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Lynch Mob Burns Down Tennessee Courthouse After Four Killed DISARM NEGROES

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. — Police cumbered the Negro section of town, taking all defense weapons from Negroes whose homes they raided, following the killing of three and the fatal wounding of a fourth lyncher by National Guardsmen on Dec. 19, when an organized mob attempted to storm the courthouse and seize M. K. Harris, feeble-minded Negro charged with "attempted attack" of a young white girl.

Blame Communists When Lynchers Burn Seat of Government

Although white mob-members were openly and drunkenly armed and trying to start trouble, police disarmed and arrested only Negroes, charging them with "loitering." A mass meeting of the "best citizens," heard Federal Commissioner Nance blame the burning of the courthouse on Communists, it is reported.

WORKERS INSURANCE CONGRESS UNITES THOUSANDS IN WASHINGTON

White, Negro Workers And Farmers Send Delegates From South

WASHINGTON, D. C.—That the National Congress for Unemployment and Social Insurance, meeting in the capitol city, Jan. 5, 6 and 7, is the greatest united assembly of workers in the history of the labor movement of the nation, is reported as the Southern Worker goes to press. Thousands of delegates elected to represent tens and even hundreds of thousands of workers from unions, unemployed organizations and other workers groups, are pouring in to this Congress of toilers, which will demand that Congress pass the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill.

Earl Browder, secretary of the Communist Party, U. S. A., has accepted an invitation to address the Congress. Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, and Rep. E. Lundeen, Farmer-Laborite, have also been asked to speak. Mary Van Kleeck, national chairman of the Interprofessional

Assn. for Social Insurance will have her address at the opening session broadcast over a nation-wide radio hook-up.

Wide support for the Workers' Insurance Bill came from trade union members, despite opposition from reactionary leaders of the A. F. of L. "You must bear in mind that any one who would object to a cause as needy as the Bill H. R. 7598 (as it was known in the last Congress) should be classed as a public enemy," one secretary of a union local, said.

Delegates From South

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. — Southern white and Negro workers will be represented by approximately 50 or more delegates. A Thorpe, secretary of Lodge 46, Switchmen's Union of North America, was elected at a mass meeting in the Jefferson County courthouse, to represent Birmingham workers at the Congress. He is attending with representatives of the Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Dropforgers and Helpers, the Relief Workers' League, the A. A. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, several churches and the Colored Ethos Expigate Club of T.C.I. workers in Ensley.

In the campaign for the election of delegates to the Washington Congress, many local unions endorsed the Insurance Bill, and a trade union committee set up to continue the struggle, in spite of attempts of A. A. Towns, Trades Council executive member, and police to sabotage and disrupt the united movement.

HOUSTON, Texas. — Five delegates, representing Negro, white and Mexican workers of Houston were elected to the capitol Congress of toilers. A house to house, city-wide tag day was organized to collect the

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passing of anti-Communist and anti-labor laws.

But the fat-bellied capitalists and landlords, who live in luxury off the profits the workers make for them, are not satisfied. At their recent big meetings in the South, they declare that wages and unemployment relief are too high. They want to cut the wage and relief standards for all workers down to the level of Negro cotton pickers in Mississippi, at 50c a day.

That is why the big bosses are trying harder than ever to electrocute the innocent Scottsboro boys, and are building the KKK and using misled and backward whites to lynch and terrorize the Negroes. The capitalists want to starve not only the Negroes, but also the white workers. That is why we Communists say honestly and truthfully that the white workers can help themselves and their wives and kids only if they join in the struggle for equal rights for Negroes.

Bosses Want Fascism

The capitalists want a South of KKK terror like Hitler Germany. Today their main drive is against the Communist Party, the political leader of the working class, and against the labor union. If the bosses can get away with this, then tomorrow it will mean taking out all constitutional and trade union rights and the abolition of national and religious freedom. Fascism will mean slavery and starvation for ALL the Southern workers.

Relief Cut More By New Deal As Profits Rise

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Slashing hundreds of thousands of starving families off the federal relief rolls, is the latest move of the New Deal government, through Harry Hopkins, Federal Relief Administrator, in the face of admitted growing needs.

"All unemployed" are being thrown to the mercy of the state and city governments who have absolutely refused to provide for them in the past. While this classification is supposed to include a 11 Harry Hopkins, aged, sick and disabled persons, as well as widows and small children, it is also made to include workers who refuse to accept jobs at scab wages, etc.

Forced Labor Only

While the number of families on relief has been rapidly increasing to all time high records, thousands are being cut off entirely, while relief for those remaining has been cut to half, in many cases, the meager amount they had been getting. The policy the F. R. A. has announced will cut out all but work relief, with wage standards on these jobs as low as the workers can be forced to take.

Transient Bureaus in Alabama were closed down entirely during the latter part of December, while those already on jobs had to work without pay.

Profits Increase

Meanwhile profits of corporations for the first 9 months of 1934 were 70 per cent higher than in 1933, food costs rose 28 per cent, and \$300,000,000 was handed out by the Government to large landlords for destroying food and clothing crops.

Croppers' Unity Call Answered by Union In Arkansas

FIGHT AAA TOGETHER

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Accepting all but one of the united front proposals of the Share Croppers' Union, the Central Council of the Southern Tenant Farmer's Union has notified the S. C. U. that they will join with them in struggles for the repeal of the A. A. A. and for the right to organize.

The S. T. F. U. decided not to join the struggle against the Bankhead Act and gin tax, on the basis that as results of driving hundreds of croppers and tenants to starvation and off the land, are not necessarily part of the Act, if it were "rightly administered." Many members of the Arkansas organization, nevertheless, have pointed out that its administration is entirely in the hands of the landlords, and that there is absolutely no indication of change, and have pledged to work for the realization of this by their entire membership.

Landlords Jail Four

TYRONZA, Ark.—L. M. Mills, S. T. F. U. Organizer, together with three other white and Negro workers, were fined \$100 each on charges of "interfering with labor," after they were seized in a raid of landlords on a union meeting. Railroaded through trial without being allowed their attorney, their case has been appealed by the union, although they will have to remain in jail until February, lacking the high bond set.

R. L. Butler, Negro school teacher, A. R. Brookins, Negro preacher, and T. F. Schultz, relief worker are the other three held at the Cross Tree, Ark. jail. Both the American Civil Liberties Union and the International Labor Defense, as well as the Sharecroppers' Union have pledged support in the struggle to free the men, and against the Arkansas labor slavery law under which they were convicted.

McDuff—Prince of Stool Pigeons

By Jim Mallory

The first of a series of articles which will expose the workers' worst enemies—the stool pigeons, pimps and traitors, some of them in their own ranks. The next article, showing a startling network of spies paid with public funds, and extending into the union, will appear in the February Southern Worker.

Working directly for, or in the interests of, the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Co. (U. S. Steel Co. with headquarters at J. P. Morgan's Wall St. offices), Republic Steel, the First National Bank, and the electric and power trusts, is a chain of stool pigeons, pimps, strike-breakers and union-busting racketeers which extends from the small change sneaks to high-salaried "leading citizens" of Birmingham.

Relief and government officials, National Guard officers, newspaper men, lawyers, school teachers, ministers and union officials are all represented in this string, together with police, murderers and other criminal elements.

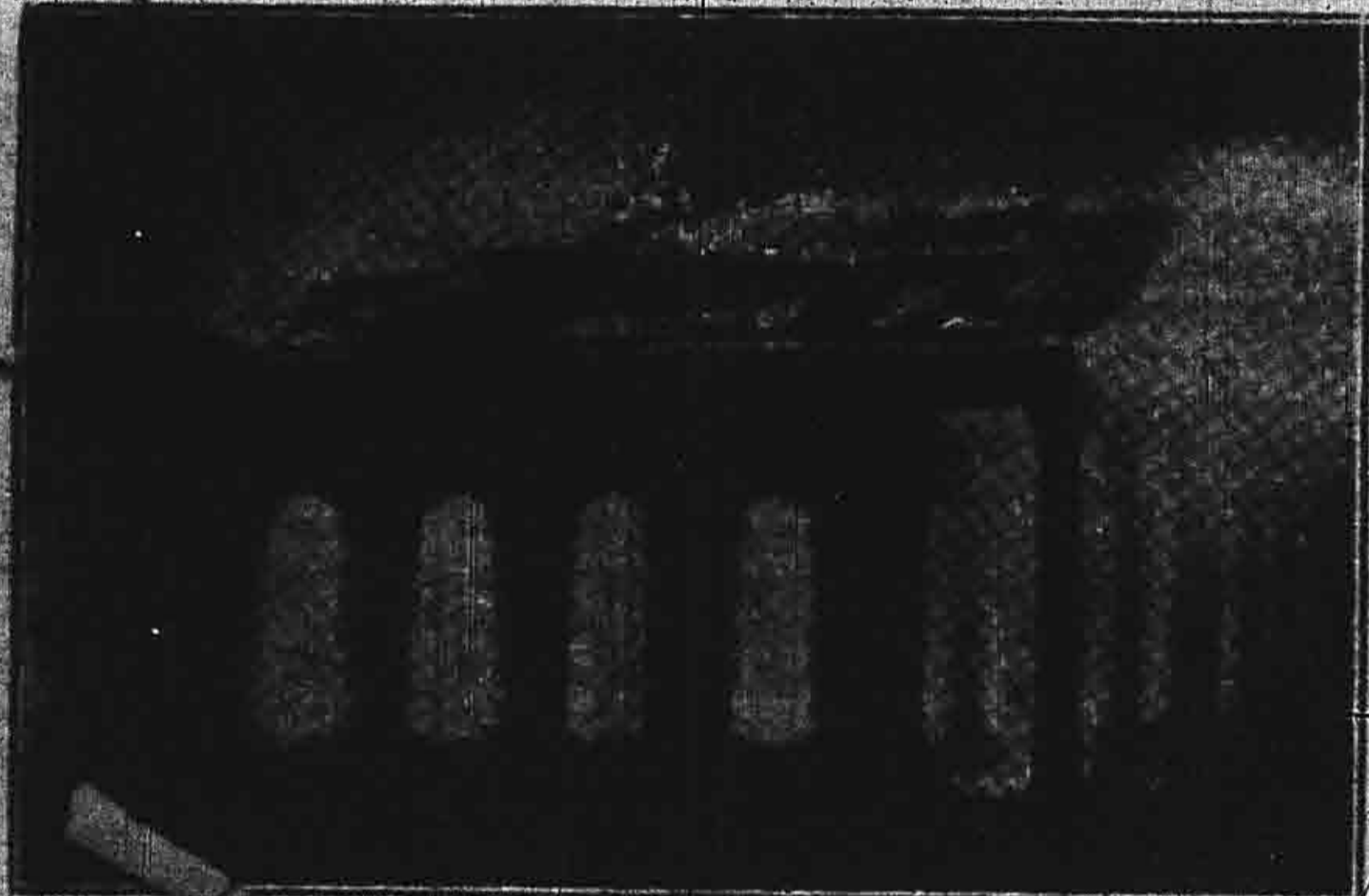
Anything For Piece of Silver

"He'd cut his own grandmother's throat for a dime," was the comment of one worker about one of these yellow dogs. This could easily be said about any one of the gang, although there are some who hold out for a higher price.

Every member in the Birmingham area should know who some of these stool pigeons are and what they are doing. And what is true of Birmingham, is also true everywhere where there are workers and bosses, who are often too stupid to know



Perhaps the Prince of the stool pigeons and union breakers in Birmingham is Milton McDuff, son of former Police Chief and now Sheriff, elect Fred McDuff, and partner with him in the McDuff National Detective Agency. This agency was formed to concentrate on breaking unions and receives large cash payments from the Republic Steel Co. for this. Their office are in the First National Bank Building, which was built especially for them and is one of the finest in the city.



Bedford County Courthouse, Burned by Lynch Gang

The United Front In The South

By Nat Ross

Following a conference with Nat Ross, Communist Party organizer in the Southern States in Chattanooga, Tenn., December 6, 1934, leaders of the Socialist Party organizations in North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama, signed a united front agreement with the Communist Party, and called on all state organizations to follow their example.

The statement of the Socialist Party representatives was signed by Howard Kester of the Tennessee State Committee of the Socialist Party; James Dombrowski of the Highlander Folk School of Monticello, Tennessee; Claude Williams of Arkansas; Graham Lewis of Alabama; B. W. Sutherland of Kentucky; Francis Hanson, Secretary of the Revolutionary Policy Committee of the Socialist Party, and George Strator.

In a later meeting on December 22, the state committees of the Socialist Party, as well as the National Executive Committee, were called upon to officially enter this united front, in a letter signed by Dombrowski, Myles Horton, director of the Highlander Folk School, and Elizabeth Haves, Southern Labor Secretary of the Socialist Party, and national American Federation of Labor organizer.

Six Point Program

The specific issues on which the agreement is based are as follows:

1. The struggle against war and fascism. (Against lynching, for disbanding the K. K. K. and other armed fascist bands, against denial of constitutional rights, etc.)

2. Election of delegates to the National Congress of Unemployment and Social Insurance (Washington, Jan. 5, 6, 7, 1935.) A sustained effort to have passed the Unemployment and Social Insurance

3. Against the New Deal differences in wages, and relief for Southern labor.

4. Opposition to reducing the power of the labor union and to developing an aggressive

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in its struggle to free the nine innocent Scottsboro boys.

6. Campaign against the AAA and the Bankhead Act in the cotton fields and struggle for the needs of the colored farm population.

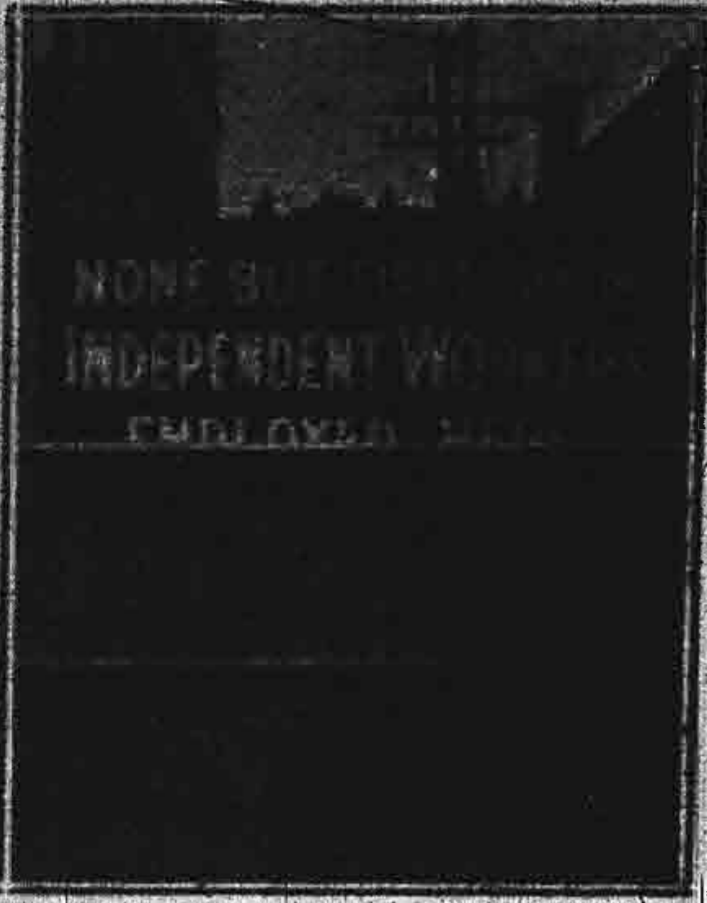


Elizabeth Haves

The Southern working class is going through HELL! The Roosevelt New Deal in the South is a disaster. It means sky high food prices, nearly total for the unemployed, plunging under cotton and the Bankhead tax, increasing unemployment and starvation of Negroes, and the destruction of the lives of thousands of white men and women.

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No Union Men!



Ross-Mehan Foundries, Chattanooga, Tennessee, have this large sign on their fence and an NRA "Blue Buzzard" in their window. This has been a notorious open shop since the drowning in blood of the metal workers' strike there 14 years ago.

Demand Fascist Laws Against Workers' Party

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An open call to outlaw the Communist Party and the formation of a special national police system to fight the revolutionary movement were recommended today by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, leading group of industrialists and employers. This follows the recent demand for more drastic wage-cutting and open shop conditions by the National Manufacturers' Association. In a specially prepared circular sent to all members, the Chamber of Commerce warned that the government had "been unfortunately too lenient in dealing with propaganda intended to forcibly overthrow the governmental, social, and economic order."

The fascist threat against the Communist Party menaces every working class political organization in the country, and every trade union. Workers of all political beliefs, from the A. F. of L. unions and the Socialist Party are being called upon to form a united front to defend civil rights against the menace of fascism.

Not Wanted in Ranks of Militant Workers

(By a Textile Worker Correspondent) DANVILLE, Va.—We Communists of the Danville section want the people of Danville to know that Roxie Dodson's statement that the "reds" have been trying to get her to join them is a lie. Furthermore, we consider it an attempt to disgrace the Danville section of the Communist Party. She has proven herself to be a company agent, strikebreaker, and a rat. We want earnest, honest and class conscious workers here as well as anywhere else. But there is nothing about Mrs. Dodson or her actions that the Communist Party does not detect.

Houston Seamen Win Some Demands, Fight On

HOUSTON, Tex.—A mass march of Houston seamen defied armed police to back a committee to G. S. Sowell, Transient Bureau Director, protesting attempts to send them to forced labor camps five miles away in order to get relief. Unemployed seamen forced the state relief administration to give them relief at the rate of \$1.70 per week for room and board for December. Although the federal relief administration had made provision to collect in ports to get these men a day and a place to sleep, the Houston seamen refused to accept such relief. The seamen are still on strike.

All-South Conference Called On Lynching, For Union Rights

Broad United Front Will Mark Meeting

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—An all-Southern Conference against lynching and for trade union and civil rights, has been proposed for the first week in March, by a provisional committee composed of Howard Kester, secretary of the Committee for Economic Justice, Nashville, G. T. Bradford, editor, Birmingham World, L. e. s. Burns, Trades Council, Bessemer, Ala., Rev. L. Baptiste and Robert Wood, I. L. D. district secretary, Birmingham.

Arkansas Workers Endorse

An Arkansas united front conference including representatives of U. M. W. A., American Federation of Teachers, and other A. F. of L. locals, farm and unemployed organizations, etc., has already endorsed the conference and has pledged to mobilize for it. Commonwealth College, in Arkansas, has offered its full cooperation.

The conference is planned to represent the broadest united front of "all shades of trade union, political, religious, racial and social opinion, united in the single effort to combat lynching and fascist reaction in the South," to quote from the initial letter of the committee.

The proposed issues also include the recognition of labor unions, and the unmolested right to organize, strike and picket, for the unqualified right to vote without payment of the poll tax, against Negro persecution, etc.

Chattanooga, Tenn. has been proposed as the meeting place for the conference.

Texas Pecan Pickers Fight For Code Wage As NRA Stalls And Bosses Pay 15c A Day

By L. P.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Misery among the Mexican pecan shellers increases as winter comes, while the N. R. A. says a committee from Washington will make a "study" of the industry before any efforts are made to enforce the code, which was supposed to have gone into effect October 29th.

The code, was to have replaced the starvation wage of 15c a day with 15c an hour, guaranteeing the shellers \$6 per week. Hearings for the code were twice postponed, the N. R. A. making its excuses each time in an attempt to keep the code from going into effect until the shelling season ends sometime in April.

The advance in wages in the pecan shellers' code was actually brought about through the efforts of El Nacional, rank and file union of the pecan shellers. This union has 3,000 members at the present time and is building a united front locally and nation-

Durr May Have To Leave Town on Wave Of Workers' Anger At Lyncher Writings

By Beth Mitchell

"Editor Robert Durr hits a mighty nail on the head when he compares Communism with lynching," comments John Temple Graves II, in the Birmingham Age-Herald, December 22.

KENTUCKY UNION MEETING RULED BY POLICE

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Meetings of the Brown-Williamson local of the International Tobacco Workers' Union are regularly supervised by uniformed police since the rank and file insisted on presenting demands for a twenty per cent wage increase. The rank and file members of this local, which claims a membership of 3,500, demanded that the chair recognize a motion for the wage increase. The chief of the company police is chairman of the meetings. He always rules the motion for a wage increase out of order.

At the Axton-Fisher plant, the I. T. W. U. local 161 has a membership claimed to be 2,500.

There Was A Boss—And A Worker!

There was a crooked Boss, who had a crooked mind,
Who planned some crooked dealings with his crooked kind,
They planned a crooked war to slaughter countless men,
And they all laughed together in their little crooked den.
There was a fearless worker, who had a fearless mind,
Who gathered fearless comrades to beat this crooked kind,
They planned a Workers' Soviet to counteract the war,
And ever since, throughout the land, the Bosses are no more!

Yes, Robert Durr hits a nail on the head, but it is his own head—for he now unfolds himself in his true light for all to see—and despise.

Two years ago, Robert Durr was speaking at mass meetings called by the International Labor Defense, speaking for the freedom of the nine innocent Scottsboro boys and for the support of the policies of the I. L. D. as the only way to save them.

Tried to Get Pay From Tailors

One year ago, Robert Durr tried to speak at a meeting called by the I. L. D.—but he wanted pay for doing it. Of course, it is not the policy of the I. L. D. to pay speakers, but to use every possible cent of the funds raised for necessary expense in carrying on the various campaigns.

Now Robert Durr has become editor of a small fly-by-night newspaper, the Weekly Review, in which he says: "I do not want the Scottsboro boys electrocuted if they are innocent" (Our emphasis B. M.). "Give the people of Alabama a chance," this Negro Uncle Tom pleads, asking the I. L. D. to get out now and leave the Scottsboro boys to the proven mercies of the Alabama ruling class.

Gets Hand-Out From Bosses

Of course, Durr doesn't do all this for nothing. His editorial which tries to compare the action of a lynch mob, organized by the bosses, to the mass activity of the working class, black and white united, he takes to business men, etc., in Birmingham. Durr's racket is to get them to buy advertising to support his attacks upon the mass of the Negro people, disguised as an attack only on the Communist Party and the I. L. D.

Although a T. C. I. advertisement has not yet appeared in the Weekly Review, it is understood by persons who usually know, that a few dollars have been received by Durr directly from the T. C. I. to carry on these attacks.

Attacks Self-Defense of Tailors

United, working class action, which Durr tries to brand as lynching (of the boss's pocketbook or of Alabama's ruling class justice) is, as everyone can see, a struggle for life, while lynching which Durr supports in deed, when not openly in words, is open murder, engineered by the ruling class.

He attacks the Soviet Union, the land which everyone has to admit now, is going ahead faster than any other country in the world under workers' and farmers' rule, where they have no unemployment and starvation and where lynching or even discrimination of any sort because of race is a crime. But Durr wants Jim Crow.

Supports Jim Crow

"There is nothing wrong with segregation and Jim Crowism," says Durr, and here he lets the cat out of the bag. "Were it not for segregation," says he, "there would be no Negro churches, schools, business enterprises and what not?" What not? Well, if it weren't for segregation Robert Durr wouldn't get the opportunity to be an editor of a dirty, lying, anti-working class sheet, who makes a living by attempting to lead his own people into the slaughter houses of the big bosses. Robert Durr makes his traitor's living off of Jim Crow.

Birmingham workers have already expressed the desire to run Durr out of town, and to see his stock-piles shot clean down. A boycott, with programs intended to buy or read the Weekly Review, has already started with a view to making every merchant who supports the

Scottsboro Mother



Mrs. Janis Patterson

Mother of Haywood Patterson, whose appeal from the death sentence handed down by the Alabama lynch courts, has been taken to the U. S. Supreme Court by the I. L. D., which has defended and kept alive all of the nine innocent Scottsboro boys for more than three and a half years.

Young Strikers Jailed At New Orleans Camp

NEW ORLEANS, La.—A thousand and young workers, led by the rank and file Homeless Youth of America, went on strike at the Government Transient Camp at the Algiers Naval Station, near New Orleans, in December.

Four were arrested as "Communist agitators," while 250 were turned out of the camp in the winter weather. Moe Rogers, Harry Watson and Joseph Greiger, three of the four jailed, were released following defense by the International Labor Defense, while Samuel Butts, the fourth was fined \$15.00 or thirty days in jail. Unable to pay the fine, he went to jail.

The strikers demanded more and better food, clothing, payment of all wages and recognition of an elected committee of the young workers.

Forced to work for \$1.00 a week in these concentration camps, even this is withheld for weeks, while graft by the officers made the miserably food even more rotten.

Brutal Attack On Woman By New Orleans Cops

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Ann Miller, New Orleans I. L. D. Secretary, J. E. Moore and F. Lemoine were arrested and jailed when they went as a delegation to the E. R. A. headquarters to protest the arrest and sentencing of jobless workers demanding relief.

Recently, eight Negro and one white worker were charged with "disturbing the peace," after police brutally beat them when they went to see the relief director. The white worker Leo Khalif, was arrested because he defended a Negro woman from policemen engaged in kicking her in the stomach.

Mrs. A. West, the Negro woman, and a leader of the Unemployment Councils was so badly injured she fainted twice in court, but she refused an attention until people in court massed around the judge and demanded her removal in an ambulance. She was also charged with "teasing a riot." The International Labor Defense is defending all of these cases.

have been made. The white and Negro workers must recognize, as they and fight the degraded and corrupt system and administration. We go as well as those who are the only way to save the people of the South.

Tarrant Relief League To Join Unions

Oppose Labor Faker

TARRANT, ALA.—About 65 white and 35 Negro workers attended the meeting of the Relief Workers League of Tarrant City which enthusiastically endorsed the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill. Andley Thorpe, secretary of the Switchmen's Union, spoke on the Bill, but was interrupted continually by a Trades Council faker named A. A. Towns, who is leading the fight against the Workers Bill.

Faker Introduces Faker

After the meeting many workers said that if Towns showed up at another meeting they would throw him out bodily. He had brought a Mr. Ward from the relief administration to speak on a plan for starting a factory for the unemployed. Asked who would be in charge, Ward said, "Thad Holt, the State Relief Administrator." Not another worker wanted to hear any more about it.

This plan was exposed as a forced labor scheme of the administration and a wedge to start a wage slashing campaign in the south.

Set Conditions to Join

Hod Carriers

A representative of the Hod Carriers' Union spoke and the members of the Relief Workers League decided to join the Hod Carriers union, provided they got their charter free and that the dues would not be excessive. They are making sure that they may elect the officers they want and carry on a militant struggle for relief as they have so far.

The League recently won 9 out of 11 demands for coal orders during one week, through organization of a militant grievance committee.

TROOPS THREATEN HOSIERY STRIKERS

ROSSVILLE, Ga.—Sheriff J. C. Keown requested National Guard troops to break the strike of more than 1,000 strikers at the Richmond Hosiery Mill, describing the solidarity of the strikers and the mass picketing as "worse than the strike last September." By this he means that the strikers will no longer allow themselves to be sold out by fake leaders.

Troops were immediately mobilized in Atlanta but had not been sent up to the press time of the Southern Worker, because of fear that this might call forth too much anger from masses of non-striking workers, and might even provoke sympathy strikes and other solidarity actions.

The strikers members of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers walked out practically 100 per cent following the posting of a notice for a wage cut.

MINERS WALK OUT DESPITE OFFICIALS

JASPER, Ala.—Miners at the Mansfield Coal Co. mine, 7 miles north of Jasper, went on strike December 29 to have a stop to discrimination against union men and and for the employment of members of the United Mine Workers of America. Following a threat to strike, district officials of the U. M. W. A. signed an agreement with the mines to break the strike, but the miners refused to accept the offer.

This follows the third strike of the Nye and Nauvoo miners in the same fields after the so-called agreement of Bill Hatch ended the coal strike. Rank and file committees are taking the leadership out of the hands of those who are a wave of royal wages in mine fields.

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necessary funds, as well as to popularize the aims of the Congress. The A. F. of L. Communist local and the Age Limit League took part in the united front conference which elected the delegates.

FORT SMITH, Ark.—A mass demonstration at the courthouse here on Jan. 7, will support their delegates at the Washington Congress in the demand for unemployment insurance. Ten Negro and white delegates were elected to go to Washington from a united front conference representing the United Farmers' League, the Polk Co. Relief League, Workmen's Union of the World, Unemployment Councils, and locals of the Scissors Workers and Glass Workers Unions, the Federation of Teachers and the United Mine Workers of America. A permanent united front committee for Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma was also set up.

TAMPA, Fla.—Local 235, International Association of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers here has endorsed the National Congress for Unemployment Insurance and is sending an official delegate.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—A delegation of more than a dozen white and Negro workers are representing New Orleans at the Washington Congress. Two of these were elected at a successful conference of over 50 delegates representing labor and fraternal organizations, Unemployment Council and A. F. of L. locals Dec. 16, despite a campaign by the Central Labor Union against it.

Five delegates were elected by marine workers in the Marine Workers Industrial Union, and one is from the Waterfront Unemployment Council.

OXFORD, Miss.—One of the most militant Negro organizers of the Share Croppers Union in this territory was elected to go to the Washington Congress.

GREENVILLE, Miss.—Two delegates have been elected, representing the workers and sharecroppers of this section of Mississippi in the nation-wide struggle for unemployment insurance, and are attending the Washington Congress.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—Workers in the Tobacco Workers' Inter-

national Union (A. F. of L.) in Winston-Salem, Durham and Reidsville have endorsed the country-wide struggle for unemployment insurance and are sending delegates to the Washington Congress.

Local 401 of the Hod Carriers' Union has also elected two delegates.

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RICHMOND, Va.—The Richmond Unemployment Councils are bringing a representative delegation of 15 to Washington, from the employed as well as jobless.

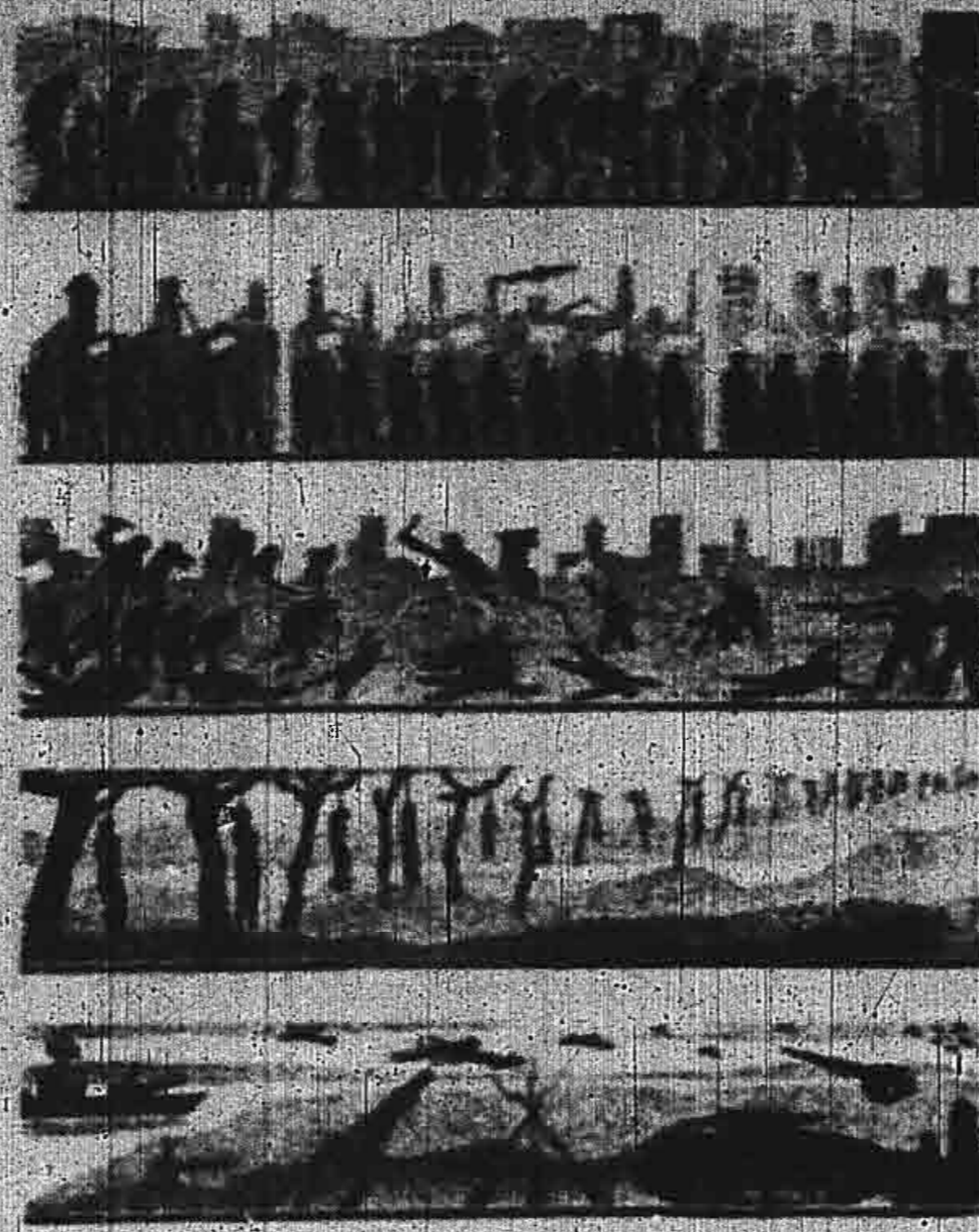
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1934 What About 1935?



Jobless 14,750,000

Strikes - U97334 up to Oct. 1st

Workers killed in Strikes 50 up to Oct. 1st

Negroes Lynched 24 up to Oct. 1st

WAR Budget for the fiscal year \$2502,593,000,000

What about 1935? Already there are new, mass lay-offs, and huge cuts in relief, with more and more billions being planned for war preparations. On the other hand, the workers are organizing and preparing to make 1935 the greatest year of working class struggle and gains we have seen.

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Following the arrest, third degree (at which McDuff claims to be a brutal expert), and frame-up on bombing charges of more than a half dozen union workers, who had been spotted for their militancy in the strikes at the Republic blast furnaces and against the scab policy of the Hill and A. & P. grocery stores, McDuff turned his attention to an attempt to disrupt the campaign for unemployment and social insurance. Because the corrupt top officials of the Trades and Labor Council had stood by quietly and allowed the bombing frame-ups, McDuff had had it easy.

Disruption Plan Fails

With his new attacks he wasn't so successful, for masses of rank and file workers knew this movement for their own, and protest poured in on the city officials with the arrest of a representative of the National Arrangements Committee for the Congress in Washington, Jan. 5, together with a young worker charged with being a Communist.

In this raid, McDuff worked hand-in-hand with the Birmingham police.

Gullidge Pimps

How does McDuff do it? Of course, there is nothing mysterious about it. He uses the "stool pigeon method." Now that he is devoting his efforts to attempting to break up the Communist Party and "to get" militant rank and file workers' leaders in the developing struggles for higher wages and better conditions, he has enlisted the services of a whole string of professional fascists, terrorists and Klansmen.

Robert Gullidge, cheap racketeer, who boasts of having been a strikebreaker in the Gastonia, N. C., textile strike and the Harlan, Ky., mine struggles, is now part of McDuff's regular staff. Gullidge, since his racket of collecting initiations for the fascist White Legion ran out when workers saw through his false talk, is thankful for this new opening opportunity. It's not a hard job, although it's becoming increasingly uncomfortable as he gets mixed out of workers' meetings, but Gullidge's little visits to the office in the Brown-Marx building (Birmingham headquarters of the T.C.E.) make it worth while.

Crusader White Shows

This, then, is the sort of group McDuff works with. Also working for him is Frank Cook, leader of another attempt to build a fascist organization, the Crusader White Legion in Chattanooga. Cook was recently elected of a post office by voting less

Mobile Seamen Fight Against Forced Labor

Endorse Jobless Insurance

(By a Seamen Correspondent)

MOBILE, Ala.—At a meeting of the seamen last night there was a good bit of hull raised. The local fakers, Spear included, had already issued work orders for the seamen to go in effect December 25. However, out of the 80 or so present last night the big majority turned in these work slips to the secretary of the Committee, and some of them tore them up. They all absolutely refused to work.

At the meeting one of the committee men read a leaflet that was issued by the Waterfront Unemployment Council, calling on the seamen to resist the scab line and put up a militant fight for more and better relief.

Any Seaman Can Join

Instead of the I. W. W. helping us to build the W. U. C. they are shouting that this is a Communist organization, etc. which however is a lie, for any seaman can join and belong to the Waterfront Unemployed Council, regardless of his political, religious or any other belief, and union affiliation.

Spear, the baloney who said once we would have the "galley" in that he would feed us for one-half price of what the relief was putting out now, promised he would see to it that we got home cooked food. And Miss Reed, assistant director, said, "that we would get the kind of food that we are used to eating on ships," which any sane seaman knows is lousy, if he has put in any time on the tube lately.

The seamen, at the meeting, said that if they would all stick that they would see to it that Mobile, Ala. is the last port in the U. S. A. to inaugurate the forced labor plan.

The workers who refused to be fooled by him, so he now occupies his time in clumsy attempts to trap Communists, while he uses his spare time trying to spread anti-Semitism, white supremacy, and fake money schemes.

Where is the Southern Worker printed? How are thousands of copies distributed throughout the South each month? How can it be stopped? These are questions McDuff's bosses have asked him to answer now. He, in turn, has tried his stool pigeons. Now they are all stuffing around like a pack of curs.

New Snak Job Open

McDuff is said to have the best connections with the worst people, of any man in Birmingham. And now, with the New Deal advancing toward fascism, with the newest proposals of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Dickstein Congressional Committee to outlaw militant workers' organizations, or the pattern of Hitler Germany, the Federal Dept. of Justice (Secret Service), needs just such men. McDuff knows this and has been trying to land a snak job with the government. And with the promise of large appropriations from Congress to carry on such terrorist activities, these politicians in Washington who hire the snakes, are keeping an eye on McDuff. Perhaps the wide publication of his picture, so that every worker can recognize him for the snak he is, will have a bad effect, but Milton McDuff's appointment was scheduled for January, 1935.

Updressing the Constitution

Certainly his remark to a prisoner who insisted on his constitutional right to see his attorney, should recommend him as just the sort of agent the New Deal government wants, as it moves toward open, anti-working class fascism.

F—The Constitution, said McDuff, demanding to meet the prisoner, and to take him for a ride that night.

Unity Only Hope For White and Negro, Southern Author Says In Letter

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"I was born south of the Mason-Dixon line, but though I've traveled all over the world, I have found few countries where workmen were so ruthlessly exploited, so brutally cheated, so suppressed as in the South. What to a good extent accounts for this is the existence of a large body of Negro workers who are held in feudal bondage. But what many white workers don't know is that the fate of these Negroes also determines their fate.



Paul Peters

"Again and again in my own working experience, and in the experience of my father—a Southern factory worker—I have seen this happen: When a Negro's wages are cut, a white worker's wages are also cut. When Negroes are beaten and lynched it is so much easier for the corrupt Southern exploiters and their political henchmen to beat, jail and murder white workers. All down the line Negroes and whites suffer the same treatment from the same class enemy: the boss.

"So I say to the workers of the South through their mouthpiece, the Southern Worker: Forget your boss! Forget your political! Forget the chance difference in color of your skin. You are fighting a life and death battle. It is the boss of you! Whether you are black or white you are brothers. And you have one enemy: the boss.

"Organize! get together and stick together! Only this way can you win food and shelter and relief and a future for your children. Only in this solidarity is there hope or any chance to be black or white."

Continued

Paul Peters

Call to Build Union In Connors Steel

(By a Rank and File Committee of Lodge No. 23, A. F. of L. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—We know that the A. F. of L. is a workers' union and not the bosses' union. We know we have won certain demands through the A. F. of L. and we can win a great victory if we just continue our union.

Our president, Mr. Simpson, we know that he is 100% union and he wants to go, and we as workers and members of the A. F. of L. should help Brother Simpson to put the union over. We can if we will.

Company Rents Union Hall The company has rented our hall. Why? To break our unity and hit between white and Negro. But we can't let that stop our local from meeting nor stop our children from wanting bread and meat.

So they rent our hall. They think that is going to stop our growing spirit. Are we workers going to stop for that? No. We must fight for bread and meat—not only the union recognition, but better working conditions, high wages, shorter hours.

Need to Fight The company thugs are talking about our treasurer being gone with the money. Why? In order to break up the spirit of the A. F. of L. members and for us workers to say it isn't any good. But it is the bosses who have stolen all we produced and then let us go hungry. We need a workers' union and we want to push it.

We can see the spirit of discrimination and discouragement is rapidly growing in this shop since the union has stopped meeting and will continue if we don't start to meet our local meetings and hold strong. We can do it. We got to do it!

NEGROES TREATED LIKE DOGS ON CWA

(By a CWA Worker)

FAIRFIELD, Ala.—On the C.W.A. I see the water totter carries 2 dippers. One's called a white dipper. It stays in the bucket. One he carries in his hand. It's called the black dipper. After all the whites have drunk, the black dipper is given to each Negro and water is poured from the bucket with the white dipper.

One day there were three white men, with 21 Negroes, and this act was played. All these Negroes drink slavery by peering it into the black dipper with the white dipper. We all are Jim Crowed from the water and never called a man but a boy. And yet we have to carry a man's turn and over. I will say that I will be glad when the day comes that a Negro can be a human and not a beast.

It's hell not to be treated like a human. It's hell to know that a man can't be a man as all men are and be treated like a man.

How A. F. L. Big Shots Support Strikes

From September 1, 1933 to August 1, 1934, the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor reports it collected \$152,612.31 in per capita tax for aid to the striking local and federal trade unions. It spent exactly \$1,000 for this purpose, and \$1,000 went to a lawyer for giving advice.

These expenditures cover one of the greatest strike payoffs in American labor history, with over one million workers striking.

AS AGAINST THE SALARIES OF THE OFFICIALS

IMPORTANT NEWS IN SHORT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Framed on evidence of leaflets which had not been found in his home at all, Fred Walker, Negro worker, has been sentenced to six months in jail and \$100 fine by Judge Martin.

Israel Berlin, white worker who was convicted under the same infamous Downes law, was held in jail while Circuit Judge McIlroy "reserved decision" on a motion for a new trial, and Berlin was approached in jail with offers of release in return for certain information and promises. This has been refused, while efforts are being made to raise bond, which was set at the high figure of \$2,000.

Pete Turney, Negro worker, convicted of "criminal libel" for possession of leaflets naming J. T. Moser, cop killer, a yellow dog, also waits the outcome of the appeal of this conviction to a higher court by the I. L. D., which is defending all of these workers.

DANVILLE, Va.—Ann Burlack, widely known militant textile worker and strike leader, called the "Red Flame" by the bosses who fear her leadership of the workers, was released with Jane Allen, local young worker, after a court hearing which was packed with white and Negro toilers. The two had been arrested and charged with being "of bad fame and character," following a raid on a meeting of five white and five Negro workers to discuss the sending of a Danville textile worker to the National Congress for Unemployment and Social Insurance in Washington. Protests against the arrest poured in on the police from groups representing thousands of organized workers.



Ann Burlack

LAURENS, S. C.—Lube Williams, Negro prisoner, was shot in the back and killed by Archie Thompson, chain gang guard, while another guard held him, because he had knocked Thompson over to prevent him from shooting him. Williams had tried to escape and had hit the guard when a gun was drawn on him. The other guard claims he was holding Williams to whip him and "could not have prevented the murder."

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil—400,000 seamen and other marine workers went on strike with the New Year, walking off hundreds of Brazilian ships to demand higher wages.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The "Big Four" largest cigaret producers have refused to sign an NRA code providing a 35c an hour wage. They're holding out for 25c an hour. S. Clay Williams, Reynolds Tobacco Co. boss, is head of the National Industrial Relations Board which will hear the case. Of course, he'll take the workers' side—baloney!

OXFORD, Miss.—Smashing through the Jim Crow rules of the ruling class, 150 white and Negro workers and croppers held a Scottsboro protest rally in Oxford in the latter part of December and adopted a resolution protesting the frame-up of the boys and demanding their unconditional release.

JACKSON, Miss.—"It is a well known fact," said the Mississippi Supreme Court in a decision, "that some officers of the law have turned bandits." Not to mention strike-breakers, lynchers and murderers.

VINELAND, N. J.—Tremendous mass protest in support of his 14-day hunger strike, forced the New Jersey authorities to release William O'Donnell, sentenced to a long jail term for his strike activities. "The bosses framed me, but the organized fight of the workers under I. L. D. leadership forced my release," he said.

Robt. Robinson



Robert Robinson, 30, Jamaican-American Negro machine tool worker, who was unanimously elected to the Moscow Soviet (city council) by the 17,000 voting workers of the local ball-bearing plant in the elections recently. Robinson, a former worker in the Detroit Ford plant, came to the Soviet Union in 1930.

The Soviets, the governing bodies of the country, are made up of delegates from the factories and farms. The Moscow ball-bearing plant which elected Robinson is entitled to 15 delegates.

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Supreme Court of the U. S. will hear the appeal of Angelo Herndon, young Negro leader of the unemployed, who faces a 20-year chain gang sentence following his conviction on an 1861 slave law, for "inciting to insurrection." Herndon is now speaking to mass meetings throughout the country, free on \$15,000 bond, raised by workers' collections, after 26 months in Fulton Tower Prison. The I. L. D. is defending him.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Richard Williams, 18-year-old FERA worker, has been sentenced to serve 30 days in jail because he struck a foreman after the foreman had hit him over the head with a shovel, to make him speed up. The next day police came and arrested Williams.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—What amounted to a statement that lynching is alright as long as it is kept in the South, was made by President Roosevelt in his address to the opening session of the Attorney General's crime conference in Washington on December 16.

"Lynching, unfortunately," said the President, "is no longer confined to one section of the country."

This put on the back for the South is the answer to the question that has been asked by millions: what is the stand of Franklin D. Roosevelt on lynching?

BURLINGTON, N. C.—27 years of hard labor was the total sentence for the "Red Flame" militant textile worker and strike leader, called the "Red Flame" by the bosses who fear her leadership of the workers, was released with Jane Allen, local young worker, after a court hearing which was packed with white and Negro toilers. The two had been arrested and charged with being "of bad fame and character," following a raid on a meeting of five white and five Negro workers to discuss the sending of a Danville textile worker to the National Congress for Unemployment and Social Insurance in Washington. Protests against the arrest poured in on the police from groups representing thousands of organized workers.

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But the spread of fascist terror can and must be stopped. How? BY A UNITED FRONT OF WORKING CLASS STRUGGLE.

Divided Workers

The capitalists rule by dividing the workers. This is true in the South more than anywhere in the U. S. The workers are divided on political, racial, religious and other lines. It is true that on many questions a Baptist worker will differ from a Catholic worker, a Socialist worker from a Communist worker, a white worker from a Negro worker. But for all of these workers, Baptist and Catholic, Communist and Democrat, white and Negro, union and unorganized, employed and unemployed, men and women, there is one common fact.

They are all members of THE WORKING CLASS. All oppressed by capitalism and by the growth of fascist terror, and all want better conditions.

United Front Needed

It is just this that forms the basis, the possibility and the need for UNITED ACTION which was already carried into the class struggle during the wave of strikes in the South in 1934, in which white and Negro men fought together on the picket lines for the common interest.

Already some progress in the United Front of the South has been made. This is seen in the common action of the Socialist Party and Communist Party in New Orleans, in joint unemployment demonstrations against the Huey Long-Walmsley war and in joint meetings to support the revolutionary struggle of workers in Spain. It is seen in the Agreement of the Share Croppers Union in Alabama and the Southern Tenant Farmers Union in Arkansas following an invitation from the S. C. U. to work together against the misery among the cotton farmers and croppers. At the same time Commonwealth Labor College in Arkansas, the I. L. D. and a number of other organizations are joining in preparation for a Southern united front conference against lynching and for trade union rights to be held in the spring.

Communists and Socialists

And now the agreement signed in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on December 6, and further extended in another joint meeting of Socialist and Communist representatives at Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee, December 28, in which Southern leaders of the Socialist Party call on every Southern state committee of the Socialist party to enter into negotiations with the Communist party for the purpose of developing united action on the definite program of struggle for the needs of the masses, which was proposed by the Communist Party.

This is real progress, but it is only the beginning. United action must move forward on all fronts, above all a campaign to unionize the South and to develop a united rank and file movement in the labor unions over the heads and against the will of the bar union fakers, Negro reformist union leaders, and Socialist bureaucrats who dare to stand in the way of fighting unity.

Workers—United!

The six demands which form the basis of the pact between Communists and Socialists are seen as a guide to the Southern labor movement. Everywhere workers, white and Negro, in factory and union hall, among the unemployed and on the streets, must demand: Now is the time to build the United Front of the South against fascist terror.

Selma White Woman Exposes "Rape" Lie

The following letter is from an Alabama white worker woman who refused to take part in a "rape" frame-up against a Negro worker. A letter in the last issue of the Southern Worker told about how Selma white workers of the Selma workers forced the release of this worker.

SELMA, Ala.—A little story about my condition ever since the day I refused to take any part in the frame-up of Ed Jackson. I had to leave Selma. The laws of Selma told me that I could not live in town at all now. I have left town and am living in the country with my brothers because the relief will not give me no relief at all now.

They call me a nigger lover and they will feed no white women that hold up for a nigger in the Southern States. They say to me, "Yes, we killed your husband because he did not help us to kill a nigger here. This is why we killed him here." This is what Police Brady says, that he is going to kill many more of this kind of white people in Selma. He has plenty of help here as long as Stanfield and Dusky are living and many others of his kind are in this town.

They have called me a nigger lover her while even out here on this plantation many of these landlords are going with Negro women, not because the Negroes want to go with them, but because they cannot help themselves at all.

Just the other day a Negro man was run off the plantation because the landlord wanted his wife for his sweetheart.

Mr. Willingham told this man to leave his place at once but leave his wife there on the plantation but do not be found on his place at all. Pal Jones took him at his word and left the place. Now his wife has left the place, too, and nobody knows just where she is at this time.

Mr. Willingham is looking out for her in town, and in the country all of the landlords are well posted about her. He says that her husband owes him some money and she has to work it out with him, but he does not want Pal Jones to come on his place at all because he is a bad nigger and might have to kill him.

I have learned a lesson about the Negroes in the South. When I read in the newspaper about a Negro man having raped a white woman we white women know that this is a lie of the police force and landlords and bankers. The laws of Dallas County have always been this way about the Negro men.

Rev. J. A. Martin Dead

On December 10, Rev. J. A. Martin of Atlanta, one of the most outstanding ministers in the South, died. Thousands of white and Negro workers loved and respected Rev. Martin for his fearless stand against the brutality, lynching and oppression of the ruling class and their policy, and for his tireless activity in the struggle for the rights of the toilers and of the Negro people.

"What we need in the South are Negro and white workers who are not afraid to fight police brutality," Rev. Martin declared from his pulpit in a revolutionary funeral service to five thousand who had gathered in the face of police harassment and thugs to protect the cold blooded murder of Glenn Davis, blind Negro, in 1932.

Our finest minister, Rev. Martin, will be the subject of greater masses of funeral services to carry on his fight which he took with him.

Union Ore Miners Resist T. C. L. Starving, Freezing and Spy Attempts

(By a Textile Worker Correspondent)

ATLANTA, Ga.—I was a textile worker of the Exposition cotton mill until the national strike, and now I am an unemployed worker like thousands of others that were framed by the A. F. of L. leaders because we workers began to wake up and realize that we had to take the job on our own selves to control our union for the benefit of the workers and not for the profit of the bosses.

Tired of Big-Shot Fakers

We are tired of the A. F. of L. big shots coming to our locals with flowery speeches decked out by Mr. Roosevelt and the Wall Street bankers. We workers know the old racket the fakers have been playing a long time. We know what they are going to tell us. We know that Gorman and Grogan with the assistance of many A. F. of L. local pimps sold us out and drove us back to the sweat shop without one of our demands being met.

Must Build Union

I am a member of the United Textile workers of America, affiliated to the A. F. of L., and we workers at the Exposition Mill, Fulton Bag, Gate City, Piedmont, are going to continue in the union. We are not going to tear up our union cards as the bureaucrats want us to do until they can figure some other way to fool us and come around and get our sack of money.



Instead of saying I quit the old union, we workers are going to organize in Atlanta and use the lessons of the nation-wide sell-out as our fighting ground to kick out the boss agents in the union and organize with the workers for the workers. Then we will win our demands.

We workers are learning to stick to each other and not allow these fakers to do our talking. We can not allow the bureaucrats to tell us to go back when we are starving.

They don't get any clothes. They can't even make any plans or suggestions with the workers. They tell us to sit back and let them sell us out. When the workers lift their voices the bureaucrats raise the red scare and go to the bosses and have you fired. They never speak about organizing the Negro workers, but we know that as long as the Negroes are forced to work cheaper than the whites, we are all getting poorer and making more profit for the bosses.

Bank and File Unite

This is the fakers' job. This is for he does his job for the boss—selling the ranks of the workers, leading them to fight among themselves, instead of getting together for the cause of humanity.

We are all slaves together making money for the bosses. Together we can win. Divided we fail. Black and white together we shall win out. We are not alone from the unity of the workers. They know we are all together.

W. J. ...

... the Southern ...

Florida Citrus Workers Strike Against Pay Cut In Spite of Misleaders

(By a Farm Worker Correspondent)

WINTERHAVEN, Fla.—The Florida Citrus Exchange was shut down on Dec. 17 by a strike. The pickers struck because the exchange cut their price from 12 cents to 10 cents a box. This was on trees from 25 to 35 feet high.

A. F. of L. Leaders Try to Stop Strike
The strike is the first of its kind this season in the fruit belt. There is an A. F. of L. local here and its leaders have been busy trying to get the pickers to go back to work without their demands being met. So far the members have been able to hold out without anyone getting back to work. Yet, there are threats to lynch all of the leaders, especially Jack Walker, who was asked by the members to come and help them in the strike because he is known as a fighter and the bosses have been trying to get the members of the United Citrus Workers to oust him, making an offer of a hundred dollars to any member that will get Walker and turn him over to the bosses.

Strike Can Spread
The strike will spread to all of Polk County if any efforts are made to get all the workers to strike. They are all dissatisfied with the way things have been going and have finally woke up to what the trouble is. They know that Chapman was lying to them and fooling them into letting him settle all disputes through a gentleman's agreement with the packing bosses. He has caused hun-

TEXAS TOILERS FORCED BY LAW TO STARVE

(By a Relief Worker)

EL PASO, Tex.—Some of us are getting two days a week at 30c an hour, 8 hours a day. That makes \$2.60 a week to eat, pay rent, dress, and everything. So our standard of living, if you call it living, is the worst maybe in all the states.

We were buying our groceries in Juarez, Mexico, El Paso border town, exchanging a dollar for \$3.55 Mexican money to buy a week of food that would cost us on this side about \$3.55 American money. For a man with three dependents, he could half live buying in Juarez.

Pass Starvation Law

Now the relief united with the Chamber of Commerce, is going to pass a law that every worker that spends a dollar for groceries in Juarez is going to be dropped from the relief roll. The law will be active in a day or two. Then we will have to spend the \$3.55 for food and be thrown out of the houses or pay the rent and starve, or do the best and last thing we have to do: Organize and fight for our right to live!

Blacklisted Textile Worker Calls To Learn Lessons of Strike Betrayal

(By a Union Ore Miner)

BESSEMER, Ala.—The T. C. I. is trying every way possible to force over the company union, at the Readers Ore mine. Jack Brown and Will Jones are the main company union crooks for this. Jack Brown is the high sheriff. Will Jones is the company's first class Negro pimp.

Now they are shutting all of the packing houses down without anyone getting any relief. There are many people that cannot get anything to eat now. What will be their fate a month from now?

Frozen Fruit Shipped

The cold has frozen all the vegetables as well as the fruit. Now it is warm again, and the fruit is all running and is not fit to eat. The bosses are trying to ship all that they can to fool the people into eating it, and to make all the profits that they can before they are shut down.

There were 1,500 cars shipped to New York alone last week and part of this shipment was frozen. This was more fruit shipped in one week to one market than ever before in the history of Florida. This should be a warning to all workers to look out for the frozen fruit, as it is not fit to eat.

Small Farmers Discontented

The strike is going fine, and we will try to keep it going. There is also more discontent among the small farmers, because all of them have been frozen out. The sharecroppers have had all their strawberries and vegetables frozen. They cannot get any loans from the AAA, so they have to have security, and the sharecroppers have not security and nothing to eat, and are getting \$2.40 per week, with families of from six to nine to take care of. Things are getting serious down here.

Try to Starve Union

Many of the miners worked a small piece of land this summer, trying to raise some sweet potatoes, corn, etc. They were trying to do this so that they would have something for their families to eat this winter. Will Jones, goes around over the camps, watching the bona fide Union men's homes, trying to find out how much they have. If they have two or three banks of sweet potatoes or corn or a few chickens, he will report back to Jack Brown and a few days later the union man will receive a card from the Welfare, telling him that he has been cut off. This way, the company police are trying to starve the union men into the company union.



Try to Freeze Union

The company gave Jack Brown control over the company's property, and Jack Brown thought he could freeze the bona fide men into the company union. He would not allow union men to get wood off the company's property. He told the union men he will help men who help the company.

Promises Made By T. C. I. Bosses To Prevent Strike Now Forgotten As Workers Thrown Out To Starve

(By a Steel Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—I cannot see every worker in the T. C. I. I would like to see each of my fellow workers and have a face to face talk about our conditions and what we can do to help ourselves.

We should not be satisfied with our condition. Last June we workers in the T. C. I. helped the bosses play their hand when we voted for company representatives which means we voted for the company's union. We voted against ourselves.

Following this election for representatives there was another election. This last grew out of the strike wave and especially the national strike that was expected. The bosses were not sure this election would guarantee that the workers were safe for their plot to defeat the workers' national struggle.

So we were called back to the polls and told to vote against the strike. This would guarantee the T. C. I. would continue their work. They had hardly stopped the strike when notice was given that the mill would be down for an indefinite period. This is some of our reward for supporting the company union.

Not many days later workers were told by their representatives, by orders of company bosses, the men all would have to apply for public relief. The company would not advance anything. Our reward for voting for the company union and against the proposed strike.

It was difficult for many of the workers to get relief. The Relief Department refused them as part time workers. Another reward for supporting company unions. They refused to give them coal and clothes, and the relief delay when from 10 to 15 days and some much of that. Much more than public relief. The T. C. I. decided to let the workers have a week but it was not paid for. The workers are all together.

half ton a month. Families of 5, 6 and 7 get three-fourths of a ton. Families of 8, 9, and 10 get one ton. This is coal the workers themselves mined, but the company charges us more than 7 times as much for it as we got for digging it.

Now the company has sent a letter to all the managers and straw-bosses to cut 4 out of every 10 workers off the payroll entirely. Who did they say to fire this way? All those who

had been working two years or less and ALL UNDESIRABLE WORKERS, which means union men and militant white and colored workers.

Workers, you can plainly see the bosses will not only starve you but freeze you to death. Will we workers vote for the company union again or will we join labor unions and the Communist Party, who have a correct program to lead us out victorious?

YOU HOLD THE ANSWER
 PLAN OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
 PEACE AND HARMONY VS. STRIKES AND DISCORD
 OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE
 GOVERNMENT
 BE SURE TO VOTE

"If you men look out for the company, the company will look out for you," Brown said. But at the same time the company union men could get all the wood they wanted to get off the company's property. Not only this but any time the bona fide union men go to the Superintendent for anything he will tell them to go to Mr. Jack Brown, he got everything under control now. They will go back to Jack Brown and he will ask them, "Why don't you come to our meeting every Tuesday night?" It is all right about the company union.

Company Union Fails

But the company's starving freeze-out policy did not work. A few weeks ago the company called for some of the union men off the Welfare job to work in the mine, etc. The company union men had been doing this work ever since the mine had been down. The company union officials send two or three company union men to work with the bona fide union men to agitate them about the company union. Then he them work two days a week and each day the company union men are trying to get them to come over to the company union. The bona fide union men don't want to work in the mine because the company mine dogs are on their tracks all day.

They are trying to get a year of Negro men to come over to the company as when they open up they will open up under the company union. They claim they have enough men to make now and are carrying on a campaign to get the Negroes into the company union. But the Negro, Will and Another Worker's Union has a membership of about 1,000 and the union men say they will never join the company union. And the workers have the Communist Party, because the Communist told them right at the time of the strike and they all were free. With the Communist Party, the workers are all together.

Big picture like this was set up by the T. C. I. just before the fall election "for the company union" last year. The company union (Plan of Industrial Relations) has been selling, buying, loaning wages and more shoveling. Building a company union (A. A. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers) with pick and shovels, and the bosses to give better conditions, to the workers, etc.

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THE COMMUNISTS AND THE FIGHT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

15,000,000 jobless workers in the United States! Jobless through no fault of their own!

Millions of hungry, cold, miserable men, women and children, starving because there is too much food produced. Homeless because too many buildings have been built. Cold because too much coal has been mined, and too much cotton and wool grown.

Employed As Well As Unemployed

Not only do we speak of the jobless. The number is growing every day of the New Deal, with mass lay-offs and firings. There is no employed worker who is not threatened by this condition—with the loss of his job, as well as wage cuts, speed-up, and the stretch-out of work. Sharecroppers are being thrown off their land and farm wages forced down to 50c a day standard.

Roosevelt Promises

Roosevelt promised to end all this. Roosevelt is still promising to end all this. But how? By forced labor and the smashing of wage standards on jobs, by spending billions to prepare a new rich man's war and poor man's slaughter. Under the NRA profits for leading big corporations increased 800% in nine months of last year—and the misery and exploitation of the mass of toilers increased just about the same.

Already in 1929, the Communist Party saw this—and launched a struggle for unemployment and social insurance. Tirelessly the Communists have carried on this struggle, have patiently explained to ever wider masses this workers' means to fulfill their most crying needs without lowering minimum standards still further.

United Front of Bosses

Workers have been jailed and fired upon by police for demanding insurance. Newspapers and radio networks have been filled with propaganda against it. Since the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill has been written, a half dozen fake "insurance" bills have been pressed forward to sidetrack and disrupt the movement for real unemployment insurance. Against the tremendously growing support for this Workers' Bill and its provisions, a united front has been built by the bosses, their New Deal government and their agents in the labor movement.

It is the bankers, landlords and industrialists who will be forced to give up a part of their huge profits to pay for this insurance when the Workers' Bill is passed. They have been, and will continue to fight it tooth and nail. It is the toilers of shop, mine and mill, of waterfront and field, who will benefit. Already tens and hundreds of thousands have joined the mass movement which forced the Bill into the 73rd Congress—and can force its passage in the 74th.

The Red Scare

As in every case where the workers are uniting in a militant struggle to force real gains from the bosses—the cry, "Red! Red!" is raised. And we want to speak here directly to non-Communist workers on this question.

The Communists were the first ones to bring forward the demand for real unemployment insurance in the United States. They have been the most tireless fighters for this demand. And there is nothing which can stop their keeping on with that fight, because they know that unemployment and social insurance is the most crying need of the talking masses today.

To every worker and farm toiler we say—this is your need, this is your struggle. And it can be won only with the united and continued demand of not only hundreds of thousands, but millions of workers like yourself.

Communists have been among the most active workers who have made possible the National Congress for Unemployment and Social Insurance in Washington this month, on such a broad basis. This Congress, attended by delegates representing hundreds of thousands of toilers throughout the country, is a big step toward gaining the passage of the Workers' Social Insurance Bill, but the struggle is by no means finished.

One Step On Road to Security

The Communists, as they continue to sincerely work for this demand and by side with thousands of non-Communist toilers, point out to those other toilers that the struggle for and the gaining of unemployment and social insurance is just one step in our march toward real security of jobs and homes and freedom. Such security is possible to workers only in a country where workers' and farmers' government has already been put into power, such as was done in Soviet Russia.

Those who attempt to prevent united action now can be considered only as agents of obstruction, misery, and the continued starvation of the workers. They must be shoved aside without more waste of time.

Unemployment and social insurance is first in the order of the day for the toilers.

The Workers' Bill is the only measure which does not put the workers' interests which provide insurance for all who are jobless through no fault of their own, which is the only measure which does not put the workers' interests first in the order of the day for the toilers.

ROOSEVELT CUTS RELIEF TO THE BONE!



Soviet Pioneers Write To Southern Workers Kids MOURN SLAIN LEADER

Gorki, USSR, Dec. 7, 1934.

Dear Comrades,

Two of us are writing you together. We are both 13 years old. We are both in the same Pioneer Troop and are best pals. Our troop is divided in three links (groups). I am the leader of the second link and my chum is the secretary.

Play In Summer Camp

Life in the Soviet Union is wonderful. In summer we go to free camps to spend a month. The weaker children go to sanitariums. The leaders are very friendly with us there, and the food is very good. We surely do rest when we go there, but at the same time we have heaps of fun picking berries, mush, rooms, going swimming and playing football and volleyball.

When we do come home we spend the rest of the summer having picnics in the woods by our village, baking potatoes on the mountain and going swimming in the river Oka.

In winter we go on hikes with the pioneer troop on the mountains with toboggans, sleds and skis. Sometimes we go skating on the skating rink.

Mourn Kirov

I think that you know by now the sad case that happened here a few days ago. But if you don't, we will tell you. An enemy of the Soviet Union killed our brave comrade Kirov. He shot him through the head.

Many of them got together and decided to kill all the leaders of the Communist Party. Some of them were in Leningrad, others were in Moscow. Their

COMMUNISTS FOLLOW IN PATH LENIN POINTED

This month hundreds of thousands of workers throughout the world will gather in large and small memorial meetings to remember the death of the greatest leader the toilers and oppressed have ever known—N. Lenin.

Slain by a counter-revolutionary assassin, Lenin died as he had lived, in the service of the working class. We can best honor his memory by carrying into life and action those principles for which he so successfully fought during his life—and on the basis of which the power of the toilers was established in the Soviet Union.

To Communists

Here is how Lenin described the role of the Party at the Second Congress of the Communist International:

"The Communist Party is a section of the working class; its most progressive, most class conscious, and therefore its most revolutionary section. A Communist Party is formed by the selection of the most class conscious, most courageous and most far-sighted workers. The Communist Party has no interests differing from the interests of the working class. A Communist Party differs from the rest of the mass of the workers in that it sees the whole of the historical path of the working class as a whole, and strives at all the turning points of this path to champion, not individual groups, not individual trades, but the interests of the working class as a whole. The Communist Party is the organizational-political lever by the aid of which the most progressive section of the working class directs the mass of the proletariat (industrial workers) and semi-proletariat (other toilers) along the right path."

To Party members, we say: Study these words—carry them out in action in your shop, mine, neighborhood.

To Other Toilers

To those who are not yet members of the Communist Party, we say: Here is what our Party is. Join it to carry on to victory the tasks Lenin described for the world working class while he lived.

ideas did not succeed. Instead they are sentenced to death.

For three days the whole Soviet Union is very dreary. In the radios all you can hear is sad songs, poems and speeches saying farewell to our dear leader. All the papers were filled with news about him. There weren't any concerts in the clubs and theaters. Everyone mourned for him. Yesterday he was cremated and his ashes were put at Lenin's side.

Want To Correspond

Please write to us and tell us about the conditions of the workers in Alabama. Also tell us about yourselves. Write to us about any news that happened lately and if it is possible send us some copies of the Southern Worker. Sincerely yours,

Alice Krupa, and Anna Kosik.

No Jobless Miners Under Workers Rule

By Anna Rochester

"In the Soviet Union miners work for eleven months and get paid for twelve." If you state this fact to miners in the United States they will be astonished. But it is true.

In the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics there are no unemployed miners. During the period of the first Five-Year Plan the number of workers in the coal industry increased from 290,000 in 1928 to 550,000 in 1932, an increase of more than 89%. A further increase is taking place with the second Five-Year Plan.

These facts, too may sound like dreams to the more than 200,000 U. S. Miners who will never again find work in the mines under capitalism. But they are not dreams—they are real.

Already Soviet miners have the eleven month day, and this means usually only six hours in the mine, including time from the mine to the house and back again. In the United States the working day is usually ten or eleven hours, and the miners are paid for twelve months.

That means paid to miners in the United States for the twelve months of the year when they are not working. In the Soviet Union the miners are paid for twelve months of the year when they are not working.

wages in the Soviet coal mining industry doubled in the period of the first Five-Year Plan and increased by another 19% in 1933.

But money wages are only part of the story in the workers' state. When a mine worker is so sick or so badly injured that he must go to the hospital, he is cared for free of charge and in addition receives 75% of his regular wage if he is married and 50% if he is single. If hospital care is unnecessary, he has free medical attention and full pay throughout the time of his illness or disability.

Housing is free for workers in the Soviet mine fields, or the charge for rent is so small as to be merely a nominal payment. Electric light, fuel and other municipal services are entirely free. Working clothes, boots, tools and lights are supplied to miners by the industry.

New houses, bath houses, laundries, day-care centers and children's playgrounds have been built. New socialist workers' centers have been established with electricity, water supply, drainage and street paving—all unknown to coal miners in the United States before 1917. Such things are impossible under capitalism.

About 77% of all mine workers belong to the miners' unions in the U. S. SR. The great Coal Miners' Union with 549,000 members in 857 mines, including 81% of all workers in the industry.

Soviet miners point with special pride to one improvement already introduced in a number of mines. At several mines in the Urals, dining halls for the miners have been built underground to enable the miners to have a hot lunch below. At the present time there are 17 such underground dining halls. At other mines restaurants are conveniently situated near the mines and most of them are open day and night, so that whatever time the miner comes off or goes on his shift, he can get a hot meal.

Let the miner in the United States compare these few facts with the conditions of his life.