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Croppers Union Proposes Unity, Plans Strike

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—A united front of the Share Croppers Union and the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union in Arkansas, the two leading organizations of toiling farmers in the South, proposed by Albert Jackson, S.C.U. secretary following the S.C.U. conference here last month, has already received a favorable answer from H. L. Mitchell, secretary of the Arkansas union.

The immediate program for which the fighting unity was proposed, is:

1. Against the Bankhead Act in 1935.
2. Against the Bankhead Gin Tax.
3. For the Repeal of the AAA.
4. For the immediate passage of the Farmers' Emergency Relief Bill.
5. For the right to organize. Against terror. For the class unity of the Share Croppers' Union and the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union.

Copies of Jackson's letter are now being circulated in the locals of the Arkansas organization for discussion and approval. Meanwhile, the Share-Croppers' Union, with 10,000 members, continues an organization drive and preparations for a strike of cotton croppers in the spring of 1935. This follows the historic strike of more than 1,000 cotton pickers, this fall, which won increased rates and allowances on a number of plantations.

Both the S.C.U. and the Arkansas Union are proceeding against the A.A.A. program and Bankhead Act at present, with several arrests reported in Arkansas as the landlords continue their terror drive. A mass petition campaign and preparations for protest, a delegation to Washington, are already under way in Alabama.

FREE IN ATLANTA

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Mrs. Leah Young and Annie Mae Lusk

DEATH TO THE LYNCHERS!

Claude Neal's Mutilated Body Hanging in The Marianna, Fla., Court House Lawn. See Story On Page 3.



Scottsboro Deaths Halted By I.L.D., Mothers Berate Liebowitz

Roosevelt Gets Freedom Petition In South

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—"Supreme Court of Alabama has granted stay of execution in Patterson and Norris cases and reset date of execution for February 8, 1935," says a telegram to Omond Frankel, Intl. Labor Defense lawyer, from the clerk of the Alabama Supreme Court, Nov. 16. Mrs. Knight in a plan to keep the boys white, notice of appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court has been filed and all material is being got ready by the I.L.D. to force a second reversal of the lynch verdict against the innocent Scottsboro boys.

Smashing the lies and attempts to break up the mass and legal defense which has saved the lives of the nine Negro youths for three and a half years, Harwood Patterson and Clarence Norris both have signed a statement putting their cases entirely in the hands of I.L.D. lawyers. "This is my last and final decision and will not be changed with my consent," the statement says.

Every one of the Scottsboro mothers has pledged aid to the I.L.D. and requested Liebowitz a lawyer. Mrs. Lee Wright, mother of one of the boys, accused Mrs. Knight of trying to bribe her to help her



Mrs. Lee Wright

MARVILLE, Ala.—Following the refusal of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to grant a

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Workers' Congress to Washington Supported By Southern Masses As Unions Back Insurance Bill

Many delegates representing thousands of southern trade unionists and other groups of the white and Negro masses, will go to the National Congress for Social and Unemployment Insurance from the Birmingham, Bessemer, N. Orleans, Miss., Fla., the Carolinas, Texas, Virginia, Arkansas and other southern sections, it is indicated by the wide movement already on foot.

New Deal Slashes Jobless Relief

By Jim Mallory

Smashing down on the jobless with particular viciousness, the Roosevelt New Deal government is putting its starvation policies in full swing this winter. The Southern workers and toiling farmers, as usual get hit first and hardest, although our growing organization and struggle are beginning to show the bosses that we're not going to take it divided much longer.

A new wage policy on work relief, which will drive the standards even below the miserable pittance they have been receiving on these forced labor jobs, has just been announced by Harry Hopkins, national director in Washington. The new policy abolishes the minimum wage of 30c an hour and says, in effect, pay as little as you can get away with.

In practically every southern state, together with the slashes in relief and wages, directors have also announced that all direct relief is to be cut off. From now on, a worker who refuses to take a scab job or work at starvation wages, will be denied all relief. That is, if we allow the bosses and their government to get away with this.

Alabama relief officials have already cut off 54,000 of the 104,000 families who had been getting any relief, while Thad Holt has announced a further cut of at least 20,000 families by January 1.

In Texas, relief administration has been put in the hands of the state board of control which has already knocked 12,000 families off the rolls.

In Florida all transients are jailed and given their choice of concentration camps where they are building gunnery bases for the army and other war preparation construction work, or put on the murderous Florida chain gangs.

From Oklahoma comes information that the FERA is paying \$5.88 a month for food for males, while the average family on relief gets \$7.20 a month, many getting less.

An announcement from Charles W. C. relief official, said: "Due to lack of funds there will

With headquarters temporarily at Room 314, 116 1/2 N. 21st St., the Birmingham local arrangements committee is busy receiving endorsements from local unions, churches, workers' clubs and other groups and laying plans for a large local conference soon which will elect delegates to attend this giant Workers' Congress in Washington.

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Harry Bridges, chairman of the rank and file strike committee which led the historic marine strike in San Francisco last summer, and fighter against the sell-out of the general strike.

Against the attacks of the big shot labor leaders, he was elected president of the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn., San Francisco local.

Just elected president of the Natl. A. F. of L. Rank and File Committee, at their convention in Pittsburgh, where a program of militant unity, organization and struggle was adopted by white and Negro laborers from local branches throughout the country.

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Communists In The Labor Unions Who Attack Them, And Why? The Southern Worker Asks A Pain-Pointed Question of Robert Henry, President of the A. F. of L. (On Page 5)

Vets Plan New Bonus March

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A call for a "Bonus March" to reach Washington on Jan. 10, has been issued to all ex-servicemen by the Veterans' Rank and File Committee. The committee, representing ex-servicemen in the several veterans' organizations, has adopted a three-point program, which they are fighting to put across: Immediate payment of the Adjusted Compensation Certificates, the "bonus" in full, repeal of the Economy Act, and passage of the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill.

CONVENTION CALLED

CHICAGO, Ill. — A National Convention of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League will be held Chicago, Dec. 7, 8, and 9. All veterans' organizations and groups have been invited to send fraternal delegates to this convention of militant ex-servicemen. The Convention Arrangements Committee is located at 39 W. Adams St., Room 82, Chicago.

More About RELIEF

be no FERA work and FERA relief orders during the week of Nov. 23 to Nov. 29, 1934. Prepare now to meet this problem." That's a Thanksgiving present for you! A letter from a worker in Charlotte informs us that they are "preparing to meet this problem," by more organization and election of delegates to the Washington Congress in January.

A form letter has also been sent to all persons on relief in Birmingham, which asks them to fill in a form saying just how much they would like the bosses to cut off their relief. A Negro worker now getting 82c a week, was asked to tell them how much more he would like them to cut his order! If he doesn't tell them, they cut it anyway.

Meanwhile an official survey by the Roosevelt Committee on Economic Security, has admitted that at least one out of every four wage earners are unemployed and can't get jobs.

Don't starve! Organize and Fight!

REDS BLAMED FOR EARTHQUAKE

One of the rank and file delegates to the recent A. F. of L. convention in San Francisco tells the best story yet. It was the dullist day of the convention. Union big bugs were making long speeches about nothing. Everyone is a half asleep.

In the middle of the afternoon an earthquake shook the building. There was an immediate stir—a buzz of conversation, a rush of papers throughout the auditorium. Matthew Wolf, sitting at a desk up front, reading something, jerked his head up and shouted to the fellow next to him, "What is that?" But the Communist, try to start something!

So there's nothing the Com-

More About INSURANCE MEET

ington, Jan. 5 to 7, 1935. The committee has announced that it will ask for the city auditorium or the Jefferson county courthouse for the giant mass meeting and conference.

J. G. Owen, secretary of the Relief Workers' League of Tarrant City, is chairman of the arrangements committee, with Joseph Howard, Negro worker of Woodlawn No. 23 lodge, Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, treasurer, and Lester Johnson, member of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists, and Technicians, and representative of the Natl. Arrangements Committee, acting as secretary.

New Orleans Acts

The New Orleans local sponsoring committee, which has set their mass conference for Dec. 16, at Economy Hall, 1422 Ursuline St., at 2 p.m., has issued a call signed by 14 trade unionists.

From Mississippi, the Southern Worker has received a letter announcing that Mays Hudson has been elected to represent the toilers of Greenville, while J. W. Slay has already been elected as a delegate of the toiling farmers from Hollandale.

In the face of the country-wide support for the passage of the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill (introduced into the U. S. Congress as H. R. 7598, and printed in the November issue of the Southern Worker) many fake schemes are being brought forward by Roosevelt, Congressmen and the friends of the bosses among the workers. These schemes try to make the workers pay the cost, disqualify large sections of the unemployed, and propose payments only a few weeks a year.

"You must cover all workers without discrimination, particularly against Negro workers, and you must provide benefits for the full time of unemployment," said Herbert Benjamin, Natl. Organizer of the Natl. Unemployment Council.

Speed Up On Forced Labor Job In Jacksonville, Florida

(By a Worker Correspondent) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The FERA has thrown a number of families off their rolls and these families have been put back on county relief. The county and local officials plainly state that they have no funds whatsoever for relief work.

There is an FERA mattress factory and a canning factory in Jacksonville. Both employ women principally. Because of more steady work in the canning plant, many women who have been working in the mattress factory have been transferred, leaving either room for more women in the mattress factory, or more steady work for the ones remaining there.

The largest department of the mattress factory is the carding department. From 50 to 55 women have been working at the carding tables. Now there are from 20 to 25 women. This is extremely slow

Atlanta Worker Prisoners Free On Bond-Militant Girls Fight On

ATLANTA, Ga.—Faced with mass pressure and protests from all over the country against their attempted imitation of Hitler's fascist terror against workers and their organizations, Solicitor Boykin and other Georgia officials have been forced to release every one of those arrested in the recent series of raids.

More About SCOTTSBORO

President Roosevelt, to see the Scottsboro mothers and a delegation of 25 prominent men and women, white and Negro, he was confronted with a huge banner at Fisk University, saying "Mr. President: Save the Lives of the Nine Scottsboro Boys," during his trip through the South.

This followed the presentation of a protest signed by 250 Fisk students, demanding a stay of execution for the Scottsboro boys and an investigation of the lynching of Claude Neal. The protest, together with a statement from the National Scottsboro-Herndon Action Committee, prepared by Jas. W. Ford, were given to Roosevelt by Dr. T. E. Jones, white president of the University.

and leader of the giant Hunger Marches to Washington in 1931 and 1932, speaking to a Congressional committee. "For workers must eat every week and not just so many weeks a year.

"Finally, we must have administration by the workers themselves." The Workers' Bill provides these things, as well as that all payments be made by the bosses and the government.

Endorsement of the Bill with resolutions to work for its passage have already been adopted by thousands of unions, including international conventions of the Mis. Mill and Smelter Workers, the United Textile Workers, the A. A. of Iron, Steel, Tin Workers, and other unions.

Birmingham locals which have endorsed it are: Dairy Employees Federal Labor Union No. 18477, Intl. of Teamsters (dairy drivers local) Avondale local No. 1786, and Selma local No. 1789 of the

Alexander Escolin, Mrs. R. W. Ailing, Nathan Yagol and Clarence Weaver were released with all charges against them dropped in DeKalb county, where they had been held facing the electric chair if convicted.

Mrs. Leah Young and Annie Mae Leathers, militant textile strike pickets, who were jailed on charges of distributing Communist literature to fellow-strikers, are now free on \$1000 bail each after the I.L.D. had forced its reduction from \$5,000 each and supplied bond.

Negro I.W.O. Members Out

The eight Negro workers (including Clarence Weaver, who had also been held in DeKalb county) who face charges which can bring them 5 to 20 years on the chain gang because they are accused of joining the Intl. Workers Order, a workers' fraternal and benefit society, have also been released following the setting of bonds.

"We will continue the fight to better the living conditions of the textile workers no matter what the cost may be," declared Mrs. Young and Annie Mae Leathers upon their release.

Determined Continue Fight

"Putting us in jail only makes us more determined to fight for the liberation of the working class and the Negro people, because the white workers and the Negro people have the same common oppressor," they say in a special statement for the Southern Worker.

Protests against these frame-ups and demands for the complete and unconditional dropping of all charges against the defendants, have been called for by the I.L.D., which points out that the danger is still present—these two white women and the eight Negro workers are simply out on bond, while every other worker, white and Negro, faces the same fate under the present regime.

BOSSSES PLAN FASCISM

While the Roosevelt government lays the foundation and prepares the way by driving the living standards of the toilers downward, establishing concentration (C.C.C.) camps for the youth, and flooding the country with a hot air smoke screen, the Wall Street bosses are preparing an open, armed dictatorship.

They're getting Gen. Butler a bit impatient, but some of the bosses think maybe they'd better wait a little while. "We're doing swell right now," they say. "Let's save the big guns till later."

U. T. W., Unemployed local No. 1, Mis. Mill and Smelter Workers, Federal Labor Union No. 18477 and 18478 of the Alabama Clay Processors, and Iron Workers

Selma Negro Free On 'Rape' Charge

(By a Worker Correspondent) Ed Johnson, a worker for the city, was framed up by the Selma police about a white woman here. He was arrested on Nov. 2, and put in jail.

They tried to make a girl by the name of Miss Kynard say that she raped her, but she did not, even after all the beating that Duke gave her on Sunday night. That is the police way to get to frame up Negroes and put them on the chain gang, and try to get some workers against the black.

Stan Stanfield is the ring leader of the lynchers here, but he is sick now. I believe that if he was up the Selma law would have tried at least, to lynch Ed Johnson, but it would have been held there in Selma, because Negroes were mobilized by the I.L.D. all over Selma for a fight.

Some of the white friends took part in this fight and plenty of protests poured in on the police. We were mobilized so strong here that the city officials were scared to move a peg. They had to turn this Negro worker loose, which is a big victory for the white and Negro workers here in Selma.

A defense squad of ex-servicemen surrounded Johnson as soon as he was released, and took him to a safe place.

Miss Kynard, when she read the newspaper of the Scottsboro boys, said she will not be like Victoria Price, but like Ruby Bates, she will tell the truth.

Steel Company Hires Deputy Killer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The same grand jury trying to find militant trade unionists to order on framed bombing charges, freed Bill Alexander, former deputy sheriff, whom eye witnesses accused of murdering H. C. Collins and Ed Woolen, Negro union miners, when deputy thugs fired on a mass march of white and Negro union miners, Sept. 16. Alexander, as a reward for his murder activities against workers, has been made chief company deputy for the Gulf States Steel Co.

"UNCLE TOM" MOTON

"The worse they are, the more revolting and the more abhorrent they are, the better the results. They are shocking and their more sentiment is developed against them," was H. H. Moton's statement on the Marcano lynching.

Moton, Negro lap-dog of the white rulers, and recently resigned principal of Tuskegee Institute, can be counted upon to find a way to praise whatever the "white boss" does.

Recently he carefully came out for lower wages for Negro workers during a hearing for the Southern Mfg. Co., Birmingham, Ala., steel factory, out of for lower price contracts. The company was \$700,000 in debt and which are Negro workers. He got an O.K. for lower wages for the Negroes.





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MANY GATHER IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA FOR MOB SLAYING

Rape Frame - Ups Sweep South

LYNCH PAPERS INCITE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Another fake "rape" case which might have claimed some Negro worker as a victim, collapsed within a week after Birmingham newspapers failed in an attempt to whip up a lynch frenzy over the story of Mrs. Mabel Roy, 18-year-old resident of a rooming house in the red light district on North 25th street.

Her slashed head, she finally admitted, was the result of a brawl at a drinking party, but she refused to tell who really hit her. Her first story, told under screaming front page headlines in the Birmingham News, reputed to be the "unofficial" organ of the T. C. L., "Woman Is Terrorized By Negro," claimed that a Negro had hit her and attacked her, held her captive for hours, and threatened her with death.

That he was "one of the Scottsboro boys," who escaped from the train at Paint Rock more than three years ago, was also a featured part of the News' story, while the notice of Mrs. Roy's admission that she lied was hidden away on an inside page of the paper, in small type.

Oral Confession Claimed

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — E. K. Harris, 22-year-old Negro youth, was arrested in Shelbyville, Bedford county, for having "attempted to attack" a 14-year-old white girl, Stock Valley school.

A mob was quickly organized about the city hall at Murfreesboro, Tenn., where young Harris was taken by the police for "safeguarding."

At Murfreesboro, Sheriff W. F. McCrory of Rutherford county, announced that he had a signed confession from young Harris admitting the attempted attack, but stating that he released the girl when she resisted him and began to scream.

Virginia Mob Formed

CLIFTON FORGE, Va.—Four young Negroes were immediately seized and the usual lynch hysteria is being drummed up, upon the discovery of the bodies of two children with their heads crushed by heavy blows in the woods near here early one morning.

The "confession" is signed made by Jones, though the Sheriff has been unable to locate any signed statement. The bodies are being kept in a building.

The Only "ism" for Americans



Storm Brings GREATEST GOOD
Roosevelt Govt. Refuses Enforce Law Against Organized Kidnap Lynch Gang

Refusing to take any action to enforce state laws against murder and mob violence, or the federal kidnapping law, Attorney General Cummings, and Governor B. M. Miller of Alabama, and Dave Sholtz of Florida, have in this way given their O. K. to the brutal, planned torture and lynch murder of Claude Neal at Marianna, Florida, after he had been handed over to an organized mob at Brewton, Alabama.

Grand juries called in both states are trying to whitewash the whole affair and hush up evidence which proves that Neal was absolutely innocent of any crime. Telegrams sent to Cummings, Sholtz and Miller by the Southern Worker, demanding that they openly state what they intend to do to enforce the laws they are sworn to uphold, have not been answered. (Note: As we go to press we receive a letter from Gov. Sholtz' secretary claiming they're doing everything possible to bring the guilty parties to "justice," but refusing to answer the direct questions of the Southern Worker as to whether the responsible sheriff and deputies will be indicted and prosecuted, etc.)

Although advertised in scores of loss newspapers, 25 hours in advance, Gov. Sholtz of Florida refused to send troops to the scene. After the lynching, although he pretended to call a grand jury investigation, he absolved Sheriff Chambers of all blame even before the jury met. In fact, they are many workers and farmers who believe that some members of the investigating jury had a part in the lynch activities themselves, while some believe that they were dupes of the mob. Since the lynchings, a lynch mob has been formed in every state.

The above headlines from a representative boss paper, speak for themselves. Invitation to the planned lynching on Saturday. Lynching in time for the murderers to go to church Sunday morning. Wave a flag and yell "Red Scare" on Monday to cover up. This is boss "Americanism"—lynching of Negroes and murder for all workers. Particularly to the white toilers of the South, we say: You must stop these boss-led lynchings as part of your struggle against the starvation differential, murder of strikers, and for your own freedom from hunger and oppression.

K.K.K., Cops Unite In Terror

WHITE WORKER GETS THREAT, ATTEMPT STOP STRUGGLE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Continuing their sneaking, anti-union drive, Klansmen have been busy writing threatening notes to white and Negro workers active in the struggles for better conditions. A white worker, active in the preparations for a large southern movement to take part in the Natl. Congress for Unemployment and Social Insurance, which will meet in Washington, Jan. 5, received this letter:

"We have information to the effect that you are lolling around town and away from home. We demand of you that at once it be stopped and that you discontinue the practice of lolling around and doing nothing towards trying to get work.

"We say again that this be stopped and unless it is stopped we will take immediate recourse to our ability to handle you.

"Don't let us have to take immediate action, which will be taken and without delay if your lolling is not stopped.

"We are the K.K."

"I am a worker, for the working class of people, against the rich bosses," this white worker writes, enclosing a copy of this letter. "They do not want me to carry on my work, so they dropped me a few lines. It does not mention anything about my work to organize my fellow workers to better our conditions.

"I want to get a copy of it wrote up in the Southern Worker. Workers in the neighborhood, white and colored, have become aroused and have pledged to rally for defense against any Klan attack. "Tell those — (1) that we're watching them," one worker said, "and they better take immediate action of crawling back in their dirty holes, nightshirts and all."

frame-up cry used by the ruling class. This lynching, the high point of a wave of such frame-up sweeping the country, came just at the time when big lynch mobs are being made in every state.

MASKED COPS BEAT NEGROES AND STRIP GIRLS

FLASH—Homes of three Negroes in North Birmingham were invaded late at night, Nov. 23, by hooded Klansmen and police, who have openly joined forces.

At 7:40 p.m. three police thugs in uniform burst in upon J. Henderson, a worker living in this section. They searched his place, found nothing, and left, cursing.

These police then met 13 other terrorists—all, including the three policemen, donned hoods and proceeded to the house of John Simmons, whom they beat mercilessly. They then moved on to the house of Sam Byers, three blocks away. They divided forces and approached the house, eight at the front door and eight at the back. Breaking down the door they threatened the men present and stripped the two grown daughters to the waist and lashed them.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Steve Simmons, Negro worker, was brutally beaten and knocked unconscious when a group of hooded Klansmen entered his home in Lewisburg, mining suburb of Birmingham, Tuesday night shortly before midnight. The attackers, among whom were recognized a white business man named Earl Walker, and Dunk Shields, kicked down the door and seized Steve Simmons, whom they accused of being a "literature agent."

"You Goddamn black nigger, you know you can't have social equality in this country," the Klansmen told Simmons. "We ought to kill you, you black son-of-a-bitch."

Turning on Simmons' wife, Alice Simmons, they called her a "dirty black bitch," and struck her. They then beat him until he was unconscious, leaving him with a great open gash in his head, and great welts on his body where their blivies had rained upon him.

It was reported that Charlie Sanders, a Negro steel piper, was with the white lynch mob.

United Front Burning Need In Fight Against Hunger and Terror, Say Communists!

NEW DEAL HITS TOILERS

It is now clear that the Roosevelt New Deal has not brought improved conditions for the toiling masses of District 17, but rather more hunger, misery, more lynching and fascist terror.

Production in the basic industries remains at a low level. Wages are low while the prices of food and clothing go skyward. On the cotton farms, and especially in the Black Belt the AAA and the Bankhead Act have brought the toiling farmers to the verge of complete ruin.

This is the economic back ground upon which we have seen the rapid development of fascism in the past few months in our District. This fascist development, which is the violent, bloody, and warmaking policy of the most reactionary and chauvinistic section of the big capitalists and landlords, is at the same time supported and aided by the big labor fakery (Moore, etc.), and white and Negro misleaders whose purpose is to split, confuse and mislead the working masses.

The purposes of this wave of fascist terror are:

1. To prevent further strikes as in mining and textile, and stop other militant struggles; to smash labor unions and build company unions. We have seen in the recent brutal attack on the innocent Scottsboro Boys, and in the savage lynching of Claude Neal an attempt to prevent the growing unity and solidarity of white and Negro labor.

2. To drive lower the already miserable living standards of the Southern masses (wage cuts, relief cuts), by trying to smash the labor movement and the Communist Party, whose influence and prestige have spread to every corner of the lower South.

The growth of fascism is seen in the recent speech of Tom Knight, speaking for the Alabama ruling class, that Communism should be STAMPED OUT BY ARMED FORCE. It is no accident that the leader in the fight to electrocute the framed Scottsboro boys is also the leader in the fight against the Alabama labor movement. It is seen in the growth of the White Legion, KKK, Black Shirts and other fascist rackets, in the arrests of many militant workers in Birmingham and Atlanta, and in the passage of anti-Communist laws taking away more and more the civil rights of the workers.

This fascist drive is accompanied by a wave of demagoguery and false promises which have the purpose of covering up the growth of

bloody fascism. In this the big labor bureaucrats and reformist misleaders, (Socialist Party, NAACP) play the main role. This is seen in the strikebreaking attacks on the Communists made by Robert Moore, president of the Alabama Federation of Labor. Instead of joining with the Communists, who are the best fighters in the unions, and fighting the capitalists, Moore joins with the capitalists and the Democratic politicians, the KKK, etc., to attack the Communists in the unions and thus WEAKEN THE UNIONS. No fine talk by Mr. Moore can hide this fact from the rank and file. We also find leading Democratic politicians (Graves, Long, Talmadge, Bilbo) trying to pose as friends of the downtrodden. We see also the growth of demagoguery and national reformism in the activity of certain big Negro preachers who are trying to prevent the unity of the Negro masses with the white workers in struggle for common needs.

It is clear from the above that the most burning need of the moment is the UNITED FRONT OF THE TOILING WHITE AND NEGRO MASSES in common struggle for their daily needs against the capitalists and their sly-tongued agents. There is no question that thousands of workers are looking for the fighting Communist Party for this leadership.

While it is an absolute fact that the influence and prestige of the Communist Party is widespread, still we must say that the growth of the Party itself is miles behind this growth in influence. We must search deeply for reasons and overcome them. What are the main shortcomings and mistakes in our recent work? We say they are:

1. The District Committee has not sufficiently brought to the broadest masses and sometimes to our own Party units the concrete and simple meaning of the main struggles that face the workers and how to lead these struggles. While the Party has held the banner of equal rights for Negroes, a fight which must be intensified a hundred times, especially to save the Scottsboro boys from the death chair, and which has won us the love of hundreds of thousands

To the Southern Worker:

I'd like to say, and it is quotable, that the worker in the South has a greater chance of overcoming the oppression of the ruling class at this time than ever before. For one thing, the worker has the backing and support of the whole nation of workers and sympathizers. For another thing, the Southern Worker has the strength of millions.

The Southern Worker here prints a resolution adopted by the District Committee of District 17. (Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi) because we believe its analysis and conclusions are vital to every worker in the South. Every Communist should consider it his or her duty to read and study it—then put it into action.

White and Negro toilers of the South who are not yet members of the Communist Party—here is a document to let you know what the Communists really stand for. The struggle needs you, too. Join and build the Communist Party—in action at the head of the struggle against hunger and terror, and for a Soviet America.

of Negroes, the weakness in this has been that the Party has not clearly pointed out that the struggle for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys, and for Negro rights, IS DIRECTLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WHITE WORKERS, that the white workers must join, not out of "justice" for the Negroes, but out of regard for their own conditions, to better their own conditions and prevent their own starvation and enslavement.

2. The next big shortcoming has

FAMOUS SOUTHERN WRITER URGES TO UNITY, STRUGGLE



ESKINE CALDWELL

Well known Georgia author, whose book, "Tobacco Road," made into a play, is now enjoying the longest run of any play on Broadway.

The means to accomplish the overthrow is simply, organization. If he organizes and sticks with his fellow workers, there

been the failure to ORGANIZE our influence, to CONCENTRATE on the basic shops, mines and unions, to increase our work and to lead struggles despite terror, arrests, etc.

Now, what are our next main tasks in mass work? THE UNITED FRONT IS THE KEY TO OUR WORK. We see the beginnings of a united front between the Share Croppers' Union of Alabama and the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union of Arkansas, and between the Communist Party and Socialist Party in New Orleans, although in Birmingham the Socialist Party does not even reply to the united front proposals of the Communist Party.

At the present time the center of our united front efforts must be in the TRADE UNIONS. This means first of all that any Party member eligible must join a trade union. It means that the rank and file of the unions must unite their forces against the capitalists and against their own misleading officials in the struggle for higher wages and union recognition.

In this period the whole Party must give full attention to the Washington Congress for Unemployment and Social Insurance. A powerful movement must be developed on the basis of a united front of all workers' organizations, churches, linked up with the local struggles for cash relief, and the building of the Unemployment Councils. The trade unions must become the main link in the whole preparations for the Congress. At the same time the trade unions and the ILD are to become the basis along with all workers, fraternal, and other organizations in a powerful all-Southern movement against lynching and fascist terror, and for the rights of the white and Negro workers and trade unions.

In order to carry out these tasks it is necessary to:

1. BUILD THE PARTY. Especially in the big factories and mines. It means to overcome our slow growth among the fighting white workers. It means bringing women into the Party, and last but not least, it means that the Party must help build a mass YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE.

is no power on earth, that can keep him from winning the right to receive his share of life.

As long as the ruling class is in power, the worker will remain helpless; the ruling class has no right to exist so long as there are workers in need of food and clothes and decent housing.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,
Eskine Caldwell

It is necessary to do this at once, in order to overcome the lag in our recruiting drive, and not to let the Denver District beat us.

2. The District Committee must give closer attention to the work in the Black Belt to help spread the Share Croppers' Unions, to prepare the cotton choppers' strike in the spring (on a larger scale than the small but historic pickers' strike), to struggle against the Bankhead Act, and in all of these struggles to BUILD THE PARTY AND THE YCL. Above all, to CONSOLIDATE OUR GAINS AND OUR GROWTH CONCRETELY.

3. Increase the sale of the Daily Worker and the Southern Worker. Every unit must get a bundle of Daily Workers as well as Southern Workers.

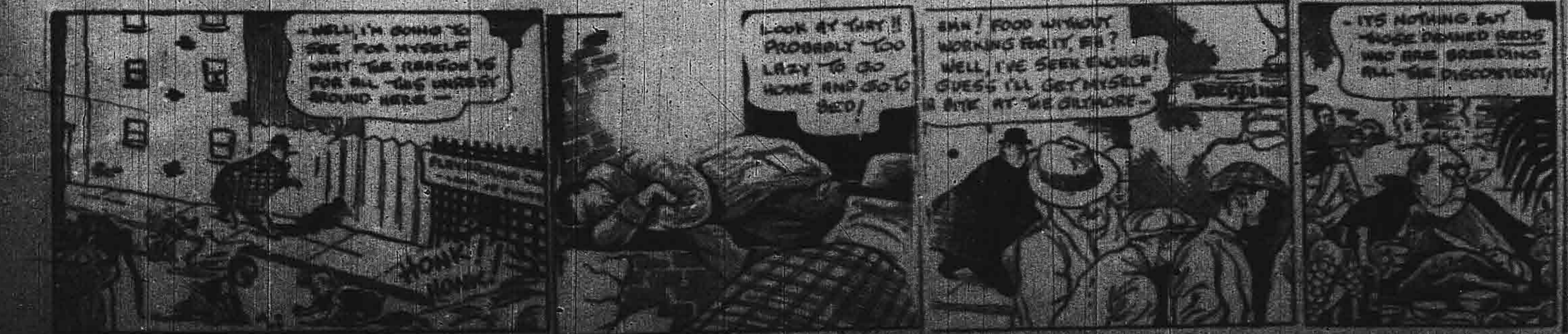
4. To carry out these few but basic tasks, it is necessary to develop collective work and individual responsibility, and real discipline. We must carry on real self-criticism in order to overcome all our weaknesses, to develop large numbers of fearless leaders on the basis of Marxism, Leninism, and able to carry on mass work under conditions of terror.

If each Party member is an active leader in his shop or mine, in his lodge or his neighborhood; if the units and sections function according to the line of the Party; the District Committee declares that we will build a MASS PARTY in District 17 capable of leading the workers in militant struggles for their immediate needs, against the growth of fascist terror, linked up with the struggle for the right of self-determination for the Negroes in the Black Belt, and for a Workers' and Farmers' Government in the United States, a Soviet America which alone can finally free the white and Negro Toilers of the South.

New Deal Dividends

United States Steel Co. (which owns T.C.I.) reported an operating profit of \$31,430,000 for the nine months to Oct. 30, and paid out \$5,404,000 holders of preferred stock. They are handing out lay offs, speed-up, company unions, thugs and stool pigeons to the workers.

Bibb Manufacturing Co., Macon and Columbus, Georgia, paid a quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on their stock Nov. 1. They reported profits of \$1,690,827 for the year ended Aug. 31. Dividends for the workers were 200 Natl. Guards with 12 machine guns and automatic rifles to prevent picketing during the strike, and who opened the mill at Bibb City under martial law.



Workers and Farmers Report For Themselves

Organize Against Slave Conditions In The Black Belt

(By a Share-Cropper Correspondent)

LA FAYETTE, Ala.— Farmers are in a bad condition in Chambers county. Making one and one-half to two bales of cotton to the plow. Work hard all the year on Jim Tucker's big plantation. We poor Negroes are on starvation. Paid 50c a day for work, 35c and 40c for cotton picking and can't get money but have to take it up at the store.

The Red Cross don't help us. We can't get a job on the C.W.A. A welfare woman come on this place one day and the boss stopped her and told her didn't none of his Negroes need nothing. If she was going to give them away anything she would have to give us a house to live in, so we don't get nothing. The bosses use it among themselves and keep it out of our hands.

50c a Day

We are naked and hungry. They are going to take our corn and peas and drive us out of the house. We got to cut in the woods and swamps now to get a piece of bread at 50c a day. He say we can live out of that. How can we live out of 50c a day with 7 in the family and just one working?

But a better day is coming. I wish it was here now. We are fighting and struggling for a better time and conditions. I have 5 children and wish I could school them. They ain't got no shoes or overalls or either a dress to wear. It's not fair. The boss don't think our children ought to go to school. They want them to go to the fields and work and their children go to school.



Is that the New Deal Roosevelt and Gen. Johnson promised us? Well, if it is they should be shot like lots of the suffering people.

Tucker is the landlord. He has lots of bosses. He is hell and the boss' man is hell. They want you to go for day till in the night and don't get nothing for it. Each boss got from 20 to 40 plows to look over.

These are hard men on the people: H. E. Woody, Ed Carter, Will Clark, T. G. Carter, Ben Clark, Paul Williams, Barner Carter.

Please send these hard men some news. All on Ben Tucker's place.

Fight For Better Pay

They are trying to keep us in the dark, but I know there is a better way coming. We fight for it and we will surely win.

The bosses we live in are no good. The wind blows in their like out doors. We hate to see the cold months come. It's bad enough to go hungry and cold, and to see your money go for nothing.

SEAMEN WIN AID BY MASS ACTION IN NEW ORLEANS

(By a Marine Worker Correspondent)

NEW ORLEANS, La.— On October 23, over 125 seamen marched from the union hall to the Canal Bank Building, where the office of Mr. Early, state administrator of relief, is located, and presented our demands to his secretary. Mr. Early took the back way out when we came. After an hour's wait in the building, our elected committee of five seamen finally forced the flunkies to set the coming Thursday for a definite appointment to consider our demands.

Didn't Stop Organizing

During the interval we popularized and organized our fight stronger than ever. Thursday morning the committee of five seamen, elected at a previous meeting again went to present our demands to the relief officials, backed by the entire beach, with 254 signatures on a petition list demanding the granting of our demands. We were determined to throw a mass picket line around the entire building if our demands were not given consideration.

After two and a half hours of exposing the present relief system and its corruption and for the adoption of our demands, the seamen's committee wrung concessions which is a big victory for the Waterfront Unemployment Council and a smashing blow to the grafting political machine of the state.

Four Demands Won

Following are the concessions we gained:

- 1. From 35c to 45c a day for food allowance.
- 2. From \$1.00 to \$2.50 a month clothes allowance.
- 3. From 2 to 5 and a quarter ounces of tobacco, 2 extra razor blades.
- 4. Immediate issuance of tooth paste, tooth brushes, etc.

Then finally Miss Charles, the executive secretary of relief, was forced to send our demands and complete data on relief to Washington with a request that the present budget be raised to meet our demands.

At the open air meeting Thursday night the seamen voted to continue and strengthen the fight till our demands are met fully.

So, comrades, rest assured that now, with the sentiment for action growing, now that the struggle has really started, we are going to push our demands to the hilt.

time come. It comes in cloth sacks so we can make something to wear, but they don't last long.

One or two bales in a house and a chair or two. Some of us sleep on the floor and catch our death. The boss don't care. Corn bread and sausage every day. Don't waste good.

We work hard all the time, then don't get nothing at the end. They say we are in debt. What's the use of us? If all those who are in the same boat as we are, they can't pay.

Textile Workers Fight Misleader

Red Scare Raised

(By a Textile Worker Correspondent)

DANVILLE, Va.—Roxie Dodson, president of the Danville U. T. W. local 207, certainly is doing her job well (for the bosses).

She knifed the strikers in the back by calling off the strike without a vote by the local, even before the National Strike Committee, headed by Gorman, broke the general strike. The papers were on sale carrying the story she had issued before the members came out of the hall from the meeting.

She kicked Jim Crews out of the local because, she said, someone told her he was a Communist. He was a leader of the strike committee and fought against her breaking the strike.

Rank and File Refuse To Expel Militant

She tried to get him expelled once but the members voted for him. The next meeting, when only nine were present, she tried again. The vote was five to four against him and she said she knew all that voted for him and was going to suspend every one of them, because they were Communists, too. She wants to keep out militant workers who want a real, fighting trade union here, so she raised the joining fee to \$2.00 and does everything else she can to keep workers out.

She must be getting a lot of money from the company to fight so openly against the union and for the company interests.

"If they fool with me," she said one time, talking about the rank and file that are against her sell-out policies, "they are fooling with the police."

You textile workers in Danville, get in there and vote out this dictator of the company's orders. You are disgusted with the crooked leadership but it isn't the union that's no good. It's Roxie Dodson, the company agent.

Don't you know you can only overcome this by getting inside where you will have a vote. You know with the work getting faster and harder, that we will have to strike soon for the right to breathe even.

I ask all you folks to prepare now for the strike and prepare now to prevent a sell-out by the crooked leaders.

Faker Leaves Citrus Union To Take Job With Company

(By a Worker Correspondent)

HAINES CITY, Fla.—Once we had 1,500 members of the United Citrus Workers' Union local of Haines City, but they have been sold out so much till the majority have become disgusted with the leadership and quit the union.

J. M. Chapman was president of the Union till he got the chance to sell us out for a job with the Polk Canning Co. at a time when he had the chance to make the company

TCI UNION MEN DEFY COPS, HOLD MASS MEETING

(By a Rank and File Worker in the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.)

FAIRFIELD, Ala.—The bosses of the T.C.I. wire mills very hard to please in every respect. The workers' drive is hard every day. On tonnage we just make a little above day rates. Driving from time to time and if the loading is over 20 minutes before quitting time we will have to go out and be docked for 20 minutes. If in the morning or at noon the gang have nothing to do for an hour they have to go out and be docked for one hour.

Speed-Up

If they have extra steel to load the day workers have that to load, and there's too much quick speed-up. Besides the boss has changed rates on the rail mill.

Just before the voting for the company union the bosses said everyone should get 40 hours per week. Since then we have been getting only from 12 to 24 hours per week at the most, and payday comes short with the workers.

We are trying to build us a union of our own, not the company union, and we called a meeting and one of the police told one of our workers not to have that meeting, but we went on and had our meeting anyway.

Police Make Threats

Chief of Police Andy, of Fairfield, is doing what the T.C.I. says. They tried to break that meeting by driving their big car up and down the street, but we held our open union meeting in Fairfield in spite of the police. A white woman worker told how we white and colored must fight side by side to get what we want.

We must not hang back on account of the T.C.I. Chief Andy. If we don't fight we are going to starve. We want all the workers of Fairfield to join some union, and the Comrades (Communist) Party. They are for us because they are our union. The police and the company union is for the T.C.I. because they own them.

Fight for rank and file control and fight the Red Scare by using your head. These bosses with their agents right in our ranks will use every means they can to trick you, to scare you, to exploit and starve you.

Get in, get Roxie Dodson out, and just watch our union grow.

Ore Miner Tells How Bosses Try To Bust Union

(By a Raimund Ore Miner)

BESSEMER, Ala.—The bosses at Raimund are doing their best to smash our union and build a Popsigle (Company) Union. Ever since the strike the bosses have discriminated against union men and have tried to win many of us over to the company.

Try Build Company Union

Will Balgo, who does the dirty work for Supt. Thompson, feeds the company socks fish sandwiches, ribs, dopes and popsicles to make real union men think the company is O.K. But the worst thing is that the Company checkweighman robs the union men and gives the company sucks more than they should get. On payday the rats get a big check and union men get a starvation check with cuts for everything the bosses can think of.

The mine bosses are hard after the union men for "unsafe mining." They frame up on union men and fire them. Then they force them to move out of the Company



The Republic and T.C.I. bosses control the Welfare so it is hard to get relief. Raimund union men have a tough time getting a living. The worst thing about it is that the leaders of the union won't fight the discrimination. The union doesn't protect its members. Instead, these fake leaders join hands with the bosses in fighting the Communist Party. In this way the fakers keep us from fighting the bosses who are the ones that have what we need. We know the Communist Party leads the fight against the bosses and these fake leaders won't stop us for long.

Build The Union

The Communists say not to get discouraged in the union, that the union can and will beat the bosses—only some of the leaders now are rotten.

We're going to build the union and elect honest, militant rank and file members as leaders so we can fight for better conditions at Raimund. And the Communist Party will help us in this fight.

else. Now Polk gave him a job, thinking that as long as Chapman is working for him he will not have any trouble, but Polk is just wasting money on him for he has shown the members that he is just a faker and we are going to organize and make Polk pay regardless of his highly paid, strike breaker.

C. L. Meadows, the Haines City chairman of the local, is a good man and if the members will help him they will get something done now, with Sam Green as secretary. These men will not sell you out.

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COMMUNISTS IN THE LABOR UNIONS

"We intend to go to bat with the Communist element which has worked its way into our organization," Robert R. Moore, president of the Alabama State Federation of Labor, announced Saturday.

"We have no adequate laws in Alabama to meet the constantly increasing threat from this source, but we can oust every known Communist from within the ranks of organized labor, and we propose to do just that."

A Communist "round-up" already is under way in Alabama, Mr. Moore disclosed, with the vice president of each of the eight Alabama districts making personal surveys of his district in an effort to definitely spot offenders who will be summarily ousted, and their names turned over to the authorities. (From the Birmingham News, October 28, 1934.)

These statements of Moore speak for themselves. He and his gang of "little brothers" of the big labor fakery like Green, Wolf, Gorman and Tighe, are now coming out openly in the company of the bosses and their strikebreaking police and K. K. K. gangs.

The Southern Worker, read by thousands of southern toilers, including many of the best members of the A. F. of L. unions, has a few questions to ask Mr. Moore. We know that every good union man and every toiler in shop, mill, mine, or on the waterfront or farm, is interested in these questions—and their answers.

(1) When you attack the Communists and their program, Mr. Moore, you know, of course, that you are attacking the struggle for higher wages, for unemployment insurance at the expense of the bosses and government, for real union recognition, for the rights to meet, organize, strike and picket without interference, and for equal rights for the Negro toilers, for the complete unity of all workers, which is the only way we can smash the company unions and starvation differential against the southern toilers. You know that these are important points in the Communist program, which you are attacking, don't you?

(2) You know, don't you, Mr. Moore, that the Communist Party says that every member of their Party must not only join the union in his or her trade, but must work tirelessly to build the unions day by day?

(3) Have you been so successful in the struggle against the bosses and the company unions and strikebreakers that there is no more to do along these lines? Have you nothing better to do than to attack members of the unions you are supposed to lead, who are carrying on these struggles?

(4) Are you ignorant of the meaning of "trade union democracy"? Don't you know that the very foundation of good trade unionism is the principle of no discrimination against any worker for his race, color or political opinions, so long as he is willing to join with all other toilers in a solid working class front against the bosses?

(5) Who gives you the right to "summarily oust" any union member? Don't you know that this is a violent blow at trade union democracy, a vicious attack upon the very foundation of the trade unions?

(6) You are well aware, aren't you, Mr. Moore, that your announced purpose of turning over names of militant workers to the police, is the action only of boss gangs, stool pigeons and strike breakers?

We want you to answer these questions, Mr. Moore. We are even willing to offer the pages of the Southern Worker to any answer with reasonable length limits, because we know that every union man in the South would like to read your answers. They know the Communists in their locals as the best fighters, the most sincere union men and women, the bravest on the picket lines and the steadiest fighters against the company unions and to build the trade unions. Many of them, in fact, although not members of the Communist Party, are called "Reds" because they carry on these struggles, and they know that your drive is aimed also at them.

A number of A. F. of L. locals in the South have already officially thrown Wm. Green's red-baiting letter in the waste basket where it belongs. Many locals have elected Communists for their leaders in their locals. One last question, Mr. Moore:

You know, don't you, that this latest union-baiting, blacklisting effort of yours was doomed to failure before it started? You know that you were the one who was responsible for the union-baiting drive in the first place, and that you were the one who was responsible for the union-baiting drive in the first place, and that you were the one who was responsible for the union-baiting drive in the first place.

IMPORTANT NEWS IN SHORT

TIFLIS.—The Soviet Georgian government has resolved to build a great palace of the arts in Tiflis. This is to be erected on the spot where the well known Metech castle is now standing—once a fortress, then used under the czars as a prison. The whole castle is to be demolished, with the exception of the church, which is of historical interest.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Claiming that the police had tried to prevent her from obtaining food from the relief headquarters, Mrs. Alcina West, 51 years old, resisted the attempt of Patrolman Henry Otten-dorfer and sent him to the hospital with a dislocation of one of the fingers of his right hand.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Despite the fact that one fifth of all workers are women workers, figures released by the National Women's Bureau admit that 120 codes, out of 465 codes surveyed, officially permit women to be paid less than men for performing exactly the same kind of work.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—AAA economists now admit that meat prices already have risen from 30 to 40 percent above their level in the first quarter of 1934.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A nation-wide intensification of the fight to win the complete freedom of Tom Mooney, veteran labor prisoner, is being undertaken by the International Labor Defense. It was announced last week, as the U. S. Supreme Court issued an order on the California state officials to show cause why application for a writ of habeas corpus to secure Mooney's freedom should not be heard.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—A special invitation to all Negro street-railwaymen in Louisville to join the union, has been extended by the A. F. of L. Street Railwaymen's Union here. There are about 50 Negro street-railwaymen in the city.

BEAUMONT, Texas.—A strike of union street car workers and bus drivers has paralyzed transportation in Beaumont and Port Arthur. The strikers are demanding union recognition from the Eastern Texas Electric Co., which is trying to intimidate the militant workers and suppress their attempts to build a union.

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—More than two million men, women and children paraded through Red Square in Moscow, Nov. 7, in celebration of the 17th anniversary of the victorious Russian revolution. Delegations of workers and farmers from all countries took part, including a large American delegation.

THEY HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THE "FORGOTTEN MAN"—WHEN IT COMES TO CLUBS!



HAVANA, Cuba.—Victory in the struggle against two thousand armed troops sent to evict 5,000 families from the land they had worked for years, was won by four hundred Communist-led peasants, who armed themselves and defied the soldiers of the landlords and capitalists. Sympathy strikes and demonstrations of workers supported the poor farm toilers.

The Batista Cuban government, acting in the interests of the Royal Bank of Canada, which claimed to own the land, was forced to back down.

PARIS, France.—Communist mayors have been elected in 165 towns and cities in France, the results of the last election show. One hundred percent Communist town councils were elected in 156 of these cities. Paris is completely surrounded by industrial cities now controlled by Communists elected to office by the workers.

PAMPA, Texas.—More than one hundred oil workers, members of the Oil Field Gas Well and Refinery Workers Union, went on strike here at the Danciger Oil and Refining Company, because the company failed to pay retroactive wages under the code, refused to recognize the union and sign a contract, and was using the "stretch-out" system.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas. Three hundred Mexican and white workers, members of the Latin-American Journeymen Tailors and Pressers Union, are on strike here for a 40-hour week at 85c an hour. Twelve or more clothing stores and alteration shops have refused to meet these demands, but three shops have agreed.

MENA, Ark.—Will C. Hungate, gun-man and petty officer, has been convicted and sentenced to serve 1 to 7 years for manslaughter. Last May Hungate, acting chief of police of Mena, shot and killed a miner's son, Walter Parker, whom he said he thought was drunk. Parker was enrolled in a CCC camp at the time.

Hungate's conviction is due to I.L.D. activities, which organized a united front, distributed leaflets calling for his conviction and held meetings of Polk county farmers to discuss the case.

Now the Polk Co. grand jury is trying to figure if they can get I.L.D. members on "contempt of court" charges for distributing the leaflets.

BRIDGETON, N. J.—"I don't care. If I die, I have hundreds of brothers who will avenge my death," said Wm. J. O'Donnel, former state trooper, now in jail sentenced to six months for his part as a militant strike leader at Seabrook Farms last summer. Jail officials say he can't live if he continues on his hunger strike in protest against the frame-up sentence.

HONGKONG, China.—Marching in two columns toward Szechuan Province the Red Army in Hunan Province was reported at Hungching in its westward march, while the second column reached Chuanchow in Kwangsi Province. In a little more than a week, the Red Armies have covered over one-third of the distance to their destination.

It was also reported here that the Soviets in Fochien Province retain the stronghold at Hweichang, creating greater difficulties for the Chiang Kai Shek army.

So great has become the menace of the Red Army against the Cantonese forces, that General Chen Chi Tang announces today efforts were being made to get a loan of \$10,000,000 from the British Dutch Shell Oil Co., or the Standard Oil Co., in order to carry on the war against the Red Army. The Cantonese militarists are ready to give the foreign imperialists the Canton electric plant as security for the badly needed loan.

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C.—Although the local had voted to strike, and set the date, J. Dingley, head of the I.T.W.A. local "defected" action after a trip to see the big shot bosses on the Cotton Textile Relations (Sell-out) Board in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A new attack upon workers' wages and trade union standards is to be made by the government, according to statements of Public Works Administrator Harold L. Ickes. He announced that "some arrangements" will have to be made to "bring down" the standards to a level that the government can afford to pay.