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Browder Speaks in Southern Centers

Southern Labor Protests C. I. O. Suspension

MOBILE, Ala. — Mobile local no. 59 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, passed a resolution requesting the executive council of the A. F. of L. to rescind its decision suspending the 10 CIO unions and to refer the whole matter to the coming convention of the American Federation of Labor.

Organized labor in the South with three important state federations already on record for industrial unionism, angrily regarded the suspension of the ten international unions affiliated with the Committee For Industrial Organization. In Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia, it was to John L. Lewis that union people pointed to as their leader in the Labor Day celebrations. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has been denounced by Southern Trade Unionists for splitting the labor movement.

The ten unions of the CIO were suspended by Green and the executive council for refusing to disband the Committee for Industrial Organization. The executive council acted beyond its authority as Lewis and his associates pointed out. The executive council does not have the right to suspend any union. That authority is reserved for the Labor Body itself, in annual convention.

Meanwhile, leaders of the Drive to Organize the Steel Industry, announced their intention of carrying on as if nothing had happened.

South Celebrates Labor Day With Giant Rallies

Throughout the South, Labor Day was marked by large enthusiastic meetings and parades of organized labor and sympathizers. In Birmingham, a crowd of several thousand gathered at Ensley Park to hear the leaders of the Steel Workers Organization Drive call upon Birmingham workers to support the steel drive. William Mitch, president of the State Federation of Labor as well as regional director of the S.W.O.C. and district president of the U. M. W. referred to in his speaking at Labor Day three years ago when the bosses kept the miners working.

"Just as the miners are here today, so will the steel workers be here next year," declared Mr. Mitch.

Noel Biddow, who with Mr. Mitch is co-director of the regional S.W.O.C., answered the attacks on the steel organizers. "They don't call men who come in here to be T.C.I. officials 'carpet-baggers'," said Mr. Biddow. "It's only when you try to help the workers that they begin to call you a foreigner and trouble-maker."

In Alabama large Labor Day meetings were held at Jasper, in Walker County, at Bessemer, stronghold of the T.C.I. in Jefferson county, and at Florence, where the entire Muscle Shoals region turned out to hear a group of speakers including the governor and David B. Lilienthal, T.V.A. director.

Meetings In Dixie Enthusiastic; Klan Prevents Tampa Address

Visits Scottsboro Boys, Jack Barton

BIRMINGHAM. — To let the South and the world know that the Communist Party is behind the Scottsboro Defense Committee and will support it until the boys are freed, Earl Browder, Communist candidate for president, visited the nine innocent Negroes whose names are written into Alabama history. Browder told them that the demand for their freedom is written into the Communist platform and that in every meeting throughout the campaign, the issue of Scottsboro freedom will be raised.

Browder also visited Jack Barton, young Communist leader serving a chain-gang sentence in Bessemer for literature possession. The two Communists exchanged greetings through the bars of the young labor leader's cell in a jail long since condemned, alive with vermin and smelling of filth. Browder characterized it as a "post-hole unit to be dignified by the term 'dungeon.'"

"I will use every occasion to make this issue known to the whole country and to throw the spotlight of publicity on Alabama," the candidate promised young Barton.

Joseph E. Gelders, Southern Representative of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, has announced that his committee will cooperate with the International Labor Defense in the fight to free Barton and nullify the law under which he was convicted. An appeal hearing on a writ of habeas corpus denied in the circuit court last month is scheduled for the State Court of Appeals this month. All interested persons and sympathizers are urged to send protests to Mayor Jay Bryant, Bessemer, Ala. Funds should be sent to the International Labor Defense, Box 564 Birmingham, Alabama.

FARMER-LABOR PARTY LAUNCHED

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Plans for the launching of a Fayette County Independent Labor Ticket in the 1935 elections are being formulated here by the leaders of the Workers Alliance, the Building Trades Council, and other groups. A previous independent launch of the party in 1937 was crushed by labor unionists because of the disunity of the party at the time.



EARL BROWDER

A. A. Charters Alabama Locals

BIRMINGHAM. — Two locals of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, have been set up in the district and four more are expected to be chartered immediately, according to Noel Biddow, regional director of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

The Ensley Local and a local in an unnamed steel fabricating plant were the two just chartered.

Company union ferment is strong in this district, union workers declare. Several company union leaders have already joined the A. A. and the workers here have given enthusiastic attention to the actions of the company union steel workers in other parts of the country where whole bodies have come over to the A. A.

PROTEST LYCHING

ATLANTA. — Protesting the horrible lynching of A. J. McCamy, 21-year old Negro youth, in Dalton, Ga. last month, a group of men and women in Georgia have demanded a rigid investigation of the lynching. The Women's Society of the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, went on record in condemnation of the lynching of McCamy.

McCamy was taken from the Dalton jail by a mob of 150 men and lynched to a telephone pole. He was the victim of the old, old attack story, though there was no evidence to support the charge that he had attempted to attack a white woman.

South's Workers Welcome Browder

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The La Follette Committee for Investigation of Civil Liberties has promised a thorough and prompt investigation of the treatment accorded Earl Browder in Tampa, Fla.

The National Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights in Tampa has filed a protest with Mayor Chaney against the lockout of Earl Browder in Tampa.

Speaking before enthusiastic crowds in three of the South's major cities, Earl Browder, Communist candidate for the presidency was warmly received on his first trip into the deep South. In Chattanooga, Birmingham and Norfolk, Browder addressed large meetings and also spoke over the radio. In each of these cities he was welcomed by both liberals and the press, as well as by the workers. His appearance in the South has set a precedent for free speech in communities where Communist leaders have formerly been attacked for attempting to speak openly.

Browder's Southern tour was marred only by the Ku Klux Klan in Tampa, Florida, which barred the doors of the hall in which he was scheduled to speak. Protesting to President Roosevelt, Browder demanded an investigation of "lawless elements who seized hall and barred doors despite contract for meeting." The local authorities in the circus center where Joseph P. Kamp, Socialist leader, met his death at the hands of the Klan last fall, refused to take action to protect rights of the presidential candidate to speak. The Tampa press had brazenly published threats before the meeting.

In Chattanooga, Browder spoke in the Civic Auditorium, heard by an audience of nine miners, textile workers, ministers, small tradespeople, Socialists, students and professionals. His statements on the Negro question brought loud applause.

In Birmingham, Browder claimed the honor of being the first Communist to hold a successful meeting, without police interference or hoodlum disruption. The meeting was held in the Labor Temple. Approximately 500 workers, one third of whom were Negroes, heard and applauded the Communist leader.

Herndon Case To Reach High Court In October

The United States Supreme Court is to hear the appeal in the case of Angelo Herndon in October, it was announced recently. A statement of the case was filed with the Supreme Court by Seymour Whitney, New York Attorney retained by the International Labor Defense to defend Herndon.

With the news that the appeal would go through, the campaign to free Angelo Herndon from his 30-year chain-gang sentence in Georgia moved forward. The entire constitutionality of the chain-gang laws under which the young Negro Communist was sentenced will be tested in the appeal.



ANGELO HERNDON

Trade Union Topics

By Ned True

FOOD prices in the South, which have been equal or higher than food prices in other parts of the country, are now rising. The milk distributors of Birmingham demand an increase in the price of milk from the present 14 cents a quart to 15 or 17 cents. This compares with an average price of about 11 cents throughout the country as a whole.

In spite of these high prices, Southern Bosses will still maintain that costs of living are lower in the South and use that as an excuse to pay lower wages to Southern workers.

In the Birmingham library the other day, the writer thumbed through the July issue of the Department of Labor's Magazine, the Monthly Labor Review. He found some interesting figures showing the results of the Southern wage differential in the steel industry. For instance stockers in bar mills received in 1935 as much as 58 cents an hour in the Great Lakes region, 53 cents in Pittsburgh and only 33 cents an hour in the South. Hotbed men got 59 cents in the East and 40 cent an hour in the South. Common labor in bar mills got 47 cents in Pittsburgh and 31 cents in Birmingham. Rollers, the highest paid steel workers, got \$1.73 an hour in Pittsburgh and \$1.13 in the South.

Average weekly earnings in the Southern steel mills in 1935 averaged \$12.73. In other sections they averaged \$21 a week.

These lower wages continue in the South, not because it is cheaper to live here, (that is a vicious lie) but because the workers in the South are relatively unorganized. One lesson to draw from this is that every worker should support the drive of the NWOC to organize the steel workers into the A.A., and every steel worker should immediately join the union.

The other lesson is to vote for Earl Browder and James W. Ford, Communist Candidates. The Communist Party is the only party which in its 1936 election platform calls for the abolition of the Southern wage differential.

WHY CRAFT UNIONS SHOULD SUPPORT S. W. O. C.

WHY should craft unionists in the building trades, for instance, support the drive to organize the steel workers? Here is one of the reasons, given by Bill Gebert in his talk before the Ninth National Convention of the Communist Party last June.

"The low wages paid in the steel industry," said Bill, "have an effect outside the steel industry. The electricians in the Chicago area, for instance, claim their wage scales are being constantly undermined by the steel companies whose rates for electricians are about 40 per cent lower. Bricklayers, masons, plasterers have listed 30 steel companies in 12 communities where the union is well organized except in the steel mills, which pay wages 27 to 75 per cent under the union scale."

DANGER OF RED-BAITING

It is the policy of the Communist Party to... (text continues)

of the Communist Presidential candidate. Illustration rather well the fascist danger in this country.

Senator James J. Davis of Pennsylvania recently stated that, "In my opinion, the fight against our civil liberties is a menacing symptom of growing fascism. OFTEN CARRIED ON UNDER THE GUISE OF COMBATTING COMMUNISM is the art of change which now lies before the American people, the first attack on our liberties will come from fascism."

Throughout the South we have these groups forming which hide their real purpose behind an attack on the Communist Party. Let us not be fooled. They wish to outlaw the Communist Party, that is true. But they also wish to crush the labor movement. They are the forerunners of American fascism, whether they call themselves White Legions, K. K. K.'s or Silver Shirts, and they are backed by the Liberty League and Wall Street and supported and encouraged by William Randolph Hearst.

That is why we say, "Scratch a red-baiter and find a fascist." When the labor movement permits red-baiters to remain in their midst, they are nursing a viper to their breast. They are coddling the very serpent which will turn and destroy them if it gets the chance.

KY. WORKERS DEMAND END TO DEPUTY SYSTEM

A petition signed by 27 Kentucky labor leaders and presented to Governor Happy Chandler demands the abolition of the company deputy system in Kentucky and says that this system has brought "a brutal reign of terror and an insolent denial of rights common to all citizens."

The company deputy system is familiar not only to the miners of Kentucky but to the miners and steel workers in Alabama, and to textile workers throughout the South. The companies go out and employ the most degenerate criminal elements they can find, arm them with guns, blackjacks, machine guns, tear gas, and keep them liberally supplied with liquor. Through control of the County offices, the companies have these thugs deputized. In Harland County, Kentucky, there are 10,000 miners and 378 of these hired gun thugs representing "the law."

Their job is not merely "to protect company property." Their job is to keep the workers cowed and subdued and to prevent organization of unions. They connect themselves with insolence natural to such degenerates and ride roughshod over the rights not only of the company employees, but of the people as well.

The people of Pennsylvania got rid of the coal and iron police, as they were called, when the legislature abolished it a couple of years ago. Now the people of Kentucky are preparing to take the same step. What about Alabama and Georgia? Certainly the people of those states have suffered long enough under the law of the company deputies. The labor movement in those states has been... (text continues)

WHY TRADE UNIONISTS SHOULD VOTE COMMUNIST!

Because the Communists champion the right to organize and work and the unrestricted freedom of speech, press, radio and assembly.

Because the Communists stand for federal legislation to establish labor's full right to collective bargaining, to outlaw company unions and company spy systems.

Because the Communists demand heavy penalties, including imprisonment, for employers guilty of discharging workers for union activity.

Because the Communists demand a 36-hour week without reduction in earnings, at trade union rates and conditions, in private industry and in public works.

Because the Communists oppose the present railroad consolidation policy which results in the discharge of thousands of railroad workers.

Because the Communists demand the abolition of wage differential between the North and the South.

Because the Communists demand higher wages to meet the increasing cost of living.

Because the Communists stand for a program of opening the closed factories by the government and putting the unemployed back to work at trade union wages.

And finally, because a vote for the Communists ticket in 1936 is the best way of declaring that you are in favor of a Farmer-Labor Party, which will be conservative and led by the trade unions, farm organizations and other organizations of the common people.

VOTE COMMUNIST!

TO SPEAK



JAMES W. FORD

Communist Candidate for Vice-President who will speak in Durham, N. C. on October 28th.

Ford spoke in a national radio address Sept. 21st. His speech which was broadcast over the Red Network of Columbia Broadcasting Co. concerned itself with the subject: "The Negro people in the Coming Election."

Don West On Radio In Ky.

PADUCAH, Ky.—The working people must organize themselves politically into a mighty Farmer, Labor Party to fight for the establishment of a people's government—a government of, for and by the people," declared Don West, Kentucky State Organizer for the Workers Alliance in a radio speech from Station WPAJ.

West stated that the State Convention of the Workers Alliance pledged itself to work towards building cooperation for this mass Farmer-Labor Party in Kentucky.

The Kentucky Workers Alliance has a membership of 19 thousand, with 45 locals. The unemployed and WPA workers of the state are rapidly throwing their forces behind the Farmer-Labor Party. The Alliance is carrying on a successful campaign to organize all of the unemployed unemployed in Kentucky. Radio speeches, and other meetings are conducted in all of the major cities of the state.

Unemployed Join Mobile Alliance

MOBILE, Ala.—Over 500 Negro and white WPA and unemployed workers were present at a mass meeting on Friday, Sept. 4th in Bienville Park, Ala. held under the auspices of the Workers Alliance of America.

Over a hundred workers joined at the meeting and two new branches of colored workers have recently been established. The meeting was part of the nationwide activities of the Workers Alliance to force the government to accept the 5 point program presented to it last August 24th which calls for:

1. 20% increase in WPA wages with a \$40 minimum.
2. WPA workers to be paid the union scale per hour.
3. Monthly wages to be guaranteed and paid. No deductions for bad weather.
4. Official recognition of the Workers Alliance by Works Progress Administration as a collective bargaining agency.
5. That the one Billion dollar fund from last year's relief appropriation be immediately used by the President to aid the relief crisis existing in many states.

Telegrams were sent to President Roosevelt and Harry Hopkins demanding immediate action on the program. Speakers included W. M. Doyle active trade unionist of the Mechanics Union and L. Pradel of New Orleans.

Reactionary Leader Quits A A Post

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Michael F. Tigue, for 17 years president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, resigned his post just before Labor Day.

Tigue who is 77 years old, gave up his post as his reason for resigning. It is well known that he has been under fire from his own membership during the recent months, as the drive to organize steel plants nationwide, with his leaving, progress and success were being made. He had over the leadership of the Steel Union.

Communists On Ballot in Georgia

All documents necessary to putting the Communist Party on the ballot in Georgia have been filed with the Secretary of State in Atlanta, it was announced here by R. F. Hall, district secretary.

Ten presidential electors are required in Georgia under the law, and in spite of the poll tax and other methods of disfranchising workers, the Communist Party found that it had more than the required number available.

Putting the Communist Party on the ballot in Georgia is the workers' answer to Police Chief T. O. Sturdivant of Atlanta who told newspapermen that had Earl Browder attempted to leave the train as he passed through Atlanta en route to Tampa, he would have been arrested.

64 Workers Framed In Talladega

TALLADEGA, Ala.—The Grand Jury helped along the frame-up that has scandalized the whole South when it indicted 10 more union textile workers for first degree murder and 54 others for conspiracy. Homer L. Welch, union organizer, and seven other union workers had already been charged with murder growing out of the death of Chief Deputy John J. Bryant and Joe C. Hayes on the picket line before the Samoset Cotton Mills. The man was killed when thugs tried to break up the picket line and began a gun-fight.

Meanwhile, workers all over the state of Alabama are protesting the re-opening of the Samoset Mills at the order of Governor Graves. The Governor once before ordered the Mills to remain shut down until they would rehire all union workers in the employ of the company at the time of the shut down last June. The Samoset Company hired new, non-union workers upon reopening and was promptly shut down again as protests forced the Governor to take some stand.

The Samoset Mills shut down last June when a local of the U.T.W. was formed here. The union workers picketed the mill to prevent the goods they had produced from leaving the plant.

RADIO SCHEDULE

- Oct. 2—Earl Browder, 10:45 to 11 P.M. (Eastern Standard time) Blue Network, N. B. C.
- Oct. 9—Earl Browder 10:45 to 11 P.M. (Eastern Standard Time) Blue Network, N. B. C.
- Oct. 23—Earl Browder, 10:45 to 11 P.M. (Eastern Standard Time) Red Network, N. B. C.
- Oct. 30—Earl Browder (The Star) Blue 10:45 to 11 P. M. (Eastern Standard Time) Red Network, N. B. C.
- Nov. 7—Earl Browder 10:45 to 11 P.M. (Eastern Standard Time) Blue Network, N. B. C.

Browder Analyses Issues Confronting South

Relics of Slavery Check Progress Says Browder

Following is the speech delivered by Earl Browder, Communist Party Candidate over radio station WDOO in Chattanooga and station WAFB in Birmingham.

Friends: The 1936 elections are a turning point in the history of our people. We are at the crossroads of destiny. On the one hand we find the camp of reaction financed and inspired by Wall Street trying to drag us on the bloody road to fascism, down the road to barbarism on which so many European nations have already gone. On the other hand we find the forces of progress moving toward a common front of the people to defeat the candidate of Hearst and the Liberty League—Landon, and to build a Farmer-Labor Party which will win some measure of economic security and democratic right for the mass of the population.

We Communists say that the central issue before the country today is whether it shall allow itself to be carried down the path of reaction, or whether there is still vitality enough in American democracy to beat back the fascist threats of Hearst, the Liberty League and their handpicked candidate, Landon. We are confident that the American people will take the road of progress which will give them higher living standards and greater democratic rights.

Fascist Trends in South

The people of the South are especially concerned with the developments towards fascism. The domination of Wall Street is aggravated in the South by the remnants of semi-feudal and slave relations. It is these hangovers from slavery which have enabled Wall Street to establish the vicious system of wage differentials which strike at the white worker as well as the black worker. It is these barriers to progress which make the political and economic tensions in the South greater than other parts of the country. Hence, the most serious fascist developments have taken place precisely in the South where the rudiments of progress as expressed by economic rights and civil liberties for the majority of the population have still to be won.

It is in the South that the right to vote is curbed by poll taxes, where lynch law is king, where the Negro people are denied the right to live as human beings. White workers and croppers, especially the Negro croppers, are denied the most fundamental of human rights. Negroes are lynched on the slightest of excuses. It is on the basis that these laws and conditions are maintained that the fascist forces are able to gain a foothold in the South.

Fascist Developments Greatest In Southland Declares Candidate



Earl Browder visits with Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, the world's most famous political prisoners. Browder's visit with Mooney and Billings took place when the Communist Candidate was in San Francisco recently on his campaign tour.

striking workers.

The Liberty League which through its candidate, Landon, is trying to drag the United States on the fascist road, operates in the South through its agents in the Democratic Party. The spokesman for the house of Morgan in the Senate is Senator Carter Glass of Virginia. Through him and similar reactionaries, the Liberty League is able to block many progressive pieces of legislation in Congress. These reactionaries hide themselves behind the doctrines of Jefferson. Can you imagine Jefferson defending the rights of a handful of millionaires to plunder and loot and destroy this country? But that is just what they are doing. Because they put property rights above the most elementary rights of human beings, millions starve and die here in the South children die of pellagra so that the profits of southern and northern mill owners shall grow ever larger.

Wall Street the Enemy

I am struck on this, my first journey through the South, by the way many people believe the special problems of the South can be solved if only some peculiar Southern way. But my friends, the full economic development of the South which would place it on equal terms with the rest of the country, higher living standards and real liberty, can only be won if the farmers and workers, black and white alike, unite with the people of the rest of the country to defeat the greedy man of Wall Street who are our real enemies. It is they who get North against South in order to pay lower wages to the Southern workers. It is they and their Southern allies, the landlords and bankers, who pit white against black in order to keep both in ignorance and misery. There can be no freedom for the South, no prosperity for the future of the Southern States until the class with all other oppressors is defeated. The forces of reaction, the fascist forces and the Liberty League are the enemies of the people.

the problem—there must be equal and full rights for the Negro people, who are the most exploited of the working people. So long as they are kept in a state of semi-slavery, so long will the Bourbons of the South be able to maintain low wages and high poll taxes. The white worker has nothing to gain from being used as a tool for the big landlords and mill owners. When white workers go out on strikes, they are shot down by white thugs and white strikebreakers. Unity of white and black will win higher wages for all. Unity of white and black will win for the white worker as well as his black brother, those democratic rights which are now enjoyed only by landlords, the big mill owners, and their agents in the halls of government.

There have been many examples of white sharecropper and black sharecropper uniting to gether against the terror of landlords. There is growing unity of white miners and black miners to protect themselves against the thugs of the coal and steel trust. These examples must become the fundamental practice of all Southern toilers. Through unity black and white the South will really be free and strike off those shackles which prevent its full economic development.

Full Rights to Negroes

That is why the Communist Party calls upon the entire American people, especially the people of the South to fight for the right of the right of the Negro people to be guaranteed complete equality, equal rights to jobs, equal pay for equal work, the full right to organize, vote, serve on juries and hold public office. (Segregation and discrimination against Negroes must be declared a crime.) Heavy penalties must be established against such acts. Slogans, and kidnappers, with the death penalty for lynching. We demand the enforcement of the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments of the Constitution. That is why the Communist Party is the only party in the South which is fighting for the rights of the Negro people.

the Vice-President of the United States. He symbolizes in his person the progress of the Communist Party which fights for all those who are oppressed by Wall Street, and by showing them the path of unity, blazes the way to freedom and security.

It is contradictory but true that the Southern rulers, who employ the greatest violence and terror against the white and black toilers, have the brazen audacity to charge the Communist Party with being an advocate of force and violence. I deny this categorically and charge that it is the reactionaries, who use force and violence to destroy the rights of the people. Let me quote to you from a resolution adopted by the Ninth Convention of the Communist Party held last June in New York, which fully gives our position:

"The Communist Party must smash once and for all the superstition, which has been embodied in a maze of court decisions having the force of law, that our party is an advocate of force and violence, that it is subject to laws (Federal immigration laws, State Criminal Syndicalism laws) directed against such advocacy. The Communist Party is not a conspirative organization; it is an open revolutionary party, continuing the traditions of 1776 and 1901; it is the only organization that is really entitled by its program and work to designate itself as 'Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.'"

"Communists are not anarchists, not terrorists. The Communist Party is a legal party and defends its legality. Prohibition of advocacy of force and violence does not apply to the Communist Party. It is properly applied only to the Black Legion, the Ku Klux Klan, and other fascist organizations and to the strikebreaking agencies and the operating agencies who are those against the working class who are responsible for the deaths and injuries of thousands of workers."

example as to who practices and preaches force and violence. Hearst is carrying on a campaign of open incitement against the Roosevelt administration, a campaign which parallels the propaganda that prepared fascist revolt in Spain against the democratically elected government there. This propaganda of incitement carried a step further in its logical development in America would call for an attempt by the reactionary interests to cancel the results of our coming elections if they should be unfavorable to them. They are laying the ground for insurrection, and yet it is these gentlemen of Wall Street and their spokesman Hearst who call us Communists advocates of violence.

For Democracy vs. Fascism

We Communists are fighting for the extension of democracy against the barbarism of fascism as sought for by Hearst, the Liberty Leaguers and their reactionary Democratic allies in the South. We must all unite in a broad people's movement, including all progressives, if we are to defeat the sinister plans of the Liberty Leaguers. The united front of labor, farmers and all progressives in a Farmer-Labor Party will defeat Landon this year and will defeat the fascist plans of Wall Street. Roosevelt will not stop the march to fascism. He blows hot and cold on all issues, and only the most powerful pressure from progressives organized as an independent force will make him move in the direction of progress.

The Farmer-Labor Party is that instrument which the people of the South need to fight their own reactionaries, to win these economic demands and political rights which are necessary to their well-being. With the Farmer-Labor Party they can change the mockery of democracy represented by the local political machines. With the Farmer-Labor Party they can take firm and decisive steps to freedom, prosperity and happiness.

The Communist Party believes that in building the Farmer-Labor Party, the American people will learn those deeper lessons which will eventually prepare them for the necessary reorganization of their social life which can only be achieved by taking the road to Socialism.

We Communists continue the traditions of Jefferson. Under new conditions and in new times we Communists carry forward the fight for his ideals of freedom and democracy for the common man. Communism is Twentieth Century Americanism, and Communists are the only true inheritors of Jefferson.

FWA WAGE INCREASE

CHATTANOOGA — FWA workers have received a wage and benefit increase. Under the new scale hourly wages will be an hourly wage of \$1.25 instead of \$1.00. Maximum the same, plus \$1.00. Minimum \$1.12 and maximum \$1.25 instead of \$1.00. The new scale covers all workers. The new scale is effective from October 1, 1934.

South's Starvation Wages Responsible for "Germ of Laziness" Declares Writer

By ELIZABETH LAWSON

(This is the second of a series of articles by Elizabeth Lawson on health and disease in the South.)

Pellagra is a dietary disease due to lack of essential foods such as fresh meats and vegetables. It is produced by the typical Southern diet of fatback, grits, gravy, corn-bread, molasses, beans and turnip-greens. In Burlington, North Carolina, some of the dynamite frame-up which has sent five textile workers to the penitentiary as part of the mill-owner's campaign to smash the union, there is a mill properly called the Aurora, but known to all the workers as Turnip-Green, because the wages it pays cover very little else in the way of food. Mill workers and farm workers in the South seldom see fresh meat, eggs, or milk.

The common symptoms of pellagra are a red rash, burning and redness of the mouth and tongue, anisias and listlessness. The disease also attacks the intestinal tract and the nervous system. In its last stages, it may produce insanity.

The cause of pellagra was not known until 1914, when Dr. Joseph Goldberger went South to do research work in the disease. Dr. Goldberger and others noticed certain facts: that the doctors and nurses handling pellagra patients never got pellagra, and it was therefore, apparently not contagious; that its incidence was almost entirely among the poor, families with incomes over \$1000 almost never contracted it, and that pellagra takes a heavier toll in the years of worst depression and poverty.

As the French doctor, Lalesque put it: "Pellagra attaches itself to poverty as the shadow to the body."

The Big Lasy

Hookworm, another disease typical of the South, produces such severe anemia that it is often called "the lasy sickness" or "the big lasy". When a physician found that the disease is caused by an intestinal worm, the conservative members of the medical profession made a joke of the matter, saying that "the germ of laziness has been found." They were soon forced to admit that the cause of the disease, known in the South in earliest slave days, had at last been discovered. The infection is due to a species of worm that lives in the small intestine of man. The source of the infection is human waste matter, deposited on the ground in the absence of privies. The larvae of the worm, which needs oxygen to grow to adulthood, pass from the body and develop on the ground. When grown, they enter the body through the skin of the feet. We must remember in this connection that a very large proportion of the South's rural population—particularly the children—have to go without shoes.

Once inside the skin, the worms make their way by a detour route to the small intestine, where they suck blood from the intestinal walls. Not only do the worms stuff themselves with blood, but in moving from one place to another to feed they cause irreparable wounds, from which the blood is sucked out.

Old Guard Checks Alabama United Front

MOBILE, Ala. — The high point of interest in the state convention of the Socialist Party of Alabama held here recently was the proposal of a united front extended by the district committee of the Communist Party. Only six members of the Socialist Party were present and in spite of the desire for unity, several "old-timers" were able to bring about the rejection of the Communist offer.

George Nelson, Socialist Candidate for Vice-President, here for a speaking engagement, attended the convention. He spoke in favor of a united front on specific issues. About 50 attended the Nelson meeting.

"There are growing signs of fascism in Alabama, a movement which is a menace not only to the Communist and Socialist Parties but to the entire trade union movement and to all free organizations of the people," states the Communist message, signed by Rob. F. Hall, District Secretary.

"There are a score of issues on which our Parties could work together successfully. Of immediate importance, in our opinion, are the issues of the sales tax, the abolition of the Poll tax, and the fight against the Southern wage differential (in WPA and private industry)."

LABOR SPY SUBPOENAED

ATLANTA, Ga. — G. Eugene Ivey, on the staff of the notorious labor spy agency, the Railroad Audit and Inspection Co., has been subpoenaed to appear before the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee.

The La Follette Committee has promised startling disclosures in the hearings now getting under way.

men have the development of children of 12 or 13. A man of 22, a hookworm victim treated in the New Orleans Charity Hospital, was found to have the body development of a child of 11.

Hookworm also leads to clay-eating and dirt-eating, and the characteristic Southern habit of tobacco-chewing and snuff-dipping. This does not mean that every person who chews tobacco or dips snuff has hookworm, but the custom began with hookworm victims and was initiated by them to the general public.

The Communists Are Really Against War!

AN EDITORIAL

THE blood-curdling actions of Mussolini and Hitler, moving to plunge Europe once more into a war that will murder millions of young people and lay waste half of civilization, are fast making the people of America war-conscious again. With Japan, Italy and Germany turning their guns on the peace-loving people of the Soviet Union, a war will begin that will make the memories of the last world war seem like poetry by contrast.

There are people in America who say "let Europe go to hell, we will stay out of it." These people do not realize that America cannot stay out of the next world war. Even President Roosevelt, in a recent speech, stated at that time he said: "We must remember that as long as war exists on earth, there will be some danger that even the action which most ardently desires peace, may be drawn into war."

In America, if we are to work for peace we have got to get to check the drive of the war-makers. These monsters include the would-be Hitlers, like Hearst and the Liberty League and the Grass Roots Democrats of the South.

The Communists point out that not just good intentions and a horror of war will stop the fascists. They say that the United States should develop an American Peace policy in close collaboration with the Soviet Union and all peace forces. They demand the nationalization of the entire munitions industry.

This is the Communist Program against war! These are the only steps which can save America and the peace-loving peoples of the world from a massacre that will make the land of all the earth run blood. Every day Hitler cries out his frenzied attacks on the Soviet Union. He is preparing to attack with Japan, to try to seize the riches of the Socialist country and destroy the government of workers and farmers. His speeches are no longer just war threats—they are war actions. Hitler's own country is to go on military rations on the first of November. Hunger and want stalk the land where Nazism has stamped out democracy.

The Republican Party, which harbors the nation's most vicious war-mongers, wants intensive war preparations, like their god-father Hearst, who has gone to bed with Hitler, Mussolini and the other fascist war makers. The Republican Party stands for military preparations for aggressive war and not defense! The military machines they would build up will be directed against peace, on the side of Fascism.

The Democratic Party has a weak war plank. It urges that profits be taken out of war. As in all other points, the Democratic platform talks big but its words don't carry water. It stands for a neutrality which in practice really favors and encourages the war-makers and aggressive nations.

Only the Communist Party comes out firmly with a real anti-war program. The peace-loving people of America should give full support to this only realistic approach to stopping war. KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR BY KEEPING WAR OUT OF THE WORLD!

VOTE COMMUNIST!

TO THE UNEMPLOYED

"Provide Unemployment Insurance
Old Age Pensions and Social Security for All.

"It is the obligation of the American government to establish an adequate system of social insurance for the unemployed, the aged, the disabled and the sick, as provided in the Fraser-Lundeen Bill. This bill provides compensation for all unemployed without exception, and pensions for the aged from 60 years, at rates equal to former earnings, but in no case less than \$15 per week. Make the Fraser-Lundeen Bill the law of the land!"
From the Communist Election Platform.

Unemployed workers and those on relief should vote Communist because the Communists stand four-square for a real system of social security as provided in the Fraser-Lundeen Bill.

The Communists fight for old age pensions. And they propose to finance the pensions by making the rich pay, not by sales taxes on the poor and middle classes.

The Communists stand for adequate relief standards, enough for a man to keep his family in decency and health, not in disease and starvation. The Communists demand a stop to all relief cuts. They say continue and extend the WPA. AT TRADE UNION WAGES. They call for a housing program and the building of schools and hospitals, as provided in the Marantoni Bill.

If you are on relief and your baby is sick, do you get immediate medical attention? Generally the answer is No. If your wife is ill, can you get in the hospital? Usually she cannot. If your roof leaks and your house isn't fit for a rooster, can you get a better house from the relief authorities? No, again.

The Communists say that a worker is unemployed through no fault of his own. He has created the wealth of the nation and now that he is out of a job, he and his family must be cared for by the society and the state. A vote for Franklin and Ford is a vote for the police.

VOTE COMMUNIST!



"Grass Roots" Hitler Licked in Primaries

ATLANTA — Eugene Talmadge, red-baiting and reactionary governor of Georgia, was defeated in the race for the Democratic nomination to the Senate. Talmadge, bitter foe of the New Deal, lost the nomination to Richard B. Russell, Jr., supporter of the New Deal. Russell polled about twice as many votes as Talmadge.

Talmadge, under whose administration Angelo Herndon received a 20-year chain gang sentence for organizing workers to ask for relief, is a member of the most reactionary clique within the ruling class of the South. His Anti-New Deal Grass Roots Democrats, organized under the direction of the Liberty League and financed by Du Pont and Morgan, quickly revealed itself as a tool of Fascism, calling for Race division and persecution of Communists, at the same time attacking the New Deal as a Moscow controlled administration.

News Briefs

CHICAGO — Governor Horner of Illinois refused to permit extradition of Sam Bennet, Arkansas Negro sharecropper, back to Arkansas to face charges of assaulting his employer. Bennet, was a leader in the Cotton Choppers strike led by the Southern Tenant Farmers Union.

JACKSON, Miss. — Vigorous protest against the suspension of the CIO unions was voiced by Pres. S. H. Myers of the Louisiana-Mississippi Federation of Post Office Clerks in a letter to postal clerks organizations throughout the country.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Oil workers will refuse to back Governor Landon, Harvey Plummer, President of the International Union of Oil Field, Gas Well, and Refinery Workers gathered here, charging that long working hours and low wages prevailed on Governor Landon's own properties. Cotton Plummer—1 Pgs. 2

BRACEMONT, Tex. — The Trades and Labor Assembly here voted unanimously to support the suspension of the C. I. O. unions.

Farm News

THE cry for drought relief is spreading over Dixie like the dew. At present the sharecroppers and tenants cannot get any relief because the landlords refuse to sign for them. This is used as a means of forcing down cotton picking wages with government aid. Unless relief comes soon the worst wave of sickness and death that has been witnessed in many a year will set in with the cold weather.

The next time Governor White of Mississippi tours the farm area we recommend that he get out of his beautiful car, walk into a corn field and snuck a few ears of corn. The last time Mr. White looked the fields over he said that Mississippi had a good crop. The stalks do look nice but there is nothing on the cob. Farmers report that 50 to 75% of the corn crop is lost. Don't kid us Governor White, the farmers need relief.

Here is one for Hix's Alabama Oddities. In Morgan County, the home of the world-known Scottsboro case, the Negro and white sharecroppers, tenants and small owners formed a Morgan County Tenant Farmers Union back in 1920. The large landlords tried to increase rents. Negroes and whites organized secretly, much in the same manner as the Sharecroppers Union in central Alabama. Terror did not break their organization. After they won their demands the organization died out for lack of a more permanent program.

MR. R. Nixon, Chairman of the Southern Policy Committee, just wrote a syndicated column under the heading of "The South Today." In his article he shows that the group known as the "Agrarians", who believe in peasant farming, are really trying to carry us back to the Middle Ages with a program similar to that of Hitler and Mussolini. Dr. Odum's book is praised as a real research into Southern problems, offering a splendid source of facts and information. However neither group offers a solution to the sharecropping problem in the South.

These groups of whom Dr. Nixon speaks, have no organized backing and thus find themselves acting as cat's paws for the landlord interests. They dare not have the courage of their convictions.

Why don't the liberals like Dr. Odum and the Agrarians face the facts that they themselves dig up? The men and the women organized in unions have a program for changing the South and they represent the only forces that can make a progressive change. It's time these liberals gave their support to the only people walking the path of progress today, the peasants.

FIGHT MILK PRICE

BIRMINGHAM — The Birmingham Consumers' Council has announced that it will fight the price of milk. The price of milk in Jefferson County was the highest in the state. The council is organized to fight the price of milk.

UNPROVED



FRANCIS GORMAN

Nominated first vice-president of the United Textile Workers Union. No other candidate was nominated.

S. C. U. Protests Forced Picking

In a telegram to Corrington G.H.C. Acting WPA Administrator, Clyde Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Share Croppers Union condemned the policy of forcing rural workers off relief and into the cotton fields to work at inhumanly wages. The telegram follows: "We protest the closing rural WPA projects in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas to supply cotton pickers for planters at inhumanly low wage levels. We protest cooperation between local administrators and landlords in move to slash wages, unload relief roles and starve the people. We demand all projects be continued, no worker forced to accept other work at less than WPA weekly wage standard, workers accepting work picking cotton be rehired by WPA at end of season."

Union Leader on Tour of Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS, La.—W.C. Irby, member of the National Board of the Farmers' Union, toured Louisiana the last week in October to rally interest in the Farmers' Union and increase membership so that Louisiana would be able to get a state charter for this year.

The farmers greeted Irby's speeches with enthusiasm. When Brother Irby explained that the Farmers' Union aimed to control enough cotton to supply the mills, place a Union label on the bales, and then have union workers in the mills refuse to spin it unless the farmer got his price for it, the farmers agreed 100% and endorsed the Union Label campaign.

At the conclusion of the trip Mr. Irby spoke to the New Orleans Central Labor Union on Farmer-Labor cooperation and was cheered enthusiastically by the delegates.

COOPERATIVE CREAMERY

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The establishment of a cooperative creamery in Nashville was announced by Messrs. Smith, business agent of the Nashville local of the C. O. U. Farmers' Union, and Messrs. Jones, business agent of the Nashville local of the C. O. U. Farmers' Union.

Free The Farmers!

"We declare that the American government is obliged to save the American Farmer from distress and ruin, to guarantee the farmers and tenants their inalienable rights to the possession of their land, their homes, and chattels." — from the Communist Election Platform.

The farmer of today faces the worst years in American Agriculture unless a big change is made in present government policies. The drought has ruined more than a billion dollars in farm products and has left a trail of destitution in 22 states. Evictions and foreclosures are increasing. Sharecroppers and tenants have been robbed more than ever by the big landowners and face plain starvation this winter.

The Communist Party, in its 1936 Election Platform proposes real steps to remedy this situation.

The Communist Party believes that the land is the common heritage of the people. The government must obligate itself to save American farmers from distress and ruin by guaranteeing them possession of their land, homes, livestock and equipment. The sharecroppers and tenants, the slaves of the plantation owners, should be placed on fertile land of their own, furnished homes, equipment, and crop loans by the government at very low interest rates and easy repayment terms.

Evictions and foreclosures must be stopped. The government must pass a farm mortgage refinancing bill similar to the Frazier-Lemke Bill to refinance the debts of needy farmers.

The government policy of crop destruction must be stopped. Farmers should be encouraged to grow more so that the American people can all enjoy a high standard of living. The government must regulate prices so that the farmers get at least cost of production.

Real soil conservation should be planned and directed in cooperation with farmers' organizations.

The cost of such a program must be met by taxation of the bankers, cotton and grain exchange profits, corporation profits, and in general the incomes and inheritances of the rich.

This program is designed to aid the millions of American farmers facing destitution. This is a program that aims to make America free, prosperous and happy. Join the ranks of the real Americans who believe America belongs to the people and that human needs come before property rights and private profits.

VOTE COMMUNIST!

Alabama Farmers "Hunger March" Threatened By State Bale Tax Ky. Alliance

HALEYVILLE, Ala. — The Six-County Union meeting of the Farmers' Union passed a second resolution condemning the proposed Bale Tax in Alabama. The tax on cotton is supposed to raise money for the administration of the Soil Conservation Act in the state.

Speakers declared that Farm Bureau leaders in Auburn, representing the landlord interests, had framed the tax bill.

S. C. U. Urges United Front

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Sharecroppers Union issued an appeal to the Alabama Farmers' Union, following the decision of the recent convention, for a united front on immediate issues and to consider uniting the two organizations.

The letter proposes a united struggle against evictions and mortgage foreclosures, for drought relief, for abolition of the poll tax, for the right of the sharecroppers and tenants to gin and sell their own cotton, for better schools, against mob violence and anti-union actions of sheriffs and thugs.

The letter pointed out that the farmers of Alabama had many important problems facing them and that it would be in the best interests of Alabama farmers if the organizations united.

Louisville, Ky. — The state-wide organization campaign launched a few weeks ago by the Kentucky Workers Alliance, with the design of increasing the membership of the organization from 16,000 to 30,000 before winter, is proving most effective. New locals have been established in Mayville, Louisville, Johnson County, and other points. Giles Cooper, president, and Ernest McElfresh, Lexington organizer, will head an organizational drive in central Kentucky to establish locals in Winchester, Paris, Mt. Sterling, Versailles, Frankfort, and other places. Don West, a state organizer, will concentrate on western Kentucky. The campaign will be intensified during the coming weeks.

Widespread suffering and misery exist among the workers in the state, not only in the mountain sections, but also in the famed Bluegrass region. The State has so far ignored the relief situation, refusing to appropriate a cent for direct relief. An old agrarian, to which old people are looking, was passed early in the year, but bitter political campaign in which the peasant became a football, delayed the beginning of payments.

The Kentucky Workers Alliance will intensify its struggle for more relief during the month of September and October. A "hunger march" to compel Governor Chandler to meet the demands will be called if he refuses to pass a bill for a special session of the legislature.

S. C. U. Leader Urges Support For Conference

By Harry Williams, president Share Croppers Union.

The drought has swept this entire country. Cotton, corn, and other food crops have been burned out and there is almost nothing left to live on through the winter. Thousands of sharecroppers will be faced with starvation.

Alabama landlords fear another cotton pickers strike. They learned a great lesson from the 1935 strike and they are looking for another one this year. They say that if a strike is called it will either have to be stopped at once or they will have to pay higher wages. The landlords have agreed to wages ranging around 75¢ a day and less for picking 100 lbs. of cotton. This is not enough for croppers and tenants who have eight and ten in their family.

The croppers and tenants are coming together in meetings to discuss what should be done about the low wages that the landlords are trying to force on them. They have hundreds of men cut off of relief jobs and forced back into the fields to pick cotton for the landlords.

The croppers go to the County Agent or the Department of Public Welfare to sign up on relief and they are told to see their landlord about a job. It is left up to the landlord to say whether or not the sharecroppers shall get relief. This is done to tie the croppers to the cotton patch until cotton picking time is over and then they will be turned loose to starve. Every farmer should support the Sioux City drought conference September 29-30 so the croppers can put up a real struggle against starvation.

Drouth Aid Topic of Farm Conference

SIoux CITY, Iowa—A Drouth Relief Conference of farmers from the 22 drought stricken states to consider the problems of relief, debt aid, stopping evictions and foreclosures and establishing a system of crop insurance was to be held September 29-30 in Sioux City. Farmers in four Mid-West states got together to call the conference. John Beach, president of the Farmers' Holiday Association, pledging support to the conference saying "The amount of drought relief and the manner in which it is handled is directly up to the farmers."

Clyde Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Share Croppers Union called upon all farm organizations to support the conference and make this a real starting point for the fight for relief and to save farmers from starvation and eviction this winter.

Minutes of the conference will may be obtained from John Beach, P. O. Box 100, Minneapolis, Minn.

VOTE COMMUNIST!

Letters From The People Of The South

Robert Minor Heard By Oil Workers In Houston

Houston, Texas

Editor, The Southern Worker

As you perhaps know, this is a town which has the repute of being of world-wide importance in the commodity markets: cotton and oil, both producing, processing and exporting by rail and deep water.

The chief union in this town of almost half a million people is the industrial union of oil workers. This includes here an increasing number of technically trained and college trained workers who are an important element.

In the recent runoff Democratic primary election for Congress from this district the voters' choice received a desperate opposition from the most influential quarters.

Robert Minor, candidate for the governor of New York, was here recently and his speech on the national and state political issues was attended by a lot of people and lots more heard his broadcast over the radio.

A. H.

Grocery Workers in Black Belt Want the Union

Selma, Alabama

Editor, Southern Worker:

In the Wholesale grocery store they start to work at 7 A. M. and quit it off at 5:00 P. M. and one hour for dinner. When we start to work in the morning the boss tells "get in damn hurry" and if we don't he tells to go to the office and get your damn money and get the hell out of here for they's plenty of niggers waiting on your job.

We stay in a light trot all day long to keep our jobs. We handle sacks weighing from 6 pounds to 200 pounds and other boxes of can goods all day long. When night comes we be so tired that all we do is go home and take a bath, eat and go to bed. For that are all we are able to do.

Deaked Unfairly

Now if the city and rural salesman come in and open up any boxes and take out them goods, the shipping clerk he claims the workers has stole those goods and take part of their weekly salary to pay for it.

Also we hants buy our food from the wholesale store to keep our jobs and all that comes out of our salary each week. Our salary ranges from 5 to 6 dollars a week if we are old hands. If we are new hands we don't get that much. We haven't got no union at all as we need someone to help us build a Union among the wholesale grocery workers because if we ever need help we need it now.

Wholesale Grocery Worker

Readers are urged to write... (faded text)

Negro Workers Forced to Tip White Driver

Selma, Alabama

Editor, Southern Worker:

There is six trucks pick up the garbage in the city. We start to work at 5:30 in the morning and quit at 6:00 at night for \$5 a week. The Negroes do all the work of loading and unloading the trucks while the white drivers do nothing but drive. The Negro workers has to give the driver a tip out of their little weekly earnings in order to keep in friendship with him to hold their jobs. Because a job is a job here in Selma.

A. Garbage Collector

Transfer Company Pays Five Cents An Hour Overtime

Selma, Alabama

Editor, Southern Worker:

Let me tell you how we workers are faring on the down here. We work from 8 to 14 ly get 5 or 6 cents an hour for overtime. And if we go in and ask for a raise in salary the boss he cusses us out and sometimes fires us and boycotts us from other jobs. So we is got to work for him or starve to death or leave the city to find work.

WPA Workers Sent To Cotton Fields

Selma, Alabama

Editor, Southern Worker:

The W. P. A. here in Selma paid the workers \$22 a month. Some of the workers is signed to work on the rural projects where they dig ditches and drain ponds and swamps and they work in water about 10 and 12 inches deep without any rubber boots on.

When we were in the rural sections working the fore men stand around the workers with a large stick bawling and cussing like we is convict labor and not free labor.

For the last three years or more us relief workers has been cut off of the jobs and shutdown in the middle of summer in order for us to pick the big landlord's cotton crop. When we apply at the office when we are going back to work they tell us to go out to the country and pick

cotton for fifty cents a hundred pounds, that's good enough for you damn niggers.

W. P. A. Worker

Oil Mill Worker Knows Speed-up

Selma, Alabama

Editor, Southern Worker:

We oil mill workers been making \$1.50 a day in the press room and the truckers get \$1.25 a day and the R.R. cars and auto truck unloaders only gets \$1 a day

and the work is twice as hard as it was years ago.

We find at the present time all the machines is speeded up to the last knot and we is working 12 hours a day on the same old scale we used to work on years ago. We are not able to buy clothes, food and pay house rent at the salary we are earning at the present time.

We is got two oil mills here. One is Swift & Co. The other is Buckeye Cotton & Oil Co. When the N.R.A. was here, we never got code prices at Swift & Co. but Buckeye did pay some of the workers code prices but since the N.R.A. is done away with they shove every body back on the old hours and no more talk about code wages.

Oil Mill Worker

Save the Youth!

"Free educational and financial assistance to the youth and the children must be guaranteed by both Federal and State appropriations... Child labor must be once and for all abolished and made unconstitutional. The American Youth Act, providing jobs, educational opportunities and vocational training for all youth between the ages of 16 and 25, must be enacted into law."

This is what the Communist Party in its Election Platform demands for the youth of America. The Communist Platform in addition proposes that military training in the C. U. C. and schools be abolished. Only the Communists come forth with a clear-cut program, outlining the needs of American Youth and pointing to necessary legislation to care for those needs.

The Communists point out that in the Youth of America lies the future of America. Are we to raise up a generation of strong, healthy, educated young people, capable of making decisions which will effect the world's history or are we to crush them in childhood, starve them and sweat them in the factories and in the fields? The youth of today are the people of tomorrow. Are they to be feeble and unhealthy, without knowledge, or are they to be as every mother and father wants his child to grow up, strong in mind and character? It is for the people of today to decide what the nation shall do to protect and nourish its youth.

The Republicans are not saying anything about the youth problem in this election. In the Republican Party, the roots of the Fascist regime which has crushed the youth of Germany and Italy are trying to find a place in the soil of America. Do American parents want their kids to be soldiers in the Fascist Army from the age of ten?

The Democrats promise to keep youth on the road to freedom and prosperity, but how do they propose to go about it? On this point they too are silent. There's big talk but nothing concrete about their proposals.

Only the Communists hold forth hope and life for the American youth! Mothers and Fathers, support the Communist Party in its fight to save the young people of America from war and fascism, from starvation and misery. Vote Communist!

VOTE COMMUNIST!

HOSIERY WORKERS STRIKE
LOUDON, Tenn. — Employees of the Bacon Hosiery Mill here are on strike in protest of the firing of 28 union members.

"Unionize Steel" by William Z. Foster

"It may be truthfully said that there isn't an industry in the country which the trade union movement cannot organize any time it can fit. The problem in any case is merely to develop the proper organizational forms and systems, and the founders—hungry workers, skilled and unskilled, men and women, black and white, will come about as naturally and inevitably as water runs down hill."

This is what William Z. Foster, leader of the steel workers' union, says in his new book, "Unionize Steel."

the present great steel drive, Bill Foster, now chairman of the Communist Party, brings that same unshakable faith in the Working Class.

In a little booklet entitled "Unionize Steel" which sells for only five cents, Bill Foster writes about the present drive on the basis of his long experience in the trade union movement and especially in organizing steel workers. The present drive will succeed, says Foster, and shows how much more favorable the situation is today than it was 17 years ago.

His booklet is a clear answer to those who say that the steel workers are

not be organized, that the corporation is too powerful, that the men are scared, that the mills are full of born non-union men. Wherever we fail to organize the steel workers, says Foster, the fault lies with the organizer and not with the workers. The organizers must be flexible and try new methods until they hit on the right one.

This little book instils faith, determination and encouragement to all who read it. Every steel worker, every steel organizer, and every trade unionist should read it. Copies may be secured from the Southern Worker, Box 1118, Birmingham, at five cents a copy.

how we workers are faring on the down here. We work from 8 to 14 ly get 5 or 6 cents an hour for overtime. And if we go in and ask for a raise in salary the boss he cusses us out and sometimes fires us and boycotts us from other jobs. So we is got to work for him or starve to death or leave the city to find work.

There is lots of us workers has 8 to 10 in our families and we only work 3 or 4 days a week. We only make enough money to buy us a little food to keep us living while the rent agent is on our heels and is cussing us about the rent. If we don't have his money when he comes we either has to dodge him till we got it or be evicted from the house.

Accidents Not an Hoax

When us drivers make a trip out of the city to somewhere else and has tire trouble, when we get back to the office we are cuss out and we pay for it out of our salary at the end of the week.

The boss tells the workers don't join the Union if you do you will get lynched. I guess maybe this boss didn't hear Mr. Roosevelt's radio speech last March when he said the working people has a right to organize if they wants to.

A Transfer Worker

Mill Owners Deal In Misery Says Hosiery Worker

Editor, Southern Worker:

The seamless hosiery industry is hopelessly overproductive at the present time. Since the collapse of the N.R.A. there have been several attempts made to bring the manufacturers together under a voluntary code as to wages and hours, thereby stabilizing the industry to some extent.

These attempts have all failed, because a large number of the employers in this industry refused to cooperate, preferring to drive their employees down to the level of slaves and at the same time cut their competitors throat.

I know of a woman who worked two years in a seamless hosiery mill without receiving one penny in cash. She traded at the commissary owned by the company and every pay day they took every cent due her.

A seamless knitter who works for this company told me that recently he worked sixteen hours in one day and made the magnificent sum of two dollars and a half.

If the workers try to protest against these outrages they are fired, blacklisted, test passed, clubbed and even shot to death by thugs supposedly officers of the law but really tools of the management. The owners in this industry are not just dealers in misery, they are dealers in human misery.

The only hope for these down-trodden seamless hosiery workers is to organize and use their combined strength to force demands from the bosses, instead of being taken by the manufacturers.

A Hosiery Worker

Soviet People Celebrate



Stalin and a group of Soviet women gather to celebrate the progress and accomplishment of their people. Women are on an equal basis with men in the U. S. S. R. and take an active part in the government.

Under Workers Rule

SCHOOL begins in September in Soviet Russia as it does here. How do school conditions there compare with ours in the South? Here one-third of our schools are closed for lack of funds, our teachers are underpaid and many children are too hungry or badly dressed to reach those left open. On September first, in the Soviet Union, 21,000,000 children started the school year. 4,300 new schools had been built for them during the summer.

This fall, too, a million young people in the Soviet Union will enter technical school. The government will support them while they learn to do skilled work and prepare to add to the wealth of the Russian People.

Even a college education is now open to all who want it. The New Soviet Constitution guarantees the right to primary and higher education to all who want it. Children are required to attend school for at least the first seven grades.

Best of all, those who go to school and college in the Soviet Union go with the knowledge that when they are ready there is a job waiting for them. They know that they are building a better world for themselves and their fellow workers. They know there will be a better place for them in the land of Socialism.

BRIEF FACTS ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION.

The total output of Soviet industry during the first six months of 1935 rose 34% over the first six months of 1935.

Russian workers deposited one and a half times as much money in savings banks by June 1935 as they did during the same month in 1935.

Now that there is work for everyone in Russia, crime has dropped sharply. The worst crime in the Soviet Union is a crime against the people, against social property, that is, injuring the worker's government or stealing public property. This kind of crime has dropped 30% since 1933. The number of murders was cut in half. As it has become easier for young people to live an honest, prosperous life, there have been fewer crimes committed by young people.

Two thousand young children met in Leningrad recently with representatives of the cities' trading organization to discuss toys and amusements. The young consumers demanded more variety in toys and were promised their recommendations would be followed.

Clever Soviet engineers have designed two giant windmills which will produce electricity. They are capable of generating 10,000 kilowatts. These windmills will be set up this year in the Crimea where the wind blows particularly strong.

The Russian people have made long term plans for beautifying their cities and improving living conditions. Moscow, Capital of a Nation of 160,000,000, will be completely rebuilt, including a new opera house and a new city hall. The plan is to make the city a model of modern urban planning.

Spanish Workers Militia Fighting For Democracy

By TED WELLMAN

Events in the struggle of the Spanish people against the bloody forces of Fascism have recently taken a turn for the better. On all fronts with the exception of the Iran-San Sebastian sector along the French border, the government forces are strengthening their lines. The Fascists imprisoned in the Alcazar fortress are on the verge of surrender, while the miners surrounding Oviedo will take that city within a few days. This will leave two large and important cities completely in the hands of the People's Front Government, and release thousands of worker-soldiers for other parts of the country.

The Spanish people are defending the government they elected by a huge majority last February. The Fascists, the army officers, the bankers, manufacturers and landlords were enraged by their defeat at the polls. Financed by Hitler and Mussolini, they organized an armed rebellion against the government. They want to overthrow the democratic republic of Spain and set up a Fascist dictatorship. They want to smash the trade unions and peasant organizations. They want to destroy the Communist Party. They want to continue to loot and plunder the Spanish people worse than they did before. They want to suppress every right of the people in their drive towards hunger and war.

Workers Militia

With 80% of the army bought by the fascists, the workers and peasant organizations had no military resources to handle the situation as they fought with the militia groups of the Front. They had to rely on their own strength and the help of the international working class.

LA. UNION BACKS C.I.O.
NEW ORLEANS — Local 232 of the American Federation of Government employees has adopted a resolution against the suspension of the C.I.O. unions and in support of the C. I. O.

attacks, every day now worked in the favor of the people of Spain, as they learned to fight as efficient well-drilled troops, while the failure of the first onslaught demoralized the bought-and-paid-for troops of the fascists.

Matching the planes and money supplied by German and Italian fascism, the workers of the whole world are giving aid to the embattled people of Spain. The trade unions of Soviet Russia, the largest in the world, have sent \$15,500,000 to Spain, and are collecting more millions. From the Workers of Mexico there landed safely in Spain 50,000 rifles and ammunition. In the United States tens of thousands of dollars are being collected, with the Furriers Union, the Ladies Garment Workers, and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and the Teachers Union pledging \$5,000 each, with the Communist Party, Socialist Party and other organizations matching the unions. The French workers have given much, and are now placing pressure against the Socialist Blum cabinet to sell planes and arms to the legal Spanish government.

The new Spanish Cabinet is spurring the battle for freedom onward with new strength. The Spanish masses feel that at last they have as their leaders true and trusted fighters for labor. At the head of the cabinet is Largo Caballero, veteran Socialist militant, leader of the Spanish trade unions. With him are five more Socialists. And included on a Spanish cabinet for the first time in history are two Communist leaders as ministers of Education and Agriculture. The inclusion of these two representatives of the Communist Party, now the largest political party in Spain, and the main backbone in the fight of the Spanish people against Fascism, will do much toward ending the miserable unity of the Spanish people, through breaking Fascism's bid for Spain.

For Negro Rights

For the Negro people complete equality, equal rights to jobs, equal pay for equal work, the full right to organize, vote, serve on juries, and hold public office. **THE DEATH PENALTY FOR LYNCHERS.** The enforcement of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments." — from the Election Platform of the Communist Party.

The firm stand of the Communist Party on the Negro question should not be news to the workers of the South. For years, in the face of the most bitter antagonism and terror, the Communist Party has carried on a consistent campaign for full Negro rights in every sphere of life, against Jim Crow, for full prosecution and punishment of lynchers. The Communist have stood their ground firmly, honestly and openly fighting the persecution of Negroes in the South. The plank in the election platform for 1936 is no "catch phrase" to win the Negro vote.

What do the other parties say about rights for Negroes in this election? The Republican Party, once the Party of Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, today remains silent about lynchings and Jim Crow. The Republican Party has for its silent partner the notorious Black Legion, whose members destroy Negroes for gun practice.

The Democrats too remain significantly silent on the question of Negro oppression, and reactionaries within the Democratic Party have led the most terrible attacks on the Negro people. The lynching landlords of the South and the industrial oppressors are part of the reactionary group still within the Democratic Party. Their silence on the question of Negro rights does not mean that they've overlooked the question!

The Communist Party is the Party of the Negro people, just as it is the party of all working and oppressed people. The Communists have taken the lead in every battle for Negro rights, against lynchings and the terror used by Southern landlords and industrialists to keep the white and Negro workers divided. The Communists led the fight for freedom of the Scottsboro boys and Angelo Herndon, carried on tirelessly in the face of the most powerful forces of Southern reaction, and their work speaks for itself. The Negro people owe it to themselves to vote Communist.

VOTE COMMUNIST!

LANDLORDS TRY TO HALT RELIEF

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—In an effort to force thousands of jobless workers off WPA projects into the fields to pick cotton, plantation owners have begun a drive to halt relief work in this cotton area. Chamber of Commerce officials laid demands before the city, county and state authorities charging that the jobless have "refused to work" in the fields. Conditions bordering on starvation have driven the plowmen away from the plantations. Members of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union protested.

NEGRO RECREATION

CHATTANOOGA—Pointing out that the recreational facilities for Negroes here are miserable, a group of interracial leaders plan building a \$50,000 swimming pool for Negroes. The group hopes to bring enough pressure to bear to bring FWA funds to bear half of the cost, and the city half.

STUDENT CENSORSHIP

AUSTIN, Tex.—A law against free speech is being introduced by liberal students and organizers here following the example of the "DAILY YEMAN" University students demand the removal of all references to the university's support of the law.

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Scram Talmadge!

THE defeat of Talmadge and his gang in the recent Georgia primaries was the defeat of Wall Street, Hearst and the Liberty League in Georgia in an effort to maintain the Talmadge-Hearst control of the Democratic Party in the state. And they lost!

Talmadge has long ago demonstrated to Hearst and the Liberty League that he was their kind of man. His establishment of concentration camps for textile strikers, his persecution of the Jehovah Witnesses, his refusal to take action against lynchers, all marked him as a good fascist, cut to the Hearst pattern.

It was not surprising therefore that to Talmadge's "Southern Committee To Uphold the Constitution" there were contributions from John J. Rankin, Pierre du Pont, Alfred P. Sloan, and other members of the Liberty League. These contributions ranged from several hundred to \$5,000 each, and were used to finance the infamous Gram-Scott Convention with its vicious appeal to race hatred. The contributions were used also to finance the scurrilous "Georgia Women's World," the newspaper published for the purpose of inciting lynching and defeating Roosevelt on the basis of the Negro question.

Talmadge openly backed reaction against progress. He opposed even the half-way liberal measures of the New Deal, the voice that defeated Talmadge therefore was the mandate of the people AGAINST reaction. It was the voice of the common people, the workers, farmers and middle classes. It shows clearly that the PEOPLE of Georgia are on the side of progress.

The winners in the Georgia primaries, however, are not going to give the people what they, the people, want. The winners are still in the Democratic Party and the Democratic Party remains as ever, a Party controlled by certain groups of big landowners, mill operators and bankers. The defeat of Talmadge has certainly not purged the Democratic Party of Georgia of all its reactionary lies.

To really guarantee a progressive administration, these Georgia Democrats who voted for Russell against Talmadge should set up a party of the common people, a Farmer-Labor Party. This is the message which the Communists are bringing to the people in the present election campaign.

Help Spain!

THE valiant fight of the Spanish people to defend themselves and their government from the Fascists must have the firm support of every Southern worker, liberal, and progressive. The Spanish People's Front is fighting in defense of its democratic institutions — for government by the people, instead of by the handful of feudal landlords and big bankers who are working with Hitler and Mussolini to try to crush Spanish democracy.

In the South of the United States the same forces of reaction which have started blood-bathing in Spain are active. The big landlords and bankers and industrialists who have stolen labor's money and the life of the Spanish workers are the same forces which have started blood-bathing in Spain. The Spanish People's Front is fighting in defense of its democratic institutions — for government by the people, instead of by the handful of feudal landlords and big bankers who are working with Hitler and Mussolini to try to crush Spanish democracy.

part by the Spanish People's Front. Hitler and Mussolini are turning into thousands of dollars for Spain's Defense. Trade unions are giving large sums of money — the Communist and Socialist Parties are doing the same. Every democracy-loving Southerner should help the workers of Spain — Give what you can to the Spanish People's Front!

Browder Speaks

FOR the first time in the history of the South, a Communist spoke publicly in Birmingham and other Southern cities, unmolested and widely applauded by all who heard him. Earl Browder's very presence emphasized one of the most important things he had to say, that our Party is a "legal Party and defends its legality."

The fine reception given the Communist candidate for president in Birmingham, Chattanooga and Norfolk, makes the Fascist action of the Ku Klux Klan in Tampa, where Browder was prevented from speaking, more outrageous by contrast. In Tampa, where Joseph Shoemaker was murdered less than a year ago by Klan and vigilantes who locked the door of the hall where Browder was to speak. In Tampa, every human right has been denied the workers by the Klan authorities.

The La Follette Committee for Investigation of Civil Liberties is going to investigate the action of the Tampa Ku Klux Klan for the treatment accorded Earl Browder. The American Civil Liberties Union has demanded of Governor Dave Scholtz and Mayor Robert E. Lee Chancey of Tampa that free speech be restored to that city.

Let every liberty loving Southerner add his protest to this outrage. Wire or write Governor Scholtz at Tallahassee, Fla. and Mayor Chancey, Tampa, Fla. Force the Florida authorities to face this issue of free speech and civil rights!

The Disease Differential

THE addition of even a small amount of meat and fresh vegetables will prevent pellagra; sanitary privies and shoes will prevent hookworm; the draining of swamps and the screening of houses will prevent malaria.

This is what Elizabeth Lawson says in her series of articles in the Southern Worker on health conditions in the South. The terrible tragedy of the Southern workers and farmers is that the simple methods of cure and prevention are not even available. Even a little more meat and vegetables cannot be bought from the starvation wages of the Southern industrial worker or the starvation income of the Southern farmer.

The same differential as exists in wages between the North and the South can be seen in the health of the people. The wage differential in reality is truly a disease differential.

Today the addition of meat and vegetables may sound like a faraway dream — they can become a reality by the organization of labor into great industrial unions which will wrench a living wage from the great industrialists; improve working conditions within the industrial plants and shorten the workday. For the farmers the answer is the same — organize and fight with labor for better conditions on the land as well as in the cities.

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"THE GREAT BARRIER"



The Right To Vote

THE American people are supposedly guaranteed the right to vote by the Constitution of the United States. Southern workers are denied this right by the POLL TAX which keeps poor Negro and white workers and farmers away from the polls and turns the whole voting machine over to the rich landlords, the bankers and industrialists. The POLL TAX makes a mockery of democracy; it keeps the PEOPLE from participating in the government. It is a weapon of the Southern ruling class to keep the COMMON PEOPLE from having a voice! This is the method used by the Southern RICH PEOPLE to disfranchise the POOR PEOPLE of both races.

The Communist Party in its election platform demands the abolition of poll taxes and all other limitations on the right to vote — every Southern worker and poor white farmer, NEGRO or WHITE, has suffered poverty without being able to raise his voice against his miserable lot BECAUSE HE HAS NOT THE RIGHT TO VOTE! The common people of the South must support the fight for the abolition of the POLL TAX!

VOTE COMMUNIST!

What About The Democrats?

THE Communist Party is pointing out in this election campaign that the Republican Party ticket, supported by the Liberty League and Hearst, is the main enemy of the common people. Wall Street and the Liberty League are using the Republican Party on a national scale as the instrument of reaction.

This does not mean, however, that the common people can rely on the Democratic Party to defeat reaction and protect the rights of the people. This is especially true in the South. The Democratic Party in the South is the Party of reaction. It is the party of the big landowners, the mill and the coal operators. It is to a great extent due to the reactionary character of the Democratic Party in the South that the Democratic Party nationally is forced to compromise even the mildly liberal measures of the New Deal.

The "Solid South" is traditionally Democratic. Instead of attempting to establish the Republican Party in the South as the leading party, Wall Street tries to use the Democratic Party just as it was the Republican Party nationally, and generally it has succeeded. The leaders of the Democratic Party in the South, with a few exceptions, are tools not only of local landlords and mill owners, but also of Wall Street. The record of the Democratic Party in the South is a record of jackings, oppression, persecution and corruption.

It was under the Democratic administrations that the anti-labor laws of the South were passed. It was Democratic state legislatures which enacted the poll tax and white laws. It is the Democratic Party which bears the responsibility of disfranchising the Negro people and of permitting the starvation and slavery based up with the system of share-cropping and tenant farming.

The common people of the South who vote Democratic are not themselves reactionary. They would vote for a progressive party if they had the choice. This is demonstrated clearly in the recent Georgia primaries where the issue was either Talmadge and the Liberty League or Russell and the New Deal, and in reaction of progress.

The Communist Party is urging its election campaign in the South to show the common people that they cannot rely on the Democratic Party. The Communist proposes a Farmer-Labor Party. This is the way to real progress.