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STOP ALABAMA MURDER DRIVE AGAINST NEGROES!

NEWS FLASH FROM ALABAMA

White Croppers Shield Hunted Negroes

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 20.—Among the eleven croppers arrested already (late afternoon) after the Natusulga battle are Andrew Cobb, Emmet Wood and Charles Moss. These three are in Macon County jail at Tuskegee.

Two out of the three held in Elmore County jail at Wetumpka are missing and probably have been murdered.

Clifford James, a croppers' union leader, is seriously wounded but has evaded capture up to now. Judson Simpson, who was shot and nearly killed in his cabin, is now reported being hidden by white share croppers.

Jim McMullen was killed inside the James cabin, where the deputies started the fight. His 12-year-old son was wounded.

In spite of the sheriff's attempt to blame the croppers for opening fire and their declaration that they have records showing the supplying of arms to the union members, even the lying reports of the deputies show that the croppers massed in the James cabin acted in heroic self-defense of their lives.

The sheriffs now refuse information to newspaper reporters and photographers on the scene.

Sheriff Young of Tallapoosa County refuses to make a statement to the press, but threatens mass arrests and massacre of the Negro share croppers.

One of the most significant things in this whole affair is the splendid solidarity shown by the white farmers, who defend and keep hidden the Negro farmers in hiding, even according to reports in the capitalist press.

It took all the deputies of five counties to make up the armed posse because the poor white farmers refused to be deputized or join in the lynch gang.

There is a widespread attack on the Communist Party in the newspapers of the South. Headlines scream for more terror and for the arrest of leaders of the workers. The press howls that a race riot is in progress.

A big mass protest movement is under way against the terror created by city, county, state and federal government forces.

AFTER WHOLE FAMILIES TOIL, ALABAMA LANDLORD STEALS THEIR COTTON



Both Negro and white share croppers are exploited. Here is a white farmer in Alabama, who got 30 cents a hundred pounds for picking cotton, and was told by his landlord that he had picked only 100 pounds a day. That's 30 cents a day, when the landlord keeps the books!



Tiny Negro girl, who has to labor ten or eleven hours a day chopping cotton in Alabama. The whole family has to work under the savage exploitation system of the Southern landlords, who now massacre these share croppers because they demanded the right to sell their own cotton.



Shacks like these take the place of the old slave barracks, and are cheaper. Many Alabama Negro share croppers have to live in wretched shanties like this, built of old fragments from the junk pile. The white landlord still has his pillared colonial mansion.



Negro share croppers waiting for their white planters' cotton, which they have picked, to be ginned. They get 25 to 40 cents a hundred pounds, and the most they can pick in a day is about 200 pounds. Usually they are swindled out of the larger share, even of that.

3 DEAD, MANY WOUNDED AS NEGROES RESIST MURDEROUS TERROR OF POLICE AND LANDLORDS IN "BLACK BELT"

Pitched Battle Occurs Near Camp Hill When Southern Bosses Launch Savage Drive to Wipe Out Share Croppers' Union and Its Leaders

Four Sheriffs Wounded; Gov. Miller Threatens Militia; Lynch Poses Recruited from Adjoining Counties as Tallapoosa White Croppers Refuse to Attack Negroes

The white and Negro workers of the South have already begun a flood of protests against the organized terror now raging in Alabama. The workers and farmers of the North, Negro and white, the intellectuals and all elements opposed to lynching, organized massacres and the national oppression of the Negro people must rally to the support of the share croppers. Rush protests! Organize mass meetings and demonstrations! Pass resolutions in your shops, in your organizations! Send telegrams to Sheriff Young at Dadeville, Alabama and Governor Miller at Montgomery, Ala.

SCOTTSBORO PART OF BOSS TERROR

I.L.D. Head Calls for Giant Campaign

YUMA, Ariz.—An armed mob of rich farmers stormed the jail here in an attempt to lynch Curtis Crisp, 26-year old Negro farm hand, held with his father and brother on a charge of killing a white farmer, following the latter's refusal to pay them their wages.

NEW YORK.—The savage terror unleashed by Alabama landlords and police on Monday against the Negro share croppers and their union arises out of the same conditions as the hideous lynch verdicts against the innocent Scottsboro boys, William L. Patterson, general secretary of the International Labor Defense, pointed out yesterday.

Monstrous National Oppression. "These conditions," Patterson continued, "are the monstrous national oppression of the Negro majorities in the Black Belt, the wholesale robbery of the croppers by the landlords through a system of crooked book-keeping, and the use of the courts to hold the Negroes in debt slavery and on the chain gangs for hiring out to white landlords and for exploitation by the county authorities for forced labor in the building of roads, etc."

"The Scottsboro frame-up and the present murderous terror against the croppers show clearly the increasing use by the landlords and bankers of their police and courts in the attempt to crush the rising militancy of the Negroes, back their struggles against starvation and block the growing unity of white and Negro workers, croppers and poor farmers in the struggles for relief."

Mighty Protest Needed. "The white and Negro toilers of the whole country, and all others opposed to lynching, must rally to do more than ever for a mighty protest movement by sending protest telegrams to Gov. Miller of Alabama, at Montgomery, Ala., to Sheriff Young at Dadeville, Ala., demanding a stop to the terror, demanding the release of the arrested croppers."

"We must back up these demands by further development of the world-wide fight for the Scottsboro boys and the national liberation of the Negro people. On with the fight against lynching! Support the heroic struggles of the toiling Negro masses! For the immediate, unconditional release of the Scottsboro victims and the arrested croppers! For unconditional equality for the Negro people throughout the whole country! For self-determination for the Black Belt!"

Demands of the Sharecroppers' Union in Ala.

1. The right of the cropper to sell his own cotton.
2. No forced pooling of cotton (giving up cotton to the landlord).
3. Cancellation of debts.
4. No evictions of croppers from the land.
5. No congestion of live stock.
6. A minimum price of 10 cents per pound for cotton.
7. Free bus transportation to and from school for the children.

SECOND DRIVE TO KILL CROPPERS

Tallasse and Camp Hill Battles

CAMP HILL, Ala., Dec. 20.—The murderous attack on the Negro share croppers in Tallasse, Ala., was the second major blood bath of the Negro masses there. The first attack took place in Camp Hill, Ala. The shots which were fired in the murderous raid led by Sheriff Young on a meeting of the Croppers Union of Camp Hill in July, 1931, and which killed a militant Negro share-cropper, Ralph Gray, not only focused the attention of the toilers in this country to the horrible persecution and exploitation prevailing in the South, but proclaimed at the same time the birth of a united struggle of Negro and white croppers against the landlord-capitalist regime.

55,000 Negro cabins in the South deserted since last year give mute testimony to the combined effect of deepening depression, the catastrophic decline in the price of cotton and the plunderous and ruthless

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MASS ANGER SWEEPS SOUTH

White, Negro Workers in Mighty Protest

(Special Wire to Daily Worker)
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 20.—Negro croppers in the heart of Alabama's "Black Belt" heroically defended themselves on Monday against an organized bloody terror launched by Alabama landlords and their police in an attempt to break up the Share Croppers Union, which has been organizing the efforts of the croppers to improve their conditions.

Three leaders of the Negro croppers were killed by sheriff lynch gangs, and several mortally wounded, including a member of the Communist Party. The landlord press admits that at least four of the sheriffs and possemen were wounded, two seriously. That press is now engaged in a rabid campaign of lynch incitement against the Negroes.

First Blow Against Leader of Share Croppers. The landlords directed the first blow of their new terror drive against Cliff James, Negro cropper and leader of the Share Croppers Union in Natusulga, Tallapoosa County. Natusulga is only a few miles from Camp Hill where in July, 1931, landlords and their police shot up a meeting of the union.

Monday's attack by the landlords and their police was opened when armed deputies visited the cabin of Cliff James and attempted to seize his mule and cow. They pointed their guns threateningly at James, but were driven off by other croppers who at once rallied to the defense of their leader.

The deputies later returned with a lynch gang at their backs and opened fire on the croppers. These lynch gangs had to be recruited from adjoining counties because of the strong sympathies of the local white croppers with the struggles of the Negroes.

By this time, 150 croppers had gathered in the cotton patch around James' cabin and a pitched battle ensued, with the Negroes heroically resisting the landlord-police terror. In addition to the croppers reported killed and wounded, six of their leaders have been arrested and are threatened with lynching. Lynch gangs, organized and led by landlords and sheriffs are hunting down the croppers with the possibility that many more have since been killed.

Heart of Struggle Area. The terror is taking place in the heart of the croppers struggle in Tallapoosa, Macon, Lee, Chambers, Montgomery and Elmore counties. It comes on the heels of a partial victory wrested from the landlords by the union for the right of the croppers to sell their own cotton. The attack is aimed at crushing the union and is directed against both the Share Croppers Union and the Communist Party, which supports the struggles of the Negro croppers.

The boss press in Birmingham and throughout the "Black Belt" is calling for a mass lynching against the Negroes, already terming the tremendous struggle a "race riot." All the reactionary forces are their reformist tools who defended the lynch verdicts against the innocent Scottsboro boys and the Camp Hill attack on the croppers are rallying to the support of the terror.

Premeditated Attack. The organized, premeditated character of the landlord-police terror is shown by (1) the fact that the local leader of the Share Croppers Union was picked out for the first attack; (2) by the preliminary organization

FORCED LABOR IN NEWARK, N. J.

No Wages Paid 4,000 Snow Shovelers

BULLETIN.
LONDON, England, Dec. 20.—Three hundred police charged a big crowd of London unemployed workers going with the National Hunger March committee to present to parliament a list of a million names signed to a protest against cutting the dole. The crowd was broken up, but the delegation entered the Houses of Parliament, where cabinet officials told them to "write it and send it in."

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 20.—"Trade Blisters for Stew" says a jeering caption over a picture in a capitalist paper here. The picture shows unemployed workers of the bread line and municipal lodging house shoved into the work of cleaning up the snow.

This is not voluntary labor; it is forced labor. It is not paid for in wages. Mayor Jerome T. Conington announced yesterday that all 4,000 of the unemployed on the city's poor list would have to do the work, in return for carrots and cabbages and what little other food they get from the city.

Lie to Jobs. The first several hundred workers from the Municipal Lodging House who were put on this forced labor Sunday, found that they were not even given any extra food in return for the hard, cold labor, nor any extra clothing. They stood for hours, shoveling madly, in shoes through the worn soles and cracks of which icy water soaked. They froze their hands and face, and got only a cup of coffee for their lunch.

To quiet the murmers of discontent, the authorities promised them "a big feed" when they would finish the day's toil and return to the lodging house. But they were swindled even out of this. They got the usual coffee and stale roll.

The weekly basket of food distributed instead of wages to heads of families doing this forced labor, is worth, even at retail prices, only 93 cents.

The Unemployed Council is rallying workers for a struggle against forced labor, demanding full wages. The pay in New York across the river from Newark, is \$6 for a twelve hour shift.

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Alabama Negro Farmers Tell of Conditions Causing Struggle

No Food, Clothes for the Negro Share Croppers

Landlords Work Whole Families and Take Away Entire Crop

(By a Farmer Correspondent.)
NOTASULGA, Ala.—Here where I am in is in the heart of the Black Belt. I write you this to tell you about the conditions we get here. We are being treated worse than dogs. The landlords whose places we stay on want us to work for them for nothing.

If they do happen to pay us something for our work they want us to take it and buy food, when it is their business to furnish us with food.

The landlords have half-furnished us all this year. When I go to them for food I know they have it in the house, but they won't give it to me. By the time they get ready to give it to me there will not be any need for it.

When I started in they put everything I got on my book. But now we can't get them to tell us how much we owe.

About our part of the crop—they are going to take everything we make this year. This leaves us bare-footed, naked and hungry.

My wife has been doing washing for them this year, but they won't pay her. They want her to take old clothes and a little left-over food for pay.

We haven't had sufficient clothes and shoes to wear to church this year. When I went to church I would borrow other peoples' clothes to wear.

When we go to them for our pay they say they have no money. Then they will go to town on the same day and get their children new suits of clothes and all sorts of things they need.

They even make me send my little children to work for them and they give them a little sugar to pay for working a whole day.

All we have to eat is lard and flour and we have a hard time trying to get that.

(See page 3 for additional letters.)

1,500 MINERS STRIKE

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 20.—Working miners, 1,500 of them, joined hands with the unemployed of this city today by declaring a strike and closing down its five mines, until the authorities increase relief allowances for the whole community. The same has occurred at Reserve, a nearby town.

The miners said that they, while unemployed, had not received enough food to keep them in proper condition for work underground.

Maine Delegate Reports

PORTLAND, Maine, Dec. 20.—Delegate Halper from this city on the National Hunger March, reported to mass meetings called by the International Labor Defense, Tuesday, and to one called by the Friends of the Soviet Union Thursday.

The white landlords and capitalists of Alabama and other parts of the South who live on the double exploitation of Negro toilers are already celebrating the election of Roosevelt, whose backbone support they represented, through bloody attacks and expropriations of the Negro tenants, share-croppers and farm laborers. President-elect Roosevelt, President Hoover and the whole federal government are responsible for this brutal attack. The masses will hold the "liberal" Roosevelt and President Hoover responsible for this attack.

White sharecroppers and tenants are also being starved and robbed by the white landlords and capitalists. But these robbers, in order to

FAKE U. S. MOVE IN S. AMERICA

Ban on Munitions After Puppet Is Armed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The United States government is planning a fake move to stop the shipment of munitions to the scene of the undeclared Bolivian-Paraguayan war. President Hoover is already drawing up a message to Congress along these lines.

The American government is making this move to fool the masses into believing it really wants peace after the Bolivia-Paraguay war has been going on for more than a half year, during which time the U. S. has provided its puppet, Bolivia, with sufficient arms to start a sharp offensive against Paraguay, which is controlled by British imperialism.

Simultaneous with this announcement, comes the news from Chile that 500 more tons of munitions, undoubtedly of American manufacture, have just been transported to Bolivia.

Hoover's message will propose, according to capitalist press reports, an embargo on arms shipments "to any country regarded as a possible or actual threat to international peace." This means that it will be possible to continue shipments to any country that Wall Street is interested in supporting since it will always be the other country that is "a possible or actual threat to international peace."

Anti-War Congress to Fight Imperialists

But the growing sentiment of the working masses and intellectuals of Latin America for a determined struggle against these wars instigated and supported by the imperialists is expressing itself in the preparations now being made for a united front Anti-War Congress, to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, Feb. 28, 1933.

Daily Worker Alone Publishes Facts on Conflicts in South

The mighty struggles raging in the South show that the lynch and chain-gang rule is being increasingly challenged! Events are unfolding that the capitalist press DARE NOT REPORT because the very facts will spur other oppressed workers and farmers on to challenge their exploiters. Only the DAILY WORKER prints the facts on these developments. Only the DAILY WORKER will carry special reports on the developments in Alabama and the spread of the struggle in the South. Demand the DAILY WORKER from your newsdealer. Subscribe to the DAILY WORKER.

White Landlords in Black Belt Lie to Cheat Negro Croppers

(By a Farmer Correspondent.)
NOTASULGA, Ala.—I am here on Mr. —'s place. I gave him a note of \$60 for rent for the place, and he was to see that I was backed up to market the crop. He made me give him a lot of my farm and then he came back later and said he couldn't help me a bit but he still kept my note for \$60.

Early in the year he rented my pasture to a Northern man, and put ten cows in and paid me 50 cents a month a head. When the landlord found out about it he made the man take the cattle out and I had to make good again all that I was paid. Please tell me what to do.

Last year he sold my cotton and most of the seed. I don't know what it brought, but he claimed I owed him \$400 after all that. And I still owed the \$60 rent. He promised to get planting seed for me but I had to get my own planting seed.

Landlord Makes Cropper Leave Cow for Rent in Moving

(By a Farmer Correspondent.)
NOTASULGA, Ala.—We are organizing in the Share Croppers Union. The bosses are doing their best to stop us.

There is one worker here, the boss is trying to make him move and leave his cow for rent on the house. Is there anything we can do about fighting this?

JAIL 184 IN ARGENTINE

BUENOS AIRES, Argentine Republic, Dec. 20.—Martial law is declared throughout the country and the government has arrested so far 184 persons, charging them with complicity in the Iroguyen plot.

Stop Reign of Terror Against Alabama Negroes!

(Statement of Central Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A.)

A REIGN of mass murder and terror has broken out in full force in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, deliberately organized by the ruling class of white landlords, bankers and capitalists against the sharecroppers, tenants and farm laborers.

Already three deaths of Negro sharecroppers are reported, and armed gangs headed by landlords deputized by the sheriff of Tallapoosa County are now hunting down and shooting at sight every Negro sharecropper encountered.

Mules, cows, and farming implements belonging to Negro tenants have been seized by white landlords and other mortgage holders. The Negro farmers are being driven out of their homes into the winter weather and the sheriff's gang is dealing out death as the penalty of refusal of any Negro to give up all he possesses. "Take your family, but leave your mule and cow, and get out!" is the wholesale decree of the white landlord skinflint to the Negro tenant farmers. Cattle, plows, wagons, household furniture, and remainders of the crops are being stolen by force from the sharecroppers and tenants behind the screen of the reign of terror.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE

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White sharecroppers and tenants are also being starved and robbed by the white landlords and capitalists. But these robbers, in order to

divide the "white sharecroppers from the Negro sharecroppers and to prevent the unity of white and black farmers which would defeat this robbery, are trying to incite the white sharecroppers and farmers to begin a "race war" against the Negroes.

ACCUSE WHITE RULING CLASS OF ALABAMA

The Communist Party accuses the white ruling class of Alabama, who exploit the white and Negro tenants and share croppers, of deliberately instigating this campaign of semi-civil war against the Negro masses! We accuse that parasite class of attempting to cover up its own crimes and the sordid motive of robbery, by stirring up a "race war" by inciting the white tenants and sharecroppers against the Negro sharecroppers and tenants with lying stories about "Red plots."

At the same time, by their attacks on the mass actions of the Negro masses and by their efforts to undermine the mass support for the Scottsboro defense, the corrupt misleaders of such organizations as the so-called National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, have deliberately prepared the way for this crime against the Negroes by calling upon the wealthy white ruling class to suppress the efforts of the starving Negro sharecroppers to organize!

CONTINUATION OF CAMP HILL ATTACK

This terror campaign, which bursts out today again in full flame, is a continuation of the murderous activities of the Alabama ruling class that were begun many months ago and which includes the murderous attack of the sheriff upon the Negro Sharecroppers Union meeting at

Camp Hill, Alabama, and the murder of the Negro farmer, Ralph Gray. This same terror campaign is the result of the landlords' effort to plunder the working farmers, both black and white, in the present hard times when the price of cotton is down to six cents a pound, hardly more than half the cost of raising it. The white landlords, bankers and merchants seek to save their own pockets by plundering those who labor to make the cotton crop.

This same terror campaign, which the Alabama ruling class tries to transform into a "race" question between their white victims and their Negro victims, is the cause behind the frame-up and sentence to death of nine innocent Negro boys at Scottsboro, Alabama.

This terror campaign is an attack against the whole of the working and farming classes of the United States, no matter what the color of their skin and no matter where they may labor in poverty to make wealth for an idle parasite class.

ANSWER THIS ATTACK

White workers, black workers, white farmers, black farmers—the Communist Party of the United States calls upon you to understand your own interests and to rally together to support your class brothers who are now faced with the beginnings of a war of extermination in Tallapoosa County, Alabama! Protest! Organize demonstrations and mass meetings in support of your Alabama brothers! Send your protests by wire immediately to the governor of Alabama and to the sheriff of Tallapoosa County! To President-elect Roosevelt at Warm Springs, Ga., to President Hoover at Washington!

Especially to the working farmers, both white and colored, of Lee, Chambers, Macon and other counties, joining Tallapoosa County, the

In the Day's News

STALIN IS 53 YEARS OLD
MOSCOW, U. S. R., Dec. 20.—Joseph Stalin, Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, is 53 years old today. There is no public celebration, though working class organizations have passed resolutions of good wishes.

MARCHERS REACH KANSAS CITY
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 20.—The 75 delegates left in Columbus 2 and 3 of the National Hunger March arrived here yesterday and leave for Denver today. They had forced authorities of Columbia, Mo., to provide them with 50 gallons of gasoline. Workers provided them with beds in hotels last night, the first time they had slept in bed for weeks.

YEN LEAVING FOR MOSCOW
GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 20.—Dr. W. Yen, announced as the Chinese Ambassador to the Soviet Union, is preparing to leave for Moscow. He was head of the Chinese delegation to the League of Nations' hearing on Manchuria.

ADJOURN MANCHURIA HEARING
GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 20.—The League of Nations committee on Manchuria adjourned today, announcing that it "could not arrive at a decision." No action was taken on a previous motion to invite the United States and the Soviet Union to sit in on a conciliation body. Sir Eric Drummond, secretary of the League of Nations, and a committee of five keep up the pretense of "conciliation." Meanwhile Japan keeps Manchuria.

ALBERTA FARMERS MARCH
EDMONTON, Alberta, Canada, Dec. 20.—Hundreds of farmers, first organized by unemployed coal miners, have started their march on the provincial parliament to demand relief. It is expected 3,000 will join in. The police threaten to attack.

MORE FARMERS; MORE TAX SALES
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The Department of Agriculture figures show that so many unemployed workers have fled back to the farm that the farm population now numbers 31,504,000, nearly up to the high point of 1910.

At the same time word was received that about 7,000,000 acres of farm land in South Dakota was being sold today for unpaid taxes, which shows that it was not prosperity that increased the farm population.

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FARMERS FIGHT ALABAMA TERROR

Appeal for Defense of Croppers Union

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—A sharp protest against the provocative attack by a sheriff's posse on the leaders of the Alabama Share Croppers' Union has been issued by Lem Harris, national secretary of the Farmers' National Relief Conference of 250 delegates elected by some 25,000 farmers. The statement appeals to the workers and farmers of this country for defense of the Alabama farmers and to demand of the Alabama authorities that the attacks be immediately stopped.

The statement declares in part: "This union, consisting mostly of Negro farmers, sent a delegation to the Farmers' National Relief Conference in Washington, and became affiliated with it.

"Their basis of organization is the right to market their own cotton, and to receive cash for their products instead of credit at a certain store.

Try to Destroy Union.

"By the circumstances under which this attack has been made," continues this statement, "make it clear that when the sheriff's posse came to seize the cropper's cow and mule, they were really planning a provocation which would result in the destruction of the Negro Farmers' organization.

"The posse fired upon the Negro croppers who were present, killing three. Their fire was returned and some of the whites were killed or wounded."

Praise Solidarity.

The statement concludes by praising the action of the white neighbors of the Negro croppers, who refused to join the sheriff and posse.

Negro Worker Dies in Empty Building of Cold and Starvation

Get Union Recognition, Wage Increases

NEW YORK.—The workers of the West Side Unemployed Council who form the committee of action in the abandoned slaughterhouse on 39th St., near 11th Ave., found one of their members dead today in an obscure room on one of the floors of the building.

He is a Negro worker known only to the rest as "Bartone," so-called because his singing was one of the few bright things in his lives.

They had notice his absence for several days, but did not imagine that there was anything serious in it. Possibly he had gotten a few days work. They knew, however he had been ill.

A member of the committee walked through the building today looking for a more protected room. They all sleep in rooms that are partly exposed to the elements. He entered a room that no one had noticed before. On a filthy cot lay "Bartone." He evidently had been too ill to call for help.

These workers have been organized a short time and their militancy forced commissioner Taylor to promise them an empty building in a few days. This was last Thursday.

The West Side Unemployed Council will claim the body and arrange a mass funeral. They are trying to locate a sister who is supposed to live in Harlem. "Bartone" had worked in Washington Market for some years.

VICTORY WON BY ITALIAN BAKERS

Get Union Recognition, Wage Increases

NEW YORK.—The third victory in the past month was scored by the Italian section of the Bakery Workers' Industrial Union when the S. Romanello French Bakery at 816 Eighth Avenue, was forced to sign a contract with the union granting union condition and the eight hour day. Wage increases of \$12 a week for third bakers and \$8 a week for second bakers were also won.

This victory was made possible as a result of the 100 per cent organization of the Romanello workers, which was accomplished in about five weeks. This shop had long been known as an open shop.

The boss signed the contract when it was made clear that the workers were ready to strike for their demands. The Italian section of the union, whose headquarters are at 232 West 22nd St., points out that this victory shows that demands can be won during the crisis if the workers are sufficiently well organized.

Rockland Palace to Be Scene of District School Graduation

Frame-Up Case to Be Heard Jan. 5th

NEW YORK.—No more appropriate place could be found to hold the graduation affair of the 25 students now in the District Training School of the Communist Party than the Rockland Palace which is situated in the heart of Negro Harlem. Half of the total number of students are Negro workers who at the completion of the course will take their place at the head of the struggles of the workers in Harlem.

Hundreds of Negro and white workers are expected to come on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, at 8 p. m. at the Rockland Palace, 155th St. and 8th Ave., for the graduation.

An interesting program has been arranged. The Red Dancers will give a performance of their latest dance, "Southern Holiday," which describes the sufferings and struggles of the Negro workers in the South.

Admission will be 40 cents.

AGAIN POSTPONE WEINSTEIN TRIAL

Frame-Up Case to Be Heard Jan. 5th

NEW YORK.—The trial of Sam Weinstein, which came up in the Bronx County Court on Monday, has been again postponed because the District Attorney's office was not ready to go on with the case. The trial will positively begin on Thursday, Jan. 5, 1933, as the judge gave a warning that he would allow no more postponements. Weinstein was framed up on a charge of manslaughter in connection with a furniture workers' strike.

All mass organizations are urged to redouble their efforts in the fight for the freedom of Sam Weinstein, by sending telegrams of protest to the District Attorney, Charles B. McLaughlin, Bergen Building, Bronx, N. Y.

In order to draw in new workers for the defense of Weinstein, a new pamphlet, "The Frame-Up of Sam Weinstein Another Tom Mooney Case," is now being distributed. Organizations are urged to call for their copies as soon as possible at the International Labor Defense office, 789 Broadway, Room 338.

Vets Wire Protest.

Bronx Post 35 of the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League has sent the following telegram to District Attorney McLaughlin:

"We protest against trial of Sam Weinstein, a fellow-veteran, on an unsupported evidence. Facts prove conclusively it is impossible Weinstein committed crime charged, but show employers' desire to railroad him because of striking against intolerable working conditions. We stand against attempting another Tom Mooney case and demand release of Weinstein."

Students to Protest Polish Outrages at Consulate Tomorrow

Get I.L.D. Support

NEW YORK.—Students from every college and university in the city will join in a demonstration tomorrow at the Polish Consulate, 67th St. between Lexington and Third Aves., against the vicious persecution of Jewish students and those of other national minorities in fascist Poland. The students will gather at 12 noon at City College, from there march to Columbia University and then to the Consulate.

The demonstration is being organized by the Jewish Students Defense Committee, a united front group embracing members of various Jewish student organizations, as well as unattached students, with the cooperation of the National Student League.

The Jewish Students Defense Committee has issued an appeal to all students and young workers, especially those belonging to the national minorities whom the Plutardski government is oppressing so savagely to join in tomorrow's demonstration and show their determination to struggle against the outrages being committed in Poland.

Hospital Workers Get I.L.D. Support

To Make Joint Fight on Discrimination

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The International Labor Defense will join forces with the Hospital Workers League in the organization of the protest mass meeting against mass dismissals of foreign born workers from hospitals to be held at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place to night, Dec. 21, 8 p. m., it was announced by the Council for the Protection of Foreign Born yesterday.

Fight Discrimination

At the same time came news of the resignation of Dr. U. C. Vincent, from the Harlem Hospital, because of his flagrant racial discrimination.

These developments mark the mounting wave of protest against attacks on foreign-born, and Negro employees by the administration, which are recognized by all workers, native and foreign-born as an attack on the living standards of all workers.

In outlining the burning issues of the struggle, the Hospital Workers League demands immediate reinstatement of those dismissed, and discontinuance of all forms of discrimination.

Other demands to be raised at the meeting and carried in the campaign will include the struggle against wage-cuts and enlargement of medical service in view of the growing demands of the destitute masses.

Prominent speakers from the Medical and Workingclass movement will address the meeting. A plan of action for further struggle will be presented at the same time.

Cold Weather Takes Heavy Death Toll Among Homeless

Freeman-Levine Debate Tonight

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Cold weather took its toll of deaths according to figures published by the Health Commissioner, which report 170 deaths from pneumonia and 14 from influenza.

The Commissioners' report contains an ironical note for the hundreds of thousands of homeless and inhabitants of the numerous "Hoovervilles." "At this time, particularly every person suffering from cold should get to bed as quickly as possible and call in the family doctor." A very good advice! But how about the families which have no shelter, much less a family doctor?

FREEMAN-LEVINE DEBATE TONIGHT

To Clash on Question of 5-Year Plan

NEW YORK.—A defender and a bitter enemy of the Soviet Union will clash in debate tonight when Joseph Freeman, author of "The Soviet Worker" and one of the editors of the New Masses, meets Isaac Don Levine, author of the vicious anti-Soviet books, "Stalin" and "Red Smoke," on the subject: "Is the Five-Year Plan a Success?" The debate will be held at 8 o'clock in New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave. Under the auspices of the John Reed Clubs of the United States. Roger Baldwin, of the American Civil Liberties Union, will be chairman.

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Try to Destroy Union

By the circumstances under which this attack has been made," continues this statement, "make it clear that when the sheriff's posse came to seize the cropper's cow and mule, they were really planning a provocation which would result in the destruction of the Negro Farmers' organization.

"The posse fired upon the Negro croppers who were present, killing three. Their fire was returned and some of the whites were killed or wounded."

Praise Solidarity.

The statement concludes by praising the action of the white neighbors of the Negro croppers, who refused to join the sheriff and posse.

NEW ORCHESTRA SERVES WORKERS

I.W.O. Group to Play at 'Daily' Affair Dec. 31

NEW YORK.—"Given favorable soil—I mean conditions such as exist in the Soviet Union today—there can be no doubt that a new proletarian music will develop and flourish in this country," said Mitya Stillman, conductor of the I.W.O. Orchestra, in an interview with the Daily Worker.

The I.W.O. Orchestra will be featured on the program of the Daily Worker Ninth Anniversary Celebration New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, in the Bronx Coliseum, 177th St. and West Farms Road. Other numbers on the program will be new Soviet songs, sung by Sergei Radamsky, and the New Dance Group. Earl Browder, member of the Secretariat of the Communist Party, will be the chief speaker. Dancing to the music of a double brass band will follow the program.

The I.W.O. Symphony Orchestra, said Stillman, was formed primarily to serve workers who cannot afford the exorbitant prices so often charged by bourgeois musical organizations. Secondly, it is the intention of the orchestra to perform new works as they appear.

Stage and Screen

'THE EAGLE OF THE CAUCASUS' AT ACME THEATRE TODAY

The Acme Theatre will present the Soviet film, "The Eagle of the Caucasus" today and tomorrow. The picture, which was produced by Sorkin, tells a gripping and dramatic story of the Cossacks during the regime of the Czar. Mikhin, the director, has tried to bring again the life and customs of these mountaineers. Mikhin has made use of the natural background of these wild regions by following the policy of all Soviet directors in using very few artificial actors.

RACHMANINOFF SOLOIST WITH PHILHARMONIC THURSDAY

Serge Rachmaninoff will be the soloist with the Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra under Issay Dobrowen on Thursday night and Friday afternoon at Carnegie Hall, playing his own Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor. Other numbers on the program include Max Ettinger's "English Suite" and Schumann's Symphony No. 1 in B-flat major. Saturday evening at Carnegie, Dobrowen will direct the following program: "Le Lac Enchanté," Liadov; "Kikimora," Scriabin; the Schumann Symphony and Ettinger Suite.

Sunday afternoon, at Carnegie, Dobrowen will make his final appearance of the season with the following program: Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2 in B-flat major; "Leonore" Overture No. 3, Beethoven and the Schumann Symphony. Egon Petri will be the soloist.

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QUESTION BOX and discussion at Flatbush Workers' Club, 1207 Kings Highway, at 8:30 p. m. All invited.

OPEN HOUSE, auspices American Youth Club, 407 Rockaway Ave., Brooklyn. No admission.

REPORT on Hunger March at LaSalle Hall, 46 Ten Eyck St., Brooklyn, at 8 p. m.

MEMBERSHIP meeting Scottboro I.L.D. at Workers' Center, 261 Schenectady Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

MEMBERSHIP meeting Workers' Film and Photo League, 13 W. 11th St., at 8:30 p. m.

MEETING of Ind. Carpenters' Union at Union headquarters, 815 Broadway, at 8 p. m. All carpenters invited. Discussion on "Reasons of Strike in Steinberg Shop."

MEETING Sacco-Vanzetti Br. I.L.D. at 782 Tremont Ave., at 8 p. m.

REHEARSAL Daily Worker Chorus at 15 E. Third St. (between 2nd and 3rd Aves.) at 8:30 p. m. All workers urged to join.

DISCUSSION of "Wall Paper" at Prospect Workers' Center, 1157 Southern Blvd., Bronx. All welcome.

DISCUSSION on "Publications in U. S. and U.S.R." at Yorkville Br. F. S. U., 243 E. 84th St. Speaker: Leo Glasson.

LECTURE RECEIPTS FOR SOUTH RIVER DEFENSE

NEW YORK.—Proceeds of the Scott Nearing lecture tonight will go to the defense fund for the South River strikers, of whom six have been railroaded to prison and 26 more are coming up for trial. Nearing's lecture is on "The Outlook for the American Worker" and will be held at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St., at 8 p. m.

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SHOE AND LEATHER WORKERS

Joint conference of all shop committees, shop chairmen, joint council members and organization committee members of Shoe and Leather Workers' Industrial Union on Thursday at 7 p. m. at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St.

BAKERS

Bakers City United Front Committee gives a banquet and entertainment on Friday, Dec. 23, at 8 p. m. at Manhattan Lyceum to celebrate first issue of the Bakery Worker.

OFFICE WORKERS

Educational meeting of Office Workers' Union on Thursday at 8 p. m. at Labor Temple, 242 E. 14th St. M. Gross will speak on "Unemployment Insurance." All invited.

BARBERS

The Barbers and Hairdressers League will hold a meeting Thursday at 80 E. 13th St.

TRADE UNION UNITY COUNCIL

The members of the executive of the Trade Union Unity Council and of all section trade boards of all its unions, teachers and opposition groups meet Friday at 7:30 p. m. in Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St. to discuss plans for better functioning of the council.

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International Notes

By ROBERT HAMILTON.

SIDEGLITS ON HITLER

While Hitler was interviewing his money-masters, among them Cuno, head of the Hamburg-American shipping lines, Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank, and Thyssen, head of the German steel trust, a storm of protest against the proposed Nazi-bourgeois coalition swept over the country. Hundreds of demonstrations took place in Berlin alone, the largest being in front of Hitler's swanky hotel, the Kaiserhof, where thousands of massed workers shouted "Down with Hitler!" "Down with Fascism!" and "Long live the Communist Party!" Decisions for an immediate strike in the event that Hitler became Chancellor of the Reich were adopted by the workers of the Afu plant in Templehof, by the fishermen of Hamburg, by a united front meeting of the employees of the Braun-schweig, and by many others.

Part of the strategy that dictated Hitler's being kept from office was just this—he is more useful to the German capitalist class in the role of fake opposition than he would be in office, where all his promises of a "Third Empire" would be determined as hollow sham. Plus the determined resistance of the German working class to the threat of any Hitler regime.

NEW COAL STRIKE IN SPAIN
OVIEDO, Dec. 8 (By Mail).—The National Workers Federation has issued a call for a general strike of all the coal mines in the province of Asturias tomorrow. The walkout is to begin tomorrow. The International Association of Red Unions has announced that a general strike in all the province's coal mines would begin.

A general strike of coal miners took place in Asturias several weeks ago, the workers forming a united front including Communist, Syndicalist and Socialist workers. The government's efforts to arbitrate at the workers' expense have failed and now a second walkout is being called.

FARMERS' HUNGER MARCH IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 11—One hundred thousand farmers are preparing to march upon Buenos Aires, the capital, to demand help from the Argentine Congress in the form of lower rents and greater credit facilities at the lowest interest rates.

The grain-producing districts of the provinces of Santa Fe and Cordova have organized for the march and delegates of the Argentine Farm Federation are now in the farming districts completing arrangements for the demonstration.

The world crisis in agriculture is affecting every capitalist country. From Northern Canada where it is now below zero to Argentina, where the sun is beating down in hot summer. The farmers are beginning to realize, all over the world, that only united action can force any relief from capitalist governments. Their next step must be the realization that only the united front of workers and farmers can really emancipate both from the chains of money-slavery.

FORCED LABOR IN NEWARK, N. J.

No Wages Paid 4,000 Snow Shovelers

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Two other Maine delegates have returned, they were elected by the A. F. of L. Quarry Workers International Union locals in Rockland, Maine.

Another Capitalist Press Lie.
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 20.—A columnist named Paul Malcom states in the Plain Dealer published here that "The handling of the recent 'Hunger March' to Washington was entrusted by its sponsors to a well known publicity man which was paid a very considerable fee. They were the one who supplied the hunger marchers' band with uniforms of the German Communist organization."

This whole statement is false from beginning to end. The Red Front Band has had its uniforms for over a year and all publicity and direction of the march was by the marchers and the Unemployed Councils and workers' united front committees in each city.

Negro Marcher Missing

James C. Cotton, Negro delegate from Indianapolis on the National Hunger March jumped the wrong train at Pittsburgh Dec. 12, on the return trip. Since then he has not been heard of. His friends are worried. Anybody with information please notify C. Allen, care of Simpson, 801 South Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Negro Veteran Is C. P. Nominee in Chicago

CHICAGO, Ill.—Conrad Brown Squires, a Negro veteran, has been proposed to run on the Communist ticket for alderman against the present misleader of the South Side, Louis B. Anderson. For years Anderson has been a republican, but this year he is a democrat.

For the republican ticket we find that Mr. Dawson, a Negro misleader, is at the forefront of the ticket. Mr. Dawson, who is shedding crocodile tears, asking the workers to vote for an ex-serviceman, at the same time cannot see why the veterans should march to Washington.

Comrades, a veteran of the World War who is a militant struggler for the working class like Brown Squires, this is the kind of alderman that we workers want.

Tearing At Leash



Trustees chaining bloodhounds to trail two prisoners who escaped from a Georgia chain gang. The scene is being re-enacted today in Alabama as the boss thugs hunt for fresh victims among the heroic share croppers who defended themselves from the lynchers.

SECOND DRIVE TO KILL CROPPERS

Tallasse and Camp Hill Battles

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confiscation campaign by the landlords.

Toilers Desist.
Today the vast majority of the farming population of the South is destitute. The toilers who have produced cotton in limitless quantities, do not have even sufficient rags to cover themselves with.

The croppers are being persecuted by the landlords, as well as the stock, land and all other possessions. By means of systematic and forcible plunder the landlords drive the croppers into debt and eventually force them off the land.

Typical are the cases of Jim Patterson, father of a family of 6, who works for George Harper. Harper confiscated the entire crop raised by Patterson and his family. When Patterson protested, he was offered \$6.00 Harper did the same with Anderson Higgins with a family of 7, Ernest Oliver with a family of 8, and several others.

White Croppers Also Hit.
While the Negro population bears the double burden of national as well as economic and political oppression, the white croppers, in many respects, are scarcely better off.

Losing Land.
Small farm owners, white as well as Negro are losing their land. This is born out even in government figures which put an increase in tenancy during 1930 in the Southern States, at 60 per cent. The overwhelming majority of the victims, are Negroes. Since that time the impoverishment of the southern farmers has proceeded at a much faster rate.

These are the conditions which account for the growing solidarity of the Negro and white toilers of the South in common struggle against their exploiters.

Growing Terror.
It is with the object of enforcing these conditions and suppressing all opposition by the toilers and particularly the Negro toilers that the landlords have intensified the campaign of terror and suppression which was recently symbolized in the Scottsboro case.

Framing Negro toilers on the most common charge of "attack" on white women, the "gentlemen" of the southern ruling class engage in a very unbecoming and vicious campaign of terror and suppression against Negro women. A typical example is that of Pat Heard, a U. S. army soldier who came into a Negro worker's house and at the point of a gun, brutally raped three girls. Another outstanding case in this region was the attack by the landlords on the wife of a Negro cropper.

The main purpose of intensified terror by the southern landlords is to reserve their profits in the face of the growing depression, and to place the burden of lower cotton prices and other effects of the crisis entirely on the shoulders of the impoverished farming population.

Union Fights Starvation.
Unbearable conditions and growing militancy of the Negro and white croppers finally resulted in the organization of the militant Croppers' Union. Following are some of the conditions the union has been fighting.

Croppers have to pick cotton for some one else in order to get enough to live on, being paid at the rate of 30 cents a hundred. Most of the pay is in groceries. The croppers have to feed themselves while picking cotton. The starvation wage (200 pounds a day is exceptionally good from sun-up to sun-down).

Some of the croppers have no hogs to kill. The landlords even take out of the syrup they make. In winter-time the croppers live at the mercy of the landlords who advance them on credit, but advance the croppers into picking the next crop, but frequently do not advance the food and force the croppers to migrate or starve.

Fighting in the face of murderous terror by the sheriff, lynch gangs and entire capitalist-landlord regime of the South, braving starvation at the hands of the landlords who appropriate all the means of life, the toilers of the South, Negro and white are carrying on a heroic struggle in solidarity with their workers and farmer brothers throughout the country.

The presence of Negro delegates at the recent farm conference in Washington proves that the croppers are willing to have each itself in the struggle for better conditions and against the entire system of exploitation, for self determination in the black belt.

But this struggle can only be won by the southern toilers fighting against tremendous obstacles and terror, with the support of the workers and farmers of the entire country.

WORKER CORRESPONDENCE

SHARE-WORK AND PROSPERITY LEGENDS EXPLODED BY LETTERS FROM THE JOB

CALLS FOR UNION TO SMASH NEW PEONAGE SYSTEM OF R.R. BOSSES

Worker Exposes 'Share-Work' Drive in Action; Shows What "Prosperity" Means

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Northwestern Railroad Co. last week announced through the local press that it will put more workers on the force and in this manner hasten the return of prosperity. The press of course took advantage of this to hail the "coming back of prosperity."

But the facts are as follows: I take for instance the Wisconsin Division where I work. The company announced that from the 12th on, all workers will work six days a week instead of five as we used to do, but only four hours a day. This means the following for the workers: They will get \$8 a week instead of \$16 as we used to get before. But this is not all. The new ruling of the company is that only single and not married workers will remain on the job. The reason for this is that the company will compel all of the workers to sleep in its barracks and to feed them, and in return they have to pay \$1 a day to the company. No one is permitted to go and sleep or eat elsewhere. Thus the workers are actually becoming slaves of the company and only one dollar is left for them after a week's work. According to the capitalist press this is a sign that prosperity is coming back fast. It is about time that the Brotherhoods Union committees take an active part in organizing the railroad workers.

A Slave of the Northwestern Railroad Co.

Chats with Our Worccorrs

EXPOSE THE SHARE-THE-WORK PLAN!

One of the most valuable letters we have received is the one in today's section from the railroad worker from Chicago. On the basis of his own experience and the conditions on his own job, he completely shatters the greatly heralded "Share-the-Work" plan, which the employers and especially the Standard Oil Company and Hoover's Committee for Emergency Relief, hail as the solution of the crisis. This is the type of correspondence we want. Workers everywhere should write to us, exposing the sham of this plan, for many workers are still falling for it.

Greyhound Bus Lines Hound Workers; Use Stools to Fire Men

Help Us Organize Drug Clerk Asks

NEW YORK, N. Y.—I have worked for a drug chain the Walgreen Co. for several years and the conditions that exist there in regards to clerks is indescribable. They work from 12 noon till about 1 in the morning, six days a week. On special sale days, they even stay as late as 3 a. m. The salary is trivial, the help is hired and fired at random, and an elaborate spy system of checkers are used.

The conditions of the drug clerks are poor everywhere. I have spoken to many of them and they say that the only solution is a union. Therefore I took the liberty of writing you as a friend of the workers, if it is possible to start such a movement. The eight-hour shift would add hundreds of unemployed drug clerks and would better conditions for all. I sincerely hope that you will give this your kind consideration.

EDITOR'S NOTE:—The Food Workers Industrial Union has been notified of the request of this worker for organization. The worker gave no address however. Since organization of these workers will be greatly facilitated for the Union if it has several contracts among the workers themselves, who can give the detailed information on conditions of work, the best way to circumvent the spy system, and the best way to approach the other workers, we ask this worker either to send us his address (we have the name), or to come personally either to us or to the factory even suffer from the fact that they are employed, for as long as you are on the payroll, you can get no relief, and the company has cut wages of the employees until they make practically nothing when they work.

Negro Workers Kicked on Job

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—A Negro worker in the Southeastern Warehouse Company, was kicked by a boss because he was trying to protect his younger brother. The boss had this Negro worker arrested.

A Negro woman worker here was arrested and carried into court with only two pieces of clothing on.

And with such misery among the working folks here, we see in the paper that the city got \$10,000 from the county, and is going to hold it as a special fund, in the meantime the workers in this city are starving.

—W.O. & T.J.

Three Days A Month on Shop Payroll Cuts Worker Out of Relief

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—Three years ago every factory in town was working overtime. Now very few of them are working at all, those that are trying to do anything are only working two or three days a month.

The Servel Refrigerator Corporation is the only factory that is working at all, and they are just about shut down, only work a little as they get a few orders. The workers in the factory even suffer from the fact that they are employed, for as long as you are on the payroll, you can get no relief, and the company has cut wages of the employees until they make practically nothing when they work.

During the last three years, Servel has put in all modern speed-up machinery, such as conveyors, etc. If the company was to go back to their 1929 peak of production, they would now use only about one-half as many men as they formerly did.

—A Worker.

30-40% WAGE CUT

CADILLA, Mich.—The Cummer Diggins Planning Mill just put through another cut, this time 30 and 45 per cent. They put up a sign in the mill that they want all the employees to get together and do their work the best they know how and

that if conditions did not improve they would put through another cut. This was signed by the President, W. L. Sunders.

The Saint John's Table Co. has been cutting the wages all summer and most of the employees are only getting 12 cents per hour.

CAMP HILL SLAUGHTER IN JULY, 1931, DID NOT STOP STRUGGLES

Negro and White United in Croppers' Union And Spread It Through Three Counties

Growth of Organization and Its Victories Reason for Present Murderous Attacks

By JIM ALLEN.

The croppers of Tallapoosa and Lee counties, Alabama, began to organize the Share Croppers Union in the spring of 1931. The response of the Negro share croppers was quick and immediate. They had starved and frozen in their windswept cabins during the previous winter. They had been forced to take crops on starvation terms in the spring. Food allowances were cut down to bare subsistence level. The tyranny of the landowners and their local government had grown fiercer.

The Negro croppers organized in their local groups hammered out their demands: (1) Continuation of the food allowances which had been cut off July 1, when the crop was already cultivated, leaving the cropper to starve or beg until cotton picking time in September; (2) the right of the cropper to sell his cotton for cash, where and when he pleased, rather than to turn it over to the landowner for "division"; (3) cash settlement for the season at cotton picking time; (4) a nine-months' Negro school with free school bus without discrimination; (5) right of a cropper to plant his own garden for his own use; (6) freedom for the Scottsboro boys.

Negro croppers and their families came from all parts of the two counties to the union meetings. The Southern Worker, Communist weekly published in the South, was eagerly distributed and read by the Negro peasants. The big white landowners and credit merchants at Camp Hill and other towns in the vicinity attempted to crush the union before cotton picking time.

On the night of July 15, 1931, deputies discovered and dispersed a union meeting. A lynch mob numbering 300 landowning whites and their hanger-on instituted a reign of terror throughout the two counties. The "night riders" lived again. They raged through the countryside, firing broadsides into the Negro croppers' cabins. They raided the cabins searching for literature, the union records, and, above all, the leading Negro organizer. One group of deputies and landowners met Ralph Grey on a lonely road. They fired, breaking his legs. From the ground he returned the fire, wounding one of the officers. Grey was later taken by his fellow croppers to a cabin. A doctor refused to come to attend him. Instead the posse returned, took him by force after a long battle with his comrades, who retreated only when their ammunition was exhausted, and killed him in cold blood as he lay in bed.

Share Croppers Letters

Camp Hill Bosses Keeps Negro Hungry At \$4.00 Per Month

(By a Worker Correspondent.)
CAMP HILL, Ala.—I am writing to let you know about Mr. C. L. Pearson. He is a landowner with 25,000 acres of land. He won't repair any houses for his renters. He charges people \$30 for 10 acres of poor land and he won't make any settlement with his laborers.

He claims that all the people that live on his land owe him money. He says if they try to move he will take all their house things and everything they have. When Slaughter went to move, he took all the poor man's house things and put him out of doors.

Franklin Brazel is a white man at Camp Hill, R. 1. He has a Negro working for him at \$4 a month and he swears him to take that out in old clothes.

There is a merchant, M. Laron, at Camp Hill. Those poor Negroes that owe him money, and can't get any work so they can pay him, he is kicking them around and running them out of town. He ran two out of town already.

Tanne Henderson is a white man who lives on R. 3. He took all the crop his farmer made and nailed up the house and made the farmer pay \$40 before he could get his own house things.

Remarkable solidarity and coolness on the part of the Negro croppers saved the organizer from the lynch mob. The organizer, however, was after him. The croppers succeeded in hiding him, diverting the lynch mobs and covering up his escape.

Two score Negro croppers were arrested and thrust into the Camp Hill jail. Six were known killed and there are reports of many others murdered.

But the news had spread swiftly. The Scottsboro campaign was growing. The Negro and white masses, mobilized by the Communist Party and the International Labor Defense, immediately grasped the basic importance of the struggle of the Alabama croppers against the whole semi-slave system in the South. Protest meetings were held. Telegrams demanding the immediate release of the arrested croppers flooded the county. The local slave-drivers' government was forced to release all the croppers.

De Priest Framed Police Attack on Negro Workers

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHICAGO—Two Negro workers arrested and beaten by orders of Oscar De Priest, will face trial on Dec. 27. Two conferences have been held for the purpose of mobilizing mass support for the defense of these workers. A mass demonstration in and around the courtroom is being arranged.

The attack on these workers took place just before the elections in November when a number of workers gathered at the Blackwell Memorial Church on Oakwood Blvd. to hear Oscar De Priest, republican candidate for congressman in the First Congressional District.

Tells of Good Time
De Priest arrived about 9:30 p. m. and tried to entertain the audience with a story of his travels and of all the good eats he and his wife had enjoyed while he was on tour.

After some time he finally got down to politics and asked the workers to support him and the Republican Party.

Just before he finished speaking he was asked by Herbert Newton, Communist candidate for Congress, what his stand was on the Scottsboro case, the Veterans' Bureau and Unemployment Insurance.

De Priest finally agreed to answer, but in the meantime, his henchmen had called the police who reported with clubs and guns and proceeded to beat every one in reach.

After the smoke of battle cleared, two of the workers were found to be terribly beaten and clubbed. It is these two victims of misleader and capitalist agent, De Priest, who are going up for trial on the 27th.

St. Louis Unemployed Force Charity Outfit to Give Milk to Kids

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20—Five hundred St. Louis workers demonstrated in miserably cold weather today before the Provident Association, a charity organization and forced the association to give milk to the children of the unemployed.

The demonstration, which was led by the Unemployed Council, was very militant despite the attempts of the police and the Provident Association to freeze the workers out. It represents a real victory in the struggle of the tens of thousands of St. Louis unemployed for winter relief.

Ala. Landlords, Sheriffs Lead Bloody Attacks on Croppers and Union

Aim to Crush Fight Led by Union Against Landlord Robbery and for Right of Croppers to Sell Own Cotton

Toiling Masses and Intellectuals Must Rally in Mighty Protest to Defense of Negro People—Demand Halt of Terror

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of poses from outside counties. These were held in readiness for several days preceding Monday's attack. These poses were organized from outside counties following the failure of the landlords to incite the local white croppers against the Negroes. The Tallapoosa County white croppers are strongly sympathetic to the struggles of the Negro croppers as a result of the work carried on by the Share Croppers Union for the unity of white and Negro croppers in the struggle against starvation and landlord robbery of their crops.

Governor Prepared to Call Militia.
Following Monday's attack and the heroic resistance of the croppers, Sheriff Stearns of Montgomery held a secret meeting with several of the sheriffs from adjoining counties including Sheriff Young of Tallapoosa County who is leading the attacks on the Negroes. On Stearns' return to Montgomery he no doubt, visited Gov. Miller, for the latter at once began preparations to call out the militia against the croppers. As a preliminary Miller has sent Colonel Hartley Moon, Adjutant General of the Alabama National Guard, to Dadeville to conduct a sham "investigation."

The Share Croppers Union has raised the following demands in its struggle against starvation and landlord robbery of their crops:

1. The right of the cropper to sell his own cotton.
2. No forced pooling of cotton (giving up cotton to landlords).
3. Cancellation of debts.
4. No evictions of croppers from the land.
5. No confiscation of live stock.
6. A minimum price of 10 cents per pound for cotton.
7. Free bus transportation to and from school for the children.

All organizations and persons opposed to the brutal oppression and lynch terror against the Negroes are urged to at once send wires to Sheriff Young at Dadeville, Ala., and Gov. Miller, at Montgomery, Ala., demanding a stop to the landlord-police terror; immediate release of the arrested croppers; the right of the croppers to organize and to sell their own cotton; the right of white and Negro croppers to organize together; self-determination for the Negroes; majorities of the Black Belt with the withdrawal of the armed forces of the landlords and imperialists as a guarantee against the lynch-terror; the right of croppers to defend themselves and punishment of the sheriff-murderers of Negro croppers.

STOP REIGN OF TERROR AGAINST ALABAMA NEGROES

(STATEMENT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY U. S. A.)

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

Communist Party calls to you to rally as one man in defense of your brothers across the county line in Tallapoosa! Reports are that the sentiments of the white laboring farmers of Tallapoosa County are already so sympathetic to their Negro fellow farmers that the sheriff is recruiting his posse or murder gangs across the line in other counties! But the working farmers of the adjoining counties must stop this! If they dispossess and rob and murder the farmers of Tallapoosa County today, they will dispossess and rob and murder the farmers of the adjoining counties next.

Especially we appeal to the white tenant farmers and share croppers. Your conditions are constantly growing worse. You are robbed almost the same as your Negro fellow farmers! Stand together with them against the robbers!

DEMANDS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

1. Immediate stopping of the reign of terror against Negro sharecroppers and tenants of Tallapoosa and surrounding counties! We demand that the sheriff's posse who are murdering Negroes be immediately disbanded! Stop the disarming of the Negro farmers, which leaves them helpless before the murder gangs of the white landlords!
2. We demand the unconditional release of all the Negro sharecroppers and tenants arrested and prosecuted in Tallapoosa County.
3. We demand immediate punishment for the murderers, and the payment of indemnity to the families of the murdered victims.
4. We urge united defense action of the Negro and white tenants and sharecroppers. We urge the organization of common defense corps of both Negro and white farmers for mutual self-defense.
5. White sharecroppers and tenants! Stand by your Negro neighbors! Defend them, or the landlords will be shooting you down next!
6. Defend the right of the laboring farmers to organize their Sharecroppers' Union to fight for their interests!
7. We demand an immediate stop to evictions! No seizures of mules, cows, farm implements or household goods for debt! No foreclosures on farms for debt!
8. Organize the laboring farmers to struggle for the right to live! Defend our class interests! Demand the immediate release of the nine innocent Negro lads framed up and sentenced to death at Scottsboro!
9. We demand self-determination in the Black Belt.

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Only Mass Struggle Can Compel Relief NOW

THE democratic press, especially that section of it that calls itself liberal, is carrying on a nation-wide campaign to try to arrest the mass struggle against the hunger and war program of Wall Street by trying to make it appear that nothing can be done until Roosevelt is inaugurated in March. This is clearly the purpose of trying to enable the capitalist class to carry through further wage cuts and hunger drives against the workers this winter. It is an attempt to head off fierce class battles in every part of the country by trying to fool the workers into peacefully submitting to starvation in the expectation that Roosevelt will do something to relieve their suffering after he officially takes office.

The Washington staff correspondent of the Scripps-Howard chain of papers, Ray Tucker, on December 19, indulges in the following deception:

"The last lame duck session probably will be virtually barren of constructive accomplishment as a result of a legislative impasse recognized by everybody from President Hoover down to the lowliest legislator. It is almost certain to force President-elect Roosevelt to call a special session immediately after March 4."

What the capitalist press does not admit is that right NOW the supporters of Franklin D. Roosevelt are in control of United States senate and the house of representatives—both houses of congress. They are in a position today to carry out the program of the Democratic Party. And they are carrying out its real program, at the same time that they are doing nothing to put into effect the pre-election promises of Roosevelt that the democrats would inaugurate a "new deal" for the "forgotten man". These were campaign shibboleths to catch the votes of the discontented millions that were indignant at the wage-cutting and starvation policies as carried out by the Hoover administration. These deceptive slogans were used then to cripple the struggles of the workers and farmers and ex-soldiers for unemployment relief and insurance, for aid to the impoverished farmers and for the soldiers' bonus. During the campaign, when Roosevelt was assailing Hoover in words, he and his party were doing everything in their power to assist in carrying out the Hoover program. They are still playing the same game because they are both parties of Wall Street. The same policy now in effect will be continued under Roosevelt if they have their way.

There is one thing only that will turn the tide. That is the thing most feared by the whole capitalist class—the one thing they desperately strive to prevent—mass struggles of the toiling masses against their program. Every effort must be made to assist in carrying out the Hoover program. They are still playing the same game because they are both parties of Wall Street. The same policy now in effect will be continued under Roosevelt if they have their way.

Social Insurance and Mutual Insurance

THERE is no social insurance in the United States. This has a profound effect upon workers and their families. Practically every working class family at this moment faces actual poverty or is hanging by the hair of its head from the professional charity-mongers. Aside from the fear of being deprived of any income through unemployment, workers face sickness, disability, old age—nightmares which constantly beset the lives of workers and their dependents.

For decades the American capitalists succeeded in maintaining illusions that blinded the bulk of the workers to the danger of the absence of social insurance. The workers believed in permanently improving prosperity; they believed in their ability to meet emergencies with savings; they believed that sooner or later their uncertain workers' existence would be replaced by the economically more secure existence of petty capitalists.

But now, the dreams of permanent prosperity are shattered. The savings are either eaten up or, in many cases, have been liquidated by speculating bankers who deflated real estate values and by foreclosed home mortgages. Meantime the wage slashes also destroyed all hope for future savings. Workers no longer dream of climbing upward into the capitalist class; they see too many of the petty capitalists, shopkeepers, farmers, sliding down into the working class. The "Dole," that terribly "un-American" unemployment insurance, now shapes itself, in the eyes of the workers, into a necessary life saving instrument. Social Insurance thus becomes the all overshadowing issue of the day.

EVEN before the present crisis, large sections of the workers recognized the need for better economic security. Since there was no social insurance, they organized themselves for mutual insurance. But the capitalists took over the leadership of these Mutual Benefit Societies. Instead of being emergency measures for the workers until they could get the protection of social insurance, the Mutual Benefit Societies became a means of helping the capitalists defeat social insurance.

The capitalist leaders of the many mutual benefit organizations used their influence to prevent the workers from fighting for social insurance, although social insurance really was the only effective form of solving the problem that forced the workers into the mutual benefit societies, and although it is clear that mutual benefit societies cannot effectively solve the problem of complete loss of income of the workers in case of unemployment, old age, or protracted sickness and disability. The capitalist leaders also use their leadership to fill their own pockets at the expense of the worker members. This was proven only recently when it was shown that a former cabinet minister, Senator James J. Davis of Pennsylvania, and a close advisor of the president of the United States had stuffed his own pockets with hundreds of thousands of dollars by means of a Charity lottery swindle.

Only in recent years have the class conscious workers centered activities on the field of mutual benefit organizations. They have begun building the International Workers Order as a proletarian fraternal order. The object of the International Workers Order is to organize for the masses of workers who are eligible for membership the most effective mutual aid at the lowest possible cost; at the same time, while organizing mutual aid the International Workers Order does not waive the right of the workers for social aid. On the contrary, it considers it its duty to fight for social aid. Just because its purpose is to help the workers in emergencies, such as sickness, it is fighting for a condition which would prevent such emergencies.

Joining the International Workers Order, therefore, is not only an effort of self-help; it is also one form of participation in working class action for social insurance. The growth of the International Workers Order is a challenge to the capitalist misleadership of the fraternal movement in America. All class conscious workers should therefore help build the International Workers Order.

Building the International Workers Order is a contribution to the organized fighting strength of the American workers class.

DECEMBER "COMMUNIST" CONTAINS IMPORTANT ARTICLES ON CURRENT PROBLEMS AND EVENTS

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Lynchers Take Huge Toll in 1932; Facts Show Negroes, Whites Fight Lynch Terror

Stories from Boss Press Reveal 37 Lynchings in Year

BULLETIN.
This article was written just before news arrived of the murder of six Negro share-croppers in the Alabama Black Belt by sheriffs and other agents of the white landowners. The enormous number of lynchings and police murders of Negroes in 1932 has as one of its main objects the crushing of the attempts at organization on the part of the starving share-croppers.

By ELIZABETH LAWSON.
THE lynchers again took a huge toll in 1932. There were definite reports of 37 cases in which Negroes (and in two instances whites) were lynched by more or less organized groups. A careful study of the records of lynch-law for the year shows a number of facts of the utmost interest to the revolutionary workers and to the Negro masses. The Negro masses have fought harder against lynchings; the white workers, in increasing numbers, under the leadership of the Communist Party and sympathetic organizations, have entered the fight against lynching and for Negro rights.

CHARACTER OF LYNCHINGS DIFFER.
The character of the lynchings, also, shows a marked change. The lynch-crowds were smaller in numbers, and of a more organized character than previously. In many cases they were led by public officials; there is much evidence that the poor whites had little or nothing to do with their organization in the majority of cases. There were, also, obvious attempts to cover up many lynchings, and the whitewashing of lynchings that could not be entirely kept from the world, became more than ever a fine art of the local and national governments.

At the same time, there was a noticeable attempt on the part of the lynchers to use the court-room for "respectable" legal lynchings; the number of such legal lynchings was large this year. At the same time, police terrorism increased; and large numbers of Negroes were shot down by police and other officials.

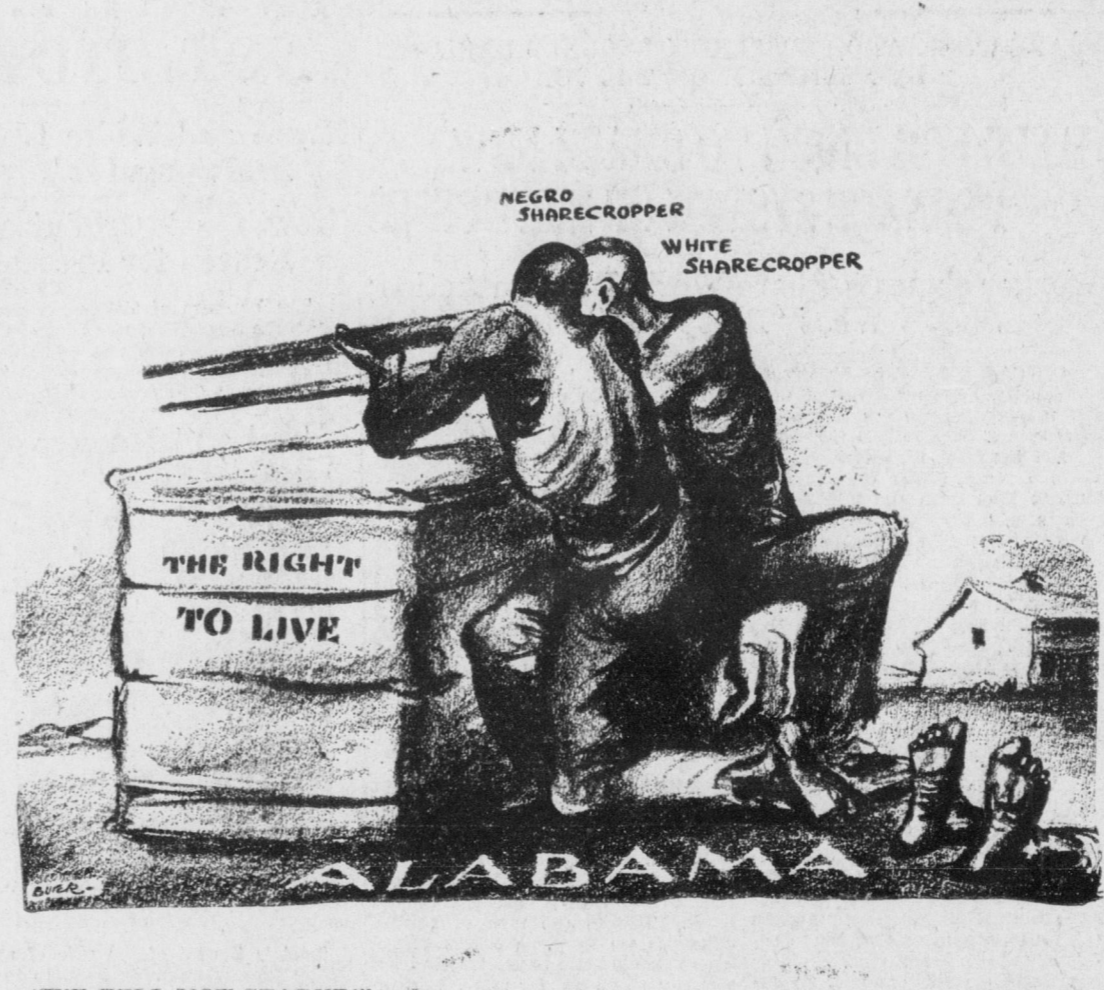
The word "Scottsboro" is written large in the reason for these changes. The militancy of the Negro and white workers displayed in the Scottsboro struggle had the effect of preventing many a lynching. The Scottsboro case has educated large masses of white toilers who are realizing for the first time that the struggle of the Negro masses is their struggle, is part of the larger struggle of the working class. Hence, again, the smaller numbers participating in the lynch-crowds; the obvious efforts of the lynchers to hide and whitewash lynchings before a community whose support they feel they are rapidly losing.

A study of the records of lynch-law for the year, as compiled by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, reveals the following facts: **THIRTY-SEVEN LYNCHINGS REPORTED.**

There were definite reports of 37 cases in which Negroes (and in two instances whites) were lynched by more or less organized groups. Included in the lynchings were a native in Hawaii and the murder of seven Negro firemen in the South. But this total is far too low. To say that only 37 lynchings took place would be to cover up some of the most important facts in the lynch-record of the year 1932. The fact that 37 lynchings came to light. Many lynchings were not reported in the press; there were definite attempts to cover up lynchings. Also, this total omits the enormous number of police murders of Negroes.

The Negro masses fought with heightened militancy against lynching in 1932. Instance after instance is recorded of self-defense against the lynchers. Great masses of white workers have entered the struggle against lynching. Militant working class organizations have fought with vigor against lynchings and lynch-frame-ups. Outstanding is the work of the Communist Party, the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, in the case of the nine innocent Scottsboro boys. Under the leadership of these organizations, furious mass protests have arisen in the case of Euel Lee; in the Logan Circle frame up in Washington, D. C.; in the near-lynching at Lebanon, Tenn., and in many other cases. The lynching of Negroes this past year, especially, has been followed by a flood of protest from the workers, Negro and white. The lynching of an unknown Negro toiler in the Black Belt is no longer the concern only of the small community in which it occurs; it has become a near concern of the working class from coast to coast.

The Scottsboro case, and especially the tour of Mrs. Ada Wright across the face of Europe, have taught millions of European workers the meaning of the term "lynch-law". And these millions of workers have also entered into the struggle against the lynchings of Negro toilers in the South.



"WE WILL NOT STARVE!" —By Burck

FOR all these reasons, it is unquestionable that many lynchings were prevented through fear of the wrath of the Negro and white workers. In at least two instances, organized groups rescued Negroes about to be lynched and set them free. The first instance was the case of Alex Dorsey, Negro miner and organizer for the National Miners Union, who was torn by rank and file miners, Negro and white, from the hands of two carloads of lynchers at Bridgeport, Ohio, in June.

Lawrence Bulford, a poor Negro farmer, got into an argument with a white man while his farm was being sold at auction. When a lynch crowd gathered, two poor white farmers appeared with leveled shot-guns and drove the lynchers off. **ORGANIZED CHARACTER OF LYNCH-CROWDS.**

The character of lynchings, also, has shown a marked change during the past year. In a large number of cases, it was evident that the lynch-crowds had been carefully organized by business men and public officials, such as sheriffs. In many cases the lynching was committed by a sheriff's posse. The lynchers could no longer rely on masses of white workers, their minds inflamed with the boss poison of race hatred; for these white workers are learning, under the leadership of militant working-class organizations, that their interests lie in joining hands with these Negro toilers whom they had once despised.

The character of such organizations as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is nowhere shown more clearly than in their attempt to deny the character of "lynchings", to lynch-crowds organized by sheriffs and other public officials. The N.A.A.C.P. is interested only in preserving the present system; it is interested in having lynchings committed according to legal form. It is anxious to soft-pedal the crimes of the white ruling class against the Negro people; for when these crimes are laid bare, the Negro masses—and the white workers—clearly see the need of a determined struggle against the very system and government that is responsible for lynching and discrimination.

Therefore, whenever the leader of a lynch-crowd can show a sheriff's badge, the N.A.A.C.P. denies that the lynching was a lynching! The militant working class denies that a lynch-crowd led by a sheriff, which trails down a Negro, sets fire to his house, and shoots him down, is any the less a lynch-crowd because its leader can show a star on his coat.

A high degree of organization of the lynch-crowd was apparent in the wiving of a Negro family in Senatobia, Miss.; in the murder of Henry Russell in Georgia; in the killing of Ed Dunlap in Mississippi. In connection with the murder of Negro railwaymen, an organized murder ring was discovered, which paid whites to murder Negro railway workers, at the rate of from \$25 to \$125 per lynching. **ATTEMPT TO COVER UP LYNCHINGS.**

There was, this past year, a definite attempt to cover up many of the lynchings. In many cases the lynchers did their work quietly and discovery was made only much later. From this fact, two important conclusions must be drawn: 1. That, without question, an enormous number of lynchings have occurred which have not come to light, but knowledge of which has been carefully suppressed. This is probably more true of 1932 than of previous years, and is due to the fear of the lynchers in the face of the increased militancy of Negro and white. 2. That the lynchers felt that they did not have the support of the mass of whites in the community to the same extent as previously, and therefore had need of hiding their actions. The entrance

of masses of white workers into the anti-lynching struggle this last year, under the leadership of the Communist Party and other militant organizations; the growing unity of Negro and white workers in many struggles, gave the lynch-crowd good reason for their fear. **WHITEWASHING LYNCHINGS.**

Official bodies, from coroners' juries to the national government, have carefully whitewashed lynchings that could not be altogether kept from the world. Very few arrests were made. With the exception of a light sentence in one case in the Ironton lynching, and extremely light sentences in the cases of murder of Negro railwaymen, no convictions were obtained. We cite here a few instances of the fine art of whitewashing as practiced in 1932: **The lynchers of Luke Murray, in Ohio, with one exception, went scot-free.** The death of Shadrack Thompson by lynching was termed "suicide" by the coroner. In the investigation of the murder of Negro firemen, the problem of who organized the murder ring and paid for the killings was carefully side-stepped. In almost every case, coroners' juries reported that the lynched person had been killed by "persons unknown". Four white lynchers in Honolulu, a Hawaiian native in Colorado, were freed by pressure of the U. S. government after they had been found guilty.

This year saw also the official whitewash of three lynchings that took place in 1931: the whitewash of the Salisbury, Md., lynching by the county grand jury and the whitewash of the lynching of a native in West Virginia in indict the men arrested in connection with the lynching of Tom Jackson and George Banks.

OFFICIALS PREFER LEGAL LYNCHINGS. An enormous number of "rope-and-fagot" lynchings were prevented by officials who believed that a legal lynching by judge and court would be far more safe and in view of the rising resistance of the Negro people. What must be noted about these near-lynchings is the following: in practically every case, the officials persuaded the lynch-crowd to give up its victim or victims on the promise that swift conviction would follow in the courts—in other words, that there would be a legal lynching. This has undoubtedly led to the repetition of

"Scottsboros" in many places. A follow-up of court proceedings in these cases would undoubtedly show swift death sentences or long jail sentences on no evidence. The murder of Isaac Mims and Percy Irvin in the death chair in Alabama in March for the theft of 50 cents, is such a legal lynching. **POLICE MURDERS.**

If the murder of Negroes by police, jail guards and white "citizens" be included in the list of lynchings for 1932—and these murders are, in truth, lynchings—then the number reaches well into the hundreds. The year 1932 has seen a terrific number of such cases. There is, however, no adequate record of this phase of lynching, since, in the first place, the shooting of a Negro by a white policeman is so common as to be hardly "news"; and, second, there is a definite attempt to cover up the facts of these killings. It is extremely significant that the nine cities highest in the homicide list for 1931 are all southern cities. **TERRORISM ON THE INCREASE.**

Highly organized terroristic activities against Negroes was reported from almost every nook and corner of the county in 1932. We mention only a few instances: **Comrade Engdahl, exhausted by his ceaseless labors in the cause of the oppressed Negro masses, at the end of a phase of struggle in the Scottsboro campaign which dealt deadly blows to American imperialism throughout Europe and brought partial victory.** Comrade Engdahl died in Moscow, the capital of the World Revolution.

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LYNCH FRAME-UPS. The attempt of courts and officials to murder the nine Scottsboro boys has continued through 1932. Other outstanding instances of lynch-frame-ups are: Euel Lee in Maryland; Jess Hollins in Oklahoma; Angelo Herndon in Atlanta; six Negroes in Washington, D. C. (Logan Circle case); Willie Brown in Philadelphia.

How shall the workers fight lynching? This vital question will be dealt with in an article soon to be published in the Daily Worker.

The Significance of the 9th Anniversary of the "Daily"

By SAM NESIN.
Organizer of the Trade Union Unity Council.
THE 9th Anniversary of the DAILY WORKER is an occasion for every worker to celebrate and pledge greater support to our own fighting organ. It is the only American working class daily in the English language, through which workers speak of their struggles.

Workers who are themselves involved in struggles in shops, in strikes, for unemployment relief, against discrimination, high rents, evictions and in opposition movements within A. F. of L. locals against betrayals and racketeering are themselves the writers of many of the articles in the Daily Worker. The Daily Worker supported the Hunger March to Washington, the Veterans' Bonus March, the Farmers' Conference for Relief, the A. F. of L. Rank and File Conference for Unemployment Insurance at Cincinnati and fights for the freedom of Mooney and the Scottsboro boys. It is the unflinching spokesman of the militant trade unions of the Trade Union Unity League and the Unemployed Councils. The Daily Worker is in the forefront fighting against imperialism, for the defense of the Chinese people and the Soviet Union, where workers rule and unemployment has been abolished. It

combats the vicious lies of the social-fascist and capitalist press in their attempt to prevent the truth of the great achievements of the Russian workers becoming known. The policy and contents of the "Daily Worker" demonstrates that it has no interests separate from the workers as a whole.

At a time when one and a half million are unemployed in New York City alone and 209,000 families have been evicted within the last 8 months, when wholesale wage slashes are taking place, when our children are crowded into class rooms to satisfy the bankers, while thousands of teachers remain unemployed, at a time when the Tammany government of New York announces the dismissal of a thousand foreign born hospital workers to be replaced by a smaller number of native born at a wage reduction of 40 per cent; the need for the "Daily Worker" as an instrument for organization and struggle is greater than ever. The duty of every worker, every trade union organization is not only to spread the Daily Worker but to support it financially. The 9th Anniversary Celebration of the Daily Worker which takes place at the Bronx Coliseum on New Year's Eve must be made a huge success. **Hail the 9th Anniversary of the Daily Worker!** **Let's live our Fighting Daily!**

Mr. Ham Fish in Debate: A Portrait of a Demagogue

By NANCY F.
A LARGE man, Ham Fish. So tall he has to raise the microphone each time he takes the floor to speak. A large man, somehow hollow-looking. Like a hay-stack, tied in the middle, Ham Fish. But the breath of life has been breathed into this hay-stack, and this hay-stack swaggers, swings its arms and acts for all the world like a human being. But what is this it is saying? Answer these questions, Mr. Nearing. Do you give allegiance to the Red Flag or to the American Flag? Why, it's not a human being after all, it's Ham Fish acting like Torquemada impersonating Ham Fish. Well, well, well, and we all thought we were going to hear a debate.

We came to hear Communism blasted all to hell and the world saved (in the vaults of the National City Bank) for the people and the working man. What's that, you say, hollow man? "I believe in the people's right to revolution?" Mighty white of you, Mr. Fish. Next time we're in Washington we'll call on you. You can nurse our wounded for us, Mr. Fish, and maybe you'll buy us a sandwich, maybe. . . . What's that? You don't want an imported revolution. Oh, don't worry about that, Mr. Fish, we'll give you a genuine, made-in-America revolution. In fact, we're getting it ready for you right now.

We liked the way you played up to us in the gallery, Mr. Fish. We liked the way you complained about never knowing where the Socialists are. Of course, we didn't relish your calling us comrades, we thought we detected a bit of a sneer when you called us comrades, Mr. Congressman. But maybe we're a bit superstitious. Maybe we just remember nightsticks and tear gas and Tom Mooney, too well. Maybe we're just a little edgy about guys who sit on platforms and "bury the hatchet," so sportingly. Maybe our guts are too delicate. But, listen Ham (a comrade can call you by your first name, can't

he?), listen, Ham—what in hell did you mean telling us the Communists are anti-religious, and NOT atheists? Do you call that fair? Anti-religion, it would seem, means that we're kept pretty busy just worrying about it. . . . The million unemployed aren't exactly worried about whether our crowd are religious or not. Maybe a guy who's been thrown on the skid road after thirty years (you yourself told us about him) is wondering whether or not the laborer is "worthy of his hire." There are one or two other matters I'd like to clear up, too, Ham. You're against dictatorship. You said so yourself. You're against the kind they have in Russia and the kind they have in Italy, aren't you? But how about our own dictatorship? You didn't know we had one? Come, come, such naïveté from a college man!

YOU made one concession, though, Ham. We liked that part where you told about telling the socialists that if they'd had a revolution in 10,000 years, the Communists would take it away from them the next morning. That was pretty cute of you, Ham! 10,000 years is a nice comfortable distance off, isn't it? And in the meantime, there's that little nuisance of the unemployed. As someone from a jail once wrote to Old McIntyre, "That red you see in the sky ain't all sunshine, mister." And that line about "it's the same old depression" wasn't bad. But it's different people who are experiencing it, Ham, new people; people who have been made literate. People whom your class has socialized, at the machine, maybe, and heard about the Soviet Union. People who know about class struggle when they strike, when they march, when they go to meetings. Different times, Mr. Fish. And, by the way, Ham, when are you going to get around to answering Nearing's question. The one that went something like this: "What has capitalism to offer the worker in the future?"

J. Louis Engdahl—A Tribute to a Revolutionist

By BILL DUNNE.
THE death of Comrade J. Louis Engdahl is a tremendous loss—not only to the International Labor Defense but to the entire revolutionary movement in which he spent his adult years. Comrade Engdahl died, exhausted by his ceaseless labors in the cause of the oppressed Negro masses, at the end of a phase of struggle in the Scottsboro campaign which dealt deadly blows to American imperialism throughout Europe and brought partial victory. Comrade Engdahl died in Moscow, the capital of the World Revolution.

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WITH tireless energy, Comrade Engdahl worked and fought in the class struggle with a burning enthusiasm which came from his revolutionary anger at the robbery and oppression of the working class and his hatred of the capitalists and their institutions. **HELPED TO BUILD PARTY.** With his entry into the Communist Party, his work on the weekly Worker and later on the Daily Worker, of which we were the joint editors at various times, Comrade Engdahl began a new life. Freed from the strangling reformism of the Socialist Party and its hampering influence in the struggles of the working class, Comrade Engdahl threw himself into the work of building a mass Communist Party in the United States.

He was a comrade who realized to the full the need of the masses for a revolutionary press and the need for the working class to learn how to use its press. He worked not only as an editor but as a teacher and agitator. He loved revolutionary journalism in all its aspects—political, literary and technical. For months on end the editorial rooms and plant of the Daily Worker were practically Comrade Engdahl's home. He worked, ate and sometimes slept there.

It was Comrade Engdahl who was largely responsible for building the Labor Defender into a mass paper and improving its contents. He was one of the first comrades who took the initiative in organizing the groups of worker correspondents which are now an indispensable feature of the revolutionary press. Comrade Engdahl was known and respected by thousands of workers. His death has brought sorrow to all of them and many are the expressions of grief evoked from workers by his untimely end. His revolutionary career linked the old and the new—the period before the war and the Proletarian Revolution in Russia with the present period when the working class and colonial peoples of the whole world, led by the Communist International and its sections, are moving forward in powerful battalions to the victorious struggle for the conquest of imperialism in the name of all the oppressed and disinherited.

THE gap in the ranks of the advance guard of the revolution

Letters from Our Readers

Praises New Features and the Editorials in the "Daily Worker"

Detroit, Michigan
Editor, Daily Worker, Detroit, Michigan:
I want to write you a few lines in appreciation of the improvement in the Daily Worker, not only the contents, but the way it is written, especially the last page with the editorials and fiction like Michael Gold's articles on "The Negro Reds of Chicago." The editorial, John Spivak's, "Georgia Nigger," I take it as fiction based on facts. Words fail me, to express my revulsion against this insidious form of slavery that is so silently creeping upon us, not only the Negroes, but the white workers as well. (We see it everywhere, the forced labor for the dole.)

This book should be read by every man, woman and child in the United States. It now sells for \$2.50 a copy. The price is so high that the workers simply can not buy it. Now, is it not possible to have this book put out in a cheaper addition with a paper cover so it could be sold for 25 cents? —J. HARRIS.

Jobless Terrorized By Canada Police

TORONTO, Canada.—Reports to Toronto papers and from Fort Arthur state that 14 unemployed workers were arrested in a demonstration of transient jobless who refused to be shipped to slave camps. Attorney-General Price, it is reported, personally undertook to mete out punishment to the workers who had dared protest against the miserable conditions. Provincial and RCMP officers, together with local officers at Sioux Lookout, participated in fighting the unemployed. Members of the fascist Canadian Legion were called in by the police to help break up the unemployed.