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Build Our Revolutionary Party

Of great importance for the oppressed masses of the South is the announcement by the Central Committee of a recruiting drive for membership in the Communist Party of the United States.

District No. 16, with headquarters at Charlotte, N. C., and District No. 17, with headquarters in Birmingham, Ala., will engage in revolutionary competition; each trying to outdo the other in number of members enlisted into the Party.

Such a campaign is absolutely imperative. If we face the realities of the growing class conflict in the South, with its manifold problems political and organizationally, we must recognize that the absolute prerequisite for the development of any successful mass activity is the building of the Party—not merely enlisting a number of members and issuing membership books.

Some who have had slight experience in the South have developed all sorts of wrong theories in regard to where our work must be concentrated. Only recently a comrade wrote: "I think that our two most important fields of work are Unemployed Council and agrarian work."

Certainly no one can say that work among the unemployed and the agrarian work is not of tremendous importance. But we absolutely reject any theory that says it is most important.

The Party leadership, especially of the Southern districts, must energetically combat such illusions that arise out of an opportunism that follows the line of least resistance.

In the Party recruiting drive we must concentrate upon the factories, and at the same time, really make a start toward building a mass movement among the unemployed and intensify the work among the poor farmers, tenant farmers, croppers, etc.

But while building all these organizations we must never forget that none of them, in themselves, are self-sufficient. They are not. They can be effective only on condition that they have Communist guidance.

Every Party member in these two districts should be encouraged to study carefully all the material on the recruiting drive; write every week to the Southern Worker about the progress of the drive, about problems of attracting and holding new members; always remembering that articles should be short and plainly written.

Capitalist "Law and Order" in Harlan and Scottsboro

Developments in the Kentucky strike region and the Scottsboro case the past week have further exposed the fraud of capitalist democracy. In Kentucky the gun thugs, multiplied in number, have increased their terrorism in a desperate effort to crush the strike that is fast spreading industrial paralysis over the coal fields.

In the Scottsboro case the Alabama and Tennessee lynch gang is plotting to deprive these nine innocent Negro boys, convicted on the perjured testimony of two white prostitutes, who catered to Negro patronage, of any legal defense so they can be more easily railroaded to the electric chair.

Party Recruiting Drive In District No. 16

With the tremendous growth of radicalization of the textile workers of the South and especially the Danville workers after the betrayal in February by the United Textile Workers of America, the Danville workers witnessed the imprisonment of W. T. Murdoch, National Secretary of the National Textile Workers' Union on a frame-up charge by the leader of the U. T. W. Now the same Chief of Police has arrested Comrade Binkley, framing him on the charge of vagrancy. The charge that is often used in the South against mili-

boys might obtain possession of them, the Huntsville police attempted, with the aid of the two underworld characters, Ruby Bates and Pearlman, alias Dundee, to frame-up Attorney George W. Chamlee. To try to discredit in advance other similar letters that may be in existence written by Ruby Bates and the bootlegging whore, Victoria Price, the lynch gang of Huntsville concocted the story that Attorney Chamlee hired Pearlman to go to Huntsville, get Ruby Bates drunk and obtain such a letter.

But even the frame-up against Attorney Chamlee reveals exactly what sort of person this Ruby Bates, one of the witnesses whose perjured testimony was used to railroad innocent boys to the electric chair, really is.

"I went walking with the girl Monday night and arranged to have date with her Tuesday night. The Bates girl and I went to a bootlegging joint, and that is where I dictated the letter which she wrote and signed. She did not object at all to writing the letter. She was drinking at the time, but I was not drunk and in fact had not taken a drink.

"After getting the letter, I went to a dance hall, where a remark addressed to me by a man there resulted in a row. I fought three men. That is why I was arrested."

It is such a female, a drunken prostitute, with whom any lout can arrange a "date" provided he has the price, that is selected by the Alabama lynch gang as an example of "pure Southern womanhood" that needs lynch law for protection against Negro workers! A more debased piece of hypocrisy would be hard to imagine!

These two attacks on attorneys defending victims of capitalist class justice are not localized, isolated, or exceptional instances of "miscarriage of justice" as writers for such papers as the Scripps-Howard Knoxville "News-Sentinel" would have us believe. They are a continuation of the lynch terror used against the attorneys at the original Scottsboro trial; they continue the lynch attacks made against Bernard Aides, the attorney retained by the International Labor Defense, to defend Orphan James in Maryland. These attacks register a definite advance of the capitalist class toward fascism.

These two most recent attempts to crush any working class legal defense whatever, are accompanied by an increase in terror against the Negro masses in the South and a continuation and intensification of the terror that has raged for more than a year in the Eastern Kentucky coal fields against white and Negro workers. Agin, these two cases, especially Harlan, where there exists the most extreme instance of fascism in the United States, are not something apart from or contradictory to American capitalist policy—which conceals its dictatorship under the cloak of bourgeois democracy, through which and with the aid of which fascist forms increasingly emerge.

In the Eastern Kentucky coal fields the miners, in spite of and against the terror, are spreading the strike. The Central Strike Committee, a rank and file committee, in defiance of the terror, mobilized five hundred delegates who decided to spread the strike to all the Southern coal fields. The arrests of the union leaders, the relief workers and newspaper writers, will not stop the growing strike movement. It is the growth of the strike that impels the gun-thugs and prosecuting attorneys and courts to increasingly unmask themselves as the tools of the giant corporations that dominate the Kentucky coal fields.

The Kentucky miners, face to face with the terror, do not shrink from the fight. They are carrying on with heroic determination to win. They have shown a capacity for self-sacrifice and suffering that has scarcely been equalled in labor struggles in this country. They endeavor to obtain food from the scant supply in the hunger stricken vicinity of the strike. But they must have outside help. The working class of the entire country must realize that the fight in Kentucky against the terror is a fight that directly concerns every worker, because, unless we can smash this terror, this fascist frightfulness in Kentucky, it will extend to other mine fields and to all other industries in the country.

The fighting Kentucky miners need relief at once. The further spreading of the strike depends upon this. A critical point is at hand. Every worker should actively engage in raising relief for the Kentucky strikers. Food, and clothing should be rushed to the Workers' International Relief Warehouse, 145 Pine Street, Pineville, Ky., and money should be sent to the W. I. R., 16 West 21st Street, New York City.

Besides this help it is imperative that everywhere throughout the United States the masses of workers and farmers mobilize in mighty demonstrations against the Scottsboro boys and the Kentucky prisoners, who are being deprived of even a semblance of legal defense. Resolutions denouncing the terror should flood the offices of the Kentucky and Alabama authorities. The exposure of these terroristic acts must be broadcasted to the whole world, so that workers everywhere will demonstrate before American embassies, consuls and American concerns demanding that this terror cease. Smash the drive toward fascism by the mass power of the workers! Help the Kentucky miners crush the terror! Immediate unconditional freedom for the Scottsboro boys.

gies against starvation. Connecting the struggles of the unemployed with the struggles of the employed, leading them in the fight for cash relief to be paid by the bosses and their government.

The District Committee brands this arrest of Comrade Binkley as a blow to the whole working class, and especially the textile workers who, due to the low wages, long hours, in general, the low standard of living, are faced with actual starvation.

This arrest of Binkley comes just three weeks after the Textile bosses held their annual meeting in Pinehurst, N. C., where plans were laid to further cut wages and a general curtailment was planned to take effect during the Christmas holidays, and to extend indefinitely or to quote the statement: "A drastic curtailment to save the industry is necessary. Every mill making print cloth, narrow sheeting must stand one week out of every month until times get better.

This means that thousands of workers who now have jobs will be thrown out on the streets to suffer the misery of unemployment. This arrest comes at the same time that the Hunger Marchers to Washington were refused relief by the Hoover government; at a time when thousands of workers are being clubbed and thrown into jail for their protest against the eviction from their homes by the landlords, assisted by the courts, and gunmen under the guise of law officers. It comes at a time when Negro workers are being lynched daily.

This means to the revolutionary workers that the boss class are endeavoring to batter down all forms of resistance against their robbery campaign. The arrest of Binkley, following on the heels of the arrests of two comrades in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the raids on the workers in Ohio, etc., the intensified campaign of terror being directed against the Negro workers throughout the country shows how determined the bosses are to batter down the living conditions of the working class.

All this is in line with the plans of the Fish Committee to outlaw the Communist Party and force the workers to accept the crumbs that are thrown them by the charity organizations. These attacks are attempts to make it easier for the bosses to thru the new wage cuts that have planned.

This cannot be separated from preparations of war against the Soviet Union and the continued rape of China. The boss class knows that the Communist Party is the only party that is directing the struggle against imperialism wars, exposing their plots of plunder of the colonial countries and that the Communist Party is mobilizing the workers in defense of the Soviet Union and the Chinese revolution.

The boss class hopes with the lawing of the Communist Party they will be able to mobilize workers for war, an imperialist directed against the workers of other countries for the sake of profit for the big bankers and bosses of this country.

Workers must take warning from these attacks and intensify their work in the shops, building strike Party units in every mill, mine, factory in the country to fight against the increased misery that is planned by the bosses.

Workers must be prepared at all times for the attacks of the bosses and their tools (police) and government agents. The Communist Party is the only party that is fighting the workers against the bosses. The Communist Party is the vanguard of the workers of all lands, the Communist Party is the only party that poses the betrayal of the American Federation of Labor and the Industrial Party.

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Ky. Strike Grows In Spite of Terror

IMPROVE SCOTTSBORO FRAME-UP BEFORE ALA. SUPREME COURT

JUDGE FURIOUS AT WORLD-WIDE MASS PROTESTS

The facts of the Scottsboro frame-up against nine boys, in the shadow of the electric chair on the perjured testimony of two white prostitutes, now before the Alabama Supreme Court. Amidst surroundings of court cases in the South, the International Labor Defense attorney again exposed the details of this that is now infamous throughout the whole world as a shameful example of the murderous tyranny of the American boss class, especially its lynch section with its lynch rule.

Beddow Special Prosecutor Roderick Beddow, the Birmingham lawyer who was engaged by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to try to take the Scottsboro case out of the hands of the International Labor Defense, was the special prosecutor for the lynch gang against Willie Peterson. Beddow is one of the most rabid lynchers of the South, having repeatedly made declarations that lynch mobs were justified in "taking the law into their own hands."

Beddow served notice now to defend himself and everybody else," said Chief Justice Anderson, "that these lawyers will have no more influence in this court than a drop of water in a duck's back."

Fears Mass Protest

Anderson was expressing the hatred and fear of the ruling class that they are afraid of the rising tide of working class militancy, the rallying of masses throughout the world against the verdict of the Scottsboro court, a flood of letters, resolutions and programs of protest, clearly indicate that the time has passed when camouflaged signs of murder against workers even though disguised by capitalist parties, can be carried out without determined resistance to the ruling class.

The eyes of hundreds of millions throughout the world are upon the Alabama Supreme Court, the highest judicial lackeys of the boss lynchers, and the explosion of Anderson exposed how uncomfortable they are as they play their part in this criminal conspiracy to murder innocent boys as a part of the terror drive against all workers—Negro and white.

Deny it as he may, the fact that Anderson mentioned the mighty movement on behalf of the innocent proves that he and the class he serves dread and fear this pressure of the masses.

Two Days' Arguments For two days attorneys for the International Labor Defense and the staff of the prosecution argued before the Supreme Court of Alabama. George W. Chamlee of Chattanooga opened the arguments and showed that the first trial was held with practically no defense of the boys. Defense counsel had had no time in (Continued on Page 3)

BEDDOW LEADS LYNCH PLOT IN PETERSON CASE

Amidst vicious lynch surroundings Willie Peterson, tubercular shell-shocked World War veteran, on the verge of death from the ravages of disease and the effects of a bullet wound inflicted last October in the Sheriff's office was sentenced to die in the electric chair on the framed-up charge of killing Augusta Williams at Birmingham last August 4th.

This was the second trial of the Negro miner and ex-soldier, the jury having disagreed at the first trial held in December. Beddow Special Prosecutor Roderick Beddow, the Birmingham lawyer who was engaged by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to try to take the Scottsboro case out of the hands of the International Labor Defense, was the special prosecutor for the lynch gang against Willie Peterson.

Beddow is one of the most rabid lynchers of the South, having repeatedly made declarations that lynch mobs were justified in "taking the law into their own hands." It was this qualification that induced the Negro misleaders at the head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to try to force him into the Scottsboro case to make a pretense of defending the boys, while in reality helping the Alabama lynch gang railroad them to the electric chair.

"Just Another Negro"

So brazen was the frame-up against Willie Peterson that one Horace F. Duggan, who had said he hoped to get on the jury so he could "stick Peterson" as "it would be just another nigger" out of our way," was placed on the jury by Beddow and Assistant Solicitor Long and Judge Hefflin, brother of the notorious lynch advocate, ex-senator Tom Hefflin.

The Williams and Wood families, including the lyncher, Dent Williams, who emptied a revolver into the body of Willie Peterson in the Sheriff's office last October, sat in the court room on the same side as the jury, while the room was full of "friends" of the families of the two slain girls who were killed at a petting party on Shades Mountain near the Leeds highway.

Complete Alibi More than fifty witnesses testified that Willie Peterson was home ill at the time the crime was committed and had at no time within eighteen months been in a physical condition to enable him to commit such a crime.

On Friday the tortured victim of the Alabama lynch court was in a state of physical collapse. But Hefflin the lynch judge, and Dr. J. A. Collins, county physician, said that the Negro was just "faking" and that he was able to go on with the trial.

FLOODS STILL RISE AS MORE SINK TO DEATH

JACKSON, Miss.—Belzoni and Greenwood are the two towns most recently engulfed by the flood torrents as the rotten levees give way. Until the last moment a convict gang of 300 worked frantically to bolster the battered walls eighteen miles above Belzoni, but the waters soon conquered.

Victims Number 70,000 These two towns have a combined population of 15,000 and are the largest in the flood district. This brings the number affected by the floods in the delta region up to more than 70,000. Hundreds of families are marooned in the Tippecanoe basin in momentary danger of drowning, as the steadily increasing volume of water by small boats has broken down.

Politicians Playing The discredited Bilbo is out of office as governor of Mississippi and his successor, Martin Sennett Connor, is in. One of the first gestures of Connor was to designate a delta militia company to relief service as a boat contingent to transport refugees and their supplies. Some motorboat manufacturers are getting rich off the flood disaster, as they are putting through the legislature, with the aid of the new governor, a proposal that the state buy a number of barges to be propelled with fleets of outboard motor boats. Whilst his graft is going on the poor farmers and workers of the delta region perish by the hundreds from drowning and disease.

The Hoover government at Washington, directly responsible for the rotten condition of the levees, has done nothing to relieve the suffering in the region that Hoover claimed, in his campaign of 1928 would not again suffer from floods because, forsooth, he, while secretary of commerce in Coolidge's cabinet had helped New Orleans bankers utilize the 1927 flood to grab everything they wanted.

NEEDS TIME FOR FRAME-UP DANVILLE, Va.—The case of W. G. Binkley, arrested over a month ago on "charges" of possessing Communist literature and later charged with "attempting to overthrow the government" has been postponed until March. The prosecution wants more time to frame-up the Communist organizer.

The testimony was the same as that on which the jury in the first trial, held before Judge McElroy, disagreed. The present jury went out to supper at 5:55 on Saturday evening and returned at 7:30 with a verdict declaring the Negro guilty of murder in the first degree. He was immediately sentenced to die in the electric chair.

Nation-Wide Drive Workers throughout the whole country are being acquainted with the issues of the great strike struggle in Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee and in practically every important industrial center throughout the North and South united front con-

Kidnap, Beat Leaders; Gun Thugs Patrol Roads To Stop Pineville Meet

All efforts to crush the Kentucky-Tennessee strike have failed. The arrests and continued imprisonment of the National Miners' Union strike leaders, relief workers, and labor journalists, failed to stop the growing strike movement. The Kentucky miners are extending the strike. The workers of the rest of the country are rallying increasingly in the drive to rush relief to the brave miners and their families who are today facing the worst terror in the United States.

SOUTH RALLIES FOR KENTUCKY STRIKE RELIEF

Workers and sympathizers in many places in the South are active in raising money and collecting clothing and food for the striking Kentucky-Tennessee miners. A number of shipments of clothing and food have already been sent to the Warehouse at 145 Pine St. Pineville Kentucky, and money is being rushed to the Workers' International Relief Headquarters at Room 506, National Building, Corner Market and Union, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Atlanta, Ga.—The Kentucky-Tennessee Miners' Relief Committee, recently organized here, is busy making collections to help the Kentucky and Tennessee Miners to carry on their fight against the big corporations. House to house collections are being made in some neighborhoods and others are being organized.

Charlotte, N.C.—Relief organization is being set up and a big campaign is to be waged to gather relief for the Kentucky strikers.

Memphis.—All sympathetic organizations here are being mobilized to aid in getting food, clothing and money for the striking miners and their families in the Kentucky-Tennessee coal fields. A number of meetings are being arranged to try to draw as large a number as possible into this work.

New Orleans, La.—In spite of the arrests and persecutions being carried out against all militant workers here we are going ahead with plans to set up an active relief agency for the Kentucky-Tennessee strikers who are putting up such a gallant fight against the bosses' starvation and terror drive.

Thugs Stop Conference Pineville, in Bell county, Kentucky, has become a second Harlan, as the gun thugs extend their terror in an attempt to stop the spread of the strike. Sunday, January 24, the date set for the "Spread the Strike Conference" at Pineville, the place presented the appearance of an armed

forces have already been held on are in preparation so that the fighters in the front lines of the industrial struggle in Kentucky and Tennessee will be able to continue the fight until they defeat the terror.

New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Denver, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, and many other places are on the job raising relief for the strikers and their families.

Joe Weber, young strike leader, and Bill Bricker, who were kidnaped in Tennessee a week ago Friday, came into Knoxville Tuesday after a terrible ordeal. The two workers were arrested in Tennessee, taken to Kentucky, beaten unconscious by gun thugs, left lying in the road and finally picked up by a friend and driven to Appalachia, Va., where they were taken care of until they could get out again. Joe Weber was savagely beaten. His back was black and blue from the neck down to the waist. Jim Duncan was less severely beaten, but he had a scar on one leg.

Tennessee Officials Join The kidnaping was effected by Hugh Ryder, Claiborne county deputy sheriff, and he and Sheriff Frank Reilly, sheriff of the county, turned the men over to the Harlan thugs. The state administration of Governor Horton sent in Adjutant-General Caswell Boyd on the pretext of investigating the affair, but Boyd, who last year ordered the state militia into Elizabethton against strikers, tried to whitewash the Tennessee sheriff and his deputies who have joined hands with the murder gang of Sheriff Blair of Harlan county, Kentucky.

Relief Is Urgently Needed by The Kentucky Miners Judge Fears World - Wide Scottsboro Protest

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camp and for miles around the murder gang, armed with rifles, shotguns, machine guns, revolvers, patrolled the roads to turn back miners on their way to attend the Pineville meet. All three roads leading into Pineville were heavily patrolled and everyone going in that direction was stopped and searched—even tourists.

Many delegates have reported back to the section committees regarding the manner in which the sheriff's and police forces and 75 newly sworn in thugs broke up the groups going to the meeting and prevented it being held. Instead of intimidating the delegates, they are now busy reporting the facts to the locals and striving to spread the strike still further.

Successful Relief Conference

One of the things that caused the murder gang to act with such violence against the conference was that the day before, on Saturday, there was held a very enthusiastic and successful relief conference there. No halls being available because the owners were afraid to let them, the conference was held in the warehouse of the relief forces. There were more than 80 credentials from striking miners and more than 100 attended the conference from the various mines on strike.

Bill Garland, chairman, delivered a speech to the delegates on the organization of local relief machinery so it would be more effective. Richard Wolfe, secretary, reported on money received and expended. Arrangements were made to give strike relief cards to all strikers. Every local and section committee in the coal fields is charged with electing a relief sub-committee to handle the relief work in a systematic manner. Many problems came up, mostly dealing with the difficulties of covering such a territory as that affected by the strike. On all Committees for relief women are to be active and in those places were Negro miners are employed both Negro and white women will be on the relief committees.

More than 200 miners, their wives and children have been selected to raise relief around the strike area and in Southern cities.

The conference greeted the prisoners still held in the Pineville jail and denied bond by the gunmen and courts.

Increase Evictions

Evictions of miners and their families are increasing. Every day hundreds of notices are served and the attacks upon the miners are steadily becoming more violent in this respect also.

The weather in the Kentucky hills is now terribly cold. Many families have neither warm clothing nor fuel, and hundreds are faced with the prospect of not even the flimsiest roof over their heads.

Special appeals must be made everywhere for tents, for clothing, food and money for medical aid and for the building of shacks to shelter the strikers who have been thrown out of the miserable places they have paid for many times over in rent.

It is up to the workers of the rest of the country to come to the aid of the striking miners and their families by rushing food, clothing and money into the strike zone.

Help with all the relief that can be raised these fighting miners who defy the gun thugs, who conduct mass violations of federal injunctions

LYNCH VERDICT IN FRAME-UP AGAINST JONES

Orphan Jones, aged Negro farmer, framed up on a murder charge, has been found "guilty" by the lynch court at Towson, Maryland. The jury, hand-picked from friends of the lynch sheriff, was out but 24 minutes, which fact alone proves they did not even discuss the case and that they were selected to help in a job of legal lynching and they did it. Since there was no recommendation for "mercy" the death sentence is mandatory.

Bar Negroes From Jury

Over the protests of attorneys for the International Labor Defense, Negroes were barred from jury service in the case. The lynch judge ruled out the motion for Negro jurors.

The defense proved a frame-up against the aged Negro victim and showed the probable guilt of a white farmer who lives near the murdered Davis family.

Protect Bootleggers

A number of white well-to-do farmers in the vicinity of where the Davis family was murdered are engaged in moonshining and bootlegging. Davis was in the same business and there is a strong probability that another moonshiner committed the murders. Since the police, sheriff's force and the courts and prosecuting attorneys are engaged in the business of making and selling illicit booze they had a special interest in protecting their friends. Hence the frame-up against Orphan Jones served two purposes—it was a part of the increased campaign of terror against Negro and white workers and served to cover up the bootlegging business in which the moonshiners and whiskey peddlers.

Organize Mass Defense

This lynch verdict against Orphan Jones, occurring at the same time the Scottsboro case appeal is heard amidst lynch surroundings before a lynch supreme court at Montgomery, Ala., at the same time Willie Peterson again endures the torture of a trial in Birmingham, must spur every class-conscious worker to increased activity against the whole lynch system. Everywhere there must be mobilized masses of workers and farmers to smash the lynch terror.

White and Negro workers must fight and defend with their lives if necessary the victims of lynch tyranny.

Death to the lynchers!

DANVILLE SHOP PAPER

Members of the National Textile Workers Union at Danville, Va., employed in the Riverside and Dan River cotton mills are issuing a fighting shop paper that exposes the rotten conditions in that mill. It also exposes the United Textile Workers fakers who sold out the strikers at Danville Va., a year ago.

FORCE RENT REDUCTION

Employed and unemployed workers in the Bronx section of New York City organized and forced a rent reduction.

against picketing. Spread the news of the terror in Kentucky among the workers everywhere. Organize mass protests against the terror. Demand the release of the strike leaders, the relief workers and the writers in jail at Pineville. Help smash the terror and starvation program of the mine owners. Send relief and help the miners spread the strike throughout the south.

Child Appeals for Help For Kentucky Miners' Families

MIDDLESBORO, Ky. Dear Comrades—I am writing in regard to food and clothing for miners and their families in Kentucky.

People down here are going hungry and are starving. They are doing all they can to win. We wish you would send us more food and clothes for the people so they do more. They are willing to do, but have not got things to do it with.

They have nine of our leaders in Pineville jail, trying to stop our food and clothes so we will fail in this fight.

But this gives everybody more determination to fight harder. All we need is more clothing and food.

It's impossible for me to go out in cities and work. All I can do is write so anything as much as can be given us will be appreciated. My father's been blacklisted since last February.

There are children, so many of them, out of school because they can't get clothes and books. I couldn't have went myself. My daddy couldn't get my books and our principal of our school got them for me.

Christie Wilson, Middlesboro, Ky. Rt. 1, Box 110B.

“Just a Little Something To Eat While We Fight”

By E. ROYCE

The Workers' International Relief made working class history on January 1st, 1932, in Pineville, Ky. Simultaneously with the calling of the Kentucky miners' strike by the National Miners' Union, food was being delivered to the most destitute families throughout the entire strike area.

On December 31st at the strike committee meeting in Pineville, where the organizers of the various mines that were to strike the next day, January 1st, were discussing the possibilities of pulling the various mines 100 per cent, the question of relief was one of the paramount factors discussed.

The organizers for the Colmer, Commodore and Kettle Island mines, together with 30 or 40 other organizers of the mine sections, stressed the militant desire of the miners to lay down their tools and fight for their demands and against starvation and terror. However the question of the need for immediate relief because of the long period of starvation was sharply emphasized. "Just a little something to eat while we picket and fight," is the way they put it. Some said that "they can't strike unless they feel sure that something to eat will come soon," because actual starvation stares the women and children in the face.

The miners were facing stark starvation while working in the mines and the women and children were slowly dying of hunger. Many of them died of that dreadful disease, flux.

None realized more than the W.I.R. representatives who participated in the meeting the need of relief. They assured the miners that every effort was being made by the Workers' International Relief to support the strike. The W.I.R. told them that they could go back and assure the miners in their respective sections that food would go out the day of the strike to the most needy families and that within a few days more food would be shipped from all sections of the United States to aid the strikers.

This created considerable enthusiasm among the organizers, and, one after another they got up and stated that if this were done, the strike would be 100 per cent.

The organizers were instructed to have their relief committees with trucks and wagons at the W.I.R. warehouse, 145 Pine street, Pineville, Ky., at 6:30 a.m., January 1st—the day of the strike. On that morning dozens of trucks and wagons gathered at the W.I.R. warehouse with the respective relief committees from mines as far as 100 miles from Pineville. From there we drove down to the various wholesalers where negotiations had already been made to

DANVILLE COPS HELP BOSSES' PAY CUT DRIVE

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DANVILLE, Va.—This morning Comrade Ed Witt was told by a police officer that there is a warrant for the presence of a lynch mob out for him and that if he will leave town that the charges will be dropped. What the hell do you think that kind of a frame-up? Comrade Witt is a native of the Old Dominion and he said that his answer to this frame-up is: "Hell, no!"

He will rot in the capitalist hell before he will leave his native state by being forced, that the only way that he will leave is to go where the workers are to the reds, and that he would be proud to be a citizen of Red Russia.

Brodney described the mob scenes in Scottsboro, the activity of the police are framing. They are framing Comrade Binkley as well, when Comrade Witt immediately got him out on bail and took an active part in the court room while Binkley was being tried, so the bosses thought they had better get Witt out of the way so that he and Binkley could do anything to help the workers resist the wage cut in the mills here on the 25th of this month.

But the bosses and their tools, the police, have another thought concerning Witt and Binkley are going to stay with them until hell freezes over.

Comrade Witt is charged with having union leaflets in his possession and he does not deny having them. Witt said he thinks as all other workers that he had a perfect right to have these leaflets.

The cops sure are afraid of the reds here, and are now starting a try to run them out. But they stand no more chance of running them out than a snow ball in hell, capitalist hell.

—Danville Mill Worker

Pollard Demands Special Police to Deal With Strike

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DANVILLE, Va.—A Richmond dispatch today commenting on the message of Governor Pollard to the State Legislature, said:

"Calling attention to the strike in the Riverside and Dan River cotton mills at Danville last winter and the calling out of the national guard to preserve order, the governor asked for consideration of a bill authorizing the governor to mobilize temporarily, under single control, parts of the police forces of the cities, towns and counties and to swear in special police if necessary. This he said might enable authorities to cope with conditions in their incipient stages and avoid military action."

It is clear that this is part of the offensive against the growing militancy of the workers and an attempt to outlaw the Communist party and the Revolutionary unions in Virginia.

WOULD AUCTION SELF

William Schlusburg of Marion, O., home town of the late President Harding, offers to sell himself at auction to the highest bidder as having no job. He has a wife and 150 children.

Mass Fight to Save Boys Is Their Only Salvation

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to prepare their case. He also stated that the presiding judge, A. Hawkins, ought to have granted a change of venue from Scottsboro because of the presence of a lynch mob that was manifested by demonstrations and parades with brass bands against the Negroes on trial.

Joseph Brodsky, of New York, chief counsel for the International Defense, based his argument on three points (1) that mob terrorism presented a fair trial; (2) that the law because Negroes were not indicted on the jury, and (3) that Eugene Williams, one of the defendants, under 15 years of age.

Brodney described the mob scenes in Scottsboro, the activity of the police are framing. They are framing Comrade Binkley as well, when Comrade Witt immediately got him out on bail and took an active part in the court room while Binkley was being tried, so the bosses thought they had better get Witt out of the way so that he and Binkley could do anything to help the workers resist the wage cut in the mills here on the 25th of this month.

But the bosses and their tools, the police, have another thought concerning Witt and Binkley are going to stay with them until hell freezes over.

Comrade Witt is charged with having union leaflets in his possession and he does not deny having them. Witt said he thinks as all other workers that he had a perfect right to have these leaflets.

The cops sure are afraid of the reds here, and are now starting a try to run them out. But they stand no more chance of running them out than a snow ball in hell, capitalist hell.

—Danville Mill Worker

See Dawn of New Day

When the defense attorneys went onto the streets they were followed by groups of Negroes who would hardly get over their amazement that finally, after long, weary years of tyranny in the South, the people were taking up the defense of elementary rights for themselves. They seemed to see in the International Labor Defense attorneys the heralds of the dawn of a new day for the Negro masses in the darkest South.

A number of Negroes spoke to the I. D. lawyers and said they would collect every penny they could get and use it to the I. L. D. for the Scottsboro case. Also a new departure from previous experiences was the fact that numbers of white workers seemed equally enthusiastic about unity action between the black and white oppressed masses against the boss exploitation.

SCOTTSBORO IS BROUGHT UP AT TAMPA TRIALS

TAMPA, Fla.—As the trial to railroad 16 workers for their activity against the bosses entered its second week the witnesses for the defense were on the stand before the labor hating Judge Pettaway.

The first witness was Defendant McDonald, who was on the stand about four hours. He is a railroad worker who was in the delegation to the mayor's office on November 7th in regard to the parade that was to be held. He spent two years as technical worker in the Soviet Union. The prosecutor, of course, slandered the Soviet Union.

Reveals Scottsboro

The most savage outburst from the prosecutor, appropriately named Skinner, came when McDonald stated before the jury that the Communist Party was leading the fight against oppression of Negro and foreign-born workers, of whom there were many in Tampa. The prosecutor raved and asked the provocative question:

"Isn't it true that the International Labor Defense is defending nine Negroes who assaulted two white women?"

McDonald answered clearly, explaining the Scottsboro frame-up and the meaning of the slogan "Black and white workers unite."

Workers Jury Reports

Besides the regular court jury there is a Workers' Jury that sits on the case during the day and every night makes public reports at mass meetings held at the Labor Temple. Funds for the defense are raised this way and are increasing with the progress of the trial and the exposure of the fraud of capitalist democracy as seen in the action of its courts.

Last week the testimony of the witnesses for the prosecution, all of whom were police or grafting city officials, like the mayor, was torn to pieces by the Workers' Jury and these people were thoroughly exposed to thousands of workers.

Neither Byrd, the cop who was shot, nor Officer Wilson, who was hit by a brick-bat, could identify the defendants. The doctor who treated Byrd introduced the bullet, which was lead nosed and not the type that is used in the gun the police claim the worker, Lezema, had in his possession.

After a number of policemen had testified that the shot that hit Byrd came from an upstairs window, another policeman, McWilliams, testified that he saw a flash from a window downstairs, "about two feet above a man's head."

Much other contradictory testimony was introduced by the cops and other defense witnesses—enough to convince anyone but a bribed jury that the whole case is a frame-up to try to railroad innocent workers to prison in the hope of smashing the tobacco workers organization in Tampa.

WAGE CUT FOR EXPRESS WORKERS

In connection with the general wage cut drive in the railway industry more than 50,000 workers of the Railway Express agency have received notices of 15 per cent pay cuts.

Social workers of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, allot 27 cents a week to feed an unemployed starving worker. There are 19,000 unemployed

Boy Gets One Year Sentence for Help To Tampa Strikers

TAMPA, Fla.—Judge Weise, one of the most vicious enemies of the working class, sentenced 14-year-old Vesper Romero, son of a Mexican tobacco worker to one year in the state detention home on the charge of being "incorrigible," because he had helped the tobacco strikers in their fight against the trust.

The bosses' judge denounced the entire working class population living in Ybor City, claiming that it was a "dangerous environment where sinister influences were at work to make children incite insurrection." The boy was further charged with "associating with Communists."

Leader of School Strike

The boy was one of the leaders of the school children who went on strike when their fathers were out last month. The children broke through the teachers' lines and marched from school to school singing "The Red Flag," and other songs. It was because of this school strike that the boy was arrested.

This sentence is part of the campaign to try to smash the youth movement in Tampa. But the revolutionary youth only becomes stronger and more determined as the judges, the police and the authorities generally unmask themselves as tools of the cigar manufacturers.

WORKERS WILL FIGHT AGAINST VA. WAGE CUT

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DANVILLE, Va.—The Dan River and Riverside cotton mills have posted a notice of a wage-cut of 10 percent for "workers" and 10 to 20 percent for "salaried men." To take effect on January 25. The excuse the company gave for the wage-cut was that a curtailment in overhead expenses would give the mills a larger opportunity to sell goods and thus increase opportunities of employment.

The company admits in the announcement of the cut that it will mean a saving to the company of \$300,000 per annum and will enable them to pay preferred dividends more quickly.

Altho this is the first direct wage-cut since the sell-out strike of the U.T.W., the workers have had several indirect cuts, such as speeding up the machinery, "stretching" the measure of the cloth for piece workers, etc.

The announcement of the new cut comes directly on the heels of the arrest of the National Textile Workers Union organizer and bears out the statement of the Communist Party that the organizer was arrested, purposely, so that the company could more easily put over a cut.

The N.T.W.U. is on the job, organizing workers to resist the cut.

Any struggle that will take place here will be under the leadership of the N.T.W.U. for the U.T.W. is completely discredited in Danville since the sell-out last winter.

The N.T.W.U. has great influence among the textile workers and the bosses are scared of our organization.

Slave In Bosses' House For \$4 Wk.

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—I have been working in service over a year, and I used to make six dollars a week. My hours are from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and they cut my wages to five dollars a week, and with the same hours. I work very hard. I am so tired when I get home that I don't know what to do. If I am 2 minutes late, the lady will say you are very late this morning. She doesn't say anything about when I am late getting off. I have to pay street car fare to and from work out of the five dollars and this leaves me only \$4 to pay my bills with. I can hardly buy a pair of stockings.

Comrades and fellow workers, I think it is a shame for us poor workers to live on such conditions as these. And fellow workers, I think we should all unite together and not stand for such.

—A Young Negro Worker.

COURT FREES MURDERER

A company gunman in Kanawha, W. Va., has just been cleared of a charge of murdering a Negro. The gunman shot the Negro five times because he called him "Doc" instead of Mr. Pack. The same Pack shot an elderly woman, wife of a miner, last July and was never even brought to trial on that charge.

STRIKE ACTION WINS

A strike of 300 workers of the Geller Shoe Factory in Brooklyn forced the boss to reinstate two workers he had fired.

Hunger Prevents Study at School

(By a Student Correspondent)

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—At this Jim-Crow school in Biddle of Charlotte, we are treated like dogs. We go to school at 8:30 and stay until 4:30, and have no recess. I don't have anything to eat at breakfast but a little oat meal.

I am so hungry that I can't study but if I am one minute late they will send me back home. I haven't got any shoes and I went up to the Charities and asked them for something to eat but they ran me away. At school they give some children a slice of bread so thin you can see through it and they say this will have to do all day. Then they tell to study hard because they gave us a good dinner of one measly slice of bread.

Now comrades and fellow workers, we have to stop all this and fight for our rights and get what we need.

—A Y.C.L. Negro Comrade.

Long Hours Work For \$4.50 Week

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—I have been working for a family for two years and I was getting seven dollars a week and now they cut me to \$4.50. I have to go on at 7:30 a.m. and get off at 8 and 8:30 p.m. I have all kinds of dirty work to do, such as scrubbing floors, waxing and polishing furniture and washing, all for just \$4.50 a week.

I am not able to buy any clothes. After I pay rent of \$3.50 a week and \$2 furniture bill, I have nothing left to get groceries and clothes. So it's time for everybody to organize for better conditions.

—A Young Worker.

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All Readers of the Southern Worker Must Rally to Save Paper.

Because of lack of funds the paper was almost a week late last issue. We do not know from one week to the next whether we will be able to get the paper out. We face the danger of seeing the Southern Worker die. This threat does not come from the camp of the capitalist class. It is not the enemy that has put us in a position where we may not be able to carry on. If it were the enemy we would consider it no disgrace. It is no disgrace to go down fighting, face to face with our class enemy. No revolutionist fears that sort of thing.

But it is disgraceful to have to go down because the class conscious workers and sympathizers, and ABOVE ALL, responsible Party members, will not exert themselves to obtain money to enable us to carry on. In this emergency we need donations; that is we will gladly accept donations. BUT THAT IS NOT WHAT WE ARE INSISTING UPON NOW. ALL WE HAVE ASKED NOW IS THAT THOSE COMRADES AND THOSE ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE BEEN GETTING BUNDLE ORDERS PAY FOR THEM. There are a large number of bundle orders that go out every week and the comrades who get them do not even exert themselves to PAY POSTAGE on them, to say nothing of paying for the paper. We must, in this case, say plainly to the responsible Party functionaries: THIS HAS GOT TO STOP! We can't continue to jeopardize the Southern Worker because our own Party members do not meet their obligations.

With the attack against the working class becoming more vicious, with mass hunger becoming worse every day, with thousands of miners facing sudden death at the hands of hordes of gun thugs or slow starvation, with the lynch fury striking out madly against Orphan Jones, Willie Peterson, the Scottsboro boys, with the war clouds growing darker every moment and threatening war against the Soviet Union, with the bandit drive against the Chinese revolution intensifying, we need now more than ever such a paper as the Southern Worker carrying its weekly message to the oppressed of the backward South.

Especially is this paper needed when, as a reply to the increasing terror, the intensified lynch drive, we have in answer thereto a rapid rise of working class militancy, an increased determination to fight on the part of the workers and farmers. The masses want just such a paper as the Southern Worker. Many readers of our paper would be astonished to know that, in face of such favorable conditions for Communist work and growth, we face suspension, not because the bosses are attacking us as they are, but because those who owe us money will not pay their debts.

We do not want to be driven to the point where we will have to publish openly in our columns the list of those who have, through refusal to pay for bundle orders, placed us in this position, but if this paper is forced to suspend on account of such a thing, we will regard it as our revolutionary duty to place the blame precisely where it belongs, if we have to do it in the last issue we print.

The situation is so serious that we ask those who have accumulated bills owing us to rush funds at once by wire or special delivery.

FACTORY PENETRATION AND FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR

Comrade O. Flatnitsky, speaking on the fluctuation of membership in the Communist Parties, and the necessity for a decisive turn toward the factories, before the Eleventh Plenum of the Communist International, said:

"The absence of a great change in the matter of transferring the centre of activity of Party and trade union work to the factories does not really make it possible for the Communist Parties, the Red Trade Unions and the Trade Union Opposition to fight against the influence of the Social-Democrats and the reformists in the factories, to enlarge their membership by an inflow of workers from the factories, to know the feelings of the workers, to organize the struggle against the attacks of the capitalists. When the active elements of the Communist Parties, the Red Trade Unions and the Trade Union Opposition are removed by the bourgeoisie during the time of war the only possibility for successful work in the industrial centers, in the factories will be on condition that there are well-functioning nuclei."

This bears with special force upon the main weakness of our Communist Party, especially in the Southern districts, where we have scarcely any organization in the industries. The terrible suffering of the mass of industrial workers, the widespread radicalization, manifested in increas-

ed willingness to fight, furnishes our Party with splendid opportunities to attract these workers to us. Many workers in the South have been under our leadership in industrial struggles, many are under our political influence. We must be able to consolidate this influence organizationally by bringing hundreds of the most advanced into our Party during the present recruiting campaign.

ORGANIZATION IN THE FACTORIES ESSENTIAL

"What can the proletariat put up in opposition to the power of finance capital with its trusts, its cartels and its fighting fascist gangs? Only organization in the factories. The struggle for the factories will be the most dramatic page in the history of the struggle between Communism on the one hand and the bourgeois dictatorship with its parties of fascism and social democracy on the other."—Dr. Manuilsky's report to the Eleventh Plenum of the Executive Committee of the Communist International.

KOO KOO CHIEF STAYS IN JAIL

D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, failed to get a new trial and so he stays in jail in Indiana. He was sent up when he was convicted of raping and murdering a young woman on a train between Indianapolis and Hammond, Ind. Stephenson was for years the Republican political boss of Indiana.

January "Communist" Splendid Number for Guide to Action

The January "Communist" is worthy of special mention inasmuch as it more clearly than for quite some time justifies its sub-head "A Magazine of the Theory and Practice of Marxism-Leninism."

The article by Comrade S. Willner on "Some Lessons of the Last Miners' Strike," is an excellent piece of careful analysis of the achievements and the shortcomings of the miners' strike in Pennsylvania. Of great importance is the part dealing with the unity of the employed and unemployed workers; a fact that ensured the stability of the struggle for a long time. The author of the article deals quite comprehensively with the political and organizational mistakes and shortcomings in the preparation and carrying on of the strike. Comrades of the Party and those generally who are engaged in the day to day work of fighting against wage cuts, unemployment, etc., should obtain the January number of the "Communist" if only to study carefully that article on the experience of the Pennsylvania mine strike.

The six-weeks' textile strike in Lawrence, Mass., brought out clearly many of the weaknesses of our Party and trade union work, especially in relation to the practical attempts to build an effective united front. Comrade William Weinstein contributes an article on "The United Front Tactics in the Lawrence Strike" which brings out clearly the fact that it is wrong to merely set up a narrow strike organ of the union and call it a "united front" instead of building a united front that is actually the weapon of the workers themselves. In all the practical work of putting into effect the policy of independent leadership of strike struggles we will meet with conditions similar to those that existed in Lawrence, where the A. F. of L. fakers will use every kind of demagoguery to behead the movement. A careful study of Comrade Weinstein's article will clear up many foggy notions of how to build a united front.

A number of other articles in the January number of the "Communist" also emphasize the fact that our writers are effectively combining theory and practice in the light of our everyday problems.

Bill Dunne, in an article on "Unemployment and the Communist Way Out of the Crisis," explodes some of the capitalist theories, showing the effect of the crisis upon the working class generally and correctly urges the use of more Marxist-

Mine Explosion Kills Six Miners

PARROTT, Va.—Six workers were killed in an explosion deep in the Puleaski anthracite mine here. The explosion was due to accumulation of gases as a result of the neglect of the company to supply proper ventilation facilities. The state mining inspectors are trying to cover up the cause so that the company will not have to pay death claims to the families of the six men.

The dead are: Frank Seffered, Dewey Seffered, Harvey Seffered, none of them brothers, but more distant relatives; Ernest Stead and Foster and Archie Boyd, brothers. The condition of the bodies indicated that all of them had died instantly.

There should be organized big mass meetings and protests against such criminal neglect on the part of the mine owners who always place profits above human life. It is cheaper for the mine owners to bribe state "inspectors" than to provide safety devices.

Leninist classics in popular literature of the Party.

There are informative articles by Comrades Bittleman and Steuben, besides a reprint of Lenin's article on the Irish rebellion of 1916 (Easter Rebellion); a translation of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Death of Hegel; a long article on the theoretical foundations of Marxism-Leninism by V. Adoransky and the resolution of the Eleventh Plenum of the Executive Committee of the Communist International on the War Danger.

There is also published the now world-famous article of Comrade Stalin on "Some Questions Relating to the History of Bolshevism," which was the signal for all Communist Parties to more seriously consider questions of theory in all our work.

Every Communist, every worker, who wants to be equipped to more effectively fight against capitalist despotism should read and study the January number of "The Communist." The address is Box 148, Station D., New York City.

Bosses' Wife Cheats Girl Who Worked at One Place Six Years

(By a Worker Correspondent)
CHARLOTTE, N. C.—I am a young girl worker. I have worked in the same place for six years and I only get six dollars a week. After I had worked for my boss lady so long, when time came for me to have my afternoon off she would ask me to stay on. She always promises me extra pay but when Saturday comes she gives me six dollars. When ask for the extra change she says everybody is cutting wages and she can get a girl for three dollars a week. Comrades, I think it is time for us to wake up and fight and organize against these rotten conditions.
—A Y.C.L. Member.

Maryland Slavery At Point of Gun

BALTIMORE, Md. — Extremely bad economic conditions among the Negro oyster boatmen and other Negro and white workers of this state, have been revealed by worker-investigators. It is this economic oppression that the bosses want to maintain by means of their lynchings and frame-ups.

The Negro oyster boatmen ship under agreement to receive \$1.00 a day in wages. They are compelled instead to accept part pay. At the end of their trips they are driven off the boats with shot-guns. Protests against deductions in pay have actually brought about the shooting of workers by the captain. Boatmen who are injured are often compelled to carry on their work at the point of a pistol. They are not allowed to get a doctor or go ashore.

KENTUCKY SCHOOLS MAY CLOSE

The diminished number of Kentucky schools are likely to close at any time for lack of money, according to Governor Lafoon. The state and the Mellon, Morgan, Ford, Rockefeller, Insull exploiters of labor have plenty of money for gun thugs, bought and paid for judges, bribed juries, professional perjurers, etc., but nothing for schools.

NANKING GOVT. TROOPS FLOCK TO RED ARMY

The mighty upsurge of the revolutionary movement in China is rapidly disintegrating and destroying the armed forces of the Kuomintang regime at Nanking. In carrying out the policy of the Chinese capitalists and the wishes of the imperialist powers the Nanking government is engaged in a "Communist suppression campaign." The campaign is failing because tens of thousands of the government troops are deserting the nationalist-imperialist forces with guns and munitions and going over to the Red army, which is the shield of the Soviet districts of China.

Twenty thousand Nanking troops which were sent out on the campaign to crush Communism revolted and joined the Red Army. This tremendously strengthened the Red forces and immediately thereafter Tinchow and several other cities in the Fukien province were captured. The Red Army is now besieging Nanchang, capital of the Kiangsi province and the last stronghold in that province of the Nanking government.

Hankow, in the Hupeh province, also faces momentary danger of falling before the Red Armies. Nanking troops protecting many cities have revolted and opened the way for the Red forces.

Imperialists Speed Plots. It is the tremendous rise of the revolutionary wave that is impelling the imperialist powers toward an invasion of China. All the bandits of governments of the world, engaged in ravaging the colonial and semi-colonial countries—United States, France, England, Japan and others—are striving to find means of crushing the great Chinese revolution because they know that the victory of the Red Army means a Soviet China and the existence of a Soviet China will tremendously influence the development of the revolutionary movement in India, Egypt, Africa, Indo-China, New Guinea, the Philippines, that at any moment open warfare may break out among them.

Japan's seizure of Manchuria with the approval of the League of Nations and the United States Government, was calculated to establish a base from which to attack the United States of Socialist Republics. Capitalist journalists openly state that as soon as spring comes a war will be waged against the Soviet Union by Japan. William Philip Sims, foreign editor for the Scripps-Howard chain of papers writing in the Knoxville News-Sentinel, predicts the clash in the spring and says that "it is not because Russia wants it, but because the Japanese want it." He says it may set off an explosion that will rock the world.

More and more openly and brazenly do the capitalists admit their plots against the Soviet Union as well as reveal by their warfare their designs against the Chinese masses. The workers of the world are facing to face with a war situation. The outcome of such a war is in the hands of the workers. We must fight to cripple the war machine of our "own" country NOW. Workers in war industries must be organized; that means all basic industries. Unemployed must demand that all war funds be used for unemployed relief. We must fight the war mongers in every way and defeat their plans.

MELLON MINE CLOSES

Mellon's Pittsburgh Coal company has shut down Westmoreland, Pa. No. 2, which normally employs 10,000 workers.

Labor Fakers Aid Ky-Tenn Gun Thugs

SCOTTSBORO APPEAL RAISES QUESTION OF NEGROES ON JURY

World War Looms as Bandit Powers Clash in Far East; Demand U. S. Withdraw Arms

The war in the Far East is rapidly reaching the proportions of a world as the armed forces of the imperialist bandits rush heavy reinforcements to Shanghai, China. The aim of all the big imperialist powers, United States, Great Britain, France and Japan is to destroy the mighty revolutionary upsurge of the Chinese masses.

Destroying the Red Army and the Soviet Republic and to try to smash through and strike at the heart of Socialist Soviet Republics in the realm of the former czars of Russia.

In the Far East the Wall Street bandit gang, through the instrumentality of its government, headed by the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan is to destroy the mighty revolutionary upsurge of the Chinese masses.

Funds Needed For Special Ky. Paper Coming Next Week. Next week's issue of the SOUTHERN WORKER, P. O. Box 1653, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Thousands of copies will be sent to the strike zone and distributed to the miners to give them a fighting lead for the next stages of the strike that has drawn the attention of the working class of the whole world.

Funds are needed for this edition. Every dollar sent in will help in striking a blow against the starvation and terror program of the Morgan, Rockefeller, Mellon, Ford, Insull interests that are back of the drive to keep the miners in a state of slavery.

Rush funds immediately to the SOUTHERN WORKER, P. O. Box 1653, Chattanooga, Tenn.

keep them out. We must extend the hand of fraternal revolutionary greeting to the Chinese Red army and Chinese Soviets and urge them to drive out of their country the whole bandit crew.

Fight Wage Cuts; Hunger. The February 4th demonstrations throughout the country were only the beginning of the drive against hunger and wage cuts and war that must reach such proportions that the bandit gang on Wall street and their Washington government will face the utmost difficulty in carrying out its war plans.

Millions of workers must be mobilized to demand that all war funds be used to feed and clothe the starving masses of unemployed. In the industries a determined fight must be put up against wage cuts. The connection between wage cuts, unemployment and war plots must be made plain to the broadest masses so that American imperialism will find itself faced with a foe at home that will be in the course of its imperialist war game, be able to help bring about its defeat, smash the Wall street government and establish a workers' and farmers' government.

Demand the instant withdrawal of all armed forces from the Far East! Defend the Soviet Union! Hands off the Chinese revolution!

COURT SYSTEM OF ALL SOUTH UNDER ATTACK

Whether the Fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States means anything to the oppressed Negro masses of the South is now a burning question. It is brought sharply forward in the Scottsboro case, wherein eight Negro working boys are in the death cells at Kilby prison, victims of a frame-up on the part of the white boss class which used two white prostitutes as their chief witnesses charging the boys with the traditional ruling class lie of "rape."

So-Called Unwritten Law. Ignored by the Southern ruling class, is supposed to guarantee the Negroes equality before the law, including the right to serve on juries. This barring of Negroes from jury service is one of the "unwritten laws" observed in the South as a part of the policy of keeping the Negro workers and poor farmers, tenants and croppers, in a state of semi-slavery. The demand for Negroes to serve on juries is a part of the general struggle for equal rights for Negroes in the South. It strikes at the whole system of discrimination practices in this part of the country.

Supreme Court Appeal. If the state supreme court, which two weeks ago heard the arguments of George W. Chamlee of Chattanooga, and Joseph Brodsky and Irving Schwab of New York, attorneys for the International Labor Defense, for a new trial, refuses to grant the demand of the attorneys for the Scottsboro boys, an appeal will be made to the United States Supreme Court which definitely raises the question of the right of Negroes to serve on juries. The barring of Negroes from jury service, where they constitute a considerable section, and, in many places, a majority of the population is, according to the attorneys for the defense, prima facie evidence that Negroes are being barred as a matter of discrimination against them.

Mass Campaign Goes On. In ordinary cases it takes the Alabama state supreme court from two weeks to a month to arrive at a decision, but it is probable that the Scottsboro verdict will be delayed for a time in the hope that such delay will help to cause interest in the case to die down.

Nation-wide and world-wide mass demonstrations have thus far saved the Scottsboro boys from legal lynching in the electric chair at Kilby prison. It is only a continuation and intensification of the mass campaign for the immediate and unconditional release of the boys that will force

Knoxville Central Labor Body Helps United Mine Workers' Officials Fight Ky. Strikers

Leaders of the American Federation of Labor Organizations have come out openly as supporters of the gun thugs in the Kentucky-Tennessee strike area. On Sunday, Jan. 24th, when the gun thugs massed their forces and barred every road to Pineville where the 'Spread the Strike Conference' was scheduled to be held, the labor fakers helped the mine owners thugs.

Bates, organizer for the United Mine Workers of America, was riding with deputy sheriffs, pointing out union miners to them.

Injunction Against Kentucky Miners By Federal Judge

Federal Judge Cochran at Lexington, Ky., has issued an injunction against the Straight Creek Coal Company of Bell county to get their support of the United States government in throwing striking miners and their families out of the houses they have paid for many times over in rent. The "order" of the capitalist lackey, Cochran, also prohibits the miners picketing.

There is only one effective reply to such an injunction, or to any injunction issued against workers on strike for that matter; that answer must be mass defiance if the injunction is to be broken.

Straight Creek miners should build Workers' Self Defense Corps and resist attempts to evict them from the company houses. Instead of stopping picketing the entire body of Straight Creek strikers, their wives and children, should stage mass picketing and openly defy the injunction of the mine owners' judge.

A widespread campaign should be launched against the injunction judges and the strike-breaking government, combined with the most energetic action to spread the strike and tie up the whole Kentucky-Tennessee mining region.

Four former members of the United Mine Workers of America, who tried to get into the meeting of the Labor Council, issued a statement exposing the Knoxville fakers. The statement follows:

"For the past few weeks the United Mine Workers of America have been collecting aid in the name of the Harlan and Bell county miners and their starving families. We therefore went to the Central Labor Council meeting of the American Federation of Labor to which the UMWA is affiliated, on Monday, Jan. 25, in order to ask the same aid of them that many workers of Knoxville have already given to our strikers on the basis of solidarity and with the intention of helping us win our strike for a living wage.

"Instead of being granted the floor, the secretary of organization was cross-examined and we were not even given a chance to say a word. We cannot feed our families or win our strike on cross-examination. Three men who seemed to be ruling the boys!

Keep up the fight to free the Scottsboro boys!

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