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All Readers of the Southern Worker Must Rally to Save Paper.

Because of lack of funds the paper was almost a week late last issue. We do not know from one week to the next whether we will be able to get the paper out. We face the danger of seeing the Southern Worker die. This threat does not come from the camp of the capitalist class. It is not the enemy that has put us in a position where we may not be able to carry on. If it were the enemy we would consider it no disgrace. It is no disgrace to go down fighting, face to face with our class enemy. No revolutionist fears that sort of thing.

But it is disgraceful to have to go down because the class conscious workers and sympathizers, and ABOVE ALL, responsible Party members, will not exert themselves to obtain money to enable us to carry on. In this emergency we need donations; that is we will gladly accept donations. BUT THAT IS NOT WHAT WE ARE INSISTING UPON NOW. ALL WE HAVE ASKED NOW IS THAT THOSE COMRADES AND THOSE ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE BEEN GETTING BUNDLE ORDERS PAY FOR THEM. There are a large number of bundle orders that go out every week and the comrades who get them do not even exert themselves to PAY POSTAGE on them, to say nothing of paying for the paper. We must, in this case, say plainly to the responsible Party functionaries: THIS HAS GOT TO STOP! We can't continue to jeopardize the Southern Worker because our own Party members do not meet their obligations.

With the attack against the working class becoming more vicious, with mass hunger becoming worse every day, with thousands of miners facing sudden death at the hands of hordes of gun thugs or slow starvation, with the lynch fury striking out madly against Orphan Jones, Willie Peterson, the Scottsboro boys, with the war clouds growing darker every moment and threatening war against the Soviet Union, with the bandit drive against the Chinese revolution intensifying, we need now more than ever such a paper as the Southern Worker carrying its weekly message to the oppressed of the backward South.

Especially is this paper needed when, as a reply to the increasing terror, the intensified lynch drive, we have in answer thereto a rapid rise of working class militancy, an increased determination to fight on the part of the workers and farmers. The masses want just such a paper as the Southern Worker. Many readers of our paper would be astonished to know that, in face of such favorable conditions for Communist work and growth, we face suspension, not because the bosses are attacking us as they are, but because those who owe us money will not pay their debts.

We do not want to be driven to the point where we will have to publish openly in our columns the list of those who have, through refusal to pay for bundle orders, placed us in this position, but if this paper is forced to suspend on account of such a thing, we will regard it as our revolutionary duty to place the blame precisely where it belongs, if we have to do it in the last issue we print.

The situation is so serious that we ask those who have accumulated bills owing us to rush funds at once by wire or special delivery.

FACTORY PENETRATION AND FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR

Comrade O. Flatnitsky, speaking on the fluctuation of membership in the Communist Parties, and the necessity for a decisive turn toward the factories, before the Eleventh Plenum of the Communist International, said:

"The absence of a great change in the matter of transferring the centre of activity of Party and trade union work to the factories does not really make it possible for the Communist Parties, the Red Trade Unions and the Trade Union Opposition to fight against the influence of the Social-Democrats and the reformists in the factories, to enlarge their membership by an inflow of workers from the factories, to know the feelings of the workers, to organize the struggle against the attacks of the capitalists. When the active elements of the Communist Parties, the Red Trade Unions and the Trade Union Opposition are removed by the bourgeoisie during the time of war the only possibility for successful work in the industrial centers, in the factories will be on condition that there are well-functioning nuclei."

This bears with special force upon the main weakness of our Communist Party, especially in the Southern districts, where we have scarcely any organization in the industries. The terrible suffering of the mass of industrial workers, the widespread radicalization, manifested in increas-

ed willingness to fight, furnishes our Party with splendid opportunities to attract these workers to us. Many workers in the South have been under our leadership in industrial struggles, many are under our political influence. We must be able to consolidate this influence organizationally by bringing hundreds of the most advanced into our Party during the present recruiting campaign.

ORGANIZATION IN THE FACTORIES ESSENTIAL

"What can the proletariat put up in opposition to the power of finance capital with its trusts, its cartels and its fighting fascist gangs? Only organization in the factories. The struggle for the factories will be the most dramatic page in the history of the struggle between Communism on the one hand and the bourgeois dictatorship with its parties of fascism and social democracy on the other."—Dr. Manuilsky's report to the Eleventh Plenum of the Executive Committee of the Communist International.

KOO KOO CHIEF STAYS IN JAIL

D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, failed to get a new trial and so he stays in jail in Indiana. He was sent up when he was convicted of raping and murdering a young woman on a train between Indianapolis and Hammond, Ind. Stephenson was for years the Republican political boss of Indiana.

January "Communist" Splendid Number for Guide to Action

The January "Communist" is worthy of special mention inasmuch as it more clearly than for quite some time justifies its sub-head "A Magazine of the Theory and Practice of Marxism-Leninism."

The article by Comrade S. Willner on "Some Lessons of the Last Miners' Strike," is an excellent piece of careful analysis of the achievements and the shortcomings of the miners' strike in Pennsylvania. Of great importance is the part dealing with the unity of the employed and unemployed workers; a fact that ensured the stability of the struggle for a long time. The author of the article deals quite comprehensively with the political and organizational mistakes and shortcomings in the preparation and carrying on of the strike. Comrades of the Party and those generally who are engaged in the day to day work of fighting against wage cuts, unemployment, etc., should obtain the January number of the "Communist" if only to study carefully that article on the experience of the Pennsylvania mine strike.

The six-weeks' textile strike in Lawrence, Mass., brought out clearly many of the weaknesses of our Party and trade union work, especially in relation to the practical attempts to build an effective united front. Comrade William Weinstein contributes an article on "The United Front Tactics in the Lawrence Strike" which brings out clearly the fact that it is wrong to merely set up a narrow strike organ of the union and call it a "united front" instead of building a united front that is actually the weapon of the workers themselves. In all the practical work of putting into effect the policy of independent leadership of strike struggles we will meet with conditions similar to those that existed in Lawrence, where the A. F. of L. fakers will use every kind of demagoguery to behead the movement. A careful study of Comrade Weinstein's article will clear up many foggy notions of how to build a united front.

A number of other articles in the January number of the "Communist" also emphasize the fact that our writers are effectively combining theory and practice in the light of our everyday problems.

Bill Dunne, in an article on "Unemployment and the Communist Way Out of the Crisis," explodes some of the capitalist theories, showing the effect of the crisis upon the working class generally and correctly urges the use of more Marxist-

Leninist classics in popular literature of the Party.

There are informative articles by Comrades Bittleman and Steuben, besides a reprint of Lenin's article on the Irish rebellion of 1916 (Easter Rebellion); a translation of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Death of Hegel; a long article on the theoretical foundations of Marxism-Leninism by V. Adoransky and the resolution of the Eleventh Plenum of the Executive Committee of the Communist International on the War Danger.

There is also published the now world-famous article of Comrade Stalin on "Some Questions Relating to the History of Bolshevism," which was the signal for all Communist Parties to more seriously consider questions of theory in all our work.

Every Communist, every worker, who wants to be equipped to more effectively fight against capitalist despotism should read and study the January number of "The Communist." The address is Box 148, Station D., New York City.

Twenty thousand Nanking troops which were sent out on the campaign to crush Communism revolted and joined the Red Army. This tremendously strengthened the Red forces and immediately thereafter Tinchow and several other cities in the Fukien province were captured. The Red Army is now besieging Nanchang, capital of the Kiangsi province and the last stronghold in that province of the Nanking government.

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NANKING GOVT. TROOPS FLOCK TO RED ARMY

The mighty upsurge of the revolutionary movement in China is rapidly disintegrating and destroying the armed forces of the Kuomintang regime at Nanking. In carrying out the policy of the Chinese capitalists and the wishes of the imperialist powers the Nanking government is engaged in a "Communist suppression campaign." The campaign is failing because tens of thousands of the government troops are deserting to the nationalist-imperialist forces with guns and munitions and going over to the Red army, which is the shield of the Soviet districts of China.

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Scottsboro Appeal Raises Question of Negroes on Jury

Whether the Fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States means anything to the oppressed Negro masses of the South is now a burning question. It is brought sharply forward in the Scottsboro case, wherein eight Negro working boys are in the death cells at Kilby prison, victims of a frame-up on the part of the white boss class which used two white prostitutes as their chief witnesses charging the boys with the traditional ruling class lie of "rape."

So-Called Unwritten Law. Ignored by the Southern ruling class, is supposed to guarantee the Negroes equality before the law, including the right to serve on juries. This barring of Negroes from jury service is one of the "unwritten laws" observed in the South as a part of the policy of keeping the Negro workers and poor farmers, tenants and croppers, in a state of semi-slavery. The demand for Negroes to serve on juries is a part of the general struggle for equal rights for Negroes in the South. It strikes at the whole system of discrimination practices in this part of the country.

Supreme Court Appeal. If the state supreme court, which two weeks ago heard the arguments of George W. Chamlee of Chattanooga, and Joseph Brodsky and Irving Schwab of New York, attorneys for the International Labor Defense, for a new trial, refuses to grant the demand of the attorneys for the Scottsboro boys, an appeal will be made to the United States Supreme Court which definitely raises the question of the right of Negroes to serve on juries. The barring of Negroes from jury service, where they constitute a considerable section, and, in many places, a majority of the population is, according to the attorneys for the defense, prima facie evidence that Negroes are being barred as a matter of discrimination against them.

Mass Campaign Goes On. In ordinary cases it takes the Alabama state supreme court from two weeks to a month to arrive at a decision, but it is probable that the Scottsboro verdict will be delayed for a time in the hope that such delay will help to cause interest in the case to die down.

Nation-wide and world-wide mass demonstrations have thus far saved the Scottsboro boys from legal lynching in the electric chair at Kilby prison. It is only a continuation and intensification of the mass campaign for the immediate and unconditional release of the boys that will force

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Funds Needed For Special Ky. Paper Coming Next Week

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keep them out. We must extend the hand of fraternal revolutionary greeting to the Chinese Red Army and Chinese Soviets and urge them to drive out of their country the whole bandit crew.

Fight Wage Cuts; Hunger. The February 4th demonstrations throughout the country were only the beginning of the drive against hunger and wage cuts and war that must reach such proportions that the bandit gang on Wall street and their Washington government will face the utmost difficulty in carrying out its war plans.

Millions of workers must be mobilized to demand that all war funds be used to feed and clothe the starving masses of unemployed. In the industries a determined fight must be put up against wage cuts. The connection between wage cuts, unemployment and war plots must be made plain to the broadest masses so that American imperialism will find itself faced with a foe at home that will in the course of its imperialist war game, be able to help bring about its defeat, smash the Wall street government and establish a workers' and farmers' government.

Demand the instant withdrawal of all armed forces from the Far East! Defend the Soviet Union! Hands off the Chinese revolution!

Mellon Mine Closes. Mellon's Pittsburgh Coal company has shut down Westmoreland, Kanawha and Putnam mines, which normally employ thousands of workers.

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Knoxville Central Labor Body Helps United Mine Workers' Officials Fight Ky. Strikers

Leaders of the American Federation of Labor Organizations have come out openly as supporters of the gun thugs in the Kentucky-Tennessee strike area. On Sunday, Jan. 24th, when the gun thugs massed their forces and barred every road to Pineville where the 'Spread the Strike Conference' was scheduled to be held, the labor fakers helped the mine owners thugs.

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Relief Is Urgently Needed by the Kentucky Miners New Orleans Rallies To Support Kentucky Strikers

LABOR FAKERS AID KY.-TENN. SCAB HERDERS

(Continued from Front Page) meeting gave us pretty speeches about always being ready to help starving women and children but ended up with the statement that they would not give a cent to anyone not a member of the United Mine Workers of America.

"We are members from Bell county and have been members of the United Mine Workers of America for years. But we have been sold out so many times by this organization that we have decided to join the National Miners Union because it refuses to compromise with the mine owners and is helping us to win a living wage so we won't starve even while we work."

"The Labor Temple claims to have shipped a load of food and clothes to Bell and Harlan county, but we haven't received a thing from the U. M. W. A. and nobody knows where their distributing stations are. We ask all workers and their friends not to give anything to these soliciting for the U. M. W. A. for it doesn't go to the striking miners, all of whom are following the National Miners' Union which is leading the strike, but going to the officials of the U. M. W. A. and a few favorites of this organization, that are used as a machine in support of the administration."

"We join with Doris Parks, secretary of the Ky.-Tenn. Striking Miners to the Central Labor body meeting when she called upon all workers of Knoxville to follow our example and strike against wage cuts and fight for unemployment insurance at the expense of the employers and the government. This relief organization will aid all workers regardless of their union affiliations and have proven it."

"A group of us are going around raising relief for the strikers and their families. We need milk for our babies who are dying off like flies. We need cornbread and beans, and a few clothes—this is all that we ask from our southern brother workers and friends. We will keep up the fight until we win a living wage. Send all contributions to the only organization that has fed thousands of us and clothed us too, weeks before the strike started. This is the Kentucky-Tennessee Striking Miners' Relief Campaign at Room 506 National Bldg., Cor. Union and Market streets. This is the only organization authorized by the strikers."

Signed: Floyd Hooker, J. M. Andrews, Bill Sutherland, J. R. Price.

FRISCO RY. PAY CUT

ST LOUIS, Mo.—More than 3,500 Frisco line workers got a ten per cent wage cut. They are employed as steam shovel engineers, mechanical supervisors and train porters.

GREENVILLE BANKRUPT

GREENVILLE, S. C.—R. N. Miller, treasurer of Greenville county, says he has no way to pay county officials and teachers their salaries this month. The police never worry over lack of city pay, as they get theirs from the mill owners and bootleggers.

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TOBACCO TRUST RICHER; FARMERS STARVING

The New York Times of Sunday, January 17, comments as follows: "During the week a newspaper published the annual statement of a large tobacco manufacturing company, showing earnings which were slightly higher than in 1930. Immediately below there was printed a dispatch from an important tobacco-growing district which declared that the farmers had averaged only one-half of their usual income due to low prices."

Far Worse Now Rotten as conditions were last year, they are far worse today. Prices of tobacco have rapidly declined even from the low level of 1931. Growers can hardly get enough for tobacco to pay them to haul it to the sales depots. Yet the tobacco trust keeps up the same high monopolistic prices of tobacco so that the consumer has to pay as much as before—

with new state taxes being added. The price is still more, as the grafting politicians have to get enough out of the higher taxes to pay their wages and side graft for running the state machine for the boss class.

Workers' Wages Down In the tobacco factories wages are constantly being beaten down. The process of displacing men with women and children at lower wages is being pushed now more rapidly than ever. The bosses' continued high production came from causing the worker and farmer.

The answer to such exploitation must be the organization of the workers into the Tobacco Workers' Industrial Union, and the organization of the farmers to fight against mass starvation.

STALIN ON THE PARTY AND THE MASS ORGANIZATIONS

"What are the 'belts' or levers in the system of the dictatorship of the proletariat? What is the 'guiding force'? Why are they needed? The levers and the belts are the mass organizations of the proletariat without whose aid the dictatorship cannot be realized in practice. The guiding force is that of the advanced section of the proletariat, the workers' vanguard, which constitutes the veritable leader of the dictatorship of the proletariat."

"The proletariat needs these belts, these levers, and this guiding force, because without them it would, in its struggle for victory, be like a weaponless army in the face of organized and armed capital. It needs these organizations, because without them it would inevitably be defeated in the fight for the overthrow of the bourgeoisie, for the consolidation of its own power, for the upbuilding of socialism. The systematic help of these organizations and of the guiding force of the workers' vanguard is indispensable, because otherwise the dictatorship of the proletariat could not be durable or steadfast."—From "Leninism" by Joseph Stalin.

Another Steel Pay Cut Steel workers at the Sparrows Point, Maryland, branch of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, have suffered another wage cut. This time the cut amounts to 25 per cent. The Metal Workers' Industrial League is striving to organize the workers to stop the wage cuts.

MEN GET CHILD'S PAY

M. J. Burelbach, Chattanooga school attendance officer reports that fewer permits are issued to children to work. He attributes the decline to the crisis and the fact that men have taken over many jobs formerly held by children.

SOCIALISTS PROTECT SCABS

Mayor Hoan of Milwaukee, Wis., and Sheriff Benson, both "Socialists" are helping the bosses of the B. B. Shoe Company break a strike by furnishing protection to the scabs. The Trade Union Unity League is helping the strikers in their fight.

5-YEAR PLAN IN LENINGRAD NOW COMPLETE

On December 31, the Leningrad industry, taken as a whole, had completed its five-year program. Machine building increased 274 per cent and the output of electrical equipment 340 per cent.

In this light it is interesting to note the progress of Leningrad industries in 1931 alone. This year they either began or put on a production scale, the manufacture of many new types of machines formerly made only abroad.

Tractor Plant Booms The Krasni Putilovetz Combine produced 20,000 tractors (against 10,000 scheduled by the original plan) and began to turn out special tractors for transport (on rubber tires). The plant also began the production of the "Baccara" alloy, which replaces the imported "Vidia" tool steel.

The Stalin Turbine Works produced the first 50,000 kilowatt turbine and put on a serial basis the output of 24,000 kilowatt turbines. The total capacity of turbines produced in Leningrad in 1931 is 702,000 kilowatts, against 420,000 called for by the plan. The Stalin Works also began to manufacture powerful boilers with 30 atmospheres of pressure.

The "Electrosila" electric equipment plant supplied its turbines with generators and all the necessary electric equipment. The production of 3,500 hp Diesel motors and the total capacity of Diesels increased out in 1931 is 51,000 hp instead of the 40,000 scheduled by the plan. They were installed chiefly on ships built at the Baltic and Marty shipyards in Leningrad.

Izhora Plant produced the first three Soviet blooming rolling mills hitherto manufactured by only very few firms abroad. The electric driving machinery for same was made at the "Electrosila."

"Sevcael" produced the first 120,000 volt cable and thus surpassed the best foreign firms. "Krasnaya Zaria" produced a new type of telephone and an apparatus that makes possible the use of one cable for several conversations simultaneously.

"Electric" began the production of portable welding machines. Kulasov Works—that of Shorin sound film apparatus, "Svetlana," turned out a 50 kilowatt radio lamp.

The Karl Marx plant began the large scale production of decorticators (for extracting the fibre from flax) and of textile machinery. "Krasni October" turned out the first lot of Soviet motorcycles.

The Max Hoelz Works is beginning the production of pneumatic cigarette filling machines and the OGPU optical plant the output of cameras and television apparatus. A few years ago nobody even dreamed of producing all these machines and apparatus here. Now they are produced by series and thousands. Leningrad, USSR. B. Golant.

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Well, we are going into this fight to win. We will fight the bosses, their police, their courts and make things hot for the stool pigeons. These scoundrels will not be able to give in this place. We are going to get all the school children to boycott the brats of the stool pigeons, the police and the rest of the strike-breaking gang. None of the working class women will speak to the women of the police, the dicks and such stools as the squealer in the bus station. This is going to be a fight in which we go after everyone connected with the enemy. They talk about driving out active union fighters. We shall see who drives out whom.

THE PARTY AS A REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZER

The Party is the vanguard of the working class and consists of the best, most class conscious and courageous members of that class. It incorporates the whole body of experiences of the proletarian struggle. Basing itself upon the revolutionary theory of Marxism and representing the general and lasting interests of the whole of the working class, the Party personifies the unity of proletarian principles, of proletarian will and of proletarian revolutionary action. It is a revolutionary organization, bound by iron discipline and strict revolutionary rules of democratic centralism, which can be carried out, thanks to the class consciousness of the proletarian vanguard, to its loyalty to the revolution, its ability to maintain inseparable ties with the proletarian masses and its correct political leadership which is constantly verified and clarified by the experience of the masses themselves.—From the Program of the Communist International.

ENTIRE STORY OF SCOTTSBORO CASE IN NEW BULLETIN

NEW YORK.—A resume of the entire history of the case of the Scottsboro boys is contained in a 30 page document prepared by members of the staff of the Labor Research Association here and just released. The document contains important legal evidence gathered in the case, and much factual material in answer to the many questions raised by this now internationally famous case.

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FLOOD WATERS NOW EXCEEDING 1927 DISASTER

Dispatches from Monroe, Louisiana show that country experiencing worst flood, with the Ouachita river approaching 50 feet, or nine feet above flood level. The levee broke at two points early Saturday and added hundreds more homeless to the thousands already suffering from the disaster.

Alexandria, Louisiana, also facing its greatest flood in history with the Red river passing 42.3 feet, the highest water mark set in the 1927 disaster.

Mississippi Flood Stage The Mississippi river, swollen by the tributaries that have caused such terrible suffering the past month, early entered the flood stage early Saturday at Greenville and Vicksburg, and indications are that below these places the flood stage will be reached within a few days.

Thousands of families, Negro and white, who were through the terrible experiences of 1927, and were forced to stay on the land by the army, police and sheriff's forces, are experiencing their second flood. At the time many were held in compounds because the landowners were afraid these workers and tenants and croppers, living in conditions of semi-slavery, would get out of the compounds and not come back.

Eastern Kentucky Flood

A cloudburst in Eastern Kentucky Saturday added thousands to the homeless and suffering already afflicted by flood waters in North Louisiana and the deltas of Mississippi. Two persons were drowned in cloudburst at Ellsburg.

Harlan, the center of the coal workers' terror against the Kentucky miners, was filled with thousands of refugees, mostly Negroes, who hoveled about the courthouse and other public buildings. Whole families are being removed by boat from the vicinity of Pineville in Bell county.

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NEW ORLEANS RALLIES TO SUPPORT KY. MINERS

NEW ORLEANS.—Thousands of workers in New Orleans are being acquainted with the facts regarding the strike of the Kentucky and Tennessee miners against starvation and terror. They are learning that the same tyrants that dominate the mine fields of that region—Ingram, Rockefeller, Mellon, Ford, Insull—reap millions each year from the slavery of the seamen and the sharemen of New Orleans. They know that the fight of the Kentucky and Tennessee miners is their fight.

Rushing in Relief The militant workers of New Orleans and the sympathizers of the movement have been busy collecting clothing, food and money to rush to the Kentucky-Tennessee fields since "Help Win the Kentucky Strike Front Conference" was held under the leadership of the Workers' International Relief on January 18, at the Workers' Center, 127 Decatur street.

Workers here know that the collection of relief is not in any way an act of charity, but a class act that furnishes some of the means to the strikers in the forefront of the class struggle of this country that enables them to fight better.

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N. Orleans Seamen Hail Ky. Strikers & Class Prisoners

NEW ORLEANS.—The International Longshoremen's and Seamen's mass meeting, held on January 21, at 127 Decatur street, to express solidarity with the striking seamen of Germany and the British longshoremen, sent telegrams of greetings to the fighting Kentucky and Tennessee miners, demanded from Governor Miller of Alabama the immediate and safe release of the Scottsboro prisoners, and from Governor Rolfe of California the release of Tom Moon and Warren K. Billings.

Many Seamen Present Attending the meeting and participating in its decisions were the crews of the German steamer, Ingram, and the Panamanian ship Vogtland. Many American and foreign longshoremen were present. They all pledged themselves to expose to the masses in every port they visited the monstrous crimes committed against the working class by the American imperialist butchers and to mobilize the widest possible mass sentiment against the torturers of the Scottsboro boys, the lynch gang of the South and their Wall Street bandit bosses.

Hail Kentucky Strikers A resolution pledging solidarity with the strikers and their families of Kentucky and Tennessee was adopted and copies forward to the National Miners' Union at Pineville, Ky. The resolution is as follows: "We, the assembled crews of the S. S. Ingram and Vogtland, and seamen and longshoremen of many American and foreign ports congratulate our comrades and fellow workers, the heroic Kentucky and Tennessee miners now on strike. We send you our revolutionary greetings. We are with you 100 per cent in your struggle. Forward to victory!

"Your victory will mean a victory for the entire working class! A letter of protest is being sent to the governor of the state of Kentucky demanding the withdrawal of all armed forces from the strike regions and the immediate and unconditional safe release of all arrested miners and organizers."

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Railroad Workers! Resist the Wage Cut! Repudiate Your Betrayers!

The general ten per cent wage cut on the railroads went into effect February 1st. After weeks of shameful duplicity the scoundrels at the head of the brotherhoods and railway craft unions came out openly and accepted the original wage demand of the bosses. Although drawing salaries from the dues paid by the organized workers on the railroads these labor fakers do not serve the interests of the workers; they serve the bosses.

When the railroad bosses first announced their intention to enforce the ten per cent wage cut the workers showed plainly that they wanted to resist it. Strike sentiment grew rapidly. The bosses' plans could not be put into effect immediately. They had to call to their aid the officials of the railroad unions. The next step of the bosses was to make a second demand for a 15 per cent cut, which they knew they could not get right away. But it gave the labor fakers a chance to fool the workers and make them believe they were fighting against the bosses' wage cut proposals. Still later, just last week, the officers of the unions announced that they were ready to accept a 6 1/2 per cent cut—for the workers.

While all this was going on the editors of the official papers of the railroad unions aped the capitalist press and carried stories about how necessary it was to help the railroad owners pay dividends. All these tricks and lies were for the purpose of trying to stop the growing sentiment of the rank and file of the railroad workers to fight the wage cut.

David B. Robinson, labor traitor at the head of the firemen's organization, explains that the wage cut was accepted after he and his fellow fakers had "weighed the needs of the railroad industry." He means, not the needs of the workers, their wives and children, but the demands of the stockholders, the boards of directors, the coupon clippers, the parasites who have amassed enormous wealth off the exploitation of the railroad workers.

Conditions on the railroads are bad and are getting worse. Unemployment is widespread. Few workers are sure of their jobs in spite of the seniority system that is supposed to protect the older workers in the brotherhoods. The semi-skilled and unskilled workers are unable to obtain a living wage, try as they may. This wage cut makes everything worse than before. And this general cut is only the first of a whole series of wage cuts that will be imposed upon the workers in the industry.

The capitalist owners of the railroads and their servants, the labor officials, breath a sigh of relief because they were finally able, against the will of the overwhelming mass of workers, to put over the wage cut. They are congratulating themselves that profits have been made more secure at the expense of the increased misery of the workers.

The workers should not let them get away with this. It is not too late to fight against the whole wage cutting program. But it is certain that the union officials will not help the men fight. They will try to prevent a fight and if a strike starts they will then try to get at the head of it so they can knife the strikers and betray them to the bosses. In order to defeat the wage cuts on the railroads the workers must establish their own rank and file leadership. That can be done by calling meetings, at the roundhouses, in the railway shops, on each division, each section, and electing from among the workers committees of action that will prepare to resist the wage cuts by strike action. On such committees there should be representatives of the unemployed who have been let out of the industry during the past thirty months or more. Demands should be made for a living wage, for shorter hours so that more workers can be employed and for decent working conditions. Under no circumstances should the grand lodge officials of the Brotherhoods or the executive officials of the shop crafts be permitted on such committees.

Strike struggles against wage-cuts, unemployment and hunger are being prepared in many industries. Resistance to the vicious capitalist class offensive against the workers is growing. The magnificent struggle of the Kentucky miners against starvation and terror proves that the working class of this country is capable of the most heroic struggle. This Kentucky strike is especially important for workers in all industries in the South. In Kentucky the strike is under the leadership of the miners' own elected rank and file strike committee and the National Miners' Union. Employed and unemployed, organized and unorganized, white and black workers stand side by side against the bosses and their thugs and gunmen, their police and courts. In spite of all the terror the Kentucky miners are fighting on, convinced that their strike can still be won. Struggles in other industries—textile, steel, chemical—are being prepared.

With these struggles developing while the Kentucky strike still goes on, the railroad workers are in a position to deliver a terrific blow against the whole wage-cutting campaign if they set up their own independent machinery of leadership and strike. Coming at such a critical time such a strike, by paralyzing the rail transportation system of the country, could turn the tide of class battle—that is to say, definitely launch the working class counter-offensive against the starvation program of the capitalist class.

Manifesto of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights on Case of Scottsboro Boys

The League of Struggle for Negro Rights, at the first news of the frame-up of the nine Scottsboro boys, joined with the International Labor Defense, and called for a united front struggle to save the victims of Southern lynch law. Many accepted the call. But the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, serving the interests of the white ruling class, its petty white liberal officials and Negro intellectuals refused. It attempted to conduct a "non-violent resistance" campaign (to Negro persecution). Its main energies were spent, not in trying to build the best defense, but in vicious and outrageous attacks upon those who were building up a broad mass defense movement of the Negro masses and white and colored workers.

Repeated calls from the L.S.N.R. and the I.L.D. to the N.A.A.C.P. to cooperate were to no avail. Again its treachery in connection with the Southern lynch bosses is laid bare.

The open refusal of the "great humanitarian," Clarence Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hayes, attorneys of the N.A.A.C.P., to cooperate with the attorneys of the I.L.D. in the case, strengthens the opinion and position of the L.S.N.R. This opinion was, 1. The N.A.A.C.P. was not and is not concerned about saving the lives and liberty of the innocent boys. If so, it would come into the united front movement along with the L.S.N.R. and I.L.D. 2. That the N.A.A.C.P. has consistently attempted to sabotage the united front mass defense movement by its disruptive lying and peaceful tactics, and by employing defense counsel hostile to the cries of freedom of the Negro masses. 3. That its interests were to deceive the masses, attempting to cause them to believe that justice can be obtained in the courts of the lynchers. 4. That with consistent

regularity it lied, slandered and insulted the boys and their parents and nearest kin. 5. It falsely appeared before the public as representatives of the boys and collected funds, contrary to statements issued by the boys and parents.

In the face of such a degenerate and reactionary policy the L.S.N.R. sharply denounces the leaders of the N.A.A.C.P. as conscious betrayers and enemies to the united defense movement. We call upon the rank and file membership to view the facts in the case and recent developments:

1. Forced recognition of the I.L.D. attorneys by the state supreme court as the only counsel for the defendants.
2. The withdrawal of Darrow and Hays and the N.A.A.C.P. from the case.
3. The bitter telegram from the boys to the N.A.A.C.P. telling them to keep their hands off, and confirming the right of the I.L.D. to represent them.
4. The increasing anger of the Negro masses.
5. The demand from the toiling masses that the N.A.A.C.P. turn over to the United Front Scottsboro Committee the funds which it has collected fraudulently.
6. And swinging into motion the united front mass defense movement under the leadership of the L.S.N.R. and the I.L.D.

These are undeniable facts. The L.S.N.R. supports these demands and actions of the masses. The L.S.N.R. as a leader in the Negro liberation struggles, again calls to the attention of the toiling masses its former pledge to do all within its power to rally together its membership and sympathizers, as well as to enlist new supporters and organization to continue to build up a powerful mass defense movement. We appeal to the

masses of Negro people and white and colored workers to denounce the N.A.A.C.P. Uncle Tom leaders, and to build up a powerful mass protest movement. We recognize that only a genuine united front of the Negro masses and white and colored workers unshackled from the misleaders is the determining factor to force the Southern plantation capitalists and court to give unconditional freedom to the nine innocent boys. Only the angry and aroused indignation of the American masses, protesting and demonstrating, together with the international working class, will be the decisive factor to break the chains that keep these innocent boys behind the prison bars.

Demand the immediate and unconditional release of the nine Scottsboro boys!

Smash the bosses' lynch terror! Death to lynchers!

STOP MARYLAND EVICTION
EVANSVILLE, Md.—A crowd of 2,500, consisting of workers in the neighborhood prevented the eviction of a Negro worker and his family. The presence of police "riot squads" did not frighten the workers.

SEARS ROEBUCK PAY CUT
CHICAGO.—A pay cut of 10 per cent was handed out to 30,000 workers January 30th by Sears-Roebuck the mail order house.

TRUSTY GOT KILLED
MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga.—Three chain gang prisoners escaped from the prison farm here in an automobile belonging to one of the officers. A "trusty," that is to say a prisoner who stools on the other prisoners, tried to stop them and was run over and killed. All the decent prisoners are glad he is dead.

District No. 16 Communist Party Challenges District No. 17 in Drive For New Members

The District Committee of District No. 16 of the Communist Party of the U. S. A., with headquarters at Charlotte, N. C., has challenged District No. 17, with headquarters at Birmingham, Alabama, to fulfill its quota first in the drive for new members of the Party.

In a statement the District Committee at Charlotte says in part: "Although late in starting the drive for new members, we hereby take up the revolutionary competition with District No. 17, and declare that we will fill our quota first. And that not only will we fill our quota in new members, but at the end of the drive on March 18, we will turn loose more new forces to carry on the struggle than District No. 17. The District Committee views the past weaknesses in the light of failing to train new forces to take up the fight in the class struggle as members of the Communist Party.

"At the present time we recognize the fact that District No. 17 has the Kentucky strike, a fertile field from which to recruit new members, and not only a fertile field, but one of the best schools that the Party can have to build cadres for the class struggle. Viewing the advantages of District No. 17, the District Committee of No. 16 still sets itself the task of filling the quota not only of new members, but also in the building of new shop units, the issuing of shop papers, the training of new forces through our study circles and

in the drive for the Daily Worker. We challenge the District Committee of No. 17 that we will beat them in all phases of work, and the District Committee will support the Young Communist League in its challenge to the Boston Y.C.L."

The challenge is signed by the District Committee, District 16, at Charlotte, N. C.

DISTRICT NO. 16 UNITS IN REVOLUTIONARY COMPETITION

Units of District No. 16 are rallying to the recruiting campaign and engaging in revolutionary competition with each other. Unit No. 10 challenges Unit No. 7. Unit No. 5 that they will first get their quota of 20 new members and that they will have the best attendance at Unit meetings and at the class held every Sunday at the Workers' Center at 3 p.m. Unit No. 9 makes a similar challenge to the membership of Unit No. 6. Unit No. 1 challenges Unit No. 2 to fulfill the quota first. The units that lose are pledged to arrange some sort of social affair, such as a fish fry, etc., for the combined membership and friends of the two competing units. They can't all win their challenges, but they can all win for the Party by diligent work in the recruiting drive.

"Crush Our Present Weaknesses Through Revolutionary Competition" Says Charlotte District Y.C.L. in Challenge to the Boston District

The District Committee of the Young Communist League of District No. 16, with District Headquarters at Charlotte, N. C., enthusiastically issues a challenge to the Boston District of the Y.C.L. to engage in revolutionary competition in the present recruiting drive.

We present this challenge recognizing the weaknesses and shortcomings of both our Districts, and do so realizing that the revolutionary competition will be utilized by the membership of both our Districts as a battering ram to crush our present weaknesses and to penetrate successfully the factories in our Districts, winning over the broad masses of young workers therein, into our League.

We intend to swell our present membership of 65 to 265 by April 2nd.

Build 5 Shop Units where there is at present one in the textile industry.

Issue three shop papers where at present we have none.

Build two Units in the farming areas of the Black Belt.

The 200 new members will be 125 Negro, 80 textile workers and 25 share croppers.

BOSTON DISTRICT, GIVE US YOUR ANSWER! DO YOU ACCEPT?

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Youthful Leader Shot Down While Organizing to Protect Distribution of Food in Defiance of Murder Gang

ARMED TROOPS STOP FUNERAL PREPARATIONS

Knowing that the murder of Harry Simms had aroused the striking miners to a new determination to struggle against starvation and terror, Gov. Laffoon of Kentucky ordered hordes of state militia and special armed thugs into the strike area to prevent a public funeral being held Monday. The cowardly professional murderer gang, worst afraid of the misery of the miners would reach such a stage that the whole thug outfit would be wiped out, so the strike-breaking governor, Ruby Laffoon (an alleged man with a woman's name) ordered out a militia unit from Harlan, the very heart of the gun thug ridden coal fields.

Barbourville Armed Camp

The town of Barbourville, where Comrade Simms died and where the mass funeral was to be held, was an armed camp. Hundreds of miners who tried to enter the place during Monday were stopped by heavily armed brigades of troops and mine thugs and business and professional men who had been sworn in as special armed police by Ralph Mayhew, who is "chief of police" of Barbourville. Sheriff B. P. Walker had his own gang of special thugs and gunmen on hand.

New York Funeral

Only two members of the union memorial committee were permitted to enter Barbourville and they, together with Miss Dorothy Wilkes, the New York nurse, who came to Pineville with a delegation of New York writers, took charge of the body. In the afternoon the remains of the murdered youth were sent to New York City, where his comrades and associates on the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League and the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party prepared a mass funeral in that city to take place Wednesday. Simultaneously there are to be nation-wide demonstrations against the murder regime in the Kentucky fields and against the whole capitalist class, which is responsible for starvation and terror conditions in Kentucky and in other sections of the South and North.

are concentrating on the problem of getting food to the strikers and their families. The strikers are furious at these continued and increasingly violent attacks upon relief distribution, but they are more determined than ever to continue the fight and show

ALL WHO ARE OUTSIDE THE KENTUCKY MURDER ZONE:

Kentucky-Tennessee miners are in the seventh week of their heroic struggle against starvation and terror. One of their best leaders has been shot down. Every leader in the field daily and hourly faces the same fate at the hands of the armed scam of the earth recruited by the mine owners.

Only greater organization, only a more closely organized mass movement can protect working class fighters against these murder drives. The miners are closing their ranks and preparing for a still greater struggle. But they must have means with which to fight. They must have at least a little food and clothing for themselves and families. The gunmen know the miners can fight on very little. They know what even three truck-loads of relief means—that is why they hi-jacked relief trucks from New York.

You, who are not in the Kentucky field, should do your share to help the fighting miners. You can do it by collecting money, food and clothing and rushing it to Kentucky-Tennessee Miners' Relief, Room 506, 514 Market St., Knoxville, Tenn.

New Murder Drive

The murder of Harry Simms followed immediately after a threat by one of the coal operators' hirelings, Walter Smith, county attorney of Bell county, who threatened: "Inside of a few days there won't be any Communists left in this country. We have decided to get rid of them once and for all." Arlin Miller, the depraved gun thug deputized by the sheriff of Knox county and paid by the Trooper Mine on Brush Creek, was the first to carry into action the threat of Walter Smith.

Harry Simms and Green Lawson a local miner, were walking along the railroad track to meet a delegation of miners that were to proceed to the demonstration at Pineville that was scheduled for 1:00 that afternoon. The professional murderer, Miller, accompanied by another thug called "Red" Davis, speeded by in a small railroad motor car, stopped suddenly when they recognized Simms, turned back and without a word of warning shot Simms pointblank. Lawson threw up his arms and was not hurt. Then the thugs dragged Harry Simms to the motor vehicle, arrested Lawson and went to Artemus, where they took Lawson to jail on a charge of carrying a gun, while leaving Simms bleeding on the ground. Later on other deputized thugs took the fatally wounded youth to the hospital at Barbourville.

the mine owners that they cannot be crushed no matter what atrocities are perpetrated against them.

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