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## Must Aid Kentucky Miners Win Strike

### HUNGER MARCHERS PUSH DRIVE FOR JOBLESS WINTER RELIEF

#### FEB. 4 DAY OF DEMONSTRATION OF UNEMPLOYED

The 1,670 Hunger Marchers who took part in the demonstration at Washington for unemployment insurance and immediate winter relief at the opening of Congress, are urged to speed up the campaign. A letter was sent to each of the Hunger Marchers from the National Committee of the Unemployed Councils and to all the Unemployed Councils throughout the country warning against the danger of slackening activities after the high point reached by the march to Washington.

The letter says in part: "The mass movement represented and stirred up by the Hunger March must mean in every immediate consciousness for the unemployed and is a decisive advance towards the establishment of a system of unemployment insurance as demanded in our bill if properly followed up by an intensification of our organizational activity and struggle."

**Develop Through Struggles**  
"The success of the National Unemployment Insurance day, February 4, as well as of all our campaigns, will depend upon our ability to continue and intensify the local struggles around the immediate daily needs of the unemployed."

**Prepare for February 4th**  
On the basis of connecting up the demands for full wages for unemployed and part-time workers, for immediate winter relief of \$150 for each unemployed worker and \$50 for each dependent, with the local demands, the fight against evictions, the struggle against the Salvation Army and other charity fakery, the movement must be developed to a higher stage.

One of the high points in the further growth of the struggle against mass hunger must be the nation-wide demonstration on Unemployment Insurance Day, February 4th.

**Speed Southern Activity.**  
A great weakness of the whole national unemployment movement is to be found in the South, especially in the Southern industrial centers. In a few cities there are scattered groups of organized workers, white and Negro. But there are nowhere any genuine Unemployed Councils operating effectively. This grave defect must be overcome by intensified work on the part of all militant workers in the South to develop the unemployment movement. We must not lag behind the rest of the country but must march along in the ranks and are fighting against the Wall Street hunger regime. Let us in the 15th show what can be done by the 15th February 4th rolls around.

#### RAILWAY UNION HEADS IN BIG WAGE CUT PLOT

NEW YORK.—The announcement of the 15 per cent wage cut on the railroads of the nation were made at the request of the railroad union labor leaders. It was part of the plot on the part of the railroad management and their tools, the heads of the Brotherhoods and American Federation of Labor Unions, according to a Washington dispatch in the New York Sun.

**Story Later Suppressed**  
The "labor leaders" urged the announcement of the 15 per cent reduction so they could force the 1,500,000 railway workers to accept the 10 per cent reduction that was agreed upon between the railroad presidents and themselves.

The headline of the New York Sun reads: "President of the R. & O. says notice of 15 per cent wage reduction was asked by labor chiefs."

Daniel Willard, president of the R. & O. was in Washington conferring with the government and labor leaders about the best methods to be used in breaking any strike that may develop on the railroads.

**Strike Against Betrayal**  
Railroad workers must organize rank and file machinery and fight against the railroad labor fakery, the railroad officials and the government plot to further cut down wages. Rank and file machinery for carrying on a strike must be put in motion and the wage cutting campaigns stopped by determined action of all the railroad workers.

#### Victims of Tampa Red Raids Sue for \$12,000 Damages

TAMPA, Fla.—Two suits for a total of \$12,000 against Sheriff Joughin were filed in circuit court by Yerkina Romero, 16 and her brother, Venpor Romero, for false arrest and imprisonment in connection with the November 7 demonstration at which 17 others were arrested.

The miners, pupils at George Washington Junior high school, are suing for \$5,000 each.

Thomas Palmer, associated with E. L. Bryan in represented the girl and boy, said they were arrested by Joughin's men and held in the county jail from Saturday night until the next Monday, and that after being turned over to the juvenile court they were released because there were no charges against them.

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#### Rush Final Preparations in Harlan Bell-Tennessee to Smash the Terror

#### MINERS FLOCK INTO UNION ON EVE OF STRIKE

PINEVILLE, Ky.—With the day set for the strike call only 72 hours away, reports are coming in from all over the field of the rapid growth of the National Miners' Union.

As the hour for decisive strike action against mass starvation and terror approaches it is estimated that not less than 80 per cent of the 15,000 miners will respond and walk out at the first hour. The others will soon swing into action against the bosses and the strike will be 100 per cent.

**Organize Striking Mines**  
A local of the National Miners' Union has been established at Cumberland Bend Mine, Gatlin, Ky., where the men have been on strike for three weeks against an attempted wage cut from \$2.50 to \$1.50 a day for labor. The men went on strike without any leadership except their own and requested to be organized into the N.M.U.

**Fight Yellow Dog**  
At some mines the bosses have attempted to get the men to sign yellow dog contracts in an effort to prevent their mine being involved in the strike, but at a number of such places the men have been organized 100 per cent. All sorts of intimidation is used to try to stop the rapid building of organization machinery to carry on the strike, but the men are going right ahead and are determined to smash the terror and establish decent working and living conditions.

The coal operators are still carrying on the campaign of evictions and are trying to drive active union organizers from the coal fields, but those evicted simply move in with other miners who do not live in company houses and carry on the work.

It is expected that with the start of the strike there will be attempts at wholesale evictions, but a mass fight, mobilizing men, women and children, will be carried on to resist evictions.

The women are demanding to be organized and the Women's Auxiliary of the National Miners' Union is growing rapidly and will play a big part in the conflict.

New relief kitchens are being set up in various parts of the fields and the relief machinery being rapidly completed for local distribution, but workers outside the strike zone must see to it that an ample supply of food and clothing and medical provisions are sent in to take care of the miners who are fighting for the whole working class.

#### HATCH MURDER PLOT FOR WAR AGAINST USSR

A plot to murder the Japanese ambassador to the Soviet Union has just been exposed and defeated by the government political administration. A member of a foreign diplomatic corps approached a worker in the Commissariat of Transport to plot the assassination of Ambassador Hirota of Japan. If that could have been accomplished the imperialist powers thought it would provoke war on the part of Japan against the Soviet Union.

According to International News Service reports the name of the member of the diplomatic corps and the country he represented was not given out. The Soviet government will deal with the situation and by not making public the name of the plotter or the imperialist power that backed him it again proves before the world its desire for peace and its refusal to be provoked into a war.

**Diplomatic Provocateurs**  
This is not the first time foreign diplomats have tried to injure the Soviet Union and to wreck the Five Year Plan of Socialist Construction. The trials of a year ago in Moscow proved that the French and British agents were engaged in wrecking and sabotage activities and even financing food poisoners inside the Soviet Union.

It is certain that such a plot is approved by all the imperialist powers, especially by the government of the United States, whose president, Hoover, has declared that the ambition of his life is to "crush the Soviet Union" in the interest of the Wall Street bandit gang.

**Fight War Danger**  
The assassination plot is exposed today; others are already under way at this moment. The immediate program of the imperialist powers is war against the Soviet Union. The base for one of its sectors is being laid through Japanese intervention in Manchuria and its attempt to destroy the mighty Soviet movement in China. Other sectors are being strengthened in Finland, Poland, Rumania, in Afghanistan—in fact in every country adjoining the Soviet Union. War is right now being carried on in China and against other parts of the colonial world.

These wars and war conspiracies must be stopped by the mass power of the workers. Everywhere in this country we must carry on mighty agitation against war, arrange big

#### INTERNATION'L WORKERS' AID ISSUES APPEAL

NEW YORK.—The International Workers' Aid, the world-wide relief organization for helping the working class and all the oppressed peoples in strikes, lock-outs, and disasters by sending in financial aid, food, clothing, medical aid, establishing kitchens, etc., has issued a call for support of the Kentucky miners who are awaiting news hour to respond to the strike call at this issue of the Southern Worker goes to press.

**Against Terror and Hunger**  
The call to action of the International Workers' Aid follows:

On January 1st 15,000 Kentucky miners will be called on strike under the leadership of the National Miners Union. They will strike against the terror and starvation decreed by the mightiest powers of American capitalism—the Rockefeller, Inaull and Ford interests who own the Kentucky coal fields, lock, stock and barrel.

Never in the history of American strike struggles has the blood-soaked profit-mad system of boss rule been so directly challenged. The bosses are well aware of this. The campaign of beating, kidnapping, blacklisting and murder of militant miners is a deliberate and systematic attempt in

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protest demonstrations. But most important of all, the workers in industry must organize and fight against the war preparations going on in industry. Wage-cuts, speed-up, spying against labor activity, the increasing victimization of militant workers—these are part of the preparations for war as well as being one of the principal methods used by capitalism to try to overcome its crisis at the expense of the working class.

While millions of workers are starving in this country the government at Washington spends billions for war preparations. We must insist that this enormous amount of money be spent for unemployment relief and not for war purposes.

The Soviet Union is pursuing a policy of peace. It is building up its socialist system of production, while the capitalist world is sinking ever lower. The defenders of decayed capitalism want to crush the Soviet Union so that they can rob that rich land as they have robbed the capitalist lands. Against that plot the workers and farmers must fight in defense of the Soviet Union, the fatherland of the workers of the whole world.

# INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' AID ISSUES APPEAL

(Continued from Front Page) annihilate their grim and determined battle against starvation.

### Must Fight Back

In the Kentucky mine fields we have a picture of what the working class may expect to endure should the workers fail to fight back. It is a fore-taste of the wholesale hunger, terror and misery that the bosses are planning and unleashing in order to "solve" the economic crisis. The miners are challenging this hunger-terror program of the handfuls of Wall Street.

The Kentucky miners are fighting for the entire working class. They are fighting terror starvation and murder on an imperialist launched upon the road to fascism. The workers nationally must answer with multiplied intensified and crystallized support of this strike. The mightiest powers of capitalism can be met only by the mightiest mobilization of working working class power.

### Bosses' Hunger Weapon

The strongest strike-breaking weapon of the bosses is being sharpened—hunger. With hunger they intend to further torture the bodies of the miners, their wives and children in an attempt to drive the miners back into slavery in the mines.

To Kentucky miners will strike during the dead of the winter. There is not even grass in the barren hills of Kentucky. Hunger has stripped the dismal miners' shacks of the last crusts of bread.

### Nation-Wide Appeal

The Workers' International Relief was called upon by the Kentucky miners at their convention in Pineville, Ky., to issue a wide appeal for funds and food. We now call upon all W.I.R. branches and city committees, all of the thousands of working class organizations, all locals of the American Federation of Labor, all Trade Union Unity League Unions and groups to at once issue calls for delegate conferences in every large and small city and industrial center in the name of the Kentucky Striking Miners Relief Campaign of the Workers' International Relief. The delegates should assemble the first week of January.

### Back Streets Relief

Even preliminary to the delegate conferences, all workers' organizations are called to immediate action! Funds and food must be collected at once. Strike relief must be in hand the day the strike takes place. Tests must be provided for the families of miners who will be evicted.

### Line Up All Forces

The working class from coast to coast, as well as their organizations, are called upon to unite in solidarity in support of the Kentucky miners for greater than has been shown in any recent labor struggle. City workers—workers in shops, mines, mills and offices—farmers, intellectuals, professionalists and sympathetic store-keepers regardless of political opinion, race, creed or nationality—must at once unite their ranks against the immensely rich and rapacious coal barons and for victory for the Kentucky miners. This solidarity must extend not only to the masses of the north, but to the workers and farmers of the South.

The Workers' International Relief calls upon you to extend your hand in SOLIDARITY with the Kentucky miners. Mobilize a solid army in every city, industrial and farming center to defeat the bloody monarchs of the coal fields down with starvation and terror in Kentucky! March for-

# Police Continue Attacks on Hunger Marchers Return

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Police continue to arrest and attack hunger marchers now on their way back from Washington where they demonstrated before the White House, demanding relief while machine guns were pointed at them and soldiers were massed about them prepared to attack.

After breaking up a Hunger March meeting in Monroeville, Pa., a steel town near Pittsburgh, police arrested Steve Grapich, chairman, first as a "suspicious character," then for "inciting to riot." He was defended by the International Labor Defense. Verdict was \$10 fine and costs.

The I. L. D. is appealing the cases of 14 hunger marchers, including five Negroes, sentenced to six months for marching in Washington with posters demanding food prior to the arrival of the fall army of unemployed. The I. L. D. will also fight the new vagrancy bill proposed by Hoover's District of Columbia administration, whereby, a worker without a job or money is automatically guilty of vagrancy and subject to 90 days in a cell. Contrary to the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States, the arrested man must prove his innocence instead of the burden of proof of guilt being placed upon the prosecution. The I. L. D. charges that the law, besides making the unemployed open prey for the police, leads to forced labor at starvation pay.

# Monkey Town Nabobs Held on Drunk Charge

County Judge J. Gordon McKenzie and Attorney W. F. Jewell, two of the bright and shining lights of Dayton, Tenn., prohibition and fascist-medalist managers, were arrested Wednesday night on charges of public drunkenness. And that right in the shadow (or rather moonshine) of the institution of ignorance fanned in memory of the late unadorned William Jennings Bryan.

The site of the famous "monkey trial" when the denizens of Dayton tried to deny their ancestry and jail a school teacher because it was thrown up to them, is in an uproar over the arrests.

The arrests took place at the office of Attorney Jewell, where a boozery was in progress. His honor, Judge McKenzie, is charged with public drunkenness, public profanity, and resisting an officer.

McKenzie's father, also a judge, charges that the arrests are the result of a political fight. The implication being that the sheriff would have let the two gentlemen get as drunk as they wanted to and raise no such hell as they like if they hadn't been political enemies.

Anyway the mess serves to further enlighten intelligent people on the antics of the inhabitants of Dayton, famed for its boastful ignorance throughout the world.

**ANOTHER REV. BUTCHER**  
ATLANTA, Ga.—The Rev. C. J. Phillips, stabbed to death the Rev. G. W. Bradley. Both preachers were candidates for the job of pulpounding in the Union Baptist church of East Point. Bradley defeated Phillips, so Phillips killed his successful rival. Both preachers were enemies of Communism and of the Negro workers.

want to victory with the Kentucky miners!

Workers' International Relief, 16 West 21st Street, N. Y. C. Alfred Wagenknecht, Natl. Secy.

# NEW TRICKERY IN SCOTTSBORO CASE APPEALS

At almost the last moment and on the eve of the hearing of arguments on the Supreme Court appeal in the case of the framed-up Scottsboro boys, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has increased its activities against the boys. Walter White, secretary of the National Association for Colored People, W. E. B. DuBois, editor of "The Crisis" Walter Pickett, organizer for the N. A. A. C. P. are the principal Negro figures being used by the lynch gang to help kill the eight boys now in the death house at Kilby prison.

### World-Wide Mass Drive

The International Labor Defense, which from the beginning has defended the cases, has accumulated an enormous amount of evidence, every bit of which goes to prove the innocence of the Scottsboro boys. Preparations are complete for the Alabama Supreme Court appeal which comes up on January 18.

But the International Labor Defense knows that even though the evidence of their innocence which is already overwhelming, were piled mountains high, the courts would not free working class victims unless forced to do so by the mass power of the workers or from fear of the growing power of the workers. The world-wide protests and the existing of masses of workers, both Negro and white, in defense of the boys, saved them from death last July. The lynch gang is determined to lynch the boys, legally or illegally, and that is why they need the assistance of the N. A. A. C. P. to help them.

Within the next few days mass meetings will be held for the defense of the Scottsboro boys. All over Europe and in Asia, Africa, Australia and New Zealand, workers and farmers will protest against the Alabama lynch gang and pledge their fighting support to the innocent boys now in the shadow of the electric chair.

### Chambers in New York

General George W. Chambers of Chattanooga, who is chief counsel for the defense of the boys, is going to New York in a few days to outline his Scottsboro defense to a great mass meeting to be held in that city under the auspices of the International Labor Defense. He will expose the attempts of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to help the boss class send them to the electric chair by urging them to plead guilty to the frame-up.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has engaged Clarence Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hayes to try to get into the case, and the lynch gang is trying to help these two lawyers against the International Labor Defense. They think that if they can get some lynch judges of the Alabama Supreme Court to "reorganize them" in the case the I. L. D. will not be able so effectively to organize the masses of the world against the frame-up.

Darrow and Hayes while pretending to be liberal, are themselves actually siding the lynch gang by consenting to help the Black Judges at the head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. They have exposed themselves as accomplices of the lynch gang.

But no possible dirty trick, no undaunted plot inside the pretentious courts can stop the world-wide movement in defense of these innocent boys from driving forward with ever more power and determination to open the prison doors for these victims of lynch justice.

# Mass Pressure Forces Release of O. Spartaco

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—So great has become mass pressure for the release of Orlando Spartaco, 28 year old worker sentenced for shooting at Foreign Minister Dino Grandi of Fascist Italy, that the judge who sentenced him and twice refused bail, finally signed \$1,500 bond for his release.

Judge Harry S. McDevitt of Quarter Sessions Court, in signing the bond, declared that he did not want to see Orlando become "a Communist martyr." No decision has yet been given on the appeal of the International Labor Defense to the State Superior Court Judge William H. Keller of this court, however, feels so strongly in sympathy with Mussolini, dictator and labor oppressor of Italy, that he is quoted in the daily press as calling Spartaco's maximum sentence of two years on a charge of inciting to riot "inadequate."

# Talk of Mutiny In Alabama Prisons

BIRMINGHAM.—There is talk of mutiny in the penitentiaries unless something is done, it would not surprise me to see the prisoners lead a revolt which will mean destruction of some of the penitentiaries," declared a convict, according to a story published in the Birmingham Post of December 22.

### Crushes Horrible

The torture inflicted upon prisoners is beyond description, according to the story of the convict, who has been in prison for more than 16 years. "Men in the penitentiaries do not care what happens to them. They have reached the point where they do not fear the strap or solitary confinement, all because they realize they are being treated worse than dumb animals," the prisoner is reported to have declared. "As far as punishment is concerned the prison loss today is just as cruel and cold-blooded as he was when I first entered the penitentiary. I have seen men whipped until they were unconscious because they violated some prison rule. I have seen men beaten without mercy. The skin was broken and burned by the lash. These men were immediately sent out to do their work after their whipping."

### Class War Prisoners

In Alabama, as in other states, special tortures are handed out to prisoners sentenced on frame-up charges connected with labor cases. All kinds of discrimination are noted out. The brutal and blood-thirsty degenerates who are wardens, guards, keepers, etc., are a law unto themselves. They do anything they want to do, knowing that they will be protected by the governor and the rest of the capitalist lackeys. They consider that it is cheaper to kill prisoners by beating them to the point of death, or to force them to work in the open in wet weather and deny them a change to dry clothing as they contract pneumonia, than it is to keep them in overcrowded prisons. These wardens take special delight in trying to physically wreck prisoners sentenced for activity in the class struggle.

Within a few days (on January 8) three leading members of the Communist Party go on trial in Birmingham on the charge of "vagrancy" because the bosses want to stop working class activity against wage cuts and to try to crush the growing unity of white and black workers against the bosses. They are Harry Jackson, district organizer of District 17, Com-

# ATLANTA GANG LYNCHES BRAVE NEGRO WORKER

ATLANTA, Ga.—A mob of Atlanta lynchers, under the leadership of an individual closely connected with the police force, butchered a Negro worker, bringing the list of known lynchings this year to 197.

At first a number of policemen, for no known reason, except the general policy of terrorizing Negro workers, were torturing a worker, John Stokes. The Negro worker succeeded in evading the gun of one of the policemen who was torturing him and shot and killed one of them.

### Hunted Down; Lynched

Stokes succeeded in escaping and in eluding a posse with bloodhounds. He was hiding in the home of a woman acquaintance when the police seized an acquaintance of Stokes and tortured him, until for fear of his own life, he exposed the hiding place.

The lynch gang crept up on the place, surrounded it and robbed Stokes' face and body with bullets. The leader of the lynchers was the brother of the police dog who was killed by Stokes in self defense.

# Bank Failures in One Week Increase Over 100 Per Cent

NEW YORK.—Last week 73 banks failed to open their doors, an increase of 20 which failed the previous week. That makes an increase of more than 100 per cent in bank crashes in one week. In face of such things Hoover, Gifford, Young and their assorted charity mongers try to make us believe the "depression" is lifting. The total number of banks that crashed throughout the year has reached 2,044, with deposits estimated at \$1,678,978,000.

# Great Discovery by Senate Committee of Crooked Bishop

WASHINGTON.—The select committee on senatorial campaign expenditures, under the chairmanship of Nye, of North Dakota, has made a great discovery. It announces that Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, is a crook. It took the senate committee a long time to learn what every one familiar with the career of the Bishop has known for years. But the Bishop remains an ornament of the church because he is 100 per cent against the working class and an ardent Ku Kluxer. A "little thing" like an election swindle which he carried out with the aid of his lady secretary doesn't bother Methodist preachers. That is part of their job.

Communist Party of U. S. A., Tom Johnson a national organizer for the Party and Frank Burns, active in the Trade Union Unity League.

Workers of the South must wage a determined fight against the horrible tortures of the convict camps and prisons, and also fight against the attempt on the part of the police and courts to jail every militant working class fighter on trumped up charges of vagrancy and other frame-up charges.

## LEGALLY LYNCH TEXAS NEGRO ON DOPE FIEND LIE

HOUSTON, Tex.—Even though the parole board was convinced that Barney Lee Ross, 22-year-old Negro worker at Duggerfield, was innocent of the charge of having attacked a white woman, the young worker was burned to death in the electric chair last Friday.

### Facts in the Case

The alleged victim of the attack by the young worker was a woman dope-fiend. As is well known these drug addicts are used in numerous frame-ups as they will testify to anything the police tell them so if they are promised drugs for their lies. Such people are always either stool pigeons or potential stool pigeons. It was the testimony of dope fiends that largely aided the frame-up against Tom Mooney in San Francisco in 1916.

Ross was convicted of having raped the female dope fiend in a trial that lasted less than an hour. The victim of Texas lynch law had been denied any opportunity to prepare his defense. When the International Labor Defense learned of it they placed eighteen investigators on the case and soon had absolute proof of the innocence of the young Negro. Facts were put before the state parole board that caused it to urge a reprieve for Ross. When Governor Ross learned that the parole board had the case under consideration he informed them that HE DID NOT WANT A REPORT ON THIS CASE.

**Governor Wanted Lynching**  
Gov. Ross wanted the young worker lynched as an act of terrorism against Negroes and to try to incite whites against Negroes. It would never do to admit that one Negro was convicted on the lies of a white female drug addict because it would arouse doubts about all the fake cases in which Southern lynch gangs talk about "defending Southern white womanhood."

Governor Ross Sterling exposed the intent of the legal lynch gang of which he is the head when he said:

"It may be that this Negro is innocent, but sometimes it is necessary to burn a house to save a village."

The reply to this outrage must be more aggressive action behind the campaign against lynching, legal or otherwise. This vile crime must spur all militant workers on toward building a fighting front that will make it impossible for the ruling class to carry out their plots against Orphan Jones, George Davis and Willie Peterson.

Defense corps of Negro and white workers must be set up to resist the lynch terror.

Fight for the right of workers to bear arms and defend themselves against the lynch gangs!  
Stop these lynchings!  
Death to the lynchmen!

## McWane Cuts Pay and Forces Overtime for Nothing

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
BIRMINGHAM.—The McWane Cast Iron Pipe Company is not satisfied with cutting pay and laying off men. Already we work like mules and get starvation wages. But yet the bosses are not satisfied. So they make us work overtime for no extra pay at all. Ain't that hell, fellow workers?

We must organize into the Metal Workers' Industrial League and fight against these things.

## Cotton Growers Facing Hunger

(By a Farmer Correspondent)  
GREENVILLE S. C.—The actual cost of growing cotton is about 20¢ a pound. It takes around 12 months to grow it and gather it. The present crop which the farmers have to sell at 5 and 6 cents a pound won't pay for anything more than the fertilizer. Fertilizer costs from \$20 to \$25 a ton—then 10 per cent is added to that when the farmers buy it on credit. The average land makes about a half bale to the acre. The landowner wants the croppers to put on anywhere from 500 to 1000 lbs. of fertilizer per acre. Besides this, the croppers have to put from 100 to 150 lbs. of soda per acre—this costs between \$55 and \$60 per ton, besides the 10 per cent graft the landowner gets. The landowner's land is getting steeper, and he is too, while the cropper and renter is getting poorer. Besides, this expense the cropper has to pay for ginning—this costs \$2.50 a bale.

The landowner can afford to store up the cotton he buys, and sell next year when the price goes up. The poor cropper and renter, though, already in debt, are forced to sell now. All they get out of a year's work is a little fatback and beans, and a pair of overalls or two. This winter a lot of poor farmers will have their fatback and beans cut off from them until crop time again. They'll be starving this winter.

It looks like the farmers ought to organize and get together and fight for their rights. It's a known fact that the capitalists are organized. It's time the workers and farmers were organizing.

## Fascist Italy Faces Most Unemployment

Authentic reports show that fascist Italy faces the worst unemployment crisis in the entire history of that country. The November increase was more than \$78,000. Mussolini has intensified the terror regime to try to stop the growing revolts against fascists.

## A Soviet Factory



"Moselproom," one of the many spa class, sanitary and therefore, healthful factories of the Soviet Union. It is building is located in the heart of the city of Moscow. Note the many windows that shed light in every part of the building and compare it to the sordid, dark, miserable factories where workers slave from eight to twelve hours a day in the United States. All workers in the former factory pictured above work seven hours a day, and a five-day week. The factory above makes cigarettes and confectionary.

## Chest Got Money But Gave Soup To Jobless Worker

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
ATLANTA, Ga.—My husband has been out of work since last October. When he was working he had to give one day's pay to the Community Chest a week. That was \$3.00. Now he is not working and we have four children to support, so we soon had no money.

I went to the Community Chest for help and stayed there three hours and when they got to me the lady told me I would have to go to the soup line. They have two rooms—one for the whites and one for the Negroes. I could see in the white room they gave checks on the A. & P. and Rogers' Stores. They give me the soup line.

Comrades, this condition cannot go on much longer. We must organize and fight for better conditions in Atlanta.

**BURN BALTIMORE PAPERS**  
SALISBURY, Md.—The lynch gang here have a new job. They regularly meet the mail trains, confiscate and burn the Baltimore Sun, a capitalist paper that has been exposing some of the business men, professionals, including preachers, the local newspaper editor and others who mutilated, hanged, shot and burned Matt Williams, the Negro worker who dared defend himself against the murderous attack of his employer, one Elliott, boss of a wooden crate and box concern.

LENOIR, N. C.—Walter Horton, Negro preacher, shot and killed his mother-in-law, aged 79, with a double barreled shot-gun.

## Landlord Took All; Now Wants to Run Cropper Off Land

(By a Cropper Correspondent)  
CAMP HILL, Ala.—I am writing to you all for advice what to do. Harper, the landlord, took everything we have made this year. Me and my family we work hard to make a living but the landlord he takes all the corn, all the fodder, all the cotton—only leave out load of corn.

We got nothing to eat, no clothes, only rags. I have my wife and eight children and now he says he got us out January 1. We got to do something.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Croppers must build up a strong union and fight against such starvation conditions. All croppers in each district must organize committee to fight against being put out of the house. Make the thieving landlords furnish food and clothing. Demand that the government send in money for relief and select committee of croppers to distribute the money. Demand that the mail carriers quit stealing the money that comes in from the government, as they have been doing so much in Camp Hill. If you organize strongly you can beat the landlords.

## Order a Bundle!

Every workers' organization should have a bundle of Southern Workers to sell among its members. Every class conscious worker should subscribe and urge others to subscribe to the Southern Worker.

## MINERS WAGES HIGH IN LAND OF SOVIET RULE

NEW YORK.—The American Workers' Delegation to the Soviet Union (Russia) has returned home and is now reporting its findings to the working class. Saturday a meeting was held in Philadelphia, where the workers enthusiastically greeted the speakers of the delegation who related the magnificent achievements of the Five Year Plan of Socialist construction and compared it to the unemployment, misery and suffering of the masses in the capitalist world—especially in the United States. A huge mass meeting was held Sunday night in the New Star Casino in this city. The delegation is to tour the country for two months holding similar meetings.

### Letter Gives Facts

A recent letter from the Soviet Union, written by Mrs. Lillian Lynch, one of the four Negro delegates, and head of the Women's Auxiliaries in the Pittsburgh area, expresses her enthusiasm over conditions in the Soviet Union. The letter, addressed to the Friends of the Soviet Union, says in part:

"Just a few lines to let you all hear from me while I am seeing the Five-Year Plan fulfilled in four years. Everywhere I go I see plenty of work and food; in Despererov, where they are building new buildings and a new town all for the workers; Dushan, where the miners live, and are making 15 roubles (\$7.50) a day, and some of them as high as 25 roubles (\$12.50) a day.

### Miners' Rest Home

"And we visited Kladovsk, the miners' rest home where the miners go and rest and if they are sick they get the best of times and the best doctors and nurses where all is for the enjoyment of the workers.

"Everybody and everything is working to build up the Soviet Union and they are preparing to fulfill the job here. Don't you believe the capitalist papers for they are all damn lies. Everything is for the workers. I know the workers' government is the best."

### National Problem Solved

A letter from R. B. Hudson, chairman of the delegation, tells of the success of the workers' government in smashing all Jim-Crow lines in a country where the bitterest national hatreds used to prevail. The letter states:

"Over 81 different nationalities are in this republic; all living in peace and harmony. Under the Czarist regime there was hatred and discrimination between the workers' nationalities.

"Here the national problem has been solved and inspired by this example. The delegation in accepting credentials as internationalist shock-brigades pledge themselves to fight against all discrimination and white chauvinism upon our return to the United States."

### NO IMPROVEMENT IN SIGHT

BIRMINGHAM.—Steel producers announce that operations declined another 2 per cent last week. The outlook is so gloomy that producers admit they have no basis from which to hope for an improvement within the next month. Workers are facing actual want who are still listed as employed by the steel trust here. They get but part time work and wages are constantly being reduced in various ways. In a number of units of the industry strong agitation is going on for building branches of the Metal Workers Industrial League.

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### Wants Free Hand In Lynchings

That ancient hag, the Chattanooga Daily Times, wants the International Labor Defense to "discontinue its activities in this section," so that the "race situation in the South can be solved much more quickly."

The Times, like all other denizens of the journalistic red light district, attempts to make the oppression of the Negro worker in the cities and the exploitation of the Negro majority on the land in the Black Belt appear as a racial question. It is a CLASS QUESTION and a question of the SELF-DETERMINATION OF A SUBJECT NATION; the masses of the Black Belt must become the allies of the working class in the fight against the capitalist class.

What the Times wants is clear. It wants the I.L.D. to stop activities here so that the ruling class can carry out its lynching campaigns without meeting with any resistance on the part of the workers and farmers. Like many other criminals, especially of the Jesuit stamp, the ancient hag that has been prostitute to every form of reaction for more than half a century, tries to accuse its enemies of the very crimes of which it is guilty. It became especially venomous when the local jerical pack of lynchers failed to whip up a race riot in Chattanooga as the aftermath of the killing of two policemen in underworld fights. It failed then to connect up the Reds with the bootleggers, the dope peddlers, the prostitutes, and those who live off the proceeds of prostitution. That attempt was made because the whole ruling class of the South is still cowering under the blows delivered it by the toiling masses of the world in behalf of the framed-up Scottsboro boys; its fury knew no bounds when the International Labor Defense exposed the Willie Peterson frame-up, the Orphan Jones frame-up. No sooner had the attempt to foment a race riot in Chattanooga failed than the ruling class and its newspaper harlots on each paper as the Times launched another attack. This time the attack has even less force than previous ones. But it demands an answer, nevertheless. The Times uses the case of John Moore, Negro worker of Salem, N. C., as a starting point for its attack on the I.L.D., because that organization is fighting against a death sentence imposed by a lynch jury on a Negro accused of stealing a pair of shoes. The technical legal question is raised that the death sentence was imposed not for stealing shoes, but for "breaking and entering a home." Granted that the work-er, hungry and in rage because, like 12,000,000 others, could not find work and did break an entry, he did so because the greed and avarice of a parasitic ruling class denied him food, clothing and shelter—for no other reason. To try to use the legal quibble that the stealing of the shoes was only incidental to the "greater crime" of housebreaking is ridiculous and only a petty-fogging lawyer or a fomentor of lynching, legal and illegal, would regard it otherwise. Because the International Labor Defense says that it will fight against the attempt to lynch alive an unemployed worker accused of taking a pair of shoes, the Times froths at the mouth and screams:

"Tactics like those of this trouble-making organization do not disturb informed, thoughtful people, but they make bad matters worse by misleading ignorant Negroes and inflaming ignorant, hot-headed whites. But these appear to be precisely the things the agency is trying to accomplish."

"The race situation in the South would be solved much more quickly and with much less disturbance if the International Labor Defense were to discontinue its activities in this section."

While the Southern Worker cannot speak officially for the International Labor Defense we can say emphatically that the Communists who are members of that non-Party working class organization will decisively reject the invitation to stop activities in the South.

All workers who can think are quite aware that all questions involving Negro workers, and also whites for that matter, would be solved "much more quickly" if there were no fighting organizations to resist the ruling class "solutions." Probably also with "much less disturbance"—for the boss class. Yes, much less disturbance, but much more shedding of workers' blood!

We refuse to listen to the "advice" of the Times and the lynch gang for which it speaks, just as we scorn and defy their threats. We are here and here we will remain. We reject the boss class "solutions" of what it calls the race problem. We will continue in the future, as in the past, to fight with every effective means at hand to defeat lynchings, legal or otherwise, and crush the lynchers. The Times may flatter itself and the rest of the ignorant, vicious lynch gang by labelling itself "informed, thoughtful" and indulging in other forms of self-praise, while scornfully referring to workers as "ignorant Negroes" and "ignorant, hot-headed whites," but it will not succeed in cajoling or frightening revolutionary workers to abandon activity in the South or anywhere else for that matter. Such activity will stop when the masses, white and black, have crushed the lynch gang and the lynch system that spawned them—then and not until then.

Last the Times, with its customary lies and trickery, tries to make it appear that stealing shoes is a plank in the "Red" platform, we state emphatically that never, at any time or place or under any conditions, has the revolutionary movement sanctioned individual action of any kind. We point out to the unemployed and hungry workers that working class problems can never be solved on the basis of individual action, but only through mass action. Not by burglary, but by organizing masses of workers and farmers to wage a fight for full wages for unemployed and part-time workers, for immediate winter relief of \$150 for each unemployed worker and \$50 for each dependent as general demands and fighting for local demands and against the charity fakery will the workers be able now to overcome some of the effects of unemployment.

Although we know that stealing a pair of shoes or any other necessity will not solve the unemployed problem for even one worker, we will not collaborate with a stern fight the lynching of a worker who, in desperation,

### White Guard Prince Commits Suicide

Prince Serge Cantacuzene, one of the depraved scions of Czarist Russian nobility, shot and killed a bank official at Bucharest, Roumania, and then committed suicide. The official discovered that the prince was stealing money from the bank where he was employed at Kishineff. The prince's father was a divisional commander in the Czarist army and was one of the leaders in the infamous Kishineff pogroms against Jews in 1905—one of the worst of the Czarist butcheries.

#### Has U. S. Relatives

The suicide was a relative of the Princess Cantacuzene, an American woman who is the grand-daughter of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, union army commander in the Civil War and a former president of the United States, noted for the rank corruption and wholesale graft that was carried on under his regime. Princess Cantacuzene, nee Grant, is one of the most active members of the white guard exile gang in the United States and is noted for her unprincipled lies against the fatherland of the workers of the world, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

Workers everywhere will be pleased at the demise of the white guard dog and cheap thief, Prince Cantacuzene, and hope that the rest of his degenerate family follow his course and for once, do something beneficial to the world.

#### NO FARM; KILLS SELF

UVALDA, Ga.—Driven off his farm, unable to secure another, penniless, homeless, with nothing to eat for himself and family, D. R. Miller, 65 years of age, shot and killed himself.

### Willie Peterson, Scottsboro and the Awful Situation in Stockham Pipe

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Willie Peterson case, like the Scottsboro case, marks an event of the white and Negro workers in the growing struggles that are bound to shake the capitalist South. That means to

affect the whole capitalist class of this country and the world, both physically and politically.

So great is the fear of the Southern ruling class of the growing unity of white and Negro workers that they can no longer deceive the workers nor hide their bloody hands from our sight. Their court cliques expose themselves in the most filthy way, exposing their bones as the Peterson case exposed the lynch judge, Mc-Kray, the whole capitalist press and courts, the whole capitalist system. These cases must be recognized by the workers throughout the world as outstanding examples set by Southern "gentlemen." Their criminal deeds against us workers and against the share croppers and the actions of the belly-crawlers, the Negro lackeys, the Black Judases who help them stink in the nostrils of all honest workers and farmers.

All of us workers in Stockham, white and black, are suffering from the terror of the bosses. With this they cut our wages. It is because they can divide us that they are now facing us with another period of starvation when the entire plant will be closed down for fifteen days (the bosses said) until all the big bosses can check up on their tremendous profits and lay the basis for more wage reductions in order to again reduce our standards.

But we must not accept misery and death this winter without grinding or organizing to fight for better conditions and for unemployment insurance and winter relief at once.

The Stockham bosses, crooked lynchers with the millions of dollars profits they make. They take from us for the Community Chest, doctor's fees, hospital fund and any other fee, as they think the workers in the plant will swallow anything while our children go to school without enough to eat, without sufficient clothes.

Some of the workers of Stockham will not have a job when the plant opens up because the machines will be speeded up more.

What must we do? Organized! When? Now! Right here in the shop, organize into the Metal Workers' Industrial League. How will we get in touch with the organization? Well, the leaflets will tell you. Get the Southern Worker to tell. It'll give us a break and help us fight against the company stool pigeons, demand the immediate abolition of the "B" system, no deductions for Community Chest, doctor, hospital. Force them to give us free rent when we can't pay it from our wages. Get full pay for unemployed and part time workers, force the withdrawal of misfit men. Get free meals for galvanizing pit men, for grinders also, the 8-hour day, the 5-day week; 6 hours for young workers and two weeks vacation with pay. Build the Metal Workers' Industrial League. Show the bosses that their terror and their Peterson and Scottsboro frame-ups cannot stop us and keep us divided, and demand freedom for these workers who are framed up by the lynch gang. Build the Communist Party.

—A Stockham Worker.

#### NEW SLAVE PEN

TRION, Ga.—The Trion Textile plant here, one of the most terrible exploiters of labor, is opening a glove factory. Several hundred workers are being herded into a small space and work for two to three dollars a week. Most of them never heard of organization until they got in here, so it is not easy to build a branch of the National Textile Workers' Union, but we are trying.



DO YOU GET A BUNDLE?

All organizations that go bundles of the Southern Worker are urged to pay up their back debts at once. Some of them are behind for months and seem to make no effort to pay up. Such carelessness and neglect endangers the very life of our paper. Surely those who get bundles do not want to help the bosses put us out of business! But no matter what your intentions are, this neglect to pay for bundles amounts to the same thing so far as results are concerned.



from cold and hunger, tries in a wrong, because ineffective, way to get food or clothing. The Times "invites" us to stop fighting the lynch gang because it wants to perpetuate a system based upon the misery, suffering and starvation of the masses. We refuse the invitation and will continue to fight until we have mobilized a majority of the toiling masses of this country for the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism and established a socialist society under which there will be no unemployment with its misery and degradation for the masses.

We are not foolish enough to "incite" the Times and its masters, who are on the other side in the class war to "discontinue its activities," because we know that no ruling class ever surrenders without a struggle. But the time is not far distant when, under the leadership of our Communist Party, those whom the Times today derides as "ignorant Negroes" and "ignorant, hot-headed whites," will compel them to discontinue their activities—permanently.