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NAACP Joins Southern Lynchers In Attack On Scottsboro Boys Defense

9,000 PENNA. MINERS STRIKE AGAINST STARVATION, LED BY NMU

Issue Strike Call For Bituminous Mine Field

Men, Women and Children March on Mine After Mine, Despite Tear Gas

Over 9,000 miners in 25 mines of the Pittsburgh area are on strike against starvation under the leadership of their own District Executive File Strike Committee and the National Miners' Union.

Under the slogan of "Better Starving than Starved Workers" "Strike Every Bituminous Mine in Pennsylvania" "Spread the Strike" White and Negro miners, their women folk and children are on the march, withstanding the brutal beat and the on police and tear gas, and picking out mine after mine.

Negro and White Solidarity
The Negro workers imported to the mine owners during the 1927 strike are standing solid and fighting shoulder to shoulder with the white miners, appearing in great force in the picket lines and marches which in one case numbered 10,000 miners at the Mustard mine, No. 10, at Liberty, Pa.

Over 3,000 miners have already joined the National Miners' Union. District President Fagan of the United Mine Workers is trying to sell out the strike by conferring with Department of Labor conciliators and the mine owners, but the strike committee has given a decisive answer that it will not abide by any decision has arrived at.

General Strike Call
The Pa. District Strike Committee of the National Miners' Union has issued a general strike call in the bituminous fields calling upon every miner to lay down his tools and strike against starvation. The unemployed miners are fighting solid with the strikers, participating in the picket line.

The miners have been eking out an existence at 30 cents a ton, having up to a third of that stolen because they are allowed no check-weighman. The miners are not paid for dead work, the tools are not delivered to the miner where he works and when he does get his pay lots of it is stolen at the company stores.

STARVATION!

A situation similar to the one existing in the Harlan Coal fields and in the ranges around Birmingham and in Tennessee and West Virginia is described by Vern Smith, staff correspondent of the DAILY WORKER. He writes:

"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 serfs, the homes of the miners are bleak with want. Hunger is a daily experience, not on

Berry Pickers Win 3 Strikes On Soddy Farm

With starvation among berry pickers finally leads out of three strikes on the Igoe Farm, the South's largest strawberry farm in the Soddy section, Tennessee. The pickers, farmers and packers all won their demand of an increase in pay after strikes in the height of the season, taking which county police forces were called to the farm three times in an effort to subdue the strikers.

First, more than 100 workers picking the berries struck, demanding 2 cents instead of 1 1/2 cents a box. They won their wage increase. Then the carriers—those who carry the berries from the patch to the packing center—walked out, demanding 10 cents per crate for carrying the berries, instead of the 5 cents that were getting. They also won. Then the packers carried thru a successful strike for a wage increase.

These three successful strikes by unorganized workers show that strikes can be won, if the fight is persistent, and that if the workers stick picket together and don't stand for any sell-outs they can not only prevent wage-cuts, but even get better conditions.

Miners Lose Jobs By Mechanical Loading

Increase in mechanical loading and in use of hand-loaded conveyors is becoming a more important factor in throwing miners out of work. Total tonnage of bituminous deep-mined and loaded by machine or conveyor jumped from 21,595,000 (or 4.3 percent of the total) in 1925 to 46,824,000 (or over 10 percent of the smaller total) in 1930.

States have not developed evenly. Alabama and Pennsylvania showed the sharpest increase in mechanical loading from 1929 to 1930. But Wyoming (with 51 percent), Illinois (with 43 percent) and Montana (with 39 percent) are still far in the lead for percentage of total state output mechanically loaded underground.

Tenn. Miners Ready for General Strike

An idea of the growing mass revolt of the miners of Tennessee against starvation conditions and their readiness to organize and strike, can be obtained from remarks made by Paul Aymon, president of the Tennessee Federation of Labor.

In an interview given a boss paper in Chattanooga, Aymon declared that the situation in the mines was tense and that a general strike may result. He says that miners in the Wilder field in Fentress and Overman counties are itching to strike. He reports that 500 miners in this territory, evidently misled about the fighting qualities of the United Mine Workers officials, sent in applications for the union and that 150 of them had been fired for doing so.

Pickens, In Chattanooga, Cries "Lynch" For "Reds"

Young Negro Workers Expose Judas After Speech at St. Paul Church

While Judge Hawkins refused to grant Stephen Roddy from the Scottsboro cases and June 13th was set as the final date in the filing of new affidavits in the hearing for a new trial, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has launched into an even more vital attack on the mass movement to save the boys in the booth.

William Pickens, the attorney of N.A.A.C.P., is in the booth, and instead of helping to obtain the release of the nine Negro boys, he is using his law power to condemn with a scolding blast in an address upon the mass movement led by the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights.

Join Lynchers

Speaking at the St. Paul A. M. E. Church, under the auspices of the International Minister's Alliance, Pickens called upon the white ruling class and upper class Negroes to fight the Communists. "The trial was a mass in the whole matter (Scottsboro case)," he said, "of Communist activity and propaganda among colored people in the South, based on the promise of defending these boys."

Speaking in the same manner as the vicious lynch paper at Scottsboro, the Jackson Sentinel, Pickens issued the call for an attack upon all Negro and white workers following the leadership of the I.L.D. and the I.S.N.F., and closed his speech with the usual lynch cry: "The vote and just among Negroes and seeing here must not let them get away with it." By "them" Pickens meant the Communists and by getting away with it is meant saving the boys.

Boss Talk

In the same manner as a white boss speaking to Negro workers, Pickens declared: "If the defendants in the Scottsboro trials would justice they should get it from the law-abiding Negro and the influential and just-minded whites." In these words he tells the nine Negro boys in the death block at Kelly and all those fighting for their release to look to the white ruling class, which has lynched thousands of Negroes and sent others to legal lynchings, for "justice." His aim is to break down the growing unity of Negro and white workers and feed the Negroes the treacherous idea that they must look to their bosses for aid and not to the workers of their own color and of the white race.

This traitor and Judas, who defends and retains the K.K.K. lawyer, Roddy, proved to be just as vicious a liar in his speech, stepping at nothing in his attempt to break the defense movement. He said that the Communists were threatening authorities with violence, offered to free the

The best way to avoid this kind of a sell-out is for the miners to organize their own rank-and-file committees in every mine and strike under the leadership of their own strike committees.

Workers are watching the situation in the Tennessee coal fields very closely, with hopes that the miners will follow the example of the bituminous miners of western Pennsylvania.

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Pickens Joins Southern Lynchers

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proceedings by force and violence. Several had, subjected, based on an unproved and the relatives of the Negro youth to prevent their being returned to agents of law-abiding organizations. These are all the most contemptible lies which were spread by the parents and relatives of the boys, and are as true as the sun.

Workers Expose Pickens

When Pickens was taken into the courtroom, a group of workers, who had been waiting outside, entered the courtroom and, in a loud voice, demanded that Pickens be taken out of the courtroom. They said that they wanted to see the boys, and that they wanted to see the trial. They said that they wanted to see the trial, and that they wanted to see the trial. They said that they wanted to see the trial, and that they wanted to see the trial.

The pastor of St. Paul is the Rev. N. B. Martin, and Dr. J. R. Bowen, who threatened the Atlanta delegate to the All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference with arrest should they come, was also present. Bowen is president of the Ministers' Alliance.

Parents Denounce Pickens

Pickens, who speaks of "a whole flood of treacherous lies" of the Communists in the South, is following the actions of Walter White, secretary of the N.A.A.C.P., who, during his trip in the South tried to fool the boys, and parents with all sorts of tricks and lies into accepting the "scientific" defense of his organization. Pickens has visited the boys in jail—the jailers will readily grant admission to the traitors but allow the parents of the boys only 7 minutes with their sons—and lied to them also. He is attempting to turn the parents away from the mass defense movement, but the parents, all of them workers, know where the interests of their sons lie and are staying solid with the International Labor Defense and denouncing those latest electric chair moves of the N.A.A.C.P. They have written their sons in Kilby warning them against this latest move of treachery.

Indo-China Natives Fight for Liberation

INDO CHINA—Bands of Indo Chinese peasants wearing red insignia and led by their chiefs are making a desperate attack upon the armed forces of French imperialism for liberty. The French papers have characterized these heroic groups of desperately striving to drive out the French robbers who have tortured and mutilated thousands of men and women only because they dared to raise a voice in condemnation of French terror and exploitation. They are called outlaws by French bandits who have robbed them of the Country and are resorting to the only possible method of securing their liberation—an appeal to arms.

These lynch law attacks upon the defense and upon the lives of the boys are serving to show to the Negro masses who are their friends and who their enemies. The masses are following the United Front set up at the Scottsboro Defense Conference held throughout the country, called by the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights. The only purpose is to obtain the release of the nine boys retried at the electric chair.

Mob Threatens I.L.D. Lawyers "Education" for A. F. of L. Sell-Outs

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Terrible mob who sat on the jury which convicted five of the boys were inspired by the defense attorneys, and Mr. Chamber brought out by cross-examination that some of the screen had been influenced by the mob of 10,000 around the courthouse, by the brass band which hounded the electric chair victims, and by the verdicts given in the first two trials. Each man was asked whether or not he had any prejudice against Negroes, a question which the judge did not permit them to answer.

Lynch Spirit in Scottsboro

The lynch spirit in Scottsboro was shown when one townsman approached Joseph Brodsky in court, pointing a threatening finger at him and said, "We're just laying for you S—O—B—reds. Wait till we get you outside."

During the hearing, the men crowding the courtroom all rose and pushed to the front more than once, especially when Brodsky insisted that Reddy had no place in the case. The judge made no move to quiet the courtroom.

Before the hearing the crowd stood around on the courthouse lawn, muttering threats against the International Labor Defense attorneys and declaring that the boys had gotten a "fair trial" and they should have been hung anyhow. After the hearing a large crowd waited in front of the courthouse for the I.L.D. attorneys to come out and made a concerted move towards them when Brodsky in the company of other I.L.D. representatives, emerged from another exit. Inflamed by lynch spirit, the crowd showed the lynch terrorism which pervaded the Scottsboro court during the trial and which pervades it now, when it is supposed to be considering impartially the demand for a new trial.

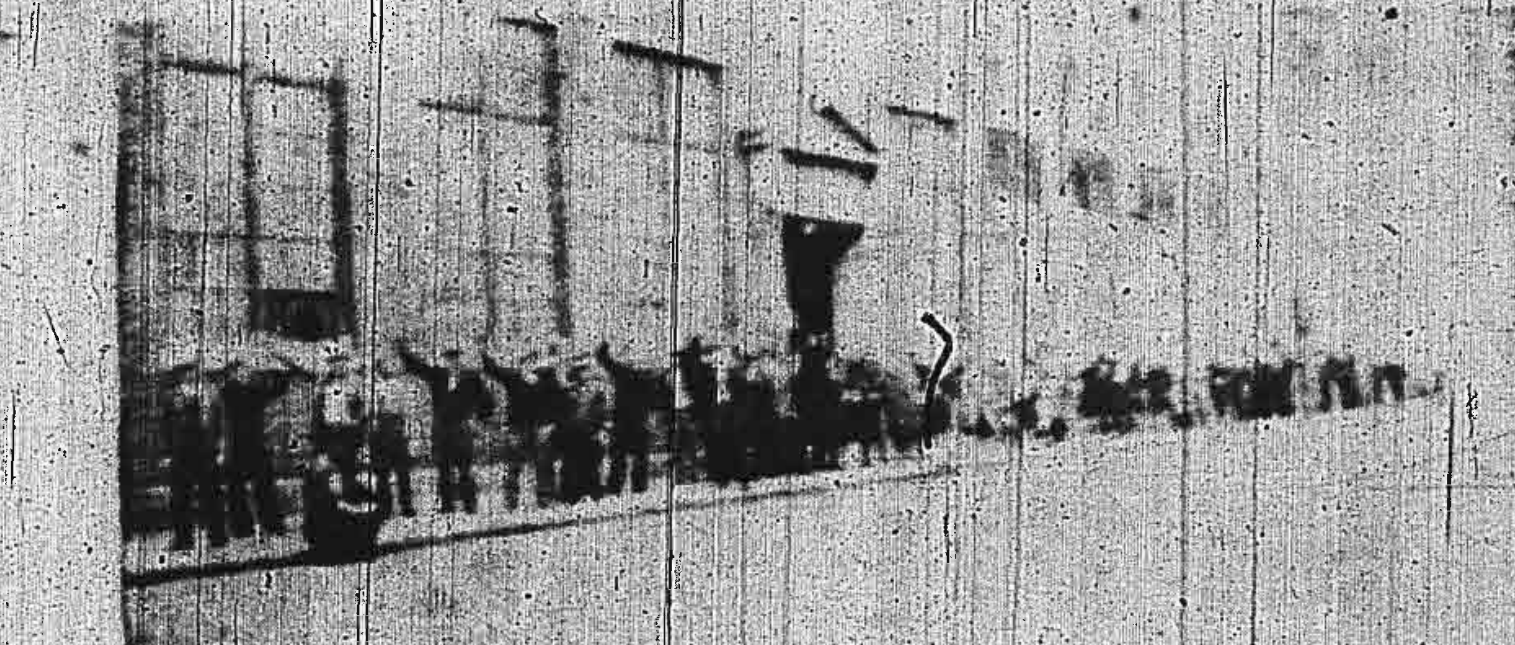
Threaten Patterson

Judge Hawkins refused to permit Claude Patterson, father of Raywood, to testify in court that he, all the parents, and the boys waited only the International Labor Defense lawyers to defend the boys. Patterson was present in Scottsboro at the hearing and ready to testify despite the lynch spirit that prevailed. It will be remembered that the members of the Ministers' Alliance were afraid to put foot in Scottsboro and that neither Walter White or William Pickens, so busy attacking the defense, would not dare go near it.

Further evidence of the lynch spirit was shown when a group of hoodlums threatened Patterson with violence and lynching on the Scottsboro streets.

The prosecution lawyers, some of whom are being paid out of a fund raised in Scottsboro, filed affidavits which are supposed to show that those Chattanooga workers swearing to the fact that Ruby Bates and Victoria Price were prostitutes with Negro men in that city, had been "bought" for 75 cents a piece. This ridiculous charge was exposed by Mr. Chandler as holding no water and a futile attempt to protect the character of the two girls, who are well-known prostitutes through Northern Alabama and Southern Tennessee.

General Fabrics Picket Line



Mass picket line around the General Fabrics Mill, Central Falls, R. I., where the National Textile Workers Union is leading its fourth strike within a month.

"Education" for A. F. of L. Sell-Outs Is Line of Labor Fakery

(I. R. A.)—How the American Federation of Labor and the United Textile Workers of America "organized" the workers by "educational" methods is illustrated in a report by Dr. Key, Paul Fuller, Educational Director of the A. F. of L., which appears in the Textile Workers' official monthly organ of the U. T. W.

Fuller, it will be remembered, is the man Matthew Wall sent to Passaic, N. J., in 1925, to fight the radical influence among the wool workers there after the great strike of 1926. Fuller at that time made an alliance with the Passaic Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club and held what he called a labor Chautauque, from which all militants were barred and at which Wall and the Chamber of Commerce secretary were the main orators.

His tactics recently in the South have been likewise devoted largely to wooing employers and employers' associations with promises of "class co-operation" and offers to "re-adjust industrial conditions" for the starving cotton workers. He has been active in the Horse Creek Valley of South Carolina and in Augusta, Ga., where he makes his headquarters. He says: "Business groups have repeatedly invited me to give our message. I have addressed some of the largest business men's organizations in the city and all have received me cordially. I have preached in the pulpits of most of the large churches of Augusta. I had the use of the local radio station every week for several weeks without charge."

That the U. T. W. has no intention of calling strikes or of making demands on the mill owners is made clear in other parts of Fuller's report: "No promise (to the workers) of relief or any immediate action for the adjustment of conditions have regulated strictly to education of the aims and purposes of the A. F. of L."

And, just to make sure that his

\$1.25 Day For Ditch Digging

By a Worker Correspondent Greenville S. C.

There are a lot of people out of work and nothing to do. A job was opened up here Monday and the boss only hired 30 poor hungry men who were out of work and only paid them \$1.25 a day. They are digging in deep ditches, risking their lives and likely to get killed at any time. They are bossed by the poor white men who let the rich bosses use them as their pets. They stand over the poor working men who are down in the deep ditches and watch as if they were convicts. They expect the poor men to take \$1.50 and pay their high house rent they charge him and live the best they can. They do not care whether he gets any food or

is not understood, he adds: "The recent wage cuts of from 10 percent to 25 percent have not affected the morale of the movement. No strike talk has been circulated nor has it affected the growth and influence of the movement."

3 Billions Lost In Wage-Cuts In 3 Months of 1931

WASHINGTON, D. C.—American workers lost between \$2,500,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000 thru wage-cuts, unemployment and part time work in the first three months of 1931, even the American Federation of Labor is forced to admit in its monthly business survey.

Despite these figures put out by economists working for his own organization, William Green still continues his drizzle about there being no wide wage-slashing. His own figures show that there was a drop of one-third in wages paid during the spring of this year from the same month last year. While in the spring of 1930 factory wages were \$900,000,000, this spring they were only \$600,000,000 in those industries covered by the report.

The A. F. of L. still sticks to its ridiculously low unemployment figure of 3,000,000, and says that only 17.1 percent of the workers were unemployed in May. The figure is closer to 10,000,000 unemployed, and conditions are growing worse steadily, with the next winter looming darkly ahead as one of even worse starvation and freezing than last.

The miners at Harlan, Ky., and Pittsburgh, and the textile workers of Rhode Island are showing what can be done in the way of organizing and fighting against wage-cuts under the militant unions of the Trade Union Unity League.

not just so he can work him at the little wages he offers him.

So let us workers fight for our equal rights, and get our prices. That is the only way for us to get the

LYNCH LAW AT WORK

GREENWOOD, Miss.—A Negro was lynched in Greenwood on a charge of robbing a house.

MOBILE, Ala.—A Negro was lynched in Mobile on a charge of robbing a store. The effect of the lynching was the scattering of the Negro population and the grand jury was unable to make the lynching a crime.

ALEXANDRIA, La.—A Negro was lynched in Alexandria on a charge of robbing a store. The effect of the lynching was the scattering of the Negro population and the grand jury was unable to make the lynching a crime.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—A Negro was lynched in Birmingham on a charge of robbing a store. The effect of the lynching was the scattering of the Negro population and the grand jury was unable to make the lynching a crime.

Farm Wages 50 Cents in N. C. Cotton County

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The county which is the richest in the state, is a picture of misery throughout, with hundreds of families actually starving.

The county itself is bankrupt, paying 15 cents in the treasury, and is a very bank in the county and is down. Two or three large landowners have grabbed up everything that is to be had.

White farmer owners of the farms, from 100 to 500 acres, had their mortgages foreclosed and are hiring themselves out, along with the poor farmers, to the large plantation owners as cheap tenants. Many of these farmers were at one time prosperous, had tractors and tractors. But now they are deteriorating and ever struggling to rack and ruin.

One farmer, father of 10 children, said he was allowed 32 cents a day by the landowner. His farm laborers are getting 50 cents a day and women 25 cents, bearing the burden of the winter.

The coming winter will be worse than last winter. For the arts and croppers and small landowners. It is necessary to organize immediately to get a greater portion of the crop from the planters, cutting down of excessive credit interest, and other means to spread starvation is to be avoided.

right price for our work. Fight together! Fight together!

—A Worker

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FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

By Cotton?— Sure, But Where Is The Money?

By a Worker Correspondent
The cotton crop is being sold at a price which is not only below the cost of production but also below the cost of the seed, fertilizer and other expenses. The cotton growers are getting a price for their cotton which is not only below the cost of production but also below the cost of the seed, fertilizer and other expenses.

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More Wage-Cuts In Textiles

By a Worker Correspondent
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Over 150,000 textile workers in Northern France have struck against a 10 percent reduction in wages. The employers' reasons, as in the U. S. A., is the economic crisis.

Following the defeat of the union (U. T. W.) at Danville, writes a capitalist textile expert in the Daily News Record, "some mill executives undertook to take advantage of this setback by further cutting wages and taking advantage of the workers."

NEGRO PRISONERS BURNED TO DEATH

CORAL GABLES, Fla.—The carelessness of a white prison guard carrying ignited dynamite in a prison van in which some Negro prisoners were being taken to jail. The guard who was in charge of the keys of the van immediately ran off and the prisoners were left to roast to death.

Several prisoners horribly burned were asked to sign affidavits clearing the cowardly guards from all blame. That nothing will be done to convict these guards of murder is assured.

Demanding Jobless Insurance



Mass meeting and demonstration for unemployment insurance, held in Military Park, Indianapolis, after the state hunger marchers and the demonstrators had been driven from in front of the state house.

WOMEN WORKERS IN GREENVILLE LAUNDRIES GET \$6 A WEEK PAY

By a Worker Correspondent
Greenville, S. C.
Women that work in laundries in Greenville work from 7:30 in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and only get 30 minutes rest at dinner. Wages are \$6.00 a week. They have to stand on cement floor, and work awfully hard, going at full speed all day. No matter how hot it is they have to go just the same.

Washes, irons, iron, houseclean for 15c and 20c an hour. They scrub floors, wash windows, and do the roughest part of the house work. They won't pay but 15c and 20c an hour and you have to be awful generous or you won't get that.

Cooks in boarding houses are getting only \$2 and \$3 a week. Nurses \$4, when they stay in the house all night keeping the children, while the housewives go to the moving pictures and card parties, and sit in society. They don't get to bed till the housewives get through the feeding hour. They have to be on the job early in the morning at the usual hour. Many of the cooks and nurses don't even get the little salary that's promised them. The housewives hold the money back, promise it and never pay them. The workers can't help themselves. I know one worker who asked for her back time, and the housewife said, "I'll pay you when I get it. If I don't get it, you won't get it." The worker knows there is nothing she can do about it, the housewives do just as they please.

Shops Are Place For Our Paper

By a Worker Correspondent
A few weeks ago several copies of the SOUTHERN WORKER were placed convenient for me at the shop. Now every company stood on the job watches everyone who has ever expressed any radical views thus hoping to find who is that awful criminal who has brains enough to want other slaves to wake up, a thing they would surely expect to do if they read the good old SOUTHERN WORKER.

The fact that every person on the job is expecting the ax to drop at any time increases the speed-up, everyone learning to slow down for a minute.

The Negroes are very much interested in your paper and the ex-KKK's will eventually wake up, but we will be ready for them.

Hoover and Horton make both Democrats and Republicans turn pale behind their ears to mention their names. How much longer will the workers be fooled by these two Wall street parties?

—A Worker

Expose the N.A.A.C.P., They Are Lynchers!

I get it. If I don't get it, you won't get it. The worker knows there is nothing she can do about it, the housewives do just as they please. We sure would be glad for a change to be made. We are are tired tired of slaving and toiling so hard for nothing.

Scabs Warned To Keep Off Harlan

By a Worker Correspondent
Harlan, Ky.
I am sending for 25 copies of the SOUTHERN WORKER as we need more copies up here. As workers are in starvation conditions and we will remain in starving conditions if we don't stand up and make better conditions for winter time.

Our clothes are short as well as food supplies. We will stand so much snow to freeze to death this winter as of starvation's death this summer. All against a coal miner's stay away from the Harlan coal fields until the strike is settled.

Want Organizers At Huntingdon, Tenn.

By a Worker Correspondent
Huntingdon, Tenn.
Dear Comrade Allen:
Can you send an organizer to Carroll county, Tennessee? No work here for the employed. Work is scarce for unemployed and farm labor. Several not making a crop.

9,000 Miners Strike in Penn.

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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 rebels will not let a child attend classes if he has no clothes, but a rag around the middle, and thousands of miners children—before the strike, were literally garbed in nothing else. This weakened, half-starved, half clad mining population is ravaged by disease—by hunger diseases, by starvation diseases.

The Pennsylvania miners are answering these starvation conditions by a militant fight under the leadership of the National Miners' Union. This is also the only way to avoid death by starvation for the miners of the South.

U.T.W. FAKERS AGAIN ROBBING DUES FROM DANVILLE WORKERS

By a Worker Correspondent
Danville, Va.
The U. T. W. has a list of names of workers who are not members of the U. T. W. but who are paying dues to the U. T. W. These names were given to the workers by the U. T. W. and they are now being used to rob the workers of their dues.

They said we got a good settlement for the strike, over 1,500 workers have been taken back to work. Well, all I can say is, it takes nerve to be like that when we workers know better. We know that from the very first Gorman and the bunch tried to sell us out. They didn't call the strike in the first place. We workers struck because of the terrible conditions. All Gorman and the dirty old man of the A. F. of L. did was to say, "Don't strike. Let's settle it peacefully with the mill owners." It took them 9 months to complete the sell-out.

Now they are trying to collect dues from us poor workers—\$1.25 to \$2.00 if you are a striker, and \$4 if you were a scab. If you are unemployed and starving, to hell with you.

But Mr. Gorman and Mr. Capitalist there is a union that organizes all the workers for a common fight against the common enemy. The National Textile Workers Union and the Unemployed Council organize all workers, employed and unemployed, men and women, Negroes and whites. And they organize them to fight the bosses, not to sell out to them. And

T. C. I. CLOSES MORE MINES

By a Worker Correspondent
Birmingham, Ala.
All colored and white workers need to get busy in Birmingham, for it is now in a worse condition than it ever has been. The Tennessee Coal and Iron Co. is shutting the mines. They have taken off the work train that carried the men to work.

Our Negro preachers of Birmingham are teaching their members not to interfere with the Scottsboro boys. They told one of the members that they were going to do all they could for the boys, but that the International Labor Defense had taken it up from New York. He told one of the members not to have anything to do with them, for they are overthrowing our government. The man he was talking to said, "Where is your government, you haven't got any."

"Cut Wages Of The Privileged"

By a Worker Correspondent
Dora, Ala.
According to a report from the International Labor Office at Geneva, unemployment throughout a civilized world is twice what it was one year ago, with the exception of Russia, which is finding it difficult to find enough labor. According to the United States treasury department, over 600 men have a net income of \$1,000,000 in this country.

If there is to be any wage-cutting—and there is plenty of it—why not try it on the wages of privilege? If there is anything that makes a Communist it is the oppression of the capitalists and we are all reds who are under this oppression.

It is the organization in which we have the members of Danville who are and support the U. T. W. as a matter of fact. If you are not yet a member of the U. T. W. you should get a group together and get to work. We workers have won the right to work. Fight don't strike.

CUT WAGES IN TAPESTRY MILL IN CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, N. C.
The workers at the Burlington Carpet Company of Charlotte, N. C., should wake up and fight against the unfair wage cutting the bosses are handing them down.

The tapestry weavers at this plant are supposed to operate two looms, but often have to run only one when production is not wanted on some pattern which they have on their loom. They have been receiving 6c per thousand picks when running two looms, or 10c per thousand on one loom. But the bosses decided they should be satisfied with less and cut it to 8c per thousand of the one loom work and are now paying them 6c per thousand whether they have one or two looms.

We workers who are now getting starvation wages will soon be working for less because the bosses like to hand out wage cuts to workers who haven't the guts to fight.

Organize! Fight wages! Fight starvation wages!

NTWU Leads 4th Strike in R. I.

R.I.A.—The strike of 500 workers at the General Fabrics Silk Corp. is fourth in a series of strikes led by the National Textile Workers Union in Central Falls, R. I. In each case, mass picketing has been maintained and a large strike committee, including women and youths, has represented the different departments.

At the Royal Weaving mill a successful strike stopped a wage cut due in the year. A wage cut of 17 per cent at the Bay State silk mill was withdrawn after a strike in April. In 3 days, from May 14-18, workers at the Lexington Weaving mill won a strike against a 14 percent wage cut. The General Fabrics strike, declared on May 7, is an offensive struggle against one of the largest silk companies in the United States, the General Silk Corp.

With 17 mills in 6 states, the General Silk Corp. represents a vicious trust. Marcus Frieder, president of the company, and Leonard P. Frieder vice-president, were responsible for the "Frieder Plan" in New Bedford—a method of speed-up by which weavers were made to run 12 looms instead of 4 or 5 as formerly. Strikers at the General Fabrics Silk Mill are demanding no more than 4 looms to a weaver, instead of as many as 12 at the time of the strike.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Seventy-five Jolly cab drivers forced the withdrawal of a new percentage rate, which amounted to a drastic wage cut, by calling a strike. On the day before the strike was to go into effect the boss granted the drivers' demands.

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N. A. A. C. P. Joins Lynching Mob

A second emissary has been sent south by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to complete the task of Walter White. This is none other than William Pickens, the Judas in angel's wings, who has flown to perch himself on the switch of the electric chair at Kilby prison.

The first emissary, Walter White, secretary of the N.A.A.C.P., tried to accomplish his task by dastardly and underhanded tricks and lies. He failed. The Scottsboro boys, their parents, the masses of workers fighting for their release saw that his principal concern was to attack the International Labor Defense, to cripple the mass-defense movement, and see the courthouse lynching thru in the peace and harmony of a secluded courtroom.

William Pickens came South. He came for one purpose and one purpose only—to launch a bitter attack against those who are honestly defending the boys, in this attack to openly cooperate with the white ruling class of the South.

In his speech at St. Paul's church in Chattanooga last Sunday he exposed his purpose and openly called, in virtual lynch law terms, for an attack upon the Communists. Did he come for the purpose of defending the boys? Let him answer for himself.

"The most serious menace in the whole matter is the Communist activity and propaganda among colored people in the South."
Here is an open acknowledgment that the only reason he and the N.A.A.C.P. have entered the case is to fight the Communists, not to obtain the release of the boys.

Does Pickens say the boys are innocent, that it is a frame-up? Again let him answer for himself.

"There is some doubt in the minds of people, in the minds of white people, and in the minds of Southern white people, as to the guilt or innocence of the nine Negro youths."

Note, fellow workers, that Pickens says "there is some" doubt in the minds of people. Nowhere does he say that this is a pure frame-up and a railroading carried out by the lynch law South. He dare not say that, for he would lose his position, that he so eagerly sought, on the right-hand side of the white ruling class. And what people? The workers, black and militant white? No, he has nothing to do with the workers, his concern is with the white bosses. In fact, in his speech, he refers to the Negro masses in an impertinent insult, as "the densely ignorant portion of the colored population."

And who are these people that Pickens turns to? They are no other than the very ones who incite lynch mobs, oppress and suppress 9,000,000 Negro toilers in the South, the very ones who intend to send the nine boys to the electric chair.

"If the defendants in the Scottsboro trials need justice they should get it from the law-abiding Negro and the influential and just-minded whites, and not from a political party of revolutionary aims."

In open terms Pickens calls upon the Negro masses to look for "justice" from their oppressors and lynchers! It is exactly the same kind of talk that has been given the Negro masses by the white rulers and their own betrayers for years. Avoid solidarity with your fellow white workers, look to us, the benevolent-bosses, for help and guidance! This is Pickens' talk, typical lynch law talk, aiming to divide the working class, to hand the Negro masses over to the white bosses to do with as they please.

And this is not all. This Judas openly calls upon the master class, in typical lynch law style, to wipe out the only true defenders of the boys. The guiding hand of the lynchers gives his advice. Says Pickens:

"Let the white people of Alabama and the South sit up and take notice. This Communist sapping through the densely ignorant portion of the colored population (he means workers and farmers, Ed.) while not immediately menacing to government itself, is certainly most menacing to good race relations."

Note, please, the same "peace and harmony" of the South mentioned by the Ministers' Alliance and now glorified by Pickens. Note that he calls upon the white bosses to "sit up and take notice"—to do what? Again let him speak for himself.

"The sane and the just among the Negroes and whites here must not let them get away with it."

He means that the white ruling class must not allow the workers defense movement to save the boys, for it would mean a tremendous step forward in the fight for equal rights for Negroes, and furthermore, would mean the end of Pickens and his ilk, as "race leaders."

Pickens can now step into Scottsboro without any fear in his heart, for he has won the lasting friendship of the lynch mob.

This is the same Pickens who in a letter to the Daily Worker, dated April 19, 1931, wrote in part:

"The one objective for final security is the absolute and unqualified unity and cooperation of ALL WORKERS, of all the exploited masses, across all race and color lines, and all other lines. In the present case the Daily Worker and the workers have moved so far, more speedily and effectively than all other agencies put together. This is one occasion for every Negro who has intelligence enough to read, to send aid to you and the I. L. D."

This complete change in front, under the influence of the white ruling class, shows how little the Negro masses can trust their "race leaders." The only hope for the Scottsboro boys and for the whole Negro people, lies in a united mass movement, shoulder to shoulder with the white workers.

Militant Textile Strikers



General Fabrics mill weavers, militant and determined as ever, and holding their lines fast. These strikers have turned back scabs sent in from Connecticut.

Must Accomplish Tasks Set By South Scottsboro Conference

The great All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference, held in Chattanooga, Tenn., last week, has set before the real work of the day. It is to plan the fight to save the Scottsboro boys. But in the long run the Conference itself was successful with over 100 delegates from all over the South meeting to plan the fight to save the Scottsboro boys. But in the long run the Conference will have proved to be unsuccessful unless these plans are actually carried out. The manner in which each organization and group which sent delegates to the Conference carries out the tasks decided on will be the real yard stick by which the final success of the Conference may be judged.

Three Tasks

The Conference gave us the three fundamental tasks before us. First, the development of a mass movement to free the boys; Second, the organization of this movement; Third, the financing of this movement. These three chief tasks must be impressed on the membership of every organization when the delegates make their report. How are they to be carried out?

In order to develop a mass protest movement which alone can free the boys, it is first of all necessary to get to the widest possible masses of the white and Negro toilers with the facts in the case. To do this every organization and Neighborhood Committee should first of all order a regular bundle of the LIBERATOR, the weekly official paper of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights for sale and distribution among the workers. A bundle of the LIBERATOR, which carries in each weekly issue all the news of late developments in the case, can be obtained by any organization by writing to the LEAGUE OF STRUGGLE FOR NEGRO RIGHTS, 799 Broadway, New York City. Each organization should write to the International Labor Defense at Box 1511, Chattanooga, Tenn., for leaflets on the case issued by this organization and by the I.S.N.R. Finally every one who supports the fight to

free the Scottsboro boys should explain to his neighbors his demands to everyone he comes in contact with, the facts of the case and the great movement to save the boys.

Form Neighborhood Groups

The Neighborhood Scottsboro Defense Committee has proven the best means of mobilizing and organizing the masses of Negro and white toilers for the struggle against the legal lynching. Each delegate should impress on his organization the necessity of forming to build up these neighborhood committees. Any worker who wants to help in the fight and is not now a member of a Neighborhood Committee should write to the I.S.N.R. at Box 1511, Chattanooga, Tenn., for information and help in organizing such a committee in his neighborhood.

Finally funds are urgently needed for lawyers' fees, expenses of investigators, etc. Each delegate should take up with his organization which really supports the fight making now some financial contribution to the defense. Contributions for the defense should be mailed to the International Labor Defense, Box 1511, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Collect Funds

Each organization should order at once a bundle of the collection lists issued by the I. L. D. and should urge that each member take a list to collect money from his shopmates and neighbors. Delegates should ask their organizations to take up the question of arranging a social, fish fry, or other affair to raise money for the defense.

To coordinate the work of all committees and organizations working for the defense in each locality, the delegates from each city or section should meet together as soon as possible to set up a functioning City Scottsboro Defense Committee.

These are the fundamental tasks which must be carried out with the greatest possible speed if the Conference is to accomplish its purpose and save the lives of the boys.

Miners' Strike Blow at Starvation

The first rumblings of a mass revolt against starvation are heard from the miners. There were forerunners of it all thru the winter and spring in the form of small spontaneous strikes, hunger marches, petitioning of authorities for relief in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Alabama, Oklahoma, Indiana and Illinois.

The bituminous miners of Pennsylvania are striking the first organized blow against wage-cuts, unemployment and terrible working conditions. "Better to starve striking than to starve working," they say. They have organized their own broad strike committee and are spreading the strike under the leadership of the National Miners' Union. This leadership assures no sell-out, no treachery, but a fight to a finish. Nine thousand miners in Pennsylvania have already joined this fight.

In the Harlan coal fields the fight still continues, but here the militancy of the fight and the determination of the miners to fight to a finish is being dampened by the United Mine Workers officials who are doing their best to sell out the struggle.

In Tennessee there is talk of a general strike in the coal fields. The District Strike Committee of the N.M.U. at Pittsburgh has issued a general strike call for the bituminous fields. The strike may spread in Illinois and even to the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania.

The miners are taking up the battle in earnest. The fight is not only against the mine owners but also against the treacherous officials of the

Convention of YCL In South

By HARRIS GILBERT

On June 14 the First District Convention of the Young Communist League in the South will be held. Delegates are expected from Chattanooga, New Orleans, the Black Belt, Birmingham, Atlanta and other points.

This convention is very important coming at this time when the workers of the young white and Negro cities and in the fields are more than ever before and steadily getting still worse. The young workers in the shops are steadily being forced to do double work on the new machinery. The boss class is getting people, because they can't get the work up and work for lower pay. Wages are cut everywhere. Thousands of young people walk the streets in the night looking for work. The fruits of the harvest are being taken from sun-up till sun-down for not enough to eat. No disaster is to be and nothing to look forward to but more starvation. At this convention the delegates will discuss the problems facing the young workers in the city and in the farm. Plans will be laid to start the work to organize the young white and Negro workers to get together with the adults in the fight against the present conditions. The Scottsboro case and the white terror and oppression of the Negro people, the bosses' plan of what prejudice whereby the young white workers are divided from the young Negro workers, will also be discussed and ways worked out how to expose it and unite the young white and colored youth for joint action against the boss class. The young W.A.R. plan in which the young workers will be sent to the front for profit will be exposed and ways taken to make the youth against it.

The main tasks of the Convention are: 1. To consolidate the League; 2. Transform the Y.C.L. into the center of the young workers of the South for their demands.

The past work will be analyzed and the need to build up the Y.C.L. as a stranger and to have a function better will be stressed. Above all the task of the Y.C.L. is to get itself into the shops, mines, mills and on the farms and to fight for the very high demands of the young workers and to organize and lead them into struggle for these demands will be the main task of the convention. The building up of regular meetings in the outside sections and the need to develop local forces will receive utmost attention. The Y.C.L. calls upon all class-conscious workers to greet our convention by helping to build the Y.C.L. among the young workers everywhere.

United Mine Workers who are in the field to sell out the growing strike to enforce starvation conditions upon the miners.

Only under the leadership of the National Miners' Union can the miners win their struggle. The Harlan miners will have to dump their U.M.W. officials, set up their own strike committee, follow the leadership of the N.M.U. The Tennessee miners will have to do likewise. What is needed is a national coal strike and that is what is coming. This strike will only be successful insofar as the miners throw of their back the treacherous U.M.W. leadership and follow the militant strike tactics of the N.M.U.

Demand New Trial For Scottsboro Boys!