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## C. I. O. Steel Drive Penetrates South

### Joe Dobbs Shot On Picket Line By Boss' Agent

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — The framed-up shooting of Joe Dobbs, president of the Chattanooga Central Labor Union and leader of the candy workers strike here, climaxed the fight that has been brewing for months between the progressives within the labor movement and the reactionaries in the Chamber of Commerce.

Dobbs was shot, almost fatally, by J. T. Mays, wealthy real estate man and the father of a scab in the candy factory. Mays went armed to the picket line and opened fire on Dobbs, who plunged toward the killer and grabbed the gun as it went off. Mays gave as his reason for shooting Dobbs that the latter had beaten his son. The real reason for the shooting has been identified by local labor leaders as a plot to get rid of the militant leader of the Central Labor Body and destroy the progressive element with the trade unions here.

The workers at the Bennett-Hubbard Candy Company have been on strike 6 weeks. Their demand is for union recognition. Dobbs, leading the picket line every day, was three times arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He had protested vigorously against the use of policemen as strike-breakers and scab-handlers. The first arrest occurred when he tried to prevent police-Captain Marion Perkins from literally throwing an unwilling scab into the candy plant.

Joe Dobbs, now on his way to recovery at the Newell Sanatorium here, has announced that he will be back on the picket line as soon as he is out of the hospital. Mays was indicted by the grand jury for the felonious assault and released under \$1000 bond.

#### OIL TANKERS STRIKE

HOUSTON, Tex. (FP) — Oil tank builders are striking here to regain their 1925 wage scale. Demands include \$7.50 a day for riveters and \$6.50 for other workers. The builders have walked out in Port Arthur and Lake Charles, La., as well as here.

#### FIRED FOR LIBERALISM

DALLAS, Tex. (FP) — S. H. Ross, instructor in religious history, was fired from his job at Southern Methodist University here because of his liberal views on religion.

### Browder, Ford Nominated by Communists

NEW YORK CITY — Earl Browder from Kansas, and James W. Ford from Alabama, were nominated president and vice-president by the Communist Party at its nominating convention in this city. Browder is general secretary of the Communist Party; Ford is nationally known as a leader of the Negro people. The nomination took place on Sunday June 22, at Madison Square Garden, and 25,000 cheering men and women endorsed the Communist Platform and participated in the election of the candidates. The session completed the 5-day national convention of the Communist Party.

The platform of the Communist Party in the coming election campaign was read by Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker. The Platform proposes specific measures for putting America back to work, for providing jobs and a living wage for everyone. It proposes unemployment insurance, old-age pensions and social security based on the Frazier-Lundeen bill and the Marcantonio relief standards bill, extension of the W.P.A. and like measures. Its "youth plank" includes the American Youth Act.

#### Solution for Farmers

The Communist Program offers a solution for the farmers, from debts, tax burdens and foreclosures, and for guaranteeing the land to those who till the soil. Nationalization of banking as well as taxation of the rich is included in the platform. Equality for Negro people is interpreted to mean equality in jobs, equal pay for equal work, full right to organize, vote, serve on juries and hold public office, and the death penalty for lynchers.

Seven hundred and fifty one delegates, from all parts of the United States attended the regular sessions of the convention, which were held in Manhattan Opera House. Enormous gains in party membership and activity were announced by the delegates. 70 percent of whom are active members of American Federation of Labor Unions.

The speakers included all of the foremost Communist leaders in the country, from 71-year old Mother Bloor, honorary member of the United Mine Workers for 14 years and a veteran of hundreds of strikes, to Angelo Herndon, heroic young Negro leader, still under sentence to serve 10 years in a state prison for writing a racial magazine in Akron, Ga.

The Man From Kansas



Earl Browder, Communist Party Candidate for President, broadcast his acceptance speech from Madison Square Garden.

### Goodyear Co. Charged By Labor Board

GADSDEN, Ala. — The National Labor Relations Board ruling, charging the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company with complicity in the assault upon labor leaders in Gadsden is regarded as a victory for labor in the now open warfare between the progressive unions of Alabama and the corporations.

The brutal beating of S. H. Dairymple, international president of the United Rubber Workers, a few weeks ago was the signal for the corporations located in Alabama to begin open warfare on the labor unions. Dairymple was treated to Ku Klux hospitality when he came to Gadsden to prepare for the drive to organize the rubber workers at the Goodyear Rubber Plant here. When he returned to Akron, where the union headquarters are located, the rubber workers struck in the Goodyear plant there in protest against the Gadsden outrage. They also voted \$100,000 for the organizing drive in Alabama.

#### A New Law

Organizers were sent into Gadsden County immediately, and union offices were set up. On June 25, a mob of deputies and thugs broke into the union office, smashed up the furniture and beat six union officials.

Meanwhile, the officials of the city of Gadsden wrote another law into the books, giving policemen the right to raid and arrest without warrant. About 200 special officers were sworn in at once, and armed.

Gadsden, a rubber, steel and machine center, is considered a hot spot by the corporations to be the scene of a drive of force against the unions.

### Steel Workers Respond to Industrial Drive

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Declaring that the steel organization's campaign is an ill-considered and ill-planned one that organization of unorganized workers would obstruct the A.F. of L. the Birmingham Trades Council at its meeting July 11, passed a resolution urging William Green and the executive council of the A.F. of L. to take no action that would split the movement or in any way jeopardize the organization drive.

The steel drive is under way here with William Mitch, president of the Alabama Federation of Labor, in charge of the district campaign. Mitch, who is also district president of the United Mine Workers, leads the fight to organize the steel workers in this district.

The split within the American Federation of Labor, brought about by the reactionary's attack on John L. Lewis, president of the U.M.W. and national leader of the C.I.O. drive to organize steel, is scheduled to be brought to a climax August 5 when Lewis is called upon to appear before of L. to answer charges of "insurrection." The insurrection charges grew out of the resentment of the craft union policy advocates to the industrial union movement within the A.F. of L.

Green Hopes for Settlement — William Green, heading the reactionary executive council in its effort to destroy the industrial union drive, has promised that between "now and Aug. 5" efforts will be launched by the Federation to negotiate a settlement.

Meanwhile the unions affiliated with the C.I.O. are growing in strength and prestige throughout the country. The steel drive has already fired both the workers and the employers in the large mass production industries of the country. The Gadsden situation where the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company has begun the use of terror in an attempt to squelch the drive to organize the unorganized in the South, is but an example of the frenzied move of the corporations to crush the progressive movement within the A.F. of L.

The industrial union membership now has a third of the American Federation of Labor membership and daily winning the support of mass sections of labor in the country.

### Drouth Leaves Trail of Misery In South

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — With the drought death toll soaring high above 5000 for the nation, the poor farmers of the South face disaster in crop losses. A survey by the Alabama Department of agriculture reveals that 60 per cent of Alabama crops have been destroyed by drouth. This does not include figures on cotton damage.

Rexford G. Tagwell, resettlement Administrator for the New Deal, declared in a speech at Birmingham that 50,000 farm families of Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina were destitute from the drouth. He said the government would make emergency grants of 15 dollars a month to the stricken farmers.

Across the country, the drouth has burned a trail of destruction and death. In the northwest, forest fires added to the misery of the farmers whose livestock were dying of thirst or going mad in the fields. Farmers in the eleven states where the drought hit hardest have deserted their fields altogether.

A Government survey estimates the farm damage at 250,000,000 dollars.

#### LOCAL MINER DIES FROM INJURIES

SHAMOKIN, Pa. — Enoch Kulis, Jr., 35 year old heating coal miner, died of injuries after he had been dug from under the debris of a collapsed mine shaft. Twenty-four miners had worked haphazardly, making their way to dig him out. Kulis was one of the thousands of unemployed miners who have been trying to get on a living during and have abandoned mines in Pennsylvania.

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# Trade Union Topics

By NED TRUE

ONLY a united Labor movement will be able to defeat the steel corporations and organize the unorganized steel workers. The working class must stand together, solid as a rock, against those enemies who would split and divide it.

This principle is recognized by Phillip Murray, vice-president of the United Mine Workers and chairman of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

The Red-Baiters in the Birmingham Trades Council and the State Federation might listen well to this statement of Brother Murray:

"The red scare is being used to split the steel workers," said Brother Murray. "That goes without saying. It's an old trick. We have stated in reply that there are no isms connected with this fight—that it is an economic fight for collective bargaining—and through that toward higher wages and longer hours in the steel industry."

"But we also make it clear that we are seeking and accepting the aid of all groups in this struggle—regardless of their political philosophy—as long as they are concerned with helping preserve democratic rights. That kind of joint endeavor is necessary in every fight of Labor."

There is no doubt but that the Iron and Steel Institute, the organization of the steel bosses, will raise the red scare. TCI will have Mill McDuff running around like a turkey buzzard looking for something to pin on labor organizers, Communists and non-Communists alike. We can expect that. But under no circumstances can the Labor movement permit those WITHIN ITS OWN RANKS to raise the red scare.

WHICH brings to mind a very serious error made by our brothers in the United Rubber Workers. The international officers retained Yelverton Cowherd as counsel, to act in the interests of the union in Alabama and at Gadsden. Yelverton Cowherd is one of Birmingham's chief fascists. He is connected with Chailaux, the ace red-baiter of the American Legion and is known to work with Sheriff McDuff, with Police Chief Hollum, and with Mill McDuff of TCI, exposing Communists to arrest and beatings.

There is no place in the Labor movement for a man who works with the police against ANY section of the Labor movement. It is hoped that the Rubber Workers will get rid of this fascist lawyer at once.

THE majority of the working people of Jefferson county cannot vote, either because their skin is black or because the years of unemployment and low wages have kept them too poor to pay the poll tax. In spite of this fact, however, Organized Labor defeated George Huddleston, the tool of the Power Trust, in the Democratic primary last month. The Labor movement, under the leadership of Bill Mitchell, president

of the State Federation of Labor, put on a magnificent campaign to defeat this power trust Congressman. The corporation put thousands of dollars into THEIR campaign to elect Huddleston and used the most vicious, slanderous methods to attack Mitch and the Labor movement. No one will ever forget the scurrilous pamphlets issued by John W. Altman and other henchmen of Huddleston which attempted to stir up race hatred and to split the Labor movement on the Negro question. In spite of this, Labor came through and defeated Huddleston. This was a victory of great importance. It showed that Labor refused to be split on the Negro question. Furthermore, it shows that Labor, properly organized and following progressive leadership, can succeed in whatever it sets out to do.

However, this is not the whole story. In order to defeat Huddleston, Mitch and other leaders of the State Federation of Labor supported the candidacy of Luther Patrick, a cheap little shyster who never was and never will be a friend of Labor. In the campaign, at the very moment that Mitch and other labor leaders were speaking in his favor, Patrick was refusing to be identified with the demands of Labor. Never once did he come out foursquare for the high principles on which Labor was attempting to conduct the fight. And on the evening before the election, Patrick published an advertisement which was insulting to the President of the State Federation of Labor, and which was a slap in the face of the entire Labor movement. He not only repudiated the support of Labor but lined up with the reactionary, anti-labor Huddleston, and Altman, as well as with the KKK and the lynchers, to say, "I am a strong believer in white supremacy."

Is there any one among our readers who can now believe that Patrick will fight for Labor in Congress?

The leaders of the State Federation of Labor made a serious mistake when they limited the fight to the Democratic primaries. The Democratic Party is of landlords, mill owners and coal operators. This is especially true in Alabama and other Southern states. If we confine our fight within the Democratic Party, we will always have to decide between two fakers, as in this case between Huddleston and Patrick.

What other course was open? The State Federation of Labor could have called for a conference of all local unions in the Ninth Congressional District and organized a Farmer-Labor Party. They could have invited the farm organizations, the Townsend clubs, etc. They could have picked a real labor man as a candidate and run him on a real common people's program.

The Communist Party proposed this over and over again. It will put this forward as the method by which the common people can take the government out of the hands of the landlords and capitalists and put it back into the hands of the people.

## THE UPPER CRUST By Redfield (F.F. Cartoon)



It's the boss' son — he's learning the business from the bottom up.

# Anti-Labor Candidate Nominated

By a Carolina Correspondent

Reaction won in North Carolina when Clyde Hoey beat Ralph McDonald for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Hoey piled up a lead of fifty thousand in the second primary, July 4, in a campaign featured by fraud and intimidation. In many places in the state textile workers were ordered vote for Hoey, as in the Cannon Mills and at the Cleveland Cloth Mill in Shelby, owned by ex-Governor Max Gardner. Hoey was the candidate of the reactionary Gardner machine which has ruled the state for the past eight years in the interest of the big tobacco and textile companies. Hoey himself has a long anti-labor record. He was special assistant to the prosecutor in the Fontana Case in 1929, in which 1000 workers were framed on charges of killing a sheriff. In the next year he was special defense attorney in the Marion case and secured the acquittal of a scab and several dupes who massacred six strikers who were picketing the East Marion Mill.

McDonald, Hoey's opponent in the second primary, was widely supported by organized labor because of his promise to repeal the sales tax and to protect labor's right to organize. McDonald, however, conducted a rather weak-kneed campaign. He avoided specific endorsement by the State Federation of Labor, and he confined the labor platform to generalities, being careful not to offend the powerful interests in textiles and tobacco the much. It is generally believed that McDonald's middle-of-the-road tactics

lead to his defeat, since the workers could not see sufficient difference between him and Hoey.

In supporting McDonald, progressive elements in the United Textile Workers and other progressive unions in North Carolina lost the chance for independent action in a Farmer-Labor Party. The preliminary organizational moves were not made. Now, when many union officials would like a Farmer-Labor candidate to oppose Hoey, it is too late. According to the state election law an independent state can be listed only by a petition signed by ten thousand voters pledged to organize and support the independent party. Since this petition must be in by the first week in August, there is not enough time to organize an effective independent party.

The Communist party, although it will not be represented on the ballot, plans to wage an intensive write-in campaign. By pointing out the mistakes of organized labor in supporting McDonald, it will point the way to independent action in a Farmer-Labor Party. It will also call on the workers and farmers to protest the unjust and discriminatory election law by writing in a Communist vote. James W. Ford, vice-presidential nominee of the Communist Party, will speak in Durham during the campaign bringing the Party's national platform to the masses of North Carolina.

## INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION APPROACHED

NEWBERRY, S. C. (UNS)—Industrial organization was endorsed in a resolution adopted by the South Carolina Federation of Textile Workers. The resolution calls upon labor to meet industrial problems "with united action and from one solid front," pointing out that "widespread demands from organized workers exist in a number of the textile industry."

# ANTI-LABOR CHIEF DEFENDED BY UNION LEADERS

A group of union officials in Birmingham, including William Mitch, president of the Alabama Federation of Labor and district president of the United Mine Workers, have addressed a letter to the Birmingham City Commission urging them not to fire Police Chief Luther Hollum, stating that he is a "friend of labor." What sort of insanity is this? It was Luther Hollum who sent police to club pickets during the laundry strike. It was Luther Hollum's cops that threw laundry strikers in jail. It was Luther Hollum who sent scabs into the packing plant and into the laundries IN RED CARS, guarded by police. Is this what it takes to be a "friend of labor?"

During the strike of 5000 WPA workers called by the Hod Carriers, Luther's cops arrested three union leaders, and threw them in jail, held them without trial, and the strike was over. Hollum will be remembered, made the weekly fascist statement to the newspapers that he had instructed his officers to "pick up all known Communists and pin anything possible on them."

## Terror Under Hollum

Under Hollum, police have raided workers homes and tried to get convictions on the unconstitutional "Downs literature ordinance." Under Hollum, the police have used every form of brutality against the Negro people and there is a large list of Negroes who have been foully murdered by Hollum's cops.

Hollum has no respect for the constitutional rights of the people. He has no respect for the rights of the workers to organize, strike, and picket. He tramples over the civil liberties of the people, denying them the right to free speech, free press, and the right of assembly. He is a typical fascist and could get a job as chief in any German city under Hitler, or in any Italian city under Mussolini. He is an enemy to the workers and to every American principle of freedom and justice.

## Read American History

Those union officials who made this statement—that Hollum is a friend of labor—should read American History and learn something about the rights of the people for which our forefathers fought. They should see how "un-American" the tool of the steel trust and the coal operators really is. They should see all the union officials who have taken sides with the fascist corporations on every side, and with the Steel Trust opposing at the moment a vote of no confidence in the organization drive among the steel workers, we cannot afford to have union officials playing politics with a man who stands for everything inimical to the interests of labor.



### Hod Carriers Strike For Union Wage

CHATTANOOGA — When the contractors of Chattanooga passed a resolution refusing to recognize the Hod Carriers Union, the Tennessee manufacturers were taking the next step that might be expected after the shooting of Joe Dobbs, president of the Central Labor Union. The resolution was adopted at a meeting of contractors, subcontractors and material dealers in Chattanooga, as the Hod Carriers' strike for union recognition and union wages continued at the Pound Building here.

The Pound Building, under preparation for T.V.A. occupancy, has been surrounded by hundreds of white and Negro pickets since the beginning of the strike. All employees in the Building Trades on the Pound Structure went out with the Hod Carriers. The strike is against the J. M. Allen Contracting Company. Frank Pennell, superintendent in charge of the work stated that the Allen Company would not pay 45¢ for common labor under any circumstance. Attacking the Hod Carriers Union, he declared that "A labor union that takes in niggers wouldn't be recognized by the Contractors Association of Chattanooga."

The Allen Company was paying 25¢ an hour for common labor. At first the company also refused to recognize the carpenters union. Since the strike began, however, it has agreed to deal with the carpenters union.

A mass demonstration before the Pound Building and the Bennett Hubbard Candy company is planned for Monday, July 29. Talk of general strike is already in the air.

### Health Low Wealth High In Carolina

DURHAM, N. C. Pre-school clinics held last month in Durham county's schools revealed that 227 children examined before admission disclosed that 118 had defective tonsils, 65 had defective teeth and 24 more had serious ailments of one kind or another. In the same week that these tell-tale figures were given out, another set was published showing something quite different. One thing, Durham's bank deposits increased by over 4 million over the year 1934. The state of North Carolina has 1,803 people with incomes of \$100,000 or over. It has the following "Master Minds" drawing salaries ranging from \$15,035 to \$22,555 (figures from the House Ways and Means Committee): A. H. Bahnsen (Winston-Salem); H. E. Biggex, E. M. Cole (Charlotte); W. H. May (Burlington); J. M. Gamewell, J. M. Robertson (Salisbury); A. C. Meek, T. E. Pun, C. V. Meek (Farmville); J. S. Fichlen (Greensboro); Bernard M. Cone (Greensboro); A. C. Myers, A. W. Latta (Gastonia); J. M. Gamewell pulls down two 19,000-dollar salaries, one as president of the N. C. Finishing Company at Salisbury and another as secretary-treasurer of the Triang-

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### Browder To Speak

Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, and candidate for president of the United States, will speak at a mass meeting in Chattanooga on September 12th., in Birmingham the 11th., and Atlanta the 13th. Places and times of meetings will be announced in the next issue of the

### INK RED FOR PREACHER, ASKS MINIMUM WAGE

INK, Ark., (FP) — Preaching zealously all year the pastor of the Primitive Baptist Church at Ink counted his wages for working in the vineyard of the Lord and found exactly \$11.85 for the twelve months. The drought had killed his little crop besides.

"What we preachers need is a minimum wage," he said as he shook the dust of the parish from his shoes and departed.

or Cotton Mills.

No Bahnsen child or any child of the above names has its tonsils or adenoids neglected, this paper will bet its ragged hat. And no doubt each one has a high-priced patent scales in the bath-room for the nurse to gauge its daily weight by. The poor kid of the tobacco farmer, by contrast, does his bathing in the family wash-tub and his parents would not be able to provide him with a balanced diet even if they were educated to know what was in

### STRIKES IN THREE NORTH CAROLINA TEXTILE CENTERS

Strikes against the efforts to introduce the 10 hour working day, increase the stretch out and in some cases to cut the wages are increasing in North Carolina. Strikes against 10 hour day and wage cuts were successful in two days in two Kernersville, N. C. mills in the last of June. During July strikes in progress at Mayodan, N. C., where 1,000 are out, mill completely closed, against introduction of new machinery which would increase stretch out

and displace many employees, at the Hanes mills in Winston-Salem, was 1,800 employees, world's largest underwear manufacturers, which recently increased hours from 8 to 10 per day; and at the Pickett Cotton Mill in High Point. Compromise proposals at the latter mill (completely closed by strike) was rejected by employees.

The Company agreed to continue 8 hour day — but are still refusing strikers' demand of minimum wages of \$12 per week for unskilled, \$14 per week for skilled, and \$16 per week for fixers.

Large picket lines are kept around the mills in Mayodan, Winston-Salem and High Point.

### "THE REDS IN DIXIE" Who Are The Communists and What Do They Fight For in the South?

By Tom Johnson

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### Textile Leader Calls For Labor Party

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Francis J. Gorman, first vice-president of the United Textile Workers, urged American workers to form a Farmer-Labor Party, Gorman said that the steel bosses have issued a direct challenge to organized and unorganized American labor, in declaring war against the steel organization drive.

Gorman announced that the executive council of the United Textile Workers has agreed upon a plan of cooperation with the Committee for Industrial Organization to organize the unorganized in the South.

Speaking for the Farmer-Labor Party, Gorman pointed out that labor must have the economic weapon of trade union organization and the political weapon of the Labor Party. For this he has sought, Gorman said.

"I invite you, then, with two minds. Throw the weight of the labor movement behind the Committee for Industrial Organization's plan to organize the unorganized, and 2. Put the strength of the working class behind the Farmer-Labor Party."

### Rural Worker Asks Union Organization

GLASGOW, Montana. — The steel drive — can it not be duplicated for the agricultural worker? Can we not have a similar concentration to the A.F. of L. forces for the rural worker? Can we not make this one of the high points of the next A.F. of L. convention?

Everybody knows that the agricultural worker is a potential base for Fascism. Should we not make all possible preparations for pushing the organization of the rural workers at the A.F. of L. convention? We shall need lots of preparation now if we are to secure adequate action at the convention. I myself hope to be a delegate to the convention.

Has anyone drawn up a program of preparation for the convention? The things that occur to me are contacting the rubber union, which will be especially receptive after its experience in Casaden. Clearly no union can organize in the South unless all workers are organized there. The miners and the textile workers would also be interested in a Southern drive. Rubber, workers, miners, and textile workers would be enormously benefited by growth and geographical widening of the Sharecroppers and Tenant Farmers Unions.

Parallel conditions are found in California. Her is Mexico the problem is present. I would like to hear from others who have been thinking about this.

Having Faith, Glasgow, Montana

RELIEF WORKERS JAYED BELLEVILLE, Ill. — Following relief conditions here, 1000 unemployed workers were arrested when they went to Relief Director A. E. Krieger. The delegation protested that 200 families here are starving, caused for by the city

# Communist Candidates Carry Workers' Banner

FOR PRESIDENT

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

## North Dakota Farmer Exposes Lemke's Role

## Georgia Dick Sees Red



EARL BROWDER



JAMES W. FORD

## Browder Terms Liberty League Greatest Danger

(Editor's Note: The following excerpts are taken from the acceptance speech of Earl Browder, Communist Party candidate for president of the United States.)

"You have placed upon me a heavy responsibility. You call me to carry the standard of the Communist Party and platform with you, of all parties and platforms in this election, gives the correct answer to all the most burning problems of our people. Our enemy is Wall Street, the reactionaries, the enemies of the people."

"We see that the chief enemy of the peace, freedom and prosperity of the American people is the Republican Party and its reactionary allies, Hearst, the Liberty League and Wall Street."

"The self-styled Union Party of Lemke and Coughlin is the product of a Hearst-Liberty League intrigue. Lemke is but a stooge for Landon."

"We Communists would prefer to have associated ourselves with other progressives for a united ticket and platform. We have done everything we could to bring this about. We say that the rising danger of fascism and war calls for a united people's front—for the trade unions, farmers' organizations and all progressives to unite in a Farmer-Labor Party."

"The issue of the 1935 election is not a choice between Socialism and Capitalism. It is a choice between progress and reaction, between democracy and the path towards fascism."

"The Communist Party shows the way to a better life now, and to the future of peace, freedom and security for all."

"As the candidate of the Communist Party, I will carry its program to the country—the fight for a United People's Front in the Farmer-Labor Party, the fight for organizing the basic industries into industrial unions, in a united and powerful American Federation of Labor, the fight for unity of all progressive forces in America to defeat the threat of reaction, fascism and war."

"The Communist Party banner is the only consistent banner of progress, of liberty, and through liberty to socialism."

## Negro Leader Calls for Unity Of Action

(Editor's Note: The following excerpts are taken from the acceptance speech of James W. Ford, Communist nominee for vice-president of the United States.)

"It is only the Communist Party which day in and day out fights for every demand of the Negroes in the terror and lynch-ridden South and the poverty-stricken slums of Harlem and South Chicago."

"I am proud to be on the same ticket with a son of Kansas, Earl Browder, a friend and fighter for the Negro people, my people."

"Earl Browder and the Communist party are the inheritors of Frederick Douglas and John Brown. We Communists, Negroes and white together, will carry out what they dreamed of."

"I appeal to the white workers, Communists and non-Communists, to remember that the Negro people must not be left to fight alone. Unless the Negro people are freed there can be no freedom for the white workers. Both must defeat the sinister forces of reaction who plan to enslave not only the Negro workers, but the white workers as well."

"Let us unite and defeat this monster of reaction. Let us go forward to freedom and equality for the Negro people in a free, happy and prosperous America."

## CAROLINA HOSEY WORKERS ORGANIZE HIGH POINT, N. C. (FP)

Hundreds of new members are flocking into the American Federation of Hosiery Workers in the North Carolina Piedmont. Short, vigorous strikes at three mills have recently frustrated attempts of employers to institute the 50 hour week with wage reductions.

At Kernersville, 1,000 workers at the Vance Hosiery Mills and Adams Mills No. 4 plant called in a union organizer, and after a one-day strike went back to work at the former hours and wages, with pay promised for the 10 extra hours worked the previous week. At High Point, a 45-minute strike at the Robbins Hosiery Co. forced the management to withdraw a 50-hour schedule with a pay cut.

What do the folks back in North Dakota think of Lemke, now that he has tied up with Coughlin and come out as candidate for president on the ticket of a new party, the Union Party?

Brother Arnold, a 79-year-old North Dakota farmer and a charter member of the Non-Partisan League which elected Lemke to Congress, answers this question in a speech before the national convention of the Holiday Association in St. Paul, Minn., recently.

He told of his long years of association with his great friend, Bill Lemke. He told of the confidence he had always had in Lemke.

"But," he said, "why should this come to us, like a thunderbolt—we who have made Bill Lemke, we in the Non-Partisan League who put Lemke into Congress, who supported him? Why should he, in Washington, in a little room there decide independently of us to run for president—write his program and start a new party? The Non-Partisan League at its last convention endorsed the Farmer-Labor Party. Yet Lemke has not even carried out the letter of his resolution. If Lemke hooks up to Hearst and Coughlin, he is a fellow we don't want to support. If this is true, not even the state of North Dakota will support him."

Lemke has deserted his people, the North Dakota farmers, to be the tool of Coughlin and Hearst. With this Union Party ticket they hope to split the Roosevelt vote and elect Landon, the candidate of Hearst and the Liberty League.

## U.M.W. PRESIDENT SCORES GREEN

In a recent radio talk, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers and leader of the industrial union bloc within the American Federation of Labor, strongly condemned William Green for his proposal to the Democratic Convention urging that the United States break relations with the Soviet Union.

Lewis declared that the body of the American Federation of Labor had not given Green authorization to present such a plank in the name of the organized labor movement.

Lewis further stated that the Russian people have the right to institute any government they pleased. He added a comment on the new Soviet Constitution, which appeared in the American press at the moment Green's red-baiting rang loudest. Looking at the way the Supreme Court treats the American Constitution, Lewis remarked that we have no cause to look down on the Russians.

Lewis declared himself flatly opposed to all forms of red-baiting.



Atlanta Detective Reading the Southern Worker. Picture taken from Hearst's Atlanta Georgian.

## Hosiery Working Conditions Described by Mill Worker

By a Hosiery Worker Correspondent

Organization in the South is in a very critical condition at the present time. As an illustration, the organized part of the hosiery industry is in an even more helpless state than was the Confederate Army at the close of the Civil War.

The workers have met with all manner of oppression from the employers, such as sweat shops, wages lowered (\$1.50 to \$3 or \$4 a week in several cases), hour lengthened, and also a very high-handed, rough shod, bull-dozing fight against organization of the workers.

Our manufacturers of the South make their own laws, or at least have police forces to do their bidding, such as stab-herding and strike breaking.

### South Produces 20 per cent

Twenty per cent of the hosiery produced in the U. S. is produced in the South, and a sickeningly low percentage of this 20 per cent have organizations in the mills. The workers suffer abuse, intimidation, lowered standards, poverty, at the hands of the mill owners.

The move is afoot now, as has been the policy of the mill owners, to get only young employees in the mills to work, which means that the older ones will be kicked out with no means of livelihood except the children who might be working in a mill.

The average person who has worked in a mill 15 to 20 years is a physical wreck, often having contracted T. B. or some other disease during his life in the factory. At least 50 per cent of the

workers after 20 years in a hosiery mill are frail, stooped, skinny people, having suffered the discomfort of inside work, very deplorable working conditions, half enough to eat (or improper diet) and insufficient clothing to protect them from the ravages of the weather.

A well-known specialist in one of our largest cities said, "A 20-year old person having worked 2 years in a hosiery mill as a rule, with very few exceptions, has weakened his eyes to the point that they are those of a 50-year old person."

Without comment from specialists, all we have to do is to visit a factory where girls and boys are employed and ask how old they are. Workers ordinarily judged to be 30 or 35 years of age are often only 17 or 21. Some of these started to work at 15.

### Bird Died in Mill

In one instance, in one of the richest mills in the South a bird was taken in the plant, fed and watered, and lived only a day and a half.

As an approximate average, the full fashioned worker in the South makes \$15 to \$20 a week, while the seamstress worker as a total average will make \$3 to \$7, and \$10 to \$15 in plants where the unions are strong.



# Farm News

By Jerry Coleman

I wish every poor farmer in the South would write to Earl Browder, 35 East 12 Street, New York City, and ask for the election platform and the proceedings of the Ninth National Convention of the Communist Party. These documents are important for this reason: they search into the hearts and homes of millions of exploited farmers in the United States and outline a program to change the miserable conditions existing there. The problem of the sharecroppers and tenants, land for the landless, crop loans from the government, loans to protect small owners from mortgage foreclosure, higher wages for farm workers, all of these important things are taken up in the platform.

But not like the Democrats or Republicans, or the new illegitimate child of Wall Street, the Union Party. These parties talk about aiding the farmer just like they have been for the last 50 years. They even talk braver than they did before. We know, especially the farmers who have been driven from the land, what these promises amount to. We felt the whip of the Republicans under Hoover when thousands upon thousands of farmers were driven from the land. We saw the Democrats under Roosevelt block the Frager-Lemke Farm Mortgage Re-financing Bill. We know what their promises are worth.

The thing we want is a real Farmer-Labor Party that will fight for the immediate demands of the poor people. We won't have a Farmer-Labor presidential ticket this year but remember this: the Communist Party is working harder than any other group to build a real Farmer-Labor party and this year a vote for the Communist Party is a vote to build a mass Farmer-Labor party of the common people that will sweep the 1940 elections. Vote Communist!

**F** Farmer-Labor Cooperation is to move forward rapidly on real issues, here is one that should be started now. In Arkansas the cotton choppers have been striking under conditions of brutal terror. Why not have the American Federation of Labor and the Workers Alliance around Little Rock and Memphis organize a march of union men into the terror-ridden counties to hold mass meetings with the strikers? Can you picture the plantation owners and their thugs running for the swamps when they see such mass meetings? This would be a great step toward smashing the brutal landlord terror and establishing civil and constitutional rights for the sharecroppers and tenants.

**F**OR the first time in the South the A.A.A. investigated landlords accused of stealing rental and profit checks from croppers and tenants and actually made the landlords fork over the money. The Sharecroppers Union pushed this investigation. Now we see what can be done. So now all farmers in every community should get together, list the complaints they have, and send them to Secretary Wallace in Washington and demand an investigation and stolen money returned. And by the way, when you are all together (if you aren't already organized) organize a union. Write to me and I'll send you more information on the

**F**arm unions. **Y**OU know, of course, that we are going through a drought. And maybe you have read in the papers that Congressmen and even state officials are going after drought relief for the farmer. Well, I only want to remind you that these public officials were put in office by the big landlords. And it will be the landlords who get the relief, not the poverty-stricken men who work the land.

Now is the time for all poor farmers to write to Secretary Wallace demanding: first: Work relief or cash relief for food, shelter and clothes for the next year; second: that the government take over all debts that the poor farmers have no way of paying and guarantee them protection against seizure of livestock, tools, homes or land; and third: that the government prepare to make large crop loans to all poor farmers for the next crop season.

Southern public officials do not want our demands. It is up to us to do it. Bill Wallace's mail bag with letters demanding these things and if this doesn't work we will all go to Washington to find out why.

**L**afayette. The Sharecroppers Union will let you in on a little secret: it is going to hold its first real convention. Watch for news of it in the next issue of the Southern Worker. It promises to be a great step towards smashing the landlord slave system.

I talked with a farmer the other day who is being robbed of his land. He gave a mortgage on the land to put in a crop. As usual among the poor farmers, he didn't make enough from the crop to pay off the loan. First he went to one government agency, paid \$10 to have his land appraised and \$3 for legal papers, then the loan was turned down because his land would not produce enough. He went to another government agency and they promised him a loan to save his land. He sent them pictures of his house and so on. The promises looked very nice, and in fact they kept on looking nice until after the foreclosed the mortgage on his farm.

Now this farmer has a few months in which to redeem his land. And he is again applying for government aid from both the Resettlement Administration and the Farm Credit Administration. If he doesn't get a loan he will be evicted from the land, or else rent it from his new landlord.

I mentioned the case because it is so common. Government agencies stall along, promise loans, stall some more, and then turn the farmer down at the last minute when it is too late to do anything else. My answer to all small farmers applying for loans is to give the officials a time limit to get the loan for them. If the loan doesn't come through then write to the state officials and demand that they help you get the loan. Have your union send a letter supporting your demand for a loan. Have a committee visit the officials with you to find out why you can't get a loan. And if all these methods fail, and the sheriff is coming out to throw you off the land, then organize a picnic for the day so that the sheriff will have to face all the poor farmers in the community when he tries to throw you out.

## COMMUNIST LEADER



ANGELO HERNDON

Angelo Herndon, young Communist leader, who must serve 20 years on a chain gang in Georgia unless the U. S. Supreme court reverses the decision of the Georgia Court. Herndon was convicted of insurrection for leading a relief demonstration in Atlanta.

## Black Belt News

**LAFAYETTE, La.** — Sharecroppers in Chambers County are facing worse conditions than ever before. They are being worked at starvation wages of 50¢ a day and women choppers are being paid 25¢ for work from 1 until sun-down, in order that the plantation owner won't have to pay for their mid-day meals. When white workers complained that they would quit if their jobs would be safe, Negro workers promised to see that their jobs weren't taken, and were willing to strike for higher wages.

**LETTSWORTH, La.** — Church officers after conferring with landlords agreed to let a Farmer's Union hold meetings in a church whose members also belong to the Union. Attempts are being made to discover the Union's leaders and to stir up mobs to run them out of town. One of the leaders warned a landlord that he would be ready for him if such an attempt were carried through. Landlords are trying to make their Negro servants give information concerning the Union, but because of the strength of the union in that territory, the landlords are finding it difficult to find out anything.

**JACOBY, La.** — Tenants are being charged high prices and interest for food at a time when they need more help. Storekeepers are charging \$1.50 for a 25-lb. bag of flour at 20% interest. The farmers are in need of drought relief for which they see no hope.

## NO MARRIAGE FOR POOR

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Persons on relief are not eligible for matrimony, a Circuit Court, Missouri court decided, according to word reaching WPA officials. Judicial grounds for the decision was the thought of the court that if a person can afford to get married he doesn't deserve relief.

# Ralph Gray-Sharecropper

By Elizabeth Lawson

This is the story of Ralph Gray, who five years ago laid down his life so that the Sharecroppers Union might live. The working people loved Ralph Gray, but the landlords hated him, and sent out their henchmen to shoot him down.

Today Ralph Gray is a legend in the Black Belt. The sharecroppers have a verse about him, which they sing — but very quietly:

"Give me that old Communist spirit."

"Give me that old Communist spirit."

It was good enough for Ralph Gray.

And it's good enough for me." Ralph Gray lived at Camp Hill in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, and he worked on half shares for John J. Langley. The time came when the landlords would no longer furnish the croppers and the croppers went away to Washington for help.

The government sent Ralph Gray to the county jail at Dadeville, Langley refused to let him be bailed and he stayed there. This is enough for any nigger.

But Ralph wanted his full check and he complained to the county agent. When Langley heard about this, he tried to whip Ralph Gray. But Ralph rose against him and whipped the landlord instead.

After that time Ralph Gray was down in the henchmen's books as a "bad nigger."

## The Sharecroppers Union

In 1931, there was the first beginning of the Sharecroppers Union. These were the demands the union made on the landlords:

1. The landlords must go on with the food advances to the croppers until settlement time.
2. Settlement for the year's crop must be made in cash.
3. The croppers must have the right to sell their cotton where they please.
4. The croppers must have the right to make themselves a garden.
5. The county must provide a nine-month school for the Negro children and a free bus to take them to it.

On the night of July 17, when the cotton plants were just beginning to put on fruit, Ralph Gray and six companions were walking the road on the way to a meet-

ing. Suddenly they saw two bright yellow headlights, and a car came to a stop beside them.

Sheriff Kyle Young was in the car with four other men. Kyle Young hated the Sharecroppers Union, and he hated Ralph Gray, because Ralph held his head up and was a leader among the croppers.

## The Sheriff and Gray

Sheriff Young asked Ralph Gray where he was going. Ralph said he was going down the road a piece. Sheriff Young told Ralph to hand over his gun. But Ralph refused. Then Kyle Young opened fire, and shot Ralph Gray twice; and then Ralph, lying wounded on on his back on the road, shot at the sheriff to defend his own life.

Then the car drove away, and left Ralph Gray wounded on the highway. His comrades carried him home, and put his bleeding body down in the bed. One hour later, five articles of teachers surrounded Ralph Gray's cabin. When the teachers broke down the door and began to shoot, Ralph's friends inside the cabin bravely returned the fire and drove them back. The teachers went away and got up a mob of 5,000 people to go against the little handful of croppers.

When the big mob came, Matt Wilson, the Chief of Police, of Camp Hill, stepped up to Ralph Gray's bedside and put his pistol down Ralph's throat and pulled the trigger. The henchmen tied Ralph to the back of a car and pulled him into Dadeville, and hung him down before the gates of the jail-house, so they would have hung down game they had bagged in the day's hunt. And while there was still a breath of life in Ralph Gray's body, they tortured him.

Ralph was laid away in the Jim-Crow Lockhart Graveyard, and no one but his family was allowed at the burying, though all the croppers and their wives and even the little children wanted to come and do honor to their leader. They heaped the red earth over him, and today not even a headstone marks the place where Ralph Gray was buried.

But Ralph Gray is remembered in the hearts of the sharecroppers, and the union which he helped to begin has grown strong and mighty in the Black Belt.

"The Democratic Convention made some gestures toward recognizing the Negro problem, but this leadership did not succeed in influencing the platform. There are some excellent statements of fundamental truths, but progress to see them recognized. But there is a real pointer out to solving these truths in life. Clearly, it is the efforts of John L. Lewis and other progressives... The Democratic Party is not the 'mass' movement against fascism. For that we will need the Farmer-Labor Party." from an interview with Earl Browder by United Press.



BABIES IN GAS MASKS



A mother and her two children walk to a gas chamber at the Kingston-on-Thames British army depot during a gas mask demonstration.

C. P. Leader Answers Ga. Workers Kidnapped Lies Against U. S. S. R.

(Editor's Note: The following paragraphs are extracts from a letter written by the Secretary of the Communist Party in Alabama to the editor of the Birmingham Post. The letter is an answer to charges made by the Post in an editorial commenting on the new Soviet Constitution.)

The Soviet Union is not "turning democratic." Under the workers and farmers government, there has always been the broadest democracy for the workers and farmers. The very term "Soviet" meaning a council guaranteed the participation of the workers and farmers in the affairs of the government through councils in the factory, office, school, hospital, and village. In the United States, the workers and farmers have no such participation. The very term "Soviet" means a council of workers and farmers. In the United States, the workers and farmers have no such participation. The very term "Soviet" means a council of workers and farmers. In the United States, the workers and farmers have no such participation.

Alabama. In the Soviet Union, there is a broadening of democracy, possible only under socialism. An ever increasing number of the population is enabled to vote until today, under the new constitution, no one is barred from voting regardless of race, color or creed. In Alabama, where we have 1,348,401 citizens old enough to vote, we had only 244,615 actually voting in the 1932 presidential elections. This was 17% of the potential voters and represented a decline of one percent since 1928. In other words, thanks to the poll tax and property qualifications, we have DECREASED democracy here.

Here the Negro people are disfranchised. In the Soviet Union, there is no bar to child and women's rights. Georgia recently 17,000 boys in a religious cult known as Jehovah's Witnesses were imprisoned and many sent to Siberia. In the Soviet Union, there is complete religious freedom.

Religious Freedom

In Canada the other day, a city commission passed an ordinance intended to limit the organization of labor under which the officers were empowered and instructed to arrest persons who invade homes with weapons. In the Soviet Union, the new constitution emphatically states that there shall be no arrests for political offenses without warrants.

In the United States we have such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan, the White Legion, and the Legion following an anti-Semitic policy of murder of saints, Catholics, Jews, and Negroes in the Soviet Union such "Black Hundreds" as they were called, were wiped out, political freedom ended, and a real brotherhood of man established.

I am sure that some reader of this will say, "Well, if you think Russia is so much better, why don't you go over there?" The answer is that I am an Alabamian born and raised I love my state and I love my country. My forefathers fought to win freedom and liberty for themselves and their children. I am going to keep up that fight because I know that we can have real freedom here as well as in the Soviet Union.

Fraternally,

Rob F. Hall  
District Secretary,  
Communist Party

Ga. Workers Kidnapped

ATLANTA Ga.—On Sunday Evening, July 12, Mr. Walter Washburn, an electrician who lives on the outskirts of Atlanta, was awakened by a violent hammering on the door. He got out of bed and looked out the window to see who was making such a late call. He saw a crowd of men on the front porch and five cars parked in front of the house. One of the men again knocked and demanded admittance. Washburn, without opening the door, asked them who they were and what they wanted. "We are the law," was the reply, "and we want you." When asked if they had a warrant they replied that they did not and didn't need one. When he again refused to admit them, they broke the door down, seized Washburn, together with Clyde Chamber, a banker, and Nathan Ford, a Negro worker who lives on the place.

Thrown into Car

The men were handcuffed and thrown into one of the waiting cars. After being driven to a point about five miles from the house, they were thrown from the cars and stripped. Having some trouble removing Washburn's clothes, one of the thugs took a knife and cut them from his body, leaving several deep gashes on his body. While part of the men knelt on the victims, the remainder beat them with stick-jacks, cut-off pipe-balls and clubs. After being beaten into insensibility, they were revived with water from a nearby pump and ordered to "get out of Georgia."

This is a case of a series of acts by the ruling class of Georgia, in the ruthless campaign of terrorism to crush the workers and completely eliminate free speech and assembly in this state. Washburn is the husband of Edith Washburn, who was arrested together with seventeen others in a recent raid on an unemployed meeting.

LABOR HEAD ATTACKED

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Vice-president Max Shafer of the Central Labor Union was the victim of an attempted kidnapping here, by members of the Law and Order Committee, a vigilante outfit. The Central Labor Union has been vigorously fighting a new anti-picketing law here.

Among The Churches RELIEF JIM CROW IN GREENSBORO

Declaring against citizenship for America, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church recently passed a resolution calling for a "planned social economy." The attack upon the Methodist Federation for Social Service fell to naught. The Federation and its chief officers Harry F. Ward and Winifred Chappel, and Bishop McConnell had been attacked as "dangerous" and "un-American" because of its sponsoring of a planned economy for America.

Among the resolutions passed by the Southern Presbyterians in their recent conference in Augusta, Ga., was one deploring lynching in the United States. The conference also called for action regarding the plight of Southern share-croppers and workers, for cessation of gambling on stock exchanges and for low prices for consumers, and endorsed old age pensions and unemployment security. Thus does another church cast its lot with the forces trying to rebuild America on a more humane plan.

19 WORKERS JAILED IN STRIKE

STERLING, Ill. — Nineteen strikers were arrested here at the Northwestern Barbed Wire Co. A motion passed by the city council authorizes the hiring of 100 extra city policemen as strike-breakers. The striking workers are out for union recognition.

RELIEF JIM CROW IN GREENSBORO

The relief office refused to receive a delegation of the Workers' Alliance from High Point on the grounds that one of its seven members was a Negro. The white workers refused the demand of the assistant director that the Negro member be excluded and the office delegation had to leave without presenting their grievances. Mr. Starns, the director of the relief office, was absent. His assistant blamed that she had "orders from the Federal Government not to meet with white and Negroes together" and also openly declared "This organization is for organization believing in equal rights."

A protest has been sent out by the State Chairman, Bill Presswood, to the national office of the WPA; also inquiring about the alleged "orders from the Federal Government."

N. C. LABOR BODY TO MEET IN AUG.

Problems facing the N.C. Federation of Labor convention in Winston-Salem, August 10-11-12 will be the C. I. O. and a state Farmer-Labor Party. The North Carolina Federation of Labor is expected to follow the example of the South Carolina Federation of Labor and endorse the C. I. O.

The changes provided for in the new constitution, that which will continue to be worked out in the future way. The other main members will be elected by the workers with representation in proportion to population.

All Can Vote

Another change is that while hitherto the remnants of the old class of bosses and landlords who exploited the workers and farmers could not vote, now all restrictions against voting have been lifted. This is possible because classes have been abolished. The old exploiters have either died during the past 18 years, have moved away to get from afar, or have seen the error of their ways and have become citizens instead of parasites.

It is not correct to say that "citizens have feared even to whisper within the walls of their homes words of criticism against the regime." It is through the columns of the people's correspondence as well as through local soviets that the workers government has been kept informed of the sentiment of the people and the inefficient or corrupt situations which had to be changed.

Compare with Alabama

Let us compare the Soviet Union with our own country and specifically, with our own state.

Steel Workers Homes - Birmingham



FULL RIGHTS FOR NEGROES

We demand that the Negro people be guaranteed complete equality, equal rights to the job, equal pay for equal work, the full right to organize, vote, serve on juries, and hold public office. Segregation and discrimination against Negroes must be declared a crime. Heavy penalties must be established against mob rule, slingers and kidnapers with the DEATH PENALTY FOR LYNCHERS. We demand the enforcement of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution.

# Under Workers Rule

ON July 1, 15 million children in the Soviet Union left their city homes for vacations in the country. At government expense, these millions of Russian kids will spend the summer in the most beautiful, healthy spots that can be found.

Since workers took over control of the government, the children of Russia have been the ones to benefit most. Cars begin at birth. A mother in the Soviet Union gets a 15-week vacation with pay, 2 months before and 2 months after birth. When she goes back to work, she can have her child during the day at a nursery attached to her factory. She is given time from work to nurse the baby.

The mother is taught what is most nourishing and healthful for her child to eat. Since the workers' wages in the Soviet Union are steadily increasing, while the cost of living grows less, parents have no trouble in providing proper food for their children. If a family has more than seven children, the state contributes to their support.

When a child is sick in Soviet Russia, he can be taken to a free clinic where the finest doctors will treat him. The clinics are open all day, every day. The biggest children's hospital in the world is located in Moscow.

A famous Boston children's doctor has just returned from a trip to the Soviet Union. He says, "the children in the streets, in the nurseries in the parks and in the camps are unusually plump, sturdy and ruddy." Who could say this of the children of mill workers and miners in the South of the United States? Who has seen nurseries or camps for workers' children here?

When the Russian child of today grows up he can be sure of a good education and a job in a country where there is no unemployment. The mother and father in the Soviet Union are able to give their children what working people all over the world want for theirs.

## BRIEF FACTS ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION.

The death rate in Russia has been cut in half since 1913.

The average monthly income of a worker's family in the U.S.S.R. increased 29 percent during the period between February, 1935 and February, 1936.

The total amount of goods produced by the Soviet Union so far this year has been 32 percent greater than in the first part of 1935.

Thirty collective farms in the Ukraine (wheat region of Russia) are building their own power stations. By the end of the year they will have all the power they need for their homes and machinery.

# Sharecropper Eviction



## STEEL WORKERS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Steel workers gathered at the big mass meeting in Homestead, Pa., to commemorate the strikers who were killed there on July 6, 1892, adopted the following solemn declaration of union independence. It was read to the gathering by Charles Harris, Rankin steel worker, to express the determination of the workers in the industry to stand up for their union rights.

On July Fourth, 1776, the American people declared their independence of the political tyranny from which they had long suffered. They pledged themselves to protect the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

But today we find the political liberty for which our forefathers fought, is made meaningless by economic inequality. In the Steel and other like industries a new despotism has come into being.

Through their control over the hours we work, the wages we receive, and the conditions of our labor, and through their denial of our right to organize freely and bargain collectively, the lords of steel try to rule us as did the royalists against whom our forefathers rebelled.

### Interferences

They have interfered in every way with our right to organize an independent union, discharging many who have joined them.

They have set up company unions, forcing employees to join by their so-called elections.

They have sent among us swarms of scabworkers, who have spied upon us in the mills, in our meetings and even in our homes.

They have kept among us armies of company gunmen, with stores of machine guns, gas bombs, and other weapons of warfare.

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms.

We have used every channel of the so-called representative system to put forward our requests and grievances, but all we have found

is that the employers control these plans and refuse to grant requests which are not backed by independent organization.

We have appealed to the government to protect us in our right to organize freely without interference from our employers.

We have presented cases of interference and discrimination without number to government labor boards. They have ruled that our employers must observe the law by reinstating discharged unionists and ceasing to interfere with their employees' rights. But our employers have defied these rulings.

### Independence

So we steel workers do hereby solemnly publish and declare our independence. We say to the world, we are free American workers. We shall exercise fully our rights as workers with a free mind and spirit. We shall demand higher wages, shorter hours, and a better standard of living.

We shall win leisure for our selves, and an opportunity for our children. Together with our union brothers in other industries, we shall abolish industrial despotism. We shall make real the dreams of the pioneers who pictured America as a land where all might live in comfort and happiness.

In support of this declaration we mutually pledge to each other our steadfast support as union men, our homes and our very lives.

# New Soviet Constitution Guarantees Right to Work

(EDITOR'S Note: The following articles are taken from the new Constitution of the Soviet Union. We regret that space does not permit us to print the new constitution in full. It is the most complete proof of the victory of Socialism in Soviet Russia. Coming only 19 years after the Revolution, it marks the greatest progress of any nation in the history of the world.)

Article 118: Citizens of the U.S.S.R. have the right to work—the right to receive guaranteed work with payment for their work in accordance with its quality and quantity.

The right to work is insured by the socialist organization of national economy, the steady growth of the productive forces of labor, the abolition of unemployment.

Article 119: Citizens of the U.S.S.R. have the right to rest.

The right to rest is insured by the reduction of the working day to seven hours for the overwhelming majority of the workers, establishment of annual vacations with pay for workers and employees and provision of a network of sanatoriums, rest homes and clubs for the accommodation of the toilers.

Article 120: Citizens of the U.S.S.R. have the right to material security in old age as well as in the event of sickness and loss of capacity to work.

This right is insured by the wide development of social insurance of workers and employees at the expense of the state, free medical aid, and the provision of a wide network of health resorts for the use of the toilers.

Article 121: Citizens of the U.S.S.R. have the right to education.

This right is insured by universal compulsory elementary education, free of charge, including higher education, by the system of state stipends for the

overwhelming majority of students in higher schools, instruction in schools in the native language and organization of free industrial, technical and agronomic education for the toilers at the factories, state farms, machine and tractor stations and collective farms.

Article 122: Women in the U.S.S.R. are accorded equal rights with men in the fields of economic, state, cultural, social, and political life.

The possibility of realizing these rights of women is insured by affording women equally with men the right to work, payment for work, rest, social insurance and education, state protection of the interests of mother and child, guarantee of maternity leave with pay and the provision of a wide network of maternity homes, nurseries and kindergartens.

Article 123: The equality of the rights of citizens of the U.S.S.R., irrespective of their nationality or race, in all fields of economic, state, cultural, social and political life, is an irrevocable law.

Any direct or indirect restriction of these rights, or conversely the establishment of direct or indirect privileges for citizens on account of race or nationality to which they belong, as well as any propagation of racial or national contempt, is punishable by law.

Article 124: To insure to citizens freedom of conscience the church in the U.S.S.R. is separated from the State and the school from the church. Freedom to perform religious rites and freedom of anti-religious propaganda is recognized for all citizens.

Article 125: In accordance with the interests of the toilers, for the purpose of strengthening the social system, the citizens of the U.S.S.R. are guaranteed:

- a. Freedom of speech
- b. Freedom of press
- c. Freedom of assembly and meeting
- d. Freedom of street processions and demonstrations.

## Dirty Willie Hearst



FIRST IN WAR,  
FIRST IN NAVIES  
FIRST IN CASTLES  
FOR MARION DAVIES.

## ALLIANCE TO HOLD STATE CONVENTION

Meeting of representatives of Workers' Alliance locals in North Carolina held in Winston-Salem, elected a provisional state committee. The provisional state officers are Bill Greenwood, state chairman; Bolling, state secretary, and Alice Lawrence, organizational secretary. The state committee will issue a printed weekly bulletin, the Carolina Workers' Alliance. A state convention will be held soon.

## Negro Children's Health Weakened In Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, (FP) — Negro children in Birmingham schools averaged lower heights and lower weights in 1934 than ever before the depression. Dr. James S. McLeod found by examining the public school records.

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## Vote Communist! FOR THIS PROGRAM:

- Put America back to work—provide jobs and a living wage.
- Provide unemployment insurance, old age pensions, and social security for all.
- Save the younger generation.
- Free the farmers from debts, unbearable tax burdens and foreclosures. Guarantee the land to those who till the soil.
- The rich hold the wealth of the country—make the rich pay.
- Defend and extend democratic and civil liberties. Call for repeal of the Supreme Court.
- Full rights for the Negro people.
- Keep America out of war by keeping out of the world.

## THE COMMUNIST TICKET

The Communist Party has presented its platform and the men it will run for office. Earl Browder, known as a brilliant and trusted leader of the American working people, a man who has dedicated his life to the welfare of this country, has been nominated for vice president. James W. Ford, from Alabama, recognized as one of the first leaders of the Negro people, a man who has proven himself by work instead of by words, is candidate for vice-president on the Communist ticket.

Every word in the Party Platform falls like a lightning bolt of knowledge on the tortured soil of the South. In strange contrast to the word-twisted platforms of the Republicans and Democrats — platforms which seem to promise everything and guarantee nothing, the Communist Party Platform is clear and uncompromising. It says "Put America back to work" and tells how to do it. It tells the road to a free, prosperous and happy America.

The Party platform points out the real danger to the American people — the Republican Party of Landon and Knox. This is a platform built by the big steel magnates, auto and munitions king; by Morgan, the DuPonts and William Randolph Hearst. THIS IS THE ROAD TO FASCISM!

What about Roosevelt? The platform points out that the people cannot depend upon Roosevelt. He compromises all the way down the line, making small concessions to the working people and big concessions to Hearst, Wall Street and the reactionaries.

The Union Party of Lemke and Coughlin is shown to be a trap set by the Republicans. It is "the creature of Landon, Hearst and the Liberty League," says the platform. "Under cover of radical sounding words, its program contains essentially the same proposals as the Republican platform." A vote for the Union Party is a vote for William Randolph Hearst and Fascism.

The Communist platform points out that only a real people's party, a Farmer-Labor Party, uniting the broad masses of workers, farmers and small business and professional people, can defeat the reactionaries.

Because there is not yet a Farmer-Labor Presidential ticket, the Communist Party presents its own ticket and platform — whose chief aim is to "defeat the Landon-Hearst-Liberty League reaction — to defeat the forces of Wall Street."

The Communist Party platform demands are listed above. Study them. They are the demands that America needs. This is the road to a free, prosperous and happy America!

Vote Communist!

# Organize Steel



THE boss is running out from under unionization in the steel industry in the picture above. With the steel workers organized, the bosses will be the ones to cringe and ask favors. The steel workers, organized into one great industrial union, will have the whip hand. They can force decent wages, hours and working conditions from every plant in this country, even in the sparsely settled steel centers of the South.

The drive to organize steel must have the full support of every other worker. With the steel industry unionized, the organization of the other industries will not be so difficult. In Birmingham and Gadsden the bosses are trying to smash the organization drive by terror. A solid firm line of workers bent on unionizing the South can defeat terror. There must be no delays in the steel drive and no lack of support. The whole working class South must get behind the Steel Workers Organization Drive and build the steel union.

## JOE DOBBS

WHEN Jeff May, agent of big business in Chattanooga, shot down Joe Dobbs on the picket line before the Bennett-Hubbard candy Company, he was not just trying to shoot Dobbs or break the candy workers' strike — he was trying to destroy the progressive forces within the Tennessee Labor Movement. He was acting hand-in-glove with the Alabama bosses who attacked the rubber workers organizer in Gadsden. He was representing the Tennessee division of the Southern Reactionaries.

Joe Dobbs is more than president of the Chattanooga Central Labor Union. He is the recognized leader of the militant, progressive elements within the Tennessee labor movement. Dobbs is one of the front rank fighters for organizing the unorganized in the South.

The crime of Joe Dobbs before the Manufacturers Association of Tennessee stands out bold and black. He doesn't like the way the politicians fool the people and says so. He doesn't want the cops used as strike-breakers and scab herders during strikes and demands that they be taken away from the picket lines. He's teaching trade unionism to the working people of Chattanooga, and they're listening.

The man who shot Joe Dobbs, Jeff May, is a wealthy fellow and perhaps he even enjoyed the chance to take a pop at organized labor. But Jeff May is just one of the culprits. The manufacturers of Tennessee, the capitalists of the whole South are behind this plot to kill Dobbs and try to smash the trade unions in Tennessee.

The answer to this attack is obvious. Joe Dobbs knows it! Build unions so strong that they'll make the Jeff Mays of the South hide like cowards in the safety vaults of their banks. Organize the unorganized of the South. Build industrial unions!

## WHO ADVOCATES TERROR?

Communists are not anarchists, nor terrorists. The Communist Party is a legal party and defends its legality. Advocacy of force and violence does not apply to the Communist Party; it is properly applied to only the Black Legion, the Ku Klux Klan and other fascist groups, and to the strikebreaking agencies and the employers who use them against the working class, who are responsible for the terrible toll of violence which strikes are causing. — Earl Browder, in the Black Nationalist Newsletter of the Communist Party.

# The Steel Drive

By ROB F. HALL

WITH the beginning of the drive to organize the steel workers, a new day is dawning for the Labor movement in Alabama. The organization of the steel workers, drawing its membership from mass production workers, will strengthen the progressive movement in the state. But the organization of the steel workers will also strengthen the entire Alabama movement. It will stimulate the workers in every craft, in every trade, in every factory, in such a way that every union, craft and industrial, can recruit hundreds and thousands of new members.

There are difficulties in the way — and the Alabama movement must take steps to meet them.

The greatest difficulty, of course, is the size, strength and brutality of the steel trust which will stop at nothing to prevent the organization of the steel workers. Already they have spent thousands of dollars to stock up on arms and ammunition. They are preparing for a CIVIL WAR against their own workers and against the labor movement. Deputies are being drilled like soldiers and hundreds of spies are being employed to forest and lead any steel drive.

The steel trust has lots of money and lots of influence. They control most of the local schools, churches, police chiefs, politicians and laborers. The trust expects to railroad militant workers to jail. It expects to have leaders shot down. It is determined to smash the drive of the Communist Party and the Tennessee Labor Movement and steel workers of the South. What can we do to win?

First, there must be a drive to build a strong, militant organization of steel workers. A committee to defend the rights of the workers should be formed in Birmingham at once, consisting of representatives of the various local unions and of such organizations as stand for the defense of civil liberties, such as the International of Labor Defense, League of Women, educators and other civil liberties should be invited to become part of this committee. This committee should also fight for defense. It should also hold itself ready to mobilize a state-wide and nation-wide campaign for the release of the workers' voters in Alabama.

A local organizing committee should be formed to act as a direct the drive in the Birmingham area. This committee should be composed of representatives of the various local unions. In this way the drive will be broadened and its influence spread into every corner of the steel area.

Every local union and every friendly organization should be utilized to spread the gospel of steel organization.

A publicity committee should be active at all times. Newspapers and leaflets should be published. Statements should be issued to the press, showing the profits of the steel trust, and giving Labor's side of this great controversy. The radio should be used to the fullest degree. The lies of the steel trust MUST BE ANSWERED.

THE importance of the Negro organizations must not be overlooked. The NAACP, the Civic League, the Urban League, the National Negro Congress, and the various Negro churches and fraternal orders should be approached and invited to help with the drive. Their aid in reaching the Negro steel worker will be a decisive factor in the success of the drive.

To win the confidence of the Negro workers, however, the leaders of the drive must show at the beginning that they do not propose Jim Crow organization but that they stand for equal trade union rights for the Negro to any job.

The leaders of the drive must dump out any attempt at red-baiting. If they have any doubts about this, let them read Philip Murray's statement. To make this drive a success, there must be the most comprehensive unity of all the forces of labor against the steel trust, regardless of political philosophy. Nor should the local CIO leaders forget that William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party, was the leader and organizer of the FIRST great drive to organize the steel workers. More than 750,000 steel workers were drawn into the A.F. of L. under his leadership. In a series of articles on the present drive, Comrade Foster says, from his own experience:

"The best fighters will be found almost invariably to be of a left-wing persuasion politically: that is, Farmer-Laborites, Socialists and Communists."

Comrade Foster also makes another point which the Birmingham leaders must not forget: that the steel drive must be DEMOCRATICALLY run. The steel workers themselves must be drawn into the actual direction of the drive through broad organizing committees in every locality.

The Communist Party stands 100% for the success of the steel drive and is getting forth every effort to help it succeed.