





# Glowing Words Mask Long's Union Busting, Wage-Cutting Deeds

## HUEY ADMITS HE'S NOT AGAINST RICH, HAS BOSS BACKING

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Louisiana is one of the richest states in the country. Its riches lie in the production of oil, cotton, rice, sugar, rice and in foods. New Orleans is one of the most important ports in the U. S., being the main outlet to South and Central America. In 1932 Louisiana ranked fifth among the states in value of exports.

### What He Has Done

Long's main accomplishments, of which he boasts loudly, are 2,000 miles of paved highway, 10,000 miles of gravel road, scores of bridges, a five million dollar skyscraper capitol building in Baton Rouge, an airport in New Orleans, and a greatly expanded state university in Shreveport. He claims to have abolished the poll tax, to have reduced license fees for automobiles, and to have levied an income tax on big incomes. What about these boasts?

That the roads and bridges have been built is true. And it cannot be denied that this is an advance over the backward policy of the landlord group previously in power, but it is only in contrast to the semi-feudal backwardness of the plantation landlord policy that

### Spread Campaign

The Relief Workers League, in Tarrant, Ala., set an example for other working class organizations, unions and groups, when they invited Rev. Charles Houk to address them on Huey Long.

Rev. Houk in his address to a crowded audience in the city hall, exposed the dirty record and fascist menace behind Long's glowing words.

More such meetings should be arranged everywhere. This article can be used as a basis for discussions. Thousands of sincere people are being fooled by Long's lies. We must spread the campaign of exposure.

A pamphlet on Long by Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, will be off the press soon. Order it from the Southern Worker. Read it. Spread it.

these accomplishments stand out.

### Own Brother Exposes Him

"Around a hundred million dollars has come into the possession of the Louisiana Highway Commission during the past five years," Julius T. Long Huey's brother revealed. "That great fund has been used by Huey Long to control the politics of the state and fill the pockets of his henchmen. Fat commissions were made on the purchase of cement, gravel, motor trucks, road machines, crushed rock, asphalt, linoleum, galvanized iron, culverts and guard rails.

"I don't want my children to be branded by the fact that their uncle is trying to be a Hitler in this state," Huey's own brother said.

### And Who Benefits?

What was the worker's share of this building program? Ten cents an hour was the wage in many cases for back-breaking toil on these roads, while all state controlled employees were forced to "kick back" at least 5% of their wages to the Long political machine.

Workers' delegations have been barred from the beautiful state

capitol, and an absolute Jim Crow keeps Negroes out. Louisiana State University is maintained only for white supporters of Huey Long and even the right of criticism is denied the students. The support is not only for the benefit of the tellers, but is a further part of the class preparation for war at the expense of the lives of citizens denied the right to vote. The abolition of the poll tax doesn't change the status of the negro one damn bit, he truthfully declared, for his registration boards arbitrarily refuse to allow Negroes to register, just as they did before, even when the poll tax was paid. The same methods can be used against white workers who refuse to vote the right way, although Long's gang keep absolute control of the ballot boxes and the counting of returns, just to make sure.

It is true that the state property tax on automobiles has been abolished, and license fees reduced, though a careful check will show by far the greatest reductions are for large, expensive cars and trucks. But the worker or farmer with an auto will pay for this reduction time and time again as the 7c tax on every gallon of gas is added up.

### Cusses Rich—Taxes Poor

"It has been said that Huey 'cusses the rich and taxes the poor.' This he accomplishes through a 20% tax on cigarettes and tobacco, amusement taxes, etc. which directly hit the masses of the people, in addition he millions of dollars of indirect taxes which the entire population must shoulder through high rents, electric, gas, telephone and street car rates, etc.

Meanwhile, though Long made a lot of noise about a 25% income tax on incomes over \$50,000, he quietly reduced it to 6% when the Legislature met. He bullhounded about a reduction of \$2,000 from their basic assessment figure for the farmers, but now says that the law will not be put into effect for at least three years. He made a big hullabaloo about a 3c a barrel tax on crude oil from outside the state, which would have come out of the Standard Oil Co profits, but later arranged for a rebate to the company of 3c out of every 5c.

Huey P. Long gives the people the headlines and the corporations the profits.

### Ten Cents An Hour

"The prevailing wage in this state is the lowest wage we can get men to work for," Huey Long told a labor delegation which asked him, as Governor, to put through a prevailing wage clause on state construction work.

With not a cent of relief being given by the state, workers were forced to toil for as little as ten cents an hour on some state jobs. With the exception of a very few skilled jobs, on the state capital, non-union workers were hired to



Huey With An Armed, Militia Bodyguard

do all state work at wages far less than trade union rates, even for skilled labor. The bridges and highways of which Long boasts are monuments to labor penance.

At the present time there are less than 5,000 members organized in trade unions throughout the state of Louisiana. Union leaders frankly admit that trade union organization is at its lowest point in 20 years. Compare this with the tremendous gains of organized labor in other states in the recent period, and with the 75,000 union members in Alabama, for instance.

### Union Busting O. K.

"I couldn't get mixed up in that," Long, the professed friend of the workers, said, when asked why he didn't help organization.

Hands off was his policy, while strikers were being dragged and murdered by armed deputies, in the struggles of the longshoremen for a little better share of the wealth they toil to make. While governor he refused to lift a finger to prevent bloody attacks upon striking New Orleans street car men.

The courts and executive authorities whom he controls when he wants to, were a good deal to defeat union attempts to better conditions at the Lane Cotton Mill. He has stood by and watched the wages of the laundry workers driven down from 37c to 14c an hour, and the wages of the restaurant workers from 29c to 16c, without a murmur of protest. Not once has the state legislature, which has passed every single measure he has proposed with hardly a word of discussion, taken up the question of the idlers. He opposes the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill, and has prevented the passage of the Child Labor Amendment, the School Bill for women, the full crew bill for the railroads.

### Supports Lynch Policy

Since he became Governor in 1928, wages in the state have come down, hours of work have been lengthened, and the conditions of the white and Negro workers and sharecroppers have grown steadily worse. Mass starvation, evictions, and slavery are the lot of the farm laborers, croppers, tenants and small owners. Negro day laborers

in the cotton fields of Calde Parish received 60c a day—from dawn to dark. Lynchings—and the lynchings of 1933 took place in Louisiana—have never drawn a word of condemnation from Huey, nor has he raised a finger in behalf of the South.

### Big Bosses Back Him

Who, then, are Long's friends and backers? The vast body of Louisiana capitalists, with a few other exceptions, and certainly the most powerful bankers, corporations and landlords, closely linked with Wall Street. He plays golf with J. C. Hillon, president of Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana, and has the support of the sugar and oil barons out of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, directly tied up with the New York Cotton Exchange.

Although a reporter was recently dragged and nearly killed by Joe Messina, one of Long's thug bodyguards, because he dared to take a picture of the two together, arm-in-arm, Harvey Cash is Huey's close friend and principal financial backer. Cash is president of the Louisiana, Kansas and Texas Railroad, and furnishes a private car for Huey's trips. He was accused, in a recent hearing of the National Mediation Board in Federal Court in New Orleans, of having pocketed money, saved by cutting wages of railroad workers.

### Strike Breaker's Friend

Lucia Vaccaro, president of the Standard Fruit and Steamship Co., Vaccaro Steamship Lines, part owner of the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, and director of banks and other corporations, is another of Long's principal supporters among the bosses.

Vaccaro, in an attempt to break the longshoremen's strike, drew a gun on pickets and shouted: "If you lazy scoundrels, no good son-of-a-bitches haven't got sense enough to get wise to yourselves and break this god-damned strike, and if you try to stop anybody from working, I'll blow your god-damned brains out."

### Aids Rockefeller

It is rumored that \$25,000 was paid for a fancy Senator Long did in 1933 for the Rockefeller controlled Chase National Bank of New York. Sworn testimony, published in official government documents reveals that he carried on a filibuster in the U. S. Senate to prevent the passage of a bill opposed by them and other Wall Street banks.

This ambitious enemy of the workers has many more friends and backers among the bosses, although there are some even among those whose wealth he is trying to save for them, who do not agree with his methods. They are afraid that he will not be able to control the masses who might take the idea seriously of sharing the wealth and go ahead to do it.

There are some among the bosses

## JIM CROW, LYNCH POLICIES GET O. K. FROM KINGFISH

...of this country, and the New Deal method of curbing them. King, they think, is useful to them because he makes them all night in Louisiana, but they are afraid to start him with too long a reign, they think they know in 1935 for the capitalist class and the profit system. And although some are convinced that Huey Long and his gang are the best way of holding the people, other capitalists think other methods they have been using for years are better. That is why we see some opposition to Long from certain groups of bosses, although it is clearly not of the sort of vicious attack with guns, clubs and jail sentences, which the ruling class has against revolutionary workers and their leader.

Great tasks face the workers in the South. Big struggles are being prepared in the mines, mills and factories, on the docks and in the cotton fields against the fascist hunger drive of the employers.

### Program of Action

Huey Long, in spite of all his sweet talk, plays a leading role in the plans of the bosses, by confusing and dividing the masses, by holding back the growth of union

### The Daily Worker

The facts in this article were, for the most part, taken from the thorough and brilliant series of articles about Huey Long, written by Sender Gardin, for the Daily Worker.

Bundles of the Daily Worker were held up, undelivered in the New Orleans post office when these articles appeared, but mass protest forced their release. Hundreds were sold on the streets there.

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organization, and fighting against union standards in his own state of Louisiana.

Today the only Party that carries out a real day to day struggle for the interests of the southern masses is the Communist Party. The Communist Party presents a program of action based not only on words but deeds, which can free the South from its present misery and backwardness, and can bring plenty and happiness to the millions of southern toilers.

### Build United Front

Already the Communist Party in Louisiana, although young, is offering the only real resistance to the Share-Our-Wealth fakery of Long. A broad united front, in which the Communist Party was able to mobilize 5,000 workers in New Orleans to demonstrate for unemployed relief right under the fixed bayonets and machine guns of Mayor Walmsley's police and Huey Long's national guards. Now the Communist Party in Louisiana and throughout the South calls upon the workers and farmers to broaden and strengthen that united front against Huey Long's capitalist program and for the real demands of the workers.

## Test Huey Long With This Program of Action!

### AN EDITORIAL

Huey Long claims to be the friend of the mass of the toilers. He talks big and promises a lot.

But before any worker accepts these easy promises, let him ask himself these questions:

Does Huey Long speak for my CLASS—the working class? For no man can serve the bosses, and at the same time, the workers.

Does he declare out-and-out for higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions—AND WHY AREN'T UNION WAGES AND CONDITIONS MAINTAINED ON LOUISIANA STATE JOBS?

Does he fight for the civil rights of the workers, and the right to organize, strike and picket,

and does he denounce those who attack these rights?

Does he fight for increased relief for the unemployed and for real, genuine unemployment insurance?

Does he fight for equal rights for the Negro masses?

Do his honeyed words match up with his deeds? What is his record?

Workers can be fooled only when they depart from the solid ground of such a test. Don't YOU be fooled! But Huey Long's hot air with these pointed questions. Only strong working class organization, led by a fighting political party of the workers, can secure these things.

# Sharecropper Sees Strike as Only Way Out of Misery

## DENIED RELIEF

By a Sharecropper Correspondent  
NOTASULGA, Ala.—We have held out as long as we could, but we find that the best step for us is to strike. A few years ago we had plenty of work and money, but now we have our hands working for 14 to 18 months. The only thing they can do is to give us, and there is no way to improve.

The white landowners will not allow us to work on their land for less than 100 cents. The people are being driven from their homes and they have no money for the winter.

### \$10 a Month

We have to work for 12 months and then we get out of the field with only \$10. We have to work for the winter and have nothing at all to eat. We have to work for the winter and have nothing at all to eat. We have to work for the winter and have nothing at all to eat.

Our people will have to be and we have to work for the winter and have nothing at all to eat. We have to work for the winter and have nothing at all to eat.

### AAA, Jim Crow

Also, the AAA, Jim Crow, and the white landowners are driving us from our homes. We have to work for the winter and have nothing at all to eat.

Over in the South, the Negroes are being driven from their homes. We have to work for the winter and have nothing at all to eat.

### Calls For Strike

Mr. Evans called in Mark Hoffman a few days ago for a \$5 debt. Mark Hoffman had a big gun and he was just back that saved Hoffman. On that night eight of his boys were looking for Hoffman and he had to take to the woods for his life.

How long shall we live in this condition? The big drive is now, "work the damn Negro for wages" and he won't have anything at the end of the year.

Very few get money from the government. They began growing at the county agent's office. Everything has had a strike but the farmer in the South. It is about time.

**CAN'T DO THAT WITH THE SOUTHERN WORKER**  
A worker reports he was standing in front of a newspaper building when a big knacker came out. A scabby ran up to him and said, "Buy a paper, please!" "Why should I?" the knacker answered. "I just bought the paper."

# Member UMWA Women's Auxiliary Calls to Defeat Traitors in Union

(By a Union Miner's Wife)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—We women at Hamilton Scope have built a Women's Auxiliary Chapter under the U.M.W.A. local Chapter No. 2107, and have got over 200 strong in the past three months, with the intention of fighting side by side with our husbands and brothers for better wages, shorter hours, no

hail, and it's your place to see them out with my help. I am one of the best secret services men you ever saw," he claimed, and that sound like a good reason to me.

### Try Split Workers

Then Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones start speaking and say to get all nonunion men's wives out of the chapter, and the last meeting this was brought up and it was fought down. We're going to fight down

### Attacks Communists

Mr. Wheeler Smith does that. Every meeting he gets up and says "Don't let them call Communists in your chapter." But when we meet, while he was talking away against the Communists, and saying "We don't want no white women in our ranks," some leaders for International Women's Day was passed around and half the women were reading them.

Mr. Smith was so busy talking against equality he never mentioned any demands for the workers of working women. When he saw the hall he started yelling for us to stop reading of them, and told the committee to stop us from reading them, but the women left with the books.

### Exposes Himself

Then a comrade in the chapter wrote him a letter pointing out that the Communist Party is the only fighter for the working class and for the rights of the Negroes in the South, and exposed himself a thing that different leaders.

Now another he came back pleading with the women, and saying "The Communists are in the

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# Letter to Members Explains Tasks of Every Communist

The letter printed here was addressed to every member of the Communist Party in District 17, covering Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi. The Southern Worker contains in each issue a copy of that letter. It is a copy of the letter to every worker in the South, white or Negro, Communist or non-Communist. The Southern Worker hopes that this letter will open a discussion in future issues on the necessity of various

The Communist Party is the political Party of the working class. The task of the Communist Party is to lead the workers in the struggle for their immediate needs, for the freedom of the Negro masses from national oppression, and for a Soviet America. To do this we must build a mass Communist Party. In order to build a mass Communist Party EVERY SINGLE PARTY MEMBER must, day in and day out, try to bring in new members.

Let us take one example of how to win new members. Suppose you are a Party member working in a mine and, of course, at the same time you are a member of the union, the United Mine Workers of America. What are your duties? As a Communist you must be a 100 per cent union man, a real trade unionist, because you know that the Party is the best builder and leader in the struggle to build a real trade union movement. To be a real union man you must attend every union meeting. You must be a builder of the union, a leader of the rank and file, and a fighter for better conditions.

It is your duty to act as a Communist every minute of the day, down in the mine, in the union and the neighborhood. Of course you should work carefully. The bosses of the union, the fathers shouldn't know you are a Party member, but the honest workers should. If you act correctly you will prove to the miners that the Party is the best leader of the miners for these daily needs, and at the same time you will show the struggle for the immediate needs of the miners is bound up with the struggle for the overthrow of capitalism, which alone can finally free the miners and the whole working class. You will explain to the miners the real meaning of the N.R.A., you will tell them about the conditions of the miners in the Soviet Union, always linking up the struggle of today's needs with the final struggle for Soviet power.

# Vets Strike Against Ore Miner Exposes Wage Cut On Govt. Project in Florida

## By a Worker Correspondent

KEY WEST, Fla.—Veterans that were sent from Washington to Metacomb, Fla. to build the bridge over the Florida Keys have been on strike for five days, at this writing, for better conditions and against the pay cut the Government is trying to put over.

The men were sent down here on a snar basis of \$30 a month and heard. They wanted to change it to one dollar a day for the days they work. They work only five days a week and that would give them little more than \$24 a month. They were then promised \$100 a month, then another raise, but it was obtained below \$30 a month. The men live under unhealthy conditions. The prices are exorbitant. A committee was sent by the men to see some officials. They were disappointed and there has been no word from them as yet.

Police from Key West and soldiers have been sent to Metacomb. The men are 100 per cent solid and no soldier and they have good rifles as far as I could see.

Officers in the jungle and have been sent among the men on pay less. The men are in the jungle, they being the women in Metacomb. When the men see women once a month the officers and privates watch them.

There are 200 men at Metacomb and some strike a few miles away who are going out of the men at Metacomb and with their demands. The men are from the North and so that hatred against Yankees is being played up.

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parts of the Communist program, and how we can best act in various situations to further the interests of the toiling masses of the South. Questions and opinions from Communists and non-Communists alike will aid the Southern Worker in planning future discussions and explanations and will be answered in the pages of the paper whenever possible, otherwise by mail.

crises toward the white workers, showing how the white workers as a class will join with the Negroes in the fight against the operators and the capitalists as a whole.

You must sell the Daily Worker, Southern Worker and other pamphlets to the miners and see that the leaflets are distributed in the mine and in the union. If you act in this way the miners will respect you, they will look upon you as a leader, and in this way you will be able to win the most militant and the most honest men into the Party. At the beginning you should organize a rank and file group in your local, and from this group win the best ones for the Party, always remembering that your main job is to build up a Party unit in the mine, which will lead the miners on the job, and at the same time the Party unit will act as a fraction inside the local to build a fighting local union.

What can be done in the mine and shop and union can be done in the church, fraternal lodge, and among the unemployed. Let every member say to himself, "I will bring AT LEAST one new man into the Party during the month of March."

# Ore Miner Exposes Dirty Work of Boss, Scabs and Deputies

## PUSH CO. UNION.

(By A Union Ore Miner)

BESSEMER, ALA.—The mine conditions at Bessemer are growing bad, because the company officials are not trying to get an agreement made in February. The mine is playing the usual game, white and colored scabs, especially the white scabs, at Bessemer. The mine is playing the usual game, white and colored scabs, especially the white scabs, at Bessemer. The mine is playing the usual game, white and colored scabs, especially the white scabs, at Bessemer.

Take for instance the Bessemer mine. N. E. Thompson, the mine boss, is a very dishonest man, especially the mine boss, is a very dishonest man, especially the mine boss, is a very dishonest man.

Demand of Bosses  
No! We don't want the mine boss, is a very dishonest man, especially the mine boss, is a very dishonest man, especially the mine boss, is a very dishonest man.

Follow workers of Bessemer made the mine, the mine boss, is a very dishonest man, especially the mine boss, is a very dishonest man, especially the mine boss, is a very dishonest man.

They have discriminated against union men especially the miners by having a Patricio company union man for inside data. It is time for new contracts to be written, to put things into a level head rank. The contract system is out, especially at Bessemer, Bessemer, and Bessemer, because it is a dead end.

Expose Bossing Frame Up  
We see the company man, Richardson, the boss, the scabs and company men, the scabs and company men, the scabs and company men, the scabs and company men, the scabs and company men.

Take the T.C.I. gramma, Jack Brown, killed a union man, but white and negro workers, we are organized. Let's stop these company thugs from killing union men.

**OUR TRIBUTE**  
Comrade Lulabell Jones, Negro worker and one of the most courageous and untiring today for the cause of the workers of Bessemer, Ala., died March 10 from injuries received at work. Threats by T. C. I. had had life, and the worst weather could stop Comrade Jones. "We got to organize," she said. Our finest tribute to her memory will be to carry out her life's dream, for which she showed us how to struggle.



# Life Under Workers' Rule Told by Miner

## VACATIONS WITH PAY

(By a Soviet Mine Worker)

U. S. A. (By a Soviet Mine Worker) When I work in the American coal mines for many years I never received a day of vacation with pay, and I never saw a board of any kind miners receiving such benefits from the American coal mines. But here in the Soviet Union the different forms of vacation are nearly paid with full pay.

How is Leninika, U. S. S. R. Here is a group of American coal miners who came from the U. S. A. to work in the Soviet Union. This is how these miners spend their yearly vacation.

Three miners were sent to see the red capital, Moscow, for one month.

Three miners to spend one month in the Caucasian Mountains.

Seven miners to spend one month up and down the River Ob.

Five miners to Biska for one month.

Five miners to Nova Sibirka for a month.

Six miners to health resorts in different parts of the Soviet Union, some for one month and some for two months.

Two miners for one month to Mount Altai.

Six miners for one month up and down the Volga River.

Twenty one children on an excursion to Stalinska.

Twenty children to the Pioneer Camp Krasny.

All expenses were paid.

Traveling expenses on railway, steamboat, auto, auto bus, restaurant, hotel, and so on are all paid. Also every worker before leaving his working town receives some extra money from the miners' union, and when he comes back from his vacation he gets his vacation pay as if he were working every day.

This is possible only under a Soviet system, where native and foreign get the same benefit. Therefore every honest worker and farmer should respond at once for one big united front called by the Communist Party of the U. S. A.

PHILIP CHAMBATISTA

# Deny Negro Toilers Relief—Say to Pray

By a Worker Correspondent

PALMETTO, Fla. The poor white worker and the poor Negro worker are both suffering bad. There are a few who getting relief but no Negroes.

It is because they are afraid to ask for it and when they do ask for it they are told to come back later and they have to go 21 miles to ask for relief which is O. P. etc.

The Jim Crow system is very bad here. On the relief work here they only work the white and the Negro have to make it as best they can.

Preachers Try Stop Struggle

The Negro preachers are telling the young workers to pray and look to the Lord and he will lead you to better conditions. But I will say to the Negro and white workers of Palmetto and all over the South to organize and fight for the right to live and that is the only way. By making one step ourselves not waiting for the Lord to do it for us.

# IMPORTANT NEWS IN SHORT

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21—Ambassador William C. Bullitt appeared before the House Foreign Affairs Committee during its secret session to inform members on conditions in the Soviet Union. He declared that there is absolutely no famine there, as reported by the Hearst and official Nazi press, and that living conditions among the people are improving constantly.

## HITLER PLANS WAR ON SOVIET UNION

PARIS, France—“Release my hands with respect to the U. S. S. R. or I will destroy everything” was the statement made by Hitler during his conversations with Sir John Simon, British Foreign Minister, a number of important French newspapers have revealed.

Building up a huge army by conscription and entering openly into the armaments race of all the capitalist countries, Hitler is rapidly preparing to lead off the attack on the Soviet Union in an attempt to seize some territory and to destroy the government of the toilers.

The peace policy of the Soviet Union, together with the fear of revolution of the workers in the capitalist countries has, so far prevented this planned attack, and only an increased pressure from the masses of the people who would gain nothing but misery and death from a new war, can further block this leading butcher of the toilers.

MOBILE, Ala.—Led by the crew of the tanker Pat Doheny, of the Richfield Oil Co., more than 150 men have walked off tankers in sympathy with strikers who have completely tied up oil tankers on the West Coast. The tanker had been scheduled to sail that day for the West Coast.

EL PASO, Tex.—Following a strike which threw this city and its surrounding territory into darkness for 12 hours, the El Paso Electric Company workers have come to terms, securing union recognition, but not the closed shop.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—At the last meeting of the Thomas Local of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers a motion to return to work and end the strike was overwhelmingly defeated by the membership, workers have reported.

The Birmingham Trades Council has refused to support the Thomas strike and in December issued a statement declaring that there was no strike in the Thomas Smelter. Nothing has been done by the District officials of the Smelters' Union to support the strike, workers stated.

SLAYDEN, Miss.—Ab Young, Negro, was hanged here by a mob of fifty white men after a Memphis newspaper had advertised the lynching, the third reported this year, in detail, hours before. Young was seized at Rossville, Tennessee, and carried across the state line to this city where he was hanged.

In spite of the published warning authorities made no moves to prevent the lynching and the mob of white men proceeded without interference to hang Young by standing him atop a car and driving the car from beneath him so that he swung from a tree in a schoolyard. He had been accused of shooting a white man.

Havana, Cuba—Suspending all constitutional rights, and instituting a reign of terror which Mendicita has attempted to drown the workers. Mendicita has attempted to drown the workers' movement in blood, with the full support of the U. S. representatives.

Martial law which did not allow more than two people to talk to each other on the streets, was invoked to break the general strike which included workers in ten out of twelve government departments, students, street car men, dock and railroad workers and hospital workers.

San Francisco, Calif.—A half hour protest strike of more than 4,000 San Francisco longshoremen was called by the International Longshoremen Association local in solidarity with the oppressed German workers, when the “Karlsruhe,” Nazi battle cruiser, docked here recently.

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—A 50% increase in wages paid doctors in the Soviet Union has just been announced. With free medical service, medicines and hospitals for all workers, the death rate has been cut by a third, in recent years.

## STUDENTS TO STRIKE AGAINST WAR

At 11 a. m., Friday, April 12, exactly 18 years after the entrance of the United States in the World War, thousands of students in colleges and high schools will leave their class rooms, in protest at the war preparations of the Roosevelt government, militarization of the CCC camps, and the R. O. T. C., designed to make cannon fodder out of students.

The strike, called by a united front of organizations representing 120,000 students, is joined by students in a number of Southern part of a world-wide movement and will be legal, including the University of Texas, Mercer University of Macon, Ga., and others.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Unable to resist the demand of thousands of hungry war veterans and the labor movement all over the country, the House of Representatives passed the Patman Bill for immediate payment of the bonus (back wages) by a vote of 318 to 90. President Roosevelt has indicated that he would veto the bill. It provides for obtaining the necessary funds by inflation, rather than by using war appropriations and payments which now go to the bankers.

JASPER, Ala.—Textile workers of the Jasper unit of Alabama Mills, Inc. closed the mill with a solid strike demanding the dismissal of J. M. Skipper, spinning room overseer, and the rehiring of union leaders fired after they defended themselves against attacks of company agents at a meeting called to discuss this question.

NORFOLK, Va.—A trial of George Millner, third vice-president of the International Longshoremen's Association and misleader, on charges of having stolen workers' money, has been forced through the action of the rank and file of Local 978, cooperating with a public accountant.

Over \$5,000 is missing and unaccounted for. A Negro coal trimmer was appointed by the local to aid the investigation, and Millner driven from the local as a crook and agent of the Ryan machine of union bureaucrats.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—A pledge of the International Labor Defense to raise \$1,000 for the Tom Mooney Molder's Defense Committee to aid the financing of a new appeal to the Supreme Court of California, has been undertaken, and \$100 already sent.

A check for \$500 was sent by Earl Browder, for the Communist Party, in answer to an appeal from Mooney for aid.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—“The TVA has been making a considerable effort to interest the American Woolen Co. in a location and the creation and equipment of a mill in the Valley for ten years . . . and the promise of plenty of on the lines of the Authority,” a magazine for circulation among textile bosses, reveals.

“The report continues that the big textile company has been offered free mill sites, no taxes labor AT WAGES LOWER THAN EXISTENT RATES in the towns where the American Woolen Co. now operates its mills.”

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Young Negro worker now serving a sentence for “criminal libel” because he is accused of possessing and allegedly distributing leaflets which expose the vicious anti-working class activities of Moser, red-bating cop, and Woods, T. C. I. informing Negro school principal.

The Prisoners' Relief of the I. L. D. sends Turney, as well as other class war prisoners, funds Pete Turney for tobacco and other small comforts while he is serving his time, and aids his family, left without his support.

ABYSSINIA—Mutinies of Italian troops sent to Africa by Mussolini for war against the Abyssinian people, have been reported together with news of demonstrations in Florence and Messina against war.

Fascist Mussolini is attempting to seize Abyssinia, Negro nation, as a colony.

LAGRANGE, Ga.—Masked thugs kidnaped and beat up J. M. Stroup, chairman of the strike committee of textile workers who walked out of since Callaway Mills against an 8 1/2% wage cut and the Bedaux speed up system. Seven companies of National Guardsmen, sent by Gov. Tal- made to protect scabs, stood by.



# Negro Farm Toiler Writes of Soviet Life NO DISCRIMINATION

(By A Soviet Worker Correspondent)

KRASNOJAR GOROD, U. S. S. R.—This is my third year in Russia, as I have never with the U. S. A. group of school, and I am as well satisfied with the Soviet regime and working conditions that I plan to remain permanently. I only want that I know an idea of the work and program of the Communist Party in America, since I have seen what is it doing for oppressed minority groups and for the laboring class as a whole here in Russia. It is simply unbelievable to me, an American Negro, that I could be given such opportunities to make good as I am receiving here.

I have lately joined the group of Party sympathizers here, which as you know is the first stage toward entering the Party. I should be glad to be useful in some way to the Communist Party of America.

## One Place in World

I really would like to tell my Negro brothers that there is one place in the world where a black face isn't a disgrace and an economic handicap. I worked two years in Central Asia, and while there I gave several interviews to newspapers, telling of the oppressed condition of Negro workers in the United States.

Communism, or rather the policy of the Communist Party, has done a wonderful lot for me, and if it is possible, I should like to do a bit for the Party.

JOHN SUTTON

# TCL Tries to Split White and Negro

(By A Union Steel Worker)

The company union in the TCL Sheet Mill is busy. The boss, Mr. Mason, in this department is driving harder than ever since he got in the company.

The catchers have the hottest job in the mill—and get the least pay—45 minutes in 8 hours. The Negroes in this department can't get fans, but the whites have them. The boss tells the white that they drive the Negroes so that they can run them and in a lot of the rollers, the white workers are doing just the same the company wants.

When we Negroes go to the office for tools, the office worker says, “Pull off your hat, you black son of a bitch, I do not know how you are at.” That is the way Mr. Mason builds the company union.

## Forces Workers to Sell

Clacker at 75% Loss Mr. Ford and Mr. Mason work together and sometime ago they sold off 15 Negro workers and hired whites in their place to build the company union. Mr. Ford is to lay all the clacker from the Negro workers that can be bought, for the office workers at 25 cents on the dollar and if the Negro worker don't sell to these robbers he has a hard time on this job.

So far as I can see the Communists are the only ones that are really trying to build the A. A., while the A. F. L. big leaders just spend their time belly-aching about the Reds. Sometimes you would not know the difference between a boss and one of these union big guys, the way they talk.



Communism Only Way Says Noted Englishman

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Changes of... Communist... only way... to solve the crisis of the capitalist world.



John Strachey

Strachey was arrested while... Communist Party... as the only way out of the crisis of the capitalist world.

Laundry Workers Speed-Up, Low Pay Told By Youth

By A Young Communist League Correspondent BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Youth workers in industry in the south are faced with speed-up, lower wages, and worse discrimination than their white counterparts. For instance, the laundry workers, they work at even faster rates of speed-up than the white workers... The whole question is they are working in a sweat shop to make more profit for the bosses.

Toiling Youth Must Unite and Organize

By Will Jackson, Young Communist League Correspondent BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The youth in the Birmingham Stov and Range Company are faced with speed-up, discrimination and lower wages, and are more exploited than anybody else. They receive from \$12 to \$13 a week. Out of this they have to pay for a day for the land to be worked. If they get through working all before the foreman thinks they ought to be through, they are

TORTURE PRISONERS PROBE DEMANDED BY I.L.D., REVEALS

GALE RICH, N. C.—Death would be preferable to being confined in the horrible dark cells of the Montgomery County jail... Information was revealed that many Negro prisoners had been murdered by the guards and secreted in basements of night, when reports were given out that they had escaped.

Broad Defense Rallied For Negro Victim of Norfolk Frame-Up

NORFOLK, Va.—Under pressure of the growing union front field to free Robert Lee Johnson, Negro worker framed in connection with the killing of a white man's son... The Communist Party organized an anti-racist and anti-lynch league to help Johnson. The Communist Party also organized an anti-racist and anti-lynch league to help Johnson.

Jobless Youth Starves

The unemployed youth suffers something very bad. The relief you receive to help a man or woman if they are not married they tell us that we are young and don't have a row pamplet, telling us that the Communists are what they are... The Salvation Army sometimes

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claim their right to liberty and these Negroes.

The decision marks another battle won by Robert Wood, District Secretary of the I. L. D. in Birmingham, and... Orders Alabama Court The Supreme Court ordered the... The Alabama court refused to act in line with the law.

REDS IN DIXIE

A new campaign... The Red in Dixie... The Red in Dixie... The Red in Dixie...

Build Union and YCL

To every young worker in the country we must carefully and clearly point out that as long as they are not in the union and can't understand the necessity of the union, the boss will continue to put more work on them and they will fail to see the way to keep the bosses from cutting wages and putting more work on them.

Unity Against Scabs Croppers Pledge

MORIAN, Ala.—Solidarity of the farm laborer with workers in industry are expressed in a letter from the State Croppers' Union to the Union local, U.M.W.A....

STEEL CO. POLICE RAID, ARREST FRAME WITH DOWNS LAW

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The... of the Steel Co. Police... with the Down's Law.

Young Farm Worker Wants School—Not Slavery

(By a Young Share Cropper) OKLAHOMA, Okla.—My... I want to go to school, not to work for my boss every day.

Wants Flow For 60c

Who will be the first one to limit flow in... I am going to whom I can get flow in...

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HOW MANY

How many... of the Southern Worker... will not let this month...

Communist Leader Tours South



James W. Ford... of the Communist Party... to the South...

Propose Campaign Against "Self-Help" Anti-Union Basis

Propose a campaign... against "self-help" anti-union basis... to the Southern Worker...

Workers All Unite and Battle to Live Like Men and Not Like Cattle! Includes illustrations of workers and a pig.

FOR THE PATRIOTS WHO ADVOCATE SEDITION BILLS

Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

government in such manner as they may deem expedient.

its powers in such forms, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness . . . when a long train of abuses and usurpations . . . evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such a government, and to provide new guards for their future security.

head of the working class, proposed to carry forward the revolutionary conditions out of which these statements were born, applied to present day conditions and their relation thereto.

The Declaration of Independence of the United States is even more clear:

That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing

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A LABOR PARTY—VITAL NEED OF THE SOUTHERN MASSES

We workers know of no other way but to elect Congress, Birmingham, Atlanta, Memphis, New York, and other southern cities, and demand that our representatives in Congress and state legislatures be permitted to represent our interests in office.

And what did we get? National Guards, police and deputies to break up our picket lines! Support for scabs and company unions! Wage standards established by forced labor on relief jobs! Refusal to provide adequate relief and unemployment insurance!

A union leader in Birmingham, Ala. whose National Guards and police were used to break his strike, remarked: "We were in Tennessee in the last election. In the next election we should be in our own homes and doing our own thing."

Hundreds and thousands of Southern workers are thinking and saying the same thing. After six years of crisis, after bitter experience with the Hoover Republicans and with the false promises of Roosevelt's New Deal, the workers and toiling farmers are beginning to see that they can expect nothing from the old political parties of the ruling class.

The New Deal has been accomplished by force upon the only when the same method. Whether from the hand of the employers and against the workers, or from the hand of any law in the last 75 years, as trials are needed when people starve or go without enough clothes.

For the millions of Negroes, the Democratic Party, with its anti-Negro party of the traditional party of lynching, while the Republican Party showed itself, once and for all, during the Hoover administration, as an enemy of the Negro people.

That does mean that among the laborers and after the support of the masses has been taken away from the two old parties, offers no solution for the laborer, should be clear to anyone who reads the facts about him and his program in this issue of the Southern Worker.

In this situation the masses of the toilers are looking for a Party of their own—a Labor Party.

Of course the Communist Party is a Party of Labor, but the Communist Party is a particular kind of Labor Party, which, while it fights for unemployment insurance, recognition of the unions, and all the immediate demands of the working class, is based upon a program which goes far beyond that.

The Communist program proposes a revolutionary solution for the crisis of capitalism by abolishing the whole rotten capitalist system by setting up in its place a socialist system. The program of the Communist calls for self-determination for the Negro people in the Black Belt and for the establishment of a Workers and Farmers Government in the United States.

But only when the majority of the toiling masses have been convinced of the correctness of this program, as they surely will be, can it, by mass action, be accomplished.

In the meantime, the Communists are working and fighting side by side with the broadest masses for their day-to-day demands. With thousands of white and Negro workers in the South seeing the need for independent political action, the Communists propose the building of a broad, mass Labor Party, based upon the trade unions, the unemployed and farm toilers organizations, the organizations of the Negro people and the working masses.

Such a Party would be a fighting Party, with a program of demands to improve the conditions of the masses at the expense of the rich. It would be an anti-capitalist, anti-landlord Party which would have as one of its main planks the ABOLITION OF THE POLL TAX AND THE RIGHT OF ALL PERSONS TO VOTE WITH NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NEGROES.

For such a Party, in such a movement, the Communists are prepared to join hands with all their force and energy, with all who are ready to carry on this struggle.

The building up of a powerful Communist Party, the revolutionary party of the working class, representing the best interests of the broadest masses—this is the best guarantee for the successful building of such a broad mass movement. Join the Communist Party!

FORWARD TO A MASS LABOR PARTY!

Two Years of President Roosevelt's "New Deal"

WHAT THE BOSSES GOT: Dividend payments INCREASED 50 per cent above the 1928 level. Profits INCREASED 100 per cent to 400 per cent from 1932-34.

Million dollar incomes MORE THAN DOUBLED between 1932 and 1933.

Military and Naval budget highest in "peace time" history, over \$2,500,000,000 in two years.

N.R.A. INCREASED company union membership by 2,500,000.

Benefit and employers who violated the N.R.A. have gone scot free.

Costs piled under, hogs and cattle killed to raise prices and increase profits, while millions starve and go without enough clothes.

The application of the New Deal has differed widely between the Southern white and Negro workers.

WHAT THE WORKERS GOT: Factory payrolls DROPPED 40 per cent below the 1929 level.

Real wages DECLINED 3 per cent to 5 per cent from 1932 to 1934.

Living costs MOUNTED 33 per cent, food prices RISE 25 per cent.

Number on relief rolls INCREASED by 400,000 in one year.

Sixty millions murdered, lynched, maimed, N.R.A. kept.

Thousands of wage workers and farmers starved if that was the plan by the N.R.A. and company unions.



United May Day Meet Proposed to Trade Unions

The Southern Worker has printed a letter which is being sent to heads of trade unions and other working class organizations in the Birmingham area by the United May Day committee, a copy of which was also sent this paper. Propaganda are being spread throughout the South for the greatest demonstration of the solidarity of labor for their demands in the history of the South.

Meetings scheduled in New Orleans, Houston, Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville, Chattanooga, Atlanta and several other cities in the main sections of the Midwest and Appalachians. In the Birmingham area, the committee is planning a mass meeting which will be held in the city of Birmingham, Ala. on May 1st. The meeting will be held in the city of Birmingham, Ala. on May 1st.

To All A. F. of L. Unions in the Birmingham Area, Brothers: Greetings.

May Day, the International Day of Labor comes to us when the vital need of the hour is the unification of the labor movement as a necessary condition for successful struggle against the New Deal and the employers.

Today the conditions of the trade unionists in Birmingham are worse than they were a year ago with the New Deal and the employers getting ready for one of the biggest drives against our living standards ever seen in the South. Already the New Deal has brought us lower wages and higher prices for necessities. Already we see the top union wage for relief work established under order of President Roosevelt. Already we witness the growth of fascism in our district and the increasing persecution of Negro unionists by the employers and company thugs.

At this time when the corporations headed by the T. C. I. are making a life and death drive to smash the bona fide unions and build the cursed company union, the need for united struggle of labor to improve our conditions is imperative.

The May Day Committee, composed of members of labor unions and other working class organizations appeals to all trade unionists to rally round the May Day campaign and struggle for the following minimum program of demands:

- 1. For the 8-hour day and 5-day week, with increased pay to meet the rising cost of living. Against the N.R.A. wage differential.
2. Recognition of the labor union. Against the company union.
3. For adequate cash relief for the unemployed, for trade union wages on relief jobs and for the passage of the Workers Unemployment, Old Age and Social Insurance Bill, H. R. 2827. All war funds to the unemployed.
4. Equal pay for equal work for Negroes and their right to any job.
5. The right to organize, strike and picket. Against the Downey literature law, the anti-picket law, and the proposed Sedition Bill.
6. Abolition of the poll tax. For the right of all union men to vote without discrimination. Against union support of the Democratic and for the building of a mass Labor Party.

The May Day committee is asking for a permit to hold the meeting on May 1, at Capitol Park. In case a permit is refused, it will then be decided whether or not to go through with the meeting at Capitol Park. If it is decided not to hold a meeting at Capitol Park, meetings will be held in the localities throughout Birmingham.

In the meantime, we call on all unions to send letters to Commissioner W. O. Downey, making an appeal for Capitol Park.

For further information, for speakers and for literature for May Day please communicate with the secretary.

Internationally yours, P. O. Box 1742 Birmingham, Ala.

INTERNATIONAL UNITED MAY DAY COMMITTEE

Does This Look Like Starvation?



Resting time on a collective farm in the U. S. S. R. (See letters from Soviet Workers on page 6.)