

SMASH THE BOSSES' TERROR! FIGHT FOR SOCIAL INSURANCE! VOTE COMMUNIST!

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T.C.I. THUGS KIDNAP UNEMPLOYED LEADERS

A. F. of L. MUM ON-LEAKSVILLE 11% WAGE-CUT

LEAKESVILLE, N. C.—Over three thousand workers at the textile mills of Draper, Spray and Leaksville received a wage-cut averaging 11 percent last Monday, following the promises of the local organizers of the A. F. of L. United Textile Workers that there would be no strikes.

Wage-cuts and victimization of union members have occurred in the mills at Greensboro and the three mills towns here, where the A. F. of L. is active. Acting on the complete sell-out policy announced by William Green, the local officials and organizers are really helping the bosses put across their wage cuts by doing all in their power to keep the workers from striking.

The wage-cuts go into effect at the Marshall Field Co., Home Crest Rug Mill, the Nantucket Sheeting and Upholstering Mills, the Lily Silk and Rayon Mills, the Spray Woolen Mills and the big blanket and sheeting mills at Draper.

U. T. W. Sleeps As Workers Are Fired

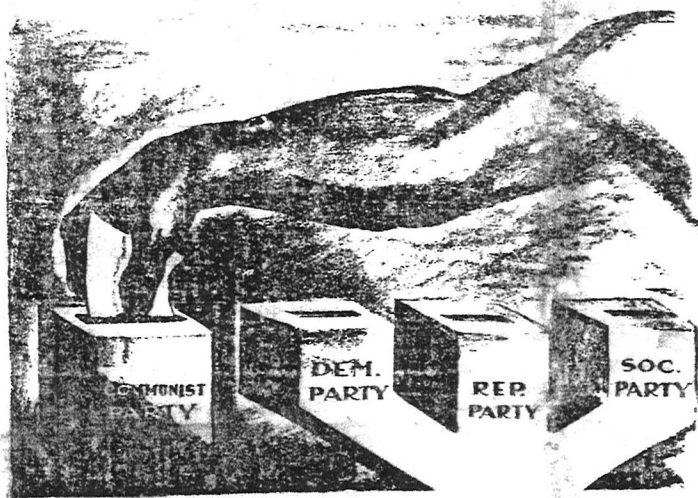
GREENSBORO, N. C.—Officials of the A. F. of L. textile union local here remain fast asleep while scores of workers are being fired from the Revolution Cotton Mills and the Cone Mills for union activity. Not a single word of objection has been entered by the local officials, who are sticking fast to their promise to the mill owners that they would not call a strike.

Workers are fast beginning to realize the treacherous nature of the A. F. of L. leadership and policy, when they see a worker after worker being fired by the mill bosses, who use the unemployment situation to get rid of militant workers, and not a step being made by these "labor leaders" to put up a fight. Instead, the A. F. of L. leaders, who showed their true color before at Marion and at Elizabethton, are repeating their old game of "peace" with the mill bosses, while the employers are engaged in a wholesale attack on the workers.

The average wage at the Revolution mill is below \$10 a week, while the Cone mills are only working a 3-day schedule with the workers making \$6 or \$7 a week. Deputy Sheriff Martin, working together with the mill bosses is forcing workers who permit union members to stay at their house to move from the company houses. The proposition of either leaving the union or the mill is being placed squarely before the workers by the mill superintendents, who find it easy to put across their wage-cuts and victimization with the aid of the A. F. of L.

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Bosses at the Cone Mills here told the workers that if they were found reading union papers or books they would be fired.

Fight For Jobless Insurance! Vote Communist!



Answer the bosses attack on the unemployed workers by joining the revolutionary unions and Unemployed Councils. Vote Communist next fall!

JAILED JOBLESS LEADERS GREET SOUTHERN WORKER

Comrades Wm. Z. Foster, Israel Amter and Harry Raymond who together with Robert Minor, all prominent national Communist leaders, are serving six month sentences in the New York prison for leading the workers in their fight for social insurance, send greetings to the Southern Worker from behind prison bars:

Welfare Island, N. Y.

Dear Comrades: We greet the appearance of the SOUTHERN WORKER as an achievement of our Party and of the Southern comrades. This paper is destined to play a leading role in the class struggle in the South and in the organization of the Negro and white workers into the revolutionary unions and in the building up of the Communist Party.

The SOUTHERN WORKER will play a big part in rallying the Negro and white workers of the South around our fighting program. It will be an organizer for the struggle in the shops, factories, mines and fields, in rallying the workers and poor farmers in support of the Communist Party and its candidates in the election campaign.

The SOUTHERN WORKER, while dealing primarily with the conditions and struggles of the Negro and white workers and poor farmers of the South, must not fail to link them up with the struggles of the workers in the rest of the country and of the world. The SOUTHERN WORKER must reflect these struggles by developing workers correspondence in the shops.

The SOUTHERN WORKER, as an organ of the Communist Party, must put to the forefront the Party's program of struggle. The SOUTHERN WORKER will and must help most effectively to build up the Communist Party in the South and make it the leader of the Negro and white workers and poor farmers in the struggle against American capitalism.

We wish the SOUTHERN WORKER great success!

William Z. Foster, Israel Amter, Harry Raymond.

An unemployed worker was arrested and sentenced to 30 days in New Mexico, found "guilty of poverty."

Birmingham KKK Run Them Out of City; Police Help; Negro Missing Over 3,000 In Charlotte Meeting

WORKERS BEAT BACK POLICE

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Over 3,000 workers, mostly textile workers, demonstrated enthusiastically in North Charlotte mill section for Unemployment Insurance under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League.

Workers' Defense groups successfully beat back the continuous police and gangster attack on the meeting. From the very start of the demonstration police on foot and on motorcycle attempted to break up the meeting but the workers succeeded in smashing the onrush which lasted for one hour. Under the protection of the defense groups the meeting continued unmolested for another hour.

The demonstration was a powerful answer to the mill bosses' lay-offs, wage-cuts and speed-up and showed that the workers in this region of extreme boss terror, were willing to fight. Besides the demand for the Workers Social Insurance Bill, principle demands were for the release of the Gastonia strike leaders and for the disarming of the Black Hundreds.

CALL WORKERS TO SMASH TERROR

The Ku Klux Klan, directed by the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, and with the direct cooperation of the police department and A. F. of L. officials prevented the mass demonstration in Birmingham on September 1 for unemployed insurance, by kidnapping Tom Johnson, District Communist Organizer and Gene Braxton, Negro, T. U. U. L. organizer, just before the meeting. Gene Braxton is still missing and it is feared that he is in danger of lynching.

Comrade Johnson was placed in one machine and Comrade Braxton in another by members of the bosses' mob, and whisked away in different directions. Johnson was taken 20 miles out of the city, severely beaten, stripped of all money and warned not to return. As we go to press there is no information available as to the whereabouts of Braxton.

Call For Workers' Defense

Following this terrorist attack of the bosses the Communist Party issued a call to all workers to smash thru the terror by forming powerful workers' defense groups and fighting for the right of starving workers to demand food and lodging from the bosses. The statement points out that no protection can be looked for from the police, who are in direct alliance with the I. C. I. against the workers.

and calls upon the workers, black and white to join the unions of the Trade Union Unity League and the unemployed councils, and in organized manner fight for their demands.

This latest attack of the T. C. I. follows upon a whole series of persecutions in which both the police and the A. F. of L. officials have combined with the K. K. K. in the attack on the workers. Tom Johnson, Harry Jackson and Frank Burns, T. U. U. L. organizers and Joe Carr, mine organizer, have been arrested and convicted of vagrancy and sentenced to the chain gang. Their case is being fought by the International Labor Union.

Nominate Red Candidates At Virginia Meet

NORFOLK, Va.—Workers' representatives from Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Danville and other nearby industrial centers confirmed the Communist candidates for the state of Virginia at the manufacturing convention held at City Hall August 31.

J. B. Devenport, a Negro worker of Richmond, was nominated for the U. S. Senate; A. J. Hauser of Norfolk, for the House of Representatives, 5th District; and T. H. Stone, of Richmond for the House of Representatives from the 11th District.

Center of Workers' Struggle

T. H. Stone, in his report for the District Committee, pointed out that this is the first time the Communist Party participated in the election campaign in Virginia. "The Communist Party," he said, "will utilize this campaign to mobilize the workers in the state of Virginia for a fight against the terrible condition now prevailing in the mills, against the campaign of terrorism and lynching of Negro workers which the capitalists and mill owners are practicing in order to intimidate the workers and enforce new wage-cuts."

The State Election Campaign Committee will meet at once and will lay plans for an extensive campaign to rally the workers behind the Social Insurance Bill for which the Communist candidates will fight.

Endorse Southern Worker

The nominating convention unanimously endorsed the SOUTHERN WORKER and pledged its full support in building it into a mass organ of the Negro and white workers of the South.

500 IN CHATTA. JOBLESS MEET

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Over 500 workers answered the call of the Trade Union Unity League and demonstrated here for unemployment insurance on September 1, National Jobless Day.

The workers, the majority being white, responded enthusiastically to the organization and unemployment program of the T. U. U. L. as presented by the principal speaker, Harry Jackson, District T. U. U. L. organizer, and to the main election campaign issues of the Communist Party outlined by Mary Dalton, Chattanooga Communist Party Organizer and one of the six defendants in the Atlanta "insurrection" case for (Turn to Page 2)

SLAVERY ON THE CHAIN GANG

By a Worker Correspondent Atlanta, Ga.

I just got thru a term on the chain gang here and was at the camp known as "West Side." I want to tell you exactly how we were treated.

John Robinson, the boss of the gang, is the cruelest man alive. He came on the job while we were at work on the quarry cursing us for all he was worth and pulling our cart at the same time. He'd always be challenging everybody to a fight, him having the gun. We would put us in the sweat box and beat us on the head with a blackjack while we were in there.

Just before I was paroled I fell 30 feet into a quarry pit. It was slippery due to rain and with the chains

on it's hard to keep your balance around the rocks. I was hurt bad in the ribs. Boss Robinson put me right back to work. The hammer we use in busting the rock weighs 48 pounds and the chips that fly around leave scars in some cases 3 inches long.

The next morning I couldn't turn around or get out of bed. The boss came around and started pulling my hair and ears, but I couldn't budge.

No mercy is shown at this camp. We had our breakfast at 4 in the morning and went right to work and stayed there until sundown. They put long steel spikes on the shoes of these who object to make it hard for them to move around. For food they give beans, cabbage, fat back and rotten corn bread.

—A Negro Worker.

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Carry on the Fight for Social Insurance!

All the forces of the bosses were mobilized on September 1 against workers demonstrating for unemployment insurance. Police, K. K. K., American Legionnaires were Johnny-on-the-Spot, ready to prevent the mass demonstrations against starvation.

In Birmingham, members of the K. K. K. and A. F. of L. gangsters acting in full accord with the city police department whose detectives were present in abundance, forced Tom Johnson, District Communist Organizer, and Gene Braxton, Negro T. U. U. L. Organizer, into cars, rode them miles out of the city, beat them, stripped them and left them with the warning not to return.

In Charlotte, N. C. only the courage of the workers Defense Groups and the militancy of the 3,000 workers present succeeded in repelling a vicious police attack.

In Chattanooga, Tenn. American Legionnaires, police, and A. F. of L. rowdies were present in abundance, but so militant was the spirit of the workers present that no one dared interfere.

This is a direct attack upon the whole working class, which is now going thru one of the worst periods of unemployment and starvation that it has ever had to face. In Birmingham the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co., in Charlotte, the mill bosses, in Chattanooga the bosses of the metal and textile plants, mobilized against the workers cry for unemployment insurance. These bosses and their lackey democratic politicians are trying to keep the workers down at starvation, bearing the whole brunt of the crisis. But the workers will fight, not starve.

Against such tactics we must organize our Workers' Defense Groups. We must win the right for ourselves to demonstrate, make our demands, and to organize. Against this whole gang of oppressors—boss, politician, A. F. of L. officials—we must enter a mighty protest at the next election with a big Communist vote.

**ORGANIZE WORKERS' DEFENSE GROUPS!
BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY UNIONS OF THE T. U. U. L!
NOT A CENT FOR WAR, ALL FUNDS TO THE UNEMPLOYED!
FOR THE WORKERS' SOCIAL INSURANCE BILL!
VOTE COMMUNIST NEXT FALL!**

Lonoke Farmers Make A Mistake

The 60 farmers of Lonoke County, Arkansas, who while demonstrating last week at the county seat demanding jobs allowed themselves to be diverted into an attack on Negro workers employed at a road nearby, blindly played into the hands of the bankers and landlords, against whom their anger and desperation should have been directed instead.

These farmers are small cotton farmers, and in addition to the fact that they are being completely ruined by the low price of cotton as a result of the general crisis, their truck produce has been destroyed by the drought. It means, starvation; rents and interest cannot be paid; farms will be taken away; complete ruin. That situation faces thousands upon thousands of small farmers and their families. The farmers cannot stand it any longer and conditions are leading to actual rural revolt.

The Lonoke farmers made their situation a hundred times worse by allowing themselves to be lured into this attack on the Negro road workers. Like the farmers, the workers—especially the colored workers—are being made to bear the brunt of the crisis in the form of severe unemployment and wage-cuts. It is the policy of the ruling class, especially in the South, to divide the working classes between Negro and white, getting them to fight each other, and thus make it harder for them to organize and fight effectively against starvation. That is the purpose of the American Blackshirts, organized in Atlanta, of other organizations like the K. K. K. and the whole system of lynch law which is directed not only against the Negro masses but also against the white. That has always been their policy and especially now, in the time of crisis, when the exploiters fear organized revolt, they will do everything in their power to divert the anger of the toilers from themselves.

Farmers of Lonoke, it is not the Negro workers on the road working at low wages and under terrible conditions to keep themselves and their families from starving, who are responsible for the plight in which you find yourselves! It is this capitalist system of exploitation which permits the landlord and the banker to fleece you, to make you and your family suffer want and misery, to make you do all the suffering when there is more cotton than industry can use for profit. It is against this system and its ruling class that you must direct your fight, not against Negro workers. You must strike at the landlords and the bankers. Together with the workers of the cities, you must demonstrate militantly at county seats.

Make your next demonstration a united one, of Negro and white farmers! Organize Committees of Action! Refuse to pay interest and rent! Demonstrate against Hoover's fake relief schemes and for social insurance!

A. F. OF L. BACKS BOSS MEN

NEW ORLEANS, La. — William Green, president of the A. F. of L., officially endorsed Governor Huey Long of Louisiana as the democratic senatorial nominee, while the local A. F. of L. endorses Senator Randsell.

Huey Long played a vicious part in the suppression of the New Orleans car strike and Randsell is a known labor-hater, being one of those who voted for Judge Parker, "yellow-dog" man, for the supreme court. The Communist Party is running its own

candidates and will expose these candidates and their A. F. of L. backers.

Attack Oklahoma City Meet

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Over 2,000 workers gathered to demonstrate for the Workers' Social Insurance Bill here on September 1. The police broke up the meeting on the excuse that traffic was being obstructed. The four speakers were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Feeling is running high here against the breaking up of the meeting.

"FREE AMERICAN LABOR"



Mathew Woll and William Green, of the A. F. of L. speak of "free American labor." What about the lynchings of Negro workers, the scores of political prisoners in the jails, the kidnapping of organizers and the attacks on unemployed workers?

FORGE AHEAD! BUILD PARTY!

In the first three weeks of the campaign, Birmingham has recruited almost one-third of its quota of new members while Chattanooga has done almost as well. Chattanooga has fallen down badly in failing to recruit a single white worker into the Party. This constitutes a very real danger to the Chattanooga organization and every effort must be put forth by the Chattanooga comrades to change this by next week. Birmingham, on the other hand is more than holding its own in this respect and has recruited exactly one-third of its quota of white workers. Let's see action among the white workers, Chattanooga!

In the formation of shop units Birmingham has failed to organize a single mine unit but has already gone over the top in splendid fashion in the organization of units in the big metal shops and steel mills. The fact that one of these newly organized units is in the great Tennessee Coal and Iron Company's shops, the largest in Birmingham's cap. Both Birmingham and Chattanooga have failed to even make a start in organizing a textile shop unit, while Birmingham has succeeded in building a farm unit of share-croppers on one of the great cotton plantations in its territory! This is the first farm unit ever organized in the South and indicates that our Party is sinking its roots deep in every section of the Southern working class.

Birmingham promises the organization of one functioning mine unit in the second largest coal mine in Alabama next week and the organization of another unit in the steel industry. Chattanooga has not yet been able to organize a single shop unit, but has organized another street unit. The Chattanooga comrades are working hard and we confidently expect that they will have the Party deeply rooted in one of the big metal shops in their city by the time the next issue of the Southern Worker goes to press. The campaign cannot be considered a success unless most of the workers recruited are brought into the Party as a result of our work in the shops and are immediately organized into shop units. It must be our aim to have a minimum of 60 percent of our membership organized in shop units by January 1st.

Chattanooga beat Birmingham to it by issuing its first shop paper in the Casey-Hedges shop there a few

days before the "Red Rammer," the organ of the Communist Party unit in the U. S. Pipe shops in Birmingham, appeared. We cannot rest content until every shop unit issues a shop paper regularly as a part of its activity.

On the whole, we can say that the first three weeks of the campaign have been remarkably successful. It is already clear that the figures set by the District Committee are away too low and must be revised upwards. If Birmingham can maintain its present pace it will go over the top some time in October in all departments. At an early date the District Committee will carefully analyze the figures and will revise the quotas. Chattanooga had a hard job these first few weeks in overcoming weaknesses which prevented real work. The comrades there have now gotten things in shape for a rapid advance and we look for some real competition for Birmingham from Chattanooga. Forward to new victories!

11-Cent Cotton and 40-Cent Meat

Eleven cent cotton and forty-cent meat.

How in the H—can a poor man eat?

Flour up high, cotton down low.

How in the H—can we raise the dough?

Our clothes worn out, shoes run down
Old souch hat with a hole in the crown,

Backs nearly broken, fingers all sore,
Cotton going down to rise no more.

Eleven cent cotton and ten dollar pants,

Who in the H—has got a chance?

Eleven cent cotton and a carload of tax,

The load's too heavy for our poor backs.

We're a good set of fellows we know well,

But there's something wrong as sure as H—,

We all work hard, we groan and sweat,

Now we're ruined, we're a blowed-up set.

No use talking, any man is beat

With eleven cent cotton and forty-cent meat.

—Reprint from the Dallas Express.

The Reds Say--

By JIM ALLEN

They tell us that the United States is a Democracy. Every citizen over the age of 21 is supposed to be able to vote. The officials of the government and its legislature are supposed to represent the will of the people. Every citizen, man, woman, colored or white, goes to the polls on election day. Workers can go and elect their man who will give the unemployed social insurance, or stop the speed-up in the factories, or raise wages, or stop chain gangs, or stop lynchings, or stop war.

Yes, sir! This is a real democracy! And if you don't believe it ask President Hoover, or Bill Green of the A. F. of L. or Senator Heflin, or Cole Blease of N. C., or any guy that "we elected." Why, they even got amendments in the Federal Constitution guaranteeing "citizens of any color" the right to vote and have a voice in the government. That means the colored people of course. They are citizens of this glorious country, too, altho their ancestors got here somewhat against their will.

BUT—There is a story that goes around—some people call it seditious—that there ain't no such thing as democracy in this country. These "seditious" people say—other people call them reds—that the working man and farmer has got no show at all in this country. That this thing they call "democracy" is nothing but a great big patch-quilt to cover up the real kind of government that's trying to pass itself off as the "people's government."

It's not so hard for the colored people and poor whites to see that. They can't vote in the South, anyhow, even though the Constitution and President Hoover and Bill Green says they can. Let them try and vote at a democratic primary! And only the upper class of Negroes—business men and professional people—can get past all that red tape about poll tax and literacy and property laws that the "supreme white rulers" of the Southern States managed to get written down in the law books. No, sir, a Negro just isn't allowed to vote and there are few white workers, too who ever get their hand on a ballot box. That means 12,000,000 Negroes left right out of democracy and millions of other white workers too. Left right out in the cold while the supreme white bosses do everything they want with the ballots. That's the way with this democracy.

And if you still won't believe us, just listen to this guy Gerard, who is high up with the bosses and should know. He says that 59 big bosses rule this country, and these big bosses don't hold any public office, either. They don't have to. They just hold little meetings in some office in Wall Street and old man Herb or any other public guy does their bidding. Or they send out a circular letter to all the other bosses, just like the Associated Industries of Alabama just did, and tell them what to do and see to it that the right ones are elected.

But we Communists, with our fighting program, enter the election campaign to expose these bosses' tools, and demand that right to vote for the Negroes and white workers, so that they can place a real fighting man in among the politicians who will expose them in the legislatures, and smash thru the sham of democracy.