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Defy the Tampa Injunction!

On the demand of Regensburg & Sons tobacco factory one Alexander Akerman, judge of the United States district court for the Southern district of Florida, issued an injunction endeavoring to outlaw the Tobacco Workers' Industrial Union of Tampa. On the complaint of the labor-hating Regensburg concern the capitalist puppet who sits upon the District bench issues a number of drastic prohibitions against the tobacco workers of Tampa who went on strike in defense of the workers who were imprisoned on November 7th, during the celebration of the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. When once out on strike the workers put forth certain economic demands calculated to remedy the rotten conditions existing in the cigar factories of Tampa.

Continued arrests, police provocations, assaults upon organizers failed to cause the ranks of the strikers to waver. So the United States courts were called to the aid of the bosses. As a part of the capitalist hunger movement, as a part of the official strikebreaking machine, Judge Akerman threatens to jail without trial the tobacco workers unless they refrain:

"From continuing to conduct and maintain the organization known as the 'Tobacco Workers Industrial Union of Tampa' as an organization under the statement of principles advocating or encouraging the belief in the destruction by force of organized government or in the destruction of private property as a means to that end.

"From in any way inciting riotous assemblies of persons in or near the cigar factories of the city of Tampa, or at other places for the purpose of in any way interfering with the free and unobstructed conduct of said cigar factories and more particularly the business of complainant in its factories.

"From inciting or encouraging school children to leave school or to engage in public parades without permission of the school authorities and from interfering with the duly constituted authorities in charge of the Boy Scout Organization, the Girl Scout Organization and the West Tampa Boys' Club, and members of either of said organizations."

The above are three gems from the long list of prohibited acts. The issue twaddle about the "destruction of organized government" is the usual ignorant bleat of capitalist lackeys who try to make it appear that opposition to and struggle against capitalist government implies a fight against all organized government.

Tampa workers, the same as masses of other workers, have learned through experience that the political powers—police, courts, military, executive, the public school system, and their numerous semi-official auxiliaries like Boy Scouts, etc., are their enemies and must be fought.

The injunction against the tobacco workers of Tampa only furnishes added proof of our charge that the government of the United States, and of the state of Florida and of Tampa are capitalist weapons against workers.

There can be but one reply to such an injunction; absolute defiance by increasing the militant mass activity of the strikers; by mobilizing the whole working class population—men, women and children in mighty street demonstrations against the injunction menace. The strikers should show their utter contempt for the miserable flunkey of capitalism, Judge Akerman, by mass picketing of the strike-breaking, scab-herding factories of E. Regensburg & Sons. Workers' Self-Defense Corps should be organized to protect the demonstrations and the picket lines from police attacks. Even the children of the working class should be organized into groups of Pioneers and a relentless campaign carried on to expose and to combat the activities of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the West Tampa Boys' Club. Any working class children who have been deceived into these reactionary outfits should be persuaded to desert them and to join the Pioneers.

Continue the Tampa strike!
Demand freedom for the November 7th victims!
Fight for shorter hours, living wages, unemployed insurance!
Down with the strike-breaking injunction!

Pizitz Starvation Pay for Women Workers

(By a Worker Correspondent)
BIRMINGHAM.—Colored women at Pizitz' store work for \$1 a day and work overtime for nothing almost every day we work. Sometimes we work all day Sunday cleaning up the place and only get 35 cents for supper. This place, the largest department store in Birmingham, pays some of its women only \$4 a week. Out of this they have to pay carfare to and from work. Work is ten hours a day and even more, with slave driving bosses always on hand making us speed up. We must get together and organize to fight for living wages, eight hours a day and against speed-up. If we organize with those out of work (the unemployed) we can beat the bosses.

Birmingham Police Take Negroes' Guns

(By a Worker Correspondent)
BIRMINGHAM.—The law is now going to houses of Negro workers and searching them for guns. They came to a house and said they wanted to look for "moonshine." They knew there was no booze in the place. They looked for a gun. The worker had a shot gun he went hunting with. The law knew he had that gun. So they took it and said "What you doin' with that gun? 'Niggers' ain't no right to have such guns." They arrested the worker, took the gun which he paid \$14 for; fined him a total of \$92, part of which was "costs," and made him go on the chain gang.
One worker hasn't got any show for his rights. Let's all get together and fight against such Jim-Crow things.

Ritchie, Maryland's Lynch Governor, Defends Murderers of Matt Williams

Governor Ritchie of Maryland, one of the democratic candidates for the nomination for president of the United States, was quick to rush to the defense of the boss lynch gang that tortured, hanged, shot and burned Matthew Williams last week.

The lynching of the Negro worker who tried to defend his life against the attacks of his boss, Daniel J. Elliott, a Salisbury box and crate manufacturer, is justified by Governor Ritchie. Wiring from Chicago, where he had gone in the interest of his presidential campaign, Ritchie said: "The crime of this Negro, Williams was a shocking thing, but he should have paid the penalty for it through the established legal machinery."

Thus, the governor of Maryland brands as a "shocking crime" the act of a worker who, already wounded by a bullet fired by his boss, refused to stand still and be shot to death.

Guarantees Legal Lynching

Without hearing a word of evidence, and a thousand miles from the scene, the governor of Maryland declared the worker "should have paid the penalty" for a "shocking crime" "through the established legal machinery."

What of the bourgeois theory that one who is accused of crime is presumed to be innocent until his guilt is proved? Ritchie doesn't take that into consideration when dealing with a worker—any worker, white or black.

All that Ritchie has said amounts to this: That he will guarantee that the legal machinery of the capitalist dictatorship against the working class will do the job of lynching.

Ritchie Backs Bailey

Governor Ritchie says he has confidence in Levin C. Bailey, the Ku Klux lyncher and prosecuting attorney of Wicomico county, in which this latest Maryland lynching occurred. Bailey had already depicted the lynch gang as heroes in the following statement made ten hours after the worker victim had been burned at Salisbury:

"This affair, which is a blot on the community, would never have occurred if it had not been for the interference in the Lee (Orphan) Jones case of an agency in Baltimore known as the International Labor Defense."

"If that man accused of the murder of four people down here in Worcester county had gone on trial in the regular manner, this maybe would not have happened, and if it had the persons responsible for what happened last night would have allowed the law to take its course."

This is not only a defense of lynching. It is a confession on the part of the State's attorney, Bailey, that he knows who the lynchers are. Certainly if he did not know them he would not venture to state that had it not been for the International Labor Defense protecting Orphan Jones from the lynch gang the lynchers would "have allowed the law to take its regular course." Not only are the statements of Bailey an admission that he knows the lynchers; it is an admission that he, himself is an accessory, either before, during or after the fact.

It is this same Bailey—an accomplice and perhaps one of the organizers of the lynch mob that mutilated with knives, shot, hung and burned a working man—in whom Gov. Ritchie publicly proclaims his "confidence."

Bailey, the lynch monster, his hands gory with the blood of Matthew Williams, is a fit subordinate for Ritchie, the lynchers' candidate for president of the United States.

Terror Campaign Goes On

The terror drive against the Negro working class population of the Maryland Eastern seaboard goes on. Negro workers are subject to an unannounced but nevertheless effective curfew or highways after dark they are targets for the first Ku Kluxer or lynch gangster who spots them. Meanwhile Ritchie is in Chicago trying to boost his presidential campaign by trailing around with Michael Igoe, Mayor Cermak and the Cook county Roman Catholic-LaSalle Street - Democratic political machine and mouthing empty platitudes about "personal liberty" and "Jeffersonian principles," when his real principles are those of Andrew Jackson, Van Buren, Buchanan and the rest of the slave holders' presidents as far as his attitude toward Negro and white workers is concerned. His political principles, as applied in practice are those of Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover—strike-breakers, scab-herders, warmongers, assassins of labor—all. In short Ritchie is the representative of that class corruption typical of the remnants of Southern Bourbonism, united with Wall St. imperialism and rapacity—another Josephus Daniels or

MORE TYRANNY AT CAMP HILL

(By a Worker Correspondent)
CAMP HILL, Ala.—What a jest it is to say slavery was abolished when the slave holders rebellion was put down in 1861-65. Before the Civil War slaves were property, therefore they were worth money. Since the Civil War slaves are to be gotten by simply making them work on the land. If there is no work for them they are run off and left to starve. If there is work the landlord whips and beats and even kills any of us who try to run away.

Here in Camp Hill beatings of croppers who try to run away occur quite often.

Lin Minter runs a plantation with 20 plows and has taken all the crops giving his croppers hardly enough to live on. This "good Christian" conducts public whippings of his "niggers" if they try to run away.

Wholesale Stealing

The following are among a few of the croppers who have had their entire crop stolen by the land owners. Besides having the whole crop taken away the corn cribs were nailed up. They are:

Anderson Higgins, with a family of 7; they work for George Harper.
Ernest Oliver, with a family of 8; all of whom work for Harper.
Will Drake and Collen Rowe, also work for Harper and have had their crops stolen by Harper, who prides himself on being a prominent leader in the Universal Christian Church.

Chief Wilson's Thievery

Nat Wilson, who is chief of police, forcibly took from Albert Lewis the sum of \$287, which Lewis received as a government farm bond loan.

W. Hicks, who is a planter and also a mail carrier (the planters handle the mail so the croppers cannot get any mail the landlord doesn't want them to have) stole \$300 which was a government loan from one of his croppers, Bill Drake.

Croppers' Union Is Growing

It is such horrible conditions as these, maintained by lynch violence and terror, that is helping us to organize the Share Croppers' Union in Camp Hill and that will make it possible to organize the union in hundreds of places in the plantation regions in the South.

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(By a Worker Correspondent)
DADE CITY, Fla.—No fruit vegetable sales. No work for ers. If we get meat we will eat each other. Everybody is one another like they are going to turn cannibal.

A. Mitchell Palmer. Must Smash Terror

When Ritchie's pet prosecutors Bailey, and Godfrey Child, who are persecuting Orphan Jones, attacked the International Labor Defense because of the defense of the farm hand, the Baltimore office of the I.L.D. came back, with a definite challenge to the whole lynch gang. The International Labor Defense sent in a telegram to Child:

"Your threats of further violence in your circuit will not prevent the International Labor Defense from protecting workers against legal lynching by you and your courts. Eastern Shore mobs may dictate the orders of your courts but we will still lead the workers in their organized fight against your terrorization."

The vicious lynch gang, gleefully celebrating its bestial murder of Matthew Williams, the courageous Negro worker who dared defend

life against the gunfire of his boss, wage-stealing boss, sent from Salisbury a telegram to Bernard Adams, International Labor Defense attorney, death cells at Kilby prison at Montgomery, Ala.

January 8, 9 and 10 will be "Scottsboro Protest Days" for 200,000 International Labor Defense workers and members of affiliated organizations, according to Louis Engdahl, I. L. D. secretary.

Spivak Workers Aid Paper, Though Sick

Although sick and being treated in a sanatorium the Southern Worker group of workers at Spivak, Colo., never fail to respond to an appeal to keep their paper going. The following letter has just been received from the Southern Worker group of Spivak:

"Dear Comrades—In reply to your appeal for funds we send five dollars collected from nickels and dimes of the sick workers.

"We hope the workers, white and colored, will also send in their last pennies in order that the Southern Worker should be able to carry on the wonderful work against starvation and unemployment and for the final overthrow of the rotten capitalist system."

"Long live the Southern Worker! "Comradely yours, S. W. Group."

Engdahl concluded his remarks with exposing a number of bare-faced lies of the N.A.A.C.P. gang that has tried since the beginning of the case to help the Alabama lynch mob burn the boys in the electric chair on the lying testimony of two white prostitutes who were forced by the police to testify against the boys on the threat that their "profession" would be interfered with.

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PREPARE SCOTTSBORO DEMONSTRATIONS JANUARY 8, 9 and 10

DOAK SNARLING NEW LIES ABOUT HUNGER MARCH

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Hoover's secretary of labor, the strike-breaker Doak, horns in with a new set of lies about the Hunger March that exposed before hundreds of thousands of workers the fraud of Hoover's relief program. In trying to instigate suppression of the great demonstrations that accompanied the Hunger Marchers on their return home from Washington Doak repeated the "secret service" lies to the effect that the march was "virtually wholly of Communist participation." This lie has been exposed a number of times. While the Communists participated in the Hunger March as the most advanced and conscious elements of the working class, the Hunger Marchers embraced tens of thousands who have only recently heard of Communism.

To Defeat Harlan Terror By Strike January 1st

Next Friday, January 1st, the miners in the Kentucky coal fields will go on strike against starvation and terror, under the banner of the National Miners' Union. The fight in the Harlan coal region is a fight for the whole working class. It is a fight against the biggest bosses in the United States—Morgan, Rockefeller, Ford, Mellon—who have imposed mass hunger, disease and death upon the Kentucky coal miners and who try to maintain their starvation rule by waging a campaign of frightfulness against the whole working class population.

PENCIL CONCERN COMES TO TENN. FOR LOW WAGES

The Ozark Pencil company of St. Louis, Mo., has leased a building at Lewisburg and will establish a pencil plant there about January 1st. The company is known as a vicious exploiter of the working class. It has a number of labor struggles in St. Louis, so it is establishing a plant in Tennessee because the bosses tell them that they can establish industries here and have no trouble getting a big supply of cheap "contented" labor.

National Board Appeal

Under the signatures of Frank Borah, national secretary of the National Miners' Union, and Bill Meeks, Kentucky district secretary of the union, a joint appeal has been issued to the working class as follows: Over 20,000 Kentucky miners voted, thru their representatives at the convention of N. M. U., to strike January 1st, 1932 against the worst starvation and the most brutal terror in the history of the coal industry.

Scab Mine Union Officers Aid Cops

CHICAGO, Ill.—The scabby officials of the United Mine Workers of America are professional stool pigeons for the police in Southern Illinois coal fields. It was they who aided the police prepare the indictments of Bill Gebert, district organizer of the Communist Party and other working class leaders on charges of "criminal syndicalism."

Worse Than Slavery In St. Petersburg Fla.

(By a Worker Correspondent)
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Everything here is bad. The tourists that usually come to the big hotels are not here. There is no work at all any place. A few workers slave at unloading cord wood for which they get almost nothing.

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KENTUCKY MINERS FIGHT for ALL WORKER Union Appeal for Aid To Defeat Harlan Terror

(Continued from Page 1) try. Right from the convention hall scores of rank and file organizers, risking their very lives, ragged and almost barefooted, but determined, went hiking over the mountains to organize the strike.

Coal operators have reduced the standard of living of the miners to the point of actual hunger. The majority of the miners receive no money for their hard toil. Men and women are going hungry and in rags. Many are working during the day

and begging food for their family at night. Over 4,000 blacklisted and their dependents are dying for lack of bread. Thousands of children are undernourished and will never grow up into healthy men and women. Most of them will remain maimed for life. Hundreds of these little children are dying of disease, called flux, which is caused by hunger. Pellagra and all sorts of diseases caused by hunger, are widespread among the entire mining population in Kentucky.

Strike Against Starvation and Terror

The miners are not suffering only of hunger. They are subjected to the most vicious and the most brutal terror that ever existed in the country. Criminals with long records of robbery and murder have been imported into the coal fields, armed to the teeth and shielded with badges of the capitalist. Every mining town is an armed camp. The gunmen are the law in these towns. They are raiding miners' shacks, destroying furniture, kidnapping militant miners, "taking them for a ride" and murdering them.

Betrayed by the U. M. W. A. and I. W. W.

The Kentucky miners made several heroic attempts to defeat the starvation and terror. Last Spring they conducted one of the most heroic strikes in the history of the class struggle in this country. They fought courageously with guns in their hands for months they lived in the mountains battling with the gunmen. They were dying in the struggle for the right to live. They actually defeated the gunmen. Then Governor Sampson sent his army to aid the company gunmen in the war against the miners.

Every effort of the armed forces failed to defeat the courageous Kentucky miners. The coal operators needed the help of the U. M. W. A.

Organize the National Miners' Union

The exploited, hungry and prosecuted miners did not surrender. Their fighting spirit was even more aroused. They were looking for a way out of this situation. They found their real unshakable and determined leader in the National Miners' Union. They themselves, organized the N. M. U. They decided that the Union is strong enough to lead them in the struggle against starvation and terror. They organized the District Convention of the Union. The Convention represented practically

Relief Supreme Necessity

The Kentucky miners decided to strike. They are determined to win the strike. They must win the strike if they are to live like human beings and not like slaves. They are ready and determined to meet any measure of the coal operators and their government. They are ready to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, in order to defeat the starvation and terror and to relieve their little ones from the present sufferings.

The Kentucky miners are determined to defeat every obstacle on the way to a victorious strike. But, they cannot without the help of the working class, defeat the present hunger that will increase in the course of the strike. They are hungry even now while they are working. Their children have nothing to eat and nothing to wear. The coal operators will evict them from the company shacks. They will have no place to live in.

The Kentucky miners will do their duty. They will do the actual fighting. But they need food, they need clothing, they need shelter. This must come from the miners in other sections of the industry, from the workers of other industries, from the farmers, from every working class organization and from every sympathizer of the brave and heroic Kentucky miners.

The National Board and the Kentucky District Board of the National Miners' Union appeal to the working class of the United States for support to the striking miners in Kentucky! The victory of the Kentucky miners will be the victory of the entire working class of the United States. The employers are cutting wages in every industry. The government refuses to give relief to the millions of unemployed. The victory of the Kentucky miners will stimulate the development of the struggle against



BOSS THIEVES OF CAMP HILL STEALING ALL

(By a Worker Correspondent) CAMP HILL, Ala.—In carrying on our work here of keeping together the Share Croppers' Union and in getting new members we're finding out all kinds of crimes the bosses commit against us.

We find that Langley, the rural mail carrier, is still robbing the croppers of everything he can. This is the Langley who took \$225 from Ralph Gray, when Ralph was working on his land and offered Ralph \$5 with the statement "this is enough for any nigger." Ralph punched him in the nose for that, so Langley swore to kill him at the first opportunity. This worker was killed during the first attack on the Camp Hill Share Croppers Union meeting. But Langley, mail carrier of route No. 2, is still going around snooping into mail and keeping the rule of the landowners that "niggers" have no right to get mail from any place unless the landowners know all about it and want them to have it.

Otis Marmon, landowner of Waverly, Ala., don't even bother to give his "niggers" one cent. Cleveland Heughley made application for \$280 from the government and Marion kept it all.

Reese Bensen, working for Mrs. W. James, a "good Christian soul," made application for relief, but being unable to write Mrs. James made it out and refused to tell Benson the amount. That is the last he ever heard of his "government relief."

Postmasters, who are republican mostly, tell the Negro croppers they ought to vote republican—but they help the democrats not to let us vote at all. The republican postmasters help the democrats steal from us. They are all alike. We got to raise a big fight to get investigated these stealing from us. Maybe it won't do no good, but we will show up the stealers of our money. Our Croppers Union talks about this many times and if there are more Croppers Unions we might get someone in the government to listen to us. Maybe it would be like they treat the Hunger Marchers, only pay attention when there are lots of us who fight and they have to do something.

wage cuts and for Social Insurance thruout the country. It will help to defeat the starvation program of the capitalist class. Help the Kentucky miners to defeat starvation and terror! Collect funds, food and clothing for the striking Kentucky miners! Follow their example in the struggle against starvation!

Demands on Which Harlan-Bell-Tenn. Strike Call

PINEVILLE, Ky.—The Kentucky coal fields are being flooded with leaflets of the National Miners' Union containing the strike call of the National Miners Union Convention, and the demands of the strike which is set for January 1st. The demands for which the miners will fight are as follows:

1. 50c a ton machine coal, 4 feet and over, and 2c additional for inch on ton below four feet.
2. 65c a ton pick coal, 4 feet and over, and 2c additional for inch on ton below four feet.
3. 25c a yard for wet places.
4. Top day-men, \$4.80, helpers \$4.40, unclassified labor, \$3.60 per day.
5. Machine men 15c per ton....
6. Payment for all dead work to necks, entries and all narrow places.
8. When a miner cannot make his day work because of the company's fault he is to be paid in full shift.
9. When any miner is taken off the face for other work he shall be paid top day-men's wages.
10. Delivery of all supplies into the working cars to be done by company. Cars also to be placed and pulled by the company.
11. Abolition of the system of lugging the coal.
12. Equal turn in the entire mine.
13. Installment of man trip in mines wherever necessary.
14. All miners to be paid in U. S. currency, regular pay days on 15th and 30th of each month, every miner to have the right to trade, where he chooses.
15. After the strike re-employment of all blacklisted miners. No discrimination against any of the strikers and especially not against the Negro miners.
16. Withdrawal of all armed forces from the coal fields and immediate release of all miners in jails for union activities.
17. Enforcement of the 8-hour day.
18. Recognition of the Union check-weighmen in all mines....
19. Recognition of the National Miners Union and a broad mine committee.

We call on all Kentucky miners to strike and win these demands. Urging the miners to "Organize Rank and File Leadership," the leaflet concludes: "The best guarantee to defeat the coal operators, the U.M.W.A. and the I. W. W. and to assure the victory of the strike is to organize rank and file leadership and control over the strike. On the first day of the strike a broad rank and file strike committee shall be elected at a mass meeting in every mine. A broad central rank and file strike committee shall be set up as soon as the strike begins. Every mine must be represented on this central leadership of the strike. The picket committee, the defense committee and the relief committee shall be set up in every mine. The Negroes, the women and the youth must have adequate representation on all the committees. A mass picket line is to be established in every mine on strike. Mass picketing will win the strike!

Build the N. M. U. "The building of the National Miners' Union is of decisive importance. Every miner, striker or unemployed, Negro or white, must be signed up into the N. M. U. Every woman and every girl must be organized into Women's Branches of the N. M. U. Our slogan must be "100 percent organization in every mine!"

Strike on January 1st

Defeat the starvation and the terror of the coal operators! Smash the strikebreaking W. A. and the I. W. W. A rank and file strike committee in every mine! Picket every mine in the state. Build the National Miners' Union. Forward to a victorious strike! [This strike call is issued by the District Convention of the National Miners' Union in Kentucky, information write to National Miners' Union, Box 73, Pineville, Kentucky.]

Left-Over Chicken Bones Given to Santa

(By a Worker Correspondent) DANVILLE, Va.—The Iphany church ladies finally got their chicken bones disposed of by sending them to the Hilltop T. B. Hospital for the patients to eat. What the you know about that? Sick people living off the bones from the poor people's table. While the taxes the poor people pay to keep this hospital up, goes to buy more chicken for the rich people so the patients can have more bones.

If the community chest workers have another big dinner the sick people will be in luck for they then can have a big soup dinner from the bones and crumbs left from the dinner. Let's hope that this happens before Xmas so that the Danville sick can have a big (bone soup) dinner on Xmas day. Won't that be nice? Santa can bring the sick people bones. You know old Santa is so hearted!

Don't you poor people be surprised when the Community Chest people ask you for more money to buy chickens with. The poor and sick have the bones. This big feed given by the Iphany church for the community chest workers and the people of Danville are now in a quandary about just where the money came from to buy the hundred or forty chickens and just how many workers were present to consume these chickens. But the workers welcome to the bones after the dinner was over.

Why should the people give their hard earned money to a fake organization like this? It is only furnishing jobs and salaries for people who do not need them (society people). Workers, they do this in order to make the working class think they are to blame for the hard times. The capitalist class is responsible for the present hard times. Workers, organize and make the rich dish out some of their millions that you made for them. Went down to the Iphany church. There was no body at home. The society ladies ate all the meat. And left the sick and unemployed with the bones.

BOSTON BANKS CRASH BOSTON, Mass.—Nine of the leading banks of this city crashed. More than \$58,700,000 was involved. The biggest was the Federal National Bank of Boston with deposits of more than \$28,000,000.

NEW YORK (CNA)—News from Moscow states that an American Negro, Lovett Fort Whitman, has been appointed professor of mathematics and chemistry to teach children of American engineers and technicians in Russia.

TAMPA WORKERS PREPARING TO RENEW STRIKE

TAMPA.—Preparations are going ahead for a new strike against wage-cuts and against the conditions in the tobacco factories. The workers who struck are to work, but the fight is not over. It has only begun. The job is to strengthen our organization—the Tampa Tobacco Workers' Union, so that we can bring the fight to our terms.

Lockout Followed Strike The strike was launched against removal of readers in the cigar factories and also to demand freedom for the 17 workers in jail as a result of the police raids against the 7th celebrations of thehevik revolution. It was followed by a lock-out of the workers. They tried to break the union by none could go back to work without leaving the union. The ranks are firm. The next act of the bosses was the injunction by the district judge, who is a lackey of the tobacco trust. This so incensed the workers that they declared they would fight the injunction and make a still larger fight. In face of this the bosses gave up their attempt to maintain the lock-out.

Strengthen Union The next job is to strengthen the union by lining up as many workers possible and building machinery of leadership of the struggles. In Tampa factory there must be organized Committees of Action to prepare for a new strike. New lists of demobilized are being drawn up. Workers are being drawn up. Workers are being drawn up. Workers are being drawn up.

Need we remark that the workers and poor farmers in and about Huntsville are still starving, even though the lynch gang did stage their idiotic performance on Court Square?

Ask Charity For Shoes, Get Weeds

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Ala. Morons 'Lynch' The "Depression"

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—Whenever a Southern business man or boss sees anything he doesn't like, the first thing he does is to yell "lynch it." The lynch rule is as much a part of the Southern ruling class as is corn whiskey and fundamentalist preaching. The "depression" has hit the Southern bosses and especially the small store-keepers, so in a number of places they are trying to drive it away by the application of lynch law—their weapon against the working class, white and black.

On Saturday night in this town the assorted half-wits who belong to a thing called the Daily Register Prosperity Club, staged a lynching on Court Square. Instead of a worker for a victim they contented themselves with dressing up a dummy, labeling it "Depression" and then hanging it for a time, after which it was cut down and then burned at the stake. The mayor of the town, one Alex McAllister, issued a proclamation calling upon all the "good citizens" (meaning the lynch gang) to "execute depression."

After the lynching rehearsal the morons decided that henceforth they would not mention the word "depression" since it had been duly and properly lynched in the most approved style of the ruling class.

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Lynchburg Cotton Mill Slaves Get Miserable Wages

Fellow Workers: I want to say a few words on how they treat the workers in the cotton mills here in Lynchburg, Va. The doffers make from nine to twelve dollars each fifty hour week, that is, when they are lucky enough to get to work full time, which very few of them do. The bosses have stool pigeons to watch the workers and if they say a word about any of the conditions, in the mills the worker is fired when he goes back to work. The bosses think that poor people are just made for them to work to death.

Us workers here are getting tired of working for nothing and working like we are some kind of machinery and not human beings. Some of these days soon we are going to revolt and what a revolt it will be. The bosses will be surprised.

The weavers on forty-eight looms are making eight dollars a week, and think they are lucky to make that much. Now anybody knows that a worker that is satisfied to run forty-eight looms for eight dollars a week is crazy, but there is only one weaver here that says that she is satisfied. I think, as all the other workers do, that she is a dam stool pigeon, and gets money on the side from the bosses.

For a three-room house with no bath or heat or lights, we workers have to pay one hundred and forty-three dollars a year for rent. How the hell can a poor worker live and pay such rent and food and clothing as high as they are?

People working for the city of Lynchburg get 15 cents an hour for their work. These workers are the unemployed and must work for this or starve, as the welfare will refuse to help them if they refuse to work for this wage.

Workers, employed and unemployed, join the Union. For information, write P. O. Box 759, Danville, Va. —Written by a Mill Worker of Lynchburg, Va.

Hoover's Hunger "Relief" But \$7.89

On the basis of the total amount of money collected by the Hoover, Gifford, Young relief swindle, each unemployed worker would get \$7.89. That is, provided the money were divided equally and the charity managers of the Red Cross, the Community Chests, the Salvation Army and others did not get anything at all for "administrative expenses."

The total amount collected is announced at \$94,500,000. Divided among the 12,000,000 jobless this amounts to approximately \$7.89. No provision whatever for the dependents of the unemployed.

Against this fraud the Unemployed Council must struggle. This starvation confidence trick of Hoover and his millionaire committee must meet with the furious protests of the whole working class. The fight for immediate winter relief of not less than \$150 for each unemployed worker and \$50 for each dependent; of full wages for all unemployed and part time workers must increase a thousand-fold. Forward to the nationwide unemployment demonstrations on February 4th!

DRIVERS INCREASE WAGES

CHICAGO. — A threat to strike brought a \$1 a week increase for members of the Laundry and Dye House Drivers' Union.

Charlotte Jobless Defy Police Thugs

(By a Worker Correspondent) CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Four hundred workers demonstrated at the Charlotte city hall in protest of the Hoover Hunger Verdict to the Hunger Marchers and demanded immediate cash relief from the local city government.

The police of Charlotte, represented by the personal appearance of Littlejohn, head of the department, with two more thugs, invaded the headquarters of the Unemployed Council a few hours preceding the demonstration and threatened to break up the demonstration unless the place was changed. Despite the threats the meeting went on and for 20 minutes the workers protected the speaker until finally about 100 police dispersed the crowd.

The fine militancy of the workers present prevented the police from getting too "tough." A large number of Pioneers had a parade with tin cans and a harp as music, bearing banners carrying slogans of the Unemployed Council. The kids booed the police and many older workers joined in.

The unemployed of Charlotte are heartened by the resistance they put up against the police and are intensifying their fight to force relief from the Charlotte bosses. Next time there will be thousands at the City Hall.

Demands Graft to Cash Mill Checks

(By a Worker Correspondent) KANNAPOLIS, N. C.—As I go about my daily duties in the largest towel plant in the world this morning, with a ten per cent wage cut, I feel that, as a poor working man, it is my duty to expose the boss thieves. Besides paying us starvation wages and then cutting them still more, there is another outrage I must talk about. That is a check cashing graft carried on by a Christian gentleman named B. W. Durham, on South Main street.

When we get our checks we have to get money right away. We can't get them cashed at the banks because they are closed. So this grafter sends cards all around the mill telling us his dump will be open from 7:30 in the morning until 9 at night and on Thursday Friday and Saturday we can get our mill checks cashed there "for a small charge of 5 cents each up to \$15 and 10 cents each over \$15." Can you beat that. Yet so bad do we need money that this capitalist gent gets lots of money from us. —A Worker.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—The worker who writes should get in touch with the National Textile Workers Union and, with their help and advice, start building a union in the mill to fight against wage cuts, against long hours

MISTAKEN FOR REDS; HITCHHIKERS BEATEN

(By a Worker Correspondent) TAMPA.—The police here are going wild. Everyone they see that doesn't look like a plute or that they don't know is accused of being a Red. The workers have given them such a hot time that they see red everywhere. They were busy looking for Frank Burns, whom they considered one of the Red leaders. They didn't know him, but they had what they thought was Burns' description. Two strange young men landed in town. So the cops pounced upon them, accused them of being Reds. They denied it and both of them got a beating—one of them severely.

The cops finally learned they were two students who had hitch-hiked down from New York and who knew nothing about Reds except what they read in the press about the unemployed demonstrations and garment strikes in Gotham.

The joke was on the cops—but the hitch-hikers didn't feel like laughing.

GREATER FASCIST TERROR ROME, Italy.—Mussolini, fearful of the growing mass struggles against hunger has ordered fiercer terror against all workers. In some places fascist forces are deserting and joining workers in their struggles.

YOU CAN'T BE FREE UNLESS I AM ALSO FREE



TROLLEY WAGE CUT E. ST. LOUIS.—The suburban railway announces a 10 per cent cut beginning January 1st.

and to demand, among other things, that wages be paid in cash instead of by checks. That will put a stop to Mr. B (ull) W. Durham's little graft. It is necessary to expose such rotten stunts and the SOUTHERN WORKER will always help in such exposure, but we must also organize and fight on the basis of demands that will stop such things and improve the conditions of the workers.

SMASH COAL OPERATORS' TERROR IN HARLAN, KY.

Harlan Miners' Defense and Families' Aid Fund 34 miners charged with murder 100 charged with "banding and confederating" and "criminal syndicalism"

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Strike Against Rail Pay Cut

On top of the already reduced wages of the railroad workers as a result of short-time work comes the threat of a slashing attack against the pay of all railroad workers. The Atlanta Constitution, in screaming headlines, announces that the railway executives intend to invoke the railway labor act to obtain a 15 per cent wage cut.

The Central of Georgia has already cut the pay of its workers. Other Southern roads are already cutting wages. Now comes the general attack on wages which will affect every railroad worker in the United States.

Following their treacherous policy of acting as agents of the bosses, the Brotherhood and American Federation of Labor union leaders are actively aiding in the pay-cutting drive.

So sure are the railroad bosses of being able, with the aid of the United States government and the labor fakers to put over the pay cut, that railroad shares have already gone up on the stock market. The stock market sees greater profits as a result of the further impoverishment of the railroad workers.

There can be but one reply to this pay cut drive—the organization of and putting into effect at the earliest possible moment of a strike movement against wage cutting. The railroad workers should rally to the standard of the National Railroad Workers' Industrial League, supported by the Trade Union Unity League and immediately begin to set up organizational machinery to smash the wage cutting offensive. In all round houses, on all divisions, on all sections, the railroad workers should set up Committees of Action to prepare for the strike.

Such a strike can be won. The capitalist bosses can be forced to give up their attempt to further cut the wages of the railroad workers. The capitalist class of this country is in such a fix because of economic crisis that it cannot long withstand a general strike of railroad workers. Such a strike may easily signalize the turning of the tide of struggle against the whole offensive of the boss class.

Every class conscious worker should in every way possible aid the railroad workers in preparing for resistance to the pay cuts. Here in the South the white and Negro workers on the railroads must unite and set up Action Committees, embracing all the organized and unorganized, employed and unemployed railroad workers.

- Build a United Fighting Front against wage cuts!
- Build the National Railroad Workers' Industrial League!
- Down with the arbitration swindle!
- Organize for strike action!
- Defeat the wage cuts!
- Fight for the Six-Hour Day with no reductions in pay!
- Demand Unemployment Insurance and Winter Relief!

The Lies of Chattanooga Politicians

The two underworld trials arising out of the killing of two Chattanooga policemen are ended. For the biggest part of a week there was a courtroom parade of policemen, informers, bootleggers, dope peddlers, prostitutes—the white and black riff-raff of a decaying capitalism. These were the cases that three of the eminences of the political cess-pool of Chattanooga—Mayor Bass, Judge Fleming and Sheriff Taylor—tried to use to fan the flames of a race riot. It was this social scum that these three office-holders, these ornaments of the lynch law, tried to connect up with the Communists of Chattanooga.

Certainly if there ever had been the most remote contact between any of these elements and the Reds, the prosecutor and the police would have made the most of it at the trials. But not even the trained frame-up artists who specialize on Red-baiting could invent anything that even as much as brought out any reference to labor struggles at those two trials. The only way the underworld ever hears about Communism is when the bosses, the so-called "best people," mobilize them against working class activity in strikes and demonstrations.

The workers of Chattanooga have a right to ask whether Sheriff Taylor, Judge Fleming and Mayor Bass will retract their dirty lies against the Party of the working class, the Communist Party. People who made such public statements as they did against the Communists naturally might have been expected to play a prominent part in the trials and to have presented their "evidence." Yet none of the three appeared to back up their lies in the capitalist press. Neither did the lying reptile press, the Chattanooga Times or the Chattanooga News, retract the lies they carried against us.

We do not expect them to. It is sufficient for us that all workers who can think know they are liars. They, themselves, proved it out of their own mouths.

20 YEARS FOR DEFENSE

GREENWOOD, Miss. — William Mell, Negro farm laborer, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the "crime" of defending his life against a plantation manager, R. W. Holley, who was wounded by the worker.

SOCIALISTS' GRAFT FIRST

MILWAUKEE, Wis. —The county board of supervisors, with the aid of "socialist" members has cut the unemployed budget more than one-third so they can continue to get their own graft.

WOMEN REPLACE MEN

DETROIT. — The Turnstedt company here is firing men and hiring women at much lower pay. Agitation is on among the women for equal pay for equal work.

SOCIALIST JAILS WORKERS

EVANSVILLE, Ind. —William A. Polz, a socialist justice of the peace here is jailing unemployed workers who fight against evictions.

New Stage in War Against China and the Soviet Union

Chiang Kai Shek, since 1917 the head of the Nanking government, is out. He was supported in his role as butcher of the Chinese masses by the Wall street government at Washington. In his campaigns of mass murder to try to behead the Chinese revolution and in all his vile provocations against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, he had the backing of the United States government.

Revolution Surges On
In spite of matchless terror against the masses, the revolution moved onward. The Soviet movement in China is threatening to revolutionize the whole colonial world. Against the mass butchery the Red Army grew daily stronger and on the field of battle in Kiangsi province smashed back the armed mercenaries of Chiang Kai Shek, the agent of American imperialism. The Red Army consolidated the Soviet bases in Hunan and Hubei provinces and even delivered smashing blows against the counter-revolution in the Province of Hunan.

Imperialist Intervention
At the same time in the cities the strike movement was growing rapidly.

The imperialist butchers of the whole world realized that the Soviet movement threatened to drive them out of China. They feared the vast territory and population of China would, like the Soviet Union in the realm of the former czars of Russia, be taken out of the sphere of capitalist plunder. To try to prevent that outcome and to establish a base for armed intervention against the Soviet Union Japanese imperialism, with the full approval of England, France and the League of Nations, and with the approval of the United States imperialism, launched the armed attack on Manchuria.

Aroused Mass Fury
This act of imperialist intervention spurred the revolutionary forces of China to greater resistance. The Communist Party of China, vanguard of the revolutionary forces, carried on a relentless campaign against intervention and succeeded in impelling to action vast strata of the population that had been passive. The hypocritical pretense of Chiang Kai Shek to oppose Japanese intervention while violently suppressing anti-Japanese demonstrations, unmasked the monster before ever broader masses. The rapid extension of the anti-imperialist front brought tens of thousands of students into action against the Nanking government and was the final wave that swept Chiang Kai Shek from office.

Canton Butchers Enter
The Canton "wing" of the Kuomintang, which had set up a government of its own and had been carrying out massacres of workers and peasants, with the aid of British troops, is installed in the leadership of the Nanking government at the moment. This clique which is pro-British and pro-Japanese, and has among its leaders such adroit tricksters and professional murderers as Eugene Chen, Chang Fak-Wei and Wang Chin-Wei, hypocritically pretended in words to be in favor of a "more aggressive policy" against Japan. Less than 48 hours after assuming office in the "united" government, it unmasked itself by firing volleys into the ranks of students at Nanking, who were engaged in a demonstration against Japanese intervention.

Increases War Danger
The tremendous revolutionary upsurge of the Chinese masses is extending to every part of China and beyond into French Indo-China, is

arousing hopes among the masses of the Philippine Islands, is stimulating the revolutionary movement in Indo-Egypt, and all the colonial world. In the face of this threat to every imperialist power the American, French, Japanese and British governments are desperately driving forward with their plots to try to crush the Chinese revolution. Their aim is to smash the Chinese Soviets and Red Army, to butcher the revolution, in short, to defeat the enemy in the rear, so that they can carry out their war conspiracies against the fatherland of the workers of all the world, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

No one should make the mistake of imagining that intervention against the Soviet Union will be held up pending the outcome of the war in China. On the contrary, the desperate plight in which the imperialist powers find themselves in the colonial world and facing ever greater difficulties as a result of the continued deepening of the economic crisis, a war of intervention against the Soviet Union is an immediate objective of the imperialist ruling classes.

Hunger Drive at Home
The war of intervention against the Chinese revolution, the plot to lay a base in Manchuria for intervention against the Soviet Union, is one of the means whereby capitalism hopes to overcome its crisis. The anti-Soviet campaign, the increased terror against the colonies is being carried forward for the same reason that the frightful campaigns of wage-cutting, speed-up, and the hunger regime imposed upon millions of

employed and unemployed, is carried on against the workers and farmers at home; it is a part of the capitalist drive that attempts to place the burden of the crisis upon the toiling masses of the world. The Hoover government spends billions for war purposes but not one cent for the victims of its hunger regime at home. The fight against the imperialist war-mongers is the fight in behalf of the oppressed of the whole world. As the threat of a world war that will hurl countless millions into the imperialist slaughter house grows ever more menacing the workers and farmers of the United States must carry on the most determined and relentless struggle against the most powerful imperialist ruling class in the world—the Wall Street bandit gang and its government.

Demand the immediate withdrawal of all American warships and all troops from Chinese waters and soil. Stop the war against the Chinese masses!
Hands off revolutionary China! Defend the Soviet Union!
Organize and strike against wage cuts!

Down with Japanese imperialism! Extend revolutionary fraternal greetings to the Chinese and Japanese workers who are fighting against the imperialist bandits.
Smash American imperialism!
Join the Communist Party of the United States, a section of the Communist International—the leader of the growing forces of world revolution!

Build Party To Lead Growing Struggle In Carolinas and Va

By DAVE DORAN
It is no accident that the Communist Party of District 16, comprising the Carolinas and Virginia, announces today that it has set itself a quota of 200 new members to be obtained by February 4th. The period between December 15th to February 4th comes during the third winter of hunger in the United States. The announcement by the Party of the recruiting campaign comes at the same time as the announcements by the textile bosses of huge layoffs and curtailment in most of the textile mills.

It is clear that the bosses use the great amount of unemployed textile workers as a weapon to batter down the wages of those left on the job. The ranks of the unemployed will swell. Hunger will roam freely in the shops among the workers as well as among the jobless in the streets.

The farmers and share croppers have had their crops torn from them and, even though they starve right now, plans are being hurled in their faces that are calculated to force them off their land by restricting the acreage next year. The big landowners are gobbling up their lands as well as their crops. Death and hunger walk hand in hand through the cotton and tobacco fields and pounce upon the poor farm toilers. The wave of terror now furiously raging against the Negro workers is aimed against the entire working class in order to paralyze their struggle.

Our Party has tremendous tasks to face. The continued demands upon the Charities arising from the greater needs of the workers fully exposes the Charities as a boss agency. The American Federation of Labor has discredited itself before the

eyes of the workers by its opposition to Unemployment Insurance and betrayals of the workers' struggle. The eyes of the working class of the South are turning to the Communist Party. Thus the drive for more members comes at a time when the workers are beginning to follow revolutionary leadership and are organizing in revolutionary organizations.

The Communist Party needs strong working class fighters in the South. New working class blood must be drawn into our ranks and trained for leadership in the struggles of the workers for better conditions against the bosses.

The Communist Party as the only organization really leading in the fight against wage cuts, unemployment, starvation, lynchings and war must be rooted in every factory, in every farm area, must become the real leader of the workers in every field, constantly fighting for the most immediate demands of the workers for full equality for the Negro workers, for unemployment insurance for all workers, against bosses' wars.

Under the existing conditions, the quota set for District 16 of 200 new members can be realized easily. The members are as follows:
Charlotte—100 members, 40 of whom are white; 60 Negro; 20 of whom are women.
Danville, Va.—75 members: 50 white, 25 Negro, 30 to be women.
Greenville, S. C.—25 members: 15 white, 15 Negro, 10 of whom are women.

The slogan for the drive will be "Fulfill our quota and even more. No more fitting answer can be given the bosses by the workers."

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Must Aid Kentucky Miners Win Strike

HUNGER MARCHERS PUSH DRIVE FOR JOBLESS WINTER RELIEF

4 DAY OF DEMONSTRATION FOR UNEMPLOYED

NEW YORK.—The announcement of the 15 per cent wage cut on the railroads of the nation were made at the request of the railroad union labor leaders. It was part of the plot on the part of the railroad management and their tools, the heads of the Brotherhoods and American Federation of Labor Unions, according to a Washington dispatch in the New York Sun.

Story Later Suppressed
The "labor leaders" urged the announcement of the 15 per cent reduction so they could force the 1,500,000 railway workers to accept the 10 per cent reduction that was demanded by the bosses.

The headline of the New York Sun reads: "President of the B. & O. says notice of 15 per cent wage reduction was asked by labor chiefs." Daniel Willard, president of the B. & O. was in Washington conferring with the government and labor leaders about the best methods to be used in breaking any strike that may develop on the railroads.

Strike Against Betrayal
Railroad workers must organize rank and file machinery and fight against the railroad labor fakers, the railroad officials and the government plot to further cut down wages. Rank and file machinery for carrying on a strike must be put in motion and the wage cutting campaign stopped by determined action of all the railroad workers.

Victims of Tampa Red Raids Sue for \$12,000 Damages

TAMPA, Fla.—Two suits for a total of \$12,000 against Sheriff Joughin were filed in circuit court by Yorkina Romero, 16 and her brother, Vespar Romero, for false arrest and imprisonment in connection with the November 7 demonstration at which 17 others were arrested.

The minors, pupils at George Washington junior high school, are suing for \$6,000 each.
Thomas Palmer, associated with E. L. Bryan in represented the girl and boy, said they were arrested by Joughin's men and held in the county jail from Saturday night until the next Monday, and that after being turned over to the juvenile court they were released because there were no charges against them.

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Rush Final Preparations in Harlan Bell-Tennessee to Smash the Terror

MINERS FLOCK INTO UNION ON EVE OF STRIKE

PINEVILLE, Ky.—With the day set for the strike call only 72 hours away, reports are coming in from all over the field of the rapid growth of the National Miners' Union.

As the hour for decisive strike action against mass starvation and terror approaches it is estimated that not less than 80 per cent of the 18,000 miners will flock into the National Miners' Union on the part of Japan against the Soviet Union.

Organize Striking Mine
A local of the National Miners' Union has been established at Cumberland Bend Mine, Gatlin, Ky., where the men have been on strike for three weeks against an attempted wage cut from \$2.50 to \$1.50 a day for labor. The men went on strike without any leadership except their own and requested to be organized into the N.M.U.

Fight Yellow Dog
At some mines the bosses have attempted to get the men to sign yellow dog contracts in an effort to prevent their mine being involved in the strike, but at a number of such places the men have been organized 100 percent. All sorts of intimidation is used to try to stop the rapid building of organization machinery to carry on the strike, but the men are going right ahead and are determined to smash the terror and establish decent working and living conditions.

The coal operators are still carrying on the campaign of evictions and are trying to drive active union organizers from the coal fields, but those evicted simply move in with other miners who do not live in company houses and carry on the work.

It is expected that with the start of the strike there will be attempts at wholesale evictions, but a mass fight, mobilizing men, women and children, will be carried on to resist evictions.

The women are demanding to be organized and the Women's Auxiliary of the National Miners' Union is growing rapidly and will play a big part in the conflict.

New relief kitchens are being set up in various parts of the fields and the relief machinery being rapidly completed for local distribution, but workers outside the strike zone must see to it that an ample supply of food and clothing and medical provisions are sent in to take care of the miners who are fighting for the whole working class.

HATCH MURDER PLOT FOR WAR AGAINST USSR

A plot to murder the Japanese ambassador to the Soviet Union has just been exposed and defeated by the government political administration. A member of a foreign diplomatic corps approached a worker in the Commissariat of Transport to plot the assassination of Ambassador Hirota of Japan. If that could have been done, the workers would have been on the part of Japan against the Soviet Union.

According to International News Service reports the name of the member of the diplomatic corps and the country he represented was not given out. The Soviet government will deal with the situation and by not making public the name of the plotter or the imperialist power that backed him it again proves before the world its desire for peace and its refusal to be provoked into a war.

Diplomatic Provocateurs
This is not the first time foreign diplomats have tried to injure the Soviet Union and to wreck the Five Year Plan of Socialist Construction. The trials of a year ago in Moscow proved that the French and British agents were engaged in wrecking and sabotage activities and even financing food poisoners inside the Soviet Union.

It is certain that such a plot is approved by all the imperialist powers, especially by the government of the United States, whose president, Hoover, has declared that the ambition of his life is to "crush the Soviet Union" in the interest of the Wall Street bandit gang.

Fight War Danger
The assassination plot is exposed today; others are already under way at this moment. The immediate program of the imperialist powers is war against the Soviet Union. The base for one of its sectors is being laid through Japanese intervention in Manchuria and its attempt to destroy the mighty Soviet movement in China. Other sectors are being strengthened in Finland, Poland, Rumania, in Afghanistan—in fact in every country adjoining the Soviet Union. War is right now being carried on in China and against other parts of the colonial world.

These wars and war conspiracies must be stopped by the mass power of the workers. Everywhere in this country we must carry on mighty agitation against war, arrange big

INTERNATION'L WORKERS' AID ISSUES APPEAL

NEW YORK.—The International Workers' Aid, the world-wide relief organization for helping the working class and all the oppressed peoples in strikes, lock-outs, and disasters by sending in financial aid, food, clothing, medical aid, establishing kitchens, etc., has issued a call for support of the Kentucky miners who are awaiting zero hour to respond to the

Against Terror and Hunger
The call to action of the International Workers' Aid follows:
On January 1st 18,000 Kentucky miners will be called on strike under the leadership of the National Miners' Union. They will strike against the terror and starvation decreed by the mightiest powers of American capitalism—the Rockefeller, Insull and Ford interest who own the Kentucky coal fields, lock, stock and barrel.

Never in the history of American strike struggles has the blood-soaked profit-mad system of boss rule been so directly challenged. The bosses are well aware of this. The campaign of beating, kidnapping, blacklisting and murder of militant miners is a deliberate and systematic attempt to

protest demonstrations. But most important of all, the workers in industry must organize and fight against the war preparations going on in industry. Wage cuts, speed-up, spying against labor activity, the increasing victimization of militant workers—these are part of the preparations for war as well as being one of the principal methods used by capitalism to try to overcome its crisis at the expense of the working class.

While millions of workers are starving in this country the government at Washington spends billions for war preparations. We must insist that this enormous amount of money be spent for unemployment relief and not for war purposes.
The Soviet Union is pursuing a policy of peace. It is building up its socialist system of production, while the capitalist world is sinking ever lower. The defenders of decayed capitalism want to crush the Soviet Union so that they can rob that rich land as they have robbed the capitalist lands. Against that plot the workers and farmers must fight in defense of the Soviet Union, the fatherland of the workers of the whole world.

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