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FOR IMMEDIATE  
WINTER RELIEF

TAMPA, Fla.—More than 7,500 cigar makers went on strike here Friday as a protest against the continued holding in prison of the 17 arrested on November 7, while celebrating the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution.

The strikers not only demand freedom for the prisoners, but also demand that the bosses permit readers in the factories. There has been a practice of reading aloud while rolling cigars. The bosses said the readers were spreading Red propaganda. The cigar makers say they have a right to listen to anything they want read.

A list of economic demands are being formulated so that the strike will not only achieve the political end of releasing the prisoners but also remedy a series of grievances in the different shops.

### Florida Farmers Chase Police and Support the Reds

(By a Worker Correspondent)

RUSKIN, Fla.—Following up the police attack on workers in Tampa, the cops came out here and arrested Comrade J. Walker and told the other farmers to take the Reds out and beat them up and give them castor oil and hang them to a tree. The farmers told the police that they would do that to the cops if they did not let them alone and stay away from Ruskin.

Comrade Walker was turned loose again after the sheriff's force had kept him in jail 72 hours. Hopkins of the deportation squad threatened the comrade with "deportation to Russia," as though that would scare anybody.

There are about ten small cities and towns around Tampa where the workers and farmers want to get into the movement and fight and the organizers of the Party, the League, the ILD, etc., are trying to line them up as members.

At one mass meeting alone held a couple of days ago one thousand dollars were raised toward the defense fund of the 17 comrades who were arrested November 7th in Tampa and whose hearings come up November 30th.

#### MANY BANKS CLOSE

In spite of the capitalist boast that the banking system is safe, 512 banks closed during the past month. More than \$566,686,000 were wiped out, mostly workers' savings.

#### Anti-Soviet Drive

There is one thing only on which the imperialist bandits of the various countries can agree—that is preparation for war and intervention against the Soviet Union—the fatherland of the workers of the world. But the United States imperialists want to be in a position to decide when and how such intervention takes place. They want to be sure that all the nations bordering the Soviet Union, from Finland, to the Baltic states, through Poland and Roumania, are lined up and ready for joint action when the signal is given to try to smash the borders of the Soviet Union from the West.

Yankee imperialism has its "observers" its military experts, its diplomatic spies and just plain stool pigeons of every variety busy in Manchuria and China helping to establish an anti-Soviet military base there.

American, French, British, Italian forces are in Manchuria, uniting with the Japanese forces in attacks against the toiling masses. Recent reports state that forces of these countries made a joint attack against the Chinese workers by bombarding their quarters at Tientsin. The imperialists fear that the spread of the revolution in China will defeat their attempts and that they face the constant menace of a revolutionary war that will drive out all the imperialists and extend the Chinese Soviets.

#### World Wide Opposition

In every capitalist country there

The war being waged by Japanese imperialism against the Chinese masses has the full backing of the League of Nations. The statesmen of the capitalist world are all in favor of the war now being waged to tear China to pieces so that the imperialist bandits of the capitalist world can steal the wealth of natural resources from that country and make slaves of the vast population of China.

The United States government, although not a member of the League of Nations tries to scheme in every possible way so that it can take an important part in the war drive now going on against China. Yankee imperialism wants what it considers its share of the loot of Manchuria and China today and wants to be in a position tomorrow to try to seize the whole thing for itself. The Wall Street bandit gang, whose political headquarters are at Washington with Mellon, Hoover and Stimson as leaders, are not backing Japan so that the "Island Empire of the Pacific" will become mightier than it is now. American imperialism backs Japan only because it hopes through such action to strengthen its own forces in the Far East so that it can challenge Japan in open war for the domination of the Pacific.

#### FARMERS UNDER RED FLAG

More than 1,000 farmers marched into Plentywood, Montana, behind two red flags and demonstrated against the fake relief schemes of the local Red Cross. They paraded around town and then held a joint meeting of three groups of the United Farmers' League.

is a rapidly growing movement against the war conspiracies of the imperialist powers and in defense of the Soviet Union. The masses of every country are against imperialist war. More and more they are coming to follow the lead of the Communist Parties of the world in the fight against war. The Soviet Union fights for peace; resists all attempts to provoke the Soviet masses into war. The capitalists want to destroy the Soviet Five Year Plan and to try to reduce the free workers of the Soviet Union to the miserable conditions of the workers in the capitalist world.

The war going on in Manchuria is a threat to the workers of the whole world. We must increase our fight against war and in defense of the Soviet Union.

CHATTANOOGA.—The Chattanooga police and assorted thugs are still carrying on the drive to prevent workers, especially Negro workers, meeting or carrying on any other activity. Negro neighborhoods in which meetings have been held are patrolled and all attempts to meet are fought by the police. If any white workers are seen in Negro neighborhoods (outside the red light places) they are driven away. So bad has the police attack become that many Negro workers are afraid to have white workers come to their houses for meetings and they are afraid to go into the white neighborhoods for fear of being savagely attacked, beaten and arrested by the police.

A regular police picket is maintained before the office of the International Labor Defense, 20 W. Main street. The Chattanooga police even imported a known thug and gunman who has recently been active in Harlan county, Kentucky, to aid in the fight against Chattanooga Reds.

But the police drive will not stop the workers from continuing to build up fighting organizations composed of Negro and white workers to fight against unemployment, wage cuts, lynch law, jim-crowism, and against the bosses' war conspiracies.

Meetings have been and are being held in spite of the police activity, and more will be held in the future.

#### FARMERS UNDER RED FLAG

HARLAN, Ky.—The work of organization of forces strong enough to resist the bosses' attacks in Harlan county has reached such a stage, in spite of the terror, that plans are now being completed for a conference that will deal with the question of an immediate strike. Every day sees new groups of miners drawn into the organizational machinery being set up. There is not the slightest doubt that the vast majority of the miners strongly favor strike action against starvation conditions and against the thug terror and murder campaign that has been maintained by the bosses in Harlan county for nearly a year now.

#### Preparing Relief Center

Full details of when and where the conference will be held are not yet available, but it will be held within a few weeks at most. The organizational machinery for handling the strike, which will embrace the Harlan county coal fields, the Bell county mines and the Kentucky mines, and possibly even spread as far as the mining fields of Alabama, is being rapidly set up. A relief center for the Kentucky Tennessee miners is being set up at Covington, Kentucky, and a campaign will be begun within a few days for collecting relief for the miners who are preparing to go on strike.

#### Committees of Action

Work of building Committees of Action to conclude the preparations for the general strike is rapidly going ahead in all fields of Kentucky and Tennessee.

As was to be expected in the present situation the agents of the bosses in the American Federation of Labor and the I. W. W. are intensifying their work of trying to prevent the miners organizing machinery for the strike and joining the National Miners Union, the only real miners' union in the United States. Their stool pigeons must be fought the same as John Henry Blair's gun-men, and all miners convinced that the officials of such organizations are the most dangerous enemies we have.

#### SOVIET WAGE INCREASE

The Commissariat of Transportation of the Soviet Union announced that wages of all longshoremen, stevedores and checkers are to be increased 20 per cent. There is no unemployment among marine transport workers or any other workers in the Soviet Union.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—More than 600 miners at Olyphant, near here, kicked out the reactionary United Mine Workers' officials and called upon the Anthracite Unity Committee of Action to help them organize a strike against local grievances.

The National Hunger Marchers are nearing Washington, in spite of all the vicious efforts of the capitalist class, its police, its courts, and other officials to prevent it.

The fight for unemployment insurance, the demands for immediate winter relief of \$150 for each unemployed worker and \$50 for each dependent, the demands for relief equivalent to full wages have aroused masses of workers throughout the entire country. The capitalists and all their lackeys are afraid of the growth of the unemployed movement.

#### Well and Hoover Attack

Supplementing the attacks waged against the Hunger Marchers in various states and at numerous points along the line of march of the four main columns converging up Washington, Herbert Hoover had his own special government police force in the District of Columbia attack and arrest workers who had proceeded to Washington to make arrangements for food, lodging, a place of assembly for the Hunger Marchers and also make arrangements for spokesmen of the Marchers to address Congress.

No reply was received to letters demanding these things for the Hunger Marchers, so the committee of 85, which is preparing the Washington arrangements, endeavored to see Hoover and demand prompt and favorable action.

The reply of the government was to wage a police attack upon the committee and to forcibly disperse the workers who backed up the attempt of the delegation to visit Hoover at the White House. A number of arrests were made at the White House, while Hoover remained out sight inside.

Matthew Woll, vice-president of the A. F. of L., and acting president of the Civic Federation, is playing his customary strike-breaking part. He is shouting that "this Red crusade may develop into a serious movement" and is demanding the arrest and imprisonment on charges of sedition of the leaders of the unemployed.

#### HONOR NAT TURNER

Many huge meetings were held throughout the United States in honor of the 100th anniversary of the execution of Nat Turner, the heroic Negro fighter against the slave rule of the South. Most of the meetings were held by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights.

#### BREAD LINE FOR TEACHERS

CHICAGO.—The school teachers haven't been paid for six months and many of them face the necessity of depending upon charity.

## POLICE-LEGION IN TAMPA, FLA., RAID WORKERS

(By a Worker Correspondent)

TAMPA, Fla.—On Saturday, November 7, the American and Spanish workers of Tampa asked the mayor for permission to parade at the celebration of the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution. The mayor called on the aldermen of the city being too dumb to think for himself, and asked the others' aid.

The workers did not get permission but that did not stop us. We went to the Center to mobilize for the parade. While only a few of the workers were in the hall the mayor gave the police orders to raid it. The police were anxious to attack the workers and to please their new boss, Mayor Chaney, because he is a new mayor and when new mayors come in there are many police department changes.

### Store Keeper Stool Pigeon

Across the street from the Labor Temple is a second-hand furniture dump run by a parasite by the name of Albert Rosenberg that has been telling the workers here that he was a Communist in Russia before he came to the United States. This parasite is one of the worst stool pigeons in Tampa; also a member of the Ybor City American Legion. On the evening of the raid on the Center stool pigeon Rosenberg got a call from the police department telling him to clear both his stores of all people because they wanted to use his dumps for machine guns to smash up "the god-damned red demonstration." Being a tool of the bosses, he gave some workers around his place the bum's rush.

### Legion Thugs Help Attackers

There were about 100 police, detectives and deputy sheriffs came to the Center, with hundreds of American Legion Members in the streets in and around the Center.

The cops came into the hall beating women and children and demanding that the workers give up guns and machine guns that were supposed to be in the hall. Many of the workers in the hall could not even feed their families, say nothing of having guns of any kind.

In the mixup some cop got shot some way or another. Probably by another cop.

### Workers Are Fighting

Many arrests have been made and the cops are trying to frame one worker on the charge of shooting and injuring the cop. But all the threats of jail and deportation do not scare our comrades, especially the Latin-American workers who are good workers and are mobilized by the thousands here to wage a mass fight to force the release of our arrested comrades.

There have been strikes in two cigar factories because the bosses fired two workers circulating ILD material in defense of those in jail. Both workers have been reinstated in the factories and can carry on any kind of activities they want to. Over 1,000 new members joined the Tampa Tobacco Workers Industrial Union this week; many are coming to the Communist Party and Young Communist League and many workers and farmers nearby are getting into the International Labor Defense. In spite of arrests and attempts to scare us things are moving here better than ever before and we will yet beat the bosses and their police and legion and stool pigeon gang.

### FORD WORKERS FIRED

DETROIT.—The Ford plants, after hiring a few workers during the city election campaign, has again fired them and some others.

# Help in the Fight to Keep The Southern Worker Alive

Because of the poverty of many of our readers and the difficulty of circulating our paper against the terror that is growing in the South our difficulties—especially financial difficulties—have increased.

Due to technical difficulties which were principally caused by lack of finances, the SOUTHERN WORKER was forced to miss one issue last week. These difficulties still exist, although we have been able to get out the present issue by overcoming great obstacles. How long we can continue to publish this paper depends upon the immediate financial aid that we can get from our readers and sympathizers.

With the increasing terror against the Southern workers, with the new developments in the Kentucky coal fields, with the beginnings of a movement among the steel workers of Birmingham, with

the sharpening of the struggle in Tampa, with the Scottsboro case entering a new stage, with new and fiercer attempts being made to outlaw our Party, it is clear that the Southern Worker must live and carry on the fight it has waged now for more than a year. We cannot allow the ruling class to have such an easy victory as the crushing of the Southern Worker because of lack of finances. We cannot permit this paper to be silenced on the outbreak of a new imperialist war.

We appeal to all our supporters to rush funds at once so that we can overcome the present crisis of our paper. No matter how little you are able to donate to help, do so at once. All those who have been receiving bundle orders should try to pay at least part immediately so that we can carry on.

## Southern Commission Exposed as Aid Of the Bosses in Lynch Terror Drive

A challenge has gone from the League of Struggle for Negro Rights to the Southern Commission on the Study of Lynching, whose meeting in Atlanta this week has done its best to whitewash the lynchers, disarm the Negro masses against a real anti-lynching struggle, and put the seal of its approval on legal lynchings conducted by the boss courts.

The National Executive Committee of the L.S.N.R. denounces the commission as an instrument of the Southern ruling class and challenges the members of the Commission to defend their false findings before the Negro and white masses.

The letter to the commission reads as follows:

The summary of the findings of your Commission in the press declares that the number of lynchings has decreased. This is a deliberate distortion which you accomplish by ignoring the enormous increase of lynchings in this year. Your further declaration that only 21 lynchings occurred last year is also a distortion of fact. The figures of the International Labor Defense are 43 lynchings. This number has tremendously increased in this year.

Howard A. Kester of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, reports that in connection with the death of two society women in Birmingham last August, a reign of terror against Negroes has been launched by Southern slave drivers which has resulted in the death of at least 75 Negroes since the middle of August. He further states that six Negroes were killed on a freight train near Ensley by deputies. It was reported at police headquarters that they had been killed in a wreck.

We have reason to know that countless lynchings are committed which are carefully hushed up by the local press. Moreover, your statement that two of the lynch victims were innocent is a clear inference that the others were guilty of crimes and is an attempt to justify the common institution of murder by lynching which is supported by the ruling class and its newspapers. We, therefore, charge your committee as an instrument of the white ruling class of the South to whitewash the institution of lynching, framed-up trials and

general persecution of the Negro masses, as an exploited and enslaved race. Your argument that "the courts will convict Negroes" and that therefore Negroes need not be lynched, is a cold-blooded proposal to regularize lynching under legal forms after the manner in which the nine innocent Negro boys were framed up and falsely convicted of rape at Scottsboro, Alabama. As a part of the general system of terrorization, you seek to cover up the generally increasing open lynchings and legal court-house lynchings as well as the present wave of well-known but unreported murders of Negroes which are a part of the policy of throwing the weight of the present economic crisis upon the shoulders of the exploited Negro masses.

We accuse your commission of bringing in a report intended to deceive and disarm the masses in their vigilance against the intended legal lynchings of the innocent Negro boys falsely convicted at Scottsboro, the intended legal lynchings of Willie Peterson at Birmingham, and of Orphan Jones at Snow Hill, Maryland, as well as others.

Press reports do not show that you even mention the Scottsboro case, although you are well aware that this is the outstanding case of the present moment of legal lynching in a court house surrounded by a mob entertained by a brass band.

We challenge your commission publicly to present, through a representative of your Commission, your false findings and hypocritical propaganda before the Negro and white masses in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland or any other large city in the north where Negroes, although severely persecuted, are not entirely prevented from holding meeting as they are in your kingdom of lynch law. If you refuse to accept this challenge for a northern city, we are ready to undertake a debate in any other of the cities of the South, such as Chattanooga, in spite of the greater degree of intimidation.

We shall maintain through our spokesmen, the charges we here make against you.

### MISSISSIPPI CHILD SLAVERY

The report on Mississippi of the Bureau of the Census, Dept. of Commerce, Washington, D. C., reveals that state as the worst in the country so far as child slavery is concerned. There are 35,424 "gainful workers" between the ages of 10 and 13 years; 32,262 between 14 and 15.

There are 231,728 women workers in Mississippi.

Negro workers, male and female, shows 1,162,158 "gainful workers"

constitute a majority of all workers in the state, their number being 488,412, or 57 per cent of the whole (the entire number of "gainful workers" ten years old or over being 844,905). Native born white workers constitute 41.5 per cent or 350,467; but 4,431 are foreign-born white and 1,595 are of other races.

### GEORGIA SLAVERY

The census report for Georgia shows 23,847 between 10 and 13 years of age; and 35,837 between 14 and 15. It is not so large, however, as Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

## TO LAUNCH NEW CENTRAL ORGAN FOR THE T.U.U.L.

One of the most important steps yet made in the life and work of the T. U. U. L. will take place with the appearance of the new and better official organ of the T.U.U.L., the 32-page monthly LABOR UNITY magazine, the first issue of which will be off the press on December 15. This will be the first issue dated January 1, 1932.

The appearance of the new LABOR UNITY magazine will be marked by real directive articles by the leaders of the Trade Union Unity League, of the unions and Leagues and by International Revolutionary Trade Union figures.

The importance of the new LABOR UNITY can be judged from the fact that the Lawrence strike, the Kentucky and other mining strikes, the National Hunger March, the steel and railroad situation will be thoroughly analyzed, together with the gains and the shortcomings of the T. U. U. L. The new LABOR UNITY will give directions to the union papers, which it will help to develop and build up. The new LABOR UNITY will not be a dull and lifeless magazine. In addition to many illustrations and photos of scenes in the class struggle, cultural features, workers' correspondence (much better and more of it) and reflections of the everyday life of the unions and leagues will be features.

The new LABOR UNITY will sell at 10 cents a copy, and for a yearly subscription the rate will be \$1.00 a year and 50 cents for 6 months. Present subscribers will have their subscriptions extended for half the period which the weekly had to run.

Workers are urged to send in their subs starting at once for the new 32-page, bigger and better LABOR UNITY. LABOR UNITY will continue to be published at its present address, Room 414, 2 West 15th St., New York City.

## Charity Grafters Carry on Fake at Workers' Expense

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DANVILLE, Va.—I went to the charity a month ago and asked for food and clothes for my children. The charity bosses told me to go on back home and they would see to it. They did nothing until I had gone to them the fourth time. They gave me a few sticks and a little sack of greens. My children are ill, like thousands of other children, because they have no food, no clothing, no fuel to keep them warm. I am a poor widow and can't get work.

These charity grafters just collect money pretending to help us and then pay themselves wages and they have a good time. Many of them are rich but they keep their money and live off what they steal from out of our children's mouths. We must fight such fakes. When we do someone says we are against the government and the president because we won't take any old thing from the city charity grafters. Well, the government is against us when it tries to starve us. If organizing and fighting for food to keep from starving is against Hoover, then all of us must be against him.

—A Woman Worker.

# More Lay-Offs At Stockham Pipe Slave Pen

## BUILD METAL WORKERS UNION STOP SPEED-UP

(By A Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM — Bosses at the Stockham Pipe Co. are still laying off workers; putting our fellow-workers on the streets to starve with their families. These lay-offs come after the speed-up. First the boss speeds us up; then when we are speeded up the boss finds that some of the rest of us can do the work of others besides our own work. So there is a lay-off. All of us worked so hard that some of us are worked out of a job altogether. Every time we speed up more it means more of us get kicked into the streets. It is about time we got wise to ourselves and quit this speed up and lined up in a union, the Metal Workers' Industrial League, and fought against speed-up, for living wages, and united with the unemployed in a fight for unemployment insurance.

## News Items From Camp Hill Front

(By a Worker Correspondent)

Will Kellem, a Negro sharecropper of Camp Hill has had his entire crop confiscated by J. J. Langley, a mail carrier on route 2. This cropper has developed a bad case of pneumonia and after confiscating his crop the landlord has refused to even stand good for a prescription.

The following are reported to be stool pigeons in carrying information to the sheriff and planters, as to organization work of the croppers into the Croppers Union.

Bess Teag, living on route No. 2 at Waverly, received 7 lbs. of lard and a 24 lb. sack of flour. She is a Negro.

James Brooks, a Negro, living on route No. 2, at Waverly, received a 24 lb. sack of flour.

Josie Smith, Negro woman, who works at Jim Hurd's store, was reported to have been paid by Pat Hurd who is a notorious rapist. Value of "payment" unknown.

Andy Berry, Negro, living at Route No. 2, at Camp Hill, received the tripe from a cow he slaughtered for his planter.

Nat Thomas, white, threatened with death, if he mixed up with the "niggers" any more. Because of these threats this cropper now turns in information to Chief of Police Wilson at Camp Hill, but has been warned by white croppers to cut out stool pigeon activities.

### SWIFT CUTS WAGES

The St. Louis, Mo., branch of Swift & Co., meat packers, has cut wages from 8 to 10 per cent again.

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## Birmingham Stool Pigeons Trying to Stop Workers Reading Red Literature

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Stockham stool pigeons are busy. The little straw bosses are going wild trying to grab up all the Communist literature that goes around the works. The other day there was a shop bulletin all through the foundry and the gate watchman and all the straw bosses were hurrying around trying to find copies of it. They didn't want the workers to get it and read about how to organize and fight the bosses.

There are many of these straw bosses who are only cutting their own throats by trying to stop red literature. They get hardly anything more than the ordinary slave. They are many times thrown out without jobs.

Both white and Negro workers have been cut off, but most of the Negro workers have been brought back

to work a few days, while few of the whites are back. This is in Stockham. The bosses want to make it appear that they want to hire Negroes only on some work. That is because they want the whites to come to them and agree to work for less than the Negro. Then they will throw out the Negro and after a while the Negro will come and agree to work for less than the whites. That is how the bosses want to use the Negro workers against the whites and the whites against the Negroes.

All we Stockham workers must get together, whether Negro or white, and fight against the boss. Don't let the dumb stool pigeons scare you. Organize both whites and Negroes for our demands.

—STOCKHAM WORKER.

## Mill Slavery For Women in Mills of Danville, Va.

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DANVILLE, Va.—I am a weaver in the Schoolfield mill. I have one baby one year old at home that needs me. But the mill bosses won't give my husband work because he tried to help win the strike.

They tell him they have no work for him, but if someone comes in here from another city the bosses give him another job and let the workers who have been here for years starve.

My own health is very bad. I can hardly get to the mills. Some mornings my head aches all the time. But I cannot afford to get a good doctor.

I wish that the United Textile Workers' Union had never come to Danville. They just caused a lot of workers to lose their jobs and helped the bosses beat us. They did not do anyone any good except the big men of the union. We workers never got anything but promises from them.

I heard there is a new union in Danville now. I hope this new union, the National Textile Workers' Union, makes these mills shut down or makes them pay decent wages. I hope if the mills won't pay people for their work that the damn mills go broke. Us workers have got to do something or we will starve to death while working.

Hoping you can find room for this in your paper, I am,

—A Hopeless Mother of Five.

NOTE:—There is no use in being hopeless. What is needed is organization in a real union. The National Textile Workers' Union address in Danville, Va., is P. O. Box 759. Textile workers in Danville and vicinity should join the union. The bosses and no one else will know who belongs until the union is ready to fight.

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## Our Paper Must Know Its Writers

We have received a number of letters from various parts of the South, containing interesting material on conditions that, unfortunately cannot be published because the writers did not send us their names and addresses. Such names and addresses will not be published, but we must have them so that we know where such material comes from. The only exception to this rule of refusing to publish letters from those whose names we do not know is when they come through regularly organized Workers' Correspondent groups, and are sent by someone authorized by the group to handle such correspondence. Our paper endeavors to publish facts. Our correspondents must send in facts, without distortion one way or another, so that when workers in a given industry read our paper they will realize that we know what we are talking about and they will have confidence in us. If we publish just anything that comes in under the guise of workers' correspondence, without knowing from whence it came, it would be easy for some enemy of the working class to write in distortions that would make us ridiculous before the workers. Hence, we must insist upon always knowing that our letters are from a reliable source.

## McWane Pipe in New Wage Slash

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM.—The McWane Cast Iron Pipe company have made another wage cut and reduced the working time. Starvation conditions this winter are made still worse. They have cut wages from \$3 to \$2 a day and from three days work a week to two a week. They also laid off many altogether. Imagine working and living on \$4 a week with a family.

The bosses don't care for us workers. All they care about is their own profit.

We must fight against such rotten conditions and fight against the bosses' attacks and the terror and discrimination against the Negro workers. We must fight for unity of white and black. We must organize the workers, white and Negro, into the Metal Workers Industrial League, which is connected with the Trade Union Unity League and fight against all rotten conditions.

—A Worker.

## Work Like Mules in Steel Trusts Ala. Coal Mines

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM.—A few years ago workers in this place, the Edgewater Mine, belonging to the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co., called Mr. Robert Flenn a good superintendent. He would correct any mistakes for the workers. But since times have got hard he treats us just as if we were a gang of dogs. He don't even want to open his office door to talk with workers about anything.

The company is still cutting all they can get for house rent. We can't make enough to pay cash for our needs; but the company denies us store orders and coal orders. In the mines we work under the very worst conditions, such as dragging rails, working in water and pushing cars in hard places just as if we were mules.

The bosses in the mines are very hard. They tell us if we don't like conditions to get to hell to the top and that there are plenty of men to take our jobs.

We have been working only one or two days a week for most all the year. There used to be a labor train to Edgewater mine for the men who live in town, but a few months ago the train was pulled off. They told the miners to get to work the best way they could and if they couldn't get there to let them know.

Now, white and colored workers, we have asked for food and coal or work and the boss class refused to give it to us. So now, men, we will have to get together and get some food, clothing and other things for our families to winter on if it takes blood to get it. Now, men, don't let us let our families suffer for the want of food. Let us be men and obtain something in this life.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The letter from "a hard worker" in the slave pits of the T. C. I., which means the United States Steel Trust, shows the deep, burning hatred of the workers for the bosses who have imposed mass hunger and misery upon them. It shows a determination to fight for decent conditions and especially for winter relief. Such a fight must and will be waged. But the way to carry on such a fight is by organizing the miners into the National Miners' Union, by setting up Committees of Action in every important mine and preparing for strike action against such horrible conditions. It is not by the action of the individual (one man or a handful of men alone) that can force the bosses to terms, but the MASS ACTION of the miners brought together in one fighting organization.

## CARPENTERS IN TEXAS SOLD OUT BY A.F.L. AGENT

(By a Worker Correspondent)

AUSTIN, Tex.—True to its traditional policy, the American Federation of Labor has sold out a group of workers here. Union carpenters who have been receiving nine dollars a day (those days they worked) are now to receive seven. This deal was put through by Henry Lucksinger, business agent for the Carpenters' Union and the cut-throat contractors of this city.

"The wage scale was reduced in order to stabilize conditions here and to encourage a building movement in Austin," Lucksinger brazenly asserted.

Stabilize conditions for whom, Mr. Lucksinger? Not for the carpenters, who are lucky to get one day's work a week. It is only for the contractors who will get labor at bargain rates. Also it will help Mr. Lucksinger, who presumably has had his pocket book stabilized because of the sell-out.

Mr. Lucksinger overlooks the fact that there is already a building movement in Austin. The unemployed have for a long time been constructing shelter out of empty goods boxes. In fact, Hoover prosperity and the A. F. of L. grafters have done much to encourage such building throughout the whole country.

The carpenters and other building workers must organize rank and file committee to put up a real fight against starvation wages and against unemployment.

—Militant Worker.

## Bosses' Thieving Wife Robs Worker

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—A Charlotte young worker went to a white boss man's home to work for his wife. When he started, he told the woman he worked for 25 cents an hour. She agreed and told him to start working in the garden.

After working five hours, she gave him fifty cents. He told her that one dollar and twenty-five cents was coming to him. She answered that she usually had young workers do the same job for her for 10 cents an hour.

If we young workers don't get together we will all sooner or later be robbed of what we make just like this young worker.

—A Young Worker.

## Tenant Organization To Stop Evictions

(By a Farmer Correspondent)

LANCASTER, S. C.—The white landlords have Negro tenants working on his farm. If any one goes to see us tenants, the landlord tells them that he is giving us groceries.

When we buy flour and pay for it, he waits until we get home and then tells us it is his flour and makes us give it back to him. Now we tenant farmers and young farmers are going to organize together and stop this robbery and starvation.

—A Farmer.

## WORKERS STRIKE DAM

Workers on the Ford Dam, a government job at Minneapolis, Minn., have gone on strike against a wage-cut. It is a war department job.

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## Southern Liberals Defense of Lynching

In another part of this issue of the SOUTHERN WORKER we publish a statement by the National Executive Committee of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights that rips the hypocritical masks off the faces of the liberal gang who recently published a statement purporting to deal with lynching in the South. It is an indictment that should be spread throughout the entire South as it will expose to the Negro and white workers precisely what a filthy role these people play who pretend to condemn lynching in words but who in reality defend the institution of lynching—legal or otherwise.

Not one word occurs in the report of the "liberals" regarding the guilt of political and civic leaders and police and sheriffs who deliberately foment lynching campaigns against Negro workers and farmers. The organizers and agitators for every lynching that has occurred within our memory in the South are known. Without exception, in cases of prisoners being taken from jails and lynched, the sheriffs and jailers were accomplices, if not actual instigators of the crimes. Yet the report says nothing about these facts. Nor does the report deal in any way with the hundreds of lynchings that are hushed up. In all cities of the South policemen regularly beat into insensibility Negro workers in the streets and frequently inflict injuries that result in death—yet these brutal killings are not recorded as lynchings. An obliging lynch coroner reports that death occurred from "natural causes" or from "alcoholism" or some other handy lie.

Nothing is said in the hypocritical report about how the authorities of the so-called defenders of "legal procedure" organize and carry on campaigns for weeks on end in order to whip up lynch fury as Mayor Bass, Sheriff Taylor and Judge Fleming are doing at the present time in Chattanooga because they hope thereby to be able to crush the growing unity of white and Negro workers especially in fighting against evictions and because they want to aid the Alabama lynch gang in their frame-up against the Scottsboro boys and against Willie Peterson by crushing with police terror the movement against all lynching, whether carried out by mob violence or by framed-up court trials.

The League of Struggle for Negro Rights challenges the authors of the fake report to a public debate in some northern city and proposes that if they refuse a northern debate it shall be held in the South. Undoubtedly, if these scoundrels and defenders of the lynch gang pretend to accept such a challenge they will prefer the South because they can rely upon their friends, the lynch gang, to prohibit the holding of any such meeting. The lynch gang will not permit their good and faithful servants in the camp of the liberals to be exposed and held up to ridicule if they can prevent it.

Lynching can be stopped. But it can only be stopped through unity of action of white and Negro workers and farmers in the industries and on the land. By building powerful organizations that fight for economic demands and wage a political struggle for free speech, free press, the right of assembly, the right to organize and strike the masses can carry on an effective fight against lynching. Such action, combined with the creation of strong defense organizations among the workers and farmers can defeat the lynch gang.

By exposing the double-faced role of the liberals and riddling their lying report on lynching the League of Struggle for Negro Rights has made an important and lasting contribution to the fight against the institution of lynching.

## Scottsboro Frame-Up Part of War Game Says Ohio Conference

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—The Ohio State Mooney-Harlan-Scottsboro conference was held here on November 21-22. The key-note of the conference was the connecting up of the fight for freedom for class war prisoners with the fight against the boss class preparations for imperialist war.

It was pointed out that Mooney and Billings were arrested in 1916 on a framed-up charge of bombing a "preparedness day" parade as a part of the preparations for the last war.

Again today there is an increase in arrests, terror against and murder of militant workers in an effort to disintegrate the organizations of workers that are fighting against the capitalist offensive and the war danger.

### Harlan and Scottsboro

It was shown that the attempts in Harlan to railroad fighting miners to the electric chair and to drive out the National Miners' Union was part of the same capitalist war preparations policy.

Much discussion took place on the

Scottsboro case and it was recognized that the bosses will stop at nothing to terrorize the Negro workers and try to prevent unity of action between white and black workers. The conference in Ohio itself was a very real expression of the unity between white and Negro workers.

This was one of the many similar conferences being held throughout the United States to develop a mass fight that will compel the capitalists to release the victims of class vengeance.

### LANDLORDS' ADVICE

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—A worker lives in a rented house and has a car to ride to his work. When the landlord comes and finds the car gone he gets mad; says to the worker he ought to ride the street car to his three day a week job, and save the money he buys gas with to pay rent.

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## Camp Hill; A Beacon Light For Mass of Southern Land Slaves

Camp Hill, one of the many similar small towns, throughout the cotton belt of the South, has become a beacon light for the hundreds of thousands of Negro and white slaves of the land. The terror reign that began last July when the sheriff's forces attacked a meeting of Camp Hill croppers has failed to stop the movement. Meetings are being held regularly, and ever larger numbers of white and Negro croppers are enlisted in the ranks of the Share Croppers Union to fight for economic demands and for the right to exercise free speech and free assembly.

### Class Lines Sharply Drawn

With the growth of the economic crisis and the attempt of the bosses to force the toiling masses to bear the entire burden of "these hard times" changes are rapidly taking place that seem unbelievable to those who only knew the South of yesterday. The class conflict is wiping out racial hatreds and prejudices among the Negro slaves of the land and the "poor whites" who suffer under the same despotism. At the same time the Negro masses are breaking with the Negro capitalists, the professional elements, the preachers, etc. In Camp Hill many of the Negro croppers are coming to despise the Negro capitalist elements who try to sell them into slavery. The Negro preachers, especially, have proved to be a vicious lot. Each of them tries to outdo the other in crawling before the white boss class.

From every pulpit these fellows indulge in the most awful bellowing against any sort of action that will improve the condition of the masses.

Every day new attacks are made by these preachers against the Communist Party, because our Party places as its central task the uniting of the white and black workers of the South for the struggle against the wage cutting campaign in the industries and the semi-slavery on the land.

### Fight For Free Speech

The police, the courts, the sheriff, the lynch mobs, all the forces of tyranny, are behind the campaign of lies against our Party and against any attempt of the workers to organize. Every attempt is made by the bosses and their agents to prevent free speech or assembly. Only the agents of the boss can talk publicly without being hounded by the "law." No one is allowed to reply to the lies of the preachers. The reason for suppression of free speech is plain. Were Communists able to use the public platform to expose, before the black and white masses, these bellowing ignoramuses, we would discredit them in short order. Their infamous lies about Communism, their shouting about it being "sinful" to organize Share Croppers' Unions would be torn to shreds and these people would become the laughing stock of most of the working class above five years of age.

Here in the South there must be continuous efforts made to break down all attempts to prevent workers and farmers holding public meetings—to establish the right to meet freely and also to circulate our own class publications, such as the Daily Worker, the Liberator, Labor Unity, the Labor Defender and especially the paper of the Southern toilers, the SOUTHERN WORKER.

### Won't Listen to Preachers

Although unable openly to meet and publicly combat the lies of the preachers the Negro croppers are, in ever-growing numbers, staying away from the "church houses." So widespread is their refusal to attend



church Sundays and listen to the preachers slander their movement, that the bosses, the sheriff and the police are trying to drive the Negroes to church. But these Camp Hill croppers who have faced the murderous fire of the legal lynch gang, who have seen Ralph Gray bestially murdered as he lay wounded and helpless in bed, who have faced wholesale jailing, are not so easily driven to sit and listen to such dirty rats as the Baptist Bishop, Lockhart. They know he is a tool of the bosses. His sermons telling the Negro croppers that they should be good, docile slaves so the boss will treat them good and they will be rewarded in heaven for submitting to lynch terror on earth are laughed at. The laughter of the croppers is mingled with hatred when they see this same Lockhart turn over to the police lists of names of former members of his "flock" who no longer listen to him.

### Reverend Police Agents

Following in the footsteps of the Baptist Bishop is another reverend named Ellis. He is the lying stool pigeon who turned Estelle Milner over to the police—telling Chief of Police Wilson that she received ammunition. When the croppers questioned Ellis as to why he turned the girl over to the police on a lying charge, he replied that he was a man of God and that he "could not tell a lie."

The bosses, realizing how good a tool this Ellis is, have warned every Negro worker in Camp Hill that unless they go to Ellis' church when he lies about the Reds, they will be shot. They tell the croppers who haven't had any money for months that they should support Rev. Ellis instead of supporting the "dirty reds."

### "The Sons of Ham"

In the Camp Hill vicinity is a place called Alexander City, where the Negro and white land slaves are showing signs of revolt. The leading Negro preacher there is one Rev. Nunn, who owns two blocks of property including an undertakings establishment. He is one of the leaders of a group that uses the Bible to show that the Negro is the son of Ham and was thrown out of the Garden of Eden; therefore all the Negroes have to make up for such "sins" by being slaves of the white planters. At Camp Hill, the principal of the high school, one Prof. Moss, also spreads the same story to the Negro workers.

### Fears Southern Worker

Moss also gives "advice" to the planters. He tells them not to be too hard on the croppers because the SOUTHERN WORKER will get hold of it and all the world will then know about it. He advocates building a stool pigeon organization by bribing some Negroes and whites to frame-up all who try to build the Croppers Union on some charges that appear not to be connected with economic and political struggles.

The Communist slogan of self-determination for the Negroes of the Black Belt, who constitute a national

minority, strikes terror into the whole ruling class and especially frightens the Negro capitalists, the professors, the preachers, because they see developing a movement that will smash them, along with the boss class whom they serve. The agitation of these Negro agents of the white ruling class urging the Negro masses to believe that the white master class are their friends is less effective every day.

### The "Fire Bug" Yarn

The Rev. Nunn, of Alexander City, who has been attacking the Reds, is also in financial difficulties, so he decided to have a little fire of his own—his undertaking establishment and some of his other property burned. He explained to the insurance agents and the state fire inspector that he was convinced the Reds were "fire bugs" and that his property was burned because he talked against Communism. He claimed he had received several letters containing threats against him for attacking the Reds. Mayor Thomas Russell, one of the lynch gang, joined in the chorus of denunciation and repeated the ridiculous and lying charge that Reds burned the preacher's undertaking business. This story is an attempt to drive the Negroes to church who have not been attending lately, for fear they will be accused of setting the fires if they stay away.

All the efforts of the white planters and their Negro servants who enjoy special privileges cannot stop the development of the movement for joint action of the oppressed white and Negro workers and croppers against the ruling class. The fierceness of the bosses' drive against the Reds show that they dread and fear the rise of Communist influence among the toiling masses and they know that the day will come when the struggle now going on against lynch terror, Jim-Crowism, wholesale robbery of the crops, for the right to meet, and to read revolutionary papers and exercise free speech, will grow into the agrarian revolution and the fight for self-determination and the right of separation.

In the development of this mighty movement the experiences of Camp Hill must become the property of the entire revolutionary movement of the United States and every effort must be made to see that Camp Hill is multiplied thousands of times throughout the whole Black Belt of the Deep South.

## National Biscuit Robs Workers

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Young workers employed at the National Biscuit company work only five days a week, some three. But the days are 10 to 18 hours on starvation pay. In the baking department on the oven the young workers have to do two men's work; is responsible for four ovens. If any bread burns the boss forces him to pay the full price per loaf. He is not allowed to carry the bread he pays for home, because the boss keeps it and sells it again at a lower price than for bread not burned. But he makes double profit just the same. Are we going to continue to stand for this? Hell, no! Both Negro and white young workers and all other workers must organize and fight against wage cuts, speed-up, long hours, lynching and all the bosses' game.