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General Strike Call to the Miners of Pa. District

The Pennsylvania District Strike Committee of the National Miners Union, representing the many thousands of workers now striking, calls upon every miner in this district to down tools immediately and to join the strike. Every mine in the Pennsylvania bituminous field must come to a standstill.

This is a strike against starvation. Wages have become so low and unemployment so widespread in the mine fields that chronic hunger exists in our homes. While President Hoover and President Green of the A. F. of L. deny the existence of wage-cuts, our tonnage rates have been slashed from 77 cents to as low as 30 cents, and our day rates from \$7.50 to as low as \$3.00. And still the operators cut our wages constantly. Checkweighmen have been abolished and the companies rob us of at least a third of the weight of the coal we dig. We are compelled to do all dead work for nothing. We are forced to drag supplies from all over the mines without pay. We are robbed mercilessly in the company stores. Often when we get our pay, we receive blank statements. By all these methods of wage-cutting and through unemployment, the living standards of the miners have been cut at least 70 per cent in the past three years.

THE MINERS ARE STARVING!

Now we are being pushed down into actual starvation. We can not live any more because of mass unemployment and hunger wages. While the operators live in luxury on the fruits of our labor, our families are hungry, our children have no bread and are in rags. They are being permanently stunted in their growth for want of the basic necessities of life. Thousands cannot go to school because they have no food and clothes. In hundreds of homes of miners, employed as well as unemployed, there is no gas, no light, no water. Many women cannot leave their homes because they have no clothing. Diseases of all kinds, bred of hunger and poverty, is everywhere. The homes of the miners are the shode of poverty, misery, and mass starvation. Many miners have committed suicide in desperation. And all this misery and robbery of the miners is enforced by an elaborate system of State Police, company thugs, and "yellow dogs." All the machinery of the government is used against the miners.

STRIKE AGAINST STARVATION!

Miners! Strike and fight against this intolerable slavery and misery. We must strike as never before. We must stand solidly together—or else face hopeless starvation. We must fight for our families, for our very lives. We must rally to the National Miners Union. We must strike every mine in the Pennsylvania bituminous field until the following demands are granted:

(The demands to be inserted after the Wage Scale Committee Meeting)

SPREAD THE STRIKE!

Immediately upon receipt of this strike call, do the following, if your mine has not already taken this action:

- Call a meeting of the miners in your locality.
- Elect a broad Strike Committee for each mine involved.
- Send delegates to the Sectional and District Strike Committees.
- Establish mass picketing and strike camp.
- Organize marches to the surrounding mines and strike them.
- Let our slogans be: "Spread the Strike! Strike every mine in Pennsylvania Bituminous Field!"

JOIN THE NATIONAL MINERS UNION!

We must not only strike, we must build a powerful union—the National Miners Union. Every miner must join the NMU at once. Beware of the UMWA. It is a strike-breaking tool of the operators from the \$12,000 a year traitor John L. Lewis, to the notorious Pagan.

These traitors, under the instructions of the coal operators, are now trying to break this strike as they have broken so many others. The capitalist press is now openly praising them and helping them to defeat this new battle of the miners for better conditions. They are the enemies of the miners and their treachery is responsible for the terrible conditions now prevailing in the mines. The miners must repudiate and get rid of these operators' tools and their policy of surrender to the bosses. The only protection against organized scabbing by the UMWA traitor officials is by solidly building the National Miners Union and by holding our picket lines firm.

EMPLOYED AN UNEMPLOYED, STAND TOGETHER

The District Strike Committee calls upon all unemployed miners to give 100 per cent support to the strike. Join the picket line. Spread the strike. A victory in this strike is a victory for every miner, employed and unemployed.

We call upon the striking miners everywhere to join hands with the employed miners to intensify the struggle for Unemployment Insurance and immediate relief. We urge the miners to build Unemployed Councils to organize mass hunger marches, and mass demonstrations in support of relief demands, and to fight for relief from the coal companies and the local and state governments. We call upon the miners to fight for cash appropriations, against evictions, for free food for school children, for free rent, gas and light, free medical treatment, etc. The UMWA betrays the unemployed. The National Miners Union, which is affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League, unites the employed and unemployed in one solid front.

WORKERS: FIGHT TO WIN!

Miners! Stand fast! Spread the strike! We must and will win this strike. This strike will establish the N.M.U. as a real union in the coal industry, one capable of organizing the fight for general wage scales the "four day, and other basic demands of the miners. Negro and white miners must fight shoulder to shoulder. Every young miner must take a militant part in the struggle. Every woman and girl in the mining district must participate actively in the winning of the strike.

We send greetings to our striking brothers in Kentucky. We rejoice in their splendid fighting spirit. We propose to them to join with us, together with the miners of the West Virginia, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, the Anthracite, to build the real union—the National Miners Union. We urge them to organize strikers in their respective districts and eventually to develop a broad struggle in the whole mining industry to end the present slave conditions.

Workers of the whole working class! We appeal to you to support the striking miners of Pennsylvania. Form local relief committees. Collect food, clothing and funds, and send them to our starving families. This food is your fight! Victory for us in this strike will deal a blow to the employers' program of wage-cutting, speed-up, mass starvation of the unemployed, etc., not only in the coal industry, but all over the country. It will inspire the workers to fight and will serve notice upon the employers that the workers refuse to starve.

We rely upon your class solidarity. Miners, spread the strike! Strike every mine in the Pennsylvania Bituminous Field! Organize Strike Committees! Join the U.M.W.A. Strike-Breaking! Join the National Miners Union! Employed and unemployed, join and fight! Strike against starvation! Stand together and win our demands!

DISTRICT STRIKE COMMITTEE, NATIONAL MINERS UNION.

COUNCIL BLUFFS JOBLESS MEET

Called for Sunday, June 28th

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, June 5.—In view of the increasing amount of unemployment in this vicinity, the Trade Union Unity League and Unemployed Council of Council Bluffs has issued a call to all workers' organizations to join in a conference on Sunday for unemployment relief. The

conference will be held Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m., at 507 1/2 W. Broadway. Besides preparing for this conference, the Unemployed Council is circulating a petition among all workers to the County Board demanding that Miss Mary Larson, social worker of Pottawattamie County, supervisor "retire" be removed because of her persecution of unemployed workers. Among the reasons for demanding her removal are: "Cutting off milk supply for babies of unemployed workers, causing illness; refusal to investigate reported cases of sickness and starvation; insulting and degrading remarks to unemployed workers."

Readers:

Only two pages today! Contributions the last three days totaled only \$2,460.33 instead of the needed \$5,000. We hadn't enough paper, so we avoided suspension by going to two pages. We may not publish Monday. With the great mine strike on in Pennsylvania, with the fight for the Scottsboro boys, with the big wage-cut drive on, can we afford to lose our Daily? Our office, fifth floor, will be open all day today and tomorrow; those in New York, bring funds in person; others, wire contributions to Daily Worker, 50 E. 13th St., New York City!

Daily Worker Management Committee

Farewell For Eva Shafran In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—The workers here are preparing for the mass farewell banquet for Eva Shafran, for June 12, at the Co-operative Center, 2700 Brooklyn Ave., 7:30 p.m. This will not be a banquet merely, in the usual sense of the word, but it will be a mass demonstration, a mobilization of the Los Angeles workers for a fight against police persecution, brutality and terror. The workers of Los Angeles must come to this affair en masse. Admission is 50 cents—but you get a good supper, a good program and a good occasion for a mass demonstration against police persecution—for the right of the workers to meet to demonstrate and to fight for better conditions.

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Scottsboro Hearing Continued To June 13; I. L. D. Lawyers Threatened by Mob in Court

(By Telegraph to Daily Worker)
CHATTANOOGA, June 5.—Joseph A. Brodsky and General George W. Chamlee argued the motions filed by the International Labor Defense for a new trial for nine boys in Scottsboro, Alabama, today. The hearing has been continued to June 13 to allow filing briefs and final affidavits.

Despite Brodsky's strenuous objections that only Chamlee and himself as the only attorneys authorized by the boys and their parents for the defense represent the defendants, Judge J. A. Hawkins permitted Moody and Roddy, the Klan lawyer accused by the boys of "betraying our cause" to participate. Brodsky presented affidavits signed by parents and defendants to show that only himself and Chamlee were

authorized by parents to conduct the defense.

All jurors (in trial of five boys) appeared as witnesses. Several under Chamlee's cross-examination admitted they were in the court house square when the demonstration broke loose celebrating Norris and Weems' death verdict, in the first case tried. Several admitted knowledge of the reason for the demonstration and that they heard a brass band playing.

Judge Hawkins refused to permit argument to fix the question as to who was the authorized counsel, although Chamlee and Brodsky pointed out that one of the chief points in the brief for new trials was the fact that since the defendants did not have proper counsel during the trial, it was improper to allow anybody but Chamlee and Brodsky to appear from now on.

Roddy attacked Brodsky, boasting that he Roddy does not represent anybody in New York City, implying repudiation of the N.A.A.C.P. leaders although not stating by whom he is employed.

Chamlee and Brodsky insisted that only they as International Labor

Jail Karson and Halberg for Mesaba Range Demonstration

ELY, Minn.—The steel trust judge sentenced Morris Karson, section organizer of the Communist Party on the Mesaba Range, and A. Halberg, section organizer of the Young Communist League, to 10 days each in jail. They were arrested two weeks ago at a huge demonstration of over 1,000 workers to protest the breaking up of Communist meetings. Following their arrest another protest demonstration of a thousand workers took place a few days later, in which the workers battled with the police.

Defense attorneys, having the consent of the parents and the nine boys, should be recognized for the defense.

Judge Hawkins limited argument to examination of jurors only, stating he would read briefs when submitted. The prosecution failed to produce any matter denying new evidence submitted by the International Labor Defense attorneys.

After argument, Brodsky was surrounded in court and threatened with violence in the presence of a Birmingham reporter and others, one of the Scottsboro mob leaders pointing a finger in his face and declaring:

"We're waiting for you, New York Reds. We will get you on the outside."

The court denied Chamlee's demand that Claude Patterson be permitted to testify as to whom he wanted as attorney.

The atmosphere was tense and hostile, as the courtroom was jammed with a crowd continually murmuring threats against the I. L. D. attorneys.

The resident Bureau of the Scottsboro Defense Committee elected by the All Southern United Front Scottsboro Defense Conference is pushing ahead on the work of forming block and neighborhood committees for developing a mass movement throughout the South in the fight to save the lives of the nine boys.

MASS PICKETING SWEEPING PENN. MINE DISTRICTS

Prepare Three-Day Drive for Mass Marches
On Monday to Make Strike General

Relief Needed Immediately; Call On TUUL and Workers
International Relief to Act

(By Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 5.—An intensive three-day organization to culminate in the most powerful picket demonstration and mass marches on Monday morning to sweep all Western Pennsylvania miners into the struggle will begin today.

There will be big section mass conferences on Saturday and scores of mass meetings Sunday to mobilize, also to spread the relief campaign, and to unite the forces of the unemployed and strikers to picket as well as to demand that the local governments give relief to both jobless and strikers. A drive to collect relief locally will begin.

Local relief committees, aided by the Women's Auxiliaries, with section relief committees directing, and district relief committee to lead, a relief campaign on a national scale is being prepared.

The Trade Union Unity League and the Workers International Relief are calling for united front conferences to mobilize the whole working class behind the 2,000 miners who are striking against starvation. National collections must be begun immediately to provide relief for the starving miners and their families.

Today federal and state constabularies appeared and claimed to have interviewed the union and the companies and announced that they feel "hopeful" for a settlement.

The strike committee and the National Miners Union issued a statement scolding the strike-breaking role of the constabularies and the United Mine Workers, declaring that settlements so arranged would be repudiated by the miners who recognize only their own strike committee and the National Miners Union, and that they will answer all such fake settlements with mass picketing. They say they will deal directly with the operators and reject interference from constabularies of the United Mine

Workers or arbitration boards. The scale committee meets Saturday morning formally to present the demands and offer to confer with all such operators who want to see the demands.

The Andersonville mine at Canonsburg, with 800 men, struck today as the result of the mass conferences from the already struck Gilmore and Buffalo mines. The Bell Mine at Carnegie, with 400 men, struck today. A committee had already been sent to the Canonsburg mine to ask for organization. Two truckloads of Negroes were recruited in Pittsburgh and sent to the Bell Mine without notification that there was a strike on. Part of them returned immediately.

Big meetings are being organized in Pittsburgh in order to stop the sending of strikebreakers to the mine field. The enterprise mine with 300 men, the Colerburg Junction mine with 60 men, the Knoxville mine near Liberty, with 80 men, all struck yesterday and today.

Menour mine No. 10 today gave ten-day's notice of cessation of strikes from their homes. Over a thousand families are involved. The workers are mobilizing to fight the evictions.

Auto Bosses and Labor Spy Behind Michigan Alien Bill

Detroit Workers Rallying Stern Fight Against
Vicious Measure; Form City Committee of
Conference for Protection Foreign Born

DETROIT, June 5.—The workers of Michigan are thoroughly aroused against the recently passed Michigan Alien Registration Bill for the registration and photographing of foreign-born workers.

A huge demonstration has been called for June 19 in this city to take place in Grand Circus Park at 5 p.m. The call for the demonstration is receiving the support of hundreds of working-class organizations and of thousands of workers, native and foreign-born, Negro and white.

The demonstration will be used to protest both the Registration Bill and the Scottsboro boss court lynch verdict against nine Negro children. Speakers will point out to the workers the connection between the attacks on the foreign-born and the lynch terror against the Negro masses.

State-Wide Conference to Plan Ill. Hunger-March Demands

CHICAGO, Ill., June 5.—Addressing all workers and farmers in Illinois and rallying them for the state hunger march, the State Committee of Unemployed Councils of Illinois, has issued a call for a state-wide conference which will meet with the hunger marchers at Odd Fellows Hall, 213 E. 14th Street, Springfield, Illinois, the state capital, on Sunday, June 14, at 1 p.m. This conference will decide on the final demands to be presented by the hunger marchers to the Governor of Illinois and the State Legislature on Monday, June 15.

The call to the workers and farmers of Illinois reads: "Starvation stalks across the state. Hopeless misery, destitution, and suffering is the lot of hundreds of thousands of workers and farmers throughout the State of Illinois. In spite of Hoover's lying propaganda, the crisis continues to get worse. More than 200,000 workers are unemployed in the State of Illinois. More and more thousands are freed. Wage cuts and the stagger system bring hunger into the homes of those still working. Due to rent starvation, the Negro workers suffer most. The wages and conditions of the miners have been cut to pieces. More than 50 per cent of the miners

The hunger marchers are starting out from all parts of the state carrying dozens of cities and towns, and converging in Springfield on June 14.

"BETTER STARVE STRIKING THAN STARVE WORKING"

By VERN SMITH.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 5.—Two more mines struck Thursday. There are 5,000 men in 35 mines on strike. Miners of half a dozen other mines in Western Pennsylvania sent word to the district strike committee they were preparing to join the struggle—a fight against literal starvation. Miners have been eating out an existence on 30 cents a ton and having up to a third of that stolen because they are allowed no checkweighmen to see that the company does not credit them with short weight. Wages have been slashed day by day almost, in one mine after another. The mine has been forced to do all the "dead work" (that which does not immediately result in coal loaded, but which is necessary, nevertheless) for no wages whatever. Even the supplies needed for mining are not delivered to the miner where he works, and he has to spend weary hours dragging them all over the mine to get them where he can use them. When the miner gets his pay for a few days' work, he is cheated again, and mercifully, at the company stores, where he has to trade or get fired. While the operators live in luxury on the golf links and in pleasure resorts on the profits of this cruel and dangerous labor of their half starved underground men, the homes of the miners are bleak with want. Hunger is a daily experience, not only of the men who risk death every hour as they are underground, but of their wives and families. In the miners' homes, there is no gas, no light, no water. Many women can not leave the house because they have no clothes but rags. Little children, crying for food, for bread, for anything that they can eat are barefooted, and in rags. They are being permanently stunted in body because of starvation. They are being put at a disadvantage all their life because they cannot attend school. Mr. Mellon's capitalist schools will not let a child attend classes if he has no clothes, but a rag around the

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