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## SIMMS' CASKET HEADS MINERS' MASS MARCH; RALLY IN PROTEST WED. AT BRONX COLISEUM

### Spur Nation-Wide Drive to Collect Signatures for Unemployment Insurance Bill

#### Who Fights for and Who Against the Kentucky- Tennessee Miners?

THE basic fact to be remembered in connection with the organized and murderous capitalist terror in Kentucky and Tennessee is that it is directed against a section of the American working class—and its leadership—which has chosen the way of strike struggle for better conditions with all the hardship, and danger to life and liberty, that this entails, rather than the slow starvation and denial of even the most elementary liberties which is the price asked by the Rockefeller-Morgan-Insull-U. S. Steel capitalists for their peace of death.

The National Miners Union organized the miners for this struggle. The murders—open and secret—the mass jailings, beatings, kidnappings and forcible deportations, the suppression of all political rights for miners and “outsiders” alike, the singling out of the Communist Party for special attacks, furnish the best proof in America today of the truth of Lenin's statement “that the protection of minorities is extended by the ruling party in bourgeois democracy only to the other BOURGEOIS parties, while on all serious, fundamental issues, the working class gets, instead of the ‘protection of minorities,’ martial law and pogroms.” Only the Communist Party brings this truth home to the working class.

The biggest and richest capitalists in America who own decisive mines in Kentucky and Tennessee, aped by the smaller local bosses, have driven the wages of the miners below the level required to maintain a living standard—low as that standard is in these mine areas. Hunger, sickness, starvation and death—affecting more than 75,000 men, women and children—exist in wholesale form in these districts.

Rockefeller, Insull, the Steel Trust, the local coal capitalists, backed by city, county, state and national government, supported by preachers, newspapers, and the hundred and one “social and educational” organizations of capitalism, are defending by armed force and murder their right to starve men, women and children of the working class as an alternative to paying living wages and supporting the unemployed through taxes on their vast wealth derived from the low-paid labor of the working class.

This is the issue in Kentucky and Tennessee. “Federal investigation” will not alter this condition. It will be used, if at all, only to create illusions of “impartiality” of capitalist government. The local henchmen of the coal operators who are raising the issues of religion, patriotism, “foreign agitators,” “American institutions,” etc.—especially the business men of the chambers of commerce, the preachers of the various denominations, the strike-breaking American Legion, the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs—the whole kit and boodle of agents, thugs and hangers-on of the big capitalists, are fighting the battles of the billion-dollar robbers against the hungry and heroic miners and their families.

The Communist Party and its working class supporters fight for the miners and their families. This it is necessary to make still clearer to the miners of Kentucky and Tennessee, to the workers of the entire south and the whole American working class.

The biggest capitalists in America have mobilized all forces to maintain their power to rob and rule the miners of Kentucky and Tennessee as they see fit. They are mobilizing for similar attacks against the rest of the working class.

There was terror in the previous strike when the miners were betrayed by the officials of the United Mine Workers. But this terror was directed only against the miners and not against the leading officials of the UMWA. There was no terror against the democrat or republican or socialist party—to one or the other of which they belong or support. The miners fought without support from outside the strike area—the UMWA officials saw to that.

No class issues were raised in the previous strike. It was crushed. It was fought on a purely local basis. Morgan, Rockefeller, Insull, et al. were not disturbed. Their responsibility, and that of their government, was not exposed.

The miners are fighting with a heroism never excelled in a class battle in the United States. Their struggle is that of every worker in America. It is a fight against the capitalists and their government responsible for the mass unemployment, mass hunger and misery into which they have plunged the entire working class of the United States.

To defeat the class enemies of the Kentucky-Tennessee miners, who are the enemies of the entire working class, to free the strikers and organizers now in jail and threatened with lynching openly by county officials of the coal operators, it is necessary to organize nation-wide mass protest—and action.

Relief and defense—the strengthening of the strike front in Kentucky and Tennessee, these are the immediate tasks. Hand in hand with them must go the organization of a mighty campaign against the growing legalized suppression of and fascist terror against workers and their leaders, Negro and white, fighting for the right to live, for life and liberty. This is the issue in the struggle in Kentucky and Tennessee.

#### Bronx Rent Strike Wins An Overwhelming Victory

NEW YORK.—After three turbulent weeks, the rent strike of the tenants of 665 Allerton Ave., Bronx, has ended with an overwhelming victory for the workers. The strike was marked by terrific clashes between the workers and swarms of police who came to the assistance of Osnoff the socialist landlord. Thousands of workers participated in the battles. But the organized militancy of the workers, led by the Mid-Bronx Unemployed Council, won against the brutal forces of the landlord and the state machine.

A list of the demands won by the workers tell better than anything how completely crushed is the landlord:

1. One dollar rent reduction for each room;
2. Cancellation of all back rent;
3. Reinstatement of all 15 families evicted and payment to them of all moving charges and for damages done through the

eviction; 4. Rent to start from March 1st; 5. Renovation of all rooms stipulated by Tenants Committee; 6. \$125 to be paid to Tenants Committee for its expenditures during the strike; 7. Squashing of all cases now pending against the tenants; 8. Installation of new stoves in the apartments; 9. Installation of telephones in the halls; 10. Settlement of all matters concerning the tenants and the landlord with their elected Tenants Committee.

The city officials and the Real Estate Board fearing the spreading of rent strikes throughout the city following a victory, offered Osnoff all their power to crush the strike.

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#### AIM TO GET MILLIONS OF SIGNATURES

Connected With All  
Struggles for Job-  
less Insurance

Hit LaFollette Sham

Launching a nation-wide campaign to obtain millions of signatures for the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill, the National Committee of the Unemployed Councils has issued the following call:

“The Unemployed Councils of the U. S. launched a campaign to secure millions of individual signatures and thousands of collective endorsements for the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill, which provides for unemployment and social insurance equal to full wages, at the expense of the government and employers, for all workers, regardless of race, nationality, age or sex who are unemployed through no fault of their own.”

This bill was adopted by the National Hunger March composed of 1,670 delegates representing scores of thousands of workers in all parts of the United States. It has since been further endorsed by hundreds of thousands of workers at mass meetings and demonstrations. A mass delegation, representing every section of the working class, every important industry, all possible states and organizations, will again carry this demand to Washington and present it to Congress on May 9th.

“Only the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill provides for the preservation of the living standards of the working class. Only this bill provides a system of insurance that is consistent with the needs and rights of the great masses of toilers who have produced the immense wealth of this country. Only this Bill is a workers' bill. All other so-called unemployment insurance proposals are based on the theory and practice of the ruling class, which attempts to make the workers carry the burden of the capitalist crisis and consequent mass unemployment.”

“Developments since the National Hunger March provide additional proof of the imperative need for a system of Unemployment Insurance such as is proposed in the Workers' Bill. The army of unemployed continues to grow. Even the agents of the bankers and manufacturing corporations and of the government

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#### Masses Force Iowa Mayor to Sign Jobless Insurance Bill

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 14.—Due to the mass pressure exerted by the unemployed workers of Sioux City, Iowa, Mayor Hayes, the arch demagogue, who has been feeding the unemployed on soft promises and stager system city “jobs”, was forced to sign the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill Petition. Mayor Hayes, in signing the bill says that “he was against the dole”, but that he was “sorry” for the poor unemployed workers. The bill was not only signed, but the endorsement was telegraphed to President Hoover.

The Sioux City workers are organizing more and more in their struggle for Unemployment Insurance and against the fakery of such demagogues as Hayes and the rest of the political plunderers of Sioux City.

#### February 4th Demonstration Forces \$500,000 Relief

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The mass campaign organized by the Unemployed Councils for relief, which was speeded up by the February 4 demonstration, forced the city administration to vote a \$500,000 appropriation for unemployment relief.

Although this is a victory for the workers, it is far from enough to care for the 70,000 unemployed; the demand of the Unemployed Council was for an emergency appropriation of five million dollars to cover minimum needs. The actual appropriation is only one-tenth of that, and the workers will have to continue the struggle to get adequate relief.

## READERS!

Only by the most desperate measures were we able to get out any Daily Worker today—two pages today—but what will happen tomorrow?

Workers, you alone can answer this question! Only \$598.41 came in Saturday making a total of \$1731.

We must have the needed \$7,500 to keep the Daily Worker alive. Whole sections of the workingclass in struggle against hunger—terror and war depend upon the Daily Worker for leadership and guidance. Suspension is unthinkable.

Every struggle of the workingclass calls you to action to save the Daily Worker.

Rush funds in person or wire them to the Daily Worker—50 East 13th St., New York City.

DAILY WORKER MGT. COMMITTEE.

#### Japan Plans New Blood Bath In Shanghai to Suppress Mass Movement

Imperialists Fear Shanghai Masses Turning  
Red; Expect Hankow to Fall to Red Army

In Shanghai, the United States, British and French imperialists have been erecting barbed wire barricades and machine gun nests during the past week in fear of a threatened armed uprising of the workers of that city, under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party. The Japanese naval and military commanders at Shanghai are alarmed over the situation. At the same time they are attempting to exploit it to force concessions from the other imperialist powers by putting Japan forward as the “barrier” against the rising

Communist riots or attempts at uprising. The Japanese General Uyeda who

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#### FRAME 2 METAL WORKERS IN THE DURABLE STRIKE

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Feb. 14.—Jack Scaglione and Carl Corno, two young strikers of the Durable Tool and Die Co., were railroaded for fifteen days to the workhouse after a farcical trial on Saturday. They were arrested Friday evening while walking along Third Avenue. A group of scabs who had attacked them earlier in the day on the picket line with wrenches and heavy tools pointed them out to the cops and had them framed up on the charge of simple assault.

The bosses, hand in hand with the Tammany police, are using these tactics in an effort to terrorize the 90 metal workers who are in the third week of their militant strike against a lockout. Efforts have been made by the boss to frame other strikers.

On Wednesday there will be hearing on an injunction the boss is trying to secure in order to break the strike. Prior to this he had obtained a court order prohibiting picketing. In spite of this and the terrorism picketing is carried on daily. Any working-class organization that can assist in opening a relief kitchen for the strikers is asked to get in touch with the Relief Committee at 350 Grand Street. Workers are asked to back the strike by being on the picketline in front of the shop 254 Central St.

Red Builders, help get subscriptions.

#### Plan Big Push in Scottsboro Campaign Week of Feb. 17-24

NEW YORK.—Calling on the working class to flood the Alabama Supreme Court with protests against the lynch verdicts against the innocent Scottsboro Negro boys, the International Labor Defense has set aside the week of February 17 to 24 for the intensification of its work among the Negro masses.

In directives just sent to the I.L.D. districts, the national office points out that the week of February 17 to 25 must be a new high point in the fight to smash the lynching frame-up against the Scottsboro boys.

“Preparations for this week must begin at once,” the directives state. “During the week, there must begin a wide house-to-house

canvassing, with distribution of literature, circulation of the Special Negro (February) issue of the Labor Defender, recruiting of new members, especially Negroes, build of the United Front Scottsboro Committees, preparation for conferences with a wide campaign for new affiliations by the raising of the Scottsboro issue in all possible organizations. The week must be marked with a sharpening of the struggle against all manifestations of white chauvinism.”

Nation-wide demonstrations are to be held on February 23 and 24. These demonstrations must raise the demand for the release of Tom Mooney and the Scottsboro boys.

#### VIRTUAL MARTIAL LAW PREVAILS THRU WHOLE STRIKE AREA; RAID HOMES

Criminal Syndicalist Warrants Out for Entire  
Strike Leadership

Workers! Support the Heroic Ky. Strikers!  
Send Relief! Protest Against the Rockefeller-Insull Terror!

NEW YORK.—A mass memorial demonstration will take place at Bronx Coliseum on Wednesday, February 17, at 7 p.m. sharp, under the auspices of the Communist Party and Young Communist League, in honor of Harry Simms, organizer of the National Miners Union and member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League, who was murdered by thugs in the employ of Kentucky coal operators.

The body of Simms will arrive in New York on Wednesday and will lie in state at the Workers Center, 25 E. 12th St., from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All revolutionary workers should meet the body at the Pennsylvania station, 31st St. and Seventh Ave., Wednesday morning at 6:35 a.m. The Young Communist League will be in charge.

Workers! Turn out in mass to this mass memorial meeting. Working class organizations should denounce in unmistakable terms the murderous terror of the Rockefeller-Morgan-Insull thugs together with the State and county authorities of Kentucky against the miners of Kentucky. Fill Bronx Coliseum! Bring your shopmates and fellow-workers!

#### Telegram from the Strike Area

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 14.—Murderous terror in Bell County continues and now exceeds the worst that bloody John Henry Blair could manufacture in Harlan with his 450 breast plated army of professional murderers. Late Saturday night Jeff Franz, a member of strike executive, narrowly escaped death when Bell County gun thugs showered a rain of machine gun bullets on his car near Mathell. Bullets tore through his car and shattered his windshield but he was untouched. Sheriff Broughton has issued criminal syndicalism warrants for every leading striker as well as for the entire strike executive. The most capable strike leaders have had criminal syndicalism warrants issued against them by several counties. One local strike leader has four warrants against him, another six. Virtual martial law prevails in the entire strike area with carloads of gun thugs patrolling all roads looking for strike leaders. Miners' homes are being raided and their wives terrorized.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 14.—Not content with murdering young strike organizer, operators and their agents made plans to steal the body of Simms and desecrate it to prevent miners from holding mass memorial demonstration. Strikers learned of the plot in time, however, and warned Barbourville police they were prepared to guard the body of their fallen comrade at any cost. Barbourville police then placed guard of fascist American Legionnaires over body but yesterday large delegation of miners went to undertakers' establishment and told Legionnaires they had come to take their rightful posts as guard of honor over body of their dead strike leader. Legionnaires realizing that masses of miners backed up demand of delegation, turned over the body.

The danger is great that operators will attempt to crush memorial demonstration with a huge force of gun thugs. The Barbourville police chief has already announced that he would permit no demonstrations to be held and county prosecutor “advised” Tom Johnson, NMU national organizer, in a telephone conversation not to “allow” miners to attend memorial.

After the memorial meeting the entire demonstration will march to the railroad terminal with the body and place it on a train for New York where the funeral will be held Wednesday. A guard of honor including Joe Weber, strike leader, who was kidnapped and flogged by gun thugs, will accompany Simms' body to New York.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 14.—The murder of Harry Simms, youth organizer of the National Miners Union, whose broken and bleeding body the operators have flung into the faces of the Kentucky and Tennessee miners as an answer to their heroic strike for a living wage, will be commemorated Monday by thousands of working as well as striking miners at a mass memorial meeting that will be held in Barbourville, Ky., near where the young strike leader was fatally wounded last Wednesday.

The miners have themselves decided that the memorial meeting will not be an occasion for weep but instead will be a ringing answer to be murderous operators and their starvation rule which in the course of the last few months has resulted in the killing, kidnapping, flogging and jailing of strikers and their leaders, and the dynamiting of Workers International Relief soup kitchens and the destruction and robbery of food and clothing which had been sent to the strikers from workers all over the country.

Hundreds of working miners in the 90-mile strike area have informed strikers they will stop work to attend the memorial meeting of Simms who was known and loved throughout the entire strike zone.

The miners who work in Bryson

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