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## Prepare Strike Against Starvation and Thugs In Kentucky Mine Fields

BRITISH NAVY THREATENS MUTINY AGAINST WAGE CUTS

### STOP NO. SEA PRACTICE AND SING RED FLAG

The British imperialist government, faced with a revolt against wage reductions and miserable conditions on the part of a large section of its navy, has had to postpone, for the first time since the war, its annual North Sea manoeuvres. The MacDonald government by establishing strict censorship is endeavoring to conceal the actual facts from the rest of the world, and particularly from other sections of the British navy in foreign waters and the British army for fear they will join in the fight against the government.

Following the revolt of the Chilean navy by less than two weeks, the action of the British naval forces, emphasizes again the general decay and disintegration of capitalism. The outbreak in the British navy against the wage cuts accompanying the "economy" plan of MacDonald's fascist government proves that the naval men realize, at least partially, their identity of interests with the toiling masses in industry. The realization, however vaguely, of that identity of interest means that British imperialism can never again rest with the same comforting thoughts about the loyalty and integrity of its armed forces "The Red Flag" as sung by the British workers, re-echoes from the decks of battleships, replacing "Britannia Rule the Waves," and is a harbinger of the inevitable dawn of the day when the workers, the soldiers, the sailors will unite in a class fight against capitalism and end it. Instead of turning their guns against toilers of other countries, instead of fighting against colonial masses, the arms that have been placed in the hands of some of the workers will be turned against their officers and the capitalist ruling powers.

**Imperialism is Desperate**  
These unmistakable signs of growing revolt in widely scattered parts of the world, drives imperialism toward its attempt to solve its crisis by plunging the world into another blood bath of war. Just before the outbreak of the world war in 1914, there were great industrial disturbances characterized by mass strikes in a number of places in Czarist Russia, there was widespread discontent among the armed forces of a number of countries, even in France and Germany. Such events cause the imperialists to speed up preparations for imperialist war.

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### Ala. Teachers Get 10 Percent Pay Cut

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—Teachers in the public school system have been cut 10 per cent in spite of the fact that enrollment breaks all records and the work is harder than ever before.

### NEW ORLEANS POLICE ARREST TEN WORKERS

NEW ORLEANS—Alarmed at the headway being made by the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League, the police have begun a campaign of arrests against militant working class fighters. On Wednesday night ten comrades were arrested at a street meeting being held at Orleans and White streets.

State charges of inciting to riot were lodged against Frank Lamarque, 28 years old, and John Loreno, 27, who were addressing the meeting. There was no riot and the only disturbance was that caused when the police attacked a peaceful meeting.

Charges of unlawful assembly were brought against Arthur Male, Ernest Saler, Gus Lape, Ben Gaudry, Clayton Lamarque and Jack Staman.

While one squad was breaking up the meeting a bunch of motorcycle thugs arrested Miles S. Jackman and Sydney Pallet at Orleans and Broad streets. They were accused of the "crime" of being on their way to the meeting and were also held on the charges of unlawful assembly and were further held on charges of having "red" literature in their possession because they had some copies of the Southern Worker. They were all fined \$15 or 30 days in jail. All refused to pay the fine.

### Jesse Wakefield Is Welcomed In N. Y.

NEW YORK CITY—On last Thursday workers of New York welcomed Jesse London Wakefield, L.L.D. organizer in Harlan, who was recently released from jail there. The occasion was for the purpose of demonstrating the solidarity of New York workers with Harlan prisoners charged with murder and criminal syndicalism and other alleged crimes.

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### Poor Farm Reward For A Life of Toil

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—R. B. Porter, aged 79 years, all his life a farmer, was admitted to the poor farm in a starving condition, after wandering the streets of this city for three days without food or shelter.

### African Workers Fiercely Fight Armed Police

WORCESTER, (CNA)—At De Wet Compound near Worcester recently, a police raid was met by a hostile demonstration of the entire residents there. The police raid, taking as its excuse the search for liquor, aimed to further terrorize the inhabitants of this locality.

That the raid failed in this intention is evidenced by the fact that all the colored and native people attacked the police with stones in an attempt to drive them away from their houses.

There is a reported reign of terror in the district, but the reign of terror is that of the police which for nearly two years has been trying to break down the growing revolutionary activities of the masses.

It is this same reign of terror, which has been responsible for condemning Beukes, the pallant working class fighter, to six years imprisonment in connection with the Worcester disturbances eighteen months ago.

That the masses will not be terrorized by the police is indicated by the recent events at De Wet, when not only were the people not cowed into submission, but they fought back against armed police, only at the last moment fleeing into the mountains, there to re-form their ranks for the next episode in the class struggle.

### THREE DEAD IN BLAST

PORT JERVIS, N. Y.—Three men are dead and three others seriously scalded as a result of the explosion of the boiler of a railroad engine at Graham, four miles from here. The explosion, due to the railroad company operating junk pile engines with defective boilers, hurled parts of the engine several hundred feet in the air. The engineer and one brakeman were killed instantly; another brakeman died on the way to the Port Jervis hospital.

### Miners Getting Ready To Launch Big Fight

In spite of the regime of frightfulness established in Harlan County by such hirelings of the mine owners as Sheriff John Henry Blair and Judge Jones the miners and their families are busily preparing for the day when they will launch such a smashing counter offensive that the ruling class will realize that their terroristic acts had exactly the opposite effect from what they expected.

A recent careful survey of the field shows that the overwhelming majority of the miners are definitely behind the National Miners' Union, and in every section of Harlan and Bell counties in Kentucky and in the adjacent mining territory of Tennessee, preparations are going forward to perfect the organizational machinery with which to carry into effect a mass strike against starvation.

### STEEL WORKERS GET A GENERAL CUT IN WAGES

The New York Journal of Commerce for September 16 states that the wage cut for the 250,000 steel workers of the country will be put into effect by the U. S. Steel corporation on September 29. The finance commission of the steel trust has already adopted its wage cutting program which takes ten per cent more from the miserable wages of the slaves of the steel industry.

**Birmingham Hard Hit.**  
The workers of the Birmingham section of the steel trust, the biggest in the South, will be hit particularly hard inasmuch as they are already living on a starvation level.

Southern workers are further affected by cuts inasmuch as the ship owners of the gulf coast have decided upon another wage cut.

To defeat these wage cuts the steel and dock workers must set up shop committees, democratically elected, and strike against the greedy bosses. Steel workers should join the Metal Workers Industrial League and marine workers, the Marine Workers Industrial League. Organize and strike against wage cuts.

### Am. Negro Worker Praises Soviet Rule

PARIS, France (CNA)—Robert Robinson, American Negro worker who is employed as a mechanic in Soviet Russia, is spending his vacation here. He speaks very enthusiastically about the Soviet Union and the building of the Five-Year-Plan.

Robinson is the worker who was attacked by two white southerners, Lewis and Brown, while in the USSR. These two men were arrested, tried and sentenced to ten years imprisonment by the Russian court, but as they later apologized very humbly to Robinson, the sentence of one was changed to deportation and the other fight against searches and seizures. (Turn To Page 3)

**Fight Against Thug Rule**  
Thousands of miners are ready, willing and anxious to act. On every hand the miners say they are going to put an end once and for all to the prison camp regime that has been established in Harlan county and in the adjacent territory of Tennessee. Conditions are so bad that no worker dares visit his own brother or other relatives without permission of the mine boss, and without some thug being especially deputized to go along and listen to every word of conversation. The miners will not tolerate having every act of their lives regulated by company thugs, nor will they longer endure being forced to work 12 and 14 hours a day for starvation wages—\$2.00 per day being the usual price for a man and boy when the mines work.

Under the slogan of "Don't starve—Fight!" the workers are setting up in the mines their rank and file committees, these are being consolidated under sub-section committees and everything is about in readiness for the beginning of a general strike in the region.

The economic demands will be the same as those formulated some time ago at a conference held in that vicinity, but added to them are demands that every thug get out of the territory and stay out that civil rights be re-established; that miners have the right to meet when and where they please; to read any revolutionary literature they desire and to maintain arms in their houses with which to defend themselves from the number gangs that now infest the region.

**Organize Defense Corps**  
In connection with the strike preparations a mass Workers' Defense Corps is being organized that will change to deportation and the other fight against searches and seizures. (Turn To Page 3)

# U. S. A. and German Reds Hail British Navy Rebels

## BRITISH BOSS CLASS SHOCKED AS FLEET ACTS

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The campaign of preparation for war and intervention against the Soviet Union intensifies with every passing day. The great contrast between the steady improvement in conditions of life and work of the masses of the Soviet Union and the increasing misery of those suffering mass starvation in the capitalist countries infuriates the capitalist exploiters of every country and impels them toward more aggressive war preparations.

**Fight War Danger**

Because of the naval outbreaks occurring in two such widely separated places as Chile and Britain no one must get the illusion that these events assure immediate revolutionary action, that is to say, mutinies in a considerable number of places at the outbreak of an imperialist war. They do indicate, however, that the barriers maintained by imperialism to divide the armed forces from and set them against the workers are being broken down, and that, in the course of an imperialist war, the armed forces and the toiling masses in war industries can be welded into an invincible force under the leadership of the Communist Parties of the countries affected.

Such dramatic movements among the armed forces of other countries only show to us a picture of what the situation will be among the armed forces of the United States in the very near future. Here in the United States the class conscious workers should join the Communist Party, the revolutionary party of the working class and help to play a part in the mighty class conflicts that are developing with tempestuous pace.

### German Sailors' Greetings

(Cable by Inprecorr)

BERLIN, Sept. 16.—The German Communist Party sent a telegram of greetings to the British workers and sailor's crews who have revolted on the warships, congratulating the sailors in the name of the German workers on their courageous action against the British government and reactionary officers corps. The telegram describes the enthusiasm of the German workers at the news and warns the sailors against deception by the MacDonald government. The German sailors recommend that they continue the mutiny and disarm the officers, and point out that the struggle is not purely a wage movement, but a class struggle against the bourgeoisie.

The sailors recommended that they elect councils on all the vessels with a central council for the fleet. They further recommended that they establish connections with the revolutionary workers of Britain and fraternize with the oppressed peoples of China, India, and other colonial countries.

Long live the British naval mutineers, international solidarity, the Communist world revolution, the telegram says.

The telegram was also signed by the Young Communist League and the Red Front Fighters League.

The Communist Party of the United States sent the following telegram of greetings to the British sailors thru the British Daily Worker:

"Revolutionary greetings of solidarity in your courageous fight against starvation policy of the British government, headed by MacDonald. Extend your fight against British imperialism in its oppression of colonial peoples and war preparations against the Soviet Union. Join hands with the militant workers of Great

## Clara Holden Exposes Fake Report of Mill Sheriff

Clara Holden, organizer at Greenville, N. C., for the National Textile Workers' Union, has issued a statement for publication in answer to the report of Sheriff Bramlett, a lackey of the millowners, to Governor Blackwood, another millowner's tool, who claims he "investigated" the recent kidnaping and beating of Mrs. Holden by millowners' thugs.

The disgusting hypocrisy of such an investigation stands forth glaringly when one realizes that no such outrage could possibly have occurred without Sheriff Bramlett, his principal deputies and the police, and quite possibly the governor himself being accomplices.

The "democratically" elected agents of capitalism who carry out the dictatorship of the ruling class work hand in hand with the fascist elements who kidnap, torture and frequently murder working class leaders and fighters. Many times one individual is openly a "minion of capitalist law" and covertly a leader of fascist terror brigades.

To expect people like Sheriff Bramlett or Governor Blackwood to investigate such crimes is to expect them to expose their own criminal complicity.

### Exposes Mill Connection

Clara Holden, in her letter, exposes the definite connection between the mill owners and the kidnapers and floggers who tried to terrorize her into leaving the district and abandoning the work of organizing the textile slaves to resist wage cuts. The following is her letter which was sent to the local press of Greenville and vicinity:

"The Piedmont of September 16th and the News of the 17th carry statements of Sheriff Bramlett's report to Governor Blackwood, on the Holden kidnaping case of September 1st. He implies that the kidnaping and beating did not take place, for the following reasons:

1. That Mrs. Holden could not recognize the men, or give an adequate description of them.
2. That the men at the Saluda Power Plant, where Mrs. Holden went to phone for a taxi, said she was neither excited or nervous, and that the taxi driver and woman, whose house Mrs. Holden first went to, both said she was calm.
3. That Mrs. Holden did not inform these 3 people of the kidnaping and beating.
4. That Mrs. Holden did not call the Sheriff from the Power Plant but called a taxi.

"The reason I could not give Sheriff Bramlett a description of the men who kidnaped me was, that it was very dark, when they seized me, and I was immediately blindfolded and

Britain in a joint fight against the common enemy. Don't be deceived by the MacDonald government and the laborites. Organize your own committees of action, disarm the officers, continue your splendid fight.

### COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.

The Workers Ex-Servicemen's League sent a cable hailing the militant British sailors in their struggle against the wage slashing of the imperialist MacDonald Government. "Soldiers and sailors of all capitalist nations," it said, "we call upon you to unite with the workers in a struggle against hunger and war. Down with the wage-cutting war-mongering imperialist government. Workers Ex-Servicemen's League. New York, U. S. A."

was kept blindfolded the entire time. Also, the people I know in Greenville are workers, and these men were well dressed.

"2. The reason I seemed calm, and not excited or nervous, is because if I were a nervous or easily excited person, I would not be in this work organizing for the National Textile Workers' Union, against which organization, the police, KKK, and Sheriff's office are constantly doing acts of terror—arresting innocent workers, beating up workers, framing up workers, raiding workers' homes, threatening workers, etc. 3. The reason I did not tell the three persons I first saw, about the kidnaping and beating, was because I thought they might have some connection with the KKK, and that therefore it would be safer for me not to tell them about it. Shortly before this, about 200 KKK had broken into my room, stealing a gun and other belongings, and they told someone in the house "they were looking for Clara Holden." The reason I did not call on Sheriff Bramlett from the Power Plant was because of Sheriff Bramlett's previous actions—arresting another organizer, W. G. Binkley, on the framed up charge of vagrancy and breach of peace on May 1; telling me to leave town; telling me he would arrest me at any meeting he found me at, etc. Also, there was a policeman's empty holster on the back seat of the kidnapers' car. I felt that Sheriff Bramlett would be more in sympathy with the kidnapers than with me, because I was organizer for a mill workers union, the National Textile Workers' Union. This is why I did not want to call him from the Power Plant, and I think his later actions have proved I was correct.

"In the Piedmont of September 12, Sheriff Bramlett is quoted as saying: "Mrs. Holden refused to show me, or any woman I might have appointed at her request, the bruises caused by the whip or strap." This is not true. Sheriff Bramlett did ask me to show him the bruises, which I naturally refused to do, as they were on my back. He did not ask me if I would let a woman see them. However, a woman in the house, who was present at the interview, volunteered the information to Sheriff Bramlett that she had seen the bruises.

"As to proof of the kidnaping: Two women in the house where I stayed, saw me the night of September 1, after the kidnaping, and saw that my stockings were torn, and my shoes scratched up. People in three blocks of the nearby houses heard me scream as I was forced into the car, by the kidnapers. Dr. J. W. McLean, 814 Chamber of Commerce Building, made a certificate of the bruises on my back. Mrs. Mildred Whitmire, reporter for the Piedmont, in the Piedmont of September 5th, also stated that she had seen the bruises. Other women also saw the bruises. I have two pieces of broadcloth with which I was blindfolded. This cloth is cloth woven at Judson Mill. My pocketbook, hat and a book, were also kept by the kidnapers.

"Sheriff Bramlett has seen fit to ignore all these facts. It would be interesting to know why Sheriff Bramlett does not carry on a real investigation of the case and why he seems so anxious to shield the five men who did the kidnaping and beating. This also applies to the Greenville Police Department, and officers of West Greenville, all of whom stick together in trying to make it appear that no kidnaping and beating took place.

"So many acts of terror have taken place to try to keep the mill workers

## Errand Boy To Die For White Woman's Crime

MERIDIAN, Miss., (NCA)—Iring Pruitt, errand boy for Mrs. Louella Williamson, a wealthy white woman of this city, was sentenced to be hung yesterday. His crime was that he obeyed the orders of the woman for whom he worked and secured poison for her which she administered to her baby. The infant died. Mrs. Williamson was sentenced to life imprisonment which owing to her social position and color will probably be reduced to a term of a few years.

The boss class in its reign of terror against the cruelly exploited Negro masses are utilizing every pretext to carry forward their campaign of legal lynching.

The court which sentenced an errand boy to death for performing the errand demanded by his boss, is the same court in which the leadership of the N. A. A. C. P. contends the Negro masses can secure justice.

and other workers from organizing. In the six months I have been in Greenville, that I am convinced that the kidnaping of the National Textile Workers' Union organizer, and telling me to leave town within 24 hours on threat of death, is just another plan of the millowners and their agents to keep the workers from organizing.

"Mass starvation is going on in and around Greenville. Women are dying of pellagra and because they can not get the proper food. Children cannot go to school because they have no clothes. Babies go without milk, and are doomed to a life of ill health. Workers who have slaved for years to keep up their insurances are losing it. The employed workers are on starvation wages; mill workers getting on an average less than \$10 a week. Cotton pickers and fodder pullers only getting 35c a hundred. Painters working for 15 and 20c an hour. Domestic workers getting \$3 and \$4 a week. The employed workers can't live on their wages, and they are stretched out beyond the endurance point. Thousands of other workers are totally unemployed or only working part time. They are on starvation. With winter coming on, and the Red Cross shutting down (although it never did much), conditions which are already unbearable, will become more acute. No wonder the millowners, other capitalists of Greenville, and their agents are terrified for fear that the workers will organize, and demand and fight for the very right to exist.

CLARA HOLDEN, Organizer, National Textile Workers' Union. September 17, 1931.

## Workers' Soccer Leagues Against Boss Class Sport

The Labor Sports Union of America calls upon all working class soccer teams to join the L. S. U. Soccer Leagues which are today being organized in all sections of the country, particularly in New York, New Jersey, Chicago, Pittsburgh and New England. We call upon all soccer teams wherever they played in the United States Football Association or Industrial Soccer Leagues to join.

The Labor Sports Union is a workers organization and as such stands and fights for:

1. More public athletic facilities, playgrounds, fields, parks, etc., free of charge for workers, especially unemployed workers.
  2. The right of Negro athletes to participate equally with white athletes in all athletic and social activities. Against discrimination in any form.
  3. Against professionalism in athletics, and is opposed to all amateur sport organizations and on the soccer field against the United States Football Association. The U. S. F. A. is an organization that promotes sports in the interests of the bosses. Its officials, in most instances, are officials in professional soccer leagues. They use amateur soccer teams as a means to attract crowds to the professional games so that they can make good money and get fat salaries.
- The factory worker soccer leagues, on the other hand, promote factory sports for the purpose of keeping the workers from organizing into trade unions and independent worker sport clubs and are controlled by interest of the boss.

The Labor Sports Union does not only organize league competition but also District, National and International competition. At the present time we are preparing for an International met which will be held in the United States in 1932 as a counter action to the bosses Olympics, which will be held in the same year. At this International meet soccer teams of the L. S. U. will have a chance to play against worker soccer teams of other countries.

Worker soccer teams join the Labor Sports Union Soccer Leagues. Rally behind the Labor Sports Union, the only workers' sports organization in the United States.

—The National Soccer Committee

### CLEVELAND CUTS WAGES

CLEVELAND, O. — Wage rates were cut further in August according to the report of the Chamber of Commerce. The average is now 42c per hour, and the average number of hours per week are 37.

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FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

1-DAY STRIKE GETS PARTIAL MILL VICTORY

(By Worker Correspondent)  
 GREENVILLE, N. C.—Workers of the Piedmont Plush Mill of Greenville have just won a partial victory in a one-day strike. The 150 workers of the mill—all quit work when the manager told them of a wage cut of approximately 30%. The workers quit in a body and went and sat down on the grass outside the mill. They refused to accept the bosses suggestion that they go back to work and talk things over after they were at work. Instead they elected a committee of 5, which met with the management, and a compromise was reached. The workers however, agreeing to go back with a 15% cut.  
 This was a spontaneous strike on the part of the workers. A complete victory could have probably been won if the workers had insisted and continued the strike for no wage cut at all. The Piedmont Plush is one of the Greenville mills getting leaflets put out by the National Textile Workers Union.

ANTI-REDS SPLIT

DETROIT, Mich.—The "American Party," an alleged political party, founded to fight Communism has split as a result of a fight between two groups of racketeers over money.

BOY, 10, MINE VICTIM

MADISONVILLE, Ky.—Amos Johnson, 10 years old, was killed by a fall in a small mine near Charlestown, where he was working.

Miners Getting Ready To Launch Big Fight

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 defend demonstration and meetings against attacks by gangsters, drive out the spies and provocateurs and in every way defend themselves and their comrades from attacks of the minions of the mill owners.

The sheriff, the mill owners and all their stool pigeons are now busy trying to discover the organizational threads that connect up the movement that will engulf them, but they have utterly failed and will fail because the miners have learned how to fight such elements.

I. W. W. Utterly Dead

All other organizations except the National Miners Union are so completely discredited that they are unable to serve the bosses so effectively as they have in the past, although many mine bosses are now flirting with the United Mine Workers of America, John L. Lewis's strike breaking outfit, and unquestionably that gang of professional strike breakers will try to play its traditional treacherous role when the strike develops. But it is unlikely that they will be able to deceive any appreciable number of miners. As to the I. W. W., they are utterly dead—the shameful betrayal of their leader who turned the membership list over to Sheriff Blair settled them so they are no longer a factor to be reckoned with one way or another.

The impending launching of the working class counter-offensive in Harlan and Bell counties is one of the most momentous developments in recent class conflicts in this country and every worker must rally to aid the embattled miners of Kentucky as they enter into the next decisive battle with the mine bosses and the murder gangs that thought they could, by systematic terror, drown in blood every vestige of working class militancy.

Throw Chattanooga Jobless On Street As Winter Approaches

The workers in Chattanooga are facing a third winter of starvation. Very few of us can be sure of something to eat and a roof over our heads this winter. Work is not picking up. On the contrary, more of us are out of work than ever before. On all sides the factories are shutting down or cutting time and wages. The International Harvester has shut down all together. The Crane Enamel works only three days a week. Milne's chair factory has had two wage-cuts in a month.

In the meantime, the landlords go on draining the last pennies from the workers' pockets. Is it the fault of the workers if they have no jobs and no money to pay the rent? No! Hasn't a worker without a job the right to a roof over his head? Hasn't his family a right to be sheltered? Yet if these workers have no jobs, thru no

fault of their own, out they go. Landlords have even told workers to quit eating so as to pay more rent! They will gladly take the last cent, even if the shelves are bare and the children hungry.

Workers! We can put a stop to this throwing out of the jobless on the streets! If you or a worker in your neighborhood is to be read out, go to work at once to form a neighborhood committee. Have the neighbors put the furniture back into the house! If the landlord tries to put the workers out again, put the furniture back once more.

No evictions of jobless workers! Demand the right of a jobless worker to have a roof over his head!

For more information on how to fight evictions, write to Box 213, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dying Woman Mill Worker Denied Food Necessities

(By Worker Correspondent)  
 GREENVILLE, N. C.—I was at a woman mill worker's house today. She was lying on a cot, very pale, looking very bad and poor. She said she had tuberculosis. I asked her why she didn't use plenty of milk and raw eggs. She answered: "I'd be glad to, if I had the money to buy them with." I asked her why she didn't get them on credit, and she said she could get them 1 week on credit and no more.

It's a shame with eggs and milk as cheap as they are, it looks like she ought to be able to get it some way or other. Not only her, but there's plenty of other workers around

Greenville, that are dying for want of nourishment.

I think people ought to organize. That's necessary. That's the only way we'll ever get out from under.

BETRAY YOUNG WORKERS

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Department bosses led a strike of 500 young workers against the McKinley Manufacturing company, when their wages were cut. The management agreed not to enforce the cut on the department heads so they went back to work leaving the young workers to carry on the fight alone.

LANDLORD HOG DEMANDS RENT OF ILL WOMAN

(By Worker Correspondent)  
 BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—I was at a sick working class working woman's home Sunday when the landlord came around raising hell about rent, and she explained to him why she did not have rent. He told her she had to pay or move. She is sick in bed, helpless and facing starvation; no money to get a doctor, now he wants to kick her into the street. Workers, are you going to stand for being kicked out because you are out of work? Are you going to starve because there is too much food? We must get together side by side with white workers and smash the Birmingham police terror and demand relief.  
 —Y. C. L. Member

Tampa Jobless Sent To The Chain Gangs

TAMPA, Fla.—In an effort to terrorize the unemployed and drive them from this much advertised "land of opportunity" Judge Hendry sentenced 36 unemployed workers to 90 days each at hard labor on the chain gangs. Special patrols are on all highways, picking up men and women looking for work and throwing them into jails from whence they are sent to the chain gangs. One group of Negro men and women were picked up. Most of those forced into chain gang slavery are to work on roads without pay and for only the garbage handed out to them by the grafters who get so much for feeding the slaves, but pocket most of it.

STALE BREAD CHARITY FROM S. A. FAKERS

(By Worker Correspondent)  
 CHARLOTTE, N. C.—I was out on the Calvine Mill Village today giving out leaflets and met a little boy with a basket of stale bread and I asked him where he got it. He told me that he got it down at the Salvation Army "bread house" that this was all that they was giving as relief to people that was out of jobs.

He told me that his father was down in bed with a stroke of paralysis, and had been sick for some time and that he had to go to the Salvation Army every morning to get something to eat for his smaller brothers and sisters.

The bread looked as if it had been baked a month and the crackers that they had given him was so old and stale that they had turned yellow.

This is the relief that the Salvation Army is giving out to the people of Charlotte and they go out on the streets and beg money from the few workers that have got jobs and tell them that they are helping the sick and the people that are out of a job.

From the looks of the bread and crackers that they had given him, they had got them from the bakery garbage cans, they were dirty and wasn't fit for a dog to eat.

I also learned that the Calvine Mill was running three shifts of workers and they had as much as two sets of workers for each shift in this manner they can cut the wages of the workers and keep them on a starvation basis and they think that the Calvine Mill workers can't help themselves.

I was also told that good experienced workers could earn from \$9 to \$11 dollars a week if they got full time, but they had to go out part of the time to give the other workers work, so they only make from \$5 to \$7 per week not hardly enough to exist on.

INSULT MEMORY OF NAT TURNER

RICHMOND, Va. (CNA) — The Nat Turner Memorial Association has been started here, following the centennial of the Nat Turner insurrection held in Richmond on August 21. The following officers of the board of trustees have already been chosen: Dr. W. T. Johnson, pastor First Baptist Church, president; Dr. Julius L. Taylor, rector St. Phillips P. E. Church; Mr. Emmett C. Burke, president Consolidated Bank and Trust Company; Prof. Rayford W. Logan.

The Association has announced that its aim is "not to encourage insurrection but to foster the spirit of freedom which Nat Turner exemplified"—a contradiction on the face of it, because Nat Turner stands to the American Negro as a symbol of insurrection and the militant struggle for Negro rights. The Association also insists upon its "sane and lofty seriousness" being recognized.

It is not hard to see that this is just another attempt to mislead the fighting spirit of the Negro people into other channels than the fight for Negro rights. Apparently the Association considers it beneath its dignity to discuss such subjects as lynching, jim-cowism, segregation and the 1001 other forms of discrimination against Negroes. It will undoubtedly follow the leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other reformist organizations in soft-peddling the Scottsboro case, hushing up discussion of the Chicago massacre, and in trying to divert the Negro masses from their struggle by phrases and pretty words.

—PETERS

Farm Communes Bring New Life To Soviet Peasants

A collectivization in the village goes on at a tremendous rate many peasants take a further step towards socialism by joining farm Communes. "The 12th of October" was organized in 1929 on this date. At that time 275 individual peasant households joined it. Since then the Commune has grown to 360 households, embracing a population of 1464 people. Out of this 330 are men and 369 women able to work. The others are either children or old people that are not able to work. These of course are taken care of by the Commune. The total property value of the Commune is 103,000 rubles. Special attention is paid to the question of meat, etc. There is 479 milk cows and 513 young cattle, 1,365 sheep, 175 pigs, 475 working horses and 72 colts. The Commune has its own Dairy and Poultry Farm. New big stables, silos, etc., are being built. Under the banner of socialist competition and shock work the farm is overfulfilling its plan. While the yield of the farm was 33,000 centners of grain the Government received of this 23,000 centners (this is more than any other farm gave in the district). It is interesting to know that the women are among the best shock workers and 55% of the Spring sowing campaign was carried out by them. 90% of the women work in the fields while the other 10% carry on work in the dining rooms, children's creches and

homes. Nine creches have been organized embracing 245 children. This makes it possible for the mothers to work in the fields and at the same time guarantees the welfare of the children. For the cultural work there has been established 6 Red Corners, and many small libraries. They also have radios and in the fields they have special wagons that carry literature to the workers which gives them a chance to read during dinner breaks. All the children are embraced in schools and at present there is nobody illiterate under 45 years of age which must be looked upon as a great achievement when we take into consideration the percentage of illiterates among the Russian peasants during the days of Czarism. The members of the Commune have left their old religious superstition behind them and are, thanks to that, able to carry on the building of socialism with a great enthusiasm.

Like in every Village where the collectivization has taken place a hard struggle had to be waged against the remnants of capitalism in the Village, the kulaks, so the Commune also had to wage a struggle against them. Not less than 54 kulak households have been liquidated. The kulaks have tried to destroy the machinery and burn the harvest, but the Commune has been successful in combating them.

A very interesting point to note in

connection with the Commune is the national composition of the members. 25% are Great Russians, 25 per cent Cossackians, and 50 per cent Mordvas. We find here an example of how chauvinism has been done away with under the dictatorship of the proletariat. During the days of Czarism these nationalities were antagonistic to each other. The Czarist government very cleverly utilized the tactic of chauvinism among the workers and peasants to separate them so it could exploit the workers and peasants more effectively. (The same method as used by the American bourgeoisie in regards to white and negroes). Today this belongs to days gone by and we see in this Commune three nationalities working together without any friction. Working together to build socialism in the Soviet Union. Under the leadership of the proletariat socialism is penetrating the Russian Village. The Russian peasants are transferred from the ranks of the most backward strata of peasants into the most advanced farmers in the world. Their living conditions are being improved every day, while in the capitalist countries the farmers are more and more being thrown out of their farms and are living in misery. The Red Flag is today waving over one-sixth of the world. Eventually it will wave over the whole world.

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### No Illusions About Darrow

The retaining of the legal services of Clarence Darrow by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People must be regarded by class conscious workers as a part of the capitalist conspiracy to railroad those eight boys to their deaths. Let no one imagine that the N. A. A. C. P., lackeys of the white lynch mob, who from the beginning of this case have tried to aid the Alabama Ku Kluxers silence the growing world wide mass movement that threatens to rescue these innocent working class boys from the clutches of the executioner, have now repented and are endeavoring to liberate these intended victims of lynch law.

Every move on the part of the ruling class and its agents brings out in more glaring light the determination of the lynch gang to murder the Scottsboro prisoners. This vile frame-up is a part of the general drive of capitalism against the working class, white and black. So frightful are the burdens of mass misery and starvation that the decaying capitalist system is trying to heap upon our class in an attempt to overcome its crisis that ever larger numbers of the toiling masses, in industry and on the land, are becoming radicalized. Scottsboro is one of the many attempts on the part of the ruling class to terrorize the masses away from the fight against capitalism.

The Negro masses, capable of enduring the most indescribable suffering, are being driven down to such depths that today there are unmistakable signs of growing revolt in many sections of the South. The imperialist ruling class, fearful of the spectre of revolt in the South, are the instigators of every act of terrorism that may serve to preserve for awhile longer this source of super-profit. Hence the fight to free the Scottsboro boys is a fight against not only the Alabama gang of lynchers, but also against the entire capitalist class of this country.

The class character of the case was instantly recognized by the Communist Party, the U. S. section of the Communist International, the Trade Union Unity League, the United States section of the Red International of Labor Unions, and the International Labor Defense. These cases for penniless Negro boys, through whose bodies the ruling class hope to shoot bolts of lightning as a part of their general policy of terrorization, were taken up by these organizations of class conscious workers and a wide campaign, in connection with their legal defense, begun that again holds up to the whole world the criminality of Yankee capitalism. Millions of workers in all countries have protested against and will continue to fight those who are endeavoring to murder these boys. It was the fear of this growing mass movement that impelled the capitalist ruling power to call to its aid all its hirelings in an attempt to stem the movement. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was selected to try to arrest the mass movement by a series of filthy underhanded maneuvers and open attacks against the International Labor Defense and attorneys employed to defend the Scottsboro boys. Thus far it has failed in its attempts, so now it comes forward with a trump card in the person of Clarence S. Darrow, noted criminal lawyer. The employment of Darrow is a continuation of the policy the N. A. A. C. P. has pursued from the beginning. It hoped to conceal behind the eminence of Darrow the fact that it is an accomplice of the lynch mob and also to continue to get its thirty pieces (and more) of silver with which to maintain its staff of parasitic officials. The employment of Darrow is calculated to create legalistic illusions and to arrest the mass movement that is daily assuming more menacing proportions for capitalism. Far from stifling the radicalization of the Negro masses this case thus far has been a factor in intensifying that radicalization by exposing to ever larger numbers the real face of capitalism. No legalistic illusions must now be permitted to arrest this world-wide movement to liberate the Scottsboro boys.

Darrow has attained his present high standing in the legal profession through his association over a long period of time, with a number of famous working class cases. But the history of every one of his victorious cases, from the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone cases, in 1905, to the Greco-Carillo case of 1929, gives the lie to those who contend that such victories can be won by relying solely upon eminent defense lawyers. Each of the victories attributed to Darrow were achieved because an aroused working class made it impossible for the ruling class tyrants to wreak their vengeance upon their intended victims. It is noteworthy also that Darrow has lost every working class case which did not result in impelling masses into action; an example of this is his losing defense of the Communist Labor Party cases, when the Communist movement of this country was taking its first feeble steps and did not know how to mobilize the masses in a fight for a legal existence. The lessons to be drawn here is that no matter who the defense lawyers happen to be the ruling class will never release its intended victims unless they fear the consequences of carrying out their foul designs.

Darrow has at times contributed much to the defense of working class victims of rapacious capitalism, but by permitting such an unscrupulous gang of belly-crawlers before their white capitalist masters as the N. A. A. C. P. to use his name, he is undoing much that he has been credited with in the past.

Against all the treacherous manoeuvres of the agents of the lynch gang the Communist Party and all working class organizations will continue to carry on the fight to stay the hand of the executioner and to liberate the Scottsboro boys.

In the name of accuracy we suggest that the N. A. A. C. P. call itself the "National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to the electric Chair."

## Decadent Ruling Class Youth

Edna Ferber, prominent novelist, has issued a sweeping condemnation of the youth of America because of a recent experience while travelling back from Europe. On the basis of her observations on board an Atlantic passenger liner Miss Ferber came to the conclusion that American youth are without any serious thought or wit in conversation, and presumably, none of mind.

According to Miss Ferber American youth is "dumb, beautiful, and twelve years old permanently." Their repartee was limited to a single expression: "Oh, yeah," and their activities to "tramping and romping up and down the deck." Continuing her indictment Miss Ferber says: "It is terribly vital that nothing matters to the young men and women of today but wisecracking. The boys and girls going to college have absolutely no serious discussions. In this country to be serious is to be ridiculous. I don't mind their drinking, or anything like that," concludes Miss Ferber, "if they would only use their heads."

### Applies To Boss Class

We will not question the accuracy of Miss Ferber's observations. She is a good reporter and a careful observer of individual characteristics, as well as being competent to describe

and debauchery of the wealthy, reared by the American workers and farmers, and the oppressed in the Yankee colonies. Capitalist government, capitalist law and order exist only for the purpose of defending and perpetuating the system that ensures for such degenerates the position of ruling class.

### Workers' Not So Dumb

Miss Ferber is in error when she regards these rich parasites as typical of American youth. American youth cannot go "junketing" to Europe. It is found not on luxurious liners, but in the industries of the country, in the ranks of the unemployed, on the farms, or fighting on market lines in a dozen different struggles, or being trained in the army, the navy, the air force for the imperialist slaughter that is in preparation.

In ever larger numbers the useful young workers of America, the proletarian and poor farmer youth begin to think, not of the trivial antics of the rich, but of the economic and political subjugation of the workers and farmers and of how to put a stop to it.

Let Miss Ferber and all other intellectuals, who only view the superficial outward appearances of things, actually investigate the deep going movement that is taking place today among the youth who share in the general radicalization of the working class. Let her talk to young men and women of the Young Communist League and she will soon find herself overwhelmed by their keen knowledge of what is going on in the world; and their determination to end by putting an end to the whole parasitic ruling class, the youth of which evoked her mistaken conclusions.

### The Negro Scab Myth

It is not an accident that it is precisely in the big steel city of Birmingham where every effort is made on the part of the boss class to fan into devastating flame the faintest embers of racial hatred. Birmingham is the seat of the most highly concentrated heavy industry of the "New South." Decaying capitalism, faced with its greatest economic crisis, is compelled everywhere to try to overcome its difficulties by beating down to ever lower levels the standards of life of the toiling masses—placing greater burdens upon the workers and farmers. In Birmingham, the workers, already existing on starvation wages, are subjected to continual wage cuts.

In order to prevent the victims of wage cuts going out on strike against their miserable conditions, the agents of the bosses, especially the fat salaried trade union officials, tell the steel workers that if they strike the Negroes will take their places and that the white men will be permanently out of the industry. This lying and poisonous propaganda is supplemented by other ruling class agencies, such as the minister's alliance, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Ku Klux Klan and a score of others, who, with great adroitness, play upon every prejudice, utilize every alleged sacred tradition of religion or pride of race, to widen the breach between Negro and White workers.

The trade union fakers and the Ku Klux business men and steel bosses incite mob violence against the Negro population. Then, along comes such terrible agents of the bosses as Oscar De Priest, W. E. B. Du Bois, the Ministers' Alliance, the N. A. A. C. P., to tell the Negro workers that it is not the "enlightened" and "cultured" white capitalists who parade in Klan regalia and massacre them, but the "ignorant" and "uncouth" white workers. These agents of the boss class lie to the Negro masses that the white capitalists are their friends and the white workers their enemies. All agents of capitalism, no matter under what superficial banner they parade, have one objective in the South—to keep the toiling Black and White masses divided so that the boss can continue to exploit them both.

Once the barriers of race are overcome and the workers unite on class lines against the boss, the days of wage slashing and beating down of standards of life are at an end. For the capitalists the question of keeping the Negro and white workers of the industrial centers of the South divided is a class question.

All industrial workers should recognize that fact and realize that the way to defeat the campaign of the capitalists is upon the basis of class unity that will wipe out all racial lines. The reply to all attempts to keep Negro and white workers divided must be unity on a class basis; both white and black must unite upon a platform of equal rights, no racial discrimination, equal pay for equal work; against wage reductions, for shorter hours, better working and living conditions. White workers should unmask and repudiate those trade union bureaucrats who aid in organizing Ku Klux marauding, murdering and pillaging expeditions against Negroes. The Negro workers should scorn those who tell them the capitalists butchers are their friends and who insult them by trying to induce them to hold themselves in readiness as capitalist reserves in case of strikes.

But the discrediting and exposure of these class enemies alone is insufficient. Definite machinery must be set up to combat our class enemies.

This leads us to the fundamental question of organizational preparations to resist the wage cuts and to fight for higher wages and shorter hours—the question of the independent leadership of such struggles. This can be brought about through the setting up of democratically elected committees of action, consisting of White and Negro workers, organized and unorganized, employed and unemployed, to prepare for strikes. All trade union officials should be rigidly excluded from such committees and the rank and file committee of action alone should decide in defiance of trade union legality, when and how the strike shall be called. When once called a democratically elected rank and file strike committee should assume the leadership and alone, without the interference of the trade union bureaucrats, should be authorized to conclude terms with the boss.

Such unity of action, in the heat of the class conflict, will wipe out the artificial barriers of color maintained by the capitalist class and its agents and unite the workers on a class basis against our class enemies—the capitalists.

## LYNCH LAW AT WORK

UNION, S. C.—While hordes of armed hoodlums combed the swamps of Union County, in search of Wade Moore, a Negro cropper accused of shooting Aubrey Milburn, plantation overseer, in self-defense, National Guardsmen, armed with machine guns, terrorized the Negro population on the pretext of trying to prevent "mob violence." Milburn was shot when he attempted to kill the Negro because of an argument about the disposal of crops worked on "shares." Moore tried to take away the white man's gun and in the scuffle it exploded, killing the overseer.

BIRMINGHAM—Charles Horton, Negro worker, was shot to death here by two white police officers who charged him with being a member of the Communist Party. He was told by the officers that if he dared advocate racial equality he would be killed. Before he could reply he was shot dead.

JACKSON, Miss.—Yelma Green, Negro worker, was instantly killed and a fellow worker mortally wounded by shots fired by two "trustee" guards, (stool pigeons) in the convict camp from which they attempted to escape. The murderers have been pardoned by Governor Bilbo as a reward for their butchery.

MEMPHIS—One Negro worker is near death and two others seriously wounded from gunshot wounds inflicted by a white boss who, during a drunken spree, ordered the Negroes to dance for him.

MONTICELLO, Fla.—Robert Williams, a Negro worker, doing time on the infamous chain gang, was burned to death while being tortured in the sweat box. The coroner's jury cynically returned a verdict of suicide.