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### Central Committee Calls For Utmost Support of National Hunger March

The Unemployed Councils Committee for the National Hunger March has issued a call to the workers of the U. S. to mobilize and participate in the National Hunger March to Washington on December 7. This Hunger March must be made a mass demonstration of the unemployed and part time workers against starvation and for the demands of unemployment insurance and immediate winter relief. The National Hunger March will unite all the struggles of the unemployed workers on a local basis and mobilize mass support behind the demands upon the federal government. The National Hunger March is the most important immediate task of the Party.

Hand in hand with increased starvation and misery, the cutting off of the miserable local relief, the spending of more billions of dollars for war preparations, the bosses increase their demagogic propaganda to fool the unemployed workers through all kinds of fake schemes and so-called "relief plans." The workers of this country have by now the experiences of the past "relief" plans of the bosses and their government as well as the pledges of the Hoover government to "maintain wages." In their starvation schemes the bosses have the full cooperation of their loyal agents, the A. F. of L. officials, the Musteites and the Socialist Party.

The third winter of the economic crisis is approaching. More hunger and misery, evictions and wage cuts are facing us. It was the Communist Party of this country which led the monster demonstration of March 6, in the organization of the Unemployed Councils to lead the struggles against evictions, for immediate relief, for unemployment insurance, as well as organizing the workers in the struggle against wage cuts, stagger system and lay-offs.

The Communist Party calls upon the workers of this country to rally behind the call of the Unemployed Councils to help to make the National Hunger March to Washington a gigantic demonstration against hunger, for the demands of winter relief and Unemployment Insurance. The only way to make the Hunger March a success is through developing local struggles for the immediate demands of the unemployed workers, to intensify the struggles against evictions and above all to build the organization of unemployed—the Unemployed Councils.

The National Hunger March must be a rallying point of broad masses of the workers, employed and unemployed, white and Negro, men and women, youth and adult, for the mutual demands, for Unemployment Insurance and the struggle against wage cuts.

The Central Committee calls upon the Party membership to give full assistance to the Unemployed Councils in the preparation of the Hunger March. Every District and Section Committee as well as every Party Unit shall consider the National Hunger March as the most important immediate task of the Party and draw in all possible forces for the support of the March.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE—C. P. U. S. A.

### Two Tennessee Cities Rank Highest In U. S. Illiteracy

More than three out of every hundred native-born whites ten years of age or over are illiterate in Knoxville. Of ninety-three cities in the United States Knoxville ranks highest in native-born white illiterates. Chattanooga ranks second. The percentage of Negro illiteracy is 11.6 a hundred, about the average for the South. The illiteracy among Negroes is due to the vicious discrimination against them by the white ruling class and the bribed and corrupted elements in the ranks of the Negro professors, preachers, bootleggers and others.

It is not surprising that the state which is a subject of jest throughout the world for its monkey trial at Dayton; its ruling class worship of such a benighted bellower of ignorance as William Jennings Bryan, a state that has as its governor a specimen of the type of Horton or a political leader like Luke Lea, and a state legislature that passes a law making it a crime to teach the scientific fact that man was not created, but that he descended from an ape-like animal, should contain within its borders the two most illiterate cities in the United States.

When one familiar with modern science views the antics of the ruling class of Tennessee and other states of this part of the country he has, to paraphrase the German scientist, Ernst Maelckel, "far more respect for

his more remote (ape) ancestors than for his more immediate blood-relatives."

Much as they dislike the idea of being blood relatives of apes (which every human being undeniably is) a good look at many of the boss class of Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama or Mississippi shows that they have not advanced even yet so far beyond the ape stage.

### White Man Rapes 6-Year-Old Negro Girl

PETERSBURG, Va.—The son of a wealthy merchant here took a six-year-old Negro girl into the back room of his father's store and raped her. The girl had gone to the store for a doll house, when she was enticed into the back room. She was badly lacerated. The boss class is endeavoring to hush up the affair, the local press giving it only small space inside the papers. Quite different from the big headlines designed to whip up a lynch spirit against Negroes when some white woman accuses a Negro. But then the rich sons of the South have always regarded Negro girls as legitimate prey—one of the traditions of the chattel slave days.

### Arabs Fight to Crush Tyranny

PALESTINE.—The movement of the Arabian masses against British imperialism in Palestine, has been constantly growing during the past two months. The British work thru the upper class Jewish population. By maintaining the Jewish minority in a privileged position the government maneuvers to keep down the broad masses of the Palestinian populace, which is Arabian. The government has recently set up armories in the Jewish sections for their protection. The Arabs have no such arms.

The Arabs have been denied the right to organize or hold meetings. In the face of the Government, the Arab Executive showed inclinations to vacillate last August. The rank and file Arab youth, however, took things in their own hands and demonstrated against the policy of racial and national discrimination.

The entire Jewish population by no means wants to oppress the Arabs. This was seen in the fact that 7,000 Arab and Jewish drivers struck together on August 7th, against an increase in the license fee. It is the upper class which works for stirring up race hatred in Palestine as well as in the United States.

### Two Kentucky Police Shoot Enemy In Jail

EVARTS, Ky.—Five hours after being placed in jail here on a charge of being drunk, Oscar Simpson, former prohibition agent, was shot to death Sunday. Two brothers who are policemen, named Middleton, placed Simpson in jail, then let someone in to shoot him. If these pimps keep fighting among themselves and killing each other they will not have so much time to kill miners. The whole gang, police, sheriffs, and prohibition agents, are hirelings of the coal operators. The killing is said to have been caused by a quarrel over graft in connection with whiskey selling. The prohibition agent was one of the bootleggers in this section during the time he worked for the United States government and interfered with the whiskey trade of the Middleton brothers and another bootlegger named J. G. Cox.

### A. F. L. Convention Continues Treachery

The gang of labor fakery that ran the American Federation of Labor Convention at Vancouver wound up their performance by re-electing the chief of the strike-breakers, William Green, for another term as president.

Much of the time of the convention was taken up with discussions on how to help the bosses and the bosses' government avoid the payment of unemployment insurance.

So, in the midst of the worst economic crisis the world has ever seen, and at a time when millions of laborers face hunger and starvation, the American Federation of Labor convention, by a two-thirds vote, rejected unemployment insurance.

Small Fake Opposition  
There was a small group of delegates that spoke in favor of unemployment insurance because they deemed it expedient at the present time and not because they were in favor of the principle of compulsory state maintenance of the unemployed. That group showed its real colors by participating in the unanimous vote for the reelection of Green. Those who spoke in favor of unemployment insurance at the A. F. of L. convention are simply playing a game of deception. They try to use radical phrases in an effort to keep workers inside the reactionary A. F. of L.

### Many Banks Crash In Every Part of The United States

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—The Dollar Savings and Trust Co. and the City Trust and Savings Bank, with combined "resources" of over \$42,000,000, crashed. The bankruptcy of the two banks also resulted in closing the First National Bank. Tens of thousands of depositors lost.

TARENTUM, Pa.—The Tarentum Savings and Trust Co., with more than \$2,000,000 in its clutches closed last week.

WEST NEWTON, Pa.—The Farmers and Merchants Bank of this town is bankrupt and is closed.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The Commercial Trust Company joined the list of banks that have crashed in this state.

SHINNSTON, W. Va.—The Farmers' Bank of this place crashed on Thursday.

JANE LEW, W. Va.—The Union Bank closed Friday—bankrupt.

HOWLER, Ind.—The Bank of Benton County, oldest in this city, crashed Wednesday.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Four banks in this state crashed Thursday. They were the First National Bank of Moberly and the First National Bank of Versailles, both national banks. The Bank of Dalton, in Dalton, Mo., and the Moscow Mills Savings Bank, in Lincoln county, were the other two bankrupts.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Twelve banks, most of them leading institutions, located at Aiken, North Augusta, Batesburg, Johnson, Wagener, Salley, Barnhill Blackville, Lexington, Ellenton, Williston and Graniteville, crashed during the past week.

TRENTON, N. J. — Two banks, the Toms River Trust company and the Wildwood Trust and Title company, crashed last week.

SINGLE MEN FIRED IN GARY  
GARY, Ind.—All single men of the Merchant steel have been put out on the street. Married men get but two or three days a week at \$4 a day.

unions and prevent their going over to the new militant unions, such as the National Miners Union, the National Textile Workers' Unions, the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union and the Industrial Leagues that are laying the basis for new unions in the steel and metal industry, the marine industry, etc.

Opposes Strike Action  
Unable to ignore the fire wage-cutting campaign being carried out against workers in every industry, the Vancouver convention declared a "stagger" system, which means that working time is cut down with a reduction in wages. The stagger system is calculated to get workers accustomed to a reduced standard of life—less food, poorer clothing, worse houses—so we can be kept permanently in such a condition.

No one at the convention even mentioned preparing for strike action to resist wage cuts; the convention unanimously rejected the strike weapon—the only weapon that can force the bosses to stop the campaign of wage cuts.  
All in all it was a typical conference of the agents of capitalism posing as labor leaders.

### Textile Workers Protest Wage Cuts

BURLINGTON, N. C.—Two hundred workers met today protesting the ten per cent wage cut in textile mills here. Definite plans are on foot for organized resistance to wage cuts and to fight against hunger.

A number of workers spoke in favor of joining the National Textile Workers' Union, after which they did join.  
The principal Speakers were Charles Holden and W. G. Binkley.

### Bishop Indicted On Election Fraud

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and a woman whom he calls his "political secretary" have been indicted by the federal grand jury at Washington D. C., for violation of the corrupt practices law. The woman is Ada L. Burroughs.

The indictment of Cannon, one of the most rabid fundamentalists, prohibitionists, and one of the pillars of the Southern ruling class, growing out of his misuse of funds during 1928 presidential election campaign, will be carried by the hunger march in the four main columns of the four corners of the country will converge on Washington, D. C., on November 7, to demand immediate relief for the unemployed and unemployment insurance.

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# Hoover and Laval Plot War Against Soviet Union; Aim to Dismember China

## HUNGER MARCHERS DEMAND FREEDOM FOR SCOTTSBORO BOYS

### PREPARING TO MAKE DEMANDS ON WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, (CNA)—Banners demanding the immediate release of the Scottsboro boys and cessation of all forms of terror and persecutions against Negroes as well as white workers will be carried by the hunger march in the four main columns of the four corners of the country will converge on Washington, D. C., on November 7, to demand immediate relief for the unemployed and unemployment insurance.

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### American Legion New Line To Fool Working Class War Vets

The new commander of the Davis King Summers Post of the American Legion, one Sam E. Whitaker, in his inaugural address at the Memorial Auditorium (Chattanooga) savagely attacked the "Reds."  
Such attacks have been the stock-in-trade of the Legion since that reactionary organization controlled by the officer-clique has been in existence. To attack Communists is nothing new for the Legion commanders.  
The "New Turn" of the Legion  
But in addition to the usual ignorant tirade against Communism, Mr. Whitaker also said things that a few years ago would have sounded strange coming from a person like him. He said:  
"But, foe to Communism though we are, we are unwilling to tolerate the injustices of our present system. A system which forces 6,000,000 men to be idle when they want to work, which permits their families to suffer from the absolute necessities of life when these men look in vain for an opportunity to provide these necessities—any such system is wrong. These injustices must be righted."  
These are merely empty words. In the next breath Whitaker said: "For this condition it is not easy to fix the blame. But whoever is to blame the condition has to be remedied. What the remedy is we do not know."  
While the words are empty as far as meeting the unemployment issue is concerned, they are full of meaning for all soldiers who returned to the ranks of the working class after they were through making the world safe for Morgan's profits.  
Why the "New Turn?"  
The officers of the Legion have to put forth criticism of the "present system" in an effort to maintain influence over ex-soldiers who are, in ever-increasing numbers, becoming disgusted with the whole capitalist policy. Large numbers of world war veterans who face hunger and starvation, who see the government swindling them out of their soldiers' bonuses, who see their wives and children wither from the pangs of hunger and die from diseases arising out of enforced starvation, are joining the Unemployed Councils, many are joining the Red unions, are building the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League, many become active members of the Communist Party. All this shows that the returned soldier workers are—like all other workers—becoming radicalized. They are showing more and more determination to fight NOW for winter relief of \$150 for each unemployed worker and \$50 for each

dependent, to fight for unemployment insurance equal to full wages, and for all other class demands which include the demand that ALL war funds be applied to unemployment relief and be administered by the Unemployed Councils. The national demands of the unemployed movement also includes special demands for ex-soldiers.  
It is because of this movement of ex-soldiers toward a CLASS FIGHT against capitalism that the boss-controlled Legion must now come forth with fake criticism of the "system." The Legion pretends to criticize the system only in order to deceive ex-soldiers so they will not fight against the system.  
Whether or not the Legion is opposed to the "present system" can be seen from its long record of strike breaking activities, its jim-crowding of Negro ex-soldiers, its present attempts to drive unemployed workers from the cities into slavery on the plantations. This crisis of capitalism is the worst that has ever happened and exposes in sharp form the whole reactionary crew and forces them to use all their old tricks and to invent new ones to fool the workers.  
All working class ex-soldiers should repudiate the Legion and build up a real fighting organization of world war veterans by joining the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League and by aiding with their special experience the fight to smash this system of slavery and establish a workers' and farmers' government.

### Farm Wages Lowest In Past 15 Years

Farm wages on October 1 were the lowest since 1916, according to the bureau of agricultural economics index. They were 113 percent of the 1910-14 pre-war average on October 1 as compared with 150 on October 1 a year ago which was itself a year of severe crisis. The bureau says that the usual upward seasonal average from January to October has been reversed this year, and the index of wages fell from 129 on January 1, 1931, to 113 on October 1, 1931.  
The supply of farm labor is reported to be 113 per cent of normal and the demand for labor 69 per cent of normal. The decline in wages from a year ago is stated to be general in all classes of farm help.  
SHOWCASE CO. CUTS WAGES  
ST. LOUIS.—Metal polishers employed by the American Fixture and Show Case Co. received a 15 per cent wage cut.

### PAINTERS GET WAGE CUT

DAYTON, Ohio.—Journeyman painters here went on strike against a wage cut.

### Workers of South Must Carry Out Mass Fight Against War Plotters

The secret discussions between President Hoover and Premier Laval of France have ended. A joint statement has been issued which, although it speaks of peace actually convicts both Hoover and Laval of a war conspiracy. According to statements issued in Monday's press, the world crisis and "the trend of international relations bearing upon it" were discussed.

### I.L.D. DEFENDS VICTIM OF ALA. LYNCH JUSTICE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Not even the police around the Jefferson county courthouse believe that Willie Peterson, the tubercular Negro miner and World War veteran, is guilty of the murder of two "society" women of which he is accused. But, like the entire brutal ruling class of the South, they say someone must burn in the electric chair and it might as well be the man they have in jail as "any other nigger."

This frame-up fits into the general terror regime that has for months been carried out against the Negro masses in an effort to crush the growing unity of Negro and whites to resist wage cuts in the mills and mines of the steel trust.

### I. L. D. On The Job.

Willie Peterson and his wife have signed an agreement turning over the legal defense of the case to A. A. Rosenthal, attorney for the International Labor Defense. Mrs. Peterson announced that the leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Birmingham, who contributed money to buy bloodhounds to track down "a nigger," have not contributed one cent to the defense of the victim of this latest act of the lynch gang.  
Peterson ill for Years  
Peterson has been sick for several years, unable to be on his feet for more than twenty minutes at a time. Aside from the complete alibi that Peterson has it is quite evident that one in his condition could never have committed the crime charged and made his escape through underbrush over a long distance.  
Peterson Defense Block Committees are being built all over Birmingham. The committee requests funds be rushed to Fred Jones, Box 81, Woodlawn Station, Birmingham, Ala.

Hoover and Laval, in their secret conferences, were indulging in a game in which the pawns are the lives of millions of workers and farmers of the whole world.  
Capitalism, shattered beyond repair by its greatest crisis, will try to prolong its existence by further pillaging of the colonial countries and by trying to crush by force of arms the Soviet government so that the vast Soviet territory can be divided up amongst the imperialist bandits.

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# Must Fight Hoover --- Laval Imperialist War Plots

## SECRET PLANS DRAWN UP FOR NEW SLAUGHTER

(Continued from Front Page)

The capitalists and their lackeys know that the crisis has tremendously sharpened the class conflict throughout the world. They see a world in which the toiling masses in the capitalist nations face increasing misery, unheard of poverty, mass hunger, starvation, while in the Soviet Union where capitalism has been crushed there is a steady rise in production, a rapid rise in living standards, in industry and on the land, no unemployment and a general raising of the cultural level of the masses. They see the mighty upsurge of revolutionary forces in China, in India, the growing revolts in Indo-China, in Egypt. They see the toiling masses of Germany and Poland, moving toward revolution under the crimson banners of the Communist Parties, sections of the Communist International.

**All Other "Solutions" Failed**

All other attempts of capitalism to overcome its crisis have failed. Every attempt thus far made to conquer the crisis has deepened it. Each new move makes matter worse instead of better. Not even the rise against the colonial masses can bring new life to the rotting carcass of capitalism. There is one "solution" for its crisis that the international imperialist bandits have not yet put into effect, but which they have tried for years to bring about. That is open and armed intervention against the socialist fatherland of all the workers of the world, launched simultaneously from all those countries extending from Finland, through the Baltic states, embracing Poland, Roumania, thence southward and eastward to Manchuria. It is an effort to crush the workers' and peasants' power and again bring that vast territory formerly ruled by the Czars back into the capitalist fold.

The Hoover-Laval conspiracy has as its plan of action to invade the Soviet Union with armed forces and try to carry on a war of extermination of peoples. They know that the existence side by side of two systems—the world of putrid, decaying capitalism, and the world of building socialism—furnishes such a contrast that it is itself one of the most powerful factors in the rising revolutionary war against capitalism. It is the preparation of this dastardly move that compels Hoover and Laval to conceal their motives behind a wall of secrecy. In preparing such a move they also have to consider ways and means of reaching some sort of an agreement, in spite of their conflicts with each other, that will enable the imperialist powers to act in unison to crush and dismember the Soviet Union and to again divide up between themselves the colonial world.

**Lining Up German Fascists**

But while these imperialist conspiracies are going on the revolutionary movement of the world, under the leadership of the Communist International moves forward to more determined challenge to the very existence of capitalism itself. As against all the capitalist proposals to overcome the crisis the Communist Parties of the world put forth the revolutionary solution—the overthrow of the capitalist powers and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Hoover's move to declare a year's moratorium on German war debts was an effort to aid the German fascist regime hold out for a while longer against the rising revolutionary wave. Now Laval and Hoover have, at their secret conference, laid the ground work for sweeping readjustments of German reparations. This concession (?) by the two imperialist powers that have a monopoly of the world's gold supply is a bribe to swing the German capitalist power definitely into the anti-Soviet bloc.

But the final decision on the part Germany will play rests not with Bruening and the figurehead, Hindenberg, but with the working class that is, in ever larger numbers, following the lead of the Communist Party of Germany.

**Demands Action in South**

The Communist Parties of every country will, in varying degrees, depending upon their political influence and organizational power, fight to defeat the capitalist war mongers. The Communist Party of the United States of America is waging a big campaign against the American imperialist butchers.

Here in the South, the masses of workers in the industries, the impoverished farmers, the croppers, the farm laborers, must be mobilized to fight against the war plots. Workers everywhere must be brought to understand that the imperialist war that now threatens to again hurl the flower of working class youth and young manhood into the slaughter has long been prepared. Today we see in the Hoover-Laval secret diplomacy, a major move in the final frantic drive to complete the war preparations. In perfecting the war machine of this country, the South plays an important part with its gigantic steel mills in Birmingham, its smaller mills in Atlanta, in Richmond, its coal industry adjacent to the steel cities, its chain of rayon mills which can be changed instantly into plants producing chemicals for war.

The fierce wage-cutting drive and other attacks being waged against the working class today has a twofold purpose:

- (1) Place greater burdens upon our class to help the capitalists overcome their own economic crisis;
- (2) to disorganize and disintegrate the workers so it will be easier to impose a tyrannical war regime upon us all in the form of conscription for the armed forces and compulsory slavery for rations in the war industries—that is to say, conscription of labor. We must fight to defeat such plans!

**Defeat the War Mongers**

Workers throughout the country must fight relentlessly against the war conspiracies. Down with secret agreements! Smash the wage-cut drive! Strike against wage-cuts! Fight for Unemployed Insurance! Demand that all war funds be used to feed and clothe and shelter the unemployed men, women and children! Fight for winter relief for the unemployed! Demand that the imperialist bandits take their bloody clutches from the throat of China! Hands off India! Immediate and complete freedom for the Colonial masses! Release the prisoners of the white terror and the class war prisoners of the U. S. A! Self determination for the Negro masses of the Black Belt of the South! Defend the Soviet Union! Down with war mongers!

**FASTER WAR PLANES**

WASHINGTON, — The war department is experimenting with planes of a new design, which they hope will prove to be faster than the British bombing planes. As usual, Hoover and Stimson still talk peace, while every ounce of energy is put forth preparing for war.

## UNEMPLOYED IN NEW ORLEANS BUILD COUNCIL

(By Worker Correspondent)

NEW ORLEANS—The Unemployed Council of the city of New Orleans has been quite busy for the last two weeks. Numerous meetings have been held. Unemployed branches are being established everywhere. Hundreds of workers are joining the Unemployed Council and they are in full harmony with our program.

A week ago last Monday the Unemployed Council held a mass meeting at Little Mount Olivet Baptist church, a colored church at 2827 Perdido Street. Over 200 workers were present in the church and many were listening to our speakers from the outside.

Comrades Jefferson, Paillet and Balter addressed the meeting, calling upon the workers, both white and colored, to organize and together fight for immediate unemployment relief, against evictions and for full social and economic and political equality.

A good reception was given the comrades and an organizational meeting was arranged for next Monday.

**Police Raid Meeting**

The bosses, however, found out about our plans and have intimidated and threatened the colored workers not to come to our meetings. The workers did not listen to them and the meeting on October 19 was well attended and a neighborhood Unemployed Branch was formed.

About 35 uniformed policemen, plainclothesmen, and motorcycle cops were present with patrol wagons. They surrounded the place and arrested 26 white and colored workers, searching everyone for arms.

**Joined in Spite of Police**

While the search for arms was going on those present did not get scared in any way, and furthermore, many signed up for the Unemployed Council in the presence of the "law."

Those arrested were brought before night court. Fourteen were tried and fined \$10 with the alternative of 30 days in jail. Twelve demanded affidavits and were taken out on bonds Tuesday, October 20th.

Attorney Dowling, for the International Labor Defense, has made an appeal for a new trial and signed bonds for the release of those convicted.

**Prisoners "Swing Around Circle"**

The International Labor Defense had quite a job on hand to locate Comrades Balter, Paillet, Thibodaux and Jefferson, chairman of the meeting. These four comrades were shifted from jail to jail so as to confuse the I. L. D. and keep them behind the bars as long as possible. But the I. L. D. was on the job continuously and, after 22 hours searching thru-out every jail in town, finally found them and had them released on bonds through professional bondsmen.

The four comrades, instead of being charged with disturbing the peace, were additionally charged with unlawful assembly, which is a criminal charge in this city.

No threats or intimidation will stop the workers from organizing a powerful Unemployed Council to fight for the right to live.

**CHEVROLET TOLEDO PLANT CLOSED**

TOLEDO, Ohio.—The Chevrolet plant here is completely closed. It is announced that new machinery is being installed to turn out the same amount of work with a smaller working crew.

## ROTTEN MILL CONDITIONS IN DANVILLE, VA.

(By Worker Correspondent)

Fellow workmen: Just to let you know what awful conditions we mill workers of Danville have to stand. Old Jimbo Hall won't let us sit down even when we don't have any work to do. We must keep walking up and down the floor until we get some work.

If the least defect goes thru on the cloth Hall has us up in the office and gives us hell. He has all kinds of Tattle Boxes that tells him everything that is said or done. He don't allow us to speak to one another in the mill and makes us keep cleaning up all the time because he is afraid we will say something about the conditions and maybe tell some worker "Slave" to join the Reds.

We work all week for the small pittance of ten dollars or less and have to stay scared to death all the time that we will loose our jobs. When we see Jimbo coming down the alley we just know that we are going to be told to get the hell out that we are fired.

**Many Joining Red Union**

We sometimes have to lay out sick for a day and when we do we are laid off for six days and sometimes fired outright.

Times are so bad we can't stand it much longer. We are all joining the red union and we are going to fight to the last ditch for our rights. We are going to give these mill bosses hell and I don't mean perhaps and it won't be long now, I mean.

This time last year we thought we would be sitting on top of the world by now. We would if we had not been sold out by the damned United Textile Union, A. F. L. fakers. Before the dirty curs left town they threw us on the welfare who in turn did their usual way by throwing us down and let us starve.

All these fakers work together to keep the workers down. Join the National Textile Union. They won't throw us down but fight with us to the last man woman and child. And that is no idle boast.

Hope to have more to write next time.

From a worker in No. 6 Riverside Cotton Mill.

All who have not joined the National Textile Union, Write Box 759, Danville, Va., for more information on this subject.

**SPEED-UP IN NAVY YARDS**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Increased productivity is demanded by the Navy Department of workers in navy yards. With the adoption of a new speed-up plan some 3,000 workers are to be fired out of the yards, but production will be greater than before and wages lower.

## RED CROSS IN VILE PLOT TO ENSLAVE LABOR

(By Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM—Everywhere workers who have jobs are being forced to donate money to the charity grafters who run the Community Chest. Many workers yet understand that they ought to fight for compulsory unemployment insurance—that is make the bosses and the government pay unemployed relief in the form of money for jobless workers. Such relief ought to be administered, not by the charity fakers, the Red Cross and other grafters like the Salvation Army, but by workers' committees elected by the employed and unemployed.

**Red Cross Slave Recruiting**

The Red Cross outfit here is conducting a regular campaign of terror against workers, white and black, appealing for aid. Workers are threatened with jail, threatened with being thrown out of houses and so forth. They are told that they can get work if they want it. Then when they say they cannot get work, they are told they can go to the Mississippi delta and pick cotton for 35 cents a hundred and furnish their own keep.

For refusing to accept such slavery the workers were threatened by the Red Cross with having their "relief" cut off. The "relief" amounts to only 50 cents a week.

**Rich Negroes Help Graft**

In this relief fake a few rich Negro plantation owners also help the Red Cross fight to drive the unemployed out of town. They hang around the Red Cross and when Negro workers refuse to go to the Mississippi delta, they promise to employ the unemployed Negroes at the same rate as the delta by way of "befriending" the Negro workers. Negro workers understand that these buzzards want them to slave for nothing and most of the workers refuse such "aid" with this fake relief. Fight for better relief on the line of the demagogues of the Unemployed Councils, who when Congress opens to expose the whole hypocritical gang of laborers.

**NATION EDITOR PRAISES SOVIET**

Henry Raymond Mussey, managing editor of the Nation, of New York, in an interview with the Moscow News said "The Soviet Union is the only place where one finds people with a definite idea of where they want to go and how to get there. This is in sharp contrast to the United States where Mussey sees only chaos. Being a liberal, Mussey cannot see a liberator, but he can see a class that rules in Soviet Russia and have definite ideas of where they want to go and how to get there."

**England's Irish Butchers Decree Death For Political Opponents**

Dispatches from Dublin, Ireland, reveal the latest acts of tyranny on the part of the Cosgrave government against the rising tide of working class radicalism. So desperate is the position of the Cosgrave government, despised everywhere as the tool of British imperialism, that the governor general (England's special representative) has been advised to appoint a military tribunal to secretly try political opponents and carry out court-martial sentences. He did as requested and the tribunal is working.

Since the passage of the act the police in the past week have discovered in the streets several packages containing arms and ammunition. It is thought that these were only a few of hundreds distributed in the cities and country side for use against the attempts of the government to carry out its decrees. There is grave fear of an outbreak that will start another period of civil war. This time, however, the Communists have some organization, and will be able to fight more effectively than did the guerrilla bands of the "black and tan" days.

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## TAMPA POLICE ANSWER CALLS OF SOCIALIST

(By Worker Correspondent)

TAMPA, Fla.—The I. L. D. had a membership meeting Friday Oct. 16th over two hundred workers attending. Many of the speakers spoke in the Spanish language. While the meeting was in progress the female police running on the yellow social-bait here for mayor, had her hand and four gangsters come to the meeting with the intention of dragging the I. L. D. meeting.

The Jim Nine our section organizer was speaking, the husband of the candidate took a swing at Jim, then the riot started. He hit Jim nearly blow in the back of the head. He only got one punch in and gangsters and De La Grana got Jim's rush down the back stairs out on the street. Naturally, being a yellow socialist, he then called his friends the cops for aid.

It was only a short time ago when La Grana was feeling around Communist headquarters to see if he could get a pie card with the party in Tampa. There were many women at the meeting and I found to say that the women that in the cigar factories are all mild-mannered and don't frighten easy. There were several new members of the International Labor Defense and many copies of the Defender were sold. All the workers were led to a mass meeting at the Lample Monday.

## In Terror in Mississippi Farming Region

extent of the terror imposed on the farmers and workers of the delta is felt in this letter just received by the International Labor Defense from a Negro in Snowton.

Dear friend:

I must a few lines to let you hear what is going down here. We are in worst condition here in Snowton, Mississippi and we don't know what is to happen. We are pleading for you to get up there to do something for the white people was telling us to get the "Reds" that is what cause the killings. Tell the "Reds" to do something for us immediately. We are hungry and nearly starving, the "Reds" isn't doing nothing for us. They are even robbing the mail from Chicago and elsewhere. Let the "Reds" help the South immediately or else we can't live 3 days, they even come in your house and kill you. They kill the babies and children and they even want to buy the newspaper.

"Your truly friends in need, A Farmer

P. S. Please do something immediately, we can't go to bed at night."

## F. of L. Workers Denounce Officials

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Three hundred workers attending a meeting called by the American Federation of Labor Building Trades Council, the municipal auditorium, Sunday, unanimously adopted a resolution condemning and repudiating the actions of the Vancouver convention of the A. F. L. for opposing unemployment insurance.

## Worker Correspondents! Organize to Build the Southern Worker Into A More Powerful Weapon Against Bosses

A considerable portion of the space in our paper is taken up with articles by Worker Correspondents from all over the South. The paper has been in the past a great help to workers trying to organize against wage cuts, rotten working conditions, starvation, discrimination, fighting the fake charities, etc.

But in no place has there been any ORGANIZED work to bring together the worker correspondents into groups. Such groups should be organized and special problems facing the workers of a given industry, a factory, mine or mill, or a given locality should be taken up and discussed and workers selected to write about all angles of the question.

## Organization Will Improve Paper and Develop Better Fighters

The Southern Worker is a Communist paper. That means a paper that not only fights against the capitalists to defeat their imposing mass hunger upon us; that not only fights against wage cuts, discrimination against Negroes, youth, women in the every day struggles; but a paper that aids in preparing the masses of workers and farmers for the fight to destroy the capitalist system through the revolutionary overthrow of the dictatorship of the bosses.

In a number of important centers—Charlotte, Birmingham, Greenville, Chattanooga, Tampa—there are a number of worker correspondents who send in letters that are published in the Southern Worker. These should be organized at once into groups and should work together to improve the paper by COLLECTIVE consideration of the articles; and by selecting certain comrades to prepare articles, especially dealing with conditions in the industries.

Articles should all be short and to the point. Tell in as few words as possible about wages, or about hours, about the stagger system, about accidents to workers in the shop, about the dangers to workers' health, about what workers are saying needs to be done.

If preparations are being made for production of war material—such as are now going on in Birmingham under direction of the Ordnance department of the U. S. Army, write about it so your fellow workers will understand what it means to them.

Many features can be discussed in worker correspondence groups that will not only help the paper by improving its contents, but will help to develop the workers who write so that they can better understand how to fight—so they can become better fighters and develop into leaders in the mighty struggles that are ahead.

**Individual Correspondent Can Build Groups**

In other places there are individual correspondents who are the only ones writing from their localities. Such comrades should try to get other workers to write. They should start small groups and discuss writing for the Southern Worker.

Organize Southern Worker Correspondence groups everywhere!

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## FORCED LABOR IN ARKANSAS COTTON FIELDS

(By Worker Correspondent)

The hunger and suffering of unemployed is, evidently, no longer considered sufficient pressure to induce the unemployed of Arkansas to pick cotton. The past few weeks the police have added to their prestige by arresting many and charging them with vagrancy unless they are willing to pick cotton at 35c a hundred pounds. The edict is: Go to the cotton patch and pick cotton or go to the County Penal Farm and pick cotton. For it is cotton picking time in Arkansas.

Governor Parnell issued a proclamation, Wed. Oct. 7, 1931, in which he urged officials of the various communities to prevent idleness and loafing, for says he: "More than a living can be made by gathering this splendid crop and employment is assured for many weeks. . . ."

Wednesday was an ideal day for a group of sixteen cotton pickers on the Waddelle plantation in Lonoke county but their wages only ranged from 17c to 31c for a full day's work. A man with a family to support received 46c which left a very net margin for his wife and children after deducting his own food.

To again quote Gov. Parnell: "Let us all appreciate our blessings and recognize that nature has smiled upon us. . . ."

The Social Welfare Bureau of Little Rock and North Little Rock has been canvassing those families who are destitute, due to unemployment, and informed them that no one will receive aid this winter who will not pick cotton. So it has come to pass that he who does not pick cotton at starvation wages will starve anyway.

(Signed An Unemployed Cotton Picker.)

## U. S. Pipe Shop Workers Existing on Hunger Wages

(By Worker Correspondent)

CHATTANOOGA — I have read your paper and think it is just what we want here. I am working in the U. S. Pipe shop. Our pay here has been cut three times lately and we are doing more work than ever and not getting but three or four days a week.

I go to the shop every morning and wait two hours and then the boss comes and generally says "no workers today." I only make \$3 a week; I can't pay rent.

The boss will starve us all to death if we don't get together and fight. We need a union here in the U. S. Pipe for we are not making a living. We work ten hours a day for \$2 a day and it sure is hard to live with winter coming on. I don't know what we will come to if we don't get together and fight. I am colored, but the colored man and the white worker must unite and then both of us can get a better living and more pay.

—Colored Worker.

**Civil War Threatening**

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**MORE STEEL MILL CUTS**

WEIRTON, W. Va.—Workers in the steel mills here, already having had their wages cut 40 per cent since the first of the year, face another 10 per cent cut.

## NO. CAROLINA WORKERS JOIN TEXTILE UNION

(By Worker Correspondent)

As a result of the militancy of the Burlington, N. C. mill workers, the Holt, Smith and Love mills have been forced to grant some concessions to the workers. Rent in the company houses has been reduced 10 percent. Notices have been put up in the mills stating: "Although we are obliged to reduce wages 10%, we are at the same time reducing house rent 10%." Also no docking has taken place since the mass meeting of 1500 workers on Sunday, called by the National Textile Workers Union. Workers had previously been docked daily—sometimes their low wages being cut in this way \$3 and \$4 a week.

To protest this, the high rent, and especially the 10% wage cut, the third in 6 months, 1500 workers attended an open air meeting and listened enthusiastically for two hours to speakers from the TUUL and NTWU. They shouted down and ran off the lot, a company petty bossman, a preacher and a booster for the A. F. of L., who attempted to speak. The company bossman was later beaten up by a group of angry workers.

Police who openly stated they had come to arrest the speakers and break up the meeting, did not dare do so. In spite of the presence of the cops and mill deputies, many workers spoke denouncing the wage cut and their other grievances. Many also joined the union.

The millowners were so scared of a strike, that they called over the Danville, Va., chief of police and some Danville cops, who had experience in beating up pickets. They paraded around all day in front of the mills with two machine guns in their cars. Because of lack of organization inside the mills, attempts to call a strike failed. However, the workers are now organizing into the National Textile Workers Union.

With mill committees and locals of the NTWU inside the mills, the workers will be able to force a lot more concessions from the millowners.

## Ala. Land Owner Steals All From A Negro Cropper

(By a Farmer Correspondent)

GEORGIANA, Ala.—On the plantation of Dr. Raft Morer one of the Negro croppers had a cow which the Doctor when asked by this Negro when he was going to settle with him promptly took his cow together with all the crop.

The cropper asked the Doctor to see his books. This had never happened before. "A nigger doubts my word!" and kicked this Negro in the stomach. However his brother living nearby ran to beat off the attack of this lily white lyncher.

- This devout Christian planter gentleman, enraged because he was unable to beat up the negro, took his cow and is now trying to take away a piece of land which this cropper has been paying for for four years, also without an accounting.

We can see by this that the croppers must organize and fight to protect ourselves and not go around like "niggers," but Negroes together with the white croppers and we will smash this system of slavery where the more we do the less we get.

**SENT PAPERS TO LIBRARY**

Comrade Max Labell of Spivak, Colo., informs us that he has sent to the New York Public Library all the copies of the Southern Worker they requested for their files, except Vol. 1, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7. Any reader having these copies to spare should mail them to the New York Public Library, 5th Avenue and 42nd street, New York City, and notify us.



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## Fourteen Years of Soviet Power

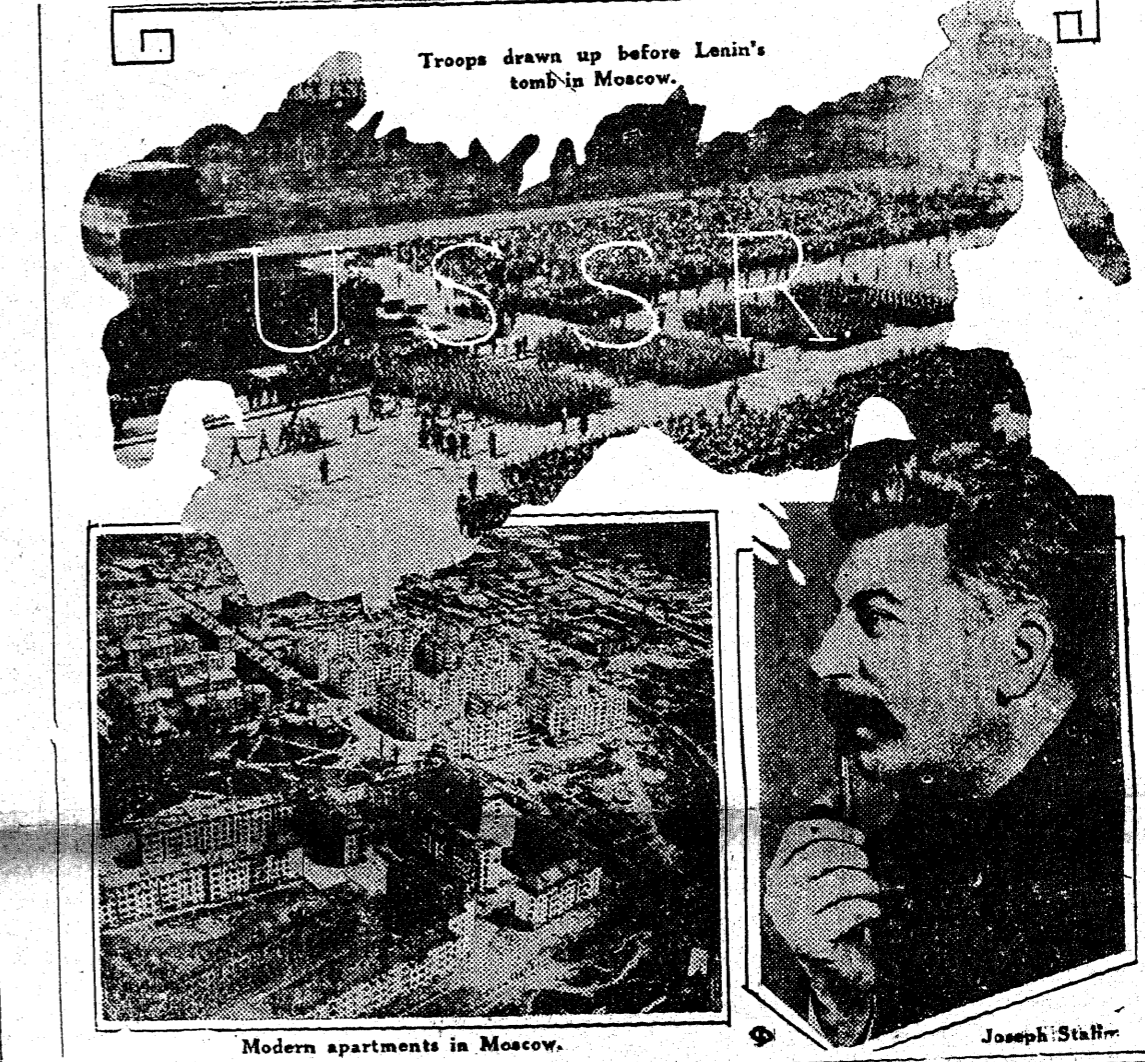
### ORGANIZE FOR NATIONAL HUNGER MARCH ON WASHINGTON.

#### INCREASE IN WAGES IN SOVIET UNION

At a time when wage cuts sweep United States and the coming of a third winter of the crisis dooms countless thousands to death through starvation; at a time when workers employed in industry are unable to obtain wages sufficient to feed and shelter their families, the workers of the Soviet Union receive a wage increase.

The increase comes in the form of a 30 percent increase in the wages of workers in all branches of industry. That means the wages of workers can buy almost one-third more than before. In other words an increase in real wages if nearly one for over an hour and listened to Mrs. Wright, Louis Engdahl, F. Welsh and other speakers of the L. S. N. R. and I. L. D. Many gave their names to be called upon to assist in the Soviet defense.

It is thru such actions that the masses are exposing themselves and learning the lessons that they must inevitably learn. The N. A. A. C. P. leaders again made another blunder in this maneuver.



Modern apartments in Moscow.

#### WINTER RELIEF DEMAND BEFORE U.S. GOVERNMENT

At the same time the charity fakery, under the inspiration of Hoover's committee, are waging "Community Chest" drives, to try to stifle the growing demands of the unemployed millions for winter relief of not less than \$150 for each worker and \$50 for each dependent the unemployed themselves are on the march.

The unemployed, under the leadership of the Unemployed Councils and the Trade Union Unity League, scorn the tricks of the charity fakery. They know that Gifford, like Hoover, is a director of a nation-wide campaign of lying and deception to try to prevent the workers fighting.

The bosses try to make us believe that unemployment is purely a "local" matter. They hope to keep the unemployed divided into separate localities—to keep them quiet while they starve, to see their wives and children and aged dependents die of starvation, unless some charity-monger of the Red Cross, or the Salvation Army, or some faking preacher decides to prolong the starvation a while.

**Nation-Wide Action**

Against the whole fake plan of Hoover's committee there is growing a mighty movement. In every industrial city and in most of the farming and plantation districts there are being organized local hunger marches, county hunger marches and state hunger marches. In many places public hearings on unemployment are being conducted, exposing the mass hunger of workers and farmers, farm laborers and croppers.

All the forces that are now gathering will be consolidated into one great movement, whose representatives by the thousands will concentrate on Washington at the opening of Congress in December. There the CLASS demands for immediate winter relief and for unemployment insurance equivalent to full wages, and the demand for full wages for part time work will be put forward.

**Scottsboro Freedom Demand**

From every part of the country the Hunger Marchers will demand freedom for the eight Scottsboro boys sentenced to die in the electric chair because the ruling class of the South and of the United States in general want to hold the Negro masses in terror so they will not fight against the attempts of the capitalists to impose greater burdens upon all the workers. Through every state in the union will be carried the rallying slogan in defense of the Scottsboro boys that the fight for their freedom is the fight of every worker in this country. The Hunger March will strengthen the fight against lynch terror; whether conducted openly by masked

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#### Other Nations Default, Soviet Union Pays Debt

**NEW YORK CITY.**—Fears of the bankers that the Soviet Union would make a demand for a moratorium on its debts for American industrial machinery which was used as part of the fantastic Five Year Plan have proved unfounded. The Soviet government and both his lungs are infected with tuberculosis and a pus sac enveloped a part of his heart. International Labor Defense is carrying on a campaign, particularly among steel representatives of the Soviet Union on November 1st to meet the payment due, mostly on agricultural machinery.

**Recognition Would Aid Industry**

The Soviet Union purchases tens of millions of dollars worth of goods from the United States, in spite of the fact that the Hoover government tries to put every obstacle in the way of such trade. If the government at Washington would establish relations with the Soviet Union through recognition, the Soviet orders would increase many more tens of millions, thereby giving work to tens of thousands of workers who are now unemployed.

Workers everywhere should fight for recognition by the United States government of the government of the Soviet Union.

#### IOWA BUILDING WORKERS GET CUT

**DES MOINES, Ia.**—More than 1,800 building trades workers saw their wages slashed here.

#### IRON RANGE WAGES SLASHED

**DULUTH, Minn.**—All the mines on the Iron Range, most of them controlled by the United States Steel Corporation, cut wages from 10 to 22 per cent.

#### FREEZING WORKERS SEIZE COAL

**KOKOMO, Ind.**—Hundreds of unemployed workers stormed the coal yard of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., here and carried away fuel to keep from freezing.

#### Red Cross, Police, Charities Drive Unemployed to Slavery

"Stay on the plantations as serfs and starve!" That is the slave decree of the Red Cross to the croppers and tenants in the cotton belt of the South.

The Red Cross in the South is the same as it is everywhere throughout the country—a weapon of the ruling class against the workers and farmers. It is the same as all the other charity mongering organizations. In the Cotton belt the Red Cross is the tool of the planters and merchants. It has announced that it will not give any aid (even the two and a half cent meals of last winter) to any tenants or farm workers who "leave their crop."

**Cannot Eat Cotton**

Cotton is not food; no living animal can eat it. But the plantation owners and the Red Cross expect workers and tenants to eat it for that is all there is on the land in many places.

The Red Cross chapters in the cotton belt gets names of all the tenants from the land owners and uses its "charity" monopoly to maintain the peonage system.

**Police Aid by Arrests**

The police help the plantation owners and the Red Cross by arresting on vagrancy charges (which means the chain gang) the starved masses forced off the plantations. They give the unemployed Negro workers the "choice" of going on the chain gang or slaving from sun-up to sun-down for from 30 to 40 cents a hundred pounds of cotton picked. The average pick per worker per day on the present crop is 200 pounds. Out of this 60 to 80 cents a day a worker must buy his food at the plantation commissaries and the town merchants, where prices are high.

Advances for food and sometimes railfare to the plantation place the worker in "debt" to the planter at first—and he never gets out of debt. Attempts to escape result in arrest for various "crimes" and the chain gang again.

**Negro Press Also Aids**

The Negro press in the cotton belt and throughout the South that serves the interests of the white plantation owners and business men for a few dollars a year plays its part in the enforced slavery. It prints news items advertising the need for cotton pickers and urges Negro unemployed to slave for starvation wages. The majority of the preachers aid the white bosses in the same dirty and deceptive way.

Here the Negro little capitalists—editors, small business men, professors, preachers—are lined up solidly for the white ruling class and try to deliver into slavery the Negro masses.

**Why They Fight Communists**

These Negro lackeys of the white bosses, like their masters, fear one movement that is steadily gaining support from the masses of Negro and white workers in the industries, on the farms and in the ranks of the unemployed. That one thing they dread and fear is the Communist Party—the party of the working class that fights against the whole boss class. These Negro leaders who betray the Negro masses fear the Communists because we expose their

#### Yellow Socialists Exposed in Tampa Meet

(By a Worker Correspondent)

**TAMPA, Fla.**—A mass demonstration was held at the Labor Temple Monday evening, and we had about one thousand workers present, the meeting was called to show the workers the difference between socialism and communism. There was a Negro spoke in the Spanish language and a Negro spoke in English. Both of them got rousing applause. There were three other speakers in the Latin tongue and McDonald told the workers in the English language how Communism was a revolutionary party and the socialists were a party of the bosses.

The workers at Ybor City are of the Latin-American race and as we did not have any Spanish literature we did not sell many papers, our bundle order of the Daily Workers were sold and delivered to the weekly customers, fifty-six Southern Workers were sold.

There were several new members joined the Tobacco Workers' Industrial League.

#### Polish Terror Rages Against Working Class

**WARSAW, Poland.**—For the past week Polish police have been making mass arrests. In three days more than 300 political prisoners were thrown into the fascist jails. Among them were 16 leading Communists. Nine revolutionary organizations in this city have been suppressed and their offices closed.

**Horrible Prison Torture**

In the Polish prisons, under the hangman, Pulsuski, the most frightful tortures are carried on day and night. Helpless prisoners, stripped naked, are tied to the floor while red hot irons scorch their flesh in the tenderest parts of their bodies. Women prisoners are raped by dozens of police, until they sometimes die of mutilation. One of the favorite methods of torture is to unsex prisoners and leave them tied and bleeding on the prison floors.

Workers everywhere should protest against the Polish terror, demonstrate against agents of Pilsudski's Poland.

#### STRIKE DEFEATS WAGE CUT

**POMONA, Cal.**—Strike action by bricklayers on the post office building defeated a wage cut here.

#### Only the Communist Party, the revolutionary party of the working class, has a solution for the present misery, suffering and starvation of the masses of workers and farmers.

Our Party fights against unemployment, against wage cuts, for unemployment insurance, living wages, shorter hours in order to prevent the capitalists placing the burdens of their own crisis upon our backs. The Communist Party in the coming election campaign will fight, as we are fighting now, to organize the masses to beat back the capitalist offensive and to prepare forces that must grow powerful enough to smash the capitalist system itself.

All workers, white and black, should repudiate the capitalist parties and support their own working class Party—the Communist Party.

#### NY Preacher Denies Hearing to Mrs. Wright

**NEW YORK.**—Rev. L. King, pastor of St. Marks M. E. church, 138th St. and St. Nicholas Ave., New York City, obeying the instructions of the leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, refused to grant Mrs. Wright, the mother of Roy and Andy Wright, two of the framed up Scottsboro boys, permission to use the church for a protest mass meeting, and to explain the facts of the frame-up. The Rev. King promised Mrs. Wright and the committee representing the League for Struggle for Negro Rights, under whose auspices the meeting was to be held, the use of the church.

When the committee arrived at the church at the appointed time, they were told by a member of the trustee board that they could not use the church, because the League for Struggle for Negro Rights was supporting the International Labor Defense.

Over 400 Negro and white workers assembled before the church and staged a meeting, where Mrs. Wright and other speakers explained the facts of the case and the militant program of the L. S. N. R. and the I. L. D. The trustee called up the police who came in great haste and tried to drive the workers away. The workers answered the trustee by saying that they were the ones who built the church and would hold the meeting in spite of police terror. The workers continued the meeting in down pouring rain for over an hour and listened to Mrs. Wright, Louis Engdahl, F. Welsh and other speakers of the L. S. N. R. and I. L. D. Many gave their names to be called upon to assist in the Soviet defense.

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#### Fight Against Hunger

Nowhere in the country, or in the whole world, are the effects of the crisis bearing more heavily upon the toiling masses than in the South. Millions of workers, men, women and children, white and Negro, who in periods of so-called prosperity live on the border-line of starvation, are today facing actual mass hunger.

The capitalist owners of industry, the big plantation owners, the government, the church, the Negro professional and business elements who help the white big capitalists, are all united to force the working class to ever lower levels of existence.

The charity fakery, the Community Chest swindlers, the Red Cross spies, the police, the courts are busy day and night trying to drive the unemployed out of the cities and disperse them in the country—scatter the unemployed throughout the cotton belt, isolate them in the Louisiana turpentine camps—where they will be in worse condition than even the worst victims of chattel slavery a century ago.

The bosses and all their agents try to place the burdens of the crisis which they alone are responsible for upon the backs of the workers and poor farmers, white and black. But the growing influence of the Unemployed Councils, the uniting of the workers, employed and unemployed, white and black, men and women, young and old, native-born and foreign-born, threatens to defeat the capitalist plot. The capitalists especially fear the developing fight against unemployment in the cities. That is why they are using terror measures to drive the unemployed into the deepest South, where they will face still worse terror and the most unspeakable slavery. Not merely hundreds, but thousands and tens of thousands will die of starvation and be thrown like dogs into unknown graves, if the bosses succeed in their plans to deport the unemployed into such hell holes.

Life for so-called "free" workers on plantations today is worse than the old slavery. Then the slave was a chattel, a piece of property that represented money. When a chattel slave died the slave-holder had to spend money to replace him. When a wage slave dies, or a worker sentenced to peonage by the Community Chest and Red Cross charity mongers dies, the boss loses not one cent; he only has to apply to the nearest Red Cross stool pigeon who will try to get another peon.

Everywhere in the South we must build up our Unemployed Councils and organize a mass fight against this deportation. We must join our forces with the Unemployed Councils from all the big industrial centers and fight for immediate winter relief in the amount of \$150 for each unemployed worker and \$50 for each dependent. We must fight for unemployment insurance equal to full wages for each unemployed or part time worker; for the seven-hour day without reduction in wages; for the abolition of discrimination and terror against Negro and foreign-born workers.

Only through organized struggle will we be able to defeat the slave conspiracies of the capitalist class.

Don't starve! Don't be deported to the plantations of the cotton belt! Organize and fight!

#### Tammany Roosevelt "Winning" South

The democratic party machine of the state of Arkansas is the latest to line up behind the candidacy of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, for the nomination for the presidency of the United States in the 1932 elections.

Roosevelt has been spending his vacation at Warm Springs, Ga., in the heart of the Lynch-law belt, and regularly receiving visitors representing the official lynch gangs of such places as Birmingham, Ala., Jackson, Miss, and Knoxville, Tenn. He left Warm Springs for Atlanta to strengthen his political fences there and will probably stop at the enlightened municipality of Marietta, whose chief attraction is a tree on the main street, the lower part of which is encased in cement so that it can be preserved as a monument, because it served as a gallows for a lynch mob that hanged Leo Frank, because he was a Jew.

Some republicans seem to think it strange that the "gentleman" politicians of Southern democracy (?) should flock to Roosevelt, the product of Tammany Hall. There is nothing strange about it. If the Vane republican machine of Philadelphia, stinking with vice and corruption, can unite with the national republican outfit, headed by Herbert Hoover, one of the heroes of the Tea-Pot Dome cabinet, then surely Tammany Roosevelt can expect to obtain support from the inhabitants of such cesspools of thievery as the Luke Lea-Horton machine of Tennessee.

The rottenness of the republican and democratic parties, and the equally filthy and rotten role of the boot-licking socialist party grow directly out of decaying capitalism. To try to bolster up its declining system a while longer capitalism has to resort to ever fiercer attacks against the workers. Like all capitalists the politicians of the old parties face the future with fear and uncertainty. They know something must happen to change things, but they don't know exactly what it will be. So they all have a policy of getting everything they can while the getting is good.

To be sure the democrats are trying to make us believe that Roosevelt has broken with Tammany. That is only an election trick that had to be used because of the lid blowing off the Tammany graft in New York.

As far as the working class is concerned Roosevelt is as rotten a strike-breaker as is Herbert Hoover. Tammany police regularly club and shoot workers in the streets of New York; Tammany judges railroad working class leaders to prison; Tammany jailers torture them. Like all capitalist governments, whether republican or democrat, the Tammany outfit exists only to keep the toiling masses in a condition of slavery so that the capitalists can get profits.

#### What is the Soviet Economic System?

By JOSEPH STALIN  
General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union

The Soviet economic system means that:

1. The power of the capitalist class has been overthrown and displaced by working class power.
2. The instruments and means of production, and the land and the factories, etc., have been taken away from the capitalists and made the property of the working class and the peasants.
3. The development of production is not governed by the principle of competition and assurance of capitalist profit, but the principle of systematic control and systematic improvement of the material and cultural conditions of the workers.
4. The distribution of the national income is not in favor of the exploiting classes and their numerous parasitic flunkies, but in the interests of a systematic improvement of the material conditions of the workers and peasants and the enhancement of Socialist production of town and country.
5. The systematic improvement of the material conditions of the workers and the constant rise in the demand and the buying power which has become a permanent source for the expansion of production, which protects the working class from over-production and from unemployment, etc.
6. The working class is ruling the country, it does not toil for the capitalists, but for itself.

which as backward."

As the crisis of the capitalist world continues to deepen these words become ever more ominous. They strike fear into the hearts of the capitalists. No longer is it possible for even the most trained liars of the capitalist press, radio, forum and pulpit to persuade the masses that capitalism is superior to Communism.

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