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The Murder of Harry Simms a Challenge to the Working Class

Harry Simms, 19-year-old leader and member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League is dead—shot down in cold blood by a professional killer, Arlin Miller, a Brush Creek mine guard, deputized by the sheriff of Knox county, Kentucky, and paid by the coal operators. The hired gun thugs of the mine owners, their hands dripping with the blood of the working class, have added to their long list of murders a gallant and fearless leader of the revolutionary youth of the United States.

Harry Simms, although only 19 years of age, had already in his young life set an example of devotion to his class that can well be emulated by every young worker, as well as every adult worker. The past few years of his short life were exclusively devoted to the revolutionary movement. When the Kentucky strike was being prepared, Harry Simms, district organizer of District No. 17, of the Young Communist League (with headquarters in Birmingham, Ala., where because of the terror, he used the name "Harris Gilbert") asked to be permitted to devote his whole time to aiding in the Kentucky struggle. Realizing fully the necessity of doing everything possible to defeat the starvation and terror program of the mine owners, this valiant young leader of the Young Communist League never for an instant, considered the personal risk he was taking.

Throughout his activity in the strike until a bullet fired by a gun thug, one of the very scum of the earth, laid him low, Harry Simms was always to be found, as a true Communist, doing the most difficult work, facing the enemy where the danger was greatest, taking care of the smallest details as well as meeting the heaviest responsibilities. His work gained him the respect and admiration of thousands of young and adult workers. But his ability and courage as a fighter and leader earned him the undying hatred of the mine owners and their thugs and they determined to get rid of him.

The death of Harry Simms is a heavy loss to and blow against the entire working class of the United States, by depriving us of the services of one who had gone a long way in his short life toward becoming one of the best of revolutionary leaders.

Under the most difficult conditions he had worked in the South. In Birmingham he had taken a leading part in the development of the Scottsboro campaign, in helping in the leadership of the movement in Camp Hill, in tirelessly agitating, educating and organizing among the workers exploited by the steel trust, in organizing and fighting against the Hoover hunger program. It was he who first brought to the attention of the working class the shameful frame-up against Willie Peterson. He devoted much of his time to the study of the special problems of the exploited masses of the South, particularly the intensified lynch terror that takes alternately the form of mob violence and concealed lynching under the cloak of legality as in the Scottsboro case.

As a Communist and as a national leader of the Young Communist League, our dead comrade always tried to show the working class, and especially the working youth, how the boss class that enforces starvation and terror upon us here is also trying to extend its tyranny to other parts of the world, as it is doing at this moment in the Far East. He fully realized that the greatest effort must be made to establish Communist groups in the basic industries, especially the potential war industries of the South. He showed how the capitalists who are trying to overcome their crisis by wage-cuts, by mass starvation, are also working day and night in plots to provoke war against the Soviet Union, the fatherland of the workers of the whole world.

When he threw himself into the miners' struggle in Kentucky and Tennessee, Harry Simms, as a leader of the Young Communist League, showed how the fight of the miners is against the same vulture forces that are preparing a war of intervention against the Soviet Union, the same bandit gang that is aiding in the ravaging of China. He exposed the part played by the government of Kentucky, Tennessee and the United States, as instruments used by the capitalist class to keep the working class in slavery. He fought for unemployment insurance and popularized the demand that all war funds be used to pay insurance for the unemployed. He always tried to expose the real part played by the strike breaking government, which deputizes gun thugs who are paid by the mine owners, which crushes free speech, free press, free assemblage and even murders workers who try to exercise these "rights" which the constitution itself upholds in words. He taught the Kentucky miners, who suffer from all sorts of illusions about "the law" that the capitalist state power was never used in the interest of the workers but always in the interest of the bosses. Nowhere was there a more staunch and uncompromising fighter against Jim-crowism, segregation and for full rights for the Negro masses, nowhere was there a better fighter for unity of action of white and Negro workers, than Comrade Simms.

Finally as a true Communist, Harry Simms, our comrade martyred by a gun thug's bullet, always taught the workers what every Communist must know when he enters our Revolutionary ranks—that the one final solution for the murderous system of capitalism is the organization of a powerful CLASS PARTY, a Communist Party, against the whole capitalist class and its state power, that can lead the masses in the revolutionary struggle to crush the dictatorship of capitalism and establish in its place a dictatorship of the working class—a government that exists for the benefit of the workers and farmers.

It was because of these activities of Harry Simms that the gun thugs, agents of John D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, Andrew W. Mellon, Henry

Ford, Insull and the lesser capitalists of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio, who control smaller mines, determined to try to deprive the workers of this youthful leader.

The bosses are rejoicing that they have murdered one of the leaders of the American revolutionary movement. They think this foul act will help them crush the strike and wipe out the National Miners' Union, the Communist Party and the Young Communist League. But they are mistaken. The brutal murder of Harry Simms has not stopped and will not stop the struggle against mass starvation and terror. Instead it will spur every worker, every working woman, every young worker, with a drop of red blood to a more determined struggle against the mine owners whose wealth is wrung out of the very life blood of the miners, their wives and children.

This monstrous murder of a leader of the Young Communist League, this most recent act of a long campaign of frightfulness against the employed and unemployed, organized and unorganized, the white and Negro workers, and especially against the fighting youth, must and shall be answered by strengthening the ranks of the strikers, making stronger and more effective the rank and file strike committees and increasing many fold the fight against the terror. Especially must this butchery be the warning signal that the work of building Workers' Self-Defense Corps in this and every other strike area must be increased so that these cowardly professional murderers with blazing guns in their hands can be crushed and driven out of the region.

The dead body of Harry Simms gives the lie to those running dogs of the bosses who always try to separate the mass of workers from its vanguard, the Communist Party and the Young Communist League, by saying that Communist leaders who come into strike situations "from the outside" do not risk their lives in the thick of the fight. No Kentucky or Tennessee striker will ever again believe that vile slander because with their own eyes they witnessed that brave young fighter make the supreme sacrifice.

While every honest working man, woman and youth deeply respects the gallant youth who died in line of revolutionary duty, we must also remember that the best way to honor his memory is to fight harder in the struggle to which he gave everything; to strengthen the fighting front of the working class. All young workers who revere the memory of Harry Simms should join the ranks of the Young Communist League and help fill the place he left vacant. By such action will the last wish of Harry Simms be carried out—the hope and the conviction that the workers' struggle be carried on to victory and that the shameful system that he despised and fought against be overthrown so that mankind may emerge out of this last slave system the world will ever see.

Defenders of the Hoover Program

A good example of how the "radical" republican and democrat politicians, and the reactionary officers of the American Federation of Labor, help the Hoover government put through its hunger program is to be seen in the forces back of the Costigan-LaFollette bill for the appropriation of \$375,000,000 for unemployment relief purposes. This bill was introduced by the "progressive" politicians and is supported by Wm. Green and other officials of the American Federation of Labor in an effort to stem the rising mass demand for unemployment insurance to be paid by the capitalist and administered by the workers.

Certainly no thinking worker is going to believe that Mr. Green, who has opposed unemployment insurance since the beginning of the present economic crisis in 1929, has suddenly changed front and is now in favor of such a measure.

The Costigan-LaFollette bill is brought forth at this time to try to defeat the movement for real unemployment insurance. The great Hunger March on Washington at the opening of Congress with demands for unemployment insurance, the nation-wide demonstrations of February 4th against the Hoover hunger program, the increasing willingness of unemployed and employed workers in hundreds of cities and towns to fight on the basis of local demands—these are only the outstanding evidences of the increased mass resistance to the Hoover program.

How far will the sum of \$375,000,000 go in relieving hunger as the result of unemployment? There are more than 12,000,000 unemployed who face starvation. Add to these their dependents—their wives, children, aged parents, etc., and the number swells to well over 30,000,000 facing hunger. This number does not include those who are only employed part time at hunger wages, under the "Hoover stagger system," which is a part of the general starvation drive of the capitalist class. Hence it can readily be seen that if all this \$375,000,000 were appropriated and equally divided among the unemployed and those part-time workers existing on starvation rations there would be less than one week's wages for each.

Against such shameful demagoguery, such playing with the misery and suffering of the working class, the Unemployed Councils and all militant workers' organizations must increase the mass fight for unemployment insurance. We must show in action that the dirty trickery of LaFollette, Green and the democratic lynch gang of the South cannot side track or even retard the advance of the million-movement against the Hoover hunger program, and by our mass power compel the robber capitalist class to give up some of their stolen wealth so that the unemployed and part time workers can get the equivalent of full wages.

Vern Smith Revises His Pamphlet in Jail

Behind bars in the Pineville, Ky., jail, where he is being held together with other organizers and miners on a charge of criminal syndicalism, Vern Smith, correspondent of the Daily Worker in the Kentucky mine fields, has revised his pamphlet "The Frame-up System," and brought it up to date.

This new and revised edition has just been published by International Pamphlets as Number 8 of the 18 pamphlets which have already appeared on current economic, social and political subjects. The pamphlet

is now available at all workers' book shops, or can be obtained direct from Workers' Library Publishers, Box 148, Sta. D, New York City.

FEWER RAILROAD WORKERS

Interstate Commerce Commission reports that there were 56,192 fewer workers employed on the railroads in November than in October. December and January reports will probably be worse. Faced with general wage cuts and the danger of unemployment and hunger the railroad workers are talking more and more about preparing to strike against wage cuts and to help in the mass struggle for unemployment insurance.

Communist Party Can Get Results

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Listen to this for a moment—read and think. I am a worker, and I want to tell of what I know. I worked hard all summer for \$1.50 a day, and only got part of it. Had bills to meet and when I paid up some of them I did not have a penny. The man I worked for just would not pay me. I was hungry, no shoes, no clothes to wear, and I hunted for work to do but everybody turned me away.

I want everybody to join the Communist Party to help make our conditions better.

Lots of people are dependent on the Charities. I have seen overalls they sent out for 8 and 9 year old boys, and they were too small for a 3-year-old kid. Shoes they give grown girls would not last 2 weeks.

If we would all join the Communist Party we could do something. We are treated worse than the bosses' bird dog, for he will feed his dog. But they just put us on the streets. Not a cent, nothing to eat, nothing to wear. The rent man says: "If you don't pay I will set you out." What has the worker to pay with?

The bosses try to keep the workers from joining the Communist Party. They do all they can to hold us back.

If the money spent for war was given to the workers there would not be so many hungry people. We do not want any war. We want relief.

Let us do our part; let us do something for ourselves. We must be on the job to fight this rotten system— young and old, white and Negro workers, join together and fight.

—A Colored Worker

Armed Thugs Hold Up Highway Com

KNOXVILLE.—Peter E. Blow Tennessee Highway Commissioner, and a party were held up near Pineville Saturday night by armed thugs and put through an insulting examination before they were permitted to go on their way.

Everyone who passes through the Kentucky strike area, whether or not they are connected with the strike activities, are held up by thugs with high power rifles and all their belongings searched.

The highway commissioner said: "As we approached Pineville, a couple of big men with shiny badges and leveled rifles told us to halt. I haven't got much hair, but what I did have went straight up."

Blow is holding office at the desecrated of the Horton administration of Tennessee, which protected the sheriff of Claiborne county, Tennessee who kidnapped Joe Weber and Jim Duncan and turned them over to the Harlan thugs three weeks ago. He got a sample of what his own gang is doing to help break the strike.

MILWAUKEE "SOCIALIST" POLICY

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The capitalist city government of Mayor Daniel Hoan masquerading under the name "socialist" has its police force busy rounding up unemployed and driving them out of town so they will not ask for shelter.

SALVATION ARMY SCAB HERDERS

(By a Worker Correspondent) I asked the Chattanooga Salvation Army to help me. When I told them I once worked in a coal mine, they told me I should go to Kentucky and get a job as some Kentucky miners would not work. I had just heard of the strike and the mine owners' scab army and refused to go. I'd starve than be a scab.

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Defense Forces Protect Ky. Relief

KENTUCKY MINERS ARE RALLYING TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY

MANY WORKERS RALLY TO TAKE SIMMS' PLACE

Workers from the blood-soaked mining towns of Kentucky are rallying to the Communist Party and the Young Communist League to take the place of Comrade Harry Simms, 19-year-old Communist strike leader and member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League who was murdered by Arlin Miller, Brush Creek gun thug, three weeks ago.

See Way to Victory

Hundreds of miners realize now the tremendous part that must be played in every strike by the vanguard of the working class, the Communist Party. They know that if the Party had been built before the strike, and had been strengthened during the strike, the fight would have been many times more effective from the beginning. In actual practice the most advanced of the striking miners are rapidly learning how Party units work in the mines, how the Party fraction must work as the motive force in the strike committees, in the handling and distribution of relief, in defense, and in all the manifold activities connected with a fight against the starvation and terror program of the bosses.

Northern Workers Join

Memorial meetings and demonstrations for the martyred youth who sacrificed his life in the Kentucky miners' fight have been held throughout the whole country. A big advance in the collection of food, clothing and money for the Kentucky-Tennessee strikers is noted since the death of Comrade Simms.

In Northern centers also hundreds of workers flock to the ranks of the Party and League in response to a request to take up the fight in which Harry Simms gave his life.

Besides the gigantic memorial meeting in New York, described in last week's paper, there have been meetings in Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Chicago and in scores of smaller centers. Hundreds of recruits have joined the Communist Party and the League at these meetings and masses of workers have pledged to increase their work of raising relief for the strikers.

NEW MINE CUT PLANNED

Coal miners in Illinois and Indiana and parts of Iowa are to get another pay slash on April 1st, according to reports from all fields involved. The bosses in all mine fields are waiting the outcome of the Kentucky strike. If the workers are defeated there it will be the signal for a new drive to smash down wages of all workers in every mine field of the United States.

STOP THE ROBBER WAR AGAINST CHINA! HANDS OFF CHINA!

DEMAND THE RECALL OF JAPANESE TROOPS FROM MANCHURIA AND ALL PARTS OF CHINA! DEMAND THE EXPULSION OF JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES! STOP THE SHIPMENT OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS TO CHINA! WITHDRAW AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS AND TROOPS FROM CHINA!

TO THE AMERICAN WORKING CLASS: TO THE TOILING POPULATION OF AMERICA:

The bloody war against China is becoming ever fiercer. Japanese imperialism, the spearhead of the world capitalist powers in the Far East, is pouring thousands of soldiers and marines into Shanghai, and is raining death upon the Chinese masses. Proletarian Shanghai is in flames.

The Japanese imperialist armies are committing unspeakable horrors against the Chinese people. They have seized Harbin and are now extending their operations into western and northern Manchuria. They have set up a puppet government in Manchuria for the plunder of the Chinese masses and as a war base against the Soviet Union.

The war in China is a murderous robber war, a war of loot and plunder of the millions of the Chinese masses. American imperialism is profiting in this war. It is coming blood money out of the lives of the Chinese masses. It is manufacturing and shipping arms for use against China. It is encouraging the provocation of Japan against the Soviet Union.

American imperialism is holding its armed forces in readiness against the advancing Chinese Red Army, which is fighting for the emancipation of China. At the same time American imperialism is maneuvering about with its chief rival in the Far East, Japan, in order that it may get the lion's share of the plunder in China for the interests of Wall Street.

Workers! War in the Far East means war against the toiling masses of the world! It means the danger of

a world war in the interests of the profiteers! The League of Nations cannot and does not want to stop the war against China. The Kellogg Peace Pact is a hollow sham and cannot and will not stop war in China. Upon the international working class, upon the toiling population of the world depends the defense of China, which is an inseparable part of the defense of the Soviet Union, depends the stopping of the bandit war against China. The toiling masses of Japan, under the leadership of the heroic Communist Party are fighting the war.

American workers! Mobilize your forces! Take your place in the front ranks of the international struggle to stop the robber war against China! Arrange mass meetings! Let the mighty world of labor be heard demanding in huge unprecedented demonstrations HANDS OFF CHINA!

Demand the expulsion of the diplomatic representatives of murderous Japanese imperialism from the United States!

Demonstrate against the Japanese bloody war makers in every city!

Seamen and Dock Workers: No loading of ammunition, no shipment of arms against China!

Demand the withdrawal of Japanese troops from China!

Demand the withdrawal of American battleships and marines from Chinese waters! HANDS OFF CHINA! DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION!

CENTRAL COMMITTEE, C. P., U. S. A.

Negroes Barred From Govt. Jobs on Hoover Dam

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—Denied jobs by the contracting companies engaged in the construction of the U. S. government's Hoover Dam, 200 Negroes and their families are literally starving to death here, according to the California Eagle. Discrimination against Negroes, endorsed by the Federal Employment Bureau, has reduced Negroes here to living in packing boxes and ragged home-made tents, the Eagle declares. Six companies, a San Francisco corporation, to which the government has let out the dam project, will not even hear applications of Negroes for jobs.

W. VA. WAGE CUTS

KANAWHA.—Kelly's Creek Coal company, Kanawha field, West Virginia, put over another wage cut the latter part of January.

Rush Relief for Kentucky-Tenn. Striking Miners

With the Kentucky miners smashing through the lines of gun thugs to distribute relief and defeat the starvation and terror program of the mine owners it is essential that workers and sympathizers in every part of the country increase the volume of relief. Collect clothing and food and rush it to Kentucky-Tennessee Miners' Relief, 800 1/2 N. Central St., Knoxville, Tenn.

The embattled miners of Kentucky and Tennessee are in the front ranks of labor's struggles today and all other workers should aid them carry on the fight.

HOCKING VALLEY PAY CUT

The February 1st wage cut in the coal fields of Hocking Valley brought the day rate down to \$3.25.

OFFER REWARD FOR JACKSON DEAD OR ALIVE

BULLETIN The Harlan County Coal Operators' Association have posted a one thousand dollar reward for Harry Jackson, dead or alive. Jackson is district organizer of the Communist Party and has taken an active part in the Kentucky-Tennessee strike.

JELLICO, Ky.—In spite of and against the terror a strike conference is being held here this (Sunday afternoon). Because of the gun thug activity it is not possible for those inside the conference to leave until it is over, but a full report will be available for next week on the next steps in the strike.

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Ky. Grand Jury Full of Agents of Coal Bosses

The grand jury of Bell county, that went into session at Pineville, Ky., on February 22, is packed with hired tools of the coal operators. The petit jury that tries cases, is also filled with such hirelings. The vicious and blood-thirsty circuit judge, (Baby-Face) Jones is in charge of the court machinery and has taken care that the coal companies have an overwhelming majority on the lists of both juries.

Indictments Certain Everything is cut and dried for indictments on charges of criminal syndicalism against the union leaders, relief workers and working class journalist who have been in jail in Pineville since January 4th.

As far as the grand jury and the petit jury of Bell county is concerned these victims of the biggest capitalists who own the Kentucky mines are as good as convicted already. Facts, nor evidence will count for nothing before such a court. The only thing that will prevent the coal operators sentencing the Pineville prisoners to long prison terms is the mass protest of the working class and especially the working class of the coal regions of Kentucky and Tennessee.

Reply to the conspiracies of the murder gang by consolidating the strike and showing Baby-Face Jones and the rest of the thug outfit that their arrests, their starvation and terror cannot defeat the struggle for a living wage and decent living conditions, but only develops among the miners a greater fighting spirit. That alone will free the Pineville and other prisoners.

Miners Break Thru Iron Thug Ring on Brush Creek

FORCE RETREAT OF GUN THUS AT PRUDEN, KY.

(Continued from Front Page)
Defend Relief Activity
 The terror is on the increase throughout the strike area, under the personal supervision of leading capitalist figures. One of the examples of cold-blooded murder preparations appeared in the Knoxville Journal under the headline: "Kentuckians Begin Death Drive on Communist Party." The story explained that former Governor Flem Sampson is head of the new murder society that he calls "Religious Patriotic Society."

The iron ring of gun thugs around Brush Creek has been broken and food is being brought in to defeat the starvation drive of the operators' agents. Against the gun-thug warning that all relief truck drivers and escorts would be killed, the miners of the section armed themselves, formed protective bodies, and brought in food trucks through the lines of thugs.

Armed Defense of Meeting
 In Pruden eleven of Sheriff Broughton's gun thugs tried to break up a meeting of the local. A bloody battle seemed imminent when the miners told the thugs they would die with their guns in their hands before they would give up the meeting. The thugs, who had come under instructions that no National Miners' Union meetings would be permitted in Bell county, were forced to retreat before the armed strikers.

Section conferences were held Friday and Saturday in Fourmile, near Pineville, and at Clear Fork. One of the "three gun thugs shot last week when they attempted to kill Plez Turner in Harlan for reading the Daily Worker has recovered and says he is leaving the field. The other two are still laid up in the hospital at Harlan.

It has been established that the three United Mine Workers of America stool pigeons who signed statements against National Miners' Union and who slandered the Communist Party are all ex-convicts. Collett has been in jail for forgery; Donaldson served a term for robbery and Smith has served time for murder.

U. M. W. officials are doing everything they can to aid the gun thugs break the strike, but the miners are on to them and they are meeting with little success. Their chief activity thus far has been pointing out active strikers to the murder gang.

N. C. Furniture Workers On Strike

STATESVILLE, N. C.—Nearly 300 workers employed by the Statesville Furniture Co. are on strike against a 25 per cent wage cut. The latest pay cut was the fourth in the last year making a total cut of more than 60 per cent off the wages paid a year ago.

STRIKE-BREAKING INJUNCTION

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Judge McCann issued a sweeping injunction against 700 miners on strike at the Hughes Coal company against the laying off of 111 men. Although the mine is supposed to work under a United Mine Workers of America agreement, the men went in strike without even consulting the strike-breaking officials.

Carl Anderson, Liar and Faker, Cannot Be Found

An itinerant liar and faker, calling himself Carl Anderson, blew into Knoxville and was the "star" attraction at a number of meetings, among them one held by the Civitan Club. Anderson pretended he had been in the Soviet Union and told a story of "atrocities" to the effect that he was sentenced to ten years in Siberia by the Bolsheviks because he was caught "smuggling in Bibles" for the "Community church" of Lansing, Michigan, his wife was butchered, his baby had its ears cut off and afterwards died. Hence, the poor forlorn Carl Anderson was all alone with only his ghastly memories of Bolshevik terror.

All that junk was peddled before gasping males and females of the elite of Knoxville; the reptile press, the Journal and News-Sentinel, the Times—all diligently published Anderson's lies.

Bomb Plots and All
 Next Anderson was threatened with a bomb; he was to be blown to the moon by someone who wrote a letter to a charity lady on red paper.

That was part of Anderson's publicity stunt. He probably wrote the "threat" himself, knowing that the mine owners, the textile mill owners, the Kentucky and Tennessee police thugs would appreciate any little favors that would give them a chance to arrest strike leaders, relief workers and Communists.

Anderson was doing fine. He was making a hit, and—

THEN, HE VANISHED.

Oh, no, the Reds didn't get him. It so happens that in this day and age of the world there are telegraphs and telephones, and Lansing, Michigan is not so far away. These were used in order to get a line on Carl William Anderson—that, gentle reader, is why he vanished.

These useful instruments enabled us to learn that there never has been anything called the "Community church" in Lansing. That no one ever knew of a Carl Anderson who had been in the Soviet Union. The editor of the Lansing State-Journal wired a Knoxville paper that it was his opinion after "an exhaustive search" that Anderson's Lansing connections were fictitious.

We suggest that the Civitan Club now try to dig up a former Grand Duke or Russian princess, or a priest of the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic church to take Anderson's place. Any third rate Red baiter ought to be able to find one in any bootlegging or hop joint in Knoxville and dress it up so the elegant ladies and gentlemen of the Civitan Club could be duly and properly horrified.

We further suggest that they change the name of their club—call it the Ananias Club. If they do so the SOUTHERN WORKER will present them with an original autographed photo of Baron Munchausen.

OPERATING NEW GALLOWS

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 NEW ORLEANS.—Shade Lee, a young Negro, was the first to go through the trap door in the new Parish prison here. He was hanged on February 12th, Lincoln's birthday. He was in such a state that he had to be fed through a tube for a month before the hanging. The butcher gang said they had to keep him alive so "the law could take its course." There are seven white men waiting to follow him with in the next few weeks.

TOM MOONEY'S MOTHER PLEADS FOR PRISONERS

NEW YORK.—Journeying from San Francisco to New York, against the advice of a physician who told her the trip might prove fatal, Mrs. Mary Mooney, 84-year-old mother of Tom Mooney, appeared at the Bronx Coliseum before an audience of 12,000 that had gathered for National Mooney Day, under the auspices of the International Labor Defense.

Address Is Read
 Exhausted from her long journey and the excitement of the great demonstration of workers that met her at the Grand Central Station, Mother Mooney could not speak before the Coliseum throng, but she sat on the platform while her speech was read, demanding immediate freedom for her son who was framed up and railroaded to prison for life in 1917.

Professional perjurers swore in court that Mooney, Warren K. Billings and others, had prepared and thrown a bomb into the parade of soldiers on Preparedness Day, 1916. At the time a big campaign was waged, proving that Mooney was innocent, that he was not anywhere near the scene of the explosion, and that he was framed up because of his activity on the leadership of a street car strike in San Francisco.

Scottsboro and Kentucky
 Among the speakers at the New York meeting were William Z. Foster, secretary of the Trade Union Unity League; Harold Hickerson, the playwright who was recently imprisoned in Bell county jail, Kentucky; Corliss Lamont, assistant professor of philosophy at Columbia University and son of Thomas F. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., and B. D. Amis, secretary of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights.

The speakers all dealt with the Mooney frame-up and demanded the freedom of the nine Scottsboro boys and of the Kentucky and all other class war prisoners. Speakers showed how the same ruthless imperialist ruling class that is now waging war against the Chinese masses and plotting armed intervention against the Soviet Union

Negroes Deported From New Haven Back Into South

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Torn from her husband and two of her children, a Negro mother and seven children were deported to Durham, N. C., by New Haven officials. This act is seen by the International Labor Defense as the first move in a drive to dump thousands of Negro workers and families now in the North back into the intolerable Southern plantation serfdom from which they have just escaped. International Labor Defense branches throughout the country have been instructed to mobilize Negro and white workers to resist this attempt of state and municipal relief agencies to pass the buck in their obligations to unemployed Negroes.

David Brisbane, out of a job, came to New Haven last year with his wife and nine children.

When he could get no job in New Haven and applied to the City Charity Board for food, Brisbane was told that a law, passed in the early 1800's enabled the Board to deport him to the state from which he had come.

A committee of Negro and white workers from the Unemployed Council, then went in protest to the Charity Board. The Board promised not to deport Brisbane.

Early in January a sheriff called to evict Brisbane. Over 300 Negro and white workers from the Unemployed Council gathered at once and prevented this. State officials came two weeks later, but were again halted by the resistance of Unemployed Council members.

Mrs. Brisbane, however, was taken to the poorhouse with seven of her children. At midnight they were shipped back to Durham by the authorities. Here they were at first unloaded into the street, later placed in a home for two weeks and then turned out again. Brisbane and two children remain in New Haven.

RANK AND FILE U.M.W. LOCALS PLAN STRUGGLE

PHILADELPHIA.—Twelve locals of the United Mine Workers of America, with a membership of over 15,000 in District No. 1 were officially represented at a preliminary organizational conference of the rank and file movement of this district on February 14th, at Concord Hall, Olyphant, Pa.

Specific demands as part of a program of action were worked out, including struggle against wage cuts, work for all miners and immediate cash relief and unemployment insurance from county and state governments.

Against Indianapolis Treachery
 The key-note of the conference was the strengthening of the rank and file movement; the unity in action of employed, unemployed and part-time workers, unity of white and Negro workers, unity of organized and unorganized in a fight against the common enemy—the bosses and their strike breaking government.

Decisions adopted were sharply opposed to the treachery of the official Lewis machine trickery at the Indianapolis convention just closed. Against the attempts of Lewis and the other fakers to split the ranks of the workers so the bosses could carry through their hunger program, the Olyphant conference stressed unity of action all along the line on the basis of rank and file committees ruthlessly excluding the labor fakers.

Protest Kentucky Terror
 A resolution was adopted protesting the murder of Harry Simms, a youth leader of the Young Communist League, who was murdered by Arlin Miller, a coal company thug. A copy was sent to the strike breakers and scab herding Ruby Laffoon, governor of Kentucky.

Resolutions also were adopted demanding the repeal of the state sedition law of Pennsylvania, which is similar to the criminal syndicalist laws of Kentucky and other states. Other resolutions demanded the immediate release of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings and the freedom of all class war prisoners.

For Unemployment Insurance
 Supporting the New York American Federation of Labor locals that advocated a referendum of members of the A. F. of L. on unemployment insurance the conference urged all miners to vote for it and pledged that all locals represented would give their signatures to the referendum.

A broad executive committee with representatives from each local was elected to spread the rank and file movement and prepare for a strike to enforce their demands.

Red Cross Garbage For a Whole Week

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 TAMPA.—I went to the Red Cross for relief and what you think I got? They gave me two cans of soup, one can of peaches, a sack of black meal, 10 cents worth of Irish potatoes with sprouts growing out of them, 5 cents worth of funny looking stuff they called sugar, 5 cents worth of cheap coffee and 1 pound of white meat (fat). That was all for a whole week. To get that I had to stand in line for a whole day in the rain. Such stuff, not fit to eat, has to go for me and my wife till next week. Believe me, we got to make a fight to get unemployment relief through our Unemployed Councils.

Seamen In Gulf Ports Organizing Mass Wage Struggle

FULL WAGES, FULL CREWS, FOR SEAMEN

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 NEW ORLEANS.—Almost one hundred seamen, disgusted with the way things were going in the U. S. Shipping Board Employment office rallied round an organizer from the Marine Workers Industrial Union and demanded that the Shipping Board use the Rotary system of employment and that a blackboard be placed in the Seamen's Hall and that all ships coming in with jobs on them be listed on this board where everyone could see them.

After placing their demands on the Shipping Board the seamen marched to the office of the shipowners' association and demanded that the shipowners pay full wages for all men hired to go aboard the ships and that all crews be placed on all laid up ships.

Leaving the office of the shipowners' association the seamen marched to the Seamen's Church Institute and demanded that beds be given to all unemployed seamen free of charge.

A meeting was held in the Marine Workers Hall immediately following the march where the seamen expressed their willingness to fight until they got relief.

Arkansas Police Squad Mob and Torture Worker

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 N. LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—May Oliver, wife of a poor Negro worker, took some coal from a car in the Missouri Pacific yards here. T. C. Storey, railway detective, discovered Mrs. Oliver and viciously attacked her. Mrs. Oliver screamed for help and her husband, Richard Oliver, came to her rescue, the family living nearby.

In the strife that followed the detective fired his gun three times, none of the shots taking effect. The worker got a shot-gun and fired twice, the second shot striking Storey and stunning him.

Chief of Police Pratt, Chief of Detectives Homer L. Cavin, Detectives Bert C. Campbell and John Charles, Motorcycle Captain Harold Hunter and Patrolmen Harry Gaty and Frank Nichols formed a riot squad to capture Oliver in his house—seven walking arsenals to arrest a lone Negro worker. Hunter renched a screen open and Chief Pratt kicked in the door.

The worker gave a good account of himself, seriously wounding Cavin and Campbell.

Oliver himself received three bad wounds, but Dr. J. A. Summers, city physician, lyingly asserted that his injuries were not serious. The worker is held in the county jail at Little Rock without medical attention. Three charges of assault with intent to kill, and a fourth of resisting an officer are pending against him. Mrs. Oliver was docketed as an accessory.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above is another example of lynch terror against workers, especially Negro workers that should arouse the most determined mass protests. Tens of thousands of hungry and freezing workers try by their isolated efforts to obtain food and fuel and clothing. Workers who never before dreamed of stealing are forced to petty individual acts so long as they do not realize that no problem can be solved in such a way. When caught many workers display great courage in battling with the armed posses and police squads. Such individual heroism ought to be utilized to better service for the working class. It can be used provided there is in existence a group of workers that tirelessly carry on the work of organizing MASS RESISTANCE against the hunger program of the bosses. Unemployed Councils, comprising white and Negro, employed and unemployed should be set up and, on the basis of demands on the local authorities, coupled with the general unemployed demands, a mass fight can be waged to obtain food, fuel, clothing and shelter. By explaining to the workers

LONGSHOREMEN AND BUILDERS FIGHT HUNGER

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 MOBILE, Ala.—The International Longshoremen's Association, Local No. 1284 of Mobile, with a membership of about five hundred longshoremen, in conjunction with two Building Trades Locals of the American Federation of Labor, drew up a resolution to organize joint unemployed Councils to fight for immediate relief of the unemployed workers, to expose the Community Chest and all other charity organizations as fakers who stood between the workers and relief by the government, to demand that all funds for relief be turned over to the workers for distribution, to force Bill Green and Joe Ryan to support the social insurance paid to the workers at the expense of the bosses.

Another resolution was drawn up to instruct the presidents of each Local to order a bundle of Southern Workers and to be responsible for their sale at all meetings.

A joint meeting of the white and Negro Locals of the I. L. A. for the purpose of eliminating the Jim-Crow locals of the Mobile Longshoremen and to lay preparations for a struggle against the rotten conditions now existing on the docks will be held next Friday night.

FAKERS AFRAID OF SOUTHERN MILL WORKERS

The textile bosses of the South realize that thousands of mill workers are discussing strike action against wage cuts, unemployment, and mass starvation, and the big Northern capitalists have already told the officials of the United Textile Workers Union that their next big job of strikebreaking will probably be in the Southern textile states.

Gorman Fears Workers
 At a meeting at Labor Hall, Lawrence, Mass., the U.T.W. fakers, trying to explain their sell-out of the Lawrence strike, urged the workers to accept any wage cuts the bosses gave them. Thomas F. McMahon told the workers: "You should be patient, suffer in silence and hold your jobs until such time as conditions have improved." He also said the majority of wage cutting, strike breaking employers are "fair."

Horace A. Riviere told the workers they ought to work hard for their bosses and do a "fair day's work." He didn't say the harder the workers drives ahead in producing textiles the quicker they will be thrown out of work.

Frank Gorman, vice president of the United Textile Workers Union, said: "I am dreading, not hoping for that strike in the South. I went through the Lawrence strike and I don't want to see another. The New Bedford workers were well advised to take their recent 10 per cent cut in wages."

Militant Union On Job
 The National Textile Workers Union, affiliated with the Trade Union of Little Rock this necessity the case of the worker, Oliver, can be utilized for correct organizational procedure, which consists in mobilization for mass struggle and rejects individual action as harmful to the workers' struggle.

Police Thugs In New Orleans Beat Young Negro Girl

(By a Worker Correspondent)
 NEW ORLEANS.—A scene of extreme brutality was witnessed by a couple of comrades who were passing Rampart street Wednesday at about 9:30 p.m. Before crossing the 1800 block a young bull jumped out of a police car, starting a wild chase after a young Negro girl.

By the middle of the block he reached her, knocked her down on the sidewalk, kicking her mercilessly with his feet as though she were a football. Not satisfied with this, the gangster of law and order picked her up, holding her in one arm while smashing her face and head right and left with the other. Were it not that the scene attracted a large crowd, because of the girl's frightened screaming, he would have killed her.

After throwing her into the police car, the hero's assistant, another thug, added some more beatings as the car drove away. No one knows what happened after they got her in the police station.

The police are very brutal in this town. Many militant workers, especially those who participated in the February 5th mass meeting to demand unemployment insurance and immediate relief were visited by the tools of the New Orleans ship owners and bankers. These thugs try to intimidate workers to keep away from the Reds. The only solution the bosses have for all complaints of the starving class is clubs, jails and wholesale terror.

But the Unemployed Council movement is growing so that soon it will be so big the police will not be able to stop it. All workers must join and help build a powerful movement to force the bosses to give immediate relief. Negro and white workers must organize self-defense corps to protect their meetings and demonstrations; organize neighborhood committees that can rally men, women and children to defeat the raids of workers and workers' homes. Stop the police brutality!

CHICAGO WAGE CUTS

CHICAGO.—A wage cut is being prepared for more than 20,000 street car workers of this city. Newspapers here are saying that wage cuts will bring prosperity. They do not explain how they expect to sell more goods by cutting down the home market through wage cuts—a procedure that actually increases the army of unemployed because the workers who get wage cuts can't buy as much as before.

Unity League, the United States section of the Red International of Labor Unions, is on the job in the South, helping prepare machinery to resist wage cuts and to unite employed and unemployed, white and Negro, adult and youth, women and men, in a fight against the hunger program of the bosses. Gorman and the rest of the scoundrels and traitors to labor know that tens of thousands of textile workers will rally to the united front rank and file committees that will be set up and that many Southern workers know by experience that if they are to win strikes they must smash the rotten officialdom of the United Textile Workers and the other American Federation of labor fakers in the unions and in the various Central Labor Councils through unity of workers, organized and unorganized, white Negro, employed and unemployed.

38 VIRGINIA WORKERS DIE IN MINE BLAST

Twenty-six white and twelve Negro miners are dead at Pocahontas, Va., as the result of a terrific explosion in the Boissevain mine. The men were actually murdered by the greedy bosses who neglected to equip the mine with proper ventilation so that the gasses would not accumulate so as to endanger life.

Terribly Mutilated
 After murdering the men in their death trap, the mine owners and the authorities roped off a prohibited space near the mine and refused to let relatives view the charred and horribly mutilated bodies of the workers as they were brought to the surface. The coroner is in a conspiracy with the mine owners to bury the bodies without identification and to prevent the relatives seeing the ghastly work of the murderous Boissevain mine owners.

Thugs Fear Demonstration
 While "mine rescue crews" from both Virginias kept the bodies of the miners from their families, armed gun thugs from both states mingled with the families and comrades of the victims to try to forestall any outbreak against the bloodstreaked bosses and their agents.

OVER \$10,000.00 SPENT BY I.L.D. ON SCOTTSBORO

NEW YORK.—More than \$10,000 has been spent by the International Labor Defense in its battle to save the Scottsboro boys from death, according to an audited statement just issued. From April till December 21, 1931, total I.L.D. expenditures on the case were \$9,935.59. This does not include the heavy cost of sending five lawyers to Montgomery, Ala., to argue the appeal before the Alabama supreme court on January 21 and 22, 1932, the organization states.

Contributions from I.L.D. branches, affiliated organizations and individuals amounted to \$6681.71, according to George Primoff, certified accountant of New York. The National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, comprising such men as Theodore Dreiser and Sherwood Anderson, novelists, and other great American figures, endorsed the I.L.D. campaign to free the boys and contributed \$2379.56. Total income was \$8,800.49, leaving a deficit of \$1,135.10, which was advanced by the national office of the I.L.D.

I.L.D. officials point out that the heaviest expenses must yet be faced. Decision of the Supreme Court will throw the case either back to the lower courts for a new trial or to the Supreme Court of the United States for a new appeal. Those interested in really saving the boys should contribute to the Scottsboro Defense Fund, Room 480, 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

PARTY GAINS 1,000 IN N. Y.

NEW YORK CITY.—District No. 2 of the Communist Party reports a gain of 1,000 new members since the beginning of the recruiting drive. Local strikes, the fight against elections, for unemployment, insurance, the struggle against the imperialist war plots, the Scottsboro and Kentucky-Tennessee and Mooney-Billings campaigns, have brought tens thousands closer to the Party.

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The Communist Party In Kentucky

Many of the best fighters in the ranks of the heroic miners of Kentucky and Tennessee are coming into the Communist Party. Deeply stirred by the bestial and cowardly murder of Comrade Harry Simms the best elements in the strike zone are responding to the appeal to fill the revolutionary ranks in which that brave young leader fought and died.

Far from frightening the miners away from their class Party, the terror of the gun thug hirelings of the operators is itself a powerful recruiting factor for our Party. In the course of the bitter struggle the miners have come to realize that the strike would have been far more effective had there been in existence in the most important mines strong Communist groups trained to apply correct organizational principles and develop the political implications of the strike.

Although a legal Party in the United States, our Party, because of the terror must, of necessity, be a secret organization in Kentucky, Tennessee and other places where the boss class uses the weapon of terror to try to smash the union, break up the rank and file committees, suppress free speech, press and assemblage.

In the present Party recruiting campaign the Party units in Kentucky and Tennessee and, for that matter, throughout the South, are being organized secretly and every precaution is taken to ensure the defense of our new comrades from victimization at the hands of the bosses and their thugs.

At this critical juncture of the Kentucky-Tennessee strike the Party members are learning in actual practice how our Party units function in the mines, how our factions work in the union, the Workers' International Relief, and in our defense organizations. This work of building the Party and the response from the embattled miners is the guarantee that the fight against mass starvation, terror and slavery will go on, under varying forms, until the terror regime is crushed through joint action of the employed and unemployed, the organized and unorganized, the white and Negro workers, and there is decisively established the right to organize and strike to obtain a living wage and decent conditions in the present strike area.

Whitewashing Franklin D. Roosevelt

Senator Cordell Hull of Tennessee, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee is diligently working to conceal from Southern voters the Tammany corruption that covers Franklin D. Roosevelt from head to foot. Roosevelt is one of Tammany's candidates for the Democratic nomination for president of the United States. He was elected governor of New York as a Tammany minion. Now he is being touted as presidential timber and so the billionaire bankers, industrialists, strike breakers and labor haters are trying to scrape some of the Tammany muck off of him and give him a coat of whitewash.

One of the many attempts at whitewashing Roosevelt was the ousting of the New York county sheriff, Thomas M. Farley, from office on charges of corruption in connection with a bank account that far exceeded his salary. Tammany can well afford to sacrifice a sheriff if it can thereby enhance the chances of one of its minions, whose whole political career was nurtured in the Tammany cesspool of vice and graft.

Cordell Hull, echoing the Morgan press, assures "the South" that Roosevelt has proved by the removal of Farley that he is not subservient to any political machine, "no matter how powerful" and that he shows "the quality this country expects its presidents to have." Such talk is mere deception. What quality does Hull refer to? The quality so ably displayed by the thieving Harding and his Teapot dome cabinet whose luminaries were Hoover, Coolidge, Mellon, Daugherty, Fall, Hughes and Denby? Or the present cabinet, with Hoover as its figurehead—a gang of Wall Street buzzards that have inflicted mass starvation upon the workers and farmers of the country, while spending billions in war preparations carried out to the accompaniment of the most unscrupulous duplicity, the filthiest war-mongering intrigues ever known, not even excepting the hypocrisy of Woodrow Wilson about "making the world safe for democracy?"

If it is such qualities that Hull refers to we certainly cannot quarrel with him when he says that Roosevelt is a fit successor to either Wilson, Harding, Coolidge or Hoover. He is eminently fitted by inclination and training to take the place of any one of them as figurehead of the despotic, murderous, strike breaking hunger government of Wall Street. It is also fitting that Cordell Hull, leading Southern political shyster of the Democratic Party, a party that aids the Southern ruling class maintain itself in power through systematic lynch terror, a Party that is at this moment trying to burn alive eight innocent Scottsboro boys as part of the campaign of terror against Negro and white workers and farmers, a Party that has as one of its other presidential aspirants the lynch governor, Ritchie, of Maryland, should sing the praises of Tammany Roosevelt. Unity of the capitalist political leaders of the South and North is the political expression of the unity of Wall street with the Southern lynch gang against the masses of workers and farmers, whether or not the government is Republican or Democrat.

This should be a lesson to Southern—and Northern—workers. This same Southern lynch gang, with its Cordell Hulls, its Ruby Lafoons, its Horsons, its Huey Longs, always tries to prevent unity of the working class in every struggle in which the Communist Party plays a role by talking about "New York Communists," and other leaders from the North. These labor haters and lynchers stand in a united capitalist front directed from Wall Street and fight against workers who extend the hand of working class comradship over the Mason-Dixon line, because they know the united front of the workers will eventually defeat the united front of the capitalists.

DRAFT BLANKS BEING PRINTED FOR NEW WAR

A rush printing order of thirty-three million draft blanks is being turned out for the War Department. The government printing office has been ordered to sidetrack all except essential routine printing and let nothing interfere with the completion of the draft blanks.

Definite War Preparations

This printing of draft blanks proves that the danger of the youth and young manhood of the nation being hurled into the slaughter-house of another world war, and of the whole working and farming population being conscripted at forced labor for starvation rations, is a living reality of today.

War Against Whom?

War in the Far East is already a reality. The war that is being carried on against the Chinese masses, with Japanese imperialism as the spearhead, has the backing of the United States, England, France, Italy. This war against the Chinese revolutionary masses—workers and peasants, men, women and children—has the full approval of all imperialist powers. The setting up of a puppet government by Japan in Manchuria is also approved by the imperialist powers of the Occidental world, because all of them are interested in laying a basis there for armed intervention against the Soviet Union.

American forces are in Shanghai, not to try to hold back the Japanese imperialist bandits. They are there to help in the united imperialist assault against the Chinese Red Army, and the Chinese masses and hope to be able to penetrate far enough to crush the Chinese Soviets. The bandit powers are trying to hold in check their own increasing antagonisms over the loot of China in pursuit of the common aim of crushing the revolutionary movement.

The draft blanks are being printed preparatory to, forcing the workers and farmers of this country into this bandit war.

Workers everywhere must fight against the war plotters. Defend the Soviet Union! Demand that all armed forces be withdrawn from the Far East. Longshoremen and seamen, refuse to load or ship guns, munitions, food, clothing or any equipment to the bandit forces now ravaging China and plotting intervention against the Soviet Union. Demand the expulsion of the Japanese diplomatic agents from the United States. Defend the Chinese revolution. Fight for all war funds to be used for unemployment relief. Down with the Wall Street war and hunger program.

ANOTHER HOOVERVILLE

CHICAGO.—Jobless workers are using old packing boxes to build shacks for shelter on swamps near the Desplaines river. They call the town Hooverville, after the "wonder boy" president who, when he was candidate in 1928, announced that economic crises had vanished from the United States. This is about the thousandth Hooverville or Hoover village in the United States. In New York state the workers are calling such places Rooseveltville or Tammany village, because of the democrat party fight against unemployment insurance and immediate relief.

In the coming presidential elections there is but one Party that speaks for the working class, but one Party that fights for unity of action of the working class against the capitalist class—that is the Communist Party, the leader of the campaign to free the Scottsboro boys, the leader of the Share Croppers' struggle, the leader of the strike movement, the leader of the fight for immediate relief for the unemployed and for social insurance, the leader of the fight against the war-mongering Wall Street government. All workers should support their CLASS Party—the Communist Party.

A Fine Gang of Crooked Office Holders In Ark.

(By a Worker Correspondent)
MENA, Ark.—The workers and poor farmers of this state are heavily taxed to provide school for their children; and even then, the thieving of the Arkansas public officials constantly endangers the educational system.

In this, Polk county, there have been two wholesale robberies of the school funds within recent years. The school at Rocky and the five comprising the Cherry Hill district may be forced to close their doors any day. At Rocky the pay of the teachers has been cut to twenty dollars a month; and at Cherry Hill to thirty.

Dodson, the county superintendent, is a member of the Lions' Club at Mena, and, of course, is absolutely fascist in his sympathies. He is a close personal friend of Steele, the sawmill-owned circuit judge.

Green, the county judge, is a two-bit lawyer with a record for bulldozing and browbeating tenant farmers who are brought before his court. Last year Judge Green stole part of the salary due the Home Demonstration Agent. He claimed that the money had been expended for other purposes, but the records do not verify his statement. He and Sheriff Joplin even tried to have the County Health Nurse dismissed, saying that the money paid her was necessary for the upkeep of the courts and the jail.

Joplin is another tool of the sawmill owners and landlords. A poor man who goes to the courthouse on any kind of business must be prepared to answer quizzings from Joplin's nosey deputies, a group of un-hung thugs. Joplin does the foreclosing for the bankers who hold mortgages on ninety percent of the land in this county.

Looney, the tax assessor, attempts to keep women from voting. There is a known instance where he positively refused a poll tax receipt to a woman voter, although she possessed all the necessary qualifications for a voter.

In the face of all this brazen bureaucracy, the Mena Star has the effrontery to spread this quotation from Lincoln across its front page: "Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his father and to tear the charter of his own and his children and his children's liberty."

These people who constitute the "law" here will have a hard time to make many believe they stand for any kind of liberty. The only way to get anywhere or get anything worth having is to fight against everything such a gang of crooks stand for. That can best be done by organizing and struggling against evictions from land, against mortgage foreclosures, against starvation. To talk about liberty to people who haven't got bread and butter is to add insult to their injury. The only liberty we have here is liberty to starve.

GERMAN JOBLESS INCREASE

Official figures of the German government put the number of unemployed in the first half of February at 6,127,000. This figure is 10,000 more than in January, the previous month.

LEAGUE TURNS DOWN SOVIET PEACE DEMAND

The imperialist statesmen representing the war-mongering nations at Geneva last Thursday voted down the proposals of Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet commissar for foreign affairs, for immediate total and universal disarmament throughout the world. Only Turkey supported the Soviet proposal to scrap the gigantic armies and navies of the world.

Spoke For All Workers

The imperialist conspirators who have used the League of Nations machinery for bandit raids upon the colonial and semi-colonial peoples and who are today using Japanese imperialism as a spear head against the Chinese revolution and plotting intervention against the Soviet Union, had to again expose their hypocrisy by refusing to accept the Soviet disarmament proposals.

Litvinoff, for the Soviet government, was the only representative who spoke in the interest of the workers of the world. In his speech, a few weeks ago, when he proposed again complete disarmament, Litvinoff, speaking in English, said he had no illusions about proposals of the capitalist nations to reduce arms, but he would again place the imperialists on record before the whole world so they would again expose themselves as actually opposed to disarmament, while professing to be for it.

Defend The Soviet Union

In defending the Soviet Union against the war plotters of the world, the workers must understand the League of Nations, far from being an agency for peace, is a weapon in the hands of the bandit powers against the toiling masses of the world, particularly against the colonial and semi-colonial masses.

At the very moment the League is discussing armaments, every imperialist power is frantically perfecting war machines, placing industry in a position to be transformed to a war footing at a moment's notice. At this moment there is proceeding in Chinese territory, with the full approval of the League and the United States bandit government, the bitter war against the Chinese masses for the purpose of trying to destroy the growing revolution in China and to clear the way for intervention against the Soviet Union.

More than ever it is necessary for the workers to fight against war in every shop, mill, factory, on all roads, on the waterfront there must be set up United Front anti-war committees to fight against the imperialist war mongers, to stop the shipment of arms and munitions to the imperialist butchers, to demand the instant withdrawal of troops from China and battleships from Chinese waters, to defend the Chinese revolution and the Soviet Union.

The imperialist butchers will never willingly disarm. They will be disarmed only when the working class succeeds, in the course of increasing class conflicts, in disarming them and arming the revolutionary masses. Every blow we can strike today against the bandit powers brings nearer the time when we will have sufficient organized power to smash our mortal class enemies.

GASTONIA UNEMPLOYMENT

GASTONIA, N. C.—The Loras vision of the Manville Jenckes company is operating at 55 per cent capacity, which means that 45 out of every 100 workers formerly employed are now out of work.