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## Workers Support Kentucky Miners

PREPARE SCOTTSBORO DEMONSTRATIONS JANUARY 8, 9 and 10

### Demand Release of Boys From Kilby Death Cells

With the appeal of the Scottsboro case to be heard before the Alabama State Supreme Court next month, the International Labor Defense announced today that it is organizing a national mass movement to force a new hearing for the eight young Negro boys and secure their release from death cells at Kilby prison at Montgomery, Ala.

January 8, 9 and 10 will be "Scottsboro Protest Days" for 200,000 International Labor Defense members and members of affiliated worker organizations, according to J. Louis Engdahl, I. L. D. secretary. In 30 large American cities protest meetings will be held, demonstrations staged and a sweeping publicity campaign launched to focus a glare of public attention upon the legal lynching of these innocent young Negro workers, says Engdahl.

#### Parents Visit Boys

Nine parents and relatives of the boys were sent by the I.L.D. to visit the boys in Kilby prison last week. General George W. Chamble, celebrated Chattanooga attorney, retained by the I.L.D. to defend the boys in their appeal, writes of the visit: "The southern district of the I.L.D. provided expense money for a visit to the prison by Mrs. Ada Wright, Mrs. Beatrice Maddox, Mrs. Lula Jackson, Mrs. Josephine Powell, Mrs. Ida Norris and two girls, sisters of Roy and Andy Wright. I have been to Kilby prison, and visited the Scottsboro boys several times, but I do not think they were ever as happy to see their families as they were this time. The boys are very grateful for the assistance furnished them by the I. L. D."

#### Express N.A.A.C.P. Lie

Engdahl denied categorically today the statement issued to the press by the N.A.A.C.P. that Mr. Chamble was ruled out of the appeal because Circuit Judge Hawkins "did not approve" of the bill of exceptions filed by the I.L.D. attorney.

"The International Labor Defense is in the Scottsboro case with both feet, as it has been from the beginning, before the N.A.A.C.P. dared take a stand," says Engdahl, "and it intends to remain in the case. By the wishes of all the boys and all their parents and nearest of kin, the I. L. D. will argue the appeal before the supreme court on January 18.

"The N.A.A.C.P. has been carrying on a persistent attack against the I.L.D., claiming that we are not defending the boys, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was in the case first, and that the policy of our organization—which saved the boys originally when their lives were in danger—is calculated to harm these young Negro workers.

"None of these statements has a scrap of truth to stand on. The N.A.A.C.P. has been engaged for months issuing a stream of falsehoods and distortions against the I. L. D."

### Spivak Workers Aid Paper, Though Sick

Although sick and being treated in a sanatorium the Southern Worker group of workers at Spivak, Colo., never fail to respond to an appeal to keep their paper going. The following letter has just been received from the Southern Worker group of Spivak:

"Dear Comrades—In reply to your appeal for funds we send five dollars collected from sickles and doses of the sick workers.

"We hope the workers, white and colored, will also send in their last pennies in order that the Southern Worker should be able to carry on the wonderful work against starvation and unemployment and for the final overthrow of the rotten capitalist system.

"Long live the Southern Worker!" "Comradely yours, S. W. Group."

Engdahl concluded his remarks with exposing a number of bare-faced lies of the N.A.A.C.P. gang that has tried since the beginning of the case to help the Alabama lynch mob burn the boys in the electric chair on the lying testimony of two white police-stories who were forced by the police to testify against the boys on the threat that their "professions" would be interfered with.

#### Arrest Workers Of South

All working class organizations and all sympathizers with the struggle of labor, all opponents of lynch rule in the South should rally to the defense of the Scottsboro boys and send in strong protests to the governor of Alabama demanding the immediate release from prison of these boys who have been tortured for months by the blood-thirsty ruling class.

Negro workers and farmers should denounce and repudiate the servants of the lynchers, the vile agents of white ruling class supremacy, the black Judases at the head of the N. A.A.C.P.

Only the mass struggle of workers and farmers can save the Scottsboro boys from being burned to death in the electric chair.

Demonstrate and protest January 8, 9 and 10. Fight all the time to force open the doors of Kilby Prison and free the Scottsboro boys!

### DOAK SNARLING NEW LIES ABOUT HUNGER MARCH

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Hoover's secretary of labor, the strike-breaker Doak, horns in with a new set of lies about the Hunger March that exposed before hundreds of thousands of workers the fraud of Hoover's relief program. In trying to instigate suppression of the great demonstrations that accompanied the Hunger Marchers on their return home from Washington Doak repeated the "secret service" line to the effect that the march was "virtually wholly of Communist participation." This lie has been exposed a number of times. While the Communists participated in the Hunger March as the most advanced and conscious elements of the working class, the hunger march is NOT withdrawal tens of thousands who have only recently heard of Communism.

#### Lies About T.U.U.L.

Doak seems not to know that he contradicts himself about the march being "wholly of Communist participation" when he admits that the Trade Union Unity League played a big role in mobilization of the masses behind the march. The Trade Union Unity League has in its ranks all kinds of militant workers—Communists, former supporters of the socialists, non-party elements, syndicalists, and left-wing workers of various shades.

Doak lies shamefully when he states: "Preparations for the march began as early as October 14 and they included general membership meetings of the Trade Union Unity League, which has been outlawed by the United States Courts, the District Court and the Court of Appeals."

Never at any time has there been a case in any United States court or any court in any way involving the legality of the Trade Union Unity League. Doak is just a plain liar who invented the tale about the T. U.U.L. being outlawed.

No doubt he and his political boss Hoover, and the Wall street gang that runs the government would like to outlaw all fighting working class organizations. But they know they would have another fight on their hands that would further discredit them before millions of workers who already hold the whole gang in contempt.

#### W. VA. MINERS ORGANIZING

ORANGE, W. Va. — Over 3,000 Scott's Run miners have joined the National Miners' Union within the past seven weeks. The men working in the mines and unemployed, organized in the Unemployed Councils are waging a joint struggle against hunger and preparing to challenge the bosses' offensive.

### To Defeat Harlan Terror By Strike January 1st

Next Friday, January 1st, the miners in the Kentucky coal fields will go on strike against starvation and terror, under the banner of the National Miners' Union. The fight in the Harlan coal region is a fight for the whole working class. It is a fight against the biggest bosses in the United States—Morgan, Rockefeller, Ford, Mellon

### PENCIL CONCERN COMES TO TENN. FOR LOW WAGES

The Ozark Pencil company of St. Louis, Mo., has leased a building at Lewisburg and will establish a pencil plant there about January 1st. The company is known as a vicious exploiter of labor and has had a number of labor struggles in St. Louis, so it is establishing a plant in Tennessee because the bosses tell them that they can establish industries here and have no trouble getting a big supply of cheap "contented" labor.

#### Company's Keenness

The pencil company announces that it is moving to Tennessee so it can nearer the supply of raw material, particularly wood, for its product, which consists mostly of advertising and novelty pencils, of which it is alleged to be the biggest manufacturer in the country.

From the first the workers of Lewisburg should insist upon living wages, and since a majority of the workers are women and girls, it is necessary that one of the main demands be equal pay for equal work before one pencil is manufactured in Lewisburg. Let the exploiters of labor know that they cannot dictate their slave terms to the workers of Tennessee, even if the chambers of commerce and other organizations of thieves claim they can.

### Worse Than Slavery In St. Petersburg Fla.

(By a Worker Correspondent) ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Everything here is bad. The tourists that usually come to the big hotels are not here. There is no work at all any place. A few workers stare at unloading coal wood for which they get almost nothing.

The city is letting about 5,000 workers work four hours, two days a week and they are paid in scrip that is only good at one store. The only thing they get is white meat, peas, beans, rice and coffee. No milk, sugar or tobacco. The city officials call these three items luxuries.

Many workers, white and Negro, should join the Communist Party and fight, the same as the workers of Tampa have been fighting for the past month.

—who have imposed mass hunger, disease and death upon the Kentucky coal miners and who try to maintain their starvation rule by waging a campaign of frightfulness against the whole working class population.

If Morgan, Mellon, Rockefeller, Ford and Duell can crush the miners in Kentucky they will rapidly extend the same sort of gun-man rule to other industries which they control—and they control ALL INDUSTRY in the United States. It is up to the working class of the United States to rally to the aid of the Kentucky miners by supporting the march wherewith the fight can be carried on to victory for the miners and for the whole working class.

#### National Board Appeal

Under the signatures of Frank Borah, national secretary of the National Miners' Union, and Bill Modka, Kentucky district secretary of the union, a joint appeal has been issued to the working class as follows:

Over 20,000 Kentucky miners voted, thru their representatives at the convention of N. M. U., to strike January 1st, 1932 against the worst starvation and the most brutal terror in the history of the coal industry. (Continued on Page 2)

### Scab Mine Union Officers Aid Cops

CHICAGO, Ill. — The scabby officials of the United Mine Workers of America are professional stool pigeons for the police in Southern Illinois coal fields. It was they who aided the police prepare the indictments of Bill Geibert, district organizer of the Communist Party and other working class leaders on charges of "criminal syndicalism."

#### Express Syndicalist Lie

The very wording of the indictment exposes the syndicalist lie as nothing but a strike-breaking act. Geibert, Phil Frankfeld, Joe Tash, Clara Saffren and others are charged with attempting to "incite a strike among coal miners employed in the county of Franklin and state of Illinois at two mines therein, to-wit: Orient Mine No. 7 and Orient Mine No. 2, the two said mines being then and there owned and operated by the Chicago, Wilmington & Franklin Coal Corporation."

Rank and file members of the U. M. W. A. are protesting against these stool-pigeons and are supporting Rank and File United Front Committees.

# KENTUCKY MINERS FIGHT for ALL WORKERS

## Union Appeal for Aid To Defeat Harlan Terror

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try. Right from the convention hall scores of rank and file organizers, risking their very lives, ragged and almost barefooted, but determined, went hiking over the mountains to organize the strike.

To coal operators have reduced the standard of living of the miners to the point of actual hunger. The majority of the miners receive no money for their hard toil. Men and women are going hungry and in rags. Many are working during the day

and begging food for their family at night. Over 4,000 blacklisted and their dependents are dying for lack of bread. Thousands of children are undernourished and will never grow up into healthy men and women. Most of them will remain maimed for life. Hundreds of these little children are dying of disease, called flux, which is caused by hunger. Pellagra and all sorts of diseases caused by hunger, are widespread among the entire mining population in Kentucky.

### Strike Against Starvation and Terror

The miners are not suffering only of hunger. They are subjected to the most vicious and the most brutal terror that ever existed in the country. Criminals with long records of robbery and murder have been imported into the coal fields, armed to the teeth and shielded with badges of the capitalist. Every mining town is an armed camp. The gunmen are the law in these towns. They are raiding miners' shacks, destroying furniture, kidnapping militant miners, "taking them for a ride" and murdering them.

The courts on the testimony of the

### Betrayed by the U. M. W. A. and I. W. W.

The Kentucky miners made several heroic attempts to defeat the starvation and terror. Last Spring they conducted one of the most heroic strikes in the history of the class struggle in this country. They fought courageously with guns in their hands—yet when they were in the mountains battling with the gunmen, they were dying in the struggle for the right to live. They actually defeated the gunmen. Then Governor Sweeney sent his army to aid the company gunmen in the war against the miners.

Every effort of the armed forces failed to defeat the courageous Kentucky miners. The coal operators needed the help of the U. M. W. A.

### Organize the National Miners' Union

The exploited, hungry and proscribed miners did not surrender. Their fighting spirit was even more aroused. They were looking for a way out of this situation. They found their real unshakable and determined leader in the National Miners' Union. They themselves, organized the N. M. U. They decided that the Union is strong enough to lead them in the struggle against starvation and terror. They organized the District Convention of the Union. The Convention represented practically

### Relief Supreme Necessity

The Kentucky miners decided to strike. They are determined to win the strike. They must win the strike if they are to live like human beings and not like slaves. They are ready and determined to meet any measure of the coal operators and their government. They are ready to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, in order to defeat the starvation and terror and to relieve their little ones from the present sufferings.

The Kentucky miners are determined to defeat every obstacle on the way to a victorious strike. But, they cannot without the help of the working class, defeat the present hunger that will increase in the course of the strike. They are hungry even now while they are working. Their children have nothing to eat and nothing to wear. The coal operators will evict them from the company shacks. They will have no place to live in.

gunmen, are imposing the heaviest sentences upon the miners. Even Theodore Dreiser, famous novelist, and the chairman to investigate the starvation conditions and terror in Kentucky has been indicted on the charge of criminal syndicalism. Liberal newspapers are being shot. Every voice of protest against the inhuman conditions and slavery is being suppressed by the iron hand of the coal operators and their gunmen. Human language does not know words enough to picture the long sufferings of the Kentucky miners and their families.

—and they got it. The U. M. W. A., with its long record of treachery and betrayal aided by the I. W. W., betrayed the fighting miners at the most crucial moment. This was one of the most shameful betrayals ever committed. The U. M. W. A., without whatever little support it was giving to the hungry but fighting miners. It told the miners to surrender to the gun-club. The strike was defeated, the miners driven back into the mines to work under even worse conditions. Thousands were blacklisted, hundreds arrested. The terror was increased and intensified. A real modern slavery has been established throughout the coal fields.

Every mine in the state. Women and children, hungry and ragged, in pouring rain, came to hear the decisions of the Convention. An unanimous decision, accompanied by prolonged applause and cheers, was made to strike every mine in the state on January 1st, 1932. Preparations for the great historic strike are about completed, and the day of the strike is being eagerly awaited. The children are composing songs that they will sing on the picket lines.

The Kentucky miners will do their duty. They will do the actual fighting. But they need food, they need clothing, they need shelter. This must come from the miners in other sections of the industry, from the workers of other industries, from the farmers, from every working class organization and from every sympathizer of the brave and heroic Kentucky miners.

The National Board and the Kentucky District Board of the National Miners' Union appeal to the working class of the United States for support to the striking miners in Kentucky!

The victory of the Kentucky miners will be the victory of the entire working class of the United States. The employers are cutting wages in every industry. The government refuses to give relief to the millions of unemployed. The victory of the Kentucky miners will stimulate the development of the struggle against



## BOSS THIEVES OF CAMP HILL STEALING ALL

(By a Worker Correspondent) CAMP HILL, Ala.—In carrying on our work here of keeping together the Share Croppers' Union and in getting new members we're finding out all kinds of crimes the bosses commit against us.

We find that Langley, the rural mail carrier, is still robbing the croppers of everything he can. This is the Langley who took \$225 from Ralph Gray, when Ralph was working on his land and offered Ralph \$5 with the statement "this is enough for any nigger." Ralph punched him in the nose for that, so Langley swore to kill him at the first opportunity. This swag was killed during the first strike on the Camp Hill Share Croppers Union meeting. But Langley, mail carrier of route No. 2, is still going around snatching into mail and keeping the rule of the landowners that "niggers" have no right to get mail from any place unless the landowners know all about it and want them to have it.

**Boss Steals Everything**  
Otis Marmon, landowner of Wayery, Ala., don't even bother to give his "niggers" one cent. Cleveland Houghley made application for \$288 from the government and Marmon kept it all.

Reese Benson, working for Mrs. W. James, a "good Christian soul," made application for relief, but being unable to write Mrs. James made it out and refused to tell Benson the amount. That is the last he ever heard of his "government relief."

**Politicians United**  
Postmasters, who are republican mostly, tell the Negro croppers they ought to vote republican—but they help the democrats not to let us vote at all. The republican postmasters help the democrats steal from us. They are all alike. We got to raise a big fight to get investigated those stealing from us. Maybe it won't do no good, but we will show up the stealers of our money. Our Croppers Union talks about this many times and if there are more Croppers Unions we might get someone in the government to listen to us. Maybe it would be like they treat the Hunger Marchers, only pay attention when there are lots of us who fight and they have to do something.

wage cuts and for Social Insurance throughout the country. It will help to defeat the starvation program of the capitalist class.

Help the Kentucky miners to defeat starvation and terror! Collect funds, food and clothing for the striking Kentucky miners!

Follow their example in the struggle against starvation!

## Demands on Which Harlan-Bell-Tenn. Strike Called

PINEVILLE, Ky.—The Kentucky coal fields are being flooded with leaflets of the National Miners' Union containing the strike call of the National Miners Union Convention, and the demands of the strike which is set for January 1st. The demands for which the miners will fight are as follows:

1. 50c a ton machine coal, 4 feet and over, and 2c additional for each ton below four feet.
2. 65c a ton pick coal, 4 feet and over, and 2c additional for each ton below four feet.
3. 25c a yard for wet places.
4. Top day-men, \$4.80, helpover \$4.40, unclassified labor, \$3.60 per day.
5. Machine men 15c per ton.
6. Payment for all dead work to make, entries and all narrow places.
8. When a miner cannot make his day work because of the company's fault he is to be paid in full shift.
9. When any miner is taken off the face for other work he shall be paid top day-men's wages.
10. Delivery of all supplies into the working area to be done by company. Cars also to be placed and pulled by the company.
11. Abolition of the system of backing the coal.
12. Equal turn in the entire mine.
13. Installation of man trip in mines wherever necessary.
14. All miners to be paid in U. S. currency, regular pay days on 15th and 30th of each month, every miner to have the right to trade where he chooses.
15. After the strike re-employment of all blacklisted miners. No discrimination against any of the strikers and especially not against the Negro miners.
16. Withdrawal of all armed forces from the coal fields and immediate release of all miners in jails for union activities.
17. Enforcement of the 8-hour day.
18. Recognition of the Union check-weighmen in all mines.
19. Recognition of the National Miners Union and a broad mine committee.

We call on all Kentucky miners to strike and win these demands.

Urging the miners to "Organize Rank and File Leadership," the leaflet concludes:

"The best guarantee to defeat the coal operators, the U.M.W.A. and the I. W. W. and to assure the victory of the strike is to organize rank and file leadership and control over the strike. On the first day of the strike a broad rank and file strike committee shall be elected at a mass meeting in every mine. A broad central rank and file strike committee shall be set up as soon as the strike begins. Every mine must be represented on this central leadership of the strike. The picket committee, the defense committee and the relief committee shall be set up in every mine. The Negroes, the women and the youth must have adequate representation on all the committees. A mass picket line is to be established in every mine on strike. Mass picketing will win the strike!

Build the N. M. U.  
"The building of the National Miners' Union is of decisive importance. Every miner, striker or unemployed, Negro or white, must be signed up into the N. M. U. Every woman and every girl must be organized into Women's Branches of the N. M. U. Our slogan must be "100 percent organization in every mine!"

Strike on January 1st!  
Defeat the starvation and the terror of the coal operators!  
Smash the strikeshaking U. M. W. A. and the I. W. W.!

A rank and file strike committee in every mine!  
Picket every mine in the state!  
Build the National Miners' Union!  
Forward to a victorious strike!

[This strike call is issued by the District Convention of the National Miners' Union in Kentucky. For all information write to National Miners Union, Box 73, Pineville, Kentucky.]

## Left-Over Chicken Bones Given to Sick

(By a Worker Correspondent) DANVILLE, Va.—The Episcopalian church ladies finally got their chicken bones disposed of by sending them to the Hilltop T. B. Hospital, for the patients to eat. What the hell you know about that? Sick people living off the bones from the rich people's table. While the taxes that the poor people pay to keep this hospital up, goes to buy more chickens for the rich people so the patients can have more bones.

If the community chest workers have another big dinner the sick people will be in luck for they then can have a big soup dinner from the bones and crumbs left from this big dinner. Let's hope that this happens before Xmas so that the Danville sick can have a big (bone soup) dinner on Xmas day. Won't that be hot. Santa can bring the sick people bones. You know old Santa is so big-hearted!

Don't you poor people be surprised when the Community Chest people ask you for more money to buy chickens with. The poor and sick can have the bones. This big feed was given by the Epiphany church for the community chest workers and the people of Danville are now in a quandary about just where the money came from to buy the hundred and forty chickens and just how many workers were present to consume those chickens. But the workers were welcome to the bones after the dinner was over.

Why should the people give their hard earned money to a fake organization like this? It is only furnishing jobs and salaries for people who do not need them (society people). Workers, they do this in order to make the working class think they are to blame for the hard times.

The capitalist class is responsible for the present hard times. Workers, organize and make the rich dish out some of their millions that you made for them.

Went down to the Epiphany church. There was no body at home! The society ladies ate all the meat. And left the sick and unemployed the bones.

**BOSTON BANKS CRASH**  
BOSTON, Mass.—Nine of the leading banks of this city crashed. More than \$58,000,000 was involved. The biggest was the Federal National Bank of Boston with deposits of more than \$28,000,000.

NEW YORK, (CNA)—News from Moscow states that an American Negro, Lovett Fort Whalum, has been appointed professor of mathematics and chemistry to teach children of American engineers and technicians in Russia.

## TAMPA WORKERS PREPARING TO RENEW STRIKE

TAMPA.—Preparations are going full speed ahead for a new strike against wage-cuts and against the bad conditions in the tobacco factories here. The workers who struck are back to work, but the fight is not ended. It has only begun. The job now is to strengthen our organization, the Tampa Tobacco Workers' Union, so that we can bring the bosses to our terms.

### Lockout Followed Strike

The strike was launched against the removal of workers in the cigar factories and also to demand freedom for the 17 workers in jail as a result of the police raid against the November 7th celebrations of the Bolshevik revolution. It was followed by a lock-out of the workers. They tried to break the union by saying some could go back to work without leaving the union. The ranks stood firm. The next act of the bosses was the injunction by the district judge, who is a lackey of the tobacco trust. This so incensed the workers that they declared they would defy the injunction and make a still sharper fight. In face of this the bosses gave up their attempt to maintain the lock-out.

### Strengthen Union

The next job is to strengthen the union by lining up as many workers as possible and building machinery for leadership of the struggle. In every factory there must be organized Committees of Action to prepare for a new strike. New lists of demands are being drawn up. Workers are learning that they ought to have put forth a list of economic demands for the whole industry and special demands for each work place in connection with the protest strike, thereby raising the struggle to a higher stage. The Tampa workers are not beaten. We are strengthening our forces so that the bosses will be defeated and forced to grant our demands.

## Tampa Prisoners Are Puzzle to the Police

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
TAMPA.—The 17 class war prisoners here who are in jail as a result of the police raid on the celebration of the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, November 7, are a problem for the police and officials. The city cops didn't know what to do with them so they gave them to the county sheriffs. Now it seems the state doesn't know what to do with them, so they are shoving them off on Uncle Slylock—trying to get them deported.

All of the gang want to keep those 17 workers in jail. We have to fight to get them out. We must keep the fight going to free them and see that they don't stay in prison or be deported by scabby Doak.

## Ala. Morons 'Lynch' Lyneburg Cotton Mill Slaves Get Miserable Wages

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—Whenever a Southern business man or boss sees anything he doesn't like, the first thing he does is to yell "lynch it." The lynch rule is as much a part of the Southern ruling class as is corn whiskey and fundamentalist preaching. The "depression" has hit the Southern bosses and especially the small store-keepers, so in a number of places they are trying to drive it away by the application of lynch law—their weapon against the working class, white and black.

On Saturday night in this town the assorted half-wits who belong to a thing called the Daily Register Prosperity Club, staged a lynching on Court Square. Instead of a worker for a victim they contorted themselves with dressing up a dummy, labeling it "Depression" and then hanging it for a time, after which it was cut down and then burned at the stake. The mayor of the town, one Alex McAllister, issued a proclamation calling upon all the "good citizens" (meaning the lynch gang) to "exorcise depression."

After the lynching rehearsal the morons decided that henceforth they would not mention the word "depression" since it had been duly and properly lynched in the most approved style of the ruling class.

Need we remark that the workers and poor farmers in and about Huntsville are still starving, even though the lynch gang did stage their idiotic performance on Court Square?

## Ask Charity For Shoes; Get Weeds

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.—We young workers in Charlotte are unemployed and have no shoes to wear. We decided to go to the charity and ask for some shoes, so a Negro girl and I went there. They gave us a bag of greens and told us to never come again.

We told them we couldn't wear greens for shoes.

There were about 75 or 100 unemployed workers before the charity that had cut wood all week in the hope of getting something from the charity. They also got a bag of greens for cutting wood all week.

Young workers, let's organize together, white and black for unemployed insurance. We don't want charity garbage. We want cash relief.

Join the Youth Committee of the Unemployed Councils.  
—A Young Unemployed Textile Worker.

### ILLINOIS SCHOOLS CLOSE

CHICAGO, Ill.—Hundreds of elementary schools will close after January 1st because of bankruptcy of a number of counties.

Fellow Workers:  
I want to say a few words on how they treat the workers in the cotton mills here in Lynchburg, Va.

The dollars make from nine to twelve dollars each fifty hour week, that is, when they are lucky enough to get to work full time, which very few of them do. The bosses have stood pigeons to watch the workers and if they say a word about any of the conditions, in the mills the worker is fired when he goes back to work. The bosses think that poor people are just made for them to work to death.

Us workers here are getting tired of working for nothing and working like we are some kind of machinery and not human beings. Some of these days soon we are going to revolt and what a revolt it will be. The bosses will be surprised.

The weavers on forty-eight looms are making eight dollars a week, and think they are lucky to make that much. Now anybody knows that a worker that is satisfied to run forty-eight looms for eight dollars a week is crazy, but there is only one weaver here that says that she is satisfied. I think, as all the other workers do, that she is a damn good pigeon, and gets money on the side from the bosses.

For a three-room house with no bath or heat or lights, we workers have to pay one hundred and forty-three dollars a year for rent. How the hell can a poor worker live and pay such rent and food and clothing so high as they are?

People working for the city of Lynchburg get 18 cents an hour for their work. These workers are the unemployed and most work for this or starve, as the welfare will refuse to help them if they refuse to work for this wage.

Workers, employed and unemployed, join the Union. For information, write P. O. Box 759, Danville, Va.  
—Written by a Mill Worker of Lynchburg, Va.

## Hoover's Hunger "Relief" But \$7.89

On the basis of the total amount of money collected by the Hoover, Gifford, Young relief swindle, each unemployed worker would get \$7.89. That is, provided the money were divided equally and the charity members of the Red Cross, the Community Chests, the Salvation Army and others did not get anything at all for "administrative expenses."

The total amount collected is announced at \$94,500,000. Divided among the 12,000,000 jobless this amounts to approximately \$7.89. No provision whatever for the dependents of the unemployed.

Against this fraud the Unemployed Council must struggle. This starvation confidence trick of Hoover and his millionaire committee must meet with the furious protests of the whole working class. The fight for immediate winter relief of not less than \$150 for each unemployed worker and \$50 for each dependent; of full wages for all unemployed and part time workers must increase a thousand-fold. Forward to the nationwide unemployment demonstrations on February 4th!

### DRIVERS INCREASE WAGES

CHICAGO.—A threat to strike brought a \$1 a week increase for members of the Laundry and Dye House Drivers' Union.

## Charlotte Jobless Defy Police Thugs

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Four hundred workers demonstrated at the Charlotte city hall in protest of the Hoover Hunger Verdict to the Hunger Marchers and demanded immediate cash relief from the local city government.

The police of Charlotte, represented by the personal appearance of Littlejohn, head of the department, with two more thugs, invaded the headquarters of the Unemployed Council a few hours preceding the demonstration and threatened to break up the demonstration unless the place was changed. Despite the threats the meeting went on and for 20 minutes the workers protected the speaker until finally about 200 police dispersed the crowd.

The fine militancy of the workers present prevented the police from getting too "tough." A large number of Pioneers had a parade with tin cans and a harp as music, bearing banners carrying slogans of the Unemployed Council. The kids booted the police and many older workers joined in.

The unemployed of Charlotte are heartened by the resistance they put up against the police and are intensifying their fight to force relief from the Charlotte bosses. Next time three will be thousands at the City Hall.

## Demands Graft to Cash Mill Checks

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
KANNAPOLIS, N. C.—As I go about my daily duties in the largest towel plant in the world this morning, with a ten per cent wage cut, I feel that, as a poor working man, it is my duty to expose the boss thievery. Besides paying us starvation wages and then cutting them still more, there is another outrage I must talk about. That is a check cashing graft carried on by a Christian gentleman named E. W. Durham, on South Main street.

When we get our checks we have to get money right away. We can't get them cashed at the banks because they are closed. So this grafter sends cards all around the mill telling us his dump will be open from 7:00 in the morning until 9 at night and on Thursday Friday and Saturday we can get our mill checks cashed there "for a small charge of 5 cents each up to \$15 and 10 cents each over \$15." Can you beat that. Yet so bad do we need money that this capitalist grafter gets lots of money from us.  
—A Worker.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—The worker who writes should get in touch with the National Textile Workers Union and, with their help and advice, start building a union in the mill to fight against wage cuts, against long hours

## MISTAKEN FOR REDS; HITCHHIKERS BEATEN

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
TAMPA.—The police here are going wild. Everyone they see that doesn't look like a pirate or that they don't know is accused of being a Red. The workers have given them such a hot time that they see red everywhere.

They were busy looking for Frank Burns, whom they considered one of the Red leaders. They didn't know him, but they had what they thought was Burns' description. Two strange young men landed in town. So the cops pounced upon them, accused them of being Reds. They denied it and both of them got a beating—one of them severely.

The cops finally learned they were two students who had hitch-hiked down from New York and who knew nothing about Reds except what they read in the press about the unemployed demonstrations and garment strikes in Gotham.

The joke was on the cops—but the hitch-hikers didn't feel like laughing.

GREATER FASCIST TERROR  
ROME, Italy.—Mussolini, fearful of the growing mass struggles against hunger has ordered fiercer terror against all workers. In some places fascist forces are deserting and joining workers in their struggles.



TROLLEY WAGE CUT  
E. ST. LOUIS.—The suburban railway announces a 10 per cent cut beginning January 1st.

and to demand, among other things, that wages be paid in cash instead of by checks. That will put a stop to Mr. B(ull) W. Durham's little graft. It is necessary to expose such rotten stunts and the SOUTHERN WORKER will always help in such exposure, but we must also organize and fight on the basis of demands that will stop such things and improve the conditions of the workers.

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### Strike Against Rail Pay Cut

On top of the already reduced wages of the railroad workers as a result of short-time work comes the threat of a slashing attack against the pay of all railroad workers. The Atlanta Constitution, in screaming headlines, announces that the railway executives intend to revoke the railway labor act to obtain a 15 per cent wage cut.

The Central of Georgia has already cut the pay of its workers. Other Southern roads are already cutting wages. Now comes the general attack on wages which will affect every railroad worker in the United States.

Following their treacherous policy of acting as agents of the bosses, the Brotherhood and American Federation of Labor union leaders are actively siding in the pay-cutting drive.

So sure are the railroad bosses of being able, with the aid of the United States government and the labor fakery to put over the pay cut, that railroad shares have already gone up on the stock market. The stock market sees greater profits as a result of the further impoverishment of the railroad workers.

There can be but one reply to this pay cut drive—the organization of and putting into effect at the earliest possible moment of a strike movement against wage cutting. The railroad workers should rally to the standard of the National Railroad Workers' Industrial League, supported by the Trade Union Unity League and immediately begin to set up organizational machinery to smash the wage cutting offensive. In all round houses, on all divisions, on all sections, the railroad workers should set up Committees of Action to prepare for the strike.

Such a strike can be won. The capitalist bosses can be forced to give up their attempt to further cut the wages of the railroad workers. The capitalist class of this country is in such a fix because of an economic crisis that it cannot long withstand a general strike of railroad workers. Such a strike may easily signalize the turning of the tide of struggle against the whole offensive of the boss class.

Every class conscious worker should in every way possible aid the railroad workers in preparing for resistance to the pay cuts. Here in the South the white and Negro workers on the railroads must unite and set up Action Committees, embracing all the organized and unorganized, employed and unemployed railroad workers.

- Build a United Fighting Front against wage cuts!
- Build the National Railroad Workers' Industrial League!
- Down with the arbitration swindle!
- Organize for strike action!
- Defeat the wage cuts!
- Fight for the Six-Hour Day with no reductions in pay!
- Demand Unemployment Insurance and Winter Relief!

### The Lies of Chattanooga Politicians

The two underworld trials arising out of the killing of two Chattanooga policemen are ended. For the biggest part of a week there was a courtroom parade of policemen, lawfairs, bootleggers, dope peddlers, prostitutes—the white and black riff-raff of a decaying capitalism. These were the cases that three of the eminences of the political cesspool of Chattanooga—Mayor Bass, Judge Fleming and Sheriff Taylor—tried to use to fan the flames of a race riot. It was this social scam that these three office-holders, those ornaments of the lynch law, tried to connect up with the Communists of Chattanooga.

Certainly if there ever had been the most remote contact between any of these elements and the Reds, the prosecutor and the police would have made the most of it at the trials. But not even the trained frame-up artists who specialize on Red-baiting could invent anything that even as much as brought out any reference to labor struggles at those two trials. The only way the underworld ever hears about Communism is when the bosses, the so-called "best people," mobilize them against working class activity in strikes and demonstrations.

The workers of Chattanooga have a right to ask whether Sheriff Taylor, Judge Fleming and Mayor Bass will retract their dirty lies against the Party of the working class, the Communist Party. People who made such public statements as they did against the Communists naturally might have been expected to play a prominent part in the trials and to have presented their "evidence." Yet none of the three appeared to back up their lies in the capitalist press. Neither did the lying reptile press, the Chattanooga Times or the Chattanooga News, retract the lies they carried against us.

We do not expect them to. It is sufficient for us that all workers who can think know they are liars. They, themselves, proved it out of their own mouths.

#### 20 YEARS FOR DEFENSE

GREENWOOD, Miss. — William Mell, Negro farm laborer, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the "crime" of defending his life against a plantation manager, R. W. Holley, who was wounded by the worker.

#### SOCIALIST JAILS WORKERS

KVANSVILLE, Ind. — William A. Yella, a socialist justice of the peace here is jailing unemployed workers who fight against lynchings.

#### SOCIALISTS' GRAFT FIRST

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — The county board of supervisors, with the aid of "socialist" members has cut the unemployed budget more than one-third so they can continue to get their own graft.

#### WOMEN REPLACE MEN

DETROIT. — The Turnstedt company here is firing men and hiring women at much lower pay. Agitation is on among the women for equal pay for equal work.

# New Stage in War Against China and the Soviet Union

Chiang Kai Shek, since 1927 the head of the Nanking government, is out. He was supported in his role as butcher of the Chinese masses by the Wall Street government at Washington. In his campaigns of mass murder to try to leech the Chinese revolution and in all his vile provocations against the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, he had the backing of the United States government.

#### Revolution Surges On

In spite of matches terror against the masses, the revolution moved onward. The Soviet movement in China is threatening to revolutionize the whole colonial world. Against the mass butchery the Red Army grew daily stronger and on the field of battle in Kiangsi province smashed back the armed mercenaries of Chiang Kai Shek, the agent of American imperialism. The Red Army consolidated the Soviet bases in Hunan and Hapai provinces and even delivered smashing blows against the counter-revolution in the Province of Hunan.

#### Imperialist Intervention

At the same time in the cities the strike movement was growing rapidly.

The imperialist butchers of the whole world realized that the Soviet movement threatened to drive them out of China. They feared the vast territory and population of China would, like the Soviet Union in the realm of the former czars of Russia, be taken out of the sphere of capitalist plunder. To try to prevent that outcome and to establish a base for armed intervention against the Soviet Union Japanese imperialism, with the full approval of England, France and the League of Nations, and with the approval of the United States imperialism, launched the armed attack on Manchuria.

#### Armed Mass Fury

This act of imperialist intervention spurred the revolutionary forces of China to greater resistance. The Communist Party of China, vanguard of the revolutionary forces, carried on a relentless campaign against intervention and succeeded in impelling to action vast strata of the population that had been passive. The hypocritical pretense of Chiang Kai Shek to oppose Japanese intervention while violently suppressing anti-Japanese demonstrations, unmasked the monster before ever broader masses. The rapid extension of the anti-imperialist front brought tens of thousands of students into action against the Nanking government and was the final wave that swept Chiang Kai Shek from office.

#### Canton Butchers Keen

The Canton "wing" of the Kuomintang, which had set up a government of its own and had been carrying out massacres of workers and peasants, with the aid of British troops, is installed in the leadership of the Nanking government at the moment. This clique which is pro-British and pro-Japanese, and has among its leaders such adroit tricksters and professional murderers as Eugene Chen, Chang Yak-Wai and Wang Chin-Wai, hypocritically pretended in words to be in favor of a "more aggressive policy against Japan." Less than 48 hours after assuming office in the "united" government, it unmasked itself by firing volleys into the ranks of students at Nanking, who were engaged in a demonstration against Japanese intervention.

#### Increases War Danger

The tremendous revolutionary upsurge of the Chinese masses is extending to every part of China and beyond into French Indo-China, in-

creasing hopes among the masses of the Philippine Islands, is stimulating the revolutionary movement in Indo-Egypt, and all the colonial world. In the face of this threat to every imperialist power the American, French, Japanese and British governments are desperately driving forward with their plots to try to crush the Chinese revolution. Their aim is to smash the Chinese Soviets and Red Army, to leech the revolution, in short, to defeat the enemy in the rear, so that they can carry out their war conspiracies against the fatherland of the workers of all the world, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

No one should make the mistake of imagining that intervention against the Soviet Union will be held up pending the outcome of the war in China. On the contrary, the desperate plight in which the imperialist powers find themselves in the colonial world and facing ever greater difficulties as a result of the continued deepening of the economic crisis, a war of intervention against the Soviet Union is an immediate objective of the imperialist ruling classes.

#### Hunger Drive at Home

The war of intervention against the Chinese revolution, the plot to lay a base in Manchuria for intervention against the Soviet Union, is one of the means whereby capitalism hopes to overcome its crisis. The anti-Soviet campaign, the increased terror against the colonies is being carried forward for the same reason that the frightful campaigns of wage-cutting, speed-up, and the hunger regime imposed upon millions of

employed and unemployed, is carried on against the workers and farmers at home; it is a part of the capitalist drive that attempts to place the burden of the crisis upon the toiling masses of the world.

The Hoover government spends billions for war purposes but not one cent for the victims of its hungry regime at home. The fight against the imperialist war-mongers is the fight in behalf of the oppressed of the whole world. As the threat of a world war that will hurt countless millions into the imperialist slaughter house grows ever more menacing, the workers and farmers of the United States must carry on the most determined and relentless struggle against the most powerful imperialist ruling class in the world—the Wall Street bandit gang and its government.

Demand the immediate withdrawal of all American warships and all troops from Chinese waters and soil!

Stop the war against the Chinese masses!

Hands off revolutionary China!

Defeat the Soviet Union!

Organize and strike against wage-cuts!

Down with Japanese imperialism!

Extend revolutionary fraternal greetings to the Chinese and Japanese workers who are fighting against the imperialist bandits.

Smash American imperialism!

Join the Communist Party of the United States, a section of the Communist International—the leader of the growing forces of world revolution!

## Build Party To Lead Growing Struggle In Carolinas and Va.

By DAVE DORAN

It is no accident that the Communist Party of District 16, comprising the Carolinas and Virginia, announces today that it has set itself a quota of 200 new members to be obtained by February 4th. The period between December 15th to February 4th comes during the third winter of hunger in the United States. The announcement by the Party of the recruiting campaign comes at the same time as the announcements by the textile bosses of huge layoffs and curtailment in most of the textile mills.

It is clear that the bosses use the great amount of unemployed textile workers as a weapon to batter down the wages of those left on the job. The ranks of the unemployed will swell. Hunger will roam freely in the shops among the workers as well as among the jobless in the streets.

The farmers and share croppers have had their crops torn from them and, even though they starve right now, plans are being hurried in their faces that are calculated to force them off their land by restricting the acreage next year. The big landowners are gobbling up their lands as well as their crops. Death and hunger walk hand in hand through the cotton and tobacco fields and poeage upon the poor farm folk. The wave of terror now furiously raging against the Negro workers is aimed against the entire working class in order to paralyze their struggle.

Our Party has tremendous tasks to face. The continued demands upon the Carolinas arising from the greater needs of the workers fully exposes the Carolinas as a boss agency. The American Federation of Labor has discredited itself before the

eyes of the workers by its opposition to Unemployment Insurance and its betrayals of the workers' struggles. The eyes of the working class of the South are turning to the Communist Party. Thus the drive for more members comes at a time when the workers are beginning to follow revolutionary leadership and are organizing in revolutionary organizations.

The Communist Party needs strong working class fighters in the South. New working class blood must be drawn into our ranks and trained for leadership in the struggles of the workers for better conditions against the bosses.

The Communist Party as the only organization really leading in the fight against wage cuts, unemployment, starvation, lynchings and wars must be rooted in every factory, in every farm area, must become the real leader of the workers in every field, constantly fighting for the most immediate demands of the workers, for full equality for the Negro workers, for unemployment insurance for all workers, against bosses' wars, and against the rule of the bosses.

Under the existing conditions, the quota set for District 16 of 200 new members can be realized easily. The quotas are as follows:

Charlotte—100 members, 40 of them to be white; 60 Negro; 20 to be women.

Danville, Va.—75 members; 50 white, 25 Negro, 30 to be women.

Greenville, S. C.—25 members, 10 white, 15 Negro, 10 of whom are to be women.

The slogan for the drive will be "Fuller our costs and even more!" No more sitting around can be given the bosses by the workers.