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Harry Simms Murdered by Gun Thug

COAL OPERATORS' AGENTS HI-JACK THREE RELIEF

PINEVILLE GANG EVANS, EDITOR STEALS FOOD; AND SLUGS TWO

PINEVILLE, Ky .- The gang of lackeys of the mine owners-thieves, thugs, pimps, bootleggers all-that framed-up charges, lying and slug-ging when a committee of prominent

Steal Relief Food

soon as the first truck pulled on the thugs. into Pineville vicinity it was met by a band of armed thugs who took of it, drove it through the town and pillaged its contents.

nesday morning with three loads of food to distribute in Pineville. Mayor J. M. Brooks, a dentist, who gets coal company graft, an-nounced that no food could be distrinent novelist and critic and other lous that it defeated its purpose and further exposed Evans and the thug Wilson, critic; Malcolm Cowley, editurnson, critic; Malcolm Cowley, editor of the New Republic; Mary Heaton Vorse, novelist and magazine riter; Dr. Elsie Reed Mitchell, prominent New York physician who of with the Red Cross and Near East Pineville are the Straight Creek Relief in France and Armenia dury Mines, there are other workers in ing the war; Liston Oak, journalist; the town, and they are making a list Polly Boyden, magazine writer; John, of the thugs who robbed the food Polly Boyden, magazine writer; John of the thugs who robbed who had been swo... In the Polly Boyden, magazine writer; John of the thugs who robbed who had been swo... In the Polly Boyden, magazine writer; John of the thugs who robbed who had been swo... In the Polly Boyden, magazine writer; John of the thugs who robbed who had been swo... In the Polly Boyden, magazine writer; John of the thugs who robbed who had been swo... In the Polly Boyden, magazine writer; John of the thugs who robbed who had been swo... In the Polly Boyden, magazine writer; John of the thugs who robbed who had been swo... In the Polly Boyden, which is the Polly Boyden multi-millionaire and Quincy Howe, ride and, in spite of the terror, many editor of the Living Age—went to openly say that they are going to the local hotel to interview Mayor boycott these rats and starve all of Soon a gang of 25 or hoodlums arrived and began insulting trade in any way.

and trying to browbeat the commit
Workers' children tee. Brooks finally arrived and members of the committee present, women and all, were shoved into waiting cars and taken to Cumberland Gap, fav-show their contempt for their fathorite slugging place of the gun thugs.

Waldo Frank and Allen Taub, attorded to the contempt of their fathorite slugging the contempt for their fathorite slugging place of the gun thugs. ney for the International Labor Defense, were forced out of the cars by thugs and beaten with automobile jacks and pistols. Both bore marks of beating and Frank spent the remainder of the night in a Knoxville

Pineville's "Leading Citizens"

The thug gang was led by Mayor Brooks, George Brown, Herndon Ev-ans, the vicious and ignorant paid liar and pervert who edits the Pineville Sun; Police Judge J. Y. Page and Deputy John Wilson. The other de-

generates could not be identified.

The six "leaders" of the mob are regarded as "leading citizens" of Pineville and are all part of the mine owners' hoodlum gang, who subjected the committee members to the vil-est and foulest language all the way the slugging ground on the Gap.
Diris Parks and Hickerson in Jail

OF RAT SHEET. **TELLS NEW LIE**

PINEVILLE, Ky.—Herndon Evans craven coward and miserable pol-troon, who is the professional hired control the city of Pineville, engaged liar of the coal operators, in his sli-in an orgy of stealing, arresting on my rat sheet, the Pineville Sun, has doped up a new lie. After being a member of the gang of cowards that writers, journalists, doctors and forslugged Waldo Frank and Allen Taub,
mer Red Cross relief workers came Evans told a ridiculous story to the
in with three truck loads of food to
distribute to starving miners.

Star Palist En. each other up so they could blame it

In his lying statement Evans gives away his own gang. He says that the wn and pillaged its contents. delegation that came to distribute re-The committee left Knoxville Wed-lief and were kidnapped and taken to Cumberland Gap, where Frank and Taub were beaten consisted of or 70 Pineville citizens, among whom

Although the nearest mines to Pineville are the Straight Creek 30 them out who depend upon workers'

Workers' children are being tought to refuse to speak to the brats of the thug gang and to have nothing to of all who helped try to starve the miners and impose slavery upon the

whole population.

Class lines are being sharpened every day and long after the present strike is over the fight will go on under other forms and in the end the rat crew will pay dearly for their present kidnapping, slugging and murder campaign.

Kentucky workers will never forget!

nessee Miners' Relief of the Internaional Workers' Relief and Harold Hickerson, playwright author of the "Gods of Lightning," were thrown in jail for attempting to speak to min-ers who had gathered for relief that was carried in by the trucks. Both were charged with criminal syndicalism and are held under high bond.

of Food in Defiance of Murder Gang ARMED TROOPS STOP FUNERAL **PREPARATIONS**

Knowing that the murder of Harry Simms had aroused the striking miners to a new determination to strug-gle against starvation and terror, Gov. Laffoon of Kentucky ordered hordes of state militia and special armed thugs into the strike area prevent a public funeral being held Monday. The cowardly professional murder gang were afraid the mass fury of the miners would reach such a stage that the whole thug outfit mounced that no food could be distri-minent residents as well as represen-tatives of the local police."

Would be wiped out, so the strike-breaking governor, Ruby Laffoon (an alleged man with a woman's name)

His story is so studip and ridien breaking governor, Ruby Laffoon (an the very heart of the gun thug ridden coal fields.

Barbourville Armed Camp

The town of Borbourville, where Comrade Simms died and where the mass funeral was to be held, was an armed camp. Hundreds of miners who tried to enter the place during Mon-day were stopped by heavily armed brigades of troops and mine thugs and business and professional men "chief of police" of Barbourville. Sheriff B. P. Walker had his own gang of special thugs and gunmen on hand.

New York Funeral

Only two members of the union memorial committee were permitted to enter Barbourville and they, to-gether with Miss Dorothy Wilkes, the New York nurse, who came to Pine-ville with a delegation of New York writers, took charge of the body. In the afternoon the remains of the murdered youth were sent to New York City, where his comrades and associates on the National Executive Com-mittee of the Young Communist League and the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party prepared a mass funeral in that city to take place Wednesday. Simultaneously there are to be nation-wide demonstrations against the murder regime in the Kentucky fields and against the whole capitalist class, which is responsible for starvation and terror conditions in Kentucky and in other sections of the South-

getting food to the strikers and their families. The strikers are furious at these continued and increasingly vio-Dris Parks and Hickerson in Jail

Doris Parks, in charge of the retary of the Workers' International inoxville office of the Kentucky-Ten- Relief, and a corps of relief workers ever to continue the flight and show, are perpetrated against them.

10 ALL WHO ARE OUTSIDE THE KENTCKY MURDER

Organizing to Protect Distribution

Youthful Leader Shot Down While

Kentucky-Tennessee miners are in the seventh week of their heroic struggle against starvation and terror. One of their best leaders has been shot down. Every leader in the field daily and hourly faces the same fate at the hands of the armed scum of the earth recruited by the mine

Only greater organization, only a more closely organized mass movement can protect working lass fighters against these murder The miners are closing their ranks and preparing for a still greater struggle. But they must have means with which to fight. They must have at least a little food and clothing for themselves and families. The gunmen know the miners can fight on very little. They know what even three truck-loads of relief means—that is why they hi-jacked relief trucks from New York.

You, who are not in the Kentucky field, should do your share to help the fighting miners. You can do it by collecting money, food and clothing and rushing it Kentucky-Tennessee Miners' Relief, Room 506, 514 Market St., Knoxville, Tenn.

Clarina Michelson Leaves Pineville

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.-Mrs. Clarina Michelson was brought to Knox ville Saturday evening in an ambu-lance from the Bell County jail at Pineville, Ky. She had been arrested a half hour after her arrival as a relief worker on January 4, and had been in jail with eight other union and relief workers since that date.

Although ill for several days, and in a serious condition, she w removed to the hospital until a \$10,000 surety bond had been posted. For a time the gun thugs county officials, all henchmen of the murderous

mine owners, refused bond.

Four other prisoners of the group arrested January 4th are suffering from illness contracted because of

WAS LEADER OF YOUNG COM-MUNIST LEAGUE

Harry Simms, 19-year-old Young Communist League leader, was shot down by Arlin Miller, guard at the Tropser Mine on Brush Creek, Knox Tropser Mine on Brush Creek, Anda-county, Kentucky, early Wednesday-morning, while on his way to lead a group of striking miners to Pineville, to welcome the delegation that came from New York with three truck loads of food for the strikers, their wives and children.

The bullet from the thug's gun pierced the body of the young strike leader through the side, penetrating the stomach and liver and shattering the kidney's Rushed to Dr. Logan's. hospital at Barbourville, an operation was immediately performed but the bullet could not be extracted. Two blood transfusions were given in an effort to save his life during Wednesday night and Thursday. Nothing that could be done could save the fallen youth and he died at 9:25 o'clock Thursday evening.

New Murder Drive

The murder of Harry Simms followed immediately after a threat by one of the coal operators' hirelings, Walter Smith, county attorney Bell county, who threatened: "Inside of a few days there won't be any Communists left in this country. We have decided to get rid of them once and for all." Arlin Miller, the depraved gun thug deputized by the sheriff of Knox county and paid by the Trop-Jail for Hospital ser mine on Brush Creek, was first to carry into action the threat

> Harry Simms and Green Lawson a local miner, were walking along the railroad track to meet a delegation of miners that were to proceed to the demonstration at Pineville that was scheduled for 1:00 that afternoon. The professional murderer, Miller, ac companied by another thug called "Red" Davis, speeded by in a small railroad motor car, stopped suddenly when they recognized Simms, turned back and without a word of warning shot Simms pointblank. Lawson threw up his arms and was not hurt. Then the thugs dragged Harry Simms to the motor vehicle, arrested Lawson and went to Artemus, where they took Lawson to jail on a charge of carrying a gun, while leaving Simms bleeding on the ground. Later on oth er deputized thugs took the fatally wounded youth to the hospital at Bar-

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United Mine Workers Strike Breaking Plot Exposed

LABOR FAKERS OF CHATTA. IN

The labor skates at the head of the Chattanooga Trades and Labor Council have joined hands with the gang of mine owners, kept judges, newspaper liars, professional mur- have kept up their strike-breaking derers and jailers in Kentucky who are trying to smash by terror the he-roic Kentucky and Tennessee min-and Labor Council is doing now: try-Monday these fakers issued a lying and this way helping the slave-driv statement against workers who are ing operators to use the weapon of collecting relief for the starving miners, their wives and children. They children. No relief from the United

Delegation Replies

A relief delegation, consisting of John W. Moore a striking miner from Kentucky, and Mabel Cox, wife of a under the Tennessee-Kentucky Mintional Relief, with headquarters at Knoxville, issued a statement repudiating and exposing the Chattanooga

The statement is as follows:

"The Chattanooga newspapers rey the Chattanooga Trades and Labor ouncil, signed by a special committee composed of Paul J. Aymon, in Chattanooga affiliated with the resident of the Tennessee Federaton of Labor; W. A. Hunt, and Walter Gardner, urging those who port that a statement has been issued by the Chattanooga Trades and Labor athize with the cause of the mners f Harlan and Bell counties, Kentucky, to contribute only to appeals coming from 'accredited representatives of the United Mine Workers of America.'

"We are the credentialed representatives of the Kentucky-Tennessee Striking Miners' Relief of the Workers' International Relief, which has from the beginning handled re-lief for the thousands of miners and their familes struggling against starvation and terror in the Kentucky-Tennessee strike

Rank and File Leadershp

The leading committee of the strike is the central rank and file strike committee elected by the miners themselves. It was elected by the organized and unorganized, the ployed, unemployed and blacklisted, the white and Negro miners. great majority of strikers belong to the National Miners' union, which was and is the organizer and leader in the struggle.

U. M. W. of A. Repudiated

"As far as the United Mine Workers of America are concerned, rank and file of the Kentucky, Tennessee miners have left that organ ization because of it selling us out in many srikes, even further back than that these mines would not strike struggle against high rents.

with the northern miners in the great strikes of 1922. For this sellout John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, SCABBY DEAL cials of getting \$100,000 to nep control while other mines operate while other mines in the country were on strike.

No Relief From Fakers

"In this strike the officials of the United iMne Workers of America activities by doing exactly what the officials of the Chattanooga Trades At their regular meeting last ing to prevent the collection of relief ers, their wives and children. They condidren. No relief from the United said the United Mine Workers of Mine Workers has ever been distrib-Amerca, the scabby outfit of John L. Lewis, Turnblazer and Bates, was aiding the miners.

Children. The only people supported United Mine Workers of America erica are its own scabbing henchmen whose only activity is to try to split the ranks of the striking miners. These people work with the thugs and striker, who are collecting relief gunmen in their vicious attempts to break up and destroy the ranks of the miners. Bates, organizer for the gro and white workers were senten-United Mine Workers of America, ced to from 10 to 30 days in jail here for demonstrating against the ed gun thugs on Jan. 24, and pointed out miners who were going to Pineville to attend the 'Spread-the-Strike Conference' that day

Appeal to Rank and File

breaking advice of the leadership of held demonstrations council officials.

"We have been sent to Chattanooga to collect funds and clothing and food for the miners and their families fighting against the worst starvation and terror in this country and we are going to do our best to carry out the job given us and to expose to the workers and their sympa the double-crossing played by the United Mine Workers of America officials.

Followed by Gun-Thug

"Since coming to Chattanooga we have been followed by a detective from Pineville, together with a Chattanooga detective. We believe they are trying to fix up some kind of a frame-up on us like they did on many of our organizers and fellow-workers. We are sure that the workers of Chattanooga will not stand for any dirty frame-ups for workers who are trying to get help for starving wom-

Unemployed Councils in Brooklyn 1920-21, which John L. Lewis signed and the Bronx, New York, have won an agreement with the mine owners cuts in rent by organization and

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Demand Release of Scottsboro Protests Scottsboro Boys

BULLETIN

NEW YORK.—A \$5,000 fund to continue the defense of the Scottsboro boys is being raised by the International Labor Defense. Money will be needed to carry on this now internationally famous case, whichever way the Alabama Supreme Court decides, according to J. Louis Engdahl, secretary of the I.L.D. A favorable decision will throw the case back to the lower courts for a new trial; and an adverse decision will mean an appeal to the dahl. Contributions to save the boys' lives should be sent to the Scottsboro Defense Fund, Room 430, 80 E. 77th St., New York City.

PITTSBURG, Pa. - Twelve Neof the Supreme Court hearing. Similar demonstrations were held by International Labor Defense and the League of struggle for Negro Rights in one hundred American cities.

LONDON, Eng.-Two thousand workers here marched from the Thames to Hyde Park where, they against that council. We believe that if the Scottsboro death verdict, according real record of treachery and betrayal to information received by the Inter-of of the United Mine Workers of national Labor Defense. Resolutions America leadership is brought to the demanding freedom of the boys were membership of the unions in Chattawill not stand by these lish workers to the American Embas-

> BERLIN, Ger .- A cablegram signed by leading German scientists, writers, authors and artists for the release of the Scottsboro boys has been sent to Chief Justice Anderson of the Alabama Supreme Court.

MONTGOMERY, Ala .- Langston Hughes, celebrated Negro novelist and poet, has wired the following telegram to the I.L.D.: "Visited the Scottsboro boys in Kilby Prison They are hopeful of soon being free.
I congratulate you on splendid presentation made by Brodsky before

Communism Stronger Each Year, Says Prof.

ATLANTA .- Communism in the Soviet Union is stronger each year and is a permanent institution. Dr. Calvin Hoover of Duke University told the Emory college citizenship ommittee here. Dr. Hoover just re turned from a two-year stay in the

Discussing economic conditions in the Soviet Union as compared with the rest of the world, Dr. Hoover said the Soviet economic position seems stronger each year and that the disappearance of unemployment in that coutnry has coincided with an increase in the number of jobless in capitalist countries.

Profoundly Affects World

Declaring that the race between communism and capitalism "has now gotten well under way under conditions just now unfavorable to capitalism," he said it now seems certain that the history of the world during the next decade and during the next century is to be profoundly affected by the results of the Russian exper-

Mount to 50,000

MONTGOMERY, Ala.-Over 50. 000 letters, telegrams and resolu-tions condemning the death verdict of the Scottsboro boys have poured into Alabama's capital here, it is es timated by southern newspapermen Pending the decision of the Supreme Court on the appeal from the Scotts continue daily to roll in.

As a result of these telegrams workers into their lousy jail, two of them as far off as India, Australia and South Africa, the Birmingham to the hospital instead. News, largest newspaper in the South, is compelled to admit: "The Supreme Court carries the conscious-ness that no other case in Alabama history has the wide interest of this one. The eyes of the world are centered on those seven men who hold the highest judicial positions in Alabama. They canont be immune to the significance of their deliberations and their decision." The News, in its lead, compares the fight made for the boys by the International Labor Defense to "Sacco-Vanzetti case in Boston and the Mooney-Billings case in Califohnia, as a fight for justice to members of and oppressed race.'

Women and War Pamphlet Is Out

War in China. Japanese imperialists burning Chinese houses, shelling Chinese workers. Chinese children, women and men blown to pieces by shells, burned alive in their homes, American gunboats landing troops in

What has this war in the East to do with women workers in factories, fields and homes in the United States? What did the World War mean to women of the working class, and what will the next imperialist war mean? What preparations is the United States making for war? And why does the capitalist class want war against the Soviet Union, the workers' republic?

answered in the new pamphlet, "Wo-men and War," by Grace Hutchins, bution in connection with International Women's Day, March 8.

With illustrations and solutions with English Hunger In N. Y.

More than 50,000 children go to school hungry in New York, the rich-test city in the world.

With illustrations and a picture-cover drawn by Wm. Gropper, the possible distribution for the March pamphlet presents a most attractive 8th demonstrations, send your bunappearance and it should be distribut-dle order TODAY to Workers' Li-

court as reported by friends here. DANVILLE COPS Success to you in appeal." RAID HOME AND JAIL WORKERS

DANVILLE, Va., (in jail February 9th.)—Fearing the growing militancy of the workers, the police today, after long and secret spying, raided a worker's home and arrested four workers—"Red Robinson, J. Lee Brown, Ed Witt and W. G. Binkley.

The police also confiscated a mimeograph machine and threw the four

The law thinks they are getting smart, but the workers will show them that they will organize in spite of the bosses's terror.

Chief Martin gave his thugs orders to kill any of the four arrested if they could make them run away.

Since we have been in jail we have come to find out that we have a Party unit of six here in jail, recruited for the Party. I think we will have a unit meeting here in jail some time this evening. All the workers here in jail are in sympathy with us and if we stay here much longer we will have all of them lined up.

One bad thing here in jail is that we cannot see the Negro prisonersare jim-crowed even here.

We work in jail or out. Everywhere there are workers we talk to them and the Danville workers are getting damned tired of the bosses and the police trying to stop us from organizing our unions.

The workers are very much angered at our arrest and will positively do everything they can do to get us out of jail when we are framed in th morning. Our case must be appealed to a higher court as we know we are already convicted in this kangaroo court here

The police chief, when he arrested us, was actually so scared that he We workers will give them something to be scared for in the near future, regardless of what the thieving mill bosses say. The red union is Danville to stay in spite of the bosses and their police thugs

women workers but among men New York City. 5c per copy. \$3.53 workers as well. To secure the widest per hundred, plus express charges.

Bundle Orders Must Be Paid For

Again it is necessary to warn all receiving bundle orders of our paper that they must be paid for. This neglect to pay for bundle orders absolutely endangers the very life of the SOUTHERN WORKER. We have not even received the money we have to spend for postage for such orders. The paper cannot operate on promises any longer. Printing bills cannot be paid by promissory notes that will be made good after the revolution.

Time and again we have pointed out in letters to individual comrades and to various committees that this is a form of irresponsibility to the move ment. We now proclaim it in our columns. Since our last appeal we have received numerous promises, but little action. Some of those receiving the biggest bundles have been content with promises and nothing more.

If your bundles are late you know we had to wait until we could get

postage from others who do pay to make up for your own neglect. If you miss bundles you know it is for the same reason. If our paper has to suspend you wil know who is to blame—as we know who is to blame.

The fact that places like New Orleans are able to pay for increased

bundle orders and to use the paper as an agitaator and organizer is evidence that others can do so if they try hard enough.

At a time such as this, when our best leaders risk their lives daily in the Kentucky struggle, at a time when the Scottsboro campaign enters stage, at a moment when lynch terror increases, every revolutiona ought to realize the necessity of supporting our Party press-not only the SOUTHERN WORKER—but the Daily Worker which has been reduced to two pages recently as an emergency measure to keep it alive.

Young Communist Leader Murdered by Ky. Thugs

FOR DEFENDING

Against Wage Cut ORPHAN JONES KNOXVILLE IN Bladenboro Strike UNEMPLOYED OF Gun Thugs Crush | THREATEN ADES

children, are employed at the mill, in a hate-infested court, has been rehere with a population of but 1,500. About 600 people, men women and TARHEEL, N. C.—An unorganized strike at the Bladenboro cotton
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Struck Against Slavery

according to the way the thieves at company store more than their wages Ret even these chicks as they owe the the company. Many workers do not good only at the store operated by company doesn't pay in money all the time it tries to ists in the mill town of Bladenboro. Wages are frightfully low. Then the

ut. It was this that provoked the On top of all this came the anthe stoe figure things.

All the workers went out. They were not affliated with any union

trig Unea veen working hard needs a facily gevi-ring Unemployed Councils organized. A meeting was held in Floyd Hall at-tended by more than two bundred white and Negro workers. Seven workers and e speeches from the workers made speeches from the seven white so in the seven white so in the seven white so in the seven was a seven white seven with the seven was the seven with the seven with the seven with the seven with the seven was the seven white seven white seven was the seven which the seven was the seven which the seven was the seven was the seven which the seven was the seven which the seven was the seven was the seven was the seven which the seven was Guns, Tear Gas, Arrests ting the plant. and did not know anything about holding meetings, setting up rank and file strike committees or pick-A committee of twenty-five work-ers has been working hard lately get-

As soon as the strike started Sher-ist N. L. Tatum and his deputies got the ji

work. 3. Forty cents an hour on all re-Bosses Also Thugs wage cut were thrown into jail. They as this, the LL.D. lawyers questione were Clyde Hughes, J. K. Shepherd closely a neighbor of the murdered sin default of \$1,000 bond. and Giles Guyton. All are he in default of \$1,000 bond. workers who helped agitate putting up a mass struggle for un- of Robeson. Tear bombs were imemplyyment insurance. A program ported from Lumberton. Then three imported from the adjoining county 26 years on the bench he had neve on the job. Additional thugs were the I.L.D. to admit that in all

for the unemployed.

7. Cash relief for unemployed secretary and treasurer of the mills. is key to his home. The prosecution for non-payment of rent.

6. Free light, water, gas and coal fast enough. He is backed by an murdered man and had passessed ly besting men, women and children, iness competition with his neighbor with his fists when they do not work that he had had a quarrel with the worst kind of slave drivers, frequent-R. Smith, recently came from a Georgia lynch gang, and is one of the The bosses at the mill are regular and claimed to identify certain slave drivers. The superintendent, J. jects found in Lee's possession as

ing to organize right and are seekwill go on. So they are now begin they lost only one battle but the war ipon it as a definite defeat. They say this city would be able to give the unemployed work if war were to groes in distribution of relief or strike, the workers are not looking in the content of the workers are not looking in the content were to groes in distribution of relief to strike, the workers are not looking in the content would be able to give the Will Organize Better

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Soviet Union-by the special sale of the book, the "Soviet Union and other world war and attack upon the powers in the Far East towards anthe disarmament conference in Gen-eva and the drive of the imperialist tor peace are made more easily availactivities of the Soviet government stand, argued Binkley in court, The Soviet proposals for disarma-SOVIET PEACE POLICY

Birmingham he worked under the troduction to the volume Henri Bar-psuedonym, "Harirs Gilbert" because busse deals with the struggle of the Peace," issued by International Pub-In lishers, at a reduced price. In his inemployed in Atlants, Birmingham, and even smaller places like Gadsden, dump heaps to get a bite of cast-off food to eat. The same is true of unployed, men and women, white and Negro, dig over the refuse of the city

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LIVE ON DUMP HEAP

employment, part time work and

shop and mill gates and work is go-

being thrown into the ranks of the jobless. Meetings are being held at

ed workers, there is a steady drive

Agitation Going On

jobs. So evictions of unemployed

ministered by committees of unem-ployed and employed workers. 2. Cash payment for all city

the expense of the bosses to be ad-

Harry Jackson spoke and described the work of building councils and

mittees in all working class sections.

Committee at Work

age which reeks with disease and

taken off 30 cents for "overhead," whatever that means. Unemployed

work a week. Out of this \$2, there is

amount of \$2 a day for one day's

present the city pays those whom it permits to work at all, the measly

ployment insurance sufficient to keep

fake "relief" schemes of the city ad-ministration and to demand unem-

out of jobs here are forming unem-ployed Councils to fight against the

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Workers

RELIEF DRIVE

jobless from starvation.

men and children.

worked out as follows at the

Full week's work on all relief

Besides the meetings of unemploy-

Ready for War and Iron Getting

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM.—For the past two

ary plants to fall back on. pen to one there would be two auxil- effects of handling rotten stuff. Then that in the event anything should hap- falth. Many of them get ill from the three different connections so tear gas plant which means then now gas plant but have overhaulled the old ral Gas Co. to their furnaces and also connections from their by-product connections with a Louisiana Natunot been satisfied with having direct night and day to get the furnaces in shape, Not only this but they have All furnaces are being overhauled and a crew of workers are working Co. has been working to get its Ens-

which is one of the biggest produc- to go to their hovels called homes ers of war materials should start this with smelly clothes. That is how they To be referred would be two starts.

The unemployed have only one outit is no secident that the T. C. I. it of rags for clothing so they have
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activity at the present time when are forced not only to come in corr there isn't a single known order in tact with disease themselves, but carr

has in the past two weeks put addi-tional men to work and all machinery Then the Goslin Machine Foundry rect connections by rail with the TCI plants, has been highly approved by the city of Birminghamport, which distrapted, with difacilities at hand. Not only that but rior river with the best of shipping such supplies. Birmingham is close to other industrial city that produces front in Birmingham than any have a war material center closer to lution, the American imperialists attempt to crush the Chinese revouverge of breaking out most any time ight. With a new world war on the ry disease home to the starving wo-

ly satisfied with Birmingham. This any descention of the body of Com-rade Sim. The result was that that shall sand to predoces during the last part of the vile terror plot had to be that all blueprints for the production would be held strictly responsible for any desecration of the body of Comis being put into working condition

Birmingham to the Gulf for ship-ping to the Far East. break out because of the nearness of occupation of Shanghai stated that ham papers at the beginning of the It also happens that the Birming-

ward very rapidly. which is going ahead while the bossnumber of times by the Birmingham know that these war materials are police for this ectivity in organizing to be made to help the boss class the employed and unemployed Negro bring into slavery millions of work-and white workers for a struggle ers of countries like China and to the war preparations. The workers cuts, speed-up, unemployment and plant are talking about the conection

Born In Massachusetts

munist movement alone is the means whereby the workers can defeat capi-Mo. 17 in the preliminary work of in a textile mill, where he soon learn-the Kentucky strike. He was anxious ed that in the class struggle the Comers. At the age of 14 he went to work From the first he worked tirelessly field, Mass. His parents were work Harry Simms was born in Spring-

and Tennessee miners in their fight, sentenced to jail, where he spent four lar conditions. assigned to Kentucky during the wage slavery, He was elected Young period of the strike, Aware of the Communist League organizer in Condensers that faced him, he was, be- necticult in 1929. On the following cause of such danger, more determine. March fuh, in the great unemployed ed to go and help direct the Kentucky demonstrations, he was arrested and and against a such ber of the District committee to be Kentucky field. He was the first memon the District Committee of District

> FOR HIS CLASS DIES FICHTING HARRY SIMMS Tennessee Coal

(Continued from Front Page)
Glad Others Escaped

the strikers for the Pineville demonsuxionsly asked about the other compain inside and felt "very tired." He question as to how he felt, he said he was "all right," but that he had a lets of the assassins. In reply to at least, had escaped the bulhe grasped them by the hands and told them he felt a great relief that When visited at the hospital late he fought with grim determination places to which he was assigned, Just as Harry Simms fought heroic-ally in the class struggle in many

ed with Comrade Simms to the end. a special nurse was sent by the Work-ers' International Relief, who remain-Besides the regular hospital nurse

phone and told Friday night that they tucky, Ruby Laffoon, were called by the coal operators' governor of Kenchief of police of Barbourville and despised him slive. News of the plot reached headquarters of the union Harry Simms dead worse than they nartyr and destroy it. They feared ville plotted to go to Barbourville, raid the undertaking establishment, steal the body of the 19-year-old of them was to be seen. When the death of the youthful leader became took for cover and for hours not one eyes, gathered in groups. The thugs thug-ridden hills. Angry men, with a grim look behind their tear-dimmed of Harry Simms reached the miners in the Far East with imperialist at-Plot to Steal, Destroy Body When news of the bestial shooting

turning South again he threw himself Communist League, at its 6th Na-tional Congress in New York, Re-1931, he was elected to the National Executive Committee of the Young and white workers for a struggle against the common enemy. In July, He had been arrested a to carry on both Party and League to Florida and across to New Orleans, trict field, extending from Kentucky frequently when the district organiz-er of the Party was out in the Dis-While carrying on Young Communist League work he was also called upon the campaigns-Scottsboro, trict No. 17, with headquarters at Worked in South
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The Murder of Harry Simms a Challenge to the Working Class

Harry Simms, 19-year-old leader and member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League is dead—shot down in cold blood by a professional killer, Arlin Miller, a Brush Creek mine guard, deputized by the sheriff of Knox county, Kentucky, and paid by the coal operators. The hired gun thugs of the mine owners, their hands dripping with the blood of the working class, have added to their long list of mur ders a gallant and fearless leader of the revolutionary youth of the Unit

Harry Simms, although only 19 years of age, had already in his young life set an example of devotion to his class that can well be emulated by every young worker, as well as every adult worker. The past few years of his short life were exclusively devoted to the revolutionary movement. When Kentucky strike was being prepared, Hary Simms, district organized of District No. 17, of the Young Communist League (with headquarters in Birmingham, Ala., where because of the terror, he used the name "Harris Gilbert") asked to be permitted to devote his whole time to aiding in the Kentucky struggle. Realizing fully the necessity of doing everything possi-Rentucky struggie. Realizing fully the locestry of the mine owners, this ble to defeat the starvation and terror program of the mine owners, this valiant young leader of the Young Communist League never for an instant, considered the personal risk he was taking.

Throughout his activitiy in the strike until a bullet fired by a gun thug, one of the very scum of the earth, laid him low, Harry Simms was always to be found, as a true Communist, doing the most difficult work, facing the enemy where the danger was greatest, taking care of the smallest details as well as meeting the heaviest responsibilities. His work gained him the reas were as including the heartest responsionness ins work games and the re-spect and admiration of thousands of young and adult workers. But his ability and courage as a fighter and leader earned him the undying hatred of the mine owners and their thugs and they determined to get rid of him.

The death of Harry Simms is a heavy loss to and blow against the entire working class of the United States, by depriving us of the services of one who had gone a long way in his short life toward becoming one of the best of revolutionary leaders.

Under the most difficult conditions he had worked in the South. In Birmingham he had taken a leading part in the development of the Scottsmpaign, in helping in the leadership of the movement in Camp Hill, in tirelessly agitating, educating and organizing among the workers exploited by the steel trust, in organizing and fighting against the Hoover hunger by the steel trust, in organizing and nghting against the Hoover hunger program. It was he who first brought to the attention of the working class the shameful frame-up against Willie Peterson. He devoted much of his time to the study of the special problems of the exploied masses of the Souh, particularly the intensified lynch terror that takes alternately the form of mob violence and concealed lynching under the cloak of legality as in the Scottsboro case.

As a Communist and as a national leader of the Young Communist League, our dead comrade always tried to show the working class, and especially the working youth, how the boss class that enforces starvation and terror upon us here is also trying to extend its tyranny to other parts of the world, as it is doing at this moment in the Far East. He fully realized that the greatest effort must be made to establish Communist groups in the dustries, especially the potential war industries of the South. He showed how the capitalists who are trying to overcome their crisis by wagecuts, by mass starvation, are also working day and night in plots to pro-woke war against the Soviet Union, the fatherland of the workers of the

When he threw himself into the miners' struggle in Kentucky and Tennessee, Harry Simms, as a leader of the Young Communist League, showed how the fight of the miners is against the same vulture forces that are preparing a war of intervention against the Soviet Union, the same ban dit gang that is aiding in the ravaging of China. He exposed the part played by the government of Kentucky, Tennessee and the United States, as nents used by the capitalist class to keep the working class in slavery He fought for unemployment insurance and popularized the demand that all war funds be used to pay insurance for the unemployed. He always tried to expose the real part played by the strike breaking government, which deputizes gun thugs who are paid by the mine owners, which crushes free speech free press, free assemblage and even murders workers who try to exercise 'rights" which the constitution itself upholds in words. He taught the Kentucky miners, who suffer from all sorts of illusions about "the law" that the capitalist state power was never used in the interest of the work rays in the interest of the bosses. Nowhere was there a more staunch and uncompromising fighter against jim-crowism, segregation and for full rights for the Negro masses, nowhere was there a better fighter for unity of action of white and Negro workrs, than Comrade Simms.

ally as a true Communist, Harry Simms, our comrade martyred by gun thing's bullet, always taught the workers what every Communist must know when he enters our Revolutionary ranks—that the one final solution for the murderous system of capitalism is the organization of a powerful CLASS PARTY, a Communist Party, against the whole capitalist class and its state power, that can lead the masses in the revolutionary struggle to crush the dictatorship of capitalism and establish in its place a dicta of the working class-a government that exists for the benefit of the work-

Ford, Insull and the lesser capitalists of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio, who control smaller mines, determined to try to deprive the workers of this youthful leader.

The bosses are rejoicing that they have murdered one of the leaders of the American revolutionary movement. They think this foul act will help them crush the strike and wipe out the National Miners' Union, the Communist Party and the Young Communist League. But they are mistaken. The brutal murder of Harry Simms has not stopped and will not stop the struggle against mass starvation and terror. Instead it will spur every work er, every working woman, every young worker, with a drop of red blood to a more determined struggle against the mine owners whose out of the very life blood of the miners, their wives and children.

This monstrous murder of a leader of the Young Communist League this most recent act of a long campaign of frightfulness against the employed and unemployed, organized and unorganized, the white and Negro workers, and especially against the fighting youth, must and shall be answered by strengthesing the ranks of the strikers, making stronger and m fective the rank and file strike committees and increasing many fold the fight against the terror. Especially must this butchery be the warning sig-nal that the work of building Workers' Self-Defense Corps in this and every other strike area must be increased so that these cowardly professional murderers with blazing guns in their hands can be crushed and driven out of the region

The dead body of Harry Simms gives the lie to those running dogs of the bosses who always try to separate the mass of workers from its vanguard, the Communist Party and the Young Communist League, by saying that Communist leaders who come into strike situations "from the outside" do not risk their lives in the thick of the fight. No Kentucky or Tennessee striker will even again believe that vile slander because with their own eyes they witnessed that brave young fighter make the supreme sacrifice

While every honest working man, woman and youth deeply respects the gallant youth who died in line of revolutionary duty, we must also re-member that the best way to honor his memory is to fight harder in the struggle to which he gave everything; to strengthen the fighting front of the working class. All young workers who rever the memory of Harry Simms should join the ranks of the Young Communist League and help fill the place he left vacant. By such action will the last wish of Harry Simms be carried out—the hope and the conviction that the workers' struggle be car-ried on to victory and that the shameful system that he despised and fought against be overthrown so that mankind may emerge out of this last slave sysem the world will ever see.

Defenders of the Hoover Program

A good example of how the "radical" republican and democrat poliand the reactionary officers of the American Federation of Labor, help the Hoover government put through its hunger program is to be seen in the forces back of the Costigan-LaFollette bill for the appropriation of \$375,000,000 for unemployment relief purposes. This bill was introduced by the "progressive" politicians and is supported by Wm. Green and other officials of the American Federation of Labor in an effort to stem the rising mass demand for unemployment insurance to be paid by the capitalist and administered by the workers.

Certainly no thinking worker is going to believe that Mr. Green, who

has opposed unemployment insurance since the beginning of the present economic crisis in 1929, has suddenly changed front and is now in favor

The Costigan-LaFollette bill is brought forth at this time to try to ement for real unemployment insurance. The great Hunger March on Washington at the opening of Congress with demands for unem-ployment insurance, the nation-wide demonstrations of February 4th against the Hoover hunger progarm, the increasing willingness of ployed and employed workers in hundreds of cities and towns to fight on the basis of local demands—these are only the outstanding evidences of the increased mass resistance to the Hoover program.

How far will the sum of \$375,000,000 go in relieving hunger as the result of unemployment? There are more than 12,000,000 unemployed who face starvation. Add to these their dependents-their wives, children, aged parents, etc., and the number swells to well over 30,000,000 facing hunger. parents, etc., and the number swens to well view of employed part time at This number does not include those who are only employed part time at hunger wages, under the "Hoover stagger system," which is a part of the general starvation drive of the capitalist class. Hence it can readily be seen that if all this \$375,000,000 were appropriated and equally divided among the unemployed and those part-time workers existing on starvation rations there would be less than one week's wages for each

Against such shameful demagogy, such playing with the misery and suffering of the working class, the Unemployed Councils and all militant vorkers' organizations must increase the mass fight for unemployment insurance. We must show in action that the dirty trickery of LaFollette. Green and the democratic lynch gang of the South cannot side track or even retard the advance of the million-movement against the Hoover hun-ger program, and by our mass power compel the robber capitalist class to give up some of their stolen wealth so that the unemployed and part time workers can get the equivalent of full wages.

Vern Smith Revises

Bhind bars in the Pineville, Ky. jail, where he is being held together with other organizers and miners on charge of criminal syndicalism Vern Smith, correspondent of the Daily Worker in the Kentucky mine fields, has revised his pamphlet "The Frame-up System," and brought it up

This new and revised edition has just been published by International

is now available at all workers' book His Pamphlet in Jail

Workers' Library Publishers, Box 148, Sta. D, New York City.

FEWER RAILROAD WORKERS

Interstate Commerce Commission reports that there were 56.192 fewer workers employed on the railroads in November than in October, Decem ber and January reports will probably be worse. Faced with genera wage cuts and the danger of unem ployment and hunger the railroad It was because of these activities of Harry Simms that the gun thugs, agents of John D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, Andrew W. Mellon, Henry and political subjects. The pamphlet workers are talking more and more Pamphlets as Number 8 of the 18 about preparing to strike against wage cuts and to help in the mass peared on current economic, social struggle for unemployment insurance. workers are talking more and more

Can Get Results

CHARLOTTE, N. C .- Listen to this for a moment—read and think. I am a worker, and I want to tell of what I know. I worked hard all summer for \$1.50 a day, and only got part of it. Had bills to meet and when I paid up some of them I did not have a penny. The man I worked for just would not pay me. I was hungry, no shoes, no clothes to wear, and I hunted for work to do but ev erybody turned me away.

I want everybody to join the Com-munist Party to help make our conditions better.

Lots of people are dependent on the Charities. I have seen overalls they sent out for 8 and 9 year old boys, and they were too small 3-year-old kid. Shoes they give grown girls would not last 2 weeks

If we would all join the Commun ist Party we could do something. We are treated worse than the bosses' bird dog, for he will feed his dog. But they just put us on the streets. Not a cent, nothing to eat, nothing to wear. The rent man says: "If don't pay I wlil set you out." V has the worker to pay with?

The bosses try to keep the workers from joining the Communist Party. They do all they can to hold us back. en to the workers there would not be so many hungry people. We do want any war. We want relief.

Let us do our part; let us do some thing for ourselves. We must be on at the job to fight this rotten systemyoung and old, white and N workers, join together and fight. -A Colored Worker.

Armed Thugs Hold Up Highway Com. "

KNOXVILLE .- Peter E. Blow, Tennessee Highway Commissioner, and a party were held up near Pineville Saturday night by armed thugs and put through an insulting exam ination before they were permitted to go on their way.

Everyone who passes through the Kentucky strike area, whether or no they are connected with the strike ac tivities, are held up by thugs high power rifles and all their belongngs searched.

The highway commissioner said: "As we approached Pineville, a couple of big men with shiny badges and levelled rifles told us to halt. I haven't got much hair, but what I did went straight up.

Blow is holding office at the decree of the Horton administration of Tennessee, which protected the sheriff of Claiborne county, Tennessee who which protected the sheriff kidnapped Joe Weber and Jim Duncan and turned them over to the Harlan thugs three weeks ago. He got a sample of what his own gang is doing to help break the strike.

MILWAUKEE "SOCIALIST" POLICY

MILWAUKEE, Wis .- The capitalst city government of Mayor Daniel Hoan masquerading under the name has its police force busy rounding up unemployed and driving them out of town so they will not ask for shelter.

SALVATION ARMY SCAB HERI WI ERS

(By a Worker Correspondent) I asked the Chattanooga Salvation! Army to help me. When I told them I once worked in a coal mine, they told me I should go to Kentucky and get a job as some Kentucky miners wo not work. I had just heard of the strike and the mine owners' thugs and refused to go. I'd rather starve than be a scab.