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## Strike Spreads In The Face of Terror

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### ALABAMA - TENN. LYNCH GANG IN NEW SCOTTSBORO FRAME-UP

#### TRY TO FRAME-UP SCOTTSBORO ATTY. CHAMLEE

Desperate in face of the worldwide mass demand for the release of the Scottsboro boys, now in the shadow of the electric chair on the perjured testimony of two white prostitutes, Ruby Bates and Victoria Price, the Alabama and Tennessee lynch gang have attempted to frame-up George W. Chamlee, attorney for the International Labor Defense, who is defending the boys.

##### Elist Professional Pug.

A Chattanooga underworld character, Miron Pearlman, who occasionally appears as a tenth-rate boxer under the name of Danny Dundee, was arrested in Huntsville, Ala., on a charge of fighting in a dance hall. When searched at the police station a letter was found in the handwriting of Ruby Bates and signed by her in which she said that she had lied on the witness stand when she appeared against the Scottsboro boys accused of raping her and her "friend," Victoria Price.

This alarmed the police and the Huntsville lynch gang who had aided in the frame-up of the Scottsboro boys. They feared there might be other letters of a similar character in existence and that they might be used in the appeal to discredit the state witnesses. Pearlman said that he was given the letter by Ruby Bates to carry to one of her numerous "lovers." Later the police brought Ruby Bates to the police station and there entered into a conspiracy to issue a lying statement to the effect that Pearlman had been hired by Attorney Chamlee to get the Bates woman drunk and get her to write such a statement, repudiating her testimony at the Scottsboro trial.

##### Tampering With Witnesses

The prosecution (the Alabama lynch gang) having read the bill of exceptions placed before the Alabama Supreme Court, is busy trying to terrorize witnesses who have signed affidavits as to the character of

the two girls. J. K. Thompson, solicitor general of the lynch gang in the Scottsboro district, came to Chattanooga and enlisted the services of the notorious frame-up artist, Detective Jack Neil, to intimidate Chattanooga Negro men and women who had signed affidavits that the two girls, Ruby Bates and Victoria Price, had been denizens of a disorderly house that catered to Negro customers.

Neil and other police thugs visited the Negroes who made the affidavits and undoubtedly intimidated them in order to scare them away from backing up their sworn affidavits with personal testimony.

Detective Neil, who is the "red" specialist of the stool pigeons on the Chattanooga police force, and whose activity consists in arresting workers on frame-up charges of vagrancy, stated that the Negroes who signed the affidavits that the girls were prostitutes claimed they didn't know what they were signing and that Attorney Chamlee gave them 50 cents for their signatures.

##### Chamlee in New York

Attorney George W. Chamlee, chief counsel in the Scottsboro case, is now in New York, where he went to confer with other International Labor Defense attorneys in regard to the appeals. Hence he cannot be reached by the Southern Worker for a statement. The capitalist press reports that he denied the stories of the Chattanooga pug and the Huntsville police.

While the Southern Worker does not know and cannot speak for Attorney Chamlee it is quite evident that it is absurd on the face of it that he would have any truck with such underworld characters as the Pearlman person. Such people are useful only to the capitalist lynch gang and all working class organizations know too well the part they play to trust them in any way for anything.

##### FEW FULL-TIME WORKERS

Only 14.4 per cent of workers who have jobs are working full time according to the National Industrial Conference Board.

#### Walker Failed to Get Mooney To Give Up Labor Activities

A telegram from Tom Mooney to the Labor Sports Union at New York proves that Mayor Walker's mission to San Francisco to try to persuade Mooney to abandon the labor conflict if he is released was a failure. Walker and other politicians know that mass pressure will force open the prison doors and release Mooney from the prison in which he has served 16 years on a frame-up charge of complicity in a bomb explosion during a jingo parade in San Francisco in 1916, so they now try to use the case for their own political purposes.

The Mooney telegram to the Labor Sports Union declares that Mooney will aid in the boycott of the Olympic Games to be held in California, and that he will accept the honorary chairmanship of the anti-Olympic committee. As against the Olympic games, there is being organized an International Workers' Athletic Meet at Chicago.

Many world-famous athletes have already joined the boycott of the California Olympic Games, and many more are being approached to join the boycott to keep people away from that state.

#### Kentucky Thugs Throw Labor Defense Attorney in Jail; Mine Strike Rapidly Spreads; Outside Relief Needed Quickly

##### JAIL DEFENSE ATTORNEY ON ARRIVAL IN KY.

PINEVILLE, Ky. — Desperately trying to smash the Kentucky miners' strike the coal operators' police and prosecuting attorneys arrested Allen Traub, of the International Labor Defense, two hours after he arrived here and while he was trying to arrange bail on which to secure the release of Vincent Kamenovich, Vern Smith, Clarina Michelson, John Harvey, Julia Parker, Margaret Fontaine and Mrs. Joe Weber.

##### "Obstructing Justice"

Traub was ridiculously charged with "obstructing justice" by the gang of coal company hirelings that recognize no law except that dictated by the interests of the mine owners. He is still held in jail with the rest of the class war prisoners.

He was arrested when he went to a garage to get a car belonging to Joe Weber, of the National Miners' Union, for whom a warrant had been sworn out for some time. Later warrants were issued for Stone, a Kentucky attorney for the International Labor Defense, and for Charles Peters, district secretary of the Workers International Relief.

##### Fear Exposure of Frame-Up

The Kentucky gang of thugs fear exposure of the frame-up and illegal arrests of the strike and relief workers and news writers, so they throw everyone in jail that appears on the scene to defend the prisoners.

The working class must mobilize for nation-wide protest against this terror and must aid the Kentucky miners win their strike by sending in relief at once.

##### N.M.U. LOCALS IN 30 KENTUCKY MINES

PINEVILLE, Ky.—According to a report at the recent District Board meeting of the National Miners' Union, the N. M. U. has locals in 30 Kentucky mines, and these locals have membership in at least 50 mines. Committees of Action have been established in 50 mines: Some of them elect relief and defense (I.L.D.) committees. There are food kitchens in about 50 mines, or places for kitchens. Membership of the N.M.U. is growing continually. Hundreds of miners join daily.

##### Help Ky. Miners By Rushing in Relief Funds

Striking against mass starvation, facing the worst terror in the country, doing everything in their power to exist off the provisions that can be gathered off the poor country for miles around, the Kentucky miners are in the front ranks of class battles.

Their fighting determination is shown when they answer every bosses' attack, every thug outrage, every campaign of kidnapping, shooting and jailing with broadening and deepening the strike. Theirs is a fight for the whole working class because they are fighting against a form of terror that will certainly spread to other parts of the country unless it is stopped where it is. They are holding the front lines against an enemy advancing upon the whole working class.

##### Give Them Means To Fight

Not every worker can go to Kentucky and aid in the fight. Only the Kentucky workers can put up a mass fight on that front. But every worker who has even the least with which to live can give a little of that to help the Kentucky miners smash the terror and defeat the starvation campaign of the bosses.

The rest of the working class must give the Kentucky miners food and clothing and money to carry on the fight. It is our fight, the fight of ALL the working class. If the Kentucky miners are beaten, we are all beaten! Don't let the bosses win this fight.

You can deliver heavy blows against the Kentucky terror by rushing funds at once to the Workers' International Relief, 16 West 21st

##### MORE WORKERS JOIN STRIKE IN HARLAN FIELD

PINEVILLE, Ky.— Instead of stemming the rising tide of strike struggle the increased terror campaign and the arrests of leaders increased the fighting spirit of the Kentucky miners. There have been a series of demonstrations here against the arrests. At the time set for the preliminary hearing of the arrested union leaders, relief workers and newspaper writers, more than 4,000 demonstrated demanding the release of the prisoners and fighting to spread the strike.

##### Strike Rapidly Spreads

Six more Bell county mines went out at Stony Fork, Bell county, on Tuesday morning. Other mines struck in Stirling. The press is still carrying its lies about the strike, but figures coming into the strike headquarters show that the ranks are holding solidly and growing rapidly.

##### Conference January 24th.

The General Strike Committee had a conference with over 500 representing the striking miners present on Wednesday. General Strike Executive Committee of 16 was elected and plans were made to hold section strike conferences and organize section strike committees. A resolution was unanimously adopted calling for support to the "Spread the Strike" conference which will be held on January 24, including delegates from Western Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

Street, New York, and clothing and food to Workers' International Relief Warehouse, 145 Pine Street, Pineville, Ky.

#### Don't Believe Capitalist Press Lies About Kentucky Strikes

No worker can believe anything that appears in the capitalist press about any strike. The job of the press is to lie about workers and our struggles. But the Kentucky murder gang is even worse than the average strike-breaking outfit. They don't even bother to bribe a capitalist reporter (all of whom are for sale). They have their own special liar, one Herndon Evans, editor of the scabby "Pineville Sun," as Associated Press representative. Evans, a former mine operator, is the liar who says the strike

is practically non-existent.

That is part of the bosses' game to help in recruiting scabs and also to try to discourage workers from sending in relief to the striking miners. The strike is spreading rapidly, hence Pen Prostitute Herndon Evans has to resort to ever more brazen lies.

Workers, everywhere! Expose the rotten source of news from Kentucky that appears under the flag of the Associated Press as nothing but poison propaganda of the bosses.

## UNEMPLOYED OF SOUTH TO ACT ON FEBRUARY 4th

Reports coming into Communist Party headquarters of District 16 at Charlotte, N. C., and District 17 at Birmingham, Ala., show that a number of big demonstrations will be held in the South on Unemployment Insurance Day, February 4th.

Communist Party Members, always in the forefront of every mass campaign, are devoting much time to work within Unemployed Councils and to building other councils. They are taking the lead in the exposure of the fake charities of the Community Chest swindlers, the Salvation Army slave drivers, and other frauds, and are also helping to formulate local demands for the unemployed of every city.

### May Organize Marches

There is considerable talk among the unemployed of organizing marches in a number of states to place the demands of the unemployed workers and the impoverished and starving farmers before the state officials.

The District committees of the Party have pledged themselves to try on February 4th to overcome the weaknesses of the South, revealed in the National Hunger March, where the South was poorly represented as far as numbers of delegates and mass mobilization were concerned.

## Second Victory for I. L. D. in Orphan Jones Lynch Plot

BALTIMORE, Md.—The International Labor Defense won its second important victory in defending from mobs and legal lynching the aged Negro farm worker, Orphan Jones, (Yuel Lee) framed for the murder of a family of four.

Bernard Ades, attorney for the I. L. D., was granted in the Baltimore Court of Appeals his motion that the trial be transferred from the eastern shore of Maryland, where posses, with rope in hand, searched the jails for Jones, and other Negro prisoners, beat up Ades when he appeared as defense attorney in the Snow Hill Court and burned Matthew Williams in 40 gallons of gasoline.

The court agreed with Ades that the 60-year-old Negro worker would be railroaded to death in the eastern shore courts. The Snow Hill judge who attempted to rule the I.L.D. out of the case and substitute one of the lynchers instead, is therefore compelled to transfer the trial to the Western shore.

The first I.L.D. victory was won when Ades and an I.L.D. investigator went up to Snow Hill to file motion for change of venue and were beaten up by a mob of infuriated Eastern shore citizens bent on venting their lynch lust on the Negro worker.

The I.L.D. will now press both its legal and mass campaign to free Jones, who according to testimony unearthed by the organization's investigators, is the innocent scapegoat for eastern shore land and factory owners bent on terrorizing Negro workers.

### STEEL TO BE KEYNOTE

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The First National Board meeting of the Metal Workers' Industrial League will be held on January 10th. Steel—how to organize the workers for strike against the new coming wage cut promised by the Steel Trust—this will be the keynote of this important meeting.

## National Relief On For Kentucky Striking Miners

NEW YORK CITY.—A delegation of miners from the coal fields of Kentucky arrived in New York last night to aid in the campaign for strike relief now being mobilized by the Workers' International Relief, 16 W. 21st street.

These miners, typical American mountain stock, represent more than ten thousand miners who are now on strike under the leadership of the National Miners' Union, affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League. They are striking for \$4.80 a day in American money. Heretofore these miners have been making on an average of less than \$1.00 a day and have been paid in scrip exchangeable only at the company owned stores which the miners claim charge from 25 to 50 per cent more than the chain stores.

The results of the slave-wages upon the miners' families have been disastrous. Children are dying from starvation diseases, flux and pellagra. Miners' wives haven't had a new cotton dress in years. Children are unable to attend school because of no clothing and because of under-nourishment.

### To Tour The Nation

The Workers' International Relief reports the arrest of all its organizers and relief distributors in Kentucky on the usual charge of criminal syndicalism. However the miners themselves have elected W.I.R. committees to carry on the work and are proving to be able executives and coordinators of relief work. More W.I.R. officials have been sent into the coal fields in defiance of the political machinery of the local counties and the gun squads of the coal operators.

The striking miners' delegation of the W.I.R. will make a national tour under the direction of the W.I.R., holding mass meetings in every city and industrial center. It is planned to build a mass relief army which will be known as the Kentucky Strike Relief Volunteers. These Volunteers will be the backbone of the relief campaign under the direction of the Workers' International Relief.

### BIG WAGE CUT IN LAWRENCE SINCE RECENT STRIKE

LAWRENCE, Mass.—The National Textile workers Union organizers here report conditions down to the unbearable point since the U.T.W. sell-out of the strike of 25,000 workers here. Further wage-cuts have been made. The loomfixers are now working under a 15 percent cut and a 20 percent increase in looms. In the Pacific mill, weavers have been cut 20 per cent and in some departments 30 percent. Combers in the Arlington mill are now getting \$21 a week for a night shift of sixty hours. The American Woolen Co. is introducing the speed-up thru piece work. The spinners in the Wood Mill of the American Woolen Co. are now running four sides, compared to three sides before the strike. In the Pacific mill, some workers are now running three sides and do their own cleaning.

The A. F. L. is not active here now. The United Textile Workers have their dues collectors here, but hold no meetings.

The American Union, which was organized by the bosses, after the strike, had 75 present at a meeting; the last meeting had only 25 present.

The National Textile Workers' Union is doing good work among the members of the American Union and has gained some members. A Socialist faker, Blakely, from Philadelphia, has been elected president of the American Union. The N. T. W. U. has a fine chance to make inroads on the American Union and U. T. W. membership.

## TAMPA POLICE STAGE RAIDS; FRAME WORKER

TAMPA, Fla.—The police, doing the bidding of the tobacco bosses in trying to smash the ranks of the workers are staging wholesale raids and have plotted a murder frame-up against Comrade A. W. McBride, who is charged with having shot a policeman on the evening of November 7.

### Raid Ruskin Meeting

On Saturday night the police raided a meeting in Ruskin, called by the I.L.D., to protest against the police activity in Tampa and the imprisonment of those arrested in the raids on the celebration of the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, November 7th. More than 50 were arrested at the Ruskin meeting and thrown in jail. Earlier in the day the home of J. W. Walker was raided and Walker and McBride arrested.

### Frame-Up McBride

McBride is charged with having fired the shot that hit a policeman on the night of November 7th when the police tried to smash the celebration at the Center. This is a plain frame-up, as McBride was not at the scene of the meeting that night, having been warned to stay away because the police were searching for him.

The facts in the case are that the cops got to shooting wildly and one of them was hit by one of the police bullets.

Eight of those arrested are being held for deportation, the rest are charged with vagrancy, except one who is charged with violation of the injunction against the Tobacco Workers' Industrial Union.

### Must Resist Bosses Drive

The whole reactionary gang, police courts, American Legion, Rotary clubs, preachers, all the servants of the tobacco bosses, are united against the workers in an attempt to beat down our wages and conditions. The workers of Tampa and of this section of Florida must fight against this drive of the agents of the bosses. The native American workers must unite with the Latin-American workers and fight to get better conditions and to stop the police victimization of militant workers.

## Trace Lynch Rope To Fire Station

NEW YORK.—Investigators for The Liberator, organ of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, found that the rope with which Matthew Williams was lynched at Salisbury, Maryland, came from the fire house of that city. Williams was taken from a hospital cot, thrown out the window to a mob, mutilated, his wounds burned with lighted cigars, hanged, and burned. The lynch gang was led by prominent business men and employers of labor of the town. They lynched Williams because the Negro worker defended his own life against a murderous attack by his boss, one Elliott.

Elliott wounded the Negro worker, who asked for a raise in wages, by shooting him in the breast. Williams wrested the gun from Elliott and shot his boss who later died. A moment after the shooting the son of old man Elliott came in, picked up the gun and went in search of Williams, who was finally captured hiding in a shed nearby, from whence he was taken to the hospital cot where he was seized by the business men's mob.

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## Ghandi Again Helps British Butchers In Mass Murder Drive

Again the British imperialists and the rich Indian exploiters of the masses art using their good and faithful servant, Mahatma Gandhi, as a shield behind which they carry on their mass murder campaigns. Gandhi, after spending months in London trying to stem the rising revolutionary tide by creating the illusion that Britain might soon grant independence for India, returned and resumed his preaching of non-cooperation, non-resistance, non-violence, etc.

### Movement Surged Forward

Heedless of his teachings to face unarmed the British imperialist butchers, the Indian masses are moving away from the influence of Gandhi and other agents of British imperialism. So British imperialism again repeat its fakery of sending Gandhi to "prison," in the hope that the masses will listen to the old trickster. The "prison" treatment of Gandhi, who is permitted anything he wants, is quite different to the brutal treatment meted out to class war prisoners in India—the Meerut prisoners, for example—who are denied the right to communicate with friends and who are subjected to the most inhuman treatment.

Against British imperialism, against its servant, Ghandism, the Communist Party is mobilizing the masses of workers and peasantry to wage the revolution to drive out the British forces and to crush the Indian capitalists. More and more the masses are moving toward revolution in India.

## Sue Police Chief For Fake Arrests And Third Degree

BAYONNE, N. J.—Chief of Police Cornelius T. O'Neill of Bayonne is being sued by the International Labor Defense in the name of two unemployed workers who charge false arrest and brutal third degree assaults by policemen.

Paul Brown of the Unemployed Council went to the police station to ask a permit for unemployed workers to present demands to the city government for immediate relief to destitute Negro and white families. He was locked up, his eyes blackened and his nose fractured, his lips and cheeks cut, and internal injuries inflicted during 24 hours of brutal third degree assault by police. John Kasper, another unemployed worker who went to the station to inquire after Brown, was likewise mercilessly beaten.

Attorneys for the International Labor Defense secured their release on writs of habeas corpus. Both the judge and the press in this Standard Oil city admitted being "shocked" at the condition of the two workers when they appeared in the courtroom with blood still oozing from their wounds. No charges had been filed against them, though police declared that Brown was wanted in Indiana for the murder of his parents. When he proved that his father had died four years ago and his mother was still alive in New York, they had to turn him loose. Both men charge that the chief, who admits they got their wounds in the jail, though he "doesn't know how," stood by while they were being slugged and slashed by the police.

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## DISEASE, DEATH ADD TO MISS. FLOOD HORROR

News dispatches from Sumner, Miss., reveal horrors in the Delta region that are beyond the power of language to describe. Pounding waters are leveling and scattering the material that once served as levees. The flood rises higher every hour. The Tallahatchie and Yazoo rivers, overflowing, have inundated thousands of acres. Many towns are in ruins, the town of Glendora being one of the hardest hit of all.

### Starving And In Rags

Thousands of families roam thru the country, without sustaining food, trying to appease their hunger, by devouring tree bark and roots of weeds. Typhoid fever has broken out and the death rate is mounting so rapidly that no record is being kept of the dead. Several families are suffering from diphtheria. It is reported that people are eating dead carcasses of live stock drowned in the flood waters.

Hundreds of Negro families are without food and many are naked, except for improvised covering for their bodies. Many children have gunny sacks as their only clothing. They cut holes in the sack so it will go over their heads and slip over their arms.

### Hundreds Swept Away.

Water stands six to ten feet deep around hundreds, perhaps thousands of Negro cabins. Rescuers found many families clinging to roof tops, who told harrowing tales of seeing other nearby houses swept away by the flood, drowning whole families. The number of dead will never be known because the affected population is scattered in every direction and there is no agency that can check up on the fatalities.

### Appeal to War Department

Levee maintenance is under control of the War Department of the United States government and appeals have been made to that department to send forces to try to hold in check the crumbling dykes. A few soldiers have arrived on the scene, who are utterly unable to deal with the situation, beyond saving some of the exploiters who live in the region.

Everywhere throughout the country mass protests must be staged against the criminal government responsible for this wholesale destruction of human life. Demand that war funds be at once used to supply food, clothing, shelter, medical relief and hospitalization to these flood sufferers. Connect up this agitation with the fight against the capitalist attempts to place the burden of the crisis upon the working class and poor farmers.

## New Orleans Cops Raid Unemployed

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Police raided a meeting of the Unemployed Council Sunday and arrested Comrades Ayers, Balter, Koop, Jackman and Solder and 12 other workers whose names were not obtained. The Unemployed Council had advertised a mass meeting. An hour before the meeting was scheduled to start the police made the raids, arresting the five Party, T.U.U.L. and Unemployed leaders, and the 12 other workers who were in the hall.

### Loitering Charge

All the arrested were charged with loitering, but bond in each case was set at the excessive amount of \$500. A few are out on bail, while others still remain in jail, with the International Labor Defense attorneys striving to get the bail reduced.

## NATL. TEXTILE UNION NEEDED IN THE SOUTH

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 CHARLOTTE, N. C.—I see by the Southern Worker that the Board of the National Textile Workers' Union has decided that it must make a new campaign to win the textile workers of the South. That is good news for us textile slaves, who are getting wage cuts every month and who always have to do more work. I know from my own experience that the workers in this part of the South want to put up a fight against the bosses, but we haven't any organization to back us up.

### Must Stay In South

There are some locals of the National Textile Workers' Union here, but not anywhere near as many as there should be. Some places where we had big fights, like Gastonia, there ain't anything now at all because too many of the leaders went away after the fight was over and left the workers go.

Us textile workers here are trying to study all about how to get ready for strikes, how to organize in the mills. We want to know what is strike strategy; how to begin to build groups in the mills, how to get committees of action, when the time is ripe to strike, and what to do during the strike and how to keep going after the strike is over—lost or won.

We think it is good that the Executive Board decided to pay more attention to the South and to build the union here. We certainly need it everywhere as all workers get sore every time anyone speaks about the rotten traitors of the United Textile Workers who sold out every Southern strike they could get into. We tell the workers that the National Textile Workers Union is a rank and file union and one that will fight and win. Also another reason why the South must be paid more attention is because this is the only part of the country where the textile industry is growing even if there is a crisis.

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## NEGRO JUDASES MUST GIVE UP STOLEN MONEY

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 BIRMINGHAM.—There is a good deal of talk by the Stockham workers about what a dirty bunch the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is. Negro workers here know of many times collections made in churches and places pretending to be for the Scottsboro boys. Now we know no one got this except some preachers and such individuals as Walter White, William Pickens and DuBois, who want to help the white bosses keep Negro and white workers divided.

### Must Disgorge Graft

Such tricks is just graft, that's all. We all here are saying the Southern Worker did just right in saying that we must make the N.A.A.C.P. turn over to the International Labor Defense the funds they collected under false pretenses. We don't bother much about church, but some of us are going to go and ask why don't preachers say to N.A.A.C.P. you got to give up what money you got for them boys. We say to them, you didn't fight for boys, but against them, only the I.L.D. fight and everybody knows it now and that the Black Judases never did have any business to butt into this case except to help the bosses kill innocent boys framed up on lies of bad white women; we got name we call them here but it don't look right to put in paper.

## Spanish Police Kill Men, Women, Children

MADRID.—Seven persons, four of them women and one baby, were killed by government guards engaged in strike-breaking in the village of Arndo, near Logrono. One of the four women killed had a baby in her arms, which escaped injury, but another baby lying in a crib was killed by bullets from the guns of the guards. The priests are helping the guards carry on the murderous work.

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## LEARN HOW TO FIGHT BOSSES AT CAMP HILL

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 CAMP HILL, Ala.—When the bosses' sheriffs and police attacked our croppers Union meeting and killed Ralph Gray they thought they would stop us for all the time. But we found out how we could keep together in our organization and fight even if the landowners didn't know how to get us again.

We also learn other things we didn't know before. Maybe we know them but we didn't talk about them. Now we learn to talk about them so both white and black croppers can make a big joke on the bosses. That is about mulattoes. Lots of them around here, and they fight, too. But where they come from? They come because white landlords, Southern gentlemen, who say they are better than black people, make business of stealing and raping Negro girls, take them to their homes even and force them to be raped, sometimes at the point of shot gun or revolver.

We learned that it is not because we are Negroes that we are being picked on by the landlords and the "law," but because we are poor croppers, just like the white croppers.

The more we fight here the more we learn better how to fight and how to make arguments that will unite black and white croppers as the landlords will have to stop sealing everything from us.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The ravaging of Negro girls by the white plantation owners is not a joke, though we know the correspondent did not intend it exactly the way he wrote it. It is a part of the general crushing policy carried out by the landlords against the poor croppers. It does show that all the talk of the white bosses against social relationships with Negroes is plain hypocrisy. The above letter is of immense political significance inasmuch as it shows, from the correspondence of the croppers themselves, how, out of their own experience, they learn that the so-called race question is really a class question.

## Police Murder Boy Fighting Eviction

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Because he helped his father resist the police when they came to throw the family out on the street, Clay Battle had his skull crushed by an iron crow-bar. William Battle, father of Clay, belonged to the local Unemployed Council. The Council of the Neighborhood tried to help resist the eviction. Police threatened to shoot and proceeded to batter down the door, in entering they attacked several workers and split the head of the 19-year-old son, Clay.

## BLACK JUDASES AID U. S. WAR PLANS IN HAITI

NEW YORK.—Extreme care for the imperialist needs of a Jim-Crow lynch-governed United States is expressed in every line of the Memorial presented to President Hoover on the question of Haiti by nine outspoken imperialist organizations.

The Memorial, which is presented by Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and which these organizations claim is directed toward the financial and political autonomy of Haiti states that "the occupation of Haiti is not needed to protect the Panama Canal, since the Republic of Haiti has repeatedly given assurances to the American government that in the event of war, no foreign power would be permitted to establish air or naval bases or coaling stations in Haiti."

With these words, the organizations express their complete approval of the coming war of the United States, even though they know very well that this war is the work of a Jim-Crow, lynch-law government directed at the further enslavement of the oppressed nations and colonies and against the Soviet Union (Russia) the one country which has smashed all discrimination on the basis of color and nationality and to which all colonial peoples look for guidance in their struggle for freedom.

The League of Struggle for Negro Rights points once more to the program of the League against imperialism on the question of the colonies containing six points:

1. Complete national independence of the colonial and semi-colonial peoples.
2. Full right of self-determination for all oppressed nationalities.
3. Removal of imperialist armed forces from all colonial and semi-colonial countries.
4. Complete freedom of movement for all national-revolutionary organizations, and in particular for all revolutionary working-class peasant organizations.
5. Confiscation without compensation of all undertakings, mines, banks, plantation lands, etc. at present in possession of imperialists, and the nationalization of the same, Abolition of all debts to imperialists and the abolition of all reparations payments.
6. Confiscation without compensation of all lands at present in possession of rich landowners and distribution of some among the working peasants.

## CHICAGO CENTER OF PACKING-HOUSE ORGANIZATION DRIVE

CHICAGO. — Chicago has been made the center for the building up a Packinghouse Workers' Industrial Union. An intensive drive to organize the packing house workers will be begun by the T. U. U. L.

## BOSSES' WIVES IN CAMP HILL DRIVE SLAVES

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
 CAMP HILL, Ala.—Sometimes people say that women are not as mean as men. That doesn't go here. The landowners and bosses' women are as low down and onery as their husbands, fathers and brothers. They are a dirty, slave-driving gang. I will just tell you some of the things these bosses' women do to workers.

Malindy Holt, a Negro wash woman, working for Laurie Harris, does the washing for four persons as well as other house work and is given a pound of butter a week and once in a great while when Mrs. Harris feels generous, gets a whole dime.

Minnie Peterson washes clothes for three persons in the home of J. T. Langley and gets a pound of butter and a dime every week. Angeline Shannon washes and does other house-work for Fannie Langley, another Langley family and gets a box of snuff and a dime a week. Believe me the working women are back of the share croppers organization here, because they know what it means to slave for nothing for the thieving landlords that steal all we raise so that the men have nothing and the women have to be house slaves for the dirty women of the bosses.

## N. C. Farmers Face Mass Starvation

(By a Farmer Correspondent)  
 MEBANE, N. C.—We are starting to organize a United Farmer's League here. All around us farmers are starving; we are facing such a time as never before. Families by the dozens with no food, no clothes, nothing. We got to fight to live.

## WORK IN A.F.L. OFF TO GOOD START IN MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Work in the A.F.L. here is getting a good start from the Trade Union Unity League. The T.U.U.L. has a group of 20 A.F.L. meetings who are holding weekly discussion meetings on such subjects as "Industrial Unionism vs. Craft Unionism," "How to Carry on Militant Activity in A. F. L. Union," etc. Several of them, thru these discussions, have already joined the T. U. U. L.

## UNITED FRONT UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE IN LAWRENCE

LAWRENCE, Mass.—A United Front Unemployment Conference will be held on Sunday, Jan. 17th at Workers' Cooperative Union Hall, 112 Newbury St. 15,000 are unemployed or blacklisted in Lawrence. Members of the American Union and U. T. W. Unions, as well as of the N. T. W. U. and the unorganized, have been called to attend.

## THIRD CONVENTION OF MINERS

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The National Miners' Union, now leading the Kentucky miners in strike will hold its Third National Convention, in Pittsburgh, Feb. 27th, to March 1st. The N.M.U. plans to make the Third National Convention representative of all N. M. U. locals, women's auxiliaries, Unemployed Branches, unorganized groups of miners, and fraternal delegates from the U.M.W.A. locals.

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## IN ALABAMA

By H. A. P.

(Sent out through the Crusader News Agency)  
 Nine working children rode away

To hunt for work and better pay

In Alabama!

The Boss brought their lynch law down:

"We'll burn you workers, black and brown,

In Alabama!

They kill with the faggot, they kill with the flame,

They lynch with the law to bless their shame!

The knife cuts deep, the rope chokes tight,

The flames eat the body in the hungry night.

And the children die! Don't let 'em die!

While the bosses dance beneath the sky

And laugh . . . laugh . . . laugh loud and high!

They burn children in Alabama!

Children of the working class!

They burn children in Alabama!

Workers, don't let the lynchers pass!

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## Build Our Revolutionary Party

Of great importance for the oppressed masses of the South is the announcement by the Central Committee of a recruiting drive for membership in the Communist Party of the United States. This campaign began on January 11 and will continue to March 18.

District No. 16, with headquarters at Charlotte, N. C., and District No. 17, with headquarters in Birmingham, Ala., will engage in revolutionary competition; each trying to outdo the other in number of members enlisted into the Party, number of factory nuclei (groups) organized in industry, number of new readers for the revolutionary press, etc.

Such a campaign is absolutely imperative. If we face the realities of the growing class conflict in the South, with its manifold problems politically and organizationally, we must recognize that the absolute prerequisite for the development of any successful mass activity is the building of the Party—not merely enlisting a number of members and issuing membership books. The Party must be rooted in the industries—in the metal, chemical, mining, transport, textile and tobacco industries of Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia and Florida.

Some who have had slight experience in the South have developed all sorts of wrong theories in regard to where our work must be concentrated. Only recently a comrade wrote: "I think that our two most important fields of work are Unemployed Council and agrarian work." The comrade should think again.

Certainly no one can say that work among the unemployed and the agrarian work is not of tremendous importance. But we absolutely reject any theory that says it is most important. Our most important work is work in the industries. It is there that we build our Party. It is there that we realize the slogan of Lenin: "Every factory a revolutionary fortress."

The Party leadership, especially of the Southern districts, must energetically combat such illusions that arise out of an opportunism that follows the line of least resistance.

In the Party recruiting drive we must concentrate upon the factories, and at the same time, really make a start toward building a mass movement among the unemployed and intensify the work among the poor farmers, tenant farmers, croppers, etc. We must build trade unions, organize militant groups in the American Federation of Labor Unions, build Unemployed Councils, organize the International Labor Defense, build up into a real mass movement the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, aid in transforming the International Workers' Order into a real workers' insurance organization, build powerful Croppers' Unions, set up Action Committees on the land—in fact engage much more in every form of activity to mobilize the broadest possible masses in the struggle against capitalism.

But while building all these organizations we must never forget that none of them, in themselves, are self-sufficient. They are not. They can be effective only on condition that they have Communist guidance. It is the special role of the Communist Party, working through its fractions in all such organizations, to coordinate and direct all the multifarious anticapitalist organizations into a decisive fight against capitalism, to direct them into one mighty revolutionary movement. It is this role, as the leader of the whole movement, that justifies the famous saying of Lenin that the Communist Party is "the highest form of class organization of the proletariat."

The present small membership of the two Southern districts must be brought into action and made to realize that our recruiting campaign can be successful only to the degree that we can engage in more mass work.

Every Party member in these two districts should be encouraged to study carefully all the material on the recruiting drive; write every week to the Southern Worker about the progress of the drive, about problems of attracting and holding new members; always remembering that articles should be short and plainly written. This will help to overcome one of the worst defects of the present membership in the South—absolute neglect to even make an effort to build the circulation of our Communist paper—the SOUTHERN WORKER.

## Capitalist "Law and Order" in Harlan and Scottsboro

Developments in the Kentucky strike region and the Scottsboro case the past week have further exposed the fraud of capitalist democracy. In Kentucky the gun thugs, multiplied in number, have increased their terrorism in a desperate effort to crush the strike that is fast spreading industrial paralysis over the coal fields. Not only do the coal thugs raid union and relief headquarters and arrest officials of the National Miners' Union, relief workers, newspaper writers, but they have arrested Allen Taub, attorney for the International Labor Defense, who went to Kentucky to defend the prisoners and to secure bond for their release. The coal operators do not want even the face of a trial before their bought and paid for judges of the calibre of Judge Prewitt, Judge Jones and other corporation marionettes. Such trials arouse ever larger numbers of workers to fight against the terror.

In the Scottsboro case the Alabama and Tennessee lynch gang is plotting to deprive these nine innocent Negro boys, convicted on the perjured testimony of two white prostitutes, who catered to Negro patronage, of any legal defense so they can be more easily railroaded to the electric chair. A certain pimp, Miron Pearlman, alias Danny Dundee, a prize-fighting Jew with an Irish name, was arrested for brawling in Huntsville, Alabama. When searched, a letter written by one of the prostitutes, Ruby Bates, to one of her lovers, was found in his possession, which stated that her testimony against the Scottsboro boys was a lie. Fearing that there might be other letters of a similar nature in existence and that the attorneys for the

## Party Recruiting Drive In District No. 16

By DAVE DORAN

With the tremendous growth of radicalization of the textile workers of the South and especially the Danville workers after the betrayal in February by the United Textile Workers of America, the Danville workers witnessed the imprisonment of W. T. Murdoch, National Secretary of the National Textile Workers' Union on a frame-up charge by the leader of the U. T. W. Now the same Chief of Police has arrested Comrade Binkley, framing him on the charge of vagrancy. The charge that is often used in the South against mili-

tant workers.

With the increased suffering by the workers the mill bosses of the South and especially Danville Va., and Greenville, S. C., know that they will not be able to call their able agents, the U.T.W., to their rescue, as they did in the past. They know that the workers are turning to the militant N.T.W.U. for their union and their leader in their struggles against wage cuts, speed-up and long hours. They know the National Textile Workers' Union organizes the unemployed workers, together with the employed, leading them in the strug-

gles against starvation. Connecting the struggles of the unemployed with the struggles of the employed, leading them in the fight for cash relief to be paid by the bosses and their government.

The District Committee brands this arrest of Comrade Binkley as a blow to the whole working class, and especially the textile workers who, due to the low wages, long hours, in general, the low standard of living, are faced with actual starvation.

This arrest of Binkley comes just three weeks after the Textile bosses held their annual meeting in Pinehurst, N. C., where plans were laid to further cut wages and a general curtailment was planned to take effect during the Christmas holidays and to extend indefinitely or to quote the statement: "A drastic curtailment to save the industry is necessary." Every mill making print cloth, narrow sheeting must stand one week out of every month until times get better.

This means that thousands of workers who now have jobs will be thrown out on the streets to suffer the misery of unemployment. This arrest comes at the same time that the Hunger Marchers to Washington were refused relief by the Hoover government; at a time when thousands of workers are being clubbed and thrown into jail for their protest against the eviction from their homes by the landlords, assisted by the courts, and gunmen under the guise of law officers. It comes at a time when Negro workers are being lynched daily.

This means to the revolutionary workers that the boss class are endeavoring to batter down all forms of resistance against their robber campaign. The arrest of Binkley, following on the heels of the arrest of two comrades in Chattanooga, Tenn., the raids on the workers in Chicago, etc., the intensified campaign of terror being directed against the Negro workers throughout the country shows how determined the bosses are to batter down the living conditions of the working class.

All this is in line with the plans of the Fish Committee to outlaw the Communist Party and force the workers to accept the crumbs that are thrown them by the charity organizations. These attacks are attempts to make it easier for the bosses to put thru the new wage cuts that they have planned.

This cannot be separated from the preparations of war against the Soviet Union and the continued rape of China. The boss class knows that the Communist Party is the only party that is directing the struggle against imperialist wars, exposing their plans of plunder of the colonial countries and that the Communist Party is mobilizing the workers in defense of the Soviet Union and the Chinese revolution.

The boss class hopes with the outlawing of the Communist Party that they will be able to mobilize the workers for war, an imperialist war directed against the workers of other countries for the sake of profits for the big bankers and bosses of this country.

Workers must take warning at these attacks and intensify their work in the shops, building strong Party units in every mill, mine, factory in the country to fight against the increased misery that is being planned by the bosses.

Workers must be prepared at times for the attacks of the bosses and their tools (police) and government agents. The Communist Party is the only party that is fighting the workers against the bosses. The Communist Party is the vanguard of the workers of all lands, the Communist Party is the only party that exposes the betrayals of the American Federation of Labor and the Socialist party.

boys might obtain possession of them, the Huntsville police attempted, with the aid of the two underworld characters, Ruby Bates and Pearlman, alias Dundee, to frame-up Attorney George W. Chamlee. To try to discredit in advance other similar letters that may be in existence written by Ruby Bates and the bootlegging whore, Victoria Price, the lynch gang of Huntsville concocted the story that Attorney Chamlee hired Pearlman to go to Huntsville, get Ruby Bates drunk and obtain such a letter.

But even the frame-up against Attorney Chamlee reveals exactly what sort of person this Ruby Bates, one of the witnesses whose perjured testimony was used to railroad innocent boys to the electric chair, really is. Pearlman, a Chattanooga underworld character says, according to the press:

"I went walking with the girl Monday night and arranged to have date with her Tuesday night. The Bates girl and I went to a bootlegging joint, and that is where I dictated the letter which she wrote and signed. She did not object at all to writing the letter. She was drinking at the time, but I was not drunk and in fact had not taken a drink.

"After getting the letter, I went to a dance hall, where a remark addressed to me by a man there resulted in a row. I fought three men. That is why I was arrested."

It is such a female, a drunken prostitute, with whom any lout can arrange a "date" provided he has the price, that is selected by the Alabama lynch gang as an example of "pure Southern womanhood" that needs lynch law for protection against Negro workers! A more debased piece of hypocrisy would be hard to imagine!

These two attacks on attorneys defending victims of capitalist class justice are not localized, isolated, or exceptional instances of "miscarriage of justice" as writers for such papers as the Scripps-Howard Knoxville "News-Sentinel" would have us believe. They are a continuation of the lynch terror used against the attorneys at the original Scottsboro trial; they continue the lynch attacks made against Bernard Aides, the attorney retained by the International Labor Defense, to defend Orphan Janes in Maryland. These attacks register a definite advance of the capitalist class toward fascism. The legal machinery of capitalist democracy, which is the veiled dictatorship of the capitalist class, is used to advance fascism, which is the open dictatorship of the capitalist class.

These two most recent attempts to crush any working class legal defense whatever, are accompanied by an increase in terror against the Negro masses in the South and a continuation and intensification of the terror that has raged for more than a year in the Eastern Kentucky coal fields against white and Negro workers. Again, these two cases, especially Harlan, where there exists the most extreme instance of fascism in the United States, are not something apart from or contradictory to American capitalist policy—which conceals its dictatorship under the cloak of bourgeois democracy, through which and with the aid of which fascist forms increasingly emerge. Fascism in the United States, as everywhere throughout the capitalist world, is of a two-fold nature—a defense of decaying capitalism which tries to place the burden of its crisis upon the working class, and a fierce offense against the working class which shows increasing determination to resist the mass starvation program of capitalism.

In the Eastern Kentucky coal fields the miners, in spite of and against the terror, are spreading the strike. The Central Strike Committee, a rank and file committee, in defiance of the terror, mobilized five hundred delegates who decided to spread the strike to all the Southern coal fields. The arrests of the union leaders, the relief workers and newspaper writers, will not stop the growing strike movement. It is the growth of the strike that impels the gun-thugs and prosecuting attorneys and courts to increasingly unmask themselves as the tools of the giant corporations that dominate the Kentucky coal fields.

The Kentucky miners, face to face with the terror, do not shrink from the fight. They are carrying on with heroic determination to win. They have shown a capacity for self-sacrifice and suffering that has scarcely been equalled in labor struggles in this country. They endeavor to obtain food from the scant supply in the hunger stricken vicinity of the strike. But they must have outside help. The working class of the entire country must realize that the fight in Kentucky against the terror is a fight that directly concerns every worker, because, unless we can smash this terror, this fascist frightfulness in Kentucky, it will extend to other mine fields and to all other industries in the country.

The fighting Kentucky miners need relief at once. The further spreading of the strike depends upon this. A critical point is at hand. Every worker should actively engage in raising relief for the Kentucky strikers. Food, and clothing should be rushed to the Workers' International Relief Warehouse, 145 Pine street, Pineville, Ky., and money should be sent to the W. I. R., 16 West 21st street, New York City.

Besides this help it is imperative that everywhere throughout the United States the masses of workers and farmers mobilize in mighty demonstrations against the Scottsboro boys and the Kentucky prisoners, who are being deprived of even a semblance of legal defense. Resolutions denouncing the terror should flood the offices of the Kentucky and Alabama authorities. The exposure of these terrorist acts must be broadcasted to the whole world, so that workers everywhere will demonstrate before American embassies, consuls and American concerns demanding that this terror cease.

Smash the drive toward fascism by the mass power of the workers!  
Help the Kentucky miners crush the terror!  
Immediate unconditional freedom for the Scottsboro boys.