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CALL SOUTHERN ANTI-LYNCHING MEET

TCI JOBLESS DEMONSTRATE IN ENSLEY

To Demand Work Or Wages Thurs. Sept. 25, 3 p.m.

ENSLEY, Ala.—Over 2,000 men were cut off at the Ensley T. C. I. plant last Thursday. Out of the whole plant only one blast furnace is running. All the rest and all the open hearth furnaces are cold. The report is that the Fairfield plant of the T. C. I. will throw more thousands out on the streets the end of the month.

Shut down of the mills means thousands more will be cut off in the T. C. I. mines. Hundreds of the workers are milling thru the streets of Ensley daily wondering what to do, where to turn for relief. The great T. C. I. company which has piled up millions from the work of these men, far from helping them now, lacked even the decency to give the men one day's notice of the great lay-off.

The Community Fund is busy with preparations for a new drive for funds and is refusing to help the men laid off who were forced to contribute thousands of dollars to the fund when they had jobs.

The papers keep silent as to the candidates of the Democratic Party who are used to talking about Southern progress and prosperity. The city government of Ensley and of Birmingham are doing nothing to provide relief. Instead they are preparing to again smash any demonstration of the unemployed and to solve unemployment by railroading the unemployed to the chain gang.

In this situation the Metal Workers Industrial League has issued a call for a great mass demonstration of unemployed workers for Thursday, September 25 at 3 p.m., across from the T. C. I. emergency hospital on 19th St. in Ensley. The demonstration will be held in the shadows of the great mills which are now cold and whose workers today face want and misery because the T. C. I. Company can not longer coin money out of their blood and sweat.

The Metal Workers Industrial League, the fighting union of the steel workers, calls on the unemployed steel workers to answer the brutal layoffs of the bosses and the attacks on the workers by the police and county officers by rallying to the great demonstration on Thursday and by organizing for the struggle for Social Insurance. Harry Jackson, T. U. L. Organizer for this district, will be the principal speaker.

WORKERS OF N. C. REGISTER!

Registration for the November election in N. Carolina will open on October 4, and will continue for a period of 30 days. Workers, be sure to register! Vote Communist in November!

Build the Southern Worker! Subscribe, write for it!

10% WAGE CUT IN CANDIDATE BANKHEAD MINE

By a Worker Correspondent
Jasper, Ala.

The miners of Walker County are starving. No mines are working over 2 days, or three days a week. In the Bankhead mine at Jasper, Ala., day men took a 10 per cent wage cut from \$3.35 to \$2.88 for 9 hours' work last week. Men with families have to live on wages of \$2.88 a day and only get in two days work a week. The pick miners and loaders are expecting a cut any time.

Loaders in this same rotten mine are paid only 30 cents a ton now and they are not paid for dead work. There is a 10-inch band of rock in this coal and we don't get a cent for piling and taking out this rock.

Over at Hull, near here, the company men in the mine are paid only \$2.00 a day for 10 hours work, 20 cents an hour in the prosperous South! Prosperous like hell!

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"Get Job or Go To Jail," Says Judge

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Gene Braxton, militant Negro worker who was arrested at the Unemployed Demonstration here September 1, and charged with vagrancy, was given until September 25 by Judge Abernathy of the Jefferson County Court to find a job or go to jail.

When Comrade Braxton told the judge, who has sentenced T. U. L. and Communist organizers to the chain gang in the same vagrancy charges, that he was not sure that he could get a job by that time since there are thousands of workers in the city who have been unemployed longer than he has, the judge tried to buy him off. Braxton was sent with the following note to W. J. Worthington, head of the local K. K. K.: "Mr. W. J. Worthington,

First Natl. Bank Building.
Dear Sir:—I am sending you a man that wants to go to work.

H. B. Abernathy."

Judge Abernathy, the T. C. I. and the K. K. K. in this city are discovering fast that the workers are too militant to be intimidated and bought out by underhand methods.

I.L.D. Bazaar Sept. 26- 27. in Charlotte, N. C.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The Ella May Branch of the International Labor Defense of this city will hold a bazaar at Workers' Center, Belmont and N. Caldwell Street, Friday evening, September 26 and all day Saturday, September 27.

The proceeds of the bazaar will go towards the defense of militant workers persecuted by capitalist courts and to help in the campaign against lynch law.

FOOL OR LIAR?



The genius engineer, President Herbert Hoover, who has made a slight mistake of 6,000,000 in computing the number of unemployed.

BUILD OUR PAPER NOW

3,500 paid circulation in the South by November 7, 1930, 13th anniversary of the Russian Bolshevik Revolution, is the goal set in the competitive BUILD THE SOUTHERN WORKER drive, which begins this week.

"Don't set the quotas too high," we were warned. And yet we should not set them too low. The goal we finally picked, we are convinced, will be reached by November 7. If every city and unit oversteps the goal set for them, we will not be disappointed.

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INSURRECTION CASE COMING

The "insurrection" case of the six Atlanta organizers who, if convicted, face the death penalty, will be tried as soon as the docket can be cleared of all smaller cases, according to Assistant Solicitor-General Hudson, who is in charge of the prosecution. Hudson will do everything in his power to rush the case and try the Negro and white organizers separately in order to make conviction easier. It is expected that the case will come up towards the end of October.

In the meantime the movement to win freedom for the Atlanta Six gains headway. An emergency committee for Southern Political Prisoners, consisting of many prominent writers, has just been formed in New York, to help raise funds for the defense which is being carried on by the International Labor Defense. Theodore Dreiser is chairman of this committee. The I. L. D. Liberation Drive is rousing much interest among the workers throughout the country and the A. F. of L. locals are all being circled with petitions demanding the defendants' freedom.

To Be Held Nov. 1 in Chattanooga; Prepare for National Meet Nov. 15.

The Provisional Organization Committee for the South of the American Negro Labor Congress announced this week that it will convene a general conference of Negro and white workers in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Sunday, November 1st, for the purpose of organizing the struggle against Lynch Law and all forms of bosses' terror.

In its statement issued to the press the committee of the American Negro Labor Congress states: "Twenty-six workers have met death at the hands of boss-led mobs of fiends already this year. During the same period no less than six militant workers, two of them Negroes, have been foully murdered by the bosses or their police for their working class activities." (Turn to Page 2)

Push Drive For Chatta. Jobless

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Further plans for assuring a broad representation at the city-wide Social Insurance Conference to be held here October 19, have been announced by the Trade Union Unity League, the organization calling the conference.

The principal emphasis is placed upon direct representation from the shops and factories of the city. T. U. U. L. shop committees are now in the process of formation in some of the largest metal and textile plants in the city, where the workers are suffering wage-cut after wage-cut, part time work and frequent lay-offs. At the same time the unemployed council is being strengthened and broadened to include a more representative body of the 18,000 unemployed workers of the city.

The call to the conference is being sent to all A. F. of L. locals, fraternal organizations, benevolent societies and workers' clubs where a representative of the T. U. U. L. will ask to be allowed to speak to explain the purposes of the conference and the Workers' Social Insurance Bill. Petitions, demanding the government to put into effect the Bill, which provided for a minimum of \$25 a week for every worker unemployed, will be circulated.

WRITES OF MOSCOW CONGRESS

Mack Toussaint, delegate of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union to the R. I. L. U. World Congress in Moscow, has many things to say about the Soviet Union. Here are some of them in a letter which we have received from Moscow:

Moscow, U. S. S. R.
August 26, 1930.

Dear Comrades:

Today being an off-day, I take pleasure in writing you and the other comrades. I am well at this writing and hope that when these few lines come to hand, all will be well and doing great in organizing the revolutionary unions.

We had a wonderful trip coming over but were delayed in Hamburg four days and that made us two days late for the opening of the Congress, which opened on the 15th. We came in on the 17th.

LYNCH LAW AT WORK

WARRENTON, N. C.—Will Harris, Negro, died as a result of shots received when a posse pursued him here. He was suspected of having broken into a store. He was shot when discovered at a farm close by. The coroner's jury whitewashed and concerned by returning a verdict that he had been shot in self-defense.

DARIEN, Ga.—Another Negro, Dave Chapman, has been arrested as a suspect in the killing of the chief of police here a few weeks ago. Lynch law, which has already murdered two Negroes here, may soon claim another victim.

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Although a white man had been sought in connection with the slaying of a 17-year-old girl here last week, the police have netted Edward Smith, a Negro, who does not stand much chance of the white boss court.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—In one day the bodies of two slain Negroes, one a man and the other a woman, were found on the streets here.

RALEIGH, N. C.—The death cells in the North Carolina State Prisons are full. Fifteen Negroes and one white are to be executed within the week. The North Carolina bosses find it more convenient to lynch Negroes legally.

LAY OFF 1,000 MEN

The Bessemer Plant of the Pullman Company cut off their entire force of over 1,000 men about 10 days ago. The plant is now completely down. Most of the workers are Negroes.

And boy, what a reception we received! There were thirty-four delegates in all from America. Some have arrived since then. Comrade Mink was here when we arrived. Tell the Comrades that it is just like Heaven to be here, everything is wonderful. There are fifty-eight countries represented here, men and women.

We went out to a festival given in honor of the R. I. L. U. (Red International of Labor Unions) Congress, and Delegates, and let me tell you, I have never witnessed anything like it. They really have the spirit here. The next day I was asked to give the another recreation park and make a short talk on the Negro question in America. Tell the comrades this: one time I am glad I am a black man, I have enjoyed myself better the days than I would have done in a... (Turn to Page 2)

B'HAM POLICE FAIL TO STOP ORGANIZATION

Knowing that the Communist Party is rapidly gaining in strength and fearful of the effect of the mass layoffs now in progress here, the Birmingham police are redoubling their efforts to smash the Communist Party. Their latest tactic is to terrorize all workers suspected of being members of the C. P. or its supporters.

Several workers' homes have been searched the past three weeks by the police looking for Communist literature, and the workers threatened with the chain gang or worse if they persisted in supporting the Communist Party.

The Communist Party has just learned that one worker, a Negro, was picked up by the police over three weeks ago while on his way to work. He was searched by the police and they found a copy of the Daily Worker in his pocket. They threw him in jail and held him incommunicado there for three weeks. The worker was only released a few days ago. No charge was placed against him but for the crime of reading a Communist paper he was forced to serve three weeks in jail without an opportunity to even get in touch with his friends.

Despite these attacks the Party is growing in numbers and influence and the attacked workers are rallying to the support of the Party of their class.

COMING!

"My Life," the story of the life and struggles of a Southern Negro working woman, will soon begin running serially every week in the SOUTHERN WORKER.

Don't miss it! Watch for it! Subscribe and be sure of getting every installment.

Houston T. U. U. L. Recruiting HOUSTON, Tex.—The two sections of the Trade Union Unity League here are now in good working order and busy recruiting new members. New members obtained last week include 6 cotton compress workers by T. U. U. L. Section 1, two truckdrivers by T. U. U. L. Section 2, 3 new members in the M. W. I. U. and 1 agricultural worker, making a total of 8 new Negro members and 4 new white.

ATLANTA, Ga.—The petition to strain the American Order of Black-shirts or Fascists from functioning has been withdrawn permitting the white chauvinistic society to exist.

GREENVILLE, Ky.—Over 3,000 miners struck here Sept. 19, demanding a return to the 1917 wage-scale and recognition of the union. The strike was not authorized by the U. W. M. U.

PIONEER TELLS OF CHILD LABOR

Chattanooga, Tenn.

I am writing to tell you how we are getting along. The children in the Pioneer Group, 7 to 16 years old, have to do hard work. Some of the Negro children have to take breakfast early every morning to workers in the mills.

Some work in grocery stores and get \$1 for 7 days' work and have to get on their jobs early every morning. The colored and whites have different churches, different playgrounds, shows, schools, movies and everything different.

I am going to tell you about a poor woman. She didn't have a husband or any children large enough to work for her. The children were so

Chained Day and Nights on Gangs

By a Worker Correspondent Charlotte, N. C.

Just had a little talk with a chain gang guard today and he told me the camp where he was guard had 73 men, both white and colored and that there are three more camps like this one in Mecklenburg county. They have about 70 prisoners in each camp. Some of them are there because they could not get a job and were forced to steal to keep alive.

When asked about the amount of hours the convicts made he said they make all they can which must be from sun up to sun down. When asked about sleeping quarters his reply was that the convicts are chained at night. Even while at work they have so many chains on their legs they can hardly walk. Some of them have what is known as spikes, which are fastened on the legs just above the ankle. The spike is about two feet long and is put on both legs. On one foot the spike is in front and on the other the spike is in back. This gives great pain when walking. He also stated that prisoners were not allowed to take off their clothes but once a week. After working all day they are forced to sleep with their dirty clothes on.

The Communist Party is holding a meeting in Charlotte, Sept. 22 to protest against the chain gang system and I think it is greatly needed.

The papers of Charlotte have just quit saying anything about the reds, but we are fighting just the same. It is about election time, you know. —A Worker.

Negro Delegate Tells Of R. I. L. U. Congress

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year in the states. Everywhere you hear the word "Tovarish," which means Comrade in Russian. The Delegation spent one day in Leningrad and visited all the important centers. I will tell you more about it on my return. We also had a wonderful time in Germany, that is in Hamburg, not even a man on a bicycle could pass while we were in three monster demonstrations, in fact all traffic was tied up. You should see how the defense corps handle things here. I could tell you a lot more but I won't write it in this letter.

I have to be back at the hall at 5 o'clock and it is time for me to go. Please give my regards to all the Comrades and tell them not to give up the fight because all the working class of Russia is with us and you know what that means.

Comradely yours, Mack Toussaint.

NEW ORLEANS, La. — The drought has hurt all crops in Louisiana and yield and production estimates are far below the level for last year, according to the report of the United States Department of Agriculture.

hungry until they were hardly living.

So the old lady went on the street and begged for money and food. She was an old colored lady. She went into a grocery store and asked for something to eat. The man said he had his food to sell and not to give away. The old woman went out begging every day.

The white people live in better houses, better schools, get better wages, better playgrounds, better shows, better attendants in hospitals and better churches. The workers get more wages than the colored workers.

Some of our Pioneers have to do work that men should do.

Comradely yours, Ruby Gordon, Pioneer, age 12.

Workers at Danville Voting On Strike

DANVILLE, Va.—The sentiment among the rank and file members of the A. F. of L. local at the Riverside and Dan River Cotton mills is overwhelmingly for a strike. Voting is taking place as to whether the strike will be called or not. At two meetings of union members the vote was unanimous for strike.

It remains to be seen what the A. F. of L. officials will do. Their passivity in the face of a ten per cent wage-cut and victimization of union members and their efforts to prevent a strike have opened the eyes of many of the workers. The officials will probably do their best to prevent the strike even after it is voted, and once the strike is on, take the first opportunity to sell it out, as was the case in Elizabethton, Tenn. and Marion, N. C. It will take a few more days to complete the vote, it is said.

Furniture Workers Ready To Strike

HIGH POINT, N. C.—Seven hundred workers of the Tomlinson Furniture Company here are ready to strike against the vicious Bedaux stretchout system. The cutting department is still on strike despite the efforts of A. F. of L. organizers to sell them out.

Sentiment has been running high for strike during the last few weeks, but Edward F. McGrady, A. F. of L. representative and Chas. M. Gaskill, another, told the workers that if they would strike the A. F. of L. would not lift a finger to help them. The workers, however, insist on striking, and they are in extreme danger of a sell-out with McGrady coming to town next week to take charge. Unable to convince them not to strike, he will do his best to betray them if they follow his leadership.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—A recent report on the enrollment in the Mecklenburg Country rural schools disclosed the fact that there is not a single Negro high school pupil in the county.

Call Southern Anti-Lynching Conference

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The boss class is determined to drown the rising struggle of the oppressed Negro masses in a sea of working class blood.

"This bloody campaign of lynching, torture and murder must be stopped. The masses of Negroes, aided and supported by the white workers, must and will be organized for an aggressive campaign against Lynch Law and all forms of boss class terrorism. As a first step in this direction the American Negro Labor Congress has issued a call for all working class organizations to elect delegates to a mass Conference against Lynch Law and Bosses' Terror. The conference will open in Chattanooga, Tennessee, November 1st at 11 a.m.

"Trade unions, clubs and fraternal orders, insurance societies and churches all over the South are urged to elect delegates to this historic conference. At the same time the American Negro Labor Congress calls on the workers in the shops and the poor farmers and share croppers on the land to form committees for the organization of the struggle and to elect delegates from these committees to the great Chattanooga conference."

It is pointed out in the statement that the conference at Chattanooga November 1st will also be a mobilization point for the National Convention of the American Negro Labor Congress to be held in St. Louis on Nov. 15th. At this national convention plans will be worked out for a national campaign against Lynch Law.

Start Drive For Southern Worker

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To give our drive vim, vigor and pep, it has been planned on the basis of revolutionary competition. Revolutionary competition means a great deal to a revolutionary worker. It cannot be accomplished unless every worker realizes that the task set for him is as much as he himself can do. The task of building the Party press is of greatest importance. Millions of unemployed workers, millions of farmers, laid-off, wage-cut, speed-up workers need revolutionary leadership. We must give it to them. Our paper must be brought to them. Every Party member, every revolutionary worker must do more than the other—that is the meaning of revolutionary competition.

So every city and unit has been set a quota, and there will be revolutionary prizes for all those who have accomplished their task well. The prizes are:

1. A special Southern Worker pennant for all units attaining their quota.
 2. A choice of any Marxist book on the International Publishers' list for the comrade who obtains the most subscriptions.
 3. A choice of one book out of a selected number of books about the workers for every comrade who obtains at least 10 yearly subscriptions or 20 one-half year subscriptions.
- As soon as the drive gets under way there will be a complete record of what every city is doing in the SOUTHERN WORKER every week. The record of the number of copies sold by any unit will be based upon the money received at the SOUTHERN WORKER office from these units. A close check-up will be kept on all the subs. turned in by the comrades.

Here are the quotas The Section Committees will divide these quotas among the units. Let's go!

	DISTRICT 17	
	Sales	Subs
Birmingham	550	50
Chattanooga	350	25
New Orleans	200	25
Atlanta	150	25
Elizabethton	100	15
Whitney, Ala.	50	10
Total	1400	150

	DISTRICT 16	
	Sales	Subs
Charlotte	500	50
Winston Salem	100	25
Bessemer City	100	10
Gastonia	50	10
Nort Belmont	50	10
Greenville, S. C.	100	25
Charleston, S. C.	100	25
Richmond, Va.	300	25
Norfolk, Va.	100	20
TOTAL	1400	200
Houston, Texas	200	50

DURHAM, N. C.—The entire cotton and tobacco crop of North Carolina, selling at the present rate, would not pay the state taxes.

Fight for Social Insurance!

Democratic Candidate Cuts Workers 10%

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This is Bankhead's home town. He is the millionaire scab coal mine operator who is running for the United States Senate. He owns most of the town of Jasper. The A. F. of L. which is just about as scabby an outfit as old Bankhead himself, have endorsed this bosses' man for the United States Senate on the orders of William Green sent direct from Washington. We Jasper miners who are beginning to wake up are going to wipe Bankhead off the map in this town at election time. For once we are going to vote for a real working man's party, the Communist Party.

VOTE COMMUNIST!

Birmingham and Chattanooga in Revolutionary Competition

Results up to September 10. Quotas to be achieved by January 1

	Quota, New Members	New Members To Date	Quota Shop Units	Shop Units Formed to Date
CHATT.	75	41	3mine	1 Mine
	45 Negro	21 Negro	2 Metal	3 Metal
	30 White	20 White	1 Textile	0 Textile
B'HAM	40	20	3 Metal	0 Metal
	25 Negro	17 Negro	1 Textile	0 Textile
	15 White	3 White		1 Street Nucleus
				1 Pioneer Group
				1 Tunnel

Building The Southern Worker

San Quentin Prison, Cal.

Gentlemen: I am enclosing a money order for 50 cents paying my subscription for your valuable paper for a period of six months.

As a true son of "Dixie" who has waged a lone handed battle for the same cause your timely publication propagates I am forced to admit that this lean "four bits" cuts a large hole in my small pile of pennies. Words are not needed to prove my sincerity—my "sub" is self-explanatory!

Comradely yours, Hearne M. Haislop.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Comrade Haislop was framed up on a charge of burglary during the 1922 railroad strike at Tracy, California. He was a section hand for the Southern Pacific a few miles out of Tracy and was thrown into jail and framed up because he was urging the section hands to join the strike. He was charged with attacking and robbing a scab who was found with his head caved in after he had pulled a gun on strikers, whose only crime was organizing and fighting the bosses.

Good word comes from Al W. McBride, our Houston correspondent and literature agent for the Houston T. U. U. L. Al has the right spirit. This is what he says:

"The sentiment on the SOUTHERN WORKER here is good and I now have the workers coming to the M. W. I. U. Hall asking when 'our paper', the S. W., is going to be on the newsstands so they can get copies to let their neighbors read the good work that is going on in the South. It is five miles from the M. W. I. U. Hall to the main part of town. Distance is not going to stop me from getting the S. W. in every worker's home. I am looking forward to having you sending a thousand copies here to Houston every week."

Just say the word, Al, and you will get your thousand copies as soon as you can handle them.

FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

Textile Workers In Elizabethton Want Red Union

By a Worker Correspondent
Elizabethton, Tenn.

As time goes on conditions grow worse in and around the big rayon mills here. Only recently one union boy was told at the employment office that there was no use for him or any other union people to apply for work, that not a damn one of them could ever again work there. At the same time they are hiring people from other states.

With winter coming and hundreds out of employment we see no way to get by unless we can organize a fighting unit of the T. U. U. L. and stay with them until all the workers get justice. The old saying: "Katey barred the door" don't apply here.

The A. F. of L. bosses who said to the workers: "No more relief, take whatever is offered you," took what was offered them and left with it. As none of them have ever been back we judge they must have gotten a good sized pile, else they would have been back for more. No meetings are being held. The members who stood thru it all have become disgusted and hung up the fiddle and the bow. So far as the A. F. of L. is concerned we are now in the millenium.

The A. F. of L. fakers came into Elizabethton in April, 1929, and were leading the strikers to a complete victory, as we thought. The mills completely closed down and business was tied up. We had the sympathy of the whole people except a few narrow-headed business men, real estate men and kidnapers. But at last the mill management called a conference with some officials of the U. T. W. Nobody knows what was done there but we know what was done for us. Our fate was left in the hands of one, E. T. Willson, the crookedest crook that ever looked toward Tennessee. They began firing out men and women they suspected of being union or union sympathizers and hired scabs of the lowest type. In some cases jobs were bought for as low a price as one pint of sugar liquor and his snake-headed successors are still carrying out his policy of discriminating against Carter countians, who participated in the great strike. The scabs are getting paid in wage-cuts, reprimands and any other kind of arple sauce dished out to them.

— A Worker.

See Thru A. F. of L. Labor Fakers in Miss.

By a Worker Correspondent
Laurel, Miss.

Holt Ross, president of the Mississippi State Federation of Labor and other A. F. of L. fakers have been making addresses to the working classes in Mississippi and Louisiana. They told of the prosperity and wonderful opportunities for union men in the South.

They did not say anything about social, economic and political equality for the Negroes, or organizing the Negro workers and educating the workers into the union movement.

Ross and all of the other A. F. of L. fakers are tools for the bosses and work hand in hand with the bosses. I heard Ross's address at the State A. F. of L. convention in Jackson and could tell from his address that he was speaking for the bosses' interest and camouflaging his speech by being a representative of the A. F. of L.

—A Worker.

Send Delegates to Anti-Lynching Meet!

Landlords Take Full Crops From Tenants

By a Farmer Correspondent
Griffin, Ga.

Everywhere I go the people ask "What in the hell are we going to do when winter comes."

And to me this is a great question. My crop having been heavily damaged by drought and the boss says, gather your crop and hand every bit of it over to him or he will cut off credit. He sizes your crop up and when Fall comes if he doesn't get it it is not his fault.

Yours for Communism,
A Farmer.

9-CENT COTTON AND NO CREDIT

By a Farmer Correspondent
Steele, Ala.

I am 48 years old and I never saw times like they are now. Cotton 9 cents and the landlord won't advance anything for another year. I don't see what I am to do, don't see anything in sight but hard times.

I have got four boys here and they all barely got winter clothes and won't get any. I can't pay them but 50 cents for picking cotton with board and I am not able to do that. I am sorry for the poor boys. They can't get nothing to do nowhere else. Every farmer is in bad shape I guess. We will have to do something to live. I will write more next time.

I do hope our party will win. I myself I am going to fight like hell in every way. And I hope and pray that the A. F. of L. will sink in hell!

—A Worker-Farmer.

Rain Floods Workers' Homes

By a Worker Correspondent
Chattanooga, Tenn.

For the last few days it has been raining in Chattanooga. As always, it is the workers that are made to suffer.

In the Negro sections especially the workers are suffering from the rains. None of the streets are paved, and not only are they muddy, but in places the water in the streets and in the back yards is almost two feet deep. Water is coming up to the floors of many of the houses and if the rain keeps up there will be much suffering.

Already flies and mosquitos are breeding in the large stagnant pools left by the rain. This is one of the reasons why Chattanooga has such a high death rate. Disease and death breed in the stagnant pools of water.

Mayor Bass boasts that he is saving the taxpayers money, and kowtows to all the business men. But his eyes are closed to the misery of the poor white and colored workers living in Chattanooga.

What are the workers faced with this coming winter? Unemployment, poverty and hardships of all kinds. Neither city, state, nor national government offers the workers a solution. The Trade Union Unity League says "FIGHT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE." The Communist Party says, "ORGANIZE TO OVERTHROW THE RICH AND ESTABLISH A WORKERS' COMMONWEALTH."

—A Worker.

RALEIGH, N. C.—A total of 1,610 people died from cancer last year in North Carolina. Cancer develops as an infection and occurs most frequently among poor people.

\$1.50 A Day Rotten Work In Miss. Sawmills, Railroad

By a Worker Correspondent.
Laurel, Miss.

The common laborers, both Negro and white, in the sawmills in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama are being paid as low as \$1.50 per day. Living conditions are deplorable, house rent is high and the company stores charge 20 percent more for their merchandise than independent stores.

The Negroes are suppressed and are afraid to complain, especially the workers at Eastman Gardner's mill. The bosses keep the workers suppressed by complaining of the business depression, threatening to lay off employees or threatening to close the mill down. The same conditions exist at Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Bogalusa, La.

The same conditions exist among the railroad section crews employed by the sawmill companies. The section men receive as low as \$1.50 per day and have to pay board and house rent from that meager salary. The bosses discriminate between white and Negro workers, but pay them about the same salaries. They tell the white workers not to organize the Negroes, because if they do the Ku Klux Klan will take the organizers for a ride. The Baptist denominations and Masons in this part of the South are all Klansmen and dictate to the workers. The employees in the Mason Fibre plant at Laurel, Miss., receive less wages than the same kind of plants pay elsewhere. This plant also discriminates against the Negroes but does not pay the white workers any more than the Negroes receive. However, they have special jobs where the Negro is not allowed to work and

the bosses have these men scared to mention unions of any kind.

Every comrade who passes through these towns is requested to distribute literature and make contacts with comrades who are working in the mills. An organizer could make good progress among the mill workers in Louisiana and Mississippi.

—A Worker Who Knows

"AIN'T HIRING NOBODY TODAY"

By a Worker Correspondent
Birmingham, Ala.

I am a worker and will work if I can get work and I do not pick jobs. I will do any kind of work if I could get it.

On account of not getting work enough to pay my bills I had to lose \$102 on a furniture bill. The bill was only \$150. After the furniture company found out that I did not have a regular job they came out to take my furniture and I wouldn't let them have it, so they sent the police out after it and took it for the balance due of \$48. I also had an account with a local credit clothing company. I bought a suit from them and haven't been able to pay for it on account of being out of work and they have been trying to collect the \$7.00.

And everywhere I go to look for a job they have a sign on the gate "No Help Wanted Today," or the watchman at the gate passes the word on: "Ain't hiring nobody today."

—An Unemployed Worker.

rest have planned to join the Communist Party. The Negroes had better follow us. They can't live and we white workers are starving. The bosses have sent us back so much till they hide to keep from saying "Go Home." We white workers are going to do something if the Negroes will help us.

—A Worker.

Workers Join Party As Connors Steel Closes

By a Worker Correspondent
Birmingham, Ala.

The Connors Steel Co. has closed down, not knowing when it will open up again. All of the Negroes have been cut off and some of the whites. Most of the white men have left and th-

Workers "Spare Parts" To Compresses

By W. C. McCuiston
T. U. U. L. and M. W. I. U. Secretary

The cotton compresses in Houston represent modern wage slavery at its highest peak of exploitation. The men working around these compresses are continually speeded up and are made to keep time with the giant presses which press thousands of bales of cotton per day. While the farmers and workers in the cotton plants, mills and fields starve for the daily needs of life such as clothing, manufactured from this cotton and food produced in the same fields as the cotton, this cotton is stored in gigantic warehouses and held by the capitalist bosses until they can create a demand and in turn sell the cheaply produced products of the cotton to the workers who produced the cotton for a higher price that they can afford to pay. Thousands of Negro workers in the South depend on the cotton crop and the connecting cotton industries for their support and due to this hoarding of cotton in warehouses they are deprived of the chance to earn a living. When the cotton is held by the capitalist speculators the mills, the ships and the cottonseed oil refineries slow down production, throwing thousands of Southern workers out of work. Then, in turn, the employers use the threat of unemployment against the remainder

of the workers who are employed in order to speed them up and make them faster and larger producers and by that means lessen permanently the number of laborers employed in these industries. The following is a general line up of the cotton compress exploitation system.

The cotton is generally moved from the trucks and freight cars by two-wheeled hand trucks (some compressors have installed electric conveyors in order to do away with the truck labor.). The cotton is then pushed to scales, is weighed and then is pushed up to the giant presses. Slave driving straw bosses continually circulate around the compress and the line of truckers with the cry of "hurry up" and follow their speed-up orders with a string of vile curses thrown at the workers. Workers who are afraid of the boss and who are given a few extra dimes for betrayal of their fellow workers are given strategic positions in the line of truckers and keep going for the whole day at a high rate of speed and the other workers are forced to keep up with them in order to feed the man killing maw of the presses.

From the presses the cotton is carried by still more truckers to freight cars and to warehouses. The worker no sooner gets the bale of cotton off his truck than he is on the run back

USE BICYCLES TO SPEED UP

By Al W. McBride
Houston, Texas.

T. U. U. L. In Cotton Compress

The rush season is on. The straw bosses in the Houston Cotton Compress are riding bicycles around the plant to keep up with the truckers and to keep the workers running. Some stool pigeons told the bosses that the cotton workers were organizing in the T. U. U. L. We are holding a workers' meeting tonight in Houston. A Chinese seaman on a German boat who was in the Chinese revolution is to speak. We will have English, Spanish and German speakers to tell why the workers should organize and fight the bosses.

Houston's Prosperity

Sixteen seamen were arrested for sleeping in an empty house. A seaman has no home and when a seaman is broke he is out of luck. The manager of the Seamen's Institute is now on vacation on the funds that are donated for destitute seamen. Workers, wake up! Quit donating to Community Chests. The needy never get any action from these graft collecting agencies and the bosses use them to keep the workers from organizing.

Jail Negro Workers

The City of Houston's finest are arresting the Negro workers on any old charge. A colored worker can never stand on a corner a minute before a cop has him on the way to jail and once he is in jail, he is fingerprinted and mugged like a criminal and then kangarooed to the city cotton farms or to one of the county road camps. If a colored worker goes to a store to buy himself a suit of clothes these scissor bills with the cop's uniform on wants to know where the Negro gets the cash. The police department here is rotten with graft.

Another Wage-Cut

The Houston Cottonseed, Meal and Feed Co. cut the pay of the workers today. They were cut from 40 cents an hour to 25 cents an hour. All colored workers at this plant. Workers, organize and fight back! Join the T. U. U. L. and get on the job!

for another bale. In the cars the men sweat and slave in the heat and just laden air storing the cotton away and they must handle the cotton as fast as it is brought to them with never a moments rest. The cotton that does not go to the cars or to the waiting automobile trucks is taken to what is called a block or concentration platform and is piled in long rows. Men rush feverishly along these rows marking the cotton that is due to go to warehouses of the capitalist exploiters and speculators.

The workers are constantly speeded up in this manner in all the work of the compress and it can be said that they are nothing but flesh and bone accessories to the compressing machinery for it must be kept oiled and going at a full mechanical rate and the workers mean nothing for the bosses can replace them. They are only spare parts of the machinery of production.

WASHINGTON.—A new attempt to delude Negro workers into the belief that the bosses will stop legislation was made last week by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples, which said that it would fight for an anti-lynching law.

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At the Basis of Lynch Law

Lynching is not some "evil" separate and apart from the whole evil of the capitalist system. It is part and parcel of the whole system of capitalist exploitation.

Any ruling class, which exploits the masses in the manner in which 12,000,000 Negroes are being exploited in this country, must have resort to all manner of terrorism to "keep the nigger in his place." In other words, to keep him chained to the wheel of profit. Lynching is the most extreme and brutal form of terrorism used against the Negroes. Actual lynching by rope, stake and gun, by some mob of white hoodlums usually led by white business men, is not, however, the only form that lynching takes. There are many more subtle and deceptive methods, covered with the cloak of democracy, in which lynch law takes its toll. Under the guise of "fighting that horrible lynching evil" the courts are being made to function more effectively against the Negroes. A Governor Gardner can make himself seem more "humane" by offering a reward for the arrest of a lynchmob leader and ordering an investigation which he knows will bring no results, but at the same time make lynch law serve its function by giving it a legal flavor. Thus, in one week, the state of North Carolina executes 15 Negroes. Lynchings are becoming too uncomfortable for the ruling class for they arouse too much revolt among the workers, both white and Negroes. Therefore, let's do it legally, by putting the mark of approval of the state on every lynching!

Continually, every minute of the day, the whole system of segregation, and jim-crowism functions as a lynch law process in a thousand and one ways, making the Negro suffer all forms of humiliation and persecutions. Making the Negro seem like a lower form of humanity, who for some reason or another have not yet attained that degree of higher white civilization which finds such keen delight in all the delicacies of lynching, makes it that much easier to give him lower wages, the dirtiest work, take his crops away from him, fire him. And if the Negro revolts there is lynch law to deal with him.

The increased wave of lynchings this year over last year—there have been more than twice as many lynchings thus far this year than during the whole of 1929—is a reflection of the increased misery of the masses due to the crisis and their revolt against these conditions. As the bosses clamp down the iron fist of exploitation harder, so must they wield the lynch rope more often.

The growing realization of the white workers, under the pressure of the stark reality of unemployment and wage-cuts, that any attack upon the Negro masses is an attack directly upon them also, has already hewed a great hole in the wall of segregation. The Communist Party, since its entry into the South, has played no little part in breaking thru the bosses' lynch law system, by exposing it and organizing Negro and white workers together.

The fight against lynching is a part of our whole struggle against capitalism. Only by defeating capitalism, by smashing the whole lynch law system, can we do away with lynching. No worker must be fooled by the commission of "white supremacy" professors and editors such as recently formed in Atlanta, to "survey the lynching problems." Their results, if any, will be to perfect the legal lynching system, and utter a few words about the "horrors of lynching."

The full energies of the white and Negro workers of the South must be devoted to making a success of the Anti-Lynching Conference in Chattanooga, called by the Provisional Committee for the South of the American Negro Labor Congress, for November 1, to make it representative of the wide and militant masses of Southern toilers.

The German Elections

The Communist Party of Germany emerged from the elections with a gain of close to 40 percent in votes and seats. In the old Reichstag the Communist Party had 54 deputies who were elected by 3,230,000 votes. In the Reichstag it will have 76 deputies elected by 4,688,000 votes. These votes express the determination of over four and one-half million German workers to fight against the oppression of the German bosses and their American boss directors and put an end to the rule of capitalism in Germany.

Since the world war the life blood of the German workers has been sucked dry by their bosses who have made them pay the toll of \$900,000,000 yearly in reparations, thru wage-cuts, speed-up and unemployment. The biggest bosses of America, the best planners of exploitation—Owen D. Young, J. P. Morgan and General Dawes—have foisted their newest blood-sucking Young plan on the German masses, and strengthened and prolonged the bonds of the Versailles Treaty, which has split up and dismembered Germany. The workers remembered well that the German Socialist Party voted for the Young Plan and came to an understanding with the capitalists to pave the way for a wholesale reduction and even abolition of the social insurance for which the workers fought so hard, in order to make possible the payments demanded by the Young Plan. The result was that the socialists lost 10 seats in the Reichstag and over one-half millions votes.

The bosses of Germany are now losing faith in the ability of the socialist party to misdirect the workers into an acceptance of exploitation. It is no longer so easy for the socialists to fool the workers. To take their place the bosses are giving the place of honor to the National Socialists (Fascists), protecting them and arming them in preparation for the decisive battle which will not be fought in the Reichstag, but on the streets.

The elections are not decisive, altho they show the growing power of the Communist Party and indicate which way the wind blows. The solution for getting rid of capitalist oppression lies in the final struggle to smash the entire capitalist apparatus and set up a German Soviet Republic. Towards this end the German workers are traveling. As a part of the international proletariat, the American workers must help their fellow workers in Germany gain victory by constructing the revolutionary unions, by building the Communist Party in this country.

TURN DEFEAT INTO SUCCESS IN ALABAMA ELECTION CAMPAIGN

By Tom Johnson

The Communist Party will not be on the ballot in the elections this fall in Alabama. This is a major defeat for our Party. The new attack on wages now in progress in Alabama the mass discharge of thousands of workers in the past few weeks, the tremendous increase in part time work particularly among the miners, the complete and open sell out of the American Federation of Labor to the bosses, and the endorsement by this fascist organization of the candidates of the Power Trust in Alabama, Miller and Bankhead, the ruin of tens of thousands of share croppers and small farmers, have all created an extremely favorable situation for the Party to rally thousands of white and colored workers around its standard in the election campaign. At the same time the presence of the Communist Party on the ballot would have been a weapon of tremendous value to us in the struggle for a legal existence for revolutionary organizations in this state.

The worst feature of this situation is that the Party will not be on the ballot, not because of legal barriers erected against us by our class enemies, but solely thru our own negligence. The Party is barred from official recognition on the ballot because thru a misinterpretation of the law by the comrade in charge of carrying out the technical requirements, we did not file the party emblem with the Secretary of State of Alabama during the period required by law. The responsibility for this grave error lies not only with the comrade formally in charge of this work, but with

the entire district leadership of the Party, and in particular with the District Bureau and the District Organizer.

This failure shows not only an organizational laxness which must be instantly combatted and corrected, but also a very serious underestimation of the importance of the election campaign. It is against this major political error that our main fire must be directed. The whole activity of our Party in the election campaign in District 17 must be carefully checked up and stimulated. Any tendency to look on the election campaign as an ordinary campaign of the Party, to be carried thru in a perfunctory manner, must be smashed.

In Alabama this failure must not be allowed to prevent us from carrying on the most aggressive and far-reaching campaign possible. The campaign must be carried on on the basis of the workers writing in on the ballot the names of the Communist candidates for Governor and United States Senator. Such ballots are legal in Alabama and must be utilized by the Party.

This defeat must serve as a warning to the entire Party in District 17. All of our activities must be intensified many fold. All campaigns of the Party must be linked up and become a part of this central political campaign. The defeat must be turned into a victory, and thru redoubling the Party's activity and work, new thousands of workers must be rallied behind our Party for the struggle against capitalism, must be won for the Party of the working class in the election campaign this fall.

Elections In North Carolina

By M. H. Powers

The election campaign in North Carolina is now well under way. The two capitalist parties, the press and the radio take busy campaigning. Thru fake issue they are trying to divert the attention of the workers from the unemployment, wage-cuts, and misery that the workers face. It is significant to note that the primary in North Carolina has resulted in complete defeat for the representatives of the middle class and smaller capitalist section of the Democratic party, who for years have been the banner carriers of the "trust busting" theories and other middle class ideas.

The Simons and Cole Bleases have been replaced by J. W. Bailey and Byrnes, the representatives of the section of the Democratic party which is dominated by the banker and finance capitalist of the Andrew Mellon and power trust interest.

This absolutely destroys all discussions of the "difference" between the Republican and Democratic parties. These lessons the workers are earning fast.

At no time did our Party have so much opportunity to mobilize masses of workers and farmers for political action around such practical demands as Social Insurance, Anti-lynching, Segregation, Jim-crowism, the right to organize, etc.

Building the Party

Our basic aim in this campaign is the achieving of organizational results in actually building the party and the T. U. U. L. so as to be able to continue and broaden the struggle after the campaigning is over. This is something that we have been in the habit of ignoring too often.

New methods of work to dramatize issues and attract workers of particular shops and neighborhoods to our campaign and by utilizing special neighborhood issues, have not been to defeat Major Bulwinkle we must

made use of to the best extent. This brings the danger of our activity being limited to meetings and speeches only. Every meeting must bring results whether it be soliciting new members, sale of literature, building of our mailing list or financial contributions to the party's work.

Dangers to Fight

A danger which is developing amongst many workers and to which the attention of the membership of our Party must be called, is the theory of "don't waste your vote." It is expressed in the following argument: The Communist Party is a good party. Its program and candidates are alright, but we can't vote for the Communists because they don't stand any chance to get elected and a vote for the Communists would be a vote wasted. Major Bulwinkle is a bitter enemy of the workers and must not be elected. "We must not split the vote." So in order vote for Jonas who is a "friend of labor" and a candidate on the Republican ticket.

This argument came to our attention at a N. T. W. U. meeting from the workers who were generally considered to be class conscious. It is already evident that such an argument will be advanced by many workers and that in most cases it does not only express the political backwardness of the workers, but it is also used for the purpose of covering up the opposition to our program against race discrimination, jim-crowism and lynchings.

Our party membership everywhere must not ignore this question, but must at once engage in discussion and struggle against such ideas, and expose their real meaning and at the same time increase our campaign to educate and inform the workers of our program for social, political and economic equality for Negro workers as a necessary part of the class struggle.

The Reds Say--

By JIM ALLEN

Things turn up that make prosperity bluish, poor lady. Hoover has to turn around to call himself a liar, when other people called him a fool trying to make everybody believe that there are only a little over 2,000,000 unemployed in the country. Sure, he's got a bad memory, he forgot to add to the figure all those workers who had been laid off. That's not being unemployed, that's only being without a job. If you haven't got a job now, pat yourself on the back and tell yourself that you had one a few months ago.

The special high-powered publicity man, writing in the Birmingham News and calling himself "economic expert" sends a shrieking headline across the page, "Steel Industry Living up to Schedule." The next day a few thousand workers are laid off at the T. C. I. Ensley mines, the Connors Steel Co. closes down and other mines and plants are on the way. And, like Henry Ford, lots of us now only have to work two days a week.

While 34 more bosses are taking out insurance policies of \$1,000,000 each or more, bringing up the grand total of valuable parasites to 357, the government employment agency at Raleigh reports that it found jobs for 58 people in one week. J. H. Separk, president of a whole cotton mill chain in Gaston county insures his precious life for \$200,000, while the local Red Cross asks him if he kindly wouldn't give them some cotton remnants to make clothes for the poor little kiddies who can't go to school. Pierre DuPont, who is kind enough to keep some workers in his stinking plant at low wages at manufacturing explosives for the next war, takes out a policy for \$7,000,000. Governor Max Gardner of North Carolina has put down \$50,000 stakes on his life, while Judge Hardin at Marion, N. C., makes all workers workers he sentences to jail terms pay for their board. Clyde Hoey, Democratic demagogue insures his long hair and crooked nose for \$100,000, while a school principal at Thomasville, N. C., reports that more than 200 Negro children from 10 to 12 years of age, appeared "apparently from nowhere, in the first grades of school," seeking shelter at one school building, with the same situation prevailing throughout the state.

Over 8,000,000 workers are asking for insurance—insurance against starvation. 357 bosses carry close to \$500,000,000 life insurance and if we take these miserly sums—less than \$1,000,000 but above \$100,000 it would amount to well above 2 billions of dollars. Henry Ford can go galvinating over Europe in search of antiques knowing that should anything happen to him he would leave at least \$1,000,000 in cold cash for his family. A punch press is much more dangerous than an antique, and let a worker be caught in one and his family is left to starve. Go on a rambling tour—not thru the Mediterranean coasts—but from job line to job line and if you don't find a job, will your family get 2 cents insurance?

All we ask is at least \$25 a week insurance for every unemployed worker. DuPont's insurance policy alone would take care of 280,000 workers. And for this we are clubbed, put in jail, lynched. Looks like we are going to fight to a finish though. Guess that's why the bosses are taking out such high insurance lately.