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UNEMPLOYMENT COUNCILS Marchers Return from Journey To Washington to Organize for National Feb. 4 Demonstrations

Countless thousands of workers, employed and unemployed, in big demonstrations are greeting the Hunger Marchers on their return from Washington. The more than 1,600 delegates who marched to Washington as they reach the cities and towns from which they were elected, become organizers for the great national demonstrations being prepared for February 4th.

The fight for immediate winter relief goes on. The demands for \$150 each for every worker who is unemployed and \$50 for each dependent is rallying great masses of the 12,000,000 unemployed in the United States to a determined fight against the starvation plan of Hoover, Gifford, Young and the rest of the gang trying to put over the Community Chest fakes.

A Living; Not Charity

The Unemployed Councils which organized and led the great Hunger March, are intensifying the drive all along the line. Everywhere the fight against the charity fakers is going forward with redoubled energy and demands made for immediate relief from the cities, to be administered not by the professional charity-mongers, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and other agencies of starvation, but by workers' committees. The struggle against evictions will be increased and a mass struggle waged for food, clothing, medical aid for workers' families, especially for the children, who are today going to school half naked, hungry and sick from hunger diseases.

The parasite boss class that has robbed the workers and possesses the greatest wealth of any ruling class in the world must be forced to disgorge some of its booty. Millions of workers must be brought into the Unemployed Councils to struggle for full wages for the unemployed and part-time workers—in addition to the immediate winter relief. This fight is against charity and for a living, to which all workers are entitled.

Washington An Armed Camp

Hoover, the hunger president, his cabinet and all the politicians of all shades in both houses of Congress, shrank behind White House and capitol walls, while thousands of police, soldiers, marines and assorted thugs and gunmen armed with machine guns, revolvers, gas bombs, sawed-off shot-guns, prevented the unarmed Hunger Marchers from entering and presenting their demands when Congress convened. These capitalist lackeys, all engaged in upholding the hunger regime of Wall street and its Hoover government, dared not attempt to reply to the demands of the 12,000,000 unemployed. To attempt to reply would have exposed out of their own mouths the whole cynical murderous fake of the Hoover-Gifford Community Chest starvation plan. Life itself, the increasing hunger and misery of the workers and farmers, the growing determination

CENTRAL RR OF GEORGIA CUTS WAGES OF ALL

SAVANNAH, Ga.—H. D. Pollard, president of the Central of Georgia railroad, announces a ten per cent wage cut all along the line. All those who are under contract are exempt from the cut, but negotiations are under way to force them also to take a wage cut.

Railroad workers must set up Committees of Action to prepare to resist wage cuts by striking and paralyzing transportation until the profit-hungry bosses come to terms.

NEW ADDRESS OF THE NATIONAL MINERS' UNION

The National office of the National Miners' Union and its official organ "The Mine Worker," have moved to new offices which are located at 413 Fourth avenue, Room 506, Pittsburgh, Pa. All communications pertaining to the national office of the union shall be sent to the above address. All correspondence, bundle orders, subscriptions, etc., to the Mine Worker, should also be sent to the above address.

Fight for Immediate Winter Unemployed Relief!

of the impoverished masses to fight against starvation, has already exposed the fraud of "voluntary local relief." Hoover and the other political lackeys of Wall Street could not answer with words the demands of the representatives of the unemployed, could not reply to hungry workers in words. Their only reply was that to which capitalism always resorts—armed force.

Such has been and is the reply of the court-room, amidst lynch mob every despotic ruling class. It is the only language the ruling class really understands. As against this there must and will continue the mobilization of the workers and farmers for mass struggle—a struggle that today holds the promise of being able to compel the capitalist class to give up some of its stolen wealth and tomorrow will be able to challenge the power of the capitalist class itself.

JAPAN BANDIT RAIDS UPHELD BY LEAGUE, U.S.

A dispatch from Paris shows that Dawes, the U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain, now "observing" the League of Nations sessions has approved the League resolutions which gives Japan occupation of Manchuria.

The League "bloc" of nations—France, England Japan—which actually instigated the Japanese armed attack on Manchuria and is preparing for an armed attack against the Soviet Union—has the full approval of the notorious fascist, Dawes, who is and has been for years one of the principals of the House of Morgan imperialist bandit gang.

New Northern Drive

The announcement from Paris is made at the same time Japan is reported to have launched a new drive northward—which means further movement and concentration of military forces toward the Soviet border. This is accompanied by a new outburst of lying against the Soviet Union.

Washington's Alarm

At the same time that the Washington government through its spokesman, Dawes, approves the occupation of Manchuria as a base from which to help in the imperialist crushing of the growing revolutionary movement in China and from which to wage a war of intervention against the Soviet Union, it is quite alarmed at another development. That is the danger that Japan's seizure of Chin-chow to the South may result in such mass fury among the Chinese masses that it will raise to a higher stage the movement toward driving out all the imperialists and their agents that the Wall Street backed Kuomintang government of Chiang Kai Shek will be smashed.

Wide-spread anti-imperialist activities are reported from all over China and have reached such alarming proportions that the Canton government (under another branch of the Kuomintang) which is a tool of Japanese and British imperialism has been forced to make a gesture of sending troops against the Japanese.

The Japanese, Chinese and Korean Communists are winning great masses of workers to a revolutionary struggle against the imperialist bandits.

The workers in the big imperialist countries, particularly the United States, must be made to realize that we are face to face with a war of intervention against the Chinese revolution and against the Soviet Union and we must wage a relentless struggle to defeat the war-mongers.

Order a bundle of SOUTHERN WORKERS and help line up your fellow workers for a struggle against the Wall Street Hunger regime.

GENERAL STRIKE IS PREPARED TO DEFEAT STARVATION RULE AND DRIVE OUT BOSSSES' GUN THUGS

The District Convention of the National Miners' Union, held at Pineville, Kentucky, last Sunday voted for a strike January 1st. Such a strike will embrace Harlan and Bell counties and the Tennessee mines.

Representatives from practically every mine in Southeastern Kentucky were present, and many of the miners, in speaking of the hunger conditions, said that under no circumstances would the men go back until the thugs and gun-men are driven from the coal fields.

List General Demands

General demands on which all the miners will strike were approved, after the committee reports. These demands are:

Wages: \$4.80 a day for top day men: \$4.40 a day for helpers, \$3.50 unclassified labor.

Enforcement of the 8-hour day.

Re-employment of blacklisted miners.

Withdrawal of armed forces.

Release of all miners in prison for labor activities.

Ready for Fight

Speakers from the Harlan and Bell county mines reported that the organization was being tightened up in their mines and that during the two weeks until January 1st final preparations would be made. There was no doubt that the overwhelming majority of the miners are ready to fight against the awful conditions imposed by the mine owners' hunger regime.

National Officials Present

Frank Borich and Vincent Kamenovich, leaders of the National Miners' Union, were present and both made speeches, pointing out the experience of other strikes and emphasizing the necessity of determined, united action.

Afred Wagonknecht, secretary of the Workers' International Relief, stated that every effort would be made to furnish food and clothing while the Harlan and Bell county miners fight against starvation and terror.

Ike Hawkins, Negro leader of the National Miners' Union urged the men to close ranks and fight.

Anticipate Injunctions

Some of the speakers pointed out that one of the strike-breaking methods of the bosses was to issue injunctions declaring the strike illegal. Such a move on the part of the bosses must be met with wholesale defiance. No striker should pay any attention to any injunction that ever was or ever will be issued by a capitalist court. Mass violation of injunctions must always be the reply of workers to the injunction judges.

Local Miners Speak

The convention was opened by Will Meeks of Arjay, who called the meeting to order and introduced the speakers. Finlay Donaldson urged the convention to take strike action and told the miners they should go out (Continued On Page Three)

PETERSON JURY CANNOT AGREE; ANOTHER TRIAL

Willie Peterson is to be tried again in January on the shameful frame-up of the Birmingham boss class against him. The first trial came to an end when the jury, after deliberating for 40 hours on the case, could not agree. A mistrial was ordered by Judge McElroy, who during the trial had done everything possible to prevent the presentation of evidence that would aid the framed-up tubercular and crippled Negro worker.

Meaning of the Case

There is a double reason why the boss class of Birmingham want to legally murder Peterson on the framed-up charge of having killed two society women on the night of August 4th last. One of them is because the bosses want to cover up the fact that the killing was the result of a "petting party." The exposure would cause a scandal that would shake the rotten structure of the "best society" of Birmingham. The other reason is that the Peterson case has been and will continue to be useful as a means of continuing the terror against the Negro workers of Birmingham.

Help Wage Cutting

In putting over their wage cuts in every industry, particularly in the Tennessee Coal and Iron steel mills and mines, the bosses fear the growing agitation for unity of action of white and Negro workers. By again parading the infamous lie of "protecting white womanhood" the bosses hope to keep the Negro and white workers divided. The disgust with and growing hatred of the Community Chest, Salvation Army and other charity fakes, which threatens to develop into a movement of unemployed, fighting for immediate winter relief and for full wages for unemployed, and part-time workers is an additional reason. The increasing solidarity of Negro and white workers in defense of the Scottsboro boys infuriates the whole ruling class of Alabama and the South. Then there is the historical outbreak at Camp Hill where croppers resisted the murderous attacks of a white mob of landlords under the leadership of the sheriff of the county. All these things impel the boss class to try to crush the workers' and farmers' movement by means of lynch law.

Torture Continues

The Negro coal miner, who had been unable to work for months because of illness due to the ravages of tuberculosis, was arrested on the night of September 24th when Miss Nell Williams, a society girl and sister of Miss Augusta Williams, one of the murdered girls, said she recognized him as the slayer. In spite of a perfect alibi, proving he was home ill and unable to go any place on the night of the murders, Peterson was kept in jail.

On October 6 Peterson was shot three times in the sheriff's office in the presence of the sheriff, deputies and members of the Williams family and the family of Jennie Woods, the other victim of the lonely mountain road murder, by Dent Williams, brother of the Williams girls.

Already worn to a thread by the disease, by hunger and torture, Peterson lay at the point of death for many days. Finally he was dragged into surroundings, a jury chosen in less than one hour and the trial begun.

During the trial the judge refused to permit doctors to be questioned as to whether Peterson fitted a description of the man described by Nell Williams and her wounded sister just after the shooting. It was quite clear, however, that the description of a strong, husky man who

Lash Sick War Vet In Alabama Prison

ATMORE, Ala.—James C. Kirby, 31, World War Veteran, who was wounded and gassed, is in the hospital here, suffering from wounds inflicted Monday when he was given 21 strokes of the lash at the prison farm near here.

Sentenced to the prison farm to work out a fine of \$25 imposed for trespassing, Kirby received the money to pay it, but when on last Monday morning he went to the warden to pay it he was told that before he could go he had to be whipped because he "refused to work." Kirby had been so ill that he could not work and said so. In spite of his protests he was stripped, tied to the floor and a 200 pound thug mercilessly applied the lash, ripping off flesh at every stroke. The victim, who had fainted many times from weakness while pulling stumps, was beaten into insensibility. There is now danger of blood poisoning setting in as a result of the beating.

Since January 19th this year 442 prisoners have been sentenced to receive lashings at the prison farm.

Most of the victims are workers arrested for trespassing on railroad property and sentenced to the notorious eleven months and twenty-nine days, with additional time for the fine and court costs.

McWane Starvation Plan Is Terrible

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM.—McWane Pipe have increased the starvation plan by putting the workers in the ditch at the rate of \$2 per day. When it rains we go home hungry until the rain stops. If we go to the office and ask for money for food for our families, we are told to wait.

Fellow workers, we must organize, both black and white workers and fight for better conditions. We must fight for full wages even for part-time work. Let us get together and build the Trade Union Unity League.

Spoke with a cultured accent as given by the doctors was quite different than the description that fitted Peterson, a frail, withered semi-invalid, a former coal miner and shell-shocked ex-soldier who had never had the slightest educational advantages.

Just how the jury stood in favor of conviction or acquittal is not known at this writing, but it is certain that there was at least one or more on the jury that refused to help the lynch mob carry out their infamous plot. It is quite clear that, in spite of the desperate attempt of the capitalist press and the lynch gang to inflame the whole white population against the Negro worker, there is a large number of people, perhaps a majority of workers, who never have believed Peterson guilty and who from the first regarded the whole thing as the frame-up that it is. In spite of the refusal of the jury to convict Peterson, Solicitor Bailes, who prosecuted the case for the lynch government, announces that he will rush the second trial and that it will take place "early in January." Thus the horrible and beastly murder frame-up and torture continues.

Workers everywhere should protest against the fiendish torture of an innocent worker. Mass demonstrations should be held everywhere. Telegrams and letters of protest should flood the offices of the Birmingham officials and of Governor Miller, head of the Alabama lynch regime, with the demand for immediate and unconditional freedom for Willie Peterson.

W. VA. LYNCH GANG KILLS 2 YOUNG NEGROES

LEWISBURG, W. Va.—Early last Thursday morning a lynch mob, composed of business men, professional men and well-to-do farmers, took two Negroes from the county jail here and lynched them.

The two Negroes, Tom Jackson, 25, and George Banks, 27, had been arrested in connection with the shooting of two thugs who had raided a Negro dance and tried to terrorize the Negroes. One of the thugs was a constable named Joseph Myles, the other was his drunken friend, Jack Brown, both white.

The two white hooligans attacked the Negro dancers and threatened to shoot up the dance. The Negroes defended themselves and shot the two whites.

Arrest, Then Lynch

The two young Negroes, both workers, were arrested. It is not known whether they had even had anything to do with the defense of the dance hall. Two white drunken hoodlums had been killed, so the boss gang had to see that two Negroes were killed and all others in the community terrorized.

The two were locked up in jail and at two o'clock in the morning Jailer Wallace Flint let the lynchers into the jail, showed them where the Negroes were. The victims were taken out and hanged to the crossbars of a telephone post on Midland trail and volleys of bullets were fired into their bodies.

Governor's Hypocritical Lies

The ruling class lynch governor of the state, Conley, from his place at Charleston, ordered the usual fake "investigation" and issued a statement that the state intended to "bring the guilty parties to justice."

The business men lynchers openly talk about the part they played and laugh out loud when anyone suggests that they might be tried for their part in the lynching. They all feel as safe as Jailer Wallace Flint, who planned the whole thing under instructions of local lawyers, bankers, garage proprietors, preachers and grocerymen.

Organize Miners At Edgewater Pit

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM.—Fellow workers, we must organize and fight against the bad conditions in and around the Edgewater mine of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co. There are lots of things that are bad. Among them are:

1. Short weight on our cars. The cars are supposed to carry 3,000 water level. But we rack our cars and put on all that will lay on and then most times don't get even 3,000.

2. We are cut full stoppage one and two days a week, loading coal for 9 and 10 cents a ton.

3. The superintendent has just a few men he will give coal orders or other orders for supplies. What in the hell does he think our wives and children will do this winter. Without fire and without something to eat?

4. The miners' train has been taken away. They should put it back on from Birmingham to the Edgewater mine.

Organize in the National Miners' Union and fight these conditions.

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Stockham Workers Fight "B" System

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM.—In the moulding department at Stockham the bosses are still playing their hands at the "B" system game. This is the worst kind of speed up. It is called "B" after Beddoe, but is the same old bonus system that is used to make workers cut each others' throats and help the bosses.

The bosses tell you they will give you so much an hour if you do so much work, but if you do more than that they will give you a "premium." The premium may be any old thing, or nothing at all. It is up to the boss to do whatever he wants to do.

All they care about is that one man does two or three men's work; that is how they can lay off men and cut down our working time so we don't get a full week. The "B" system is another way of smashing our wages, and throwing more of us out of work. When we try to speed up to get the premium we help the boss and cut our own throats.

That is only one more reason why we workers at Stockham are organizing.

Harlan Prisoners Praise ILD Help

WINCHESTER, Ky.—Four Negro miners, who face trial for their lives this month on trumped-up charges of murder because they fought against terror and starvation in the Harlan County coal fields, have written to the International Labor Defense from Winchester county jail asking for money to "look clean and nice" when they appear in court. The ILD is providing defense, tobacco and food to strike prisoners, both Negro and white, throughout the Eastern Kentucky strike zone, and is sending food, clothes and milk to their wives and children.

The four Negro miners are Ganzie Banks, E. Phillips, Andrew Hinch and Henry Oliver, all in Winchester Co. jail. They write the ILD: "We received your kind and welcome letter and it found us all well. We are glad to get the money you sent us; but we want you to send us \$3 apiece so we can have our clothes cleaned next week for the trials. We want to look nice and clean on that day."

"(Signed) Ganzie Banks.

"E. Phillips,

"Andrew Hinch,

"Henry Oliver."

Every 25 cent coupon means food and hope for a starving strike prisoner's family. Books containing these coupons, to be sold to Negro and white workers' organizations, may be secured from the International Labor Defense, Room 430, 80 E. 11th St., New York City, or contributions may be sent direct.

Tourist Game Flops For Florida Farmers

(By a Farmer Correspondent)

ZEPPEL HILLS, Fla.—The auto tourist camps this year are empty. The game has flopped. Many farmers who fixed up a room or two hoping that auto tourists would help them find out that they are worse off than before. They wasted their money. Maybe more of the poor farmers who have refused to organize and fight for a living by demanding relief from the state, to be administered by committees representing our organizations, will now listen to reason since their hopes of reaping a harvest off the tourists that they could not get on their land is just not going to be realized.

HARLAN TERROR CONTINUES AS STRIKE LOOMS

PINEVILLE, Ky.—Fresh developments from the Harlan coal fields prove that not even the exposure of coal company tyranny by Theodore Dreiser and the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners or the report of the governor's investigators labelling Harlan law "lawless" has had any effect upon courts or the sheriff.

Here are new aspects of Harlan terror:

1. Max Summer, organizer for the National Miners' Union, was kidnapped from his home in Creech and has not yet been heard from. The day before nine carloads of thugs broke down a locked door and raided the National Miners' Union headquarters in Wallins Creek.

2. W. B. Jones, miner and union organizer, was convicted of murder and conspiracy in the Mt. Sterling court and sentenced to life imprisonment. Jones is one of eleven miners to be tried in Mt. Sterling for the death of three thugs in the "battle of Evarts" on May 5. Every device of trickery, frame-up and stool-piggin testimony was used by the prosecution, according to the International Labor Defense, to characterize the miners as conspirators who "took black oaths in blood to kill." The legal defense was handled by the I. W. W. and ex-Senator J. M. Robison former klansmen, representing the United Mine Workers of America. The ILD has offered its legal and mass resources to Jones for an appeal.

3. A campaign of raids and intimidation is being carried on by coal company thugs to block the district convention of the National Miners' Union in Pineville. Carloads of thugs guard the Knights of Pythias hall in which the convention is called. Homes have been searched. The mayor of Pineville has stated that he would inform the delegates "their presence was not wanted in Pineville and they should hold the gathering some other place."

John Haynes Holmes Praises Soviet Union

When prosperity arrives in Russia, says Rev. John Haynes Holmes of Community Church, New York, "every worker will have it." Holmes, who has recently returned from the U.S.S.R., tells of his experiences and reactions in the Soviet land in a series of articles published in "Unity."

In his comment on what he saw among other things he writes: "Women, especially, seem these days to be not only amply but attractively dressed—neat gingham gowns, or clean white blouses and always rosy faces, fluffy hair, and bronzed brown necks and arms."

"These people are well and strong," he says, "and their basic material wants are being in some way satisfied. They are self-respecting, dignified, energetic. Above all, they are courageous."

This bourgeois clergyman cannot help but admit that things are going better in Soviet Russia than in his dear capitalist country. But he cannot see what the workers see, and that is the fact that the only hope for them is in the establishment of a Soviet system in this country as the Russian workers and farmers did in theirs.

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MISSED PAPER; THOUGHT WE CUT HIM OFF

Andalusia, Ala.

Dear Comrade Allen: I failed to receive my copy of the SOUTHERN WORKER for last week, date of Nov. 28, so I concluded that my subscription had expired. You will find a dollar bill for another year. I should like it to begin with last week's issue, if you are able to supply that back number.

Your open letter to city officials of Chattanooga in the issue of November 14 was great stuff, an answer once and for all to anything they have ever said or done, past present or future.

I am anxious to align myself with the Party and help carry on with my part of the fight.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A number of readers, thinking that their subscriptions had expired when one issue was missed, have written in renewing their subscription. Some of the subs had not expired and some had. We do not cut off subscribers the moment the period for which they paid for the paper expires. Which shows that we are not good business people. We don't pretend to be. We know the difficulty many workers face to get the money for their paper, so we continue the subscriptions as long as possible.

We do wish however to again appeal to all readers to do the best they can to pay up the subscriptions and to pay for bundle orders. That would help us keep going and prevent our being forced to miss other issues.

We are also glad that reading the SOUTHERN WORKER has convinced the Andalusia comrade that his place is in the fighting ranks of the Communist Party.

Strike Fruit Packing Plant at Birmingham

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—E. C. Adams Fruit company pays its fruit packers and laborers 15¢ an hour, 10 hours a day. They pay the lowest wages of any plant around here. The rest of these plants pay 25¢ an hour.

On Thanksgiving this boss wanted to work the whole plant, so when I asked him for some extra pay he told the gang to get to hell out of the plant, as he could get other "niggers" for ten cents an hour.

The whole crew of nine walked out and we are forming a picket line to try to force this fat tub of guts to pay us more money.

The other day a petty foreman hit one of the workers across the chest with a hammer because he thought he referred to him as a hog. We are out to smash this tyranny.

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Force Release of Charlotte Girl

(By a Worker Correspondent)

Mass agitation and the threat of young workers demanding the freedom of Essie Mae Bentley, young Negro girl worker framed on the charge of robbery upon the word of a white parasite, forced the release of the girl after the Charlotte police had held her nine days incommunicado. Fearing the intensified efforts of the Young Communist League of Charlotte who were setting up Block Committees composed of young workers and preparing them in struggle for elementary Negro rights and particularly for the release of Essie Mae Bentley, local boss terror directed against the starving Negro workers of the First Ward was suddenly stopped.

Essie Mae was accused by her employer of stealing \$34 from a nook in which he had hidden it from his wife. Merely stating that the money was missing and that the only stranger in his home was Essie Mae who was a servant girl, the police jumped at the opportunity of continuing their drive of terror to batter the starving young Negro workers in their miserable place, and dragged the helpless girl off to jail. Hoping to demoralize her and make her say that she took it no one was allowed to see her and she was refused a trial.

Although only the first steps were taken toward setting up Block Committees, yet these were very effective. At the Youth Hunger Hearing the frame-up was exposed before the chief of detectives, who was present. The militancy and organization of white and Negro young workers is beginning to smash through the Southern bosses system of starvation and terror.

A Filthy Bunch of Spies at Stockham

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Stockham bosses are still showing their hand by hiring black Judases to help smash the workers. They have Negro fakers out to catch the Negroes who are in the Stockham Communist Party unit. But these Negroes who are engaged in this dirty work cannot hurt us. They only hurt themselves. They are just digging a ditch for themselves; not only digging a ditch, but are tying a knot in the rope around their necks.

They try to make us happy to work in the rotten dust that fills our lungs and tears them to pieces in this foundry for \$2.50 a day when we work. These very same police pimps say they don't see the bosses making big profits.

But we are going on organizing in our Communist Party and we are working to build a strong Metal Workers' Industrial League so we can fight side by side with other steel and metal workers, white and black.

—A Stockham Worker.



Mayor Bass Admits Public Works Fake

Harlan Miners Vote For Jan. 1st Strike

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and stay out until they got a living wage.

J. M. Lindsay of Harlan described conditions in the heart of the thug terror and declared that everyone he knew was ready for a strike.

Young Communist Murdered in Street

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Allen Gaddy, a young Negro worker, member of the Young Communist League of Charlotte, N. C., was instantly killed on the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day, while on his way to the Hunger Hearing held by the Youth Committee of the Unemployed Council. He was hit on the head with a rock thrown by a young worker with vicious anti-working class ideas.

The Young Communist League was in complete charge of the ceremony attending Gaddy's burial, officiating and speaking at the funeral. The funeral was made as revolutionary as possible under the existing conditions. No preachers were present.

Allen Gaddy was only 21 years of age and worked as a chauffeur. In the short time he was a member of the Young Communist League his spare time was taken up with revolutionary activity carried on for the cause of the white and Negro young workers in the South.

This murder resulting from boss class ideas in the ranks of the working class will be a greater impetus for the Young Communist League of the South to fight against the oppression of the Negro workers, against the miserable conditions of white and Negro young workers and against boss ideology.

The SOUTHERN WORKER is still facing very great financial difficulties. A few have helped out, but many more must rally to the support of the paper to ensure its continuation. Send a donation. Get a subscriber. Order a bundle.

STARVATION ON FAKE CHARITY OF RED CROSS

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM. — I am out of work and have been for some time. When I was working I used to help the Red Cross because I thought they helped workers out of a job.

Here in the big city of Birmingham conditions are awful. We workers without jobs have to go to the City Hall and stand in large numbers like animals waiting for someone to throw us some feed. But we are worse off than animals because they hardly ever feed us at all.

I have seen some workers go to the Red Cross from two to three weeks pleading and begging. Sometimes two or three dollars are given where they have from 5 to 8 children. This is supposed to last two or three weeks.

Those that have two or three children the boss just tells them to come back later and never does anything for them short of a whole month after they begin coming.

Every day more people come to the charity. I notice the L. & N. has laid off 75 to 125 men and talking about cutting off some more. They will soon be coming to the charity fakers.

Workers, we who are out of jobs have got to organize. We must fight for full wages even if we are out of work. We must fight so that committees of workers, not the dirty charity grafters, can give out help to us who don't get any work at all.

—An Unemployed Worker.

Charity Grafters Get Best of Poor Workers

(Young Worker Correspondent)

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The following is the weekly wages paid to a young worker of this city and is the only means that this young worker has of supporting his mother and family. After working for the Associated Charities sawing wood he received the following order of groceries.

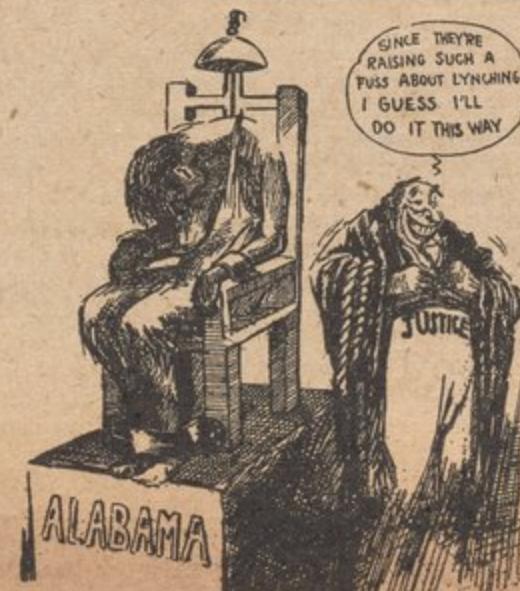
Flour	38¢
Sugar	25¢
Corn meal	10¢
2 small cans tomatoes	20¢
S. Potatoes	10¢
I. potatoes	10¢
2 cans salmon	20¢
1 doz. apples	10¢
2 bars soap	10¢
Washington powder	10¢
Baking powder	5¢
2 lbs. cabbage	6¢
Grits	10¢
1 can syrup	15¢
1 can string beans	12¢
1 can pork and beans	8¢
2 doz cold storage eggs	58¢
salad greens	10¢
Stew beef	20¢

TOTAL \$3.07

This for cutting over twelve dollars worth of wood and to supply a family of three for the entire week. Nothing was said about paying the rent of this young worker and providing his mother with a shelter over her head. Some young workers are refused the small sum of relief because they are not married.

FIGHT TEXTILE CUT

The National Textile Workers Union is calling upon the textile workers of New Bedford, Mass., to organize United Front Committees of Action to resist the ten percent wage cut which went into effect December 7th.



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Defy the Tampa Injunction!

On the demand of Regensburg & Sons tobacco factory one Alexander Akerman, judge of the United States district court for the Southern district of Florida, issued an injunction endeavoring to outlaw the Tobacco Workers' Industrial Union of Tampa. On the complaint of the labor-hating Regensburg concern the capitalist puppet who sits upon the District bench issues a number of drastic prohibitions against the tobacco workers of Tampa who went on strike in defense of the workers who were imprisoned on November 7th, during the celebration of the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. When once out on strike the workers put forth certain economic demands calculated to remedy the rotten conditions existing in the cigar factories of Tampa.

Continued arrests, police provocations, assaults upon organizers failed to cause the ranks of the strikers to waver. So the United States courts were called to the aid of the bosses. As a part of the capitalist hunger movement, as a part of the official strikebreaking machine, Judge Akerman threatens to jail without trial the tobacco workers unless they refrain:

"From continuing to conduct and maintain the organization known as the 'Tobacco Workers Industrial Union of Tampa' as an organization under the statement of principles advocating or encouraging the belief in the destruction by force of organized government or in the destruction of private property as a means to that end."

"From in any way inciting riotous assemblies of persons in or near the cigar factories of the city of Tampa, or at other places for the purpose of in any way interfering with the free and unmolested conduct of said cigar factories and more particularly the business of complainant in its factories."

"From inciting or encouraging school children to leave school or to engage in public parades without permission of the school authorities and from interfering with the duly constituted authorities in charge of the Boy Scout Organization, the Girl Scout Organization and the West Tampa Boys' Club, and members of either of said organizations."

The above are three gems from the long list of prohibited acts. The inane twaddle about the "destruction of organized government" is the usual ignorant bleat of capitalist lackeys who try to make it appear that opposition to and struggle against capitalist government implies a fight against all organized government.

Tampa workers, the same as masses of other workers, have learned through experience that the political powers—police, courts, military, executive, the public school system, and their numerous semi-official auxiliaries like Boy Scouts, etc., are their enemies and must be fought.

The injunction against the tobacco workers of Tampa only furnishes added proof of our charge that the government of the United States, and of the state of Florida and of Tampa are capitalist weapons against workers.

There can be but one reply to such an injunction; absolute defiance by increasing the militant mass activity of the strikers; by mobilizing the whole working class population—men, women and children in mighty street demonstrations against the injunction menace. The strikers should show their utter contempt for the miserable flunkey of capitalism, Judge Akerman, by mass picketing of the strike-breaking, scab-herding factories of E. Regensburg & Sons. Workers' Self-Defense Corps should be organized to protect the demonstrations and the picket lines from police attacks. Even the children of the working class should be organized into groups of Pioneers and a relentless campaign carried on to expose and to combat the activities of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the West Tampa Boys' Club. Any working class children who have been deceived into these reactionary outifts should be persuaded to desert them and to join the Pioneers.

Continue the Tampa strike!

Demand freedom for the November 7th victims!

Fight for shorter hours, living wages, unemployed insurance!

Down with the strike-breaking injunction!

Pizitz Starvation Pay for Women Workers

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM.—Colored women at Pizitz' store work for \$1 a day and work overtime for nothing almost every day we work. Sometimes we work all day Sunday cleaning up the place and only get 35 cents for supper. This place, the largest department store in Birmingham, pays some of its women only \$4 a week. Out of this they have to pay carfare to and from work. Work is ten hours a day and even more, with slave driving bosses always on hand making us speed up. We must get together and organize to fight for living wages, eight hours a day and against speed-up. If we organize with those out of work (the unemployed) we can beat the bosses.

Birmingham Police Take Negroes' Guns

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM.—The law is now going to houses of Negro workers and searching them for guns. They came to a house and said they wanted to look for "moonshine." They knew there was no booze in the place. They looked for a gun. The worker had a shot gun he went hunting with. The law knew he had that gun. So they took it and said "What you doin' with that gun? 'Niggers' ain't no right to have such guns."

They arrested the worker, took the gun which he paid \$14 for; fined him a total of \$92, part of which was "costs," and made him go on the chain gang.

One worker hasn't got any show for his rights. Let's all get together and fight against such Jim-Crow things.

Ritchie, Maryland's Lynch Governor, Defends Murderers of Matt Williams

Governor Ritchie of Maryland, one of the democratic candidates for the nomination for president of the United States, was quick to rush to the defense of the boss lynch gang that tortured, hanged, shot and burned Matthew Williams last week.

The lynching of the Negro worker who tried to defend his life against the attacks of his boss, Daniel J. Elliott, a Salisbury box and crate manufacturer, is justified by Governor Ritchie. Wiring from Chicago, where he had gone in the interest of his presidential campaign, Ritchie said:

"The crime of this Negro, Williams was a shocking thing, but he should have paid the penalty for it through the established legal machinery."

Thus, the governor of Maryland brands as a "shocking crime" the act of a worker who, already wounded by a bullet fired by his boss, refused to stand still and be shot to death.

Guarantees Legal Lynching

Without hearing a word of evidence, and a thousand miles from the scene, the governor of Maryland declared the worker "should have paid the penalty" for a "shocking crime" "through the established legal machinery."

What of the bourgeois theory that one who is accused of crime is presumed to be innocent until his guilt is proved? Ritchie doesn't take that into consideration when dealing with a worker—any worker, white or black.

All that Ritchie has said amounts to this: That he will guarantee that the legal machinery of the capitalist dictatorship against the working class will do the job of lynching.

Ritchie Backs Bailey

Governor Ritchie says he has confidence in Levin C. Bailey, the Ku Klux lynch and prosecuting attorney of Wicomico county, in which this latest Maryland lynching occurred. Bailey had already depicted the lynch gang as heroes in the following statement made ten hours after the worker victim had been burned at Salisbury:

"This affair, which is a blot on the community, would never have occurred if it had not been for the interference in the Lee (Orphan) Jones case of an agency in Baltimore known as the International Labor Defense."

"If that man accused of the murder of four people down here in Worcester county had gone on trial in the regular manner, this maybe would not have happened, and if it had the persons responsible for what happened last night would have allowed the law to take its course."

This is not only a defense of lynching. It is a confession on the part of the State's attorney, Bailey, that he knows who the lynchers are. Certainly if he did not know them he would not venture to state that had it not been for the International Labor Defense protecting Orphan Jones from the lynch gang the lynchers would "have allowed the law to take its regular course." Not only are the statements of Bailey an admission that he knows the lynchers; it is an admission that he, himself is an accessory, either before, during or after the fact.

It is this same Bailey—an accomplice and perhaps one of the organizers of the lynch mob that mutilated with knives, shot, hung and burned a working man—in whom Gov. Ritchie publicly proclaims his "confidence."

Bailey, the lynch monster, his hands gory with the blood of Matthew Williams, is a fit subordinate for Ritchie, the lynchers' candidate for president of the United States.

Terror Campaign Goes On

The terror drive against the Negro working class population of the Maryland Eastern seaboard goes on. Negro workers are subject to an unannounced but nevertheless effective curfew regime. If they venture on the streets or highways after dark they are targets for the first Ku Kluxer or lynch gangster who spots them. Meanwhile

A. Mitchell Palmer.

Must Smash Terror

When Ritchie's pet prosecutors, Bailey, and Godfrey Child, who is persecuting Orphan Jones, attacked the International Labor Defense because of the defense of the aged farm hand, the Baltimore office of the I.L.D. came back, with a defiant challenge to the whole lynch gang. The International Labor Defense said in a telegram to Child:

"Your threats of further violence in your circuit will not prevent the International Labor Defense from protecting workers against legal lynching by you and your courts. Eastern Shore mobs may dictate the orders of your courts but we will still lead the workers in their organized fight against your terrorization."

The vicious lynch gang, gleefully celebrating its bestial murder of Matthew Williams, the courageous Negro worker who dared defend his life against the gunfire of his brutal wage-stealing boss, sent from Salisbury a telegram to Bernard Ades, International Labor Defense attorney for Orphan Jones, which read as follows:

"Have Negro murderer here. Slightly delapidated. Interview guaranteed. Same treatment awaits others."

(Signed) John J. Justice."

This was a clear threat against the life of a 28-year-old Negro worker, George Davis, accused of attempted assault on an "Eastern shore" farmer's wife. Davis is one of many victims of the favorite frame-up used by the boss class to keep the Negro workers in a state of terror and to try to prejudice white workers against Negroes in the hope that the workers can be kept forever divided along color line and not unite to fight against the oppression of the bosses. The I.L.D. is defending Davis.

Against the lynch drive the Communist Party, the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the International Labor Defense, the Trade Union Unity League, will mobilize all their forces.

Mass struggle against lynching, combined with organizations of the workers, black and white, into militant unions, into councils of action against wage-cuts, long hours, lay-offs, Jim-Crowism and all forms of victimization, organization of the unemployed to fight together with the employed, the building of strong Workers' Self-Defense Corps—all such action must be directed toward smashing the lynch terror and win for the workers the right to organize and strike, the right to bear arms and defend themselves against lynch mobs.

WALLOPS SANTA CLAUS

The New Pioneer, paper of the revolutionary working class children gives the myth of Santa Claus a wallop in its December issue, showing how that superstition is connected with the religious dope that is used by the master class as opium for grown workers. There are a number of other excellent features in the paper, especially a map of Manchuria and an article by Robert W. Dunn. The address of the New Pioneer is Box 26, Station D, New York City.

CANNIBAL MEAT ONLY

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DADE CITY, Fla.—No fruit or vegetable sales. No work for workers. If we get meat we will have to eat each other. Everybody looks at one another like they are going to turn cannibal.