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Smash Wage Cutting Drive

More than one week has passed since more than 5,000,000 workers received wage cuts ranging from 10 to 50 percent. Workers and their families are forced to reduce still further the starvation level of their existence.

The bosses may think that they have succeeded in putting over their wage cut. But they are mistaken. Already there have been a number of strikes. In every industry in the country, without exception, the workers are looking for a way to smash the wage cutting campaign.

The one thing that has thus far prevented wide-spread strike action is the lack of organization in the big industries of the country. But this is rapidly being overcome.

The recent conference at Pittsburgh of the Metal Workers Industrial League laid the basis from which to start organizing the steel and metal workers of the country. Already the work of organizing the miners for strike action is proceeding under the banner of the National Miners' Union. The textile workers, under the leadership of the National Textile Workers' Union, are swinging into action. The marine workers are being prepared for struggle under the guidance of the Marine Workers' Industrial League.

Negro and white, native-born and foreign born, employed and unemployed, organized and unorganized, women and youth, are mobilizing on a CLASS basis to resist wage-cuts and to develop the necessary power to launch a counter-offensive against the bosses.

While it was not possible for the metal conference to issue a general strike call, nevertheless definite organizational steps are being taken to mobilize for strike action by setting up mill, local and district committees of action. Briefly the preliminary steps now being taken are as follows:

- (1)—The carrying on of a national agitation throughout the industry around the slogan of "organize and strike against the wage-cuts," with the holding of mass meetings, setting up of mill, local and district action committees to organize strikes and the building of the union.
- (2)—The calling of local strikes wherever possible and practicable and then spread them as far as possible.
- (3)—The spreading of such spontaneous strikes as may develop.
- (4)—The calling of a National Convention at once in case of big strikes developing, in order to issue a broader strike call.

On the basis of the demands printed in another part of this issue of our paper, these organizational forms can be put into effect and broad masses of workers mobilized for strike action.

It is of the greatest importance for the whole working class of the country that the workers in the big industries of the "New South," the industrialized South, destroy by strike action the hopes of the bosses to find in the South an unlimited supply of cheap, docile labor power.

Organize and strike against wage cuts!
Don't Starve! Fight!

Capitalist Politics In Tennessee

Now that Governor Horton's political boss, Luke Lea and his political ally in the leadership of the Democratic Party in Tennessee, Rogers Caldwell, have been convicted of pillaging banks, there are all sorts of moves and counter moves on the part of a score of groups to control the democratic machine.

The latest aspirant for the governor's job is the notorious Major George L. Berry of Rogersville—who holds his office as head of the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistants Union by regularly stealing elections; an individual who has the record of having helped the publishers of the big newspapers break every strike the members of his own union have called during the many years he has been in control of the union funds, an alleged union leader so generally despised that he dare not visit New York, Philadelphia, Chicago or any other large city without an armed body-guard for fear of being killed by some of the men he has betrayed. A number of the local pressmen's unions have not met for years because Berry prohibits it—they have to pay dues directly to Berry and have nothing to say about the conduct of their own union. If they dare strike Berry furnishes union strike-breakers to take their jobs.

This low crook would be a fit successor to Governor Horton, who is so involved in the Luke Lea-Rogers Caldwell graft that he doesn't dare call a session of his own legislature for fear the members will be forced, to save their political faces, to impeach him for complicity in the bank looting.

Horton is rotten—no one can deny it. But his principal crime consists, like Luke Lea, in becoming too sure of himself, getting careless and being found out. Anyone who thinks that there is even one member of the Tennessee democratic political machine, who was not implicated in the bank graft is a plain damn fool.

Besides Berry's aspirations, the state republican machine, trained in Hoover- Tea Pot Dome politics, hopes to take advantage of Luke Lea being found out and get their clutches on the treasury.

Workers and poor farmers must understand that both political machines function as instruments of the ruling class—both of them use state power for breaking strikes, imprisoning workers and beating down our standards of life. No matter what apparent opposition develops between them as election campaigns approach they are all united against the workers and farmers.

Only the Communist Party is the defender of the toiling masses and in the coming elections the workers and farmers should repudiate both democrats and republicans and vote and fight for the Communist program.

Another Mill Cuts Wages

The Brandon Mill, Greenville, S. C. has just cut wages 10 per cent. It is interesting that this cut comes soon after the National Textile Workers Union organizer, Clara Holden, was kidnapped by 5 men just as she was leaving the Brandon Mill village, where she had been talking to some workers.

Brandon Mill has been one of the leaders in the campaign of terror against the mill workers. It is known that the cloth worn by the KKK is provided by Brandon Mill, and the KKK do their masters' bidding by frequently parading through the Brandon Mill village in an attempt to keep the workers from joining the NTWU.

Weavers formerly making \$18 and \$20 on 26 looms, are now stretched out to 40 looms, and can barely make \$16 a week. Battery hands are stretched from 64 to 72 batteries and make the measly sum of \$8.75. Spinners, who before this cut, were only getting 19c a side, are now cut to 17 1/2 c a side. As in the other mills in Greenville, the Brandon workers are forced to report every morning at 7 and again at 1, even though they may only get 3 or 4 days work a week. Many old workers have been fired and also many men. There are probably more women working in the Greenville mills than men.

General Cheating Drive

Brandon workers are victimized and cheated in all kinds of ways. If workers take their own money out of a Christmas Club before Christmas, they are fired. The management likes to get the interest on the worker's money. Workers failing to report one night for work, are often told to stay out the whole week. Night hands who are supposed to get a 30 minutes lunch period, are always forced to start work after 15 or 20 minutes.

While the workers stretched out and forced to try to live on starvation wages, Mr. Aug Smith, president of the Brandon Mills, gets his \$37,500 a year and Mr. Hatch manages to scrape along on \$15,000.

This 10% cut at Brandon is the last in a series of cuts that have taken place in the Greenville mills in the last 3 months—Woodside, Judson, Monaghan, Duncan and Piedmont. Plush mills have all been cut from 5 per cent to 15 percent. Further cuts will undoubtedly take place in the next few months.

The mill owners in collaboration with the A. F. of L. are trying to keep the workers fooled and keep them from joining the National Textile Workers Union. At the very time that NTWU organizers are kidnapped and their lives threatened, A. F. of L. organizers are conducting a campaign of speech making. At the different mills, apparently with the consent of the mill owners. The Rev. Paul Fuller, well-known for his famous disappearing and sell-out acts, has even been brought in, by the A. F. of L. So far, they have had no success, as the workers are wise to them, from past experiences.

The mill workers of Greenville believe in the policy of the National Textile Workers Union—the policy of struggle. They also are convinced that all the mills should strike at once—not, as in the past, where several mills struck, in and near Green-

vile, but each one separately. Brandon workers and other mill workers of the south, have been driven just about as far as they are going to let themselves be driven. The bosses will soon crack the whip once too often. Greenville workers, and other mill workers of the south, will come out on strike under the leadership of the National Textile Workers Union. They will put up another real fight, as they have done before—in Gastonia, Marion, Ellabethton, Greenville and Ware Shoals. Southern workers are fighters.

This time they will win!
Illiterate Alabama to Close More Schools

MONTGOMERY.—Within 30 to 60 days the schools in some 35 counties of Alabama will have to close, officers of the Department of Education stated, unless funds for teachers' salaries are available. Many teachers have not been paid this term and have no money and are appealing to the Board to relieve them some way. Lamar and Coosa county schools may close this week unless relief comes.

The state government and the various city governments continue to maintain huge corps of police, sheriffs and deputies and to maintain state militia equipment to fight the workers in the cities and the croppers on the land. They have plenty of money to crush the workers, but nothing to pay the workers in the public schools or to furnish children with clothing and food so they can attend school without suffering pangs of hunger.

NAME HOLDEN KIDNAPERS

The Communist Party and Young Communist League of District No. 16 (So. Carolina) has been distributing a leaflet to the mill workers in and near Charlotte, giving the names of the men who kidnapped and beat Clara Holden, organizer for the National Textile Workers' Union. One of the kidnapers is a known pimp and his name is Frank B. Major, and he lives at 32 Ross Street, Brandon Mill village; the others are "Rick" Lundsford, Gene Ross, John M. Spearman and M. D. Garrett. Sheriff Bramlett, who claims there was no kidnapping, is branded as a liar in the leaflet and it is pointed out that he is paid by the bosses "the same as the five pimps" and that is why he protects the five.

FINDS NEW GRAFT

Some freak who calls himself the "White Light League" at Walkerton, Ont., Canada, is trying to start a new religion. He advertises in the "Labor News" of the Federated Press, that people should learn, practice teach the "natural religion," which he says is a "panacea for the world's troubles." Like all others of his kind, he wants money; it costs 25c to get the first shot of dope—30c if you want a sealed envelope. Workers with any thinking machine will use any two-bit pieces they have to spare for the revolutionary movement instead of helping another religious parasite get an easy graft.

Chattanooga Trade Union Headquarters

The Trade Union Unity League of Chattanooga has opened a center at 1476 1/2 South Market Street, near Main. The center will be open every day.

Workers of Chattanooga, both black and white, are urged to visit the center for information and literature about the movement.

The reopening of a revolutionary trade union center in Chattanooga is especially important at this time when sweeping wage-cuts are going into effect. These wage-cuts are already being felt in the Chattanooga industries.

Negro "Leaders" Defend Lynching

For the past four months the leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, have been playing the role of defending lynchings of Negro workers and farmers in Alabama. Since a Negro share cropper was lynched in Camp Hill and several workers have been lynched in Birmingham, Ala., the N.A.A.C.P. has issued a great number of statements and releases especially to the Negro press, in which they repeat the lying excuses which the Alabama plantation owners and mill bosses give for their cowardly murder of unarmed, defenseless Negroes. In this manner, the N.A.A.C.P., who claim to be the "only organization" fit to lead the Negroes, they, by their actions, give moral support to lynching.

Repeat Bosses' Lies

Like the Alabama murderers themselves, the N.A.A.C.P. leaders say that the lynchings in Camp Hill and Birmingham were caused by "Communist agitation." But they know that thousands of Negroes have been lynched before Communists were even thought of organizing the Negro and white workers.

The job that the N.A.A.C.P. is doing is to keep the Negro workers away from organizing, and to keep the Negro and white workers from organizing together against the bosses. Although the worst terror is directed against the Negroes, it is also directed against the white workers and farmers. The N.A.A.C.P. is not trying to be lynched. And although it is the worst kind of slavery is the hope of using it to bring war against the Soviet Union.

The white workers are held in bondage in the cotton mill towns, in mill towns and coal mine villages. They should make common cause with the Negroes who are exploited in the South through the present slavery system which is called peonage. Only the Negro share cropper can buy from the boss, but also the white mill hands are forced to buy at double prices in the bosses commissaries. He must send his children to school (when they don't work in the mill or on the farm) and go to church which are owned or controlled by the plantation owners.

Black workers and farmers, who they try to organize in unions to defend their interests against the bosses and planters, are prosecuted, hounded and lynched. But also white workers, when they start to organize against the robber bosses, are herded into jails by the hundreds and shot down by mine guards, state militia. And the two—Negro and white—must get together, work out any color line, in the same organizations. This is already being done by the Negro and white Communist leadership this movement.

GRAND JURY FREES MURDERER

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio.—A grand jury has freed Joseph Peterson, the mine guard who early this year shot and killed 18-year-old William Simon, member of the National Miners Union. The boy was sitting on the ground doing nothing when he was brutally murdered by the coal mine pany thug. The day will come when the thugs, the judges, the jailers, the bought and paid for grand jury will pay plenty for their murder against the workers.

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Five Kentucky Mines Out On Strike

S. GOVERNMENT SECRETLY MOVES WARSHIPS TO CHINA

HOOPER WOULD ABOLISH COLONIES ATTACK SOVIET

While Hoover is talking about the Navy Department is moving battleships into the "open area" off the coast of Manchuria. The move is step by step by American imperialists to grab what it regards as colonies its prey. It doesn't matter how many Chinese imperialists get all against the Negroes, it is also against the white workers and farmers. The N.A.A.C.P. is not trying to be lynched. And although it is the worst kind of slavery is the hope of using it to bring war against the Soviet Union.

Workers must fight against this. One of the most effective now is to fight wage cuts in part a preparation for beating down the working class to prevent working class fight against war maneuver and other action.

Workers Get Big Wage Cut On 2 Roads

CHICAGO.—Wholesale wage cut begun on the railroads. Two biggest systems running out of the West cut wages. They are the Chicago and St. Paul. Both cuts are to ten percent, but both are only preliminary to cuts, which the bosses say as a "final adjustment" to the present situation.

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Strike Defeats Wage Cut Drive On Chicago Shop

CHICAGO.—The American Wood Carving company was forced to withdraw a ten percent wage cut when 150 workers, about half of whom were young workers struck. The company at first refused to listen to the demands of the strikers, but when an organizer of the Trade Union League called the men together and told them how to put up a real fight, the bosses announced that they would take back the order for the cut. All workers are again on the job.

N.A.A.C.P. Lawyer to Defend Lynch Fiend

Roderick Beddow, lawyer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has been engaged to defend Dent Williams, the white thug who uncoiled the contents of a revolver at Willie Peterson, Negro miner, in a Birmingham jail.

The sheriff and chief of police were in the room at the time and, with members of the Williams and Wood families, had been torturing the defenseless and imprisoned Negro to try to force him to confess to the murder of two girls in spite of the fact that he has a complete alibi to prove he was nowhere near the scene of the shooting of the two girls.

Indict Peterson

The grand jury, composed of business men, well-to-do farmers, and salesmen, returned an indictment charging first degree murder against the wounded Negro who is on the point of death in a hospital. It also indicted Dent Williams for attempting to murder Willie Peterson.

The "trial" of Williams will be used to justify the campaign of terror against Negro workers that is raging in Birmingham. Beddow, who was selected by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to try to take away the defense of the Scottsboro boys from the International Labor Defense, so the state could railroad them more easily to the electric chair, will plead that it is the duty of white men to shoot Negroes whenever they see fit "in order to keep the nigger in his place."

To try to fan the flames of race hatred is his main purpose, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People have again exposed their servility to the white ruling class; and its Birmingham supporters even contributed to the \$3,300 fund to be used as a reward for the perjurer, Miss Williams, who is trying to send the Negro to the electric chair so she can get the money. Miss Williams has already lied on

Stop Sell-Out Of Miners In Wilkes-Barre

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—Activity of the Unity Committees of Action and the National Miners' Union influenced the 25,000 strikers of the Glen Alden coal company to refuse to accept at first refused to listen to the demands of the strikers, but when an agent of the strike-breaking United Mine Workers of America, who pretends to be against the official Lewis machine, but who is secretly dealing with Phil Murray, international vice-president of the scabby United Mine Workers.

Fight Against Terror

Workers of Birmingham and the South must understand that this terror against Negroes, the revival of the lie about Negroes "raping" white women, is part of the campaign to keep the Negro and white workers divided so the bosses can carry out their wage cut drives and defeat the demands for unemployment relief at the expense of the rich.

Down with this frightfulness against Negro workers!
Fight for the release of the Scottsboro boys!
Demand freedom for Willie Peterson!

Death to the white lynchers!
Fight for equal rights for Negroes!
Fight for self-determination for the enslaved Negro masses!

Rank and File Miners Demand United Action

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Five locals of the United Mine Workers of America have adopted resolutions against their officials, John L. Lewis, John H. Walker and Edmondson—heads of various machines fighting for spoils. They also proposed unity with the National Miners' Union, against all the factions in the leadership of the old union. Lewis and Walker are only fighting over who shall get the job of selling the miners to the coal operators and the rank and file are repudiating them both.

The five local unions presented a

Straight Creek Mines Resist Wage Cutting

HARLAN, Ky.—Five mines are now completely closed as a result of the strike that began in the Caroline and Coleman mines on Straight Creek. The three other mines now on strike are the Cary, Glandon and Ferdey mines. Relief kitchens are now running in Coleman and Caroline and one is being established at Cary.

Strike Sentiment Growing
Straight Creek is in Bell county, adjoining Harlan county and the strike movement will spread into Harlan county. Some weeks ago when it was known to Sheriff Blair and his thugs and gunmen that the National Miners' Union had determined upon a tactic of developing strikes on the left bank of Straight Creek and then extending the movement to the rest of the Kentucky and Tennessee field, the gunmen began invading Bell county. However, the murder gang was not able to get into the mines where the men slaved and where careful and secret organizational work was proceeding.

General Strike Ties Up Mass. Textile Mills

LAWRENCE, Mass.—A general strike of 25,000 textile workers here has shut down the largest textile center in the country. The strike is against a general wage cut.

Mass picketing embracing thousands of workers is going on. Many thousands met on City Common to listen to speakers. The strike-breakers at the head of the United Textile Workers tried to speak to them, but the crowd refused to listen, booing and jeering until they had to leave. This enraged the police who attacked the meeting. Seven workers, including Edith Berkman, organizer for the National Textile Workers Union, were arrested. The crowd cheered the National Textile Workers Union as much as they jeered the United outfit.

The International Labor Defense staged a demonstration demanding the release of Edith Berkman and other strike leaders and exposing the brutality of the cops.

A preliminary mill delegate United Front Conference was called by the National Miners' Union to elect the rank and file leadership of the strike.

resolution to the state conference of the United Mine Workers, describing the acts of betrayal of the officials and charges them with being responsible for dividing the rank and file. The resolution calls for the establishment of the Illinois District Unity Conference to unite rank and file members with the National Miners Union and to fight for:
Six hour day and five-day week.
No reduction in pay.
Payment for all dead work.
Abolition of the bug-light.
Abolition of the Cardox system of shooting coal, as a dangerous method.
Full payment of yardage on all narrow work.
Enforcement of all present state mining laws.
Creation of other laws to safeguard the miners at work.
No discrimination in any form against Negro and foreign-born.
Immediate unemployment relief—for unemployment insurance.
A minimum weekly wage of \$35 in the mechanized mines.

Warren, O., Worker

WARREN, Ohio.—Hundreds of white and Negro workers gathered in one of the most militant meetings ever held in this city to protest against the brutal slaying of Henry Baker, unemployed Negro worker. The Negro was shot down in cold blood by a policeman while he was handcuffed and unable to defend himself. A mass funeral was arranged for the victim of police savagery.

Workers here are also protesting against the slaughter of 2 unarmed Negroes in Cleveland by the police at that city.

Camp Hill Girl Terribly Beaten by Sheriff

OFFICER GOES TO HOME AND ATTACKS GIRL

Estelle Milner, young Negro girl, daughter of a share cropper in Camp Hill, Ala., was brutally beaten about a week ago by Sheriff Young, in her home. This beating resulted in a serious injury to the girl's spine. The beating was given because Estelle had received a personal letter from New York through the mail, and the sheriff seems to think it is his business to keep the croppers and their families from "contamination" by the rest of the world.

Upon learning what had occurred, from one of its representatives, the Southern District of the International Labor Defense sent the following communication to the sheriff:

"According to a report from one of our representatives we are informed that you went to the home of Estelle Milner and gave her a brutal beating which resulted in a serious injury to her spine. This vicious treatment was administered on account of the fact that Estelle Milner received a letter from New York through the mails and you seem to consider it your business to keep the share croppers and their families in the Camp Hill section from any contact with the rest of the world.

"In the name of hundreds of thousands of workers in our ranks, we protest against this brutal violation of the most elementary rights of the croppers of Camp Hill. We pledge our continued support to them in their efforts to organize against starvation and in their fight against the reign of terror carried on against them by you, your deputies and the landowners, and to continue to expose your murderous terrorism to the rest of the world."

Last spring the share croppers of Camp Hill organized into a Share-Croppers Union to demand from the landowners: Advances of food until settlement time; cash settlement for the crops; the right to sell the crops where they want to; the right to have a garden; free buses to take the children to school; a rest period around noon. The meetings of the Union were broken up by the sheriff and landowners and thirty-four croppers were thrown into jail. All of these men were released as a result of the defense and publicity obtained by the Southern District of the International Labor Defense. The croppers won their first demand—advances of food until settlement time.

Bill Green Boosts The Stagger System

VANCOUVER, B. C. — William Green, president of the A. F. of L., told the convention here that he was in favor of the stagger system. That is to say he supports those bosses who say that all workers should be on short time, with ever lower wages. He does not say that the stagger system may maintain hourly rates and easily cut down total wages received to a weekly income of less than workers ought to receive in one day. In other words, Green favors mass starvation to help the capitalist class place the burden of its crisis upon the workers.

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Child Slavery Rampant Throughout All Alabama

Alabama, known throughout the whole world because of the horrible conditions under which masses of black and white wage-slaves live, has within its borders 31,565 child slaves between the ages of 10 and 13; there are above an equal number, 31,837 to be exact at the age of 14 and 15 in Alabama slave pens. These are not reports based upon fancy, but are figures taken from the United States Government bureau of census, of the Department of Commerce, and are based upon the census of last year (1930).

Facts Really Worse
The actual state of affairs is really worse, many children below ten years of age are having their young lives stunted in industry and in slavery on the land. There is no record of these child slaves—because the government pays no attention to child labor UNDER ten years of age.

Many Women In Industry
There were a total of 1,026,295 "gainful" workers in Alabama in 1930 according to the census. Of these 92,116 were single; 84,812 were married and 60,499 were widowed or divorced. Of the women 70,245 are farm laborers who do not get any pay at all for their slavery; wives and daughters of croppers, etc. More than 12,000 women are working in cotton mills; 25,828 are laundresses (not in laundry) meaning women who live by taking in washing; 42,192 are servants employed full or part time for the nabobs of the state. There are 6,032 stenographers and typists, about 5,000 clerks and about the same number of bookkeepers and cashiers, while 14,000 are school teachers.

Almost Half Are Negroes
Distributed by color and nativity, 584,593 or 57.0 percent of the total "gainful" workers are native white; 432,349, or 42.1 per cent are Negro; 9,091 or 0.9 per cent are foreign-born white and 262 workers are of other races.

The government census does not give the proportion of Negroes to whites employed in specific industries but simply gives the totals "gainfully" employed, which includes all forms of industrial and farm labor, whether the workers get wages or not.

Farmers a Minority
Of the total gainfully employed the farmers are a minority. There are 235,000 male and 17,265 female owners and tenants; there are 63,181 male and 16,922 female farm laborers who receive wages; and 88,887 male and 70,245 female farm laborers who do not receive any wages at all—who live in a condition of virtual peonage.

Factory laborers and operatives are the next largest group (102,000). Coal miners number 23,956; steel and iron workers, 28,362; lumbermen, raftsmen, woodchoppers, saw mill operatives and turpentine camp workers number 24,982.

Tens of thousands of workers subsist on a starvation level. Two economic systems meet, overlap in some places—the semi-feudal survivals of the slave-owners' south and the highly-developed, rationalized modern industry as typified by the Birmingham steel mills. All workers in industry are being subjected to the fiercest wage cuts and general drives on their standards of life, while the boss class increases its campaign of terror against Negro and white workers who are becoming more radicalized and are showing signs of organizing together to resist wage-cuts and fight

for a living wage and shorter hours of labor.

Fight Peonage and Slavery
Government figures are also unreliable inasmuch as they place in the category of those who receive wages the tens of thousands of mine and mill workers who live in the company towns, get paid in company scrip and who are always in debt to the company and dare not attempt to move away for fear of police and mill thug terror and imprisonment or worse slavery on the chain gangs.

On the land the lot of the cropper and the share cropper beggars description. No chattel slaves ever suffered half the pangs of hunger and misery or were ever subjected to the ruthless terror of these workers, both white and Negro. The fable about the abolition of slavery sounds to them like a murderous joke at their expense. When they were bought and paid for property they were not killed off like dogs as they are today.

But the end of the slave system is in sight. The growing movement among the croppers to establish a union through which to fight against the bosses, the growing agitation for unity of white and Negro workers and farmers against the rich exploiters, the definite tendencies among the steel workers to build machinery to resist the wage-cuts—all these mean that the Alabama ruling class and all the rest of the exploiting gang is approaching its end.

The terror of the Alabama slave holders and their official lackeys, the police, the sheriffs, the judges and the jailers—and the Ku Klux butchers, can be ended. It will be ended as the workers and farmers rally in industrial unions and wage a CLASS fight against capitalism, along the lines laid down by the Communist Party, the one revolutionary working class party.

By following the path of revolution and only by following that path, the workers and farmers can emancipate themselves.

25 Years on Job; Now Out of Iron Works

(By a Worker Correspondent)
BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—When at the Republic Iron Works last week looking for a job I saw on the bulletin board a sign about the ten percent wage cut to begin the first. Many workers got \$2.70 a day before the slash in wages, now they get \$2.43 a day and only work part time.

White and black workers hang around the place looking for a little work. They were told to get away because no one wanted them. Some of these have been on the job there for 25 years; now they got notice to get out and don't hang around. Ain't that hell!

We got to get together and fight against wage cuts, demand unemployment insurance—make the bosses pay us when we work so hard they don't need us any more. We must also follow the Communists who say old men kicked out after working a long time must get a pension same as soldiers only more like wages.

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PENN. BOSSES JAIL WORKING CLASS LEADERS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The response of the workers to the Communist Party and Trade Union Unity League calls for a relentless fight against wage cuts has made the bosses and their police and judges furious. A number of arrests have recently been made.

Morris H. Powers, candidate for mayor of Philadelphia on the Communist Party ticket, has been sentenced to four months in jail at Allentown, Pa. He was charged with interference with railroad traffic during an attack of state troopers upon striking silk workers of that city. In reality he was jailed because he led guidance to the strike and because the Communist Party is using the Philadelphia election campaign to organize workers to resist wage cuts.

Two Held on "Sedition"
For exposing the action of the "liberal" governor of Pennsylvania, Gifford Pinchot, in sending state troopers to shoot down striking miners in the Pittsburgh region, two workers are held for "sedition." They are H. Roth and Johnny Adams, members of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League.

In spite of these attacks the Communist Party continues its work of preparing the workers for the fight to stop wage cuts and more than ever throws its forces into the election campaign to expose the old parties and to connect up the campaign with the resistance to wage cuts.

Kill Two; Wound Many In Cleveland Eviction Fight

CLEVELAND, O.—Two workers dead, many wounded by bullets, women beaten into insensibility, children trampled upon by drunken policemen. Such is the record of one hour's police activity in this city Tuesday evening at East 47th Street, near Woodland avenue.

The attack of the police was directed against a group of workers, mostly Negro, who were defending a worker and his family from being evicted from the house in which they had been living.

Crowd Checks Police
Without warning a squad of police fell upon a meeting called to protest the eviction of the family. In spite of the fact that the crowd was unarmed the first squad of police were held at bay. Some stool pigeons sent for police reinforcements, which soon arrived shooting revolvers and swinging their clubs over the heads of men, women and children. When the attack subsided the more seriously injured were taken to hospitals, where two of the workers, John Rayford and Ed. Jackson, both Negroes, died. They were members of Unemployed Branch No. 8.

Terrorize Whole Neighborhood
The police went on a rampage through the neighborhood, breaking up even small groups of workers, arresting scores and terrorizing the whole vicinity. Workers were dragged from homes and thrown into jail where they were savagely clubbed. Many severely wounded were kept in jail without medical attention of any kind.

Capitalist Press Lies
As usual the capitalist press, with the Plain Dealer in the van, lied about the killing, saying that the police were "investigating" when attacked

W. VA. MINERS STRIKE AGAINST BIG WAGE CUT

MORGANTOWN, W. Va.—The strike against the infamous 25 percent wage cut agreed to by the United Mine Workers of America officials is rapidly spreading in this vicinity. Approximately 1,700 miners are now on strike in the Morgantown-Fairmount field.

The strike is being extended by marches of miners, their wives and children. Everywhere the miners say that John L. Lewis and the officers of the U. M. W. of A. help the mine owners enforce wage cuts against the miners.

The Workers' International Relief opened its first kitchen in Liberty, thus giving the lie to the statement of the labor fakers that the Nat. Miners' Union would not be able to furnish relief for the strikers. Other kitchens are opened in Cassville, Rose Dale and in Star City, across the Monongahela river.

The Pennsylvania-Ohio-West Virginia-Kentucky Striking Miners' Relief Committee sent a truck load of flour, potatoes, fatback, beans and sugar to the strikers with a pledge of solidarity on the second morning of the strike.

The relief committee and the Workers' International Relief call upon workers everywhere to help so that these wage cuts can be defeated. Send all pennies you can scrape together so that more kitchens can be opened. Address Striking Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn. Ave., Room 205, Pittsburgh, Pa.

STARVE; BOSSSES' TAKE CHARITY

(From a Worker Correspondent)
MORGANTOWN, W. Va.—Down with all charities. They only hand out to take something to eat this winter.

I want to write about my condition so you will know why we have to fight here. There are ten in my family. My husband and two sons work loading coal. They get 35 cents a ton for coal and \$1.75 a yard for slate. It's machine coal and they have to load part dust and part block and mix it up. That means they have to handle it about three or four times before they can get it loaded. They made from \$1.00 to \$1.75 apiece on their coal and the yardage had to go in before we could get anything on it.

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We had to trade at the company store for it was impossible to get a pay day so we could trade elsewhere. They sell bacon 25 cents a pound and we get about a half pound in place of a pound. It takes about 3 or 4 pounds a day. They sell lard for 20 cents a pound and one pound would scarcely season a meal. I had to buy

Immediate Roy Wright

At the 14-year-old vic Scottsboro frameup, let the Birmingham indignantly disposed ward off the rising of boys.

point of the mass campaign to force the unconditional release of Roy Wright, who was sentenced by the Scottsboro, and is being used in the Birmingham frameup. The International demand, in the low bail be set immediately for his release can be obtained.

officials at Kilby, where are still being kept in the campaign of persecution against the parents of the boys being turned away from coming to come some other way, without any bail set for the boys to turn from the League of Struggles for Rights.

Withdrawal of Ships from China.
The campaign for the innocent boys! Bail for Roy Wright!

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Three Men In Family Work, Yet All Face Starvation

(From the Wife of a Striker at Straight Creek, Ky.)

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Fair Crops and Lower Prices Increase Poverty of Farmers

Whether the farmers increase production or decrease it makes no difference as far as their return in prices is concerned. Wheat and hog production is down, but the prices, instead of increasing, are falling sharply.

This indicates the continuous deepening of the crisis, the restricted buying power of the masses.

Poor and middle class farmers face the most severe winter in history. Hundreds of thousands of families are facing starvation.

Admits Big Price Slump
"Fair crops, low prices," summarizes the farm situation on October 1, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"The central fact in the season now drawing to a close," says the bureau, "is that notwithstanding production on a fairly even keel, the prices of farm products have suffered a further serious slump. Wheat growers harvested a 5 percent smaller acreage this year than last but the

pinto beans and such food in order to make up food. I have six growing children and cannot buy milk for them.

Work In Tennis Shoes
My two sons that work in the mine (one is 19, the other 17) had to wear tennis shoes inside and outside the mine. They only had one pair apiece and when the bottoms wore out, they had to put leather insoles out of old scraps of leather inside the shoes.

We have no mattresses. Our springs are worn out, too. This fall I had to make bed ticks out of coffee sacks and flour sacks and just any old thing I could find. I had to pull grass and dry it to make beds. We have no blankets, or quilts, no pillow cases or sheets for the winter in spite of the fact that three in the family worked hard in the mines.

The children have no coats to wear to school; neither have they pants or shirts or underwear.

All the boys who work in these mines here are in the same shape. I have one little girl 13 years old and the rest are boys. If I can't get food and clothing for my children I can't send them to school this winter.

So please help out the miners who are striking and send in something so we can carry on, if possible.

—Mrs. Jim Smith.

Jim-Crow School Treats Children Worse Than Dogs

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—I go to the Second Ward High school in Charlotte and the principal won't let the students come in the front door. He tells them to go in the side door. The students have to be there in the morning at 8 o'clock, and when the last bell rings in the school room, if they are one minute late, they must go home and bring their father. The parent must be there at 3 p.m. Some of the students live about 7 miles from this Jim-Crow school. The other day 41 had to go back home because they were one minute late.

The Principal writes out a slip for the books the students need. The students must buy their own books. The school doesn't furnish any and in the Negro section the streets are not paved and there are no lights on the corners and this, even though the Negro workers pay thousands of dollars in taxes to the robbing city government and get nothing in return.

All students should organize committees of students in all class rooms in the school and under the leadership of the Young Communist League should demand free bus fare back and forth from the school, free books and hot lunches in the school and then organize the parents against the high taxes and to force the city to pave the streets and furnish lights on corners.

Down with the rotten conditions the workers are living in while the boss class rules!

—A Y. C. L. Member of the 2nd Ward High School Unit.

SMASH HARLAN CENSORSHIP

NEW YORK.—Theodore Dreiser, and a number of other prominent writers and publicists are going to Harlan county, Kentucky, to investigate conditions in that black hole of reaction and to "break down the wall of silence and gun-man terror thrown around the Kentucky coal strike."

A dinner was given here Friday evening at Teutonia Hall for those writers who are to visit Harlan. The delegation is being formed by the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, which includes Dreiser, Lincoln Steffens, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Henry Elmer Barnes, Burton Roscoe, Franz Boas, and Malcolm Cowley.

Appeals For The Southern Worker

(By a Worker Correspondent)
HARLAN, Ky.—I think it is an awful damn shame on all us workers to have poor sick workers like them in the Colorado hospital send in the pennies they got, while lots of well workers don't send in nothing. This is the first time for six months I have seen a Southern Worker on account of thug Blair and old Jones. It makes my blood boil when I know workers in many places haven't no fight on hand and can send in money to help our fighting paper go on.

Our paper shows us how to fight. It shows other Southern workers how they can fight to beat capitalists and dirty dogs like Blair and Jones. We all here are for the National Miners' Union in its fight to get the rights that have been taken away from us.

This Is Your Paper. Support It.

CROOKED BOSS JAILS TAMPA FRAUD VICTIM

(By a Worker Correspondent)
TAMPA, Fla.—I am a Negro deep water fisherman and I worked all summer on a fishing boat. We just made a trip that we all shared \$20, the first money we made this season for over five months. When our fish was taken in the fish house the owners of the vessel cheated us on the weight of the fish and then told us we would have to wait for the money till the fish were sold. I raised hell and the owner had me arrested. I got ten days in the stockade for demanding the rights of an American citizen. While in jail the city wanted me to work and clean the streets. I refused to do work for the city as there are 4,000 unemployed registered workers here crying for bread for their families.

I was put in the dog house and fed bread and water till my time was up.

I am now out of jail and my boss on the boat I was working on told me to get off the dock or he would put me in jail again. I have joined the unemployed Council of the T.U.U.L. I am hoping that all the Negroes here in Tampa that are unemployed join the Unemployed Council of the T.U.U.L. and show the bosses here that we Negroes are not going to starve quietly.

—Snapper Fisherman.

Klan Sets Off Fireworks in S.C. Mill Slave Town

GREENVILLE, S. C.—A few hundred members of the Ku Klux Klan demonstrated here on the night of October 8th against Communists who are active in organizing the mill workers to defeat wage cuts.

These hooded agents of the mill owners staged their demonstration near the Perry avenue showgrounds. They burned some inflammable material so constructed as to read "Down With the Reds" when it was set on fire. The spectacle attracted a crowd of several thousand. It had been well advertised and many workers expressed disgust at the affair but there was no disorder, partly because there was no preliminary organization of forces opposed to the anti-labor and pro-lynching Klan outfit, and partly because of the heavy police guard furnished by the authorities.

The western livestock situation is summed up as "a bad season." The report says that "not many western stockmen will regret the passing of the 1931 summer." In addition to the tremendous decline in gross income from the sale of livestock and their products, western stockmen experienced a severe drought season, which affected practically all parts with the exception of Arizona. "The drastic reduction in gross receipts with the accompanying loss in borrowing power, together with increased costs occasioned by the drought, have placed many stockmen in uncomfortable positions."

Workers Forced To Eat Garbage In Bosses' Barn

(By a Worker Correspondent)
TAMPA, Fla.—Down here at Tampa I read the Southern Worker and I always wanted to tell the white and Negro workers up in the northern states how we are made to slave in the field for 16 hours a day for three or four dollars a week. We are supposed to get our meals in the bosses' kitchen, but most of the time we eat our rations in the yard, or if it is raining we go to the barn to eat. The bossman's wife has a cat and dog that she feeds better grub than what us Negro farm hands get that work on the truck farms in and around Tampa.

Sixteen Year Old Farm Hand.

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Stock Market Rise Follows Wage Cuts

Sunday papers carried screaming headlines on their front pages to the effect that "Wall Street Ends The Week Jubilantly." Capitalist editorial writers said that the crisis is passing, that the first rays heralding good times are already upon the horizon; that the night of depression is passing and the dawn of prosperity is breaking. All this because stocks on Wall street gained six billion dollars in five days.

But the workers, standing in bread lines, starving in the cold, miserable hovels they dwell in, searching for jobs, have not felt any of this jubilation. The pangs of hunger still wrack them, their children still have scant clothing or no clothing to wear to school. The physical resistance to disease grows ever weaker while additional thousands die of malnutrition. Those who still work in industry and who slave on the farms see their families reduced to the condition of the dependents of the unemployed because their wages, reduced time and again, are not enough to keep the wolf of hunger from their doors.

As far as production in the United States is concerned it has not gone up, but is going down. Those who try to make us believe otherwise are again lying to us; trying to deceive us so we will not fight, but will wait expectantly for the "wave of good times," started on Wall Street, to reach us.

Steel stocks have gone higher, following the wage cut. But steel production still falls. The United States Steel Corporation's September tonnage statement, published Saturday, showed a decrease of 24,624 tons. Yet millions of dollars were added to steel stocks on Wall Street. The same situation exists in regard to oil, to General Motors, to General Electric.

What, then, is the real reason for this rise in the stock market?

The principal reason is to be found in the general wage cut imposed upon workers in all the big industries of the country. Stocks rise on the market when the capitalists think they will be able to exploit the workers more, when they think they will be able to get more profits out of us than before. Six billion dollars were added to the industrial stocks because the Wall Street gang believe they can realize the average rate of profit on six more billions of dollars in addition to the billions supposed to be invested in stocks before the wage cuts went into effect. The Wall Street bandits are gambling on the future possibility of distilling the very life blood of the working class into bigger profits. They think that because October 1st passed without a general revolt against the sweeping wage cuts they can safely speculate upon future possibilities of driving us still harder and beating down our starvation standards of life still lower. We must blast the capitalist hope.

The wage cut was followed by the "bankers' conference" which decided upon "releasing credits," to bolster up the banking structure of the country. A financial dictatorship is to be established through the newly created National Credit Corporation, which will issue credits on any security it deems fit. It will enable the big corporations and banks to dispose of their indebtedness on any basis they choose. "Frozen assets," that is to say securities that cannot now be converted into money will be "rediscounted"—that is to say the banks, after taking their discount for handling the paper securities, will be permitted to issue loans in the form of paper money. Thus we will have two forms of inflation—inflation through releasing credits and inflation by issuing more paper money, rediscounting weak securities. Inflation always means a drastic rise in the prices of necessities of life. The wages we receive will purchase less than before. Hence, inflation is always a cut in real wages.

Another factor in the rise of the stock market is the rapidity with which the United States is plunging toward war. At the same time the market rises the capitalist press reports that the situation in Manchuria has reached alarming proportions and that "America is ready to take action on China and Japan." United States warship move into Chinese waters to try to grab a share of plunder in Manchuria and to take a leading part in establishing a base for imperialist war operations against the Soviet Union. The big bankers and industrialists anticipate tremendous war profits very soon.

We workers must see to it that the Wall Street gang, which means the real rulers of capitalist America, do not realize the profits they expect at the expense of our increasing misery. We must speed up our preparations organizationally to resist the October wage cut. Committees of Action must be set up in all key industries to prepare for strike action. We must increase our fight against hunger and unemployment. We must stop all evictions. We must fight against imperialist war conspiracies and in defense of the Soviet Union. We must intensify our fight a thousand-fold against white chauvinism in the ranks of the workers, especially here in the South, and must unite the white and black workers on a class basis in the industrial centers. All these tasks are inseparable parts of our work of resisting the capitalist offensive and turning it into a counter-offensive of the workers against the bosses.

Already there are signs, as indicated by the Lawrence strike, the growing revolt in the Kentucky fields, the preparations for action in the steel industry, the movement among the workers on the railroads, the ferment from the ranks of our class that the boss wage cutting campaign will be challenged through widespread strike action.

When masses of workers get into action against wage cuts we will then see a mad scramble to again unload stocks on Wall Street and again "the bottom will drop out" of them.

Stock market prices are based upon "futures"—the future possibility of exploiting us and of plundering colonies and trying to destroy the Soviet Union. They do not represent real value. Such real value is represented in food, clothing, machinery, raw material, useful things that are here in an abundance sufficient to feed and clothe and shelter in ample comfort every man, woman and child. The one thing that stands between us and that wealth is the capitalist system which, with its government, its police, its

Halt Evictions In Chattanooga

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Determined action by a neighborhood unemployment committee has forced Mayor Bass to halt at least for the time being the eviction of an unemployed worker and his family.

Mr. E. Boynton, Negro worker of 358 North Willow Street, has been out of work for many months. His wife and his grown children are also out of work. With no money coming in, Mr. Boynton has been trying to support a family of 13. When he got behind with his rent, he was ordered out and notice of eviction was served.

Workers in the neighborhood at once organized into the Willow street block committee to halt the eviction. They told the landlady that if she did not stop the eviction order, they would take steps to do so. They then elected a committee to visit Mayor Bass. The committee told the Mayor that a family out of work has the right to live; that if he did not stop the eviction, the workers of the neighborhood would see to it that the family remained in the home.

Under this pressure, Mayor Bass was forced to telephone the landlady and order the eviction stopped for the time being.

The Willow street workers, however, are not being fooled by mere promises. They know that unless they organize still more strongly to force the mayor to stick to his word, the promise will be worth exactly nothing.

Only organized force and mass pressure will get the mayor, whose interests are those of the bosses and landlords, to keep the promise which the workers have forced from him. To this end, a mass meeting is being called on a Willow street lot in the near future.

This is the second time in one week that organized action by workers of the neighborhood has stopped the eviction of a jobless worker. The workers living near Mrs. Ruth Pain 503 W. 14th street, began the organization of a block committee to stop the eviction of this woman, who was very ill from tuberculosis and had no job and no income. The next day Sheriff Taylor ordered the notice of eviction cancelled.

Union Denied Use Of Public Library

(By a Worker Correspondent)

GREENVILLE, S. C.—The Public Library of Greenville has a hall. Anyone is supposed to be able to use it, for a small sum. But when the National Textile Workers' Union tried to get the hall for a meeting, although the library people said there were many nights free, still the hall was refused. "Under the circumstances," they said, "the trustees can not let the hall be used by the union." The "circumstances" are that some mill-owners are trustees of the library, and the whole town is run by the millowners and their agents. No wonder they didn't want the National Textile Workers' Union to tell that to the workers!

But in spite of the millowners and their tricks the mill workers of Greenville are organizing. They know they must fight back against the rotten low wages and the stretchout. They know the National Textile Workers' Union is a union that will lead them in struggles for better conditions. All mill workers should join. Come on, lets go!

—Mill worker.

army, its courts, its jailers enables a few to claim ownership of all these necessities of life and dooms the rest of us to hunger and starvation.

When we fight against wage cuts and for unemployment insurance we fight to stop the capitalist imposing the burdens of his own crisis upon us. We Communists fight to strengthen the working class so that we can in the not distant future abolish the capitalist system—this last system of slavery—and establish the rule of the workers and farmers.

Everything Is Jim-Crowed But Dollars

(By a Worker Correspondent)

GREENVILLE, S. C.—The colored population pay as high taxes as the white here in Greenville, but they don't have the conveniences. Their school term is shorter. The school busses come out of tax money and the colored should have a bus just the same as the whites. The Negro sections don't have no roads—they have gullies. They don't have no house, either—just lousy shacks. Still they pay big rent. The colored population is jim-crowed in everything but his money. They don't jim-crow his money.

I think the Negro and white workers ought to organize all in one body, and fight for their rights. That's the only way we'll ever get better conditions for the laboring class. Everybody roll at the wheel!

—White Mill Worker.

Landlord Tries To Jim-Crow TUUL

Refusing to be terrorized by threats from the landlord, Negro and white workers are visiting the Chattanooga center of the Trade Union Unity League recently opened at 1476 1/2 Market street.

When it was found that the hall of the Trade Union Unity League is not a Jim-Crow center, but welcomes the workers of every color, the order went out from the landlord and his caretaker that no more Negro workers were to be permitted to enter the hall. The sign which had been tacked up to guide the workers into the hall was torn down.

The Trade Union Unity League of Chattanooga is determined to keep open a hall for both Negro and white workers, who are welcome there to get information and literature about the movement. It will not have forced upon it any policy of Jim-Crow. If necessary, defense groups will be organized to enforce the right of the Negro workers to enter the hall.

Crooked Bishop's Pal Gets Govt. Parole

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is again in the limelight because of his grafting and stock swindling activities. This time the eminent reverend who handled some of Hoover's slush fund during the 1928 campaign is accused of bribing Department of Justice officials to parole one of his pals named Harry L. Goldhurst.

Goldhurst is from New York City, where he operated a bucket shop. The religious prelate, Bishop Cannon, was one of the chief operators in Goldhurst's bucket shop.

The New York crook was arrested but agreed to plead guilty so that the real culprit, Bishop Cannon, would not be exposed as a low crook and grafter. Cannon "fixed" up matters with the "law" so that Goldhurst would not get a severe sentence. The result was that the bucket shop operator, who was working for Cannon, was transferred from the Atlanta federal prison to open camps for "accessibility to their friends and relatives." Goldhurst is enjoying himself at Fort Meade, near Washington and will be released even from re-

porting at the place next April, decision of the parole board. Meanwhile Cannon, the man God, continues bellying against Reds and remains head of one of the biggest religious sects of the Klux south.

Meet to Fight Wage Cut Drive

A mass meeting to start a struggle against the wage cuts being put thru in Chattanooga is being planned for Monday night, October 19, at Washington and 22nd streets.

The general wage cuts in steel and other important industries are already beginning to have an effect on the factories of Chattanooga. Within the last few weeks, and especially since October 1, workers have reported to the Trade Union Unity League the following cuts and worsening conditions:

In Casey-Hedges, a cut of 10 cents on the dollar, affecting both yard gang and molders, went thru October 6. Last year there was a general cut of \$1.00—in a few cases more—throughout the factory. The present cut of another 10 cents is no doubt the beginning of still greater reductions. The factory works only two or four days a week, chiefly because of the terrific speed-up in loading and unloading.

Workers in the U. S. Pipe report that 6 pits have been shut down at the lower shop. This action includes drastic wage cut. Molders who used to make \$25.50 for the same full week now make \$22.50 for the same full week. A full week, however is a thing of the past at the U. S. Pipe, which is working only one or two days a week.

Sandpitchers' helpers in the U. S. Pipe who were getting \$2.70 a week got a ten percent wage cut. Molders also got 10 per cent off from \$3.00. Vesta Stove workers have got a cut of 10 cents on the dollar and are being speeded up still more.

Fire knockers and helpers in the Southern railway have got a cut of 40 cents on the dollar. The car department is being speeded up more. Car men were laid off Monday. Freight house of the Southern Railway cut from \$2.88 to \$2.48. Those had been earning \$2.84 now get \$2.64.

About 20 men were laid off recently at the Tennessee Stove Co. At the same time the men are being cut 10 per cent on the piece rate for an indefinite period. Molders are permitted to lay only half as much flooring.

At the same time that pay is being cut, some of the factories are speeding up and working only short time.

Milne's Chair factory, which was working 5 1/2 days, is now to 4 1/2 days, threats of further reduction being constantly used by foremen to speed up the workers up. Workers in Milne's have had two wage cuts in 6 weeks. The bonus which the workers are supposed to get now goes only to stock-checkers and foremen. The average wage is 22 cents an hour, with many workers making less. Although it is necessary to wait on work for weeks at a time, the workers get nothing at this time lost.

Crane Enamel is working only 4 days a week.

International Harvester has been down altogether.

The coming mass meeting on October 19 is part of a campaign to get the workers around the Trade Union Unity League for a struggle against these wage cuts and against the stretchout and the bosses who are trying to put thru in the near future.

This Is Your Party Support It

Fight to Extend Kentucky Strike

EXPOSE ENFORCED HUNGER IN NATION - WIDE HEARINGS

BOB EXTENDS PRINCIPALITIES IN U. S. A.

connection with the fight against wage cuts and against unemployment a nation-wide campaign has been launched for a systematic class exposure of starvation conditions.

The exposure is to be carried on in the form of a thorough-going investigation of working class life in industrial centers, among the smaller localities and in important farming areas.

Councils of the Unemployed, the participation of the trade union and other workers' organizations will direct the investigation.

Hearings everywhere will be held in Birmingham, Charlotte, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Buffalo, Bridgeport, and other places. Hearings will be held in Denver and California and Dakota. Hearings will be held everywhere during the week of November 1st to 7th.

Unemployed Councils are urged to hold such hearings in their halls in working class districts. Where no regular halls are to be obtained special efforts are being made to hold such hearings in special halls of any kind.

Special South Problems

Hearings in Southern centers, especially in Birmingham, will be conducted under conditions approaching class terror. But the Unemployed Councils announce that the investigation will be made to hold an investigation of starvation conditions. Special investigations regarding the effect of the per-sonal lynch campaigns against Negro masses will be carried out. There will be definitely established the different rates of pay prevailing, showing that Negro workers get lower pay for the same work, and how this system of unequal pay is used as a hammer by the bosses to rapidly beat down the wages of the whole working class, white and black.

Generally, throughout the country the hearings will cover every phase of the subject. Some of these are: hand experiences with evictions, relief agencies, the charity city flop houses, breadlines, the camps, the stagger system, high prices, low wages, wage cuts, disease, suicides, discrimination against Negroes, youth, the foreign and women workers.

In connection with the hearings at which workers only, employed and unemployed, will testify, a statistical survey will be made, drawing upon available sources for information. Stenographic reports of the hear-

TEXTILE MILL WORKERS SCORN BOSSES' TERMS

LAWRENCE, Mass. — The 25,000 textile workers of Lawrence will decisively reject the trick of the United Textile Workers Union fakers to betray them back to work under the bosses' terms, while they carry on arbitration maneuvers. The main purpose of the labor fakers of the American Federation of Labor textile union is to break the present strike. Then when the workers are forced back they will try in every way to disorganize the forces and disintegrate the fighting front of the workers so that more and more wage cuts can be enforced.

Foster Exposes Arbitration

More than 4,000 workers listened to William Z. Foster, secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, expose the arbitration swindle and urge greater activity in setting up united front strike committees, elected by the strikers to carry on the struggle against wage cuts.

Southern Conditions Threat

Foster exposed the attempt of the bosses to beat down wages of the Northern workers to the starvation level existing in the mills of the South.

The Lawrence workers realize that their fight is in behalf of all textile workers. They are fighting against the wage cutting drive, as one sector of the class battle front that is resisting wage cuts and fighting for better conditions generally.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Southern textile workers should study the organization methods used in Lawrence and should launch strikes in individual mills, on the basis of economic demands. Committees of action should be set up to prepare the fight and when once started in even one mill, fight to extend the strike to other mills. Such action will have the full support of Northern textile workers who realize that the frightful conditions of mass starvation in the mill towns of the South will be extended all over the country unless Southern workers join in the general struggle against wage cuts.

ANOTHER BANK CRASH

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The United Security Trust Company is closed by order of the State banking department.

ings will be taken and will be used by the National Hunger Marchers' delegation that will go to Washington with class demands at the opening of Congress in December.

MURDER GANG INDICTS THREE MINE LEADERS

EVARTS, Ky.—Walter England, Jess Killian, Sol Redmon, Jasper Ellison, Pete Carso and Tom Coyne, leaders of the National Miners' Union in Mingo Hollow, have been indicted on an old frame-up arising from the strike at the Premier mine last spring. They were charged with shooting at scabs on June 3, but all pickets were unarmed and in their shirt sleeves on that day.

The arrests of these miners is an effort to stop the strike that began on Straight Creek spreading to Mingo Hollow. Sentiment here for strike has grown rapidly since the indictments returned Saturday. The trial of these cases will be held November 8. International Labor Defense attorney from Chicago has arrived to take charge of these cases as well as Harlan cases.

CANADIAN POLICE KILL TWO MINERS

ESTEVAN, Saskatchewan.—Canadian police fired into a parade of strikers, killing two, and wounding two others. The strikers were miners and as soon as the shots were fired, made a counter-attack against the police, injuring twelve of the "Royal Mounted." The strike is led by the Workers' Unity League, the Canadian section of the Red International of Labor Unions.

Harlan County Thugs Take Moreland for Ride

(By Our Special Correspondent)

HARLAN, Ky.—The five mines on Straight Creek in Bell county, adjoining Harlan county, are still out and committees of action are working day and night to extend the strike to other mines.

Agitation in and around Habersham, Tenn., is resulting in a swing toward the fighting standard of the National Mine Workers Union.

PLOT GENERAL WAGE CUT FOR R. R. WORKERS

The Interstate Commerce Commission is planning a sweeping wage cut that will affect all railroad workers, according to reliable information from Washington, D. C. More than 1,200,000 railroad workers will be cut down.

The stagger system—compulsory working of short time at further wage reductions—is to be made general on railroads.

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