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Miners Intenisy Harlan Fight

I. W. W. ADVENTURER SAVES SKIN BY A SHADY POLICE DEAL

Lane Turns Over Harlan Members

HARLAN, Ky.—The leader and organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World has at last come out in his true colors. J. I. Lane is acting as first assistant to Sheriff Blair. The notorious sheriff of Harlan county is now issuing two hundred warrants, probably on the charge of criminal syndicalism as a result of J. I. Lane buying his release from jail by turning over to Sheriff Blair the list of charter members obtained just after the fight against the militia invasion of Harlan.

Afraid of Jail

That Lane was too cowardly to longer remain in jail, when he had a chance to buy himself out by betraying a large number of the fighting miners of Harlan is evident from a review of his activities here. Lane was being held in jail on a charge of criminal syndicalism and even cash bond was refused. His home was raided three times by the sheriff's forces without anything being found.

The imprisonment affected the nerve of Lane so that he visibly weakened and began to plea for a "talk" with the sheriff. On Thursday, September 10, Lane was taken from the jail to the sheriff's office and inquired as to when and under what conditions he could be released. He was informed that if he turned over the I. W. W. records he would be released. That night the deputies went to the Lane house and direct to the right spot, tore up the floor and secured the records which included a list of charter members who joined the I. W. W. immediately after the Harlan battle, as they mistakenly thought it was a fighting organization.

The next day Lane was rewarded by being released without bond.

Mainly Hits N. M. U.

The blow delivered by this Judas of the working class hits the National Miners' Union particularly hard because most of those who in the early part of the Harlan struggle joined the I. W. W. soon deserted it when they realized its real character and are now members of the N. M. U.

This sounds the death knell of the I. W. W. and its fake "General Defense Committee" which has all along functioned as an instrument of the bosses by trying to sabotage every real move toward organizing a counter-offensive against the Harlan county terror.

In spite of all the traitors and stool pigeons and against them the fighting miners of Kentucky will go forward and eventually drive out the gunmen and their craven informers, and establish decent living and working conditions.

SIX DEAD, 30 HURT

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Six men are dead and 30 injured, 11 critically as a result of an explosion Saturday in the new \$98,000 gasoline recovery still at the Atlantic Refining company's plant at Point Breeze.

DEFEAT SLAVE RECRUITING IN HARLAN FIELDS

Ruthlessly pursuing the bosses' policy of trying to smash all working class organizations in Harlan County, Kentucky, the state and county government, the imported thugs, the detective agencies and the employment agencies are actually conducting slave compounds in which large numbers of Negro workers are held prisoners and forced to work in the mines.

Hundreds From Maryland

Three railway car loads of Negro workers were imported into Harlan County at one time. During the trip they were closely watched and as soon as the coal region of Kentucky was reached they were subjected to armed guards who dictated every move of any of the men.

It is doubtful if any of the Negroes knew anything about the state of seige existing in Harlan. The employment agents offered unemployed Negroes jobs without telling them they were to be taken to a part of the country where the only law is that of the bullet, the club and the jailers.

Stop Enforced Scabbing

It is up to the workers of every part of the United States to canvass all employment agencies or other places where workers are recruited and warn all workers against being fooled into going to Harlan. Let these workers and their families know that the moment they place themselves in the hands of any agents of the Kentucky coal barons they become worse than slaves.

Stop the importation of slave labor into Harlan!

Demand the Release of the Scottsboro Boys!

SALVATIN' ARMY URGES SLAVERY FOR JOBLESS

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Commandant Paul Jones, in charge of the Salvation Army headquarters unit, 809 Georgia Avenue, is trying to find some way of covering up the fact that the organization he represents has so many calls for charity that it cannot meet them and continue to pay the salaries and expenses of its army of parasites.

There has been an increase of 127 per cent in the women's and children's emergency department for August over July. These charity mongers who aid the capitalists in the fight to resist the growing demands of the workers for unemployed insurance at the expense of the rich, cannot keep up the pretext of aiding even a small fraction of the unemployed workers and their dependents.

Slandering Workers

Jones traduces the unemployed workers in the vilest terms. He was reported by the Chattanooga Times to have said: "I realize fully that the majority of the transients (homeless workers searching for employment) are peripatetic parasites and a large number are specimens of humanity who have descended to irretrievable depths."

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Negro Candidates Prominent In N. Y. Communist Campaign

NEW YORK—The 1931 State election campaigns will be everywhere featured by large numbers of Negro candidates. In almost every assembly and aldermanic district where there is a considerable proportion of Negro people, the Communist Party is putting forward Negro candidates.

The Communists have made one of their issues, a struggle against the segregated Negro districts. Other demands raised by the Communist Party are, unemployment insurance which will be extended to every worker regardless of nationality, race, color or sex and which must be raised by a graduated tax on all incomes above \$7,000 by levy on all capital above \$100,000; by sharp reduction of all salaries of all city or state off-

icials receiving more than \$2,500 per annum; by relegating all war funds to the use of unemployed insurance. Immediate unemployment relief is another demand of the Communists and pending the operation of this relief, the Communist Party is demanding that evictions of unemployed and part time workers shall cease; that they shall receive free rent, gas and electricity; that all public buildings, vacant apartments and armories shall be transferred for the use of the unemployed. They are demanding as well, free food, shoes, clothing, school supplies and medical attendants for all school children of the unemployed, part time and striking workers.

Provisions have been made for

Hundred and Twenty-Five at Conference

HARLAN, Ky.—While hordes of armed gunmen and thugs in the employ of the coal companies scoured the entire vicinity of Harlan searching for the Rank and File conference of 125 determined workers met and carefully considered ways and means of broadening and deepening the struggle—means of turning the defensive fight against the terror regime of the mine barons into a working class counter-offensive.

ATLANTA POWER COMPANY FIGHT IN FIFTH MONTH

ATLANTA, Ga.—The electrical workers strike against the Georgia Power Company for wages and working conditions is now five months old and with present organizational forms has reached a deadlock. Representatives of 65 unions including railroad brotherhoods met and unanimously decided to give "full support to the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in their controversy." Those in attendance were presidents and secretaries of all organizations affiliated with the Atlanta Federation of Trades. A central committee of fifteen was formed to conduct agitation.

This is merely a futile gesture on the part of the officials of the Federation of Trades to conceal their own opposition to extending the strike to include masses of workers in Atlanta and vicinity. As against this fake committee the strikers should take the leadership of the strike out of the hands of the officials, set up a democratically elected rank and file strike committee, consisting of organized and unorganized employed and unemployed electrical workers thereby insuring independent working class leadership. A committee of action should be selected

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Many details of the work of organizing the miners into the National Miners' Union were taken up which because of the organized brightness being carried out under the direction of Judge Jones and Sheriff Blair cannot be made public. Prominent on the order of business of the conference was the question of the defense of workers' homes against the vandal raids of the imported thugs and gangsters, recruited from the ranks of the lowest criminals of the underworld of a score of cities throughout the country.

Launch Huge Petition

In connection with and as an integral part of the organization of the counter-offensive the conference of 125 miners drew up a petition to be circulated. The petition is to be addressed to the governor and state legislature of Kentucky and is as follows:

"We, the undersigned workers, and farmers and other citizens, demand:

- "1. The right of miners to organize and meet in locals of the National Miners' Union to determine conditions, hours and conditions of labor.
- "2. The right of women to organize into Women's Auxiliaries of the National Miners' Union.
- "3. Immediate cessation of terror, murder, raiding of homes, and arrests of men, women and children by gunmen under direction of Sheriff Blair, or other county officials or coal operators.
- "4. That all money available to hire gunmen must be used for relief of unemployed starving workers and farmers and that the distribution of such funds be under the direction of and administered by committees of workers and farmers.
- "5. The right of workers, farmers and other citizens of Harlan County to bear arms and defend themselves.
- "6. The repeal of the law against banding and confederating.
- "7. The repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law."
- "8. Release of Harlan Prisoners."

The petition is to be circulated under the joint auspices of the National Miners' Union and the International Labor Defense. The presence of the 125 delegates, meeting in defiance of terror and in spite of the fact that a stool pigeon knew that such a conference was to be held, although he could not learn where, assures the movement to secure signatures by mass support from the start. The

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LEGAL LYNCHER IN SCOTTSBORO APPEAL THREAT

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Attorney General Thomas E. Knight, Jr., announced Wednesday that he will seek to have the legal lynching sentence against the eight Negro boys sustained when arguments take place before the state supreme court in January.

The attorney general said he would represent the state in the appeal case which will be called as a part of the eighth division docket, set for January 18. The Scottsboro cases, wherein the eight boys were convicted in the trial court and sentenced to be hanged to death in the electric chair on the perjured testimony of two white prostitutes, who claim the boys assaulted them, are being defended by the International Labor Defense.

Mass Fight To Save Boys

Already the exposure of the Scottsboro frame-up has reached around the world and the ruling class in Alabama and the whole South held up to scorn.

The latest blood-thirsty boast of Knight must be answered with mass protests in every part of the South and throughout the United States. In Europe, Asia, Africa, Egypt, India, China, Australia, Latin America, everywhere in the world the masses must demonstrate before the United States councils and legations against the lynching conspiracies of Yankee tyranny.

The Scottsboro cases were initiated as a part of the general campaign of terror against the Negro masses in the South who are in ever larger numbers coming to resist the beastliness of the white ruling class, that today trembles at the thought of Negro and white workers fighting together against their capitalist exploiters.

The reply to the boast of Knight must be a vastly more energetic defense of the Scottsboro boys.

Harvester Co. Closes; Workers Face Hunger

The International Harvester Company at Chattanooga closed down on Thursday afternoon. The plant has been running with short forces for over a year, but has finally shut down altogether. The bosses talk about reopening some time in October, but hold out no definite hopes.

How do the bosses take care of the shut-down workers? Well, they have a very kind scheme. If you have been working two years when you are laid off, you can borrow from the company at the rate of \$2.00 a week and pay it back when you begin to work again. Which gives the company a kind of mortgage on you when work starts up again.

The 29 to 40 cents a week you have to pay out of your wages for "insurance" is good for a couple of dollars only in case of sickness or death—you get nothing out of it if you are laid off.

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earing of signatures and the campaign waged in connection with it will expose to ever larger masses of workers the vicious character of the regime in Harlan county and rip the hypocritical mask of democratic pretenses off the faces of the political puppets who run the state, from the governor down to Blair's lowest stool pigeon.

Before the campaign is over not only will the workers and farmers insist upon the fulfillment of the demands of the petition in words; they will fight for it in deeds.

LYNCH LAW AT WORK

FULTON SPRINGS, Ala.—A young Negro, Henry Jones, was tracked down by bloodhounds here and located in an old coal mine where he was digging coal to peddle in order to make a living. Some whites were using the coal from the abandoned mine and resented Negroes using it also. A Mrs. Kyser claimed that the Negro had addressed insulting remarks to her. The victim is held in jail on a charge of assault and the lynch spirit is being stirred up in order to terrorize the Negro population.

INDIANOLA, Miss.—Bloodhounds and armed men are searching a woods near here for Henry Belton, Negro, accused of having shot and killed O. M. Riddell, a deputy sheriff, who accused the Negro of stealing an automobile, in spite of the fact that the victim did not have a car in his possession.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—James Jordan, Negro, was indicted for murder Tuesday in connection with the death in April of Mrs. F. A. Allen and a legend attacks on Lena Mae Allen, 17, at the Birmingham Gun Club last April. Jordan claims he was nowhere near the scene of the crime. Such an indictment in Alabama is merely the prelude to a legal lynching—unless the ruling class wants to avoid even the pretense of a trial, farcical as they are, by staging an orthodox lynching before the case comes up in court.

LUDOWIC, Ga.—After an hour's deliberation the jury in the case against Will Davis, Negro, accused of murdering his child, returned a lynching verdict, without recommending for mercy, which means death. The Negro's child died from natural causes and because of poverty the father buried it in a shallow grave near his residence. It was discovered and the Negro charged with murder although there was no evidence produced to show any motive whatsoever. It is part of the terroristic policy of the Southern ruling class against Negroes.

M'COMB, Miss.—Jewell Smith, a 19 year-old white boy of Hoxie, Ark., was shot and killed by Officer John Thomas, early Wednesday morning when he was discovered sleeping at an oil station, where he had sought rest after vainly searching through several states for a job.

GARLAND CITY, Ark.—Armed white hoodlums, in the employ of the cotton shippers who have large stocks of cotton on hand, are roaming thru wide areas threatening the Negro cotton pickers that they will burn their crops if they dare pick it. In some cases threats of lynching are made. A number of Negroes have been whipped with rawhides because they at first refused to stop picking.

M'GEHEE, Ark.—Will Flynn, a Negro tenant farmer, has been jailed on a murder charge because he refused to slave for nothing on the roads of the estate of W. V. Halley, prominent merchant and planter. Halley attacked and beat Flynn, who defended himself with an axe and killed the capitalist. Then a gang of thugs under Constable W. M. Bradford shot the Negro four times, then threw him in jail fatally wounded. The town where these events took place is called Halley, named after the family of the rich man who attacked the Negro. The Halley family claim that all workers must donate several weeks' work a year on the roads by way of paying poll tax. The Negro had worked several days and contended that he had fulfilled his obligation for the privilege of continuing to live and slave in the town of Halley.

Protest McDowell Frame-Up In Chattanooga Tuesday

To fight the frame-up of Oscar McDowell, a Negro worker who has been active in the campaign to free the Scottsboro boys, and to demand the right of Negro workers to serve on juries, the workers of Chattanooga are planning a protest meeting for Tuesday, September 22, in Koontz's church.

The frame-up of McDowell on a fake charge of assault is part of the campaign of the Negro fakers to break up the move among the Negro workers to fight for Negro rights. The fakers of the Ministers Alliance used their stool-pigeon, Rufus Baugh, to frame-up McDowell. Baugh, on orders from the fakers, had once before tried to murder McDowell, shooting him in the arm. Baugh beat his wife because she also worked to save the nine Scottsboro boys from death. He was told to continue beating her by the labor-hating judge, Fleming.

Fleming also told Baugh to shoot McDowell if he came near him. But it was not Baugh, who had already shot McDowell but McDowell himself who was arrested and charged on a frame-up case of "assault."

This is the same Judge Fleming, who in order to catch votes, is talking about having colored juries to "put a

stop to murder among the colored people." Fleming knows very well that in order to serve on a jury in Chattanooga, a juror must be a property owner, so that if Negroes were called for jury duty, only the big rich Negro fakers, landlords and real estate men would be allowed on the juries, and could be counted on to give Negro workers and unemployed stiff sentences. Fleming has himself pointed out that only the "better elements"—that is the rich people—among the Negroes would be allowed to serve. From experience in the fight against the Scottsboro frame-up, the bosses and their judges know that rich Negro fakers like those in the Ministers Alliance can be counted on to send framed-up Negro workers to the electric chair or to the penitentiary for long sentences.

Against Fleming's agitation for juries of white and Negro property holders, the workers demand working class juries of Negroes and Whites, without any property qualifications whatever.

The McDowell protest meeting will be held under the auspices of International Labor Defense and the Scottsboro Block Committee.

Militia Called In Arkansas Church Row

National guardsmen have established what amounts to martial law in Jonesboro, Ark., because of a fight between an ignorant, illiterate evangelist, Rev. Joe Jeffers and an equally dumb preacher, Rev. Dow Heard. The fight is over control of the First Baptist Church. The economic crisis has reduced the income for preachers so they stage warfare between themselves for the spoils. Jeffers, the evangelist comes from Alabama, whose ruling class is perhaps the most benighted in the world. He is a typical product of his capitalist environment. He like others of his type, are busy at the present time trying to sidetrack the workers and farmers from a fight against their capitalist oppressors by starting evangelistic campaigns in tents and telling the starving masses that they should not fight for decent conditions here on earth—that the more miserable they are here the happier they will be when they are dead. Intelligent workers will scorn the whole preaching outfit as flunkies of the capitalist and enemies of the working class.

WORKED NINE HOURS, OWED BOSS 25 CENTS

McKEESPORT, Pa., Sept. 15.—A worker in the Peterson Coal Co., mine in Elizabeth township, put in nine hours digging coal. He earned 40 cents, according to the company's idea of weighing coal. From this he had to spend 65 cents for expenses including powder, lunch bucket, doctor, lamp, and other things. He found that he owed the company 25 cents for doing nine hours' work for it.

ASKED STRIKE RELIEF, SHOT THEN ARRESTED

COLLINS, W. Va., Sept. 15.—A woman and a man, members of a relief collecting committee of Local 116 of the National Miners' Union, which is on a strike here, are in Woirton jail and were to come up for a hearing Sept. 1. They were shot at by a rich farmer who found them coming on his land to ask for food for the starving strikers. The farmer is not being tried. The victims of his anger are being tried, on the charge of stealing a peach. Fortunately, the shot missed them.

Salvation Army Urges Slavery For The Jobless

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"It is my idea," continued Jones, "that when these people apply to us they be at once dispatched to the police department, where they can be sized up and possibly arrested, or, if badly wanted criminals, or if known to be vagabond, they can be told to permanently eliminate Chattanooga from their calling list."

It is nothing new for the Salvation Army, the Y.M.C.A. of America, or any of the other charitable organizations to be exposed as shakedown and police informers, but few of the pie-card artists have the brass-faced audacity to boast about it as Commandant Jones.

This announcement is calculated to frighten away workers from turning to the Salvation Army. Every worker should despise and fight against an institution that takes money on the pretext that it aids the impoverished people and then deliberately sets out to drive away applicants under threat of turning them over to the police.

Jones Slave Plan

The Salvation Army Commandant says that if there are any unemployed that seem to possess some special manhood they can be sent to Mayor Bass' woodyard, which functioned admirably last winter.

That woodyard is in reality a slave compound where unemployed workers, unfortunate enough to fall into the clutches of the Salvation Army and other such anti-working class institutions, are driven to forest for the miserable garbage handed out to them as food and the freezing dumps in which they are expected to spend the night.

Down with such filthy fakes

The unemployed should picket and demonstrate before such institutions and expose them to the broadest possible masses. Work of organizing committees of unemployed inside these establishments must be energetically carried out and mass resistance put up to any attempt to turn away workers and send them to the police. Such committees should also demand that these charity mongering flop houses be cleaned up and the vermin exterminated—at least the insect vermin, if it is not possible immediately to dispose of the human variety. As for as housing is concerned there must and will be organized a mass fight embracing employed and unemployed to place public buildings and other large houses at the disposal of workers' committees.

As against Jones' slave plan the workers put forth class demands and fight for them.

TAMPA YOUTH BUILD PARTY AND T.U.U.L.

(By Worker Correspondent)

TAMPA, Fla.—The International Youth Day went over big here in Tampa. Over two thousand people were at the demonstration. More people at our demonstration than at the A. F. of L. fake Labor Day meeting at the Fair Ground, listening to faker Pat O'Hara from Mississippi. I sent in a write-up to the Daily Worker.

We left the Centre Obrera (Labor Temple) singing The International. Naturally the cops were there to meet us, but the cops were shoved on their prats and the Youth marched on to the vacant lot where thousands of workers gave them a rousing welcome.

Jim Nine was chairman of the meeting and there were several Spanish young comrades spoke in Spanish. McDoshiak spoke in English on the fake way the A. F. of L. was jazzing the workers and have blinded the workers for years. Mac spoke of how he carried the gun for the boss in the world slaughter and now, he has to starve for the same boss in 1930 and 1931.

Many Daily Workers were sold and over two hundred employed and unemployed joined the Trade Union Unity League.

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Against the terror of the South, and in spite of the predictions when we started that we could not hold out six months, the Southern Worker has passed its first year. This, in itself, is a great achievement and we are sure all supporters of our paper rejoice in this. But many of our subscribers have forgotten that their first year's subscription has run out and should at once be renewed.

This is to remind all subscribers that they should pay up for the second year at once. We must have subscribers to be able to go on and to carry out plans for enlarging and improving the fighting capacity of the paper.

Please do not wait until we have to spend money sending you personal letters, as every such letter costs two cents, an amount that enables us to give away a paper to a worker.

Help your paper by renewing your subscription and getting other workers to subscribe.

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FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

BOYCOTT THE BIRMINGHAM CHARITY FAKE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The bosses are planning another of their annual campaigns to squeeze from the workers starvation wages money for the Community Chest. This year they expect to get 40% more than last year. All workers know that this money goes from the workers who are forced to pay or get fired. Then when a worker goes down for relief or help he is treated like a dog and is stampeded if he gets anything at all. Most of the money goes for the uplift work of the YMCA etc., which makes good slaves and common fodder for the bosses of the young workers and "administration expenses." Here is a little picture of why and how the Community Chest is run. Among the directors (not one worker you can get bankers and capitalists all H. C. Fyding, President TCI (which is cutting wages and laying off hundreds of workers) Frank Corcard, President Woodard Iron Co. (which cut the wages of workers there 30% and is cutting the others too. We workers must get together and refuse to contribute one cent to the bosses' community chest out of our starvation wages. We want work not charity. Demand that this money come from the pockets of the bosses and parasite rich and BE ADMINISTERED BY THE WORKERS THEMSELVES. Organize now, demand UNEMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INSURANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT and against evictions and for immediate relief in the city. —Young Worker

Doesn't Yet Know How To Fight; Steals Instead

(By Worker Correspondent) BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The other morning while I, a woman worker leaving the place where I work met a poor worker, a white man. He seemed to be so hungry I felt sorry for him until he tried to steal a bundle of dirty clothes from me. It seems he did not know what he had tried to take or what to do to keep from starvation. He didn't seem to know how to get together with other white workers and Negro workers and demand cash relief to avoid starvation. He will have to join in this struggle to know how to fight starvation.

PREACHER GETS GAY WITH WOMAN

The Rev. Dr. William A. Shelton has been removed from his job in the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church, because his conduct with his former secretary, Miss Carrie A. Williams, created such a stink that not even the hard-boiled deacons could stand it. There is to be a church trial where every effort will be made to cover up the mess. Rev. Shelton is no different than most other preachers, except that he was unlucky enough to be found out.

Atlanta Power Co. Fight in Fifth Month (Continued From Front Page) to fight to extend the strike to other industries, at the same time putting forth special economic demands of other workers.

Jim Crow Relief For The Unemployed of Tampa, Florida

(By Worker Correspondent) FT. MYERS, Fla.—Down here where H. Ford and Edison have their winter homes the workers are starving just the same as the workers are up North where Henry has his summer home. Last Saturday the city officials collected baskets of food for them—employed white workers and gave them to only the white unemployed. No one down here thinks the Negro ever gets hungry. Not even their own papers printed here in Florida have the guts to print anything to aid them in these struggles. There is only one paper that fights for the Negro and White worker in the Southern States and that is the Southern Worker. The bosses are not strong enough in the South to suppress the truth. Ft. Myers is a city of 10,000 people white and Negro. There are about 2,000 negro workers in this rich man's

paradise and Poor Workers Hell. Over two thirds of the Negro population is unemployed and the bosses are not aiding them by giving them baskets of food. Two hundred unorganized Negroes marched on the court house and post-office and demanded food and clothing from the bosses. All the negroes got was promises. The bosses are now giving the unemployed workers \$1.00 a day for clearing land, that generally pays \$4.00 a day in normal time. There is some truck farming and fishing here but not enough to keep more than a few families busy. White and Negro workers of Ft. Myers join the unemployed councils and fight for work or wages, make the bosses feed you or give you a living wage scale while unemployed. Join the T.U.U.L. Write to Al W. McBride, P. O. Dr B. Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.

War Veterans Must Put UP Fight Against American Legion Fraud

Birmingham, Ala. Today there are thousands of vets walking the streets of B'ham and every where without jobs. So now they are getting together to demand that they get FULL PAYMENT OF THE BONUS and not 1/2 of the Tombstone bonus while the rest is eaten up with interest. So we find that the American Legion is trying to lead the movement in order to betray it to the bosses. The American Legion leaders are afraid to openly denounce the soldiers demands because that would drive them away. So they come out with all kinds of bunk about "the government can't afford it now" etc. Also some leaders of the legion are speaking against it and Brigadier Hineshead of the Veterans Bureau is now on a tour speaking against it. The ex-service men can't trust

these tools of the bosses. We have got to get together with the other workers and kick out these fakers. Demand that the bosses and millionaires who made millions from our sweat and blood in the WAR for profits be forced to shell out this dough to pay our bonus. Now is the time to expose the fakers of the American Legion—who are only active to smash the Reds and workers organizations but not in the interests of the veterans and workers. Ex-service men build up locals of the Ex-Servicemen's League everywhere. Demand full immediate payment of the "Tombstone Bonus." Demand it come from the pockets of the millionaires. Organize for unemployment insurance under the lead of the Communists. —Young Worker.

Negro and White Workers Denounce Oscar De Priest

(By Worker Correspondent) CHARLOTTE, N. C.—One hundred Negro and White workers demonstrated last night against Oscar De Priest the Chicago Negro landlord and millionaire congressman. The demonstration took place in front of the First Baptist Church, where De Priest spoke to a small group of Negro Business Men, holy fakers and a couple of white lickspittels sent up by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce to bring back the message of the Negro agency of the workers to their masters. Under the slogan: "White and Negro Citizens must unite to fight communism" Oscar De Priest called upon the Negro business men and preachers to unite with the white master class and the K.K.K. in the fight against the workers and their leadership, the Communist Party. The admission price to De Priest's meeting was fixed at 75 cents. De Priest knew that the Negro and white workers of Charlotte are aware of his role in Congress, where he as a Negro Capitalist stands against every thing that would benefit the workers and the Negro masses as a whole. He knew that the workers are aware of his eviction policy of the unemployed tenants in his buildings in Chicago and of the murdering of Negro work-

PARASITE KILLS SELF

John Lanzel Kaul, capitalist, of Birmingham, Ala., killed himself after a spree at Atlantic City by jumping from a window. Kaul was one of the most vicious labor haters in the South, was always among the worst enemies of any attempt on the part of workers employed in his lumber industry to organize. Kaul was formerly president of the Birmingham Chapter of the Red Cross, and engaged in other "patriotic" activities that were safe for him. The Birmingham plutocrats who head lynch mobs will miss their drunken friend. ers recently in Chicago, while those workers were fighting the eviction of a Negro woman for which De Priest is responsible. This is why De Priest has done everything to prevent the workers coming into the church. Car loads of police were stationed at the church to protect him from the workers mobilized by the Communist Party. The demonstration was one of the most enthusiastic ones in Charlotte. Banners were displayed by the workers reading: "We fight De Priest and all landlords." "We demand free rent for De Priest's tenants and all unemployed workers." "De Priest the murderer of Negro workers in Chicago," and others. Thousands of leaflets will be distributed in Charlotte for unity of the workers both Negro and white against the United Front of White and black capitalists and the K. K. K. and their attack on the workers and the Communist Party.

Stockham Pipe Slashes Wages of All Workers

(By A Worker Correspondent) Birmingham, Ala. The bosses in Stockham Pipe Co. are again using their "Superior" brains making preparations to cut wages again. Already the workers' wages are far below the standard of living wages, the workers have put up with three cuts within one year, besides being forced to accept the "13" hour system without grumbling. The bosses in this plant are using Labor Day as a pretext to cut wages and speed the workers up some more and put more but on the streets to starve this winter. Before the bosses forced the workers under the "B" hour system holidays weren't natural, the bosses even urged the workers to work on these holidays. At break-neck speed at that, but now since the machines have been speeded up one machine doing the work of three, wages have been cut right and left, hundreds have been thrown into the streets to starve, the bosses are making more profit now than they were when they were forcing the workers to slave on holidays, therefore, to make more profits, the bosses are planning to slash wages and in order to do it smoothly they use Labor Day as an excuse by telling the workers that the plant will shut down Labor Day for a few days. The moulders in the plant are speeded up ridiculously while minute men stand over them to keep them from stopping to rest. The iron pourers, grinders and shake out men suffer greatly from extreme heat, suffing smoke, emery dust, gas and various other things that are menacing to their health. In the core room women workers and youth workers are forced to breathe in the hot and crazy-driving gas which flies from the core oven into their faces, this they breathe in and swallow, their health is ruined, they look like hospital patients, they are weedy slaves. White and Negro workers, women and youth, must organize! Strike! Fight against wage cuts, speed ups, demand the immediate abolition of the "B" hour system, for the 7-hour day and 5-day week, the withdrawal of the Minute Men, 15 minute rest periods for women workers, 6-hour day for all young workers under 18, no night work for women workers and youths under 18, 2 weeks vacation with pay for young workers, a reduction on hospital and doctor fees, free rent for all unemployed workers living in the company houses, free lights and water. By (Red Mark) Y. C. L.

"Hobo Express" a Way To Evade the Fight

(By Worker Correspondent) TAMPA, Fla.—This is the start of the Fall drive of unemployed workers back North from the Lily-White South in search of jobs. Come, you unemployed workers of Florida; join the Unemployed Councils of Jacksonville, Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Key West, Miami and Tampa. Don't move North! Stay here and fight for unemployment insurance. There is no hobo express that has been built that can keep a real Communist out of the bosses' paradise this winter. —A. B. M. KODAK TRUST KILLS FOUR ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Four workers were killed here in an explosion in the Kodak plant of George Eastman, head of the Kodak trust. The

YOUTH DAY IN NO. CAROLINA A BIG SUCCESS

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—At a demonstration on International Youth Day called by the Young Communist League against War Preparations in the Chadwick Hoskin Mill Mill Village outside of Charlotte about 75 to 100 young workers were present and a very enthusiastic meeting was held. The young workers came from Chadwick and Hoskin's Mills close by and many applications were made for membership in the League. Prior to the meeting an array had been made at a previous meeting on the same corner and threats made continually to the mill workers in the Village that no International Youth Day demonstration would be allowed. Despite this however the demonstration was held. While Mill and Rural Police stood by, held back from a tank by the militant mood of the young mill workers present. At another demonstration place in Charlotte, Police terrorized the young workers preventing them from meeting and holding the demonstration. Three carloads of Police attacked the workers at the demonstration place and continually deprived them. It took almost three quarters of an hour for the Police to keep the meeting place clear, the young workers continually weaving back and forth around the corner.

NEGRO FAKERS AID BOSSES IN HUNGER DRIVE

(By Worker Correspondent) BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Community Chest, owned and controlled by the big white ruling class profiteers in Birmingham is now prepared to launch another hunger landslide. Twenty-eight more Negro men and women fakers and business tricksters have been added to the role and will help engineer its Ninth Annual Appeal campaign to help their white masters fight to prevent any real unemployment insurance at the expense of the rich. They also hope their white masters will give them a tip for their good and loyal and humble service. These are the same Negro fakers who endorsed the attempted legal lynching of the Scottsboro boys; these are they who rejoiced at the shooting down of innocent Negro workers and endeavored to frame them in connection with the shooting of two white women; it is they who support the whole capitalist system under which millions of workers are starving. White and Negro workers are organizing here to fight against hunger, unemployment, wage cuts, lynching, Jim-Crowism, Negro luke leadership and the deceitful policy of the Community Chest. To hell with fake charity. We want unemployment insurance and will get it—or else. Demand the release of the Scottsboro huns! Demand immediate relief! Demand free house rent, food, fuel, light, water and the right to organize for a workers' struggle against the bosses. —By Red Mark. explosion occurred in the film making room and was due to the neglect of the profit-hungry trust to provide simple safety devices. Human life is cheaper than maintaining safety devices for workers.

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Defeat Raids Against Homes by Mass Action

Daily in Harlan County, Kentucky, where for months the mine owners and their puppets, Judge Jones and Sheriff Blair, have directed a reign of terror against the miners, there are armed raids on workers' homes. Professional thugs, recruited from the vice-dens of the country, invade homes of workers any hour of the day or night and conduct searches for arms and for revolutionary literature. If a few workers get together to discuss their plight they are arrested and charged with "banding and confederating." One found in possession of Communist or National Miners' Union literature is jailed on a charge of "criminal syndicalism."

In these raids men, women and children are beaten, and subjected to the vilest insults from the human filth under the leadership of Sheriff Blair.

Workers and their families in the neighborhoods where these raids are taking place are compelled to stand by in helpless fury while such outrages are carried out. All workers who see such crimes against their class want to fight, but thus far there has been little effort toward taking advantage of this wide-spread resentment and hatred of the thugs and gunmen. Individual resistance is hopeless; simply an invitation to the thugs to continue their murder campaign. But this flaming hatred that burns in the breast of every class-conscious worker can be welded into a fighting force through organization that will bring about mass resistance to raids on workers' homes.

In every mine, in every locality there should be organized Workers Defense Corps, embracing every man, woman and youth capable of resisting the invasions of the thugs. Regular patrol systems should be worked out and at the first sign of a raid the entire neighborhood should be mobilized for action, and the craven cowards armed by and under the direction of the mine owners given such a lesson that they will not soon forget it. Such action in a number of places now terrorized by the thugs will defeat raids against workers' homes and establish the right of workers to possess arms and read any sort of revolutionary literature they desire.

But it is not merely a question of arms and literature; it is a question of the right of workers to organize into the militant National Miners' Union and fight for a living wage, the shorter work day and decent working conditions. Workers Defense is an inseparable part of the campaign to establish union conditions in Harlan county.

We Defy Harlan Censors

The News-Sentinel, of Knoxville, Tenn., a Scripps-Howard paper, is quite excited over the fact that it is being barred from circulation in Harlan County, Kentucky.

It seems that even the articles of Benton J. Strong—depicting in a sentimental way some of the atrocities carried out against the miners by the notorious judge, D. C. Jones, and his partner in tyranny, the chief thug, John Henry Blair, who holds the job of sheriff—are too much for the operators, hence they prohibit the circulation of even certain capitalist newspapers.

Says the News-Sentinel, regarding the censorship upon it:

"While we resent such an un-American interference with our circulation, nevertheless we take comfort in the fact that a paper thus advertised by the Harlan coal operators as being too interesting for the employees to read, is in much greater demand in other communities, where the citizen's right to choose his own reading matter is not questioned."

In true liberal style, the News-Sentinel further consoles its readers with talk about Harlan county being able to "restore her good name" by applying the principles of "Anglo-Saxon liberties and rights won at Runnymede and Yorktown." This can be done by giving the miner "equality before the law."

Not infrequently we see tyranny combined with almost incredible stupidity. Such is the case at Harlan. If Jones and Blair and the other puppets of the mine owners now carrying out the reign of murder and terror in Harlan County had even average brains they would welcome the circulation of any paper spreading such poisonous dope as that peddled in the columns of the News-Sentinel. The job of such papers is to try to create the illusion among the workers and farmers that capitalist democracy is a form of government standing above classes and that all who are oppressed should place implicit faith in the government and its agents. The specific job of such papers is to try to conceal the vicious class nature of all capitalist government, and to stem the rising tide of mass hatred against it. It was the liberals and the anarchists and their political blood relatives, the anarcho-syndicalists in the I.W.W., who aided capitalism murder Sacco and Vanzetti "by due process of law." Today these same agencies are helping the capitalist class against the fighting miners of Harlan by trying to make it appear that the present fascist attacks against working class organizations is something fundamentally different from ordinary capitalist democracy. They try to conceal the fact that fascist terror is only another and more violent form of the same capitalist dictatorship; that fascist terror is used whenever such methods are regarded as necessary to guarantee an uninterrupted flow of capitalist profits.

Judge Jones and Sheriff Blair have long ago barred the SOUTHERN WORKER from circulating legally in the confines of the domain over which they wield their terror. Other missions in the postoffices steal and destroy our paper when it is mailed. But that does not daunt us. This paper is printed in order to give a fighting lead to the oppressed of the South. We expect such attacks and are prepared to meet them. In spite of and against the Ukases of Blair and Jones this paper circulates in Harlan county today; tomorrow it will reach tens of thousands where today it does not reach

Soviet Collective Farms Successful in Five-Year Plan

BY C. PETERS

Already more than 55% of the poor and middle peasantry in the Soviet Union are embraced in the collective farms. The Kinel-Cherkassky district in the Samara region, is in the forefront of the collectivization. At present 97% of the poor and middle peasantry is collectivized in this district. The collective farms embrace an area of 107,000 hectares, which is 96.2% of the whole area in the district. The increase in the sowing area since the 1917 revolution is not less than 30%. The main products produced are wheat, rye, potatoes and sunflower. At present special attention is paid to the question of cattle breeding within the collectives. New modern stables, pigeries, silos, etc. are being built in all collectives.

The tremendous growth of the collectivization can be seen from the following figures: On the 1st of Oct. 1929 there were only 3.5% collectivized, in May 1930—57%, Jan. 1931—73% and at present 97 per cent.

Machine Tractor Stations

The reason for this tremendous growth of the collectivization is to be found in the Machine Tractor Stations. At present 3 such stations are working in this district, with a total number 216 tractors of the Deering type. This makes it possible for the collectives to utilize the tractors for their ploughing and harvesting, etc., and thereby increase their productivity. The peasants see the advantage of tractors and collective work and throw away their old individual peasant economy. Besides the tractors, they are also provided with other machinery as combines, etc.

Socialist Competition

The work on all the collectives is carried out under the banner of socialist competition and shock work. Socialist competition is organized between the collectives and between the brigades as well as between the individuals. In every collective there is a moving Red Banner that the best shock brigade gets. It is interesting to note that the women are among the most active shock workers.

These farmers participate in the socialist competition with just as much enthusiasm as any worker in a factory. Mutual help is also established between the collectives, the more advanced farms helping the less advanced farms by sending brigades of workers and machinery to help them.

Living Conditions

Side by side with the increase in the production goes the improvement in living and cultural conditions of the farmers. While a poor farmer in pre-war time received for the whole year 6 poods of grain to live on the peasant now receives 15 pood a year. In every collective social feeding is organized. In the fields kitchens are working. This makes it possible to release the women from the domestic home slavery and instead gives them a possibility to participate in the fields and in the political and cultural life of the collectives.

Illiteracy has been eliminated everywhere in the district. At present 96% of the population is literate. This is a tremendous achievement compared with the days of Czarism when not more than 20% were literate. All children are embraced by elementary schools. Technical high schools and political schools also exist embracing a large percentage of the collective farmers.

In the struggle for culture in the collectives the Y. C. L. and the Pioneers play a decisive role. The old religious superstition that has reigned for ages in the Village is being liquidated, thanks to the extensive cultural work that is being carried on. Many churches have been closed down because nobody wanted to attend them.

Struggle Against the Kulaks
The tremendous steps forward towards socialism, however, has not been made without a hard struggle against the kulaks who wanted to continue the exploitation of the agricultural workers and the poor peasants. The kulaks have carried on all kinds of propaganda against the collectives, playing to a large extent upon the religious feeling among some of the peasants. But not only through propaganda, have they carried on their work. They have also carried it on by burning down houses, grain, etc. of the collectives and by wrecking the tractors and other machinery, etc. Nevertheless, the collective farmers have succeeded in liquidating the kulaks as a class, under the firm leadership of the Communist Party. Their answer today to the propaganda and wrecking attempts by the remnants of the kulaks and their agents is the widening of the shock work, the further development of socialist competition, for increased production, for the strengthening of the collectives.

Under the steady leadership of the Communist Party the collective farmers, together with the working class in the Soviet Union are marching forward in the building of SOCIALISM—for the establishment of COMMUNISM.

LESSON IN BOSS JUSTICE

COVERDALE, Pa.—John Hassan believed in all those constitutional guarantees about equal rights before the law, justice even handed, etc. The International Labor Defense representative and Hassan's union comrades told him that it was no use to go to the coal operator's courts of Pennsylvania and make that complaint about three scabs who pounced on him early in the strike and beat him up. But John—who believed in the justice of the courts, he made the complaint. It went duly before the grand jury. Everybody patted John on the shoulder and assured him he was acting like a good American. The grand jury met, and threw out the case, adjudging the costs against Hassan. Hassan didn't have the money, so they made him serve ten days in jail for daring to complain about being beaten when he didn't have any money.

PREACHER BUTCHERS SON

Rev. J. N. Williams, pastor of the Methodist Church at Rochele, Ga., killed his son, Radford G. Williams, in order to collect insurance so he could continue his stock gambling. Williams is in jail awaiting trial for the murder. Local stock gamblers records show that the man of God lost heavily in his transactions and that he was bankrupt. After he killed his son and collected the insurance he deposited \$2,500 in a bank. Williams is among those preachers who try to tell workers that Communism will break up the home, is immoral, etc. Naturally one who, like Williams, and all other anti-Red preachers, makes his living telling lies, is not likely to hesitate at any other crime if it pays him to do so.

Tommy Gray Will Carry On Fight Against Owners

A letter has just been received from Tommy Gray, brother of Ralph Gray, who was murdered by Tulsa, Okla., bandowners in an armed attack on a meeting of the Share Croppers' Union. On his release from jail he says in a letter to the Southern District of the International Labor Defense:

"I am out of jail after being there nearly two months. They are trying to make it hard for me to live here. They have stopped letting me have anything to eat because I stand in defense of this movement that they put me in jail for. On Friday night when they took me to jail, Karlie Brown beat me over the head with his fist before we got to jail. He said he was going to kill me like they killed my brother."

Southern Ry. Shops Has Big Wage Cut

(By Worker Correspondent)
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—The Southern Railway shops have cut all their bricklayers and blacksmith helpers (that is all colored workers) from \$1.20 to \$2.70. This cut took place last week.

At the same time practically all white workers were cut 40 cents on the dollar. This wage cut is accompanied by speed-up of the workers, one man in many cases doing the work of two. Many workers have been paid off.

Brazier Is Held By Grand Jury

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Andrew Brazier, Negro worker, who was arrested in July because the workers of his neighborhood put back his furniture after he was thrown out, has been indicted by the Grand Jury on a charge of entering premises after ejection.

Comrade Brazier's case will be fought by the International Labor Defense.

Brazier had been out of work four months and his wife two months when they were thrown out. The neighbors under the leadership of the Block Committee, considered that a worker out of a job has the right to a roof over his head.

The Block Committee will continue to replace the furniture of all evicted jobless workers in spite of all boss laws and courts protecting landlords and real estate agents.

As part of the protest meeting on the frame-up of Oscar McDowell for his work in the Seaboard Block Committees, the workers of Chattanooga will demand Brazier's release. The meeting will take place Tuesday, Sept. 22, in Koontz's church.

Shoots Husband of Woman Worker

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Sept.—(CNA)—Not satisfied with tasty cooking, Viola Payne furnished Elmer Herring her boss, also insisted upon other favors. Herring is a well known business man of Pine Bluff.

When Clyde Payne, husband of Viola, objected to Herring's demands for favors from his wife, an altercation arose. Herring secured a shot gun and fired point blank into Payne's breast instantly killing him. The authorities, members of Herring's class, have made no arrests.

hundreds. We do not appeal to the "bill of rights" to defeat the thugs in Harlan, but to the masses who will continue to mobilize in ever larger numbers and fight with ever greater determination until they overwhelm and drive out Jones, Blair and all other tyrants and smash with their organized power the mine bosses' terror machine.