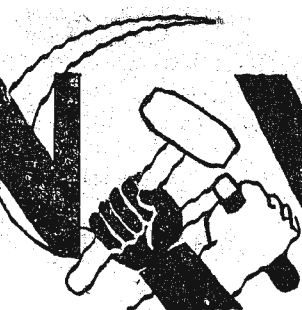


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## Kentucky Convention Prepares Strike

### HUNGER MARCHERS REACH WASHINGTON AS CONGRESS OPENS

#### POLITICIANS IN PANIC TRY TO EVADE ISSUES

In both houses of Congress opening in Washington Monday the 1500 hunger marchers were on hand with demands. But Hoover and the mean and democrat politicians agents of the capitalist robbers are afraid to permit the hunger marchers to present their demands. Government had on hand hordes of policemen, armed with sawed-off guns, sub-machine guns, hand grenades, besides the customary pocket revolvers and black-jacks, to use against unarmed unemployed work-

**Expose Hoover's Fake Plan**  
Besides the police there were hundreds of marines, army officers and standing around the capitol in the vicinity of the White House. A group of men who claimed they were off duty."

This display of armed force against the 1,500 unarmed hunger marchers was because the capitalist government at Washington, which is a servile lackey of the Wall Street bandit gang, is desperately trying to prevent the unemployment marchers from being completely swindled.

The politicians will learn that whether or not they consider the demands of the hunger marchers to be "officially presented" makes little difference as far as the capitalists of starving workers are concerned. It only proves to the millions of unemployed that the president of the United States and the congressmen hold in contempt the unemployed and will do nothing for them unless they are forced to grant demands for fear of the consequences of mass action.

**Carry On The Fight**  
Regardless of whether or not Hoover (Continued on Page 2)

#### Setting for Trial of Peterson

The trial of Willie Peterson, a Negro worker framed on a charge of murdering two white women opened in Birmingham Monday, the bosses organized a howling mob of seven thousand that packed the corri-

Willie Peterson, the victim of the lynching plot, has not yet recovered from the gun-shot wounds inflicted by Dent Williams as he was questioned in the sheriff's office a few months ago. He was carried into the courtroom in a chair by Negro trustees. The trial had just started as this goes to press.

#### NEGRO WORKER LYNCHED FOR DEMANDING PAY

(Special to the Southern Worker)  
SALISBURY, Md., Dec. 5.—Mack Williams, a Negro worker, was taken from a hospital cot, where he lay seriously wounded yesterday afternoon and, after being fiendishly tortured, was hanged by a lynch mob. After hanging for twenty minutes his body was cut down and dragged through the streets to the edge of the Negro district, where kerosene was poured over the dead man and fire set to it.

**Asked For Wages; Shot**  
Williams was employed at the notorious slave-driving box factory owned by Daniel J. Elliott. It is a regular practice of this Elliott family to cheat the workers by docking them for being late, for "spoiling material" and so forth. The boss had cheated the Negro worker on many occasions and so Williams went to the office of Elliott to protest against the continued cheating and robbery. Old man Elliott seized a gun and, without saying one word, shot the Negro in the breast. The wounded man grabbed the gun and in the scuffle the trigger was again pulled, the bullet hitting the boss, who collapsed on the floor. With blood flowing from his wound the Negro worker ran to a shed near the office.

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#### Mass Action Wins Defense for Jones

NEW YORK.—The mass pressure of thousands of Negro and white workers, who rained protest telegrams on the state, city and county officials, has forced the Baltimore court to recognize the right of Orphan Jones, framed Negro farmhand of Snow Hill, Md., to choose as his counsel Bernard Ades, a lawyer appointed by the International Labor Defense.

This partial victory in the fight to save this 60-year-old worker was won after a terrific struggle through the courts and state offices.

Jones was arrested on October 13, charged with the murder of his boss, a rich white landlord and the boss's family. Jones had been working for this landlord for 10 cents an hour, not getting even his full pay. When Jones's boss was found murdered with his family, the police did not "consider" that the landlord had also been a racketeer and had probably become involved with some other racketeer. As usual they looked for a "nigger."

Orphan Jones, who was known to have committed the crime of demanding his pay from his boss, was framed for the murder.

#### CHATTA. POLICE ARREST BROOKS And JANE DILLON

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Dan Brooks, militant worker, who was recently active in Harlan, Ky., and Jane Dillon, of the International Labor Defense, were arrested at 4:30 last Friday afternoon on Ninth St., near Market, in this city, as they were on their way to interview Attorney Chamlee in regard to the Scottsboro cases.

One of the police thugs who specializes on "reds," named Jack Neal, arrested the two workers and charged them with the usual fraudulent accusation of "vagrancy," holding them in a pawnshop while Brooks was searched.

Taken to the city lock-up in the basement of the City building the two were thrown into cells and held under \$1,000 bond. While pretending to allow the prisoners to try to call up friends, the phone was tampered with so that it was impossible (Turn to Page 2)

#### Victimize Harlan Dreiser Witnesses

ARJAY, Ky.—The vengeance of the coal operators and the thug gang is being meted out to witnesses who testified before the Dreiser committee. Many miners and their families are being evicted from their houses without notice and in other cases miners are being run out of the district, compelled to leave their families destitute.

#### Fight Strike Plans

The coal thugs are going wild because of the great enthusiasm displayed throughout the Harlan fields for the National Miners' Union that has called the December 13th conference at Pineville to decide on a date for a state-wide strike against starvation conditions and against the terror.

#### New Warrants Out

It is reported that there is a batch of new warrants out for active miners, charged with criminal syndicalism and banding and confederating. Every effort is being made to keep the miners in slavery, but the strike is relied upon to turn the tables upon the thugs and the coal bosses.

#### Funds Badly Needed

Workers everywhere must by this time realize that the fight of the Harlan miners is the fight of the whole working class. Funds are badly needed to help feed and defend the victims of the Kentucky terror. Rush donations to Kentucky Miners' Aid, Room 420, 80 East 11th street, New York City.

#### Call To Action Against Harlan Thug Rule and Mass Starvation

For a District Convention of the National Miners Union in Kentucky.

To Take Place December 13th, 9 a.m. at K. of P. Hall, Kentucky Avenue, Pineville, Kentucky.

Build the National Miners' Union! Elect Your Delegates to the Convention! Organize and Strike Against Starvation!

The following call to action by the National Miners' Union has been broadcast through the Kentucky, Tennessee and even into the Alabama coal fields. Already rapid progress is being made toward setting up effective organizational machinery to make the strike a success. Committees of Action to prepare the strike are being set up in many mines. The following is the call:

Our working conditions in Kentucky are going from bad to worse. Our wages are the lowest in the coal industry. Most of us are working only two and three days a week, without ever seeing any cash. Our families are starving. Our children are dying of hunger. The coal operators are not satisfied even with these intolerable conditions. They continue to cut wages, to worsen our conditions and to increase starvation in order that they may pile up bigger profits.

In order to carry out their starvation program the coal operators have brought in the worst characters from all over the country—the gunmen, who are terrorizing the militant miners and their families. The terror in Kentucky is simply going mad. Thirty-six of our miners are facing the electric chair, and more than a hundred and fifty are facing long jail sentences. Continual arrests and terrorization of militant miners are taking place daily. Over four thousand of the most militant miners are blacklisted and are exposed to horrible hunger. The "blacklisting" policy of the operators is spreading throughout the state. We, the employed miners, are not permitted to support the soup kitchens of the blacklisted miners. Some of our best fighters have been driven out of the country, and their families left without any means to live on. The gunmen are raiding and destroying the homes and the furniture of the miners. When we protest against these slave conditions the governor sends troops against us, the judges issue injunctions and every other governmental power is used to whip us into submission.

#### THE U. M. W. A. AND THE I. W. W. ARE BETRAYING US

In the Spring of this year we went on strike against the above conditions. The United Mine Workers of America with its long record of betrayals, took over the leadership of our strike only to betray us once more. When the Governor sent his armed forces against us the U. M. W. A. disappeared from the field. The I. W. W. fully participated in this shameful betrayal. Thus the U. M. W. A. and I. W. W. are helping the coal operators to keep us in submission. Now, when we are once more organizing, under the National Miners' Union leadership, to strike against starvation, the U. M. W. A. and I. W. W. are again trying to step in in order to betray us. We must be on guard against these agents of the coal operators.

#### WE MUST DEFEAT THE SLAVE CONDITIONS

Shall we continue to work and starve? Shall we permit the coal operators and their gunmen to terrorize us? Shall we permit the coal operators to continue to blacklist us? Shall we permit that thirty-six of our comrades die in the electric chair and that a hundred and fifty of them go to serve long jail sentences, because they fought against the intolerable conditions? Shall we look peacefully on while our children are dying of starvation? The answer is clear: We cannot and must not permit these conditions to exist any longer. We have starved long enough. We have been terrorized too long. We must organize and strike in order to defeat the starvation program of the coal operators and their agents. Every man and woman, Negro and white, young and old, yes, and every child, must organize to fight against hunger and terror.

Now is the time when we have the best opportunity to put an end to starvation and terror. We have built our own militant organization—THE NATIONAL MINERS' UNION. Our union is strong enough to lead the miners in a strike and defeat the coal operators. Our union is growing very rapidly in every section of the coal industry.

#### CONVENTION WILL SET STRIKE DATE

Having all these factors in view, we, the members of the National Miners' Union, at a special conference decided to call a DISTRICT CONVENTION of our union in Kentucky. The purpose of the Convention is to discuss the situation in the mining industry, to formulate demands and set the date for a state-wide strike. The convention will develop an extensive plan of work in order to mobilize all miners of Kentucky to join the strike.

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## Miners From All Fields Support Kentucky Plans for Strike Action

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It will also take up the question of defending our arrested and persecuted miners. This convention must be the biggest event in the history of the Kentucky miners. Every local of the National Miners' Union shall elect from three to five delegates to the convention. Every Women's Branch shall also send its delegates to the Convention. In the mines where we have no local unions as yet, they will be established at once and delegates elected. We also invite the miners of Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia to send delegates to the Convention. We invite every miner to visit the Convention.

### MINERS OF ALL FIELDS WILL SUPPORT THE STRIKE

We will not be alone in this strike against starvation. The National Miners' Union as a whole is being mobilized for the support of our strike. Miners all over the country and the workers generally will give us their full support. With the support of the working class we will achieve victory!

**FORWARD TO THE DISTRICT CONVENTION OF THE N. M. U. IN KENTUCKY!**

**FORWARD TO A STATE-WIDE STRIKE AGAINST STARVATION!  
DEFEAT THE TERROR OF THE COAL OPERATORS AND THEIR GUNMEN.**

**RELEASE ALL THE ARRESTED MINERS!  
EVERY MINER A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MINERS UNION!  
ORGANIZE A COMMITTEE OF ACTION IN EVERY MINE!**

**DOWN WITH THE U. M. W. A. AND I. W. W.—AGENTS OF THE COAL OPERATORS!**

**ELECT DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION!  
CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE, NATIONAL MINERS UNION.**

Concerning All Information Write to Box 73, Pineville, Kentucky.

## Maryland Bosses and Officials Shoot, Hang, Burn Negro Worker

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### Son Shoots Negro Again

A moment after the second shot was heard, James Elliott, the old man's son, came in and picking up the gun, ran after the Negro, found him in the shed and shot him in the head. The brutal and murderous old man died on the way to the hospital.

The mill bosses, the sheriff and chief of police then went to remove the "dead nigger." Williams was still alive, although in a critical condition. They took him to a cot in the hospital. Meanwhile the mill bosses and the business men of Salisbury organized a mob and set out to lynch the Negro who dared try to defend his life against the murderous attack of the boss.

### Officials Help Lynch Plan

The chief of police and the sheriff stood in front of the hospital while the bloodthirsty mob entered by a side door, went to the cot where the wounded Negro lay, began cutting him with knives and applying the burning end of lighted cigars to his wounds, according to statements made by hospital attendants. The screams of the tortured Negro could be heard for blocks. Frequently the cries of pain would die down as the wounded and dying man sank into unconsciousness. Then with water and smelling salts he would be revived and the torture would begin again. Finally the worker was thrown out the second-story hospital window to another part of the mob and was then taken into the courtyard and left hanging for twenty minutes to a tree.

### Terrorize Negro Neighborhood

Negroes who had been on the street when the lynch mob started were driven away. The most vicious elements of the mob, recognized as bankers, doctors, lawyers, druggists, grocery men, mill bosses and police and deputy sheriffs, and a newspaper proprietor, kicked, beat, cut with knives and fired guns at any Negro person—man, woman or child—seen on the streets. After the outburst of terror had driven all the Negro population to the district in which they lived, the body of the lynch victim was dragged through the streets to a lot at the edge of the Negro section, saturated with gasoline and kerosene and set on fire.

### Lynch Law Prosecutor

Already the machinery of the capitalist government is in action trying to protect the lynch mob. Levin C.

Bailey, state's attorney, who is interested in trying to railroad Orphan Jones to death on the faked-up charge of murdering four people in Worcester county does not condemn the lynch mob that bestially killed the worker, Williams. Instead he blames the International Labor Defense, because it has thus far protected Orphan Jones from the legal lynching gang of whom Bailey is one of the outstanding leaders.

Bailey said: "This affair, which is a blot on the community would not have occurred if it had not been for the interference in the Lee (Orphan Jones) case of an agency in Baltimore known as the International Labor Defense."

It is clear that Bailey, as spokesman for the legal lynch gang, argues that whenever the game of legal lynching is exposed as in the Jones case, the bosses are justified in organizing lynch gangs without even pretending to conceal their murders with the cloak of law.

In spite of the stand of Bailey and the other lynchers there is, even here, a growing demand among white and Negro workers for death to the lynchers.

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## N. Orleans Arrest Aimed at Seamen

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW ORLEANS.—John Lorenz, active member of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, which is affiliated with the International of Seamen and Harbor Workers, was arrested here the day before Thanksgiving. He was charged with speaking in public and inciting a riot. Comrade Lorenz was speaking to a group of people and exposing the fake charity gifts connected with Thanksgiving, when he was arrested.

Since Thursday was a capitalist holiday the I.L.D. could not secure bail for Comrade Lorenz and he had to stay in jail until Friday morning, when he was released on bail. We will forward information on what happens to Comrade Lorenz, as the charges against him are in this state criminal offenses.

This is part of the capitalist game to stop our work among the seamen and waterfront workers.

## Chatta. Police Arrest Dan Brooks And Jane Dillon

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to inform Attorney Chamlee of their arrest. So they had to remain in jail until noon the next day when bonds were secured.

### Would Stop Defense

It is clear that the arrests are a part of the drive of the Southern lynch gang against white and Negro workers. It is especially an attempt to harm the movement that is every day meeting with more response from the masses to save from the electric chair the Scottsboro boys convicted and sentenced to die on the lying testimony of two white prostitutes who were intimidated to tell their lies by the official legal lynch gangs of Alabama and Tennessee. Neil and other thugs have been hanging around the headquarters of the International Labor Defense for weeks, intimidating workers who enter the office and trying to prevent others entering. In spite of such intimidation the work went on. So, in order to try to cripple the Mooney, Scottsboro and Harlan defense drives the framed-up charge of vagrancy was made.

### Neil Phoned Kentucky

In less than half an hour after the arrests in the afternoon of Friday, Neil called Sheriff Blair, chief of the bandit gang in Harlan county, regarding what to do with Dan Brooks. It is probable that the Kentucky gang will try to extradite Brooks to Kentucky so the thugs can carry out their oft-repeated threats to "get" him.

The International Labor Defense will put up a big fight against any such attempt, and every effort will be made to arouse nation-wide protests against it. Leaders of the Dreiser Committee and others, who have investigated the Harlan regime first hand, will be brought to Tennessee to testify before the governor regarding the actual conditions in the Kentucky coal fields.

### Defeat Vagrancy Frame-Ups

The two victims of the Chattanooga city government will be defended against the ridiculous vagrancy frame-up. Both Jane Dillon and Dan Brooks are employed by labor organizations and can in no sense be regarded as vagrants. The lynch gang, and their special lynch judge, the cheap clown, Fleming, will learn that they cannot get away with any such frame-up without a fight that they will remember the rest of their miserable, time-serving lives.

If the Chattanooga peanut politicians and scavengers for the boss class think they can continue to stifle free speech, free press and assembly, raid working class organizations and prevent the organization of labor unions and strikes without facing a continuous fight on the part of ever increasing numbers of white and Negro workers they have another think coming. The I.L.D. is here and will stay here. The Scottsboro boys will be defended and the movement to free them will grow mightier. The fight to help crush the Harlan terror will go on. The movement of the unemployed will continue to grow. All this and much more will develop in Chattanooga in spite of and against Judge Fleming, Mayor Bass, Sheriff Taylor and the two-by-four, penny-ante gumshoe artist, Detective Neil, the "red" specialist of the Chattanooga police thugs.

Meetings are being arranged in Chattanooga to expose this latest frameup and to mobilize for a mass fight to establish the right of labor organizations and labor organizers to carry on in this city.

## WAR PLOTTERS SMUGGLE ARMS AGAINST USSR

Many cases full of war munitions were discovered at the Chinese Eastern Railway freight station at Harbin. The cases were labelled "Mukden Arsenal" and were skillfully disguised as bales of cotton. Many large shipments supposed to be cotton have been transported to Northern Manchuria. Unquestionably in view of the discovery of munitions disguised as cotton bales, the Japanese are supplying arms and munitions to white guard Russian detachments in Northern Manchuria as a part of the war of intervention that is being plotted against the Soviet Union.

### League Behind War Moves

The League of Nations is still carrying on its underhanded support of Japanese military intervention to try to crush the Chinese revolution and to lay a military base for intervention against the Soviet Union.

Aristide Briand, the notorious funder of war against the Soviet Union and briber of white guard and counter revolutionary elements inside the Soviet Union, is aggressively backing Japan's war of intervention. The agents of the British government are enthusiastically back of the game. The United States imperialist ravagers of colonial peoples support the war of intervention, especially those activities concerned with establishing an anti-Soviet base in Manchuria, but at the same time opposes Japan's efforts to strengthen its position. Behind the trickery of the big imperialist powers there is going on attempts to again redivide China between the imperialist bandits, with the United States now, as in the past thirty years, pursuing a policy aimed at securing complete domination for itself in China.

### Fight War Plotters

More than ever is it necessary to fight resolutely against the war plotters who are today actually waging a war to redivide China, to destroy the Chinese Soviets and Red Army, and to crash over the Soviet borders in a war against the workers' fatherland.

Wage a mass struggle against war and insist that all war funds be used for unemployment relief, administered by committees of workers.

## Senate Evades Hunger Marchers

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ver and the political shysters in congress and the senate listen to the hunger marchers, the fight for unemployment insurance will go on. The demand for immediate winter relief of \$150 for each worker and \$50 for each dependent will go on. Unemployed Councils will be organized in every place where workers face starvation.

### Continue War Plots

The whole war-mongering gang in both houses of congress, republicans and democrats alike, are trying to hide from the masses of workers and farmers the imperialist war plots that are going forward. They try to hide the fact that the United States government is today making war on the Chinese masses, along with British, Japanese, and French troops. They want nothing to spoil their game of backing Japanese intervention in Manchuria because the imperialists of the whole world hope to build a base from which to launch armed intervention against the fatherland of the workers of all the world—the Soviet Union. The demand of the hunger marchers that all war funds be used for the relief of unemployed, admin-

## TAMPA POLICE TRY TO SMASH PICKET LINE

TAMPA, Fla.—In spite of a fierce police drive to crush the strike of cigar makers, now in its second week the workers are still holding the lines solidly.

Early Friday the attempt of police to smash the picket line at the York City and West Tampa factories. E. Renensburg & Sons met with stubborn resistance. After sharp fighting the picket line was finally dispersed and 10 strikers arrested. Attempts were made to arrest more but they were rescued from the hands of the police by the militant strikers.

### Raid Union Headquarters

While the pickets were out today the police also raided headquarters at 1725 1/2 Seventh avenue, York City, wrecked the furniture, pillaged the place of everything they could find, including money which they stole. They confiscated a membership list of the Tampa Tobacco Workers Industrial Union, seized a red newspaper with the hammer and sickle. The newspapers made a great uproar about the red flag.

### Women Join Fighting Union

The police were taken by surprise when they attacked the picket line and the women and girls joined hands with the men and youth. The capitalist paper, the Tampa Daily Times became indignant at the militant action of the women and said: "One of the arrested women seized by an officer, clawed and scratched viciously until other officers succeeded in holding her." However, the presence of women on the picket line did not embarrass the police thugs—they smashed heads indiscriminately whether men, women or children.

In spite of police attempts to smother the strike, and in spite of the attempt to smash the Communist Party the movement is getting stronger every day. The bosses will learn that the fight against the workers which they started on November when they raided the celebration of the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution and arrested started something that they cannot easily stop.

### FIGHT LEGAL LYNCHING

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Workers in this section of the country are gathering their forces to prevent the legal lynching of Barney Lee Ross, 23-year-old Negro boy of Danville, Texas, charged with attempted assault upon a white woman.

The lynch courts have tried to send Ross to the electric chair to prevent the development of mass protest on his behalf. The attack was supposed to have occurred on November 6. Ross was tried on November 11—the trial lasted only two hours—and he is sentenced to die in the electric chair on December 18. This means that the workers must rally their forces with the utmost speed. Ross is to be saved.

istered by workers' and farmers' committees, meets with hostility on the part of all political crooks.

### Lynch Gang Furious

The lynch senators and congressmen from Maryland, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida and other southern states, are furious at the number of Negro workers appearing in the ranks of the hunger marchers. With mingled feelings of hate and fear they look upon the demands for freedom for the Scottsboro boys, freedom for Willie Peterson, the demand for death to lynchers. They in the unity of unemployed workers and Negro workers the beginning of the end of their lynch rule.

# ARK. CROPPERS FACE HUNGER, SAY STUDENTS

ARKANSAS, Ark.—Share croppers of eastern Arkansas are literally on the verge of starvation. The instance given here is not an isolated case, but that is typical of this mortgage-laden section.

Several days ago an aged couple, man past eighty, and his wife, sixty, appeared in the Commonwealth college campus, begging for clothes. "My husband is sick and needs warm clothing and underwear," a woman, a former school teacher, pleaded. "I can piece together any rags to make some underwear for you."

The elderly workers, neighbors of the college, told of having lived through last year by the proceeds of milk from a cow. They were thus able to buy a small quantity of rough wool until the price of milk and wool dropped. Sweet potatoes, which they had been using for most of their food, were sold in order to buy shoes. The cows are mortgaged to the bank and unable to pay interest. The aged couple will soon lose their last source of any kind of food. Now that the bank has got the aged, destitute pair firmly in its grasp the bank officials do not even show them ordinary decency. "We will take your property; to hell with you," is the unspoken, but obvious attitude of the president and cash-

Students here responded generally as they could to the appeals of the couple. But, as one student said: "Relief, from any source, can only temporarily benefit the workers. If poverty and starvation are to be eliminated the workers must take over and operate for the common good, the means of production."

—Harold Preece.

**EDITORS' NOTE:** Students at Commonwealth College, in the heart of the cropper district, can do much more than merely contribute occasionally to cases of individual destitution. Since they refer to the college as a "working class school," they can learn a great deal more by engaging in the practical work of helping to organize the croppers and the farmers for a fight against starvation than by a mere book-learning. A kind of study is of much use uncombined with practical work. We will learn more by organizing a croppers' Union and helping to develop a fight against the bankers and landowners than you will by reading reports from the United States department of agriculture on farm ownership and tenancy, etc. We do not think the latter is unimportant. We do think it is of little value unless put to use that will benefit our class.

Order a bundle of Southern Worker—Send 25 cents for bundle of 25; \$1.00 for a bundle of fifty and discontinue free or sell to your fellow-croppers or neighbors.

# WIN DEMANDS AT STOCKHAM BY ACTIVITY

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Stockham Pipe and Fitting Company has been forced to grant demands of the workers. Not all demands, but some of them. We owe what we have gained to the Southern Worker, which has been going in the shop for some time and to our factory bulletins, distributed by the Communist unit inside the works.

The bosses' stool pigeons could not stop the papers going through the works. They tried to. However, the workers did get the papers. The bosses here and all over Birmingham are afraid of a strike. They don't want anything to start in the iron and steel industry. But the Stockham workers were showing that we would fight.

So the bosses called a meeting of everybody on Thursday and told us they had always been for us and they were going to make conditions better. We had been starting to work at 6:45 in the morning; now we begin at 7:30. In the past our pay started at 7:30 although we really began at 6:45; now we start when the pay begins. In the past we have had only 15 minutes for lunch— from 11:15 to 11:30; now we have a full 25 minutes for lunch. The men asked what had happened to their back time, but the bosses blamed it on the foreman, saying the foreman stole it.

What we must do now is to make demands for shorter hours; for full pay whether we work full time or not. For a living wage; for the right to organize without being fired; also to drive out the snooping spies, the bosses' stool pigeons. When we talk about a fight against the boss we get a little bit; if we organize to really fight we can get a whole lot. We are building a local of the Metal Workers' Industrial League here.

—A Stockham Worker.

# No Work for Negro Workers In B'ham.

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM.—Last Tuesday I was down at the City Hall where they advertised for 2,000 men to put to work. There were many white and Negro workers. At first they hired about 10 Negroes to 50 white workers. Then the police came and started to drive us away. I was very mad, but held my temper and asked policeman where we could go to get work. He said: "I don't give a damn where you go just so you get away from here. We have work for white men." The next Thursday I met a Communist and gave my name to join the Communist Party and I'm going to fight and hope some day we can take care of that policeman and the bosses he works for.

# DOES 4 MEN'S WORK BUT PAY IS MUCH LESS

(By A Worker Correspondent)

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The business men of Charlotte give a Food Show every year in order to boom business. This show is given at the Armory. It is very highly advertised and is designed to draw buyers from the country-side to patronize the Charlotte merchants. The slogan of the show is "More Money for Charlotte." I was a worker in the last show and I want to tell here how the Charlotte merchants and business men made "More Money for Charlotte" by robbing us workers.

I have worked for these robbers five years, each year doing all the heavy work connected with the place. They hire me to do this work because a white man would refuse to do so much for the little money paid.

Up till this year the show would take 15 days and I would work every night from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. For this I would get paid \$40 after the show was over. This year the Business extra help and forced me to do the Men organized and fired some of the work of four men. I was forced to come to work at 10 in the morning and worked like a horse until 2 the next morning. Besides putting all this extra work on me the dirty crooked business men cut my wages in two, now handing me only \$20 after worker me 17 days. They paid me this small amount after they had promised me a good deal more. They even told me I would not have to work so much this year as last year. But as it turned out, they worked me even more.

It is clear to every worker that when these business men give a show supposed to make "more money for Charlotte," the money is taken from the poor workers and goes into the pockets of the rich bosses of the city. It will be a long time before they can make more money out me this way and I am going to make sure by organizing other workers that they will not get away so easily with this stuff with other workers.

# Charlotte Fakers Cheat On Charity

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The Charities collected \$155,000 from the employed workers. We workers don't get back one penny of this money. When a Negro worker goes to the Charity and asks for help they tell him to go to the Negro side, and wait until they call for him. They say because on this side only white folks go and when you do get waited on they tell you to take this card and go to work two days.

They don't give you what you want. They give you what they want you to have. They give us \$1.75 worth of groceries and call it \$2.75 worth. I went to the park and worked two days and they sure work you hard as hell. You have to work from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., working in the rain and in the water over your shoe tops. Fellow workers, if there ever was a time to organize, now is the time. Join a mass organization, the Communist Party or the Young Communist League. Organize against the damn rotten conditions the boss class has the working class living in.

—A Y.C.L. Member.

Do you want the Southern Worker to live? Then send a donation to Box 1653, Chattanooga, Tenn.

# STOOL PIGEON PREACHER OUT AT CAMP HILL

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CAMP HILL, Ala.—The Rev. E. W. Ellis has gone. It was too hot for his here. He is the Negro preacher who reported to the sheriff's office that Estelle Milner was carrying ammunition to the croppers. This resulted in her being badly beaten by the deputies and receiving injuries to her spine from which she still suffers terribly.

The rat, Ellis, received \$25 for his stool-pigeon and frame-up work. But the croppers took pains to notify Ellis that he was not wanted around here. He told some of the bosses that he was going to leave. The mayor of Camp Hill attended a party of leading white planters and "good citizens" and tried to convince Ellis, who was present, that he should remain in Camp Hill. But Ellis knew where it was good for him, or, at least, where it was bad for him, so he left for some unknown place.

We hope the Southern Worker can reach workers or croppers wherever the rat Ellis, is and keep him on the run.

# Landlord Steals From Farm Hand

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—I worked on a plantation as a wage laborer. The big white landlord promised me \$7 a week and only gave me \$3. I had to go to work at 6 a.m. and had half an hour for lunch at twelve. I had to work right on until 6 at night.

I had to board myself. The landlord said his wife did not cook for Negroes. One day he gave me a half-gallon of milk. When time came to pay off, he said, "You owe me twenty-five cents for that milk I gave you." This is the way those rich pot-bellied sons of dogs do the workers.

Fellow workers and share-croppers, we must put a stop to this. Those rich landlords don't care if we rot or die, and we will stop and show them that we are not going to live under the landlord's system. We are going to tear it down and set up a workers' and farmers' government. The landlords try to tell us times are so hard because of sin. He said we must pray to the Lord, but fellow-workers, I have been praying for 22 years he ain't done nothing yet. Now is the time for us to do something.

The only thing we can do is to organize and join the Share-Croppers' Union. —A Young Farm-Hand.

# Tampa Workers Build Big Union

(By a Worker Correspondent)

TAMPA, Fla.—Workers are not taking the arrests of the 18 comrades in the November 7th raids peacefully. With the cigar makers on strike the barbers and food workers are now joining the strike to force the release of the prisoners.

Over 10,000 are now organized in the Tampa Tobacco Workers' Industrial Union, which is affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League. The cops are stopping the farmers on the road wanting to know if they are Reds. We have had orders to stop propaganda but we are carrying on more than ever before.

# McWANE PIPE IN A BIG WAGE CUTTING DRIVE

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM.—The McWane Cast Iron Pipe Company has started a wage cutting drive to force wages even below the present starvation level. Men used to make \$4 and \$5. Now they make \$2.50. And this is to be cut.

We already have had a big wage cut by the bosses forcing us to donate to the Community Chest. We need help from somewhere. Our families and us need shoes and clothes. The children need books for school and clothes and something to eat more than we have.

Men: We have got to organize into the Metal Workers' Industrial League against the bosses' starvation plans. We have to fight to make the bosses pay for unemployment, not us workers on starvation wages.

# Klan Mayor Aids Com. Chest Fakes

(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM.—Jimmy Jones, the Klan city mayor, came out with a statement that all unemployed would get a job. This is a lot of bunk. He issued orders that all unemployed were to get two weeks' work a month; working on a stagger system of 2 weeks per month they would get 2 days a week, then lay off two weeks. Wages would be \$2 a day digging ditches by hand. All kinds of fakes prevent workers getting even these three days. There are 9,500 registered for such "jobs."

Meantime the Community Chest urges policemen to arrest all men begging on the streets and tell people not to give them anything but to tell them to go to the Community Chest. That gang of charity-mongers does nothing for anybody but their own gang of job-holders. The workers hate it so that at a meeting of war veterans the name of the Community Chest was booed and hissed.

We must fight for the Unemployed Councils' list of unemployed demands. That is how we will get something.

# Politician Wants An Anti-Red Law

(By a Worker Correspondent)

TAMPA, Fla.—Congressman Drane conferred this week with various reactionary and fascist organizations, such as the American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce, etc., about his proposals to introduce an anti-Communist law when Congress meets in Washington. He says that present federal laws are not drawn up to cover Communist activities and that special laws are necessary. He also proposes that the Florida state legislature adopt new laws against Communism.

Workers from this congressional district will not forget Drane when the next election takes place and they can support a Communist candidate against this would-be Mussolini.

# FORCED PRISON LABOR

CLARKSDALE, Miss.—Farmers complain that they cannot get cotton pickers so Mayor L. A. Ross has instructed the police to arrest every Negro who refuses to pick for starvation wages and force him to work for any old thing the farmer wants to give him.

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## Smash The Lynching Campaign

One of the most horrible and ghastly lynchings in all the bestial annals of ruling class violence occurred last Thursday in Salisbury, Maryland. Mack Williams, a Negro worker, had offended his boss by daring to protest against his wages being stolen. The slave-driving boss, Daniel J. Elliott, replied by shooting the worker. Although severely wounded the Negro was able to grapple with the murderous boss and in the scuffle the boss was fatally shot.

Because he refused to stand still and be shot to death by the labor exploiter and petty thief, Elliott, the mill bosses and business men organized a mob and, after savagely torturing the wounded Negro, lynched him. The lynching was accompanied, as usual, by a campaign of terror against the entire Negro working class population. The details of the monstrous crime at Salisbury are published elsewhere in the SOUTHERN WORKER.

What must be impressed upon all workers is that the victim of this latest lynching outrage, Mack Williams, was shot and hanged and burned because he dared to protest against a vicious practice of stealing wages from all workers in the box factory, black and white. He died for the entire working class, died defending his fellow workers in the box factory where he worked. The thieving bosses, by their fiendish act of lynching Williams, hope to terrorize all workers so no one will dare again protest against any crime the bosses care to commit against them.

The practice of lynching, which is a ruling class institution in the South (and is frequently resorted to in the North) is not decreasing, as the prostitutes of the Southern Commission for the Study of Lynching have said. On the contrary, lynching is increasing. It is one of the methods used by the ruling class in its efforts to continue to impose starvation and terror upon the whole working class. The lynch ruling class of the South tries in every way to keep the working class divided along color lines, by framing up Negroes on the filthy and lying pretext of "protecting white womanhood." That is the lie being used to try to railroad the Scottsboro boys to the electric chair. That was and is the pretext in the legal lynching attempt against Willie Peterson, before and since the shots from Dent Williams' revolver in the Birmingham courthouse failed to kill him.

only reason the reptile press did not try to claim that the boss, Elliott, died "defending white womanhood" is because there was no woman present to pose as the intended victim. Hence not even the paid liars of the capitalist press could conceal the fact that this latest lynching arose out of a question of Elliott stealing wages from workers in his slave pen that he calls a box factory.

The Negro and white workers at Elliott's factory should reply at once to this outrage against their fellow-worker by organizing and striking to demand decent wages, shorter hours and the immediate abolition of all fines on any pretext whatsoever. In every factory, shop, mine or mill there are many causes for complaint because of bad working conditions, speedup, fines for alleged spoiled work, all sorts of petty rules that force workers to be on the job so many minutes before starting time, etc. They way to begin to fight against such things is by the workers holding a meeting in the place of work, discussing their conditions and electing grievance committees to go to the bosses and demand better treatment. In connection with this work must also proceed the organization of the workers into unions. The grievances in each individual place of work should be connected up with general demands for the given industry, such as a living wage, shorter hours, etc. Questions of when and how to strike should be taken up and definite preparations made for united action.

In many industries in the South the workers are today striving to find some form of organization that will enable them to put up a fight against the bosses. This the bosses know. That is why there is such a vicious drive against us and why lynch violence is increasing. Our reply must be organization and struggle against wage cuts, speedup, lengthening of hours. All workers, black and white, organized and unorganized, employed and unemployed, should be drawn into the fight. Besides the organization in the shops, those workers who are still employed should join hands with the unemployed, help build the Unemployed Councils and fight for immediate winter relief, for full wages for those out of work. In short, the workers in industry can deliver heavy blows against the bosses and their lynch terror by organizing and fighting for elementary demands.

But that alone is not sufficient. There must be the most relentless struggle carried on against lynching and a fight made in the South for free speech, free press, the right to assemble, the right to organize and strike, the right to bear arms against lynch mobs. This fight must be conducted in the industries, on the land among the farmers and croppers, on the streets, in all unions, even the most reactionary American Federation of Labor unions.

In connection with the fight against lynching must also proceed the building up of Workers' Self-Defense Corps on a broad basis in all industries, in the ranks of the unemployed, on the land. These Defense Corps must be able to fight against lynching agitation in the work places, expose and drive out bosses' spies, protect meetings from police or other boss class attacks and defend with all their might any intended victims of lynch mobs. Let the white-livered cowards who band together in lynch mobs know that every lynching attempt will meet with determined resistance on the part of the masses of workers and farmers and we will have gone a long way toward the crushing of this practice.

Lynching can be stopped and must be stopped by the mass power of the workers—white and black.

## MAYOR EVADES HUNGER MEET

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.—A packed hall of young workers and children was the answer to the starvation system of Mayor Lambeth and the Charlotte City Administration at the Youth Hunger Hearing held at the Worker's Hall. An open letter sent to the Mayor and published in the local papers challenging him and his administration to appear and defend themselves against the accusation of starving the unemployed youth of Charlotte and refusing relief, resulted in the Mayor's hurried departure from the city.

The Open Trial, a triumphant success for the young workers, was marked by enthusiasm and an expression of determination to struggle against the existing conditions. The local notorious watch-dog of the Charlotte bosses, Inspector Littlejohn, followed by three other police thugs, sat throughout the entire proceedings attempting to bulldoze the white and Negro workers who, in their testimony, exposed conditions of hunger imposed upon the young workers by the boss class of Charlotte and carried through by the City Government.

A young Negro girl worker testified how, in her neighborhood, the police have started a reign of terror against young Negro workers, arresting and beating them whenever an opportunity shows itself. At this moment a young Negro girl, 14 years of age, a member of the Y.C. L., is held in the boss dungeon for nine days without trial on the word of a white boss man that she had stolen some money from him. They refuse to give her a trial saying that they will hold her incommunicado until she admits the theft.

White children of textile workers testified how they went to school hungry and were forced to do without books because they could not buy any.

Eunice Broadway, eleven years old, daughter of a textile worker, told of her father working 12 hours each day, received only one dollar. She is forced to go without shoes and must go to school often without eating. It is all her father could do to pay rent and buy the few necessities to keep them alive.

Elliott Phillips, young Negro worker, testified how he was turned down by the Associated Charities after being out of work six months, on the excuse of "not married." Ralph Garrett another young Negro worker, stated how he was sent on a job by the Associated Charities to cut cordwood and how after working two ten-hour days, he received a basket of groceries. He can only get two days work a week. Young workers pointed out how the Associated Charities received a haul of \$155,000 from the Community Chest and how not a cent of this is given for actual relief of the unemployed.

At the opening of the trial, Littlejohn and his fellow lickspittles were challenged to substitute for the Mayor in defense of the hunger system of Charlotte, but they kept silent.

The trial, in exposing the miserable conditions of the unemployed youth, also pointed out and convinced every worker in the hall of the great need for struggle against the bosses' system as the only guarantee for securing cash relief. Every one present pledged to support the Hunger March to Washington.

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## Miners' Union Protests Sell-Out Of Lawrence Textile Strikers

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Under the signature of Frank Borich, national secretary of the National Miners' Union, the National Board sent out a resolution "protesting against the outrageous betrayal of the great Lawrence strike by the leaders of the United Textile Workers."

### Saw Betrayal Coming

"It was clear to us from the beginning" declared the National Board, "that the A. F. of L. was waiting for a favorable opportunity to stab the strike in the back. In the coal industry, have had similar bitter experience with the A. F. of L. over a course of years. In our recent great strike of 40,000 against starvation conditions the United Mine Workers affiliated with the A. F. of L., engaged in strike-breaking in the most open and shameless manner. They signed agreements with the companies for scales below those prevailing when the strike began. They recruited scabs from all over the country, the striking miners repudiating them. They were helped openly by the operators, the government, the press, etc., all under the slogan of 'Let's rebuild the U. M. W. of A.'"

### Further Cut Wages

"And after the strike they took the lead in further cutting of wages in collaboration with the bosses. In

West Virginia they signed agreements in Scotts Run, cutting wages from 30 to 22 cents for a ton, which meant far lower rates than paid by any of the adjacent open shop mines.

"The United Textile Workers, affiliated with the A. F. of L., has followed a similar wage cutting course in Lawrence."

The statement of the National Board goes on to show how the reactionary officials of the textile union affiliated with the A. F. of L. follows a similar policy regarding the fight for unemployed insurance.

### Must Fight Labor Fakers

The National Board of the Miners' union says the workers must learn that the leaders of the A. F. of L. are no less our enemies than are the bosses themselves and must be relentlessly fought.

"We miners are building our own union, the National Miners' Union, affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League. The textile workers should build the National Textile Workers' Union and fight for a united front of all the workers in the industry.

"We pledge you our maximum support in the building of your union, the National Textile Workers' Union."

## New Magazine Will Give Lead to Workers in Class Struggle

The contents of the very first issue of the new 32-page "Labor Unity" magazine will almost certainly bring about a wide discussion. For the January number which will be off the press on or about the 15th of December, will contain directive articles by such noted leaders of the revolutionary labor movement as Wm. Z. Foster, Secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, on the lessons and the shortcomings in the Lawrence strike, by Frank Borich, Secretary of the National Miners' Union on the Kentucky situation, by Bill Dunne, on the Boston Longshoremen's strike.

The Steel Trust is preparing right at this moment to make a second wage cut on 1,000,000 steel workers.

The long-planned attack on the wages of the 1,500,000 workers of railroads of the country has been started by the bosses, with the aid of the A. F. of L. and Big Four Brotherhood misleaders. Otto Wangerin, secretary of the National Railroad Industrial League, will write on the railroad industry.

When the new "Labor Unity" magazine goes to press, the National Hunger Marchers will just be ar-

riving home from having placed their demands for cash winter relief and for unemployed insurance, before Congress in Washington. A. W. Miller, national organizer of the National March, will review the preparatory results and shortcomings of the march and the fight for unemployed relief and insurance.

Leaders of the other unions and leagues of the T.U.U.L. will write on the situation in their respective industries.

Leaders of the revolutionary movement will write on the war situation and growing revolutionary spirit of the Latin-American masses and other vital topics.

In addition there will be inspired drawings by Walter Quirt, noted revolutionary artist and pictures of the class struggle.

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## Police Murderer Is Praised by Coroner

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Policeman P. L. Stapp who, on Saturday night, shot and killed Tony Elarby, a Negro worker, was praised by the coroner's (lynch gang) jury, which returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide." This is the 79th killing of Negroes since the two society women were killed in "Lovers' Lane" here by some white plutocrats. Willie Peterson is in jail charged falsely with the murders of the two women.

Policeman Stapp and other policemen reported that Elarby was shot when police raided a house at Twenty-first street and Fourteenth avenue, south. A number of Negroes were visiting at the house and the police decided to break up the gathering, because it might be a meeting dis-

## Rail Workers Fewest In Twenty Years

According to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the number of workers employed on the railroads is the lowest for many years. There are but 1,254,280 employees on all the railroads in the United States. This includes clerical workers, railway telegraphers, dispatchers, telephone operators, and those employed in management, besides the executives, officials, staff assistants, transportation, yard employees, yard masters, maintenance of way workers, etc. The largest number on the railway payrolls was 2,022,832 in 1920.

cussing labor conditions and unemployment. Police charge that a card game was in progress.