations regarding the effect of the periodical lynch campaigns against the Negro masses will be carried out. Also there will be definitely established the different rates of pay prevailing, showing that Negro workers get much lower pay for the same work, and how this system of unequal pay is used as a hammer by the bosses to rapidly beat down the wages of the whole working class, white and black.

Generally, throughout the country the hearings will cover every phase of the subject. Some of these are first hand experiences with evictions, local relief agencies, the charity fakes, city flop houses, breadlines, hobo camps, the stagger system, high rents, high prices, low wages, wage cuts, disease, suicides, discrimination against Negroes, youth, the foreign-born and women workers.

In connection with the hearings at which workers only, employed and unemployed, will testify, a statistical survey will be made, drawing upon all available sources for information.

Stenographic reports of the hear-

TEXTILE MILL WORKERS SCORN BOSSSES' TERMS

LAWRENCE, Mass. — The 25,000 textile workers of Lawrence will decisively reject the trick of the United Textile Workers Union leaders to betray them back to work under the bosses' terms, while they carry on arbitration maneuvers. The main purpose of the labor leaders of the American Federation of Labor textile union is to break the present strike. Then when the workers are forced back they will try in every way to disorganize the forces and disintegrate the fighting front of the workers so that more and more wage cuts can be enforced.

Foster Exposes Arbitration

More than 4,000 strikers listened to William Z. Foster, secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, expose the arbitration swindle and urge greater activity in setting up united front strike committees, elected by the strikers to carry on the struggle against wage cuts.

Southern Conditions Threat

Foster exposed the attempt of the bosses to beat down wages of the Northern workers to the starvation level existing in the mills of the South.

The Lawrence workers realize that their fight is in behalf of all textile workers. They are fighting against the wage cutting drive, as one sector of the class battle front that is resisting wage cuts and fighting for better conditions generally.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Southern textile workers should study the organization methods used in Lawrence and should launch strikes in individual mills, on the basis of economic demands. Committees of action should be set up to prepare the fight and when once started in even one mill, fight to extend the strike to other mills. Such action will have the full support of Northern textile workers who realize that the frightful conditions of mass starvation in the mill towns of the South will be extended all over the country unless Southern workers join in the general struggle against wage cuts.

ANOTHER BANK CRASH

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The United Security Trust Company is closed by order of the State banking department.

ings will be taken and will be used by the National Hunger Marchers' delegation that will go to Washington with class demands at the opening of Congress in December.

Besides the investigation by the Unemployed Councils the Trade Union Unity League will gather starvation statistics nationally.

MURDER GANG INDICTS THREE MINE LEADERS

EVARTS, Ky.—Walter England, Jess Killian, Sol Redmon, Jasper Ellison, Pete Carso and Tom Coyne, leaders of the National Miners' Union in Mingo Hollow, have been indicted on an old frame-up arising from the strike at the Premier mine last spring. They were charged with shooting at scabs on June 3, but all pickets were unarmed and in their shirt sleeves on that day.

The arrests of these miners is an effort to stop the strike that began on Straight Creek spreading to Mingo Hollow. Sentiment here for strike has grown rapidly since the indictments returned Saturday. The trial of these cases will be held November 8. International Labor Defense attorney from Chicago has arrived to take charge of these cases as well as Harlan cases.

CANADIAN POLICE KILL TWO MINERS

ESTEVAN, Saskatchewan.—Canadian police fired into a parade of strikers, killing two, and wounding two others. The strikers were miners and as soon as the shots were fired, made a counter-attack against the police, injuring twelve of the "Royal Mounted." The strike is led by the Workers' Unity League, the Canadian section of the Red International of Labor Unions.

FT. WAYNE, Ind.—Wages of all workers for the county were cut 7½ per cent.

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All orders must be in Chattanooga by Monday, November 3rd.

MORE MINERS GET WAGE CUTS

BROWNSVILLE, Pa.—More than 7,000 miners employed by the H. C. Frick Coke company received 10 per cent wage cuts.

Harlan County Thugs Take Moreland for Ride

(By Our Special Correspondent)

HARLAN, Ky.—The five mines on Straight Creek in Bell county, adjoining Harlan county, are still out and committees of action are working day and night to extend the strike to other mines.

Agitation in and around Habersham, Tenn., is resulting in a swing toward the fighting standard of the National Mine Workers Union.

Moreland Taken For Ride

The thug and gunman terror carried out by the henchmen of Morgan, Rockefeller, Insull, and Ford continues with unabated fury.

Debs Moreland, fighting Southern mine leader, who has worked a long time in the Kentucky fields, was kidnapped last Thursday and "taken for a ride" by four of the murder gang. He was taken across the border into Virginia and on Black Mountain in the vicinity of where Tom Meyerhough escaped from a fusilade of bullets, was beaten and amidst volleys of shots went over the mountain side and was left for dead.

But fortunately he escaped death and although injured and badly bruised all over his body, managed to crawl away and reach friends who took care of him until he could leave the vicinity.

Daily raids take place on the homes of miners known to be engaged in the work of developing resistance to the reign of terror.

Relief Badly Needed

The Harlan miners are endeavoring to bring to the attention of the whole working class their starvation conditions and to expose the worst reign of terror existing anywhere in the country. It shows that the very biggest capitalist rulers of America have sanctioned organized fascist attacks against the workers in Harlan. Unless this fascist attack is met and defeated it will certainly spread not only to all mine fields but to other industries.

One of the difficulties standing in the way of extending the strike is the slowness with which relief comes in. So efficient is the relief administered that miners are being fed at a cost of but three cents a meal. Even at that rate the relief thus far has not been sufficient.

Workers everywhere must rally to the relief of the Harlan miners. Otherwise they can look at Harlan today and see a picture of what is going to face them tomorrow.

Rush funds and food and clothing to the Pennsylvania-Ohio-Kentucky-West Virginia Striking Miners Relief Committee at 611 Penn Ave., Room 205, Pittsburgh, Pa.

National Hunger March to Washington

Labor Fakers of Chattanooga In Cheap Swindle

The Chattanooga Trades and Labor Council sent a protest to the bosses against employing "out-of-county" laborers for Hamilton county work on the highways. The council specifically objects to the employment of workers from Lenoir City, which is in Loudon county. One-third of the men employed are from Loudon county. It seems that two contracting firms, one from Hamilton county, in which Chattanooga is located and one from Loudon county had split their contracts to pave the Ringgold highway road. In case of similar agreements on other jobs Chattanooga men would go into another county.

Faking Game Goes On

Secretary Matt Gerlach of the local Trades and Labor Council released the story of the council's action to the press. Like all other labor fakers, that cheap political shyster only puts forth such idiotic demands in an effort to cover up the fact that the Trades and Labor Council has no program for unemployment, no policy of fighting against mass starvation.

By putting forth such foolish demands the leaders of the Council hope to retain influence over the organized craftsmen of Chattanooga and prevent these American Federation of Labor members repudiating them and participating in the struggles against employment being carried out by the militant forces of the working class.

The unemployed problem can never be met by erecting barriers to prevent workers from going from one county to another. We are used to hearing such drivel in regard to foreign-born workers; occasionally some fool proposes exclusion of workers from other states; now comes the Chattanooga labor fakers who set up county exclusion lines. Next we suppose it will be reduced to towns, then wards, then blocks. Any absurdity is taken up by the labor fakers to conceal their own treachery to the working class and their crawling before the boss class.

Held For Grand Jury In Chattha. Eviction

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Elijah Cook, Negro worker, is held to the grand jury on \$250 bail on a charge of trespassing because his neighbors aided him to put his furniture back in the house after he was evicted for non-payment of rent.

When Cook was first evicted he was brought to the county jail and Sheriff C. Taylor gave him \$3.00 with which to move out. It has been a practice with certain politicians to try to bribe workers threatened with eviction with small amounts which are presumably later collected from the landlord. Cook used the \$3.00 to buy food and remained in the house. Hence his arrest.

Crowd Hears Court Farce

A large crowd of Negro workers gathered at the little office of Squire Hamby where the hearing was held. Attorney G. W. Chamlee was retained by the International Labor Defense to represent the victim of landlord greed.

Deputy sheriffs are complaining that they are having trouble throwing Negroes out of their houses because of the activity of Reds, who urge them to remain on the premises and who organize the neighborhood to fight against evictions.

Four Main Columns Will Reach Capitol Dec. 7th

Unemployed Councils Issue Nation-Wide Call to Intensify Fight Against Starvation

To the workers of the United States: We call upon you to fight against the mass starvation that is engulfing the working class. We call on you to organize under the leadership of the Unemployed Councils, a great National Hunger March to Washington, to demand that Congress adopt the necessary measures of unemployment relief, to meet the present condition of growing starvation. Let us not stand idly by and allow our families to starve! Let us organize and fight for the right to live! Let us fight as the miners and textile workers are fighting in their great strikes!

The situation of the working class has become intolerable and it constantly grows worse. Fully 12,000,000 workers are now totally unemployed, and many millions more work only part time. Daily the economic crisis deepens and tens of thousands more

are thrown out of work. Sweeping wage-cuts take place in every industry, capitalist "plans" to cure the crisis fail dismally. The great industries remain idle, although millions are in want of the necessities of life. The government holds 200,000,000 bushels of wheat, but the farmers are poverty stricken and the city workers are famished for bread. Children are dying for want of milk while milk is being dumped by the milk corporations. Every day workers, driven desperate, kill themselves. It is capitalist chaos and bankruptcy.

Thus the capitalist system is rotting all over the world. Only in the Soviet Union are the industries flourishing, the wage standards rising, and the toilers free from the tragedy of unemployment and capitalist exploitation.

Capitalist Policy Is Starvation for Masses

The policy of the capitalists in this country is to make the workers starve. Their sole concern is to protect their own profits, sweated from our toil. They slash the workers' wages mercilessly, they throw millions out of jobs, depriving us of all means of making a living. They reduce the

workers to beggary. Their relief program is a contemptible one of "charity" with its miserable breadlines, flop house, etc. Parasitic stockholders live on the fat of the land; but the workers who built the industries and produced its riches, are thrust into destitution and starvation.

Government Protects Capitalists and Starves Workers

The government—local, state and national—enforces this capitalist starvation program. Everywhere it protects the capitalists and starves the workers. The Hoover government rushes with hundreds of millions to aid the banks. It spends three billions yearly for past, present and future wars. But it has nothing for the unemployed workers and the bankrupt

farmers. We are referred back to the crooked local politicians and professional charity sharks. The local governments arrest, club and shoot down the workers wherever they make mass demands for relief. In Chicago and Cleveland the police brutally murdered demonstrating unemployed workers.

We Must Either Fight or Starve

Manifestly we must fight. It is either fight or starve. We must not be turned from the path of struggle by the glib demagogic of such element as Governor Roosevelt and Pinchot, Mayor Murphy and the A. F. of L. officials and the socialist party. There is only the Hoover starvation policy dressed up in liberal, trade union and radical phrases.

Only by mass struggle can the starving workers force the capitalist government to grant relief. In every city we must organize the broadest

local struggles, demonstrations, and hunger marches—against evictions, against lay-offs, against wage-cuts, against the stagger plan, against forced labor, for cash relief from the city, for free rent, gas, lights, etc., for the unemployed, for free food and clothing for school children, etc. These local struggles must be the basis for the National Hunger March, which will in turn further organize and intensify the local struggles for relief, as well as unite the whole movement nationally.

March on to Washington — Demand Unemployment and Other Social Insurance

When Congress assembles early in December the delegates of the workers, the National Hunger Marchers, must be there to fight against the starvation of the workers. The working class has no representation in Congress. The main demands of these millions of unemployed workers, whom the marchers will represent, will be for unemployment insurance, equal to full wages for the unemployed and part-time workers, for special winter relief in the amount of \$150 for each unemployed worker and \$50 for each dependent; for the 7-hour

day without reduction in weekly earnings, for the initiation of a federal program of furnishing work to the workers at union wages, for the abolition of the brutal terror and discrimination against Negroes and deportation of foreign-born workers, demands for the ex-servicemen and poor farmers, etc. The marchers will demand that all war funds be applied to unemployment relief and be administered by the Unemployed Councils.

They will demand the enactment of the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill.

Elect Marchers at United Mass Meetings of Workers

The National Hunger March must be a gigantic mass movement. The marchers are to be elected at great local mass meetings, made up of employed and unemployed workers, members of A. F. of L. and T. U. U. L. union, workers' fraternal organizations, unorganized workers from the shops, etc. Delegates will come from

all of the important centers, from New York to San Francisco. In the many cities through which the marchers will pass they will be greeted by big mass demonstrations of the workers. Similarly, on their return journey from Washington, the marchers will report along the routes to mass meetings of workers.

Food, Clothing and Medical Services for Marchers

The march will be fully organized. The approximately 1,500 marchers will be regularly elected delegates, organized in unit formations, and thoroughly disciplined. The march will be directly under the auspices of the Unemployed Councils. The T. U. U. L. and its affiliated unions will co-op-

erate. The Workers' International Relief will organize the commissary and medical services jointly with the Unemployed Councils. Made up of men and women delegates—youth, Negro, foreign born and native—the marchers will be thoroughly representative of the working class.

Four Main Columns Will Move to Washington

The march, proceeding principally by trucks will go in four general columns (1) starting at Boston and drawing in delegations from all the middle and north Atlantic states, (2) starting at Buffalo and proceeding via Scranton to Philadelphia; (3) starting at Chicago, including delegations from the west and northwest, and proceeding by the northern route via Detroit, Cleveland and Pittsburgh; (4) starting at St. Louis, including delegations from the South and Southwest and proceeding via Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. Full di-

Build Unemployed Councils!

Organize for the National Hunger March! Build Unemployed Councils! Intensify the local demonstrations for immediate relief! Make the cities seethe with demands for food for the starving and shelter for the homeless! Make the National Hunger March a gigantic demonstration of the workers against starvation! On to Washington December 7th!

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Boston Unemployed Council. San Francisco Unemployed Council. Minneapolis Unemployed Council. Chicago Unemployed Council. Pittsburgh Unemployed Council. Philadelphia Unemployed Council. New Haven Unemployed Council. Buffalo Unemployed Council. Kansas City Unemployed Council. UNEMPLOYED COMMITTEE FOR THE NATIONAL HUNGER MARCH, 5 East 19th St., New York City.

WOUNDED MAN TO FACE LYNCH COURT NOV. 9th

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Willie Peterson, tubercular miner, now lying in the hospital suffering from bullet wounds inflicted upon him in the county jail by a white lynch, is to be placed on trial on a murder charge November 9, according to the local press.

While Willie Peterson was in the county jail in the custody of Sheriff Frank F. Hawkins, Dent Williams, shyster lawyer and brother of one of the society females who was shot during a road-side "petting party," fired five shots at the helpless Negro, three shots taking effect.

Peterson Near Death

For many days Peterson hovered between life and death. Even now it is certain that the Negro cannot live more than a few months because of the ravages of tuberculosis and the effects of the bullets. But the Birmingham legal lynching gang, that is to say the police, the courts and all the "law enforcing" machinery are preparing to stage a legal lynching of the Negro worker as part of their campaign of terror against the entire Negro working class population of Birmingham.

Fear Strikes Against Cuts
The campaign against Negro workers, a campaign that has been raging for months, has intensified since the general wage cut imposed upon Birmingham workers—especially the workers in the steel industry and the miners.

The boss press that never shrinks from broadcasting any lie that will serve its purpose and that tries constantly to keep race prejudice at fever heat is outdoing itself recently because it fears the Communist agitation for unity of the working class against wage cuts.

The Birmingham plutocracy feels the ground trembling beneath its feet. It is finding it harder than ever before to whip up the lynch spirit among

white workers. Even many of the white professional people and other middle class elements, hard hit by the economic crisis, are questioning the leadership of the lynch gang.

Peterson Has Alibi
Many are the theories as to who actually killed the two women last August. Most of those familiar with the individuals involved and the bohemianism of the Williams and Ward families believe that the girls were killed as a result of jealousy on the part of some white nabob, whose arrest would blow the lid off as rotten a mess of society corruption and individual depravity as even Alabama has seen for some time.

No matter who did it, there is one thing certain. Peterson did not commit the crime. He has a 100 percent alibi, the details of which will be brought out at the trial—if the lynch gang ever let him come to trial.

Robinson Circus Kills Worker For Demanding Pay

MOBILE, Ala.—Two days ago, twenty-five Negro and white workers arrived here all bruised and ragged. They had been thrown off a train fourteen miles away, by the bosses of the circus for which they were working. The bosses had offered to pay them one dollar for their week's work. When they protested against such robbery, they were attacked with blackjacks and kicked off the Robinson circus train without a cent.

One of the Negro workers has died of his injuries.

The white workers realize that the bosses do not give a hang more about them than they do about the Negro workers. They only try to make the whites look down upon the Negro in order to turn his mind away from the fact that the boss class is the common enemy of all workers regardless of color.

FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

NEGRO LABOR INCREASES IN ALL INDUSTRY

NEW YORK.—The advance census reports continue to show that the Negro population in all industrial centers both in the North and the South is increasing. In such important centers of basic industry as Cleveland, Columbus, Akron, Toledo, (all in Ohio) there has been an increase of more than 100 per cent. In the famous steel town of Gary, Indiana, the Negro population has tripled. In Youngstown there has been a rise of 118 percent. In Buffalo, 200 percent. In Newark, almost 9 percent. In Detroit, the automobile town, more than 7½ percent. In Los Angeles, 149 percent. In Birmingham, 41 percent.

The same has occurred in every important city, North and South. St. Louis, Baltimore, Louisville, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago and New York have all had high percentage increases in the Negro population as compared to the white population increases. In spite of a back-to-the-farm movement enforced by the drastic effects of unemployment upon the Negroes in cities, this increase continues.

This reflects the fact that the Negro is becoming more and more a decisive factor in the economic struggles of the working class. Both in the way of unemployment and of wage-cuts, he is extraordinarily hard hit. He may be counted upon to fight in the front ranks of the workers in every phase of the struggle against capitalist starvation, whether it be against wage cuts, for jobless relief or against the political manifestations of the boss program in such forms as police persecution, terrorization of the foreign-born and other means of suppression.

The American Federation of Labor plays its full role in betraying the interests of the Negro and white masses. The A. F. of L. will still refuse to organize the white and Negro workers together. Wherever the growth of the Negro proletariat has forced them to organize the Negroes, they have done it on a Jim-Crow basis, in order to stifle the struggle. The only force capable of dealing with the situation is the revolutionary trade union movement of the Trade Union Unity League. The growth of the Negro working class presents this organization with still more responsible tasks of organization and struggle. The T. U. U. L. must lead in a sharp fight against race discrimination. Without militant leadership in the struggle against all forms of Negro oppression, it is impossible to carry on the struggle against wage-cuts and for better working and living conditions for any section of the working class, whether foreign-born, Negro or native white.

Too Many Thugs In Harlan, Says Fighting Miner

(By a Worker Correspondent)

HARLAN, Ky.—We sure are glad to get the Southern Worker in here in spite of John Henry Blair. Just a few lines to brother workers about what is the matter with our country. There are too many thugs and pimps. They have to be gotten out some way if they have to die.

We all work like hell, winter is coming on, no food, no clothing, no shelter. Are we going to freeze and starve our families to death? Hell, no! We will fight.

There is too much food and clothing on the market. That's why we starve—go naked and hungry.

Wake up, labor. Let's all fight together for our freedom. Burst these rotten courts. Let us finish putting this drive over in Harlan county or all die trying. Let's make Harlan a fit place to live in or all sink to hell with the thugs and the thugs' bosses.

—From a Miner.

Betsy Ross Supports Communist Program

Writing from Canton, Ohio, to the Daily Worker, the central organ of the Communist Party of the U. S. A., Ernest R. Veigh, relates that Betsy Ross, the great-granddaughter of the creator of the American flag is facing slow starvation in that city.

She said she used to live next door in California to the Hoover family and that Hoover personally asked her for her vote, but she refused, telling him her family had been "hooverized" enough in California.

She and her husband are existing on charity that has recently been cut from \$2.75 to \$2.25 a week. She is a very old woman, having been born in 1855 in Illinois. During the Civil War her father was an army officer. She recalls that during that time when yet a little girl, she, and her brothers and mother were shoved into a box car at Chattanooga, Tenn.

She welcomed a visit from Communists, saying: "You Communists are the only ones to lead the poor to final victory. Stick to it! I'm voting Communist next month."

BOSTON DRESS STRIKE

BOSTON, Mass.—When D. Gordon's dress shop fired two workers the rest of the workers went on strike under the leadership of the Needle Workers' Industrial Union. A rank and file strike committee has issued a call to all dressmakers in Boston to join the fight and to put forth demands against wage-cutting, speed-up, etc.

BROOM WORKERS' WAGES CUT
CHICAGO, Ill.—The Broom Manufacturing association cut wages in all its associated plants 15 per cent.

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Census Reports Show Decline of Farm Values Through South

Farm Crisis In Georgia

In Georgia the small farmer is being driven from the land or reduced to cropper or farm laborer. The farms are owned by a smaller number of farmers, many of whom own thousands of acres of land.

According to the farm census for 1930, just released for publication by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce at Washington, the number of farms in Georgia decreased from 310,732 in 1920 to 255,598 in 1930.

Of the 255,598 farms in Georgia, only 70,596 are operated by full owners. All the rest are operated by mortgagees or tenants.

The farms are being bought up dirt cheap by the big fellows. In most cases the ownership passes to the big fellows and the banks by foreclosing mortgages.

The value of the Georgia farm land has fallen more than half in the last ten years. It was worth \$1,356,685,196 in 1920; today it is valued at \$683,434,633. These figures include land and buildings, implements and machinery and livestock.

The ratio of debt to the value of farms is 39.85 per cent.

Arkansas Children Denied Doctor's Care

MENA, Ark.—Three children, slowly dying of typhoid fever caused from impure drinking water, no medical attention, and the entire household of eight on starvation. This is the plight of one tenant family living near Menia.

The parents have no money, so the children have no doctor. For medicine, the little patients have aspirin and hot towels; for food, lightbread and buttermilk.

Where is the Red Cross in this situation? Involved in a lot of red tape with a "don't give a damn" attitude toward cases like these.

The farmers of Arkansas learned all about the Red Cross during the drought period.

Farmers! Tell the Red Cross to go to hell, and organize your own relief committees. Don't starve! Don't die! Demand food! Demand medicine! Demand justice for all the exploited of the world!

Harold Preece.

Communist Lead Against Terrorism

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The terror in Birmingham is getting worse. This teaches us to get closer to the leadership of the Communist Party. Many workers now know that this leads us to victory if we will only organize along the lines laid down by the Party.

The Party is new to many of us, but it is what we have been needing for years. It tells us how to organize and fight. If we don't we will continue to suffer this way for years and all the time it will get worse.

Don't think the other fellow will make it better for you. You must fight hard to beat the boss.

MISSOURI MINERS STRIKE

LEXINGTON, Mo.—More than 700 miners employed in the Western Coal company struck against a 25 per cent wage cut. They have been sold out many times by the United Mine Workers of America. The National Miners' Union is not yet in the field to lead them.

Mississippi Hard Hit

In the state of Mississippi, the number of farms has increased from 272,101 in 1920 to 312,663 in 1930, but the value of the farms has decreased from \$964,751,855 to \$692,813,919, or nearly one-third.

There are but 77,382 Mississippi farms operated by full owners.

The number of farms have increased because of the practice of the plantation owners and banks of cutting up the farms into smaller parcels for tenants, whom they rob on the basis of shares.

The mortgage indebtedness has increased from 30.30% of the total value in 1920 to 41.16%; this in spite of the thousands of mortgage foreclosures during the past decade.

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Figures For North Carolina

The number of farms in North Carolina have increased slightly; from 269,763 in 1920 to 279,798 in 1930. But the value has decreased from \$1,250,166,995 in 1920 to \$965,351,505 last year.

A proportionately larger number of farms are operated by full owners in North Carolina than in other Southern States, the figure being 115,765—as compared with 151,376 in 1920.

The ratio of debt to the value of the North Carolina farms increased during the ten year period from 30.95 to 37.18.

Georgia Butchers Burn Two Negroes in Chair

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga.—Two more Negroes died here in the electric chair last Friday. One was Robert Chisholm, sentenced to death for an alleged attack on a white woman at Perry Ga. The other was Clark Stevens, charged with slaying Police Chief McAdams at Madison, Ga., last August. Both victims of legal lynching claimed they were innocent when last seen by friends.

Prison officials resorting to their habitual lies, said both men confessed to them before going to the chair.

Negro Workers! Beware Miss. Grafters

A low crook, L. E. Carrigan, P. O. Box, 317, Jackson, Mississippi, is trying to steal dollars from Negro workers on the pretext that he will put them in touch with someone who will get jobs for them in the Soviet Union. The person has no connection whatsoever with the Soviet Union or with any representatives of the workers' and peasants' government.

He is only trying to take advantage of the fact that many Negroes, facing hunger, discrimination and terror here, would like to go to the Soviet Union where there is no unemployment, no hunger and where the future of every worker is secure.

Have nothing to do with Carrigan, the swindler. Expose him to all the people you know.

SILK WORKERS' WAGES CUT

DANVILLE, Pa.—Ninety silk workers in the Starr silk mills struck against a 15½ per cent wage cut. Being unorganized, they lost.

ROCHELLE, Ga.—The trial of the Rev. J. M. Williams, who butchered his son in order to collect life insurance, opened here Monday.

SECRET JAILING OF MINERS IS EXPOSED IN KY.

(By Our Own Correspondent)

HARLAN, Ky.—Every day that passes exposes more details of the terror against the miners. Many miners just drop out of sight—disappear—and their friends are unable to get any information about them. Some of them are undoubtedly dead; murdered by the roving gangs of armed thugs and gunmen from the vice dens of the big cities. These criminal bands are deputized by John Henry Blair, chief thug of Harlan county's coal operators. Others are thrown into jail without any charges being made against them and tortured from time to time in an effort to break their fighting spirit.

I. L. D. Forces Release

Henry Henderson, 23-year-old miner, arrested last May on charges of banding and confederating, was released from jail last week, when Albert Goodman, International Labor Defense Attorney from Chicago, learned that he was being held without any charge whatsoever against him. For a time Henderson was held on a charge of grand larceny, in connection with food raids, which was dismissed several weeks ago.

Note Smuggled Out

Henderson would still be in jail if it were not that he succeeded in smuggling out a note to the International Labor Defense.

A four-hour search of the records revealed that Tom Epps, a 52-year-old Negro miner, is being held without any charge against him. Habeas corpus proceedings have been started by the I. L. D. attorneys to force his release.

Judge (Baby-face) Jones, signed an order for the release of Henderson only in order to avoid an exposure. Every effort is being made to release all who are being held in the Harlan jail, and to trace miners who have "disappeared" during the reign of terror in the coal fields.

Jailer Gets Graft

Nowhere is there a more filthy petty larceny bunch of grafters and thieves than the officers of the law in this part of the country. Any of them are capable of stealing pennies off a dead man's eyes. The jailer, L. F. Ball is able to steal about 80 cents a day off prisoners by cheating them on food. This he probably divides with such other worthies as Judge Jones and Sheriff Blair; so the more workers that gang have in jail the more money they can seal in their own petty way.

Besides paying them graft on the side for their campaigns of murder and terror the bosses of Jones and Blair—the Insull public utility gang, the Rockefeller concern (Peabody coal company) Henry Ford's outfit—and Andrew W. Mellon's managers, permit the judge and sheriff and all the rest of the thugs to graft as much as they can without interference.

Restaurant Help Get What Is Left on Table

(By a Worker Correspondent)
TAMPA, Fla.—I work at the J. Bailey Cafe here in Tampa, and the boss man pays me \$3.00 a week. I work 12 hours a day and my meals consist of what the white folks leave on their plates when they are through eating. I am glad the Communists are here in Tampa. I am joining the T. U. U. L. as soon as I can spare the initiation fee.

—Negro Kitchen Helper.

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Central Committee Calls For Utmost Support of National Hunger March

The Unemployed Councils Committee for the National Hunger March has issued a call to the workers of the U. S. to mobilize and participate in the National Hunger March to Washington on December 7. This Hunger March must be made a mass demonstration of the unemployed and part time workers against starvation and for the demands of unemployment insurance and immediate winter relief. The National Hunger March will unite all the struggles of the unemployed workers on a local basis and mobilize mass support behind the demands upon the federal government. The National Hunger March is the most important immediate task of the Party.

Hand in hand with increased starvation and misery, the cutting off of the miserable local relief, the spending of more billions of dollars for war preparations, the bosses increase their demagogic propaganda to fool the unemployed workers through all kinds of fake schemes and so-called "relief plans." The workers of this country have by now the experiences of the past "relief" plans of the bosses and their government as well as the pledges of the Hoover government to "maintain wages." In their starvation schemes the bosses have the full cooperation of their loyal agents, the A. F. of L. officials, the Musteites and the Socialist Party.

The third winter of the economic crisis is approaching. More hunger and misery, evictions and wage cuts are facing us. It was the Communist Party of this country which led the monster demonstration of March 6, in the organization of the Unemployed Councils to lead the struggles against evictions, for immediate relief, for unemployment insurance, as well as organizing the workers in the struggle against wage cuts, stagger system and lay-offs.

The Communist Party calls upon the workers of this country to rally behind the call of the Unemployed Committee to help to make the National Hunger March to Washington a gigantic demonstration against hunger, for the demands of winter relief and Unemployment Insurance. The only way to make the Hunger March a success is through developing local struggles for the immediate demands of the unemployed workers, to intensify the struggles against evictions and above all to build the organization of unemployed—the Unemployed Councils.

The National Hunger March must be a rallying point of broad masses of the workers, employed and unemployed, white and Negro, men and women, youth and adult, for the mutual demands, for Unemployment Insurance and the struggle against wage cuts.

The Central Committee calls upon the Party membership to give full assistance to the Unemployed Councils in the preparation of the Hunger March. Every District and Section Committee as well as every Party Unit shall consider the National Hunger March as the most important immediate task of the Party and draw in all possible forces for the support of the March.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE C. P. U. S. A.

Two Tennessee Cities Rank Highest In U. S. Illiteracy

More than three out of every hundred native-born whites ten years of age or over are illiterate in Knoxville. Of ninety-three cities in the United States Knoxville ranks highest in native-born white illiterates. Chattanooga ranks second. The percentage of Negro illiteracy is 11.6 a hundred, about the average for the South. The illiteracy among Negroes is due to the vicious discrimination against them by the white ruling class and the bribed and corrupted elements in the ranks of the Negro professors, preachers, bootleggers and others.

It is not surprising that the state which is a subject of jest throughout the world for its monkey trial at Dayton; its ruling class worship of such a benighted bellower of ignorance as William Jennings Bryan, a state that has as its governor a specimen of the type of Horton or a political leader like Luke Lea, and a state legislature that passes a law making it a crime to teach the scientific fact that man was not created, but that he descended from an ape-like animal, should contain within its borders the two most illiterate cities in the United States.

When one familiar with modern science views the antics of the ruling class of Tennessee and other states of this part of the country he has, to paraphrase the German scientist, Ernst Maeckel, "far more respect for

his more remote (ape) ancestors than for his more immediate blood-relatives."

Much as they dislike the idea of being blood relatives of apes (which every human being undeniably is) a good look at many of the boss class of Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama or Mississippi shows that they have not advanced even yet so far beyond the ape stage.

White Man Rapes 6-Year-Old Negro Girl

PETERSBURG, Va.—The son of a wealthy merchant here took a six-year-old Negro girl into the back room of his father's store and raped her. The girl had gone to the store for a doll house, when she was enticed into the back room. She was badly lacerated. The boss class is endeavoring to hush up the affair, the local press giving it only small space inside the papers. Quite different from the big headlines designed to whip up a lynch spirit against Negroes when some white woman accuses a Negro. But then the rich sons of the South have always regarded Negro girls as legitimate prey—one of the traditions of the chattel slave days.

Arabs Fight to Crush Tyranny

PALESTINE.—The movement of the Arabian masses against British imperialism in Palestine, has been constantly growing during the past two months. The British work thru the upper class Jewish population. By maintaining the Jewish minority in a privileged position the government maneuvers to keep down the broad masses of the Palestinian populace, which is Arabian. The government has recently set up armories in the Jewish sections for their protection. The Arabs have no such arms.

The Arabs have been denied the right to organize or hold meetings.

In the face of the Government, the Arab Executive showed inclinations to vacillate last August. The rank and file Arab youth, however, took things in their own hands and demonstrated against the policy of racial and national discrimination.

The entire Jewish population by no means wants to oppress the Arabs. This was seen in the fact that 7,000 Arab and Jewish drivers struck together on August 7th, against an increase in the license fee. It is the upper class which works for stirring up race hatred in Palestine as well as in the United States.

Two Kentucky Police Shoot Enemy In Jail

EVARTS, Ky.—Five hours after being placed in jail here on a charge of being drunk, Oscar Simpson, former prohibition agent, was shot to death Sunday. Two brothers who are policemen, named Middleton, placed Simpson in jail, then let someone in to shoot him. If these pimps keep fighting among themselves and killing each other they will not have so much time to kill miners. The whole gang, police, sheriffs, and prohibition agents, are hirelings of the coal operators. The killing is said to have been caused by a quarrel over graft. It is connection with whiskey selling. The prohibition agent was one of the bootleggers in this section during the time he worked for the United States government and interfered with the whiskey trade of the Middleton brothers and another bootlegger named J. G. Cox.

A. F. L. Convention Continues Treachery

The gang of labor fakers that ran the American Federation of Labor Convention at Vancouver wound up their performance by re-electing the chief of the strike-breakers, William Green, for another term as president.

Much of the time of the convention was taken up with discussions on how to help the bosses and the bosses' government avoid the payment of unemployment insurance.

So, in the midst of the worst economic crisis the world has ever seen, and at a time when millions of laborers face hunger and starvation, the American Federation of Labor convention, by a two-thirds vote, rejected unemployment insurance.

Small Fake Opposition

There was a small group of delegates that spoke in favor of unemployment insurance because they deemed it expedient at the present time and not because they were in favor of the principle of compulsory state maintenance of the unemployed. That group showed its real colors by participating in the unanimous vote for the reelection of Green. Those who spoke in favor of unemployment insurance at the A. F. of L. convention are simply playing a game of deception. They try to use radical phrases in an effort to keep workers inside the reactionary A. F. of L.

Many Banks Crash In Every Part of The United States

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—The Dolan Savings and Trust Co. and the City Trust and Savings Bank, with combined "resources" of over \$42,000,000, crashed. The bankruptcy of the two banks also resulted in closing the First National Bank. Tens of thousands of depositors lost.

TARENTUM, Pa.—The Tarentum Savings and Trust Co., with more than \$2,000,000 in its clutches closed last week.

WEST NEWTON, Pa.—The Farmers and Merchants Bank of this town is bankrupt and is closed.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The Commercial Trust Company joined the list of banks that have crashed in this state.

SHINNSTON, W. Va.—The Farmers' Bank of this place crashed on Thursday.

JANE LEW, W. Va.—The Union Bank closed Friday—bankrupt.

FOWLER, Ind.—The Bank of Benton County, oldest in this city, crashed Wednesday.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Four banks in this state crashed Thursday. They were the First National Bank of Moberly and the First National Bank of Versailles, both national banks. The Bank of Dalton, at Dalton, Mo., and the Moscow Mills Savings Bank, in Lincoln county, were the other two bankrupts.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Twelve banks, most of them leading institutions, located at Aiken, North Augusta, Batesburg, Johnson, Wagener, Salley, Barnhill Blackville, Lexington, Ellenton, Williston and Graniteville, crashed during the past week.

TRENTON, N. J.—Two banks, the Toms River Trust company and the Wildwood Trust and Title company, crashed last week.

SINGLE MEN FIRED IN GARY
GARY, Ind.—All single men of the Merchant steel have been put out on the street. Married men get but two or three days a week at \$4 a day.

unions and prevent their going over to the new militant unions, such as the National Miners Union, the National Textile Workers' Union, the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union and the Industrial Leagues that are laying the basis for new unions in the steel and metal industry, the marine industry, etc.

Opposes Strike Action

Unable to ignore the fierce wage-cutting campaign being carried out against workers in every industry, the Vancouver convention declared against wage cuts—in words. But in deeds it favored the disgraceful "stagger" system, which means that working time is cut down with a reduction in wages. The stagger system is calculated to get workers accustomed to a reduced standard of life—less food, poorer clothing, worse houses—so we can be kept permanently in such a condition.

No one at the convention even mentioned preparing for strike action to resist wage cuts; the convention unanimously rejected the strike weapon—the only weapon that can force the bosses to stop the campaign of wage cuts.

All in all it was a typical conference of the agents of capitalism posing as labor leaders.

Textile Workers Protest Wage Cut

BURLINGTON, N. C.—Twelve hundred workers met today protesting the ten per cent wage cut in textile mills here. Definite plans are on foot for organized resistance to wage cuts and to fight against hunger.

A number of workers spoke in favor of joining the National Textile Workers' Union, after which many did join.

The principal speakers were Clara Holden and W. G. Binkley.

Bishop Indicted On Election Fraud

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and a woman whom he calls his "political secretary" have been indicted by the federal grand jury at Washington D. C., for violation of the corrupt practices law. The woman is Ada L. Burroughs.

The indictment of Cannon, one of the most rabid fundamentalists and prohibitionists, and one of the pillars of the Southern ruling class, grew out of his misuse of funds during the 1928 presidential election campaign.

Heads Part of Reaction

Cannon, a bishop of the Methodist church, plays an important part in keeping the southern white masses in a state of illiteracy or semi-illiteracy, is opposed to every advance of modern science, being a rabid antievolutionist, is a supporter of Ku Klux violence against the Negro masses and white workers who dare try to think for themselves.

His connection with the anti-saloon league shows that a considerable part of his income is derived indirectly from bootleggers, because it is the powerful bootleg trust of the north, that enforces its decrees upon rival gangs with machine guns, that is the principal supporter of the Anti-Saloon League financially. That was brought out in the famous trial in which Rev Anderson of the anti-saloon league was sent to prison for graft. The anti-saloon league fights against the return of legalized liquor so that their bootlegger friends can continue to pile up wealth.

Cannon supported Hoover last election and it was only after his crooked deals had stirred up an awful stink that he was finally indicted.

His female "political secretary" is also a prominent church leader.

Negroes Escape; Clerk Dies of Shock Effect

LIVINGSTON, Ala.—Unable to eat the garbage thrown to them by the jailor, three Negro prisoners overpowered Deputy Sheriff Godfrey when he went to "feed" them and escaped jail. S. H. Selby, clerk of the circuit court died from a heart attack caused by excitement when he realized that Alabama Negroes are not afraid to fight against officers of the law.

Finds Job; Dies of Hunger and Old Age

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Weakened from hunger and worn with age John Brock, 70 years old, fell under a truck he was loading and was killed fifteen minutes after he got the job. He had been out of work for more than a year.

LACEMAKERS' WAGES CUT

PHILADELPHIA.—Lacemakers at the John Bromley mills were cut 10 per cent.