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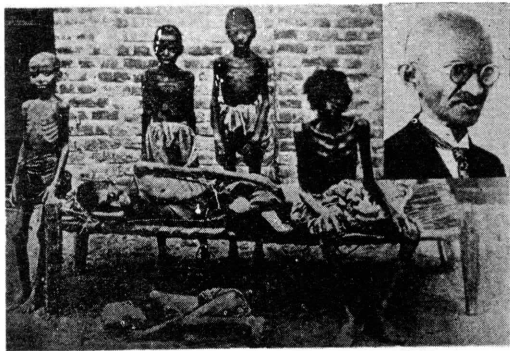
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FREE MOONEY!
HARLAN MINERS!

*and all class-war
prisoners*



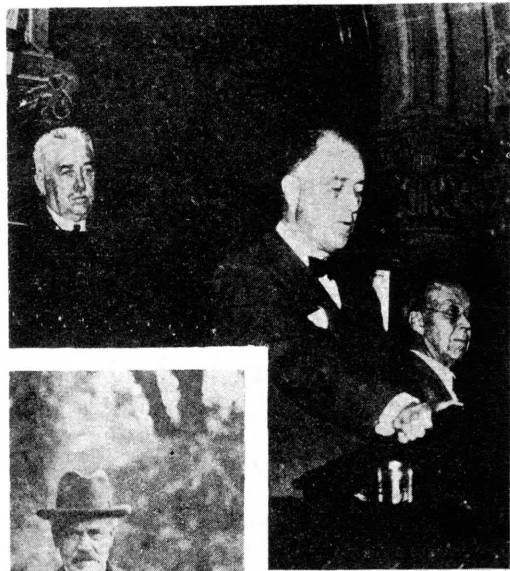
VIEWS OF THE MONTH



Upper left: Burning wheat in Kansas. Rather than sell at the lowest prices in more than half a century, the big grain-owners and speculators controlled by Wall Street are burning millions of tons of wheat.

Upper right: Evicted in New York. No place to sleep, nothing to eat while millions of tons of wheat go up in smoke.

Center left: A few of the starving millions of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's India. And the saintly Mahatma Gandhi who now has removed the fancy dress suit you see him in here and wears only a loin cloth to pretend humbleness. Gandhi said on reaching England where he is now negotiating with all the Labor racketeers and the King. "I can assure them that I go over to England with purely friendly feelings towards that country." Below Gandhi you see the faker Gov. Roosevelt delivering his phony plan on "unemployment relief" in the New York State Senate. His plan amounts to \$4 for each unemployed New York worker.

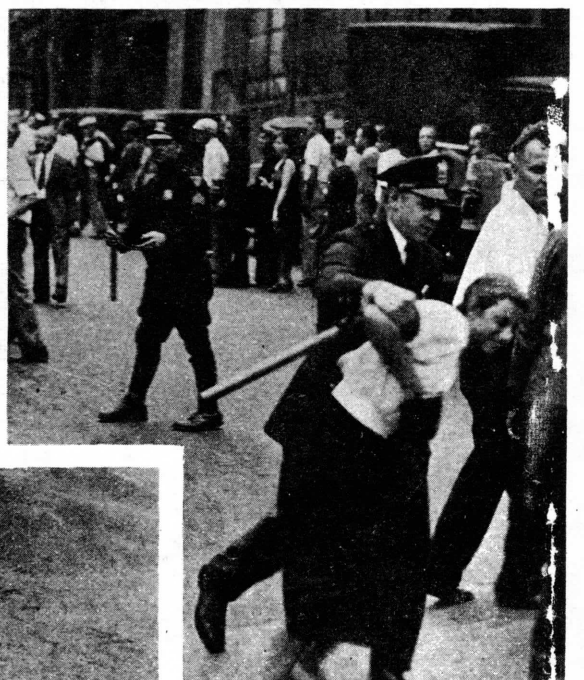
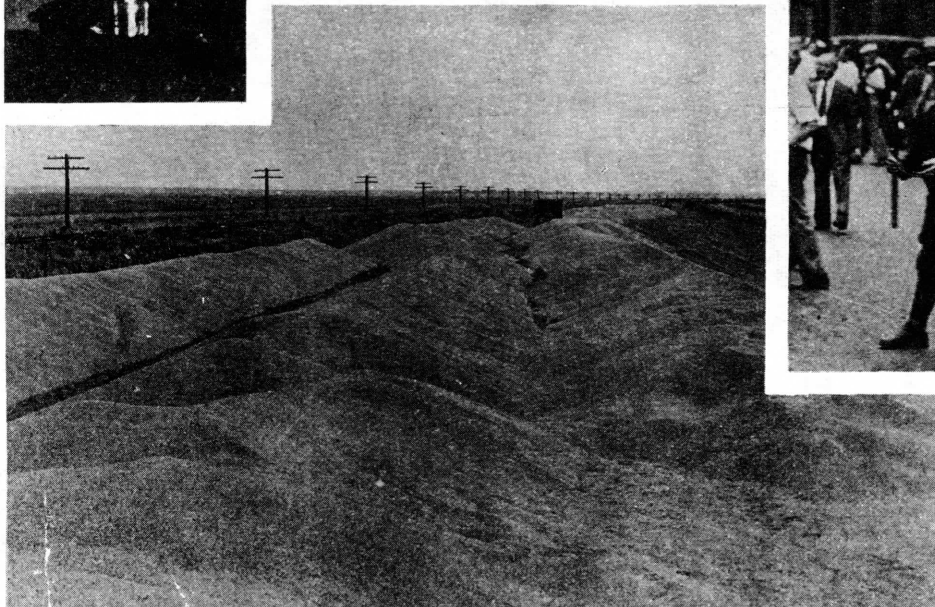


Middle right: Miners, their sons and daughters demonstrate in Pittsburgh.

Lower left: The greatest faker of them all—Ramsay MacDonald who has just shown his dirty hands by taxing the millions of British workers, including soldiers and sailors, in order to save profits for the bosses. As a result the British tars threw a scare into the admirals and bankers that has them shivering yet.

Lower center: "Dumping" in America. Millions of tons of grain dumped along western railroad siding, rather than sell to starving poor.

Lower right: Cops arresting young textile worker in Paterson, N. J. textile strike.



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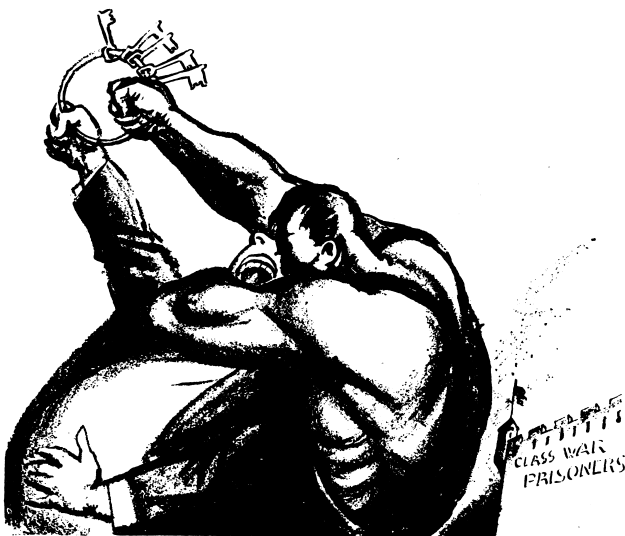
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They Want to Kill Mooney

By FRANK SPECTOR



Editor's Note:

Comrade Frank Spector has spent thirteen months in San Quentin out of the 42 years prison sentence to which he was sentenced together with seven other Imperial Valley workers. He was released July 14 as a result of mass pressure led by the International Labor Defense. While in San Quentin he occupied a cell across where Tom Mooney was confined and saw Tom daily.

The California bosses and treacherous labor leaders have their feet stuck deep in the mud of the filthy frame-up of Tom Mooney and Warren Billings.

They are between the devil and the deep blue sea. To pardon these two long suffering labor martyrs the bosses and their flunkies have to reveal all the sordid putridness—all the vast hypocrisy of the American Federation of Labor misleaders and of capitalist "justice"—both willing tools in the bosses' hands with which they attempted in 1916, to legally lynch Mooney and to bury Billings for his whole life in Folsom.

To longer keep Mooney and Billings in the hell-holds of San Quentin and Folsom the bosses are faced now with the angry menace of the million masses who are determined to wrest these martyrs from the bosses' tentacles.

And so they devised a diabolic scheme—to kill this Mooney-Billings issue by the simple expedient of killing Tom Mooney.

Last fall the California State Supreme Court rejected Billing's application for pardon. This in the face of the fact that every shadow of a doubt of Mooney's and Billing's innocence has been shattered to smithereens—from the lips of their own hired rats-in-chief, John McDonald and

Estelle Smith, both totally discredited.

Tom Mooney termed the entire proceedings and decision of that fact finding commission as a "disgusting spectacle of sham democracy at its worst". (See Tom Mooney's pamphlet "Betrayed by Labor Leaders").

On the day the decision was made public Mooney gave vent to his outraged feelings. In the presence of Warden Holohan and a number of newspapermen he denounced with well justified vehemence the California bosses and their flunkies, the governor, the state supreme court, and the corrupt labor leaders, the Sharenbergs, O'Connells and their like.

The warden became incensed and threatened to send Tom down into the "hole" (dungeon). However, he failed to carry out his threat realizing what a storm this will cause among the masses.

They had too much of Tom Mooney. He and his case have for too long been a bone in their throats. They resolved to rid themselves of this thorn in their side.

Shortly Tom was removed from a light task he was performing for a number of years in the "white front" (the officers and guards mess).

They "created" a job for him. They assigned him to peel potatoes, onions, carrots, etc., in a special room near the kitchen.

This room has no ventilation. It is seven foot square, dark, half-lit by a small globe. The only opening is a door partitioned off from a shower bath for the convict-servants in the officer and guard mess. They are obliged to bathe daily and the steam and stench constantly fills the room. Tom

sits there from five in the morning till late afternoon and peels vegetables. His health is undermined by this work and its surroundings. No breath of fresh air; day after day the same grind.

When he complains he is threatened to be sent to the "main line" This means routine prison fare—beans, beans and more beans. One who spent 15 years in prison can no longer withstand such food. In the place where he is he manages to get somewhat more adequate food. There is no alternative for him—either way it is a slow death. He now looks worse than that well-known picture of him taken two years ago when he lost his teeth and 30 pounds in weight.

Thus the California bosses seek to get rid of the Mooney issue by killing Tom through slow torturous death.

But they cannot kill his spirit. In spite of these handicaps Tom keeps up his fighting spirit. But the working class cannot permit the attempt to murder Mooney—as it cannot permit them to keep him in his living tomb.

In the same manner the Harlan, Ky. coal bosses are persecuting our 34 brothers now facing murder charges in Harlan County jail. They are slowly starving them to death by denial of proper food. Jessie Wakefield, the ILD organizer, just released from prison in Harlan, is near collapse from lack of food.

Demand immediate and unconditional release of Mooney and Billings; the seven Imperial Valley prisoners; the Harlan miners; the nine Negro boys of Scottsboro, and for General Amnesty of all class-war prisoners.

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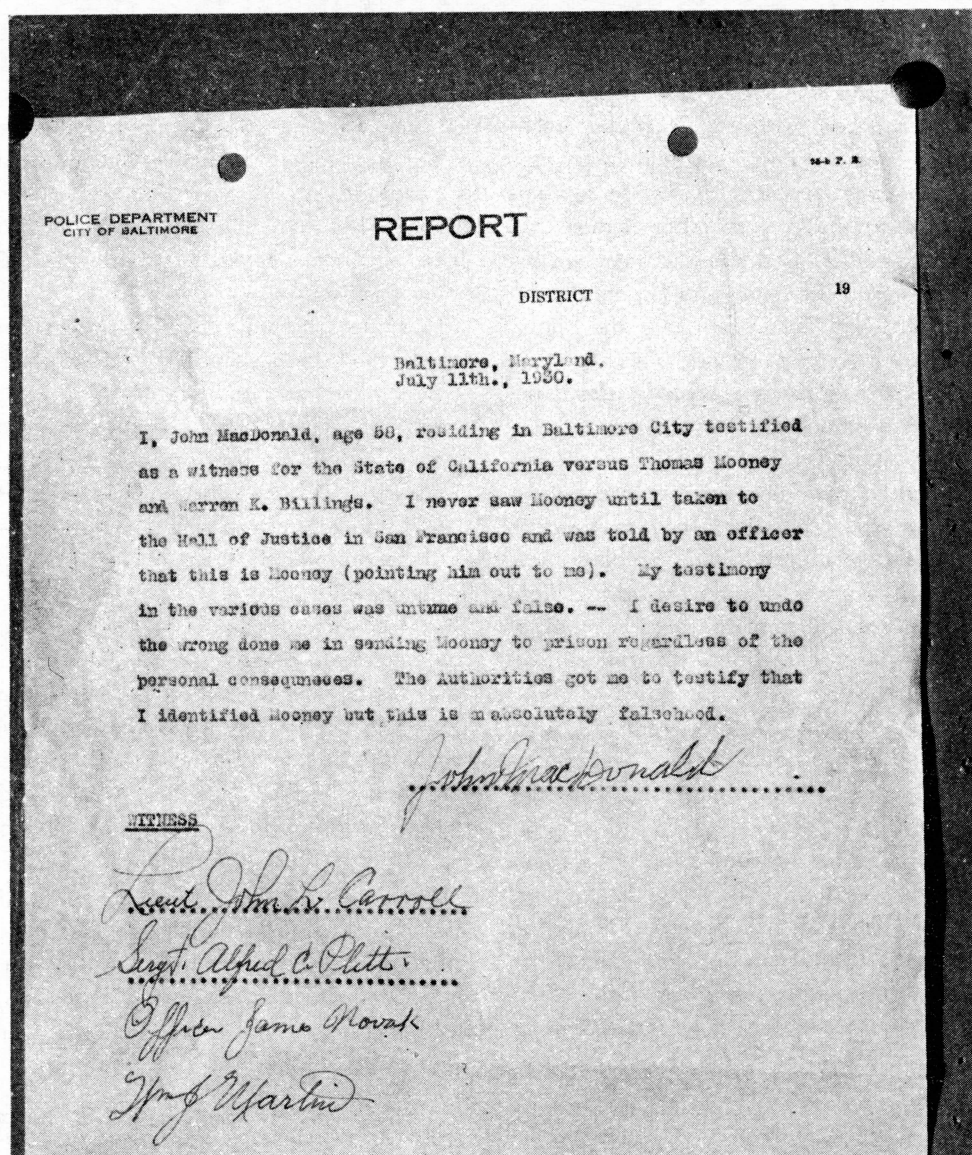
Mooney Greet the Harlan Miners

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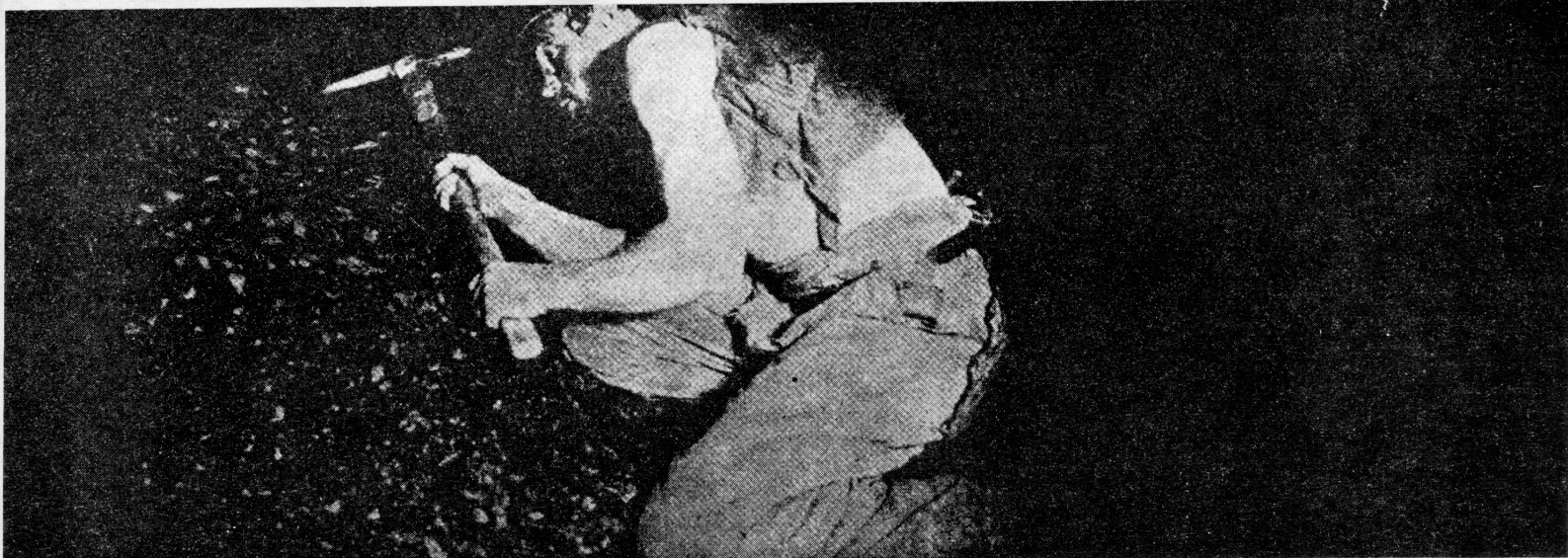
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FIGHTING MINERS OF HARLAN, KY.:
GREETINGS OF GENUINE WORKING CLASS FELLOWSHIP AND SOLIDARITY. YOU FACE THE ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR YOUR COURAGE IN DEFENSE OF WORKING CLASS RIGHT OF LIFE, LIBERTY AND HAPPINESS AGAINST BRUTAL CAPITALIST SLAVERY FORCED UPON YOU. YOUR CRIME IS LOYALTY TO THE WORKING CLASS. YOUR HOPES FOR FREEDOM LIE ONLY IN UNITED WORKING CLASS ACTION TODAY IT IS THE HARLAN MINERS, YESTERDAY THE MINERS OF PENNSYLVANIA; THE TEXTILE WORKERS OF GASTONIA IN NINETEEN TWENTY-NINE; THE BRUTAL MASTER CLASS BURNED SACCO AND VANZETTI FOUR YEARS AGO; THE LUMBER BARONS BURIED ALIVE IN WALLA WALLA PRISON NINE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD. FIFTEEN YEARS AGO THEY SENT MOONEY AND BILLINGS TO A LIVING DEATH; TOMORROW IT WILL BE OTHER VALIANT WORKERS FIGHTING IN DEFENSE OF THEIR RIGHTS. SHALL ALL THESE SACRIFICES BE IN VAIN? ARE THEY NOT ENOUGH TO WIPE OUT PETTY DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AND ANNIHILATE GRUDGES TO SOLIDIFY ALL TOILERS WITH A SPARK OF MILITANCY OR REVOLUTIONARY PURPOSE INTO A REAL UNITED FRONT OF WORKERS IN DEFENSE OF ITS BRAVEST FIGHTERS READY TO OFFER THEIR LIVES IN THE STRUGGLE. THESE ARE THE TIMES THAT TRY THE SOUL OF EVERY WORKER. GIRD YOURSELF FOR BATTLE. RISE AS YOU NEVER HAVE BEFORE IN DEFENSE OF YOUR ADVANCE GUARD. CAPITALISTS ARE DESPERATE. THEY SEE DAWNING A BETTER CIVILIZATION IN WHICH THERE WILL BE NO PLACE FOR THEIR BRUTAL EXPLOITATION. WORKERS UNITE FIGHT FOR THE HARLAN MINERS AND ALL CLASS WAR PRISONERS. YOU MUST NOT LET THESE BRAVE SOLDIERS OF THE CLASS WAR BE SLAUGHTERED. MY GREATEST CONCERN IS ABOUT THEM. MY THOUGHTS ARE CONSTANTLY WITH THEM. WARM FRATERNAL REVOLUTIONARY GREETINGS.

TOM MOONEY.



Above: Mooney 15 years ago at trial with wife and mother. Below: Proof of his innocence.



Murder in the Kentucky Mountains

By CAROLINE DREW

"HELL, yes, I've issued orders to shoot to kill! That's what we use guns for here," Sheriff John Henry Blair of Harlan County, Kentucky, boasted to capitalist press reporters in April, 1931 when the miners came out on strike against starvation.

Sheriff Blair is the only news source of these capitalist reporters. They submit their writings to him before they send it to their papers. No left wing or radical newspaper reporter is tolerated in Harlan. The operators association through its mouthpiece Sheriff Blair and Judge D. C. Jones has issued orders to shoot any northerner they see, and to get any newspaper man.

Modern warfare exists in Kentucky. Sheriff Blair believes in up to date weapons. He equips his thugs with tin deputy badges and the most modern guns. When the six carloads of thugs came to raid Jim Grace's house in Wallins Creek, upon a tip from a stool pigeon that Dan Brooks and other National Miners Union organizers were at a meeting in his house, they brought their cars to a halt, each grabbed his sub-machine gun, the whistle was sounded and each came out of the car at the same moment. Another whistle and they surrounded the house. Another whistle and a single file with guns ready for action, began to march up the steps.

Underneath their "sheik" clothes the outline of their armoured suit was visible. These thugs looked as though they were wearing corsets.

Some of the active National Miners Union members and organizers began to walk the railroad tracks from town to town and make short cuts through the woods. The spies informed their chiefs, and soon

we find the gun thugs putting on blue shirts, overalls, arming themselves with a high powered rifle, field glasses, pistols, walking the tracks, scouring the mountain



Scene in Harlan County where miners defended themselves from machine gun attack of Chicago gunmen.

sides, and surveying the country. No workers clothes could ever make these thugs look like workers. Their much scared, mean, hard, ugly faces told everyone who cared to look that they made a living by killing other men for pay.

Let us not forget that their boss, Sheriff John H. Blair is their model. He has the finest suit of armor, the best guns, a machine gun always handy, and plenty of ammunition. He never goes out alone, and has been heard to say that he knows he has made so many enemies that he is as good as a dead man, but that as long as he lives he intends to kill plenty.

And Sheriff Blair continues to dictate news as follows: "reds are lawless", "snake doctors imported from New York are tearing up the country", "there are no

labor troubles", "everyone is happy and contented."

And still Sheriff Blair and his thug army continue to throw every International Labor Defense organizer in jail, and use all the force of the "law" to see that the 34 miners on charges for murder are railroaded to the electric chair, and over 100 miners on charges of banding and confederating and criminal syndicalism are railroaded to long terms in jail for daring to strike against starvation, and asking for a decent living for themselves, their wives and little kids.

Every worker's organization and mass meeting of workers must send telegrams of protest to Governor Flem Sampson, Frankford, Kentucky, Judge D. C. Jones, Harlan, Kentucky, Sheriff John H. Blair, Harlan, Ky. These men, representatives of capitalist rule, are personally responsible for every miner's life that is lost, for every little child that dies of starvation.

Every worker must become part of the mass protest movement. Every worker must help to raise funds to feed the prisoners and their families, and to help pay for legal expenses. Let us not wait for years as we did in the Sacco-Vanzetti case. We must not be late again.

Let us organize the mighty strength of the working class and we will free the Harlan miners and all working class prisoners.

If you do not know exactly how you could help, write to the International Labor Defense, 80 East 11th Street, and we will tell you.

Every worker must have Harlan miners coupons to sell. Write for your book to-day.

Fighting For Bread In Dixie Land

By JANE DILLON

"THE white boss men said we was making a war on them and was going to take the government, but we was organizing for bread."

This is the story of the Camp Hill Share Croppers Union, as told by Taft Holmes, young Negro worker of twenty-two, one of the released defendants.

Well, the way he first heard of it "they was a white lady went through Camp Hill and she left a few literature and he read it and liked the way it read and he found an application on it, signed his name and sent it to New York. They said they would send more information but by that time an organizer was in Camp Hill." Holmes went to a meeting and they held it all right. A hundred people was there.

The next Wednesday there was another meeting with about three or four hundred people. "They was meeting about seven minutes when the white boss men come and broke it up. But later the sheriff come back and everybody he seen, some boys on the road, he knocked them around.

They was to hold a meeting the next day. The sheriff and some other boss men met Gray about dark and they had words." There was shooting and Gray was shot in the leg. He fell over a ditch. They thought he was dead. A neighbor borrowed a car and took Gray home. Later



Share Croppers Who Toil 12 Hours and More in Burning Sun

the sheriff went to Gray's house and shot him dead. They blew up the car Gray was brought home in. They arrested people wherever they found them, at home, in the store on the road, anywhere. All the white bosses was a sheriff that day and whenever they seen a colored man they arrested him or beat him up.

"I was put in jail Friday evening. The boys who were put in Friday morning was beat up bad to make them tell. But none of them told. The next morning a white

fella run into the jailhouse and I heard him tell the deputy that the judge fainted cause he got telegrams. I guess they was from the International Labor Defense. This same fella told the deputy don't beat us prisoners up. And I know that's why we never got beat up again cause the judge was scared of those telegrams. I guess that's why most all of us got out from the jailhouse, too."

Ralph Gray, he lived in a little place of his own, but anyway he rented from Mr. Langly, the mail carrier. Last year was a dry year and the farmers they didn't make nothing so some of them got money loans from the government, for fertilizer, mule feed and food. When the checks come, the landowners got the croppers to sign and went to the bank and got the money and kept it and they give the croppers some each week or month. So if a man got \$250 and makes his crop for \$100 or \$150 the boss got the rest. When Gray's check come the mailman says Ralph should sign it and he'll bring him the money next day cause the bank was ten miles away, but he never brought the money. Next day Gray met Langley at the mail box and passed a few licks with him and they had a fight. So the reason they killed Gray was because he always fought for his and helped organize the croppers.

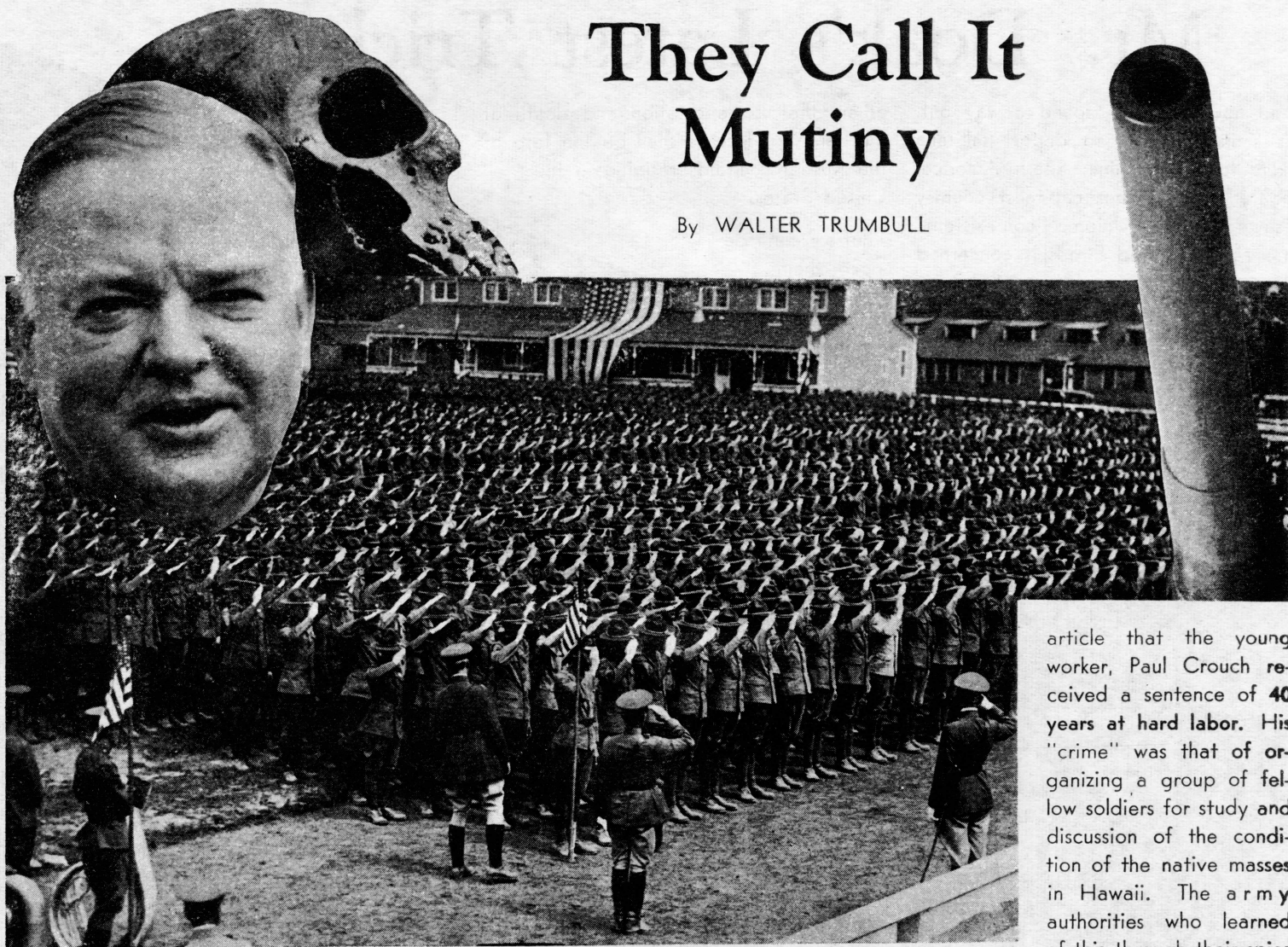
"... Anyway, they was going to cut off the food July first but they didn't. And that's what he was organizing for, for bread."



Greatest Demonstration of White and Negro Unity in U. S. A. at Chicago: 50,000

They Call It Mutiny

By WALTER TRUMBULL



Workers in Uniform Forced to Salute Wall Street's Idol—the Cannon

"SIXTY-SIXTH ARTICLE — Any person subject to military law who attempts to create or who brings, excites, causes, or joins in any mutiny or sedition in any company, party, post, camp, detachment, guard, or other command shall suffer death or such other punishment as a court-martial may direct."

If in time of an uprising against imperialism, say in the Philippines or Haiti, soldiers refuse to obey the officers' orders to fire on the native "rebels", members of the same class as themselves, the soldiers can be punished by death under the provisions of this article. Or, again, if detachments of the regular army are called out in time of a strike (as was done in Cleveland's administration against the great Pullmans strike which Debs led, as Wilson did during the World War, and as Harding did in the West Virginia miners' armed march in 1921). If soldiers, told to fire on strikers, refuse to obey the order, this also is mutiny. Any soldier calling on his comrades not to obey the order to fire is guilty of sedition and inciting to mutiny. That's the bosses view.

"NINETY-SIXTH ARTICLE—Though not mentioned in these articles, all disorders and neglects to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, all conduct of a nature to bring discredit upon the military service, and all crimes or offenses not capital, of which persons subject to military law may be guilty, shall be taken cognizance of by a general or special or summary court-martial, according to the nature and degree of the offense, and punished at the discretion of such court."

This is the article that represents the crowning effort of the army law makers. It is indefinite enough for the officer to use it in any instance not covered by a specific article. Under this article it is technically possible for a man to be sentenced to life imprisonment for the most trivial offense. Hardly a day goes by but what thousands of men in the army violate rules and regulations that place them in jeopardy under the provisions of this article. It is appropriately called the "general article".

The use of this article by the officers is frequent, and the punishments are severe. It was under the provisions of this

article that the young worker, Paul Crouch received a sentence of 40 years at hard labor. His "crime" was that of organizing a group of fellow soldiers for study and discussion of the condition of the native masses in Hawaii. The army authorities who learned of this through their spies

were horrified. Soldiers who learn to understand the natives of imperialist colonies, soldiers who realize that the misery of these natives is produced by the same capitalist class that is responsible for the misery of the soldiers, cannot be expected to respond to orders to shoot such natives. Therefore, it becomes a crime in the eyes of the army authorities for soldiers to organize and engage in such study.

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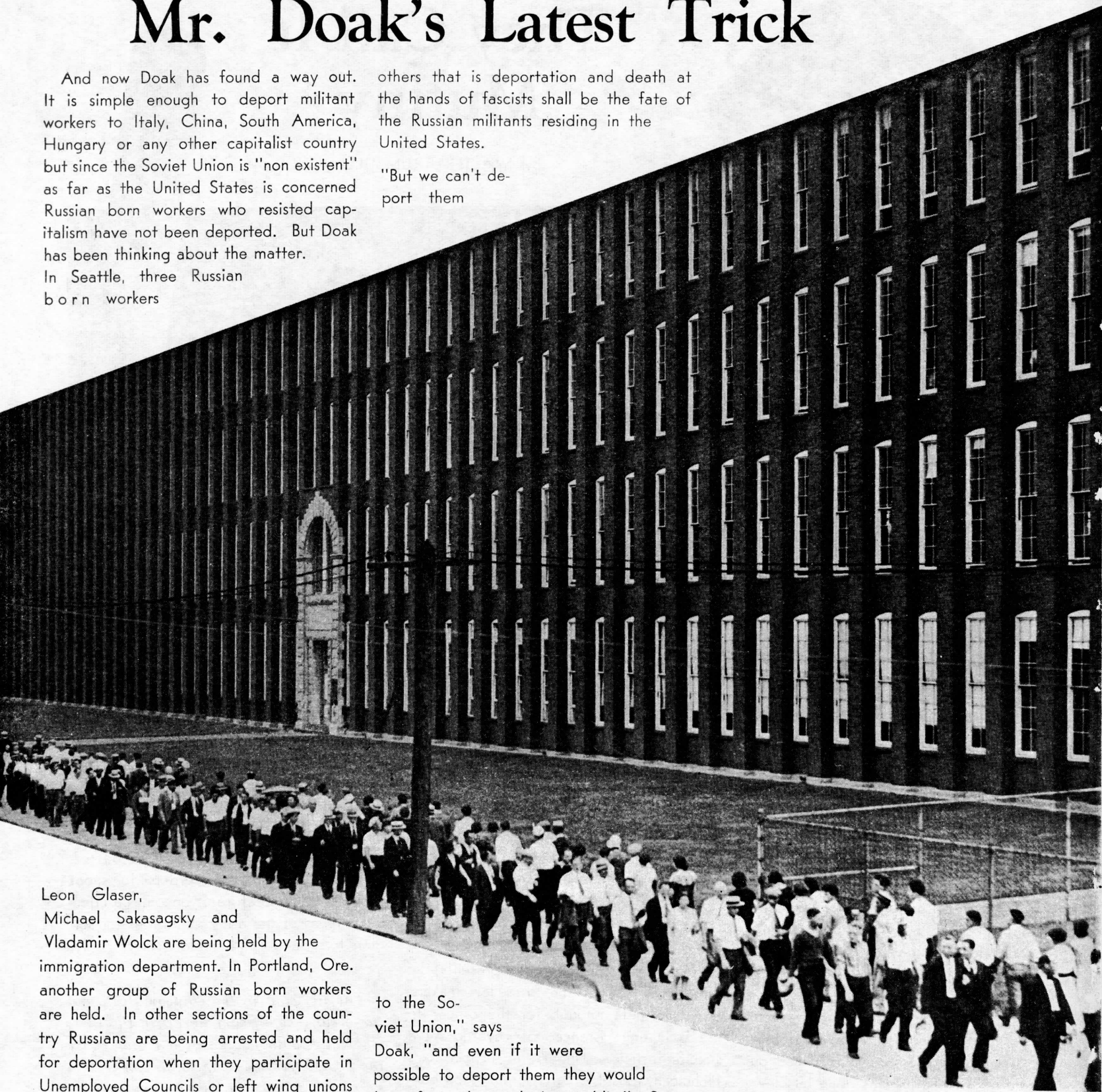
The uprising in the Chilean fleet, and the greatly significant unrest in the British Navy, both having as a major cause the brutal treatment of these workers in uniform, brings the word "mutiny" to the attention of the masses. The American Army and Navy treats the soldier and sailor like something less than human. They are not permitted to think, to read, to express their grievances, on pain of being termed a mutineer. The above article deals with some of the paragraphs in the Army Code that aims to keep the soldier "an unthinking machine to be manipulated" by the bosses.

Mr. Doak's Latest Trick

And now Doak has found a way out. It is simple enough to deport militant workers to Italy, China, South America, Hungary or any other capitalist country but since the Soviet Union is "non existent" as far as the United States is concerned Russian born workers who resisted capitalism have not been deported. But Doak has been thinking about the matter. In Seattle, three Russian born workers

others that is deportation and death at the hands of fascists shall be the fate of the Russian militants residing in the United States.

"But we can't deport them



Leon Glaser, Michael Sakasagky and Vladimir Wolck are being held by the immigration department. In Portland, Ore. another group of Russian born workers are held. In other sections of the country Russians are being arrested and held for deportation when they participate in Unemployed Councils or left wing unions or in any organizational work proving its effectiveness against the existing order. But since the Soviet Union is not recognized by the U. S. government how is it possible to deport Russian workers there? Mr. Doak of the Labor Department, after conferring with the president and the cabinet have finally decided that the same fate meted out on Serio, Machado, Li and

to the Soviet Union," says Doak, "and even if it were possible to deport them they would be safe in the worker's republic." So now the Department of Labor under Doak has ordered the deportation of Russian militants to China where under the American dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek the Russian workers deported from the U. S. A. will face the same fate as Chinese militants, that is, death.

Only a powerful drive of the working

You think these workers are picketing a prison? Almost correct. It's a factory in Paterson they're picketing. Not much different from a dungeon. Doak now wants to deport all foreign-born workers for picketing for living conditions.

class against Doak and deportations will halt this terror.

Workers! Prepare Your Defense!

By GEORGE MAURER

THE ILD is preparing for the National Conference of its active leaders on October 31-November 1. Meanwhile resolutions and discussion material is being speeded forth. We have learned much in the year 1931 due to the greatly increased terror, strikes, lynching, due to our difficult experiences in the coal and textile strikes in the South and throughout the entire land. But we have very much more to learn. This knowledge and understanding must penetrate to the bottom—that is to the entire membership of the ILD, militant unions of the TUUL, Unemployed Councils, etc., to the widest possible masses of workers. The mass pressure necessary to hold back boss-terror and free class prisoners cannot be successful unless there is organized a Mass Movement based on a mass organization. Such a movement and organization is not possible without this understanding and the consequent response on the part of hundreds of thousands of workers, especially of the membership of all the class-struggle organizations.

In the June Labor Defender we printed our policy resolution "For a Class Struggle Defense Policy". But this has not been well understood, has not had enough discussion and elaboration, has not been at all well clarified in the fire of application, of struggle. Some valuable lessons have been learned in the Miners Strike, and Comrade Stern has stated them in an article "ILD in Coal Strike" in the August "Party Organizer". The same magazine has in its May issue a statement on "How to Act Under Arrest and Police Terrorism". The ILD now has at the printers a pamphlet "What To Do—When Arrested, When Questioned, When Tried in Court". The Labor Defender—July printed the basic estimate of and resolution on the tasks of the ILD—passed at the third Plenum of the IRA ("The IRA Surveys the ILD"). All of these documents, and more, must be thoroly discussed and the line applied in practice.

The report of H. Stasova, International Secretary of the IRA (MOPR) to the Third Congress ("MOPR's Banners Abroad") contains most valuable information and

points for study. Astounding figures on the extent of the White Terror—murdered victims, death sentences, life sentences, total number of prisoners are contained in it. (These figures are given in the Labor Defender September issue in the article entitled "Workers Defense Around the World"). Of 170,000 or more prisoners in capitalist countries, the Youth constitutes the largest percentage. Young workers must rally to the defense of their fellow young workers. For the year 1930 alone 159,000 people were murdered, 30,800 had death sentences.

The IRA resolution says the ILD must be built to a **mass** organization—from the bottom up, and that "the character of ILD as an **independent** class organization" must be clarified. On this, comrade Stasova's report says that such organizations as the Communist Parties and TUUL's have instructed utmost support to the IRA organizations and to remember that the latter are **independent** organizations and **not departments** of other organizations. Also that we (ILD) must limit the sphere of our activity from other mass organizations of the working class and revolutionary movement, and on the other hand, work in contact with them in order that one organization should not interfere with another in its every-day activity."

A section in this pamphlet on ILD and WIR clears up the separate nature of Defense and Relief, answering those who have proposed to unite these two organizations. "**Our comrades in Germany** have almost made a mistake. When a large strike movement began in the Ruhr and in Mansfeld, they began to carry out the relief work as well as the Workers International Relief. We gave them instruction that this was incorrect, that our **organization must participate in the strike committees which are created at the time of the strikes**, because we know that as the result of these strikes there will be victims, but it is necessary to strictly create a limit to our activities and to know that we will **assist the victims and their families** and not the **strike in general**." In the coal strike situation we had the same confusion, and gave the same correction.

Stasova further reports about the decisions of a Commission on IRA (Labor

Defense) by a recent conference of RILU (TUUL affiliated). Material on the relations between militant and revolutionary unions and ILD, and the tasks of both in strikes, etc., is contained in the pamphlet—Strike Strategy (Strassburg Resolution) and a bit in ILD resolution in the June Labor Defender.

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WHAT TO DO WHEN ARRESTED

On this point Stasova says: "It is necessary to publish a pamphlet, 'How to act when arrested and when cross examined'. It is true, that a whole number of our Sections already have a pamphlet on how a proletarian must defend himself before the Court, but this is not the thing, which in the old days was our pamphlet—'How to conduct yourself under cross examination.'

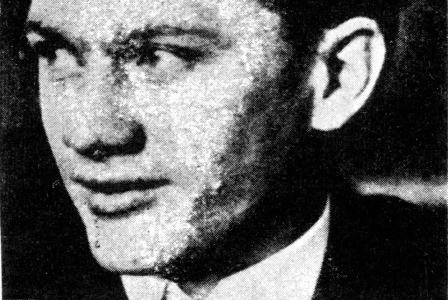
In this pamphlet it must be clearly expressed that neither by a truthful or an invented story can a comrade achieve anything, or relieve the situation for himself, but instead can throw into jail many people. This is particularly important at the present time when the number of arrests is on the increase. For arrests take place after every strike, after demonstrations of the unemployed, after peasant uprisings, etc.

Here we have to deal with mass arrests, and it is necessary to achieve the carrying out of the line—**not to give any information to the court or at the cross examination, or the police officers, jail attendants, or their like.**"

And under Legal Aid to Prisoners, "In assisting the prisoners with written word we must not forget also about the legal help, but to our regret we cannot always give it to a sufficient extent, and we have to give directions to the comrades how to defend themselves. It is clear that when there were individual arrests, of even tens and hundreds, legal help and defense in court could be given. Today, however, when the arrests run into hundreds and thousands daily this is not always possible."

These vital matters are fully dealt with in our forthcoming pamphlet.

Every ILD functionary, every member, every union functionary and member should read this pamphlet, and the other documents mentioned above.



Defeat the World's Banker

Free Mooney and All Class War Prisoners From Its Clutches

By J. LOUIS ENGDAHL

WALL Street—"The World's Banker"—gorged with \$5,000,000,000 of bullion gold, murders, maims, imprisons, tortures workers today on a scale without precedent. This bloody tyranny is the same at home and abroad.

The Wickersham Commission, an instrument of Washington—Wall Street's political puppet—merely lifted an edge of the dark curtain revealing the savage barbarisms of prison regimes and deportation drives. This is the Wall Street-Hoover method of seeking to quiet popular protest with the illusions created by "an investigation".

Wall Street faces the task of silencing the discontent of labor at home that has made possible the huge exports of capital through its own sweat, blood and misery; and of enslaving labor in foreign lands to produce heavy returns on this invested capital through the same great sacrifices.

In Kentucky and in the Philippines the same sedition (criminal syndicalism) charges are used to fill the prisons with workers. On the streets of Chicago's south side or the great population centers of China under the rule of dollar imperialism's puppet, Chiang Kai-shek, workers' blood flows. Dungeon horrors of San Quentin, Folsom, Kilby, Walla Walla, Fulton Towers, Blawnox—a few of America's bastilles holding class war prisoners today—rival the miseries and tortures inflicted on jailed workers in lands where boss class governments are subsidized and kept alive by American gold—Italy, Poland, Hungary, Roumania, Cuba, Nicaragua, Chile. Murder travels with the armored cars of the Rockefeller-Mellon-Insull thugs and gunmen in Harlan County and with the airplanes of the invading marines in Nicaragua. The agonies of the Camp Hill share croppers in Alabama are echoed among the slaves of sugar in Hawaii; both have seen death brought into their midst under "The Star Spangled Banner". Wholesale shootings of banana workers in Columbia under "The Stars and Stripes" of the United Fruit Company have been paralleled by the recent cold-blooded killings of coal mine workers in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky by the hired assassines of the United States Steel Trust and lesser monopolies.

THIS WHOLE BLOODY PERSECUTION REGIME IS SYMBOLIZED IN THE IMPRISONMENT AND TORTURE OF TOM MOONEY.

Because this is so, American and world labor emblazons the name of Mooney upon its class struggle defense banners and with fist clenched in the faces of the Morgans, Rockefellers, Mellons, Youngs and Doaks raise the demand:

"FOR THE RELEASE OF MOONEY AND ALL THE CLASS WAR PRISONERS!"

This is the central demand of the broad mass Mooney-Harlan-Scottsboro campaign inaugurated by the International Labor Defense in collaboration with the International Red Aid. Even as this is being written huge demonstrations are mobilizing and pressing forward this cause in many cities. United Front Conferences are in preparation for October. Greater mobilizations and demonstrations on a nationwide scale in November on the very threshold of "the Third Winter of Hunger". In December the raising of this issue will be seen in "the March of the Unemployed" on Washington for the opening day of the bosses' congress.

Even the bare statistics show how the Wall Street beast has grown more rapacious. In 1900 when it first sank its fangs into the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico, it had only \$500,000,000 of invested foreign capital. Up to the very eve of the world war, in 1912, this had only grown to \$1,902,000,000. But the war itself brought "the big chance". During the two and one-half years from August 1, 1914 to January 1, 1917, \$2,325,000,000 flowed in loans to foreign lands, \$1,900,000,000 of this to the allied countries. It was on this rising flood that Wall Street and Wash-

ington determined upon American entrance into the world slaughter "to save the loans of Morgan". Labor's opposition must be gagged. As part of this attack came the Mooney frame-up. The lifeless body of Tom Mooney on the gallows of a San Francisco jail was to be the warning for all who toil to carry their chains in silence. Mooney's life was saved by the protest of Russian labor.

But Tom Mooney has been in prison 15 years, from the darkening days that preceded the American plunge into the European slaughter in 1917 to the days of the growing new war danger. "War preparedness" sought to take the lives of Mooney and Billings in 1916, but finally buried them alive in a prison tomb, just as it seeks the lives and imprisonment today of the Scottsboro boys, the Camp Hill share croppers, the striking coal miners and textile workers in preparedness for its new war.

The United Front Call for the release of Tom Mooney and all the class war prisoners is being issued in the name of the International Labor Defense. It is being addressed to the revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League, the local unions of the American Federation of Labor, the rank and file members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and of the other reformist unions independent of the A. F. of L., the Unemployed Councils, Factory Groups, the Communist Party, the working class members of the Socialist Party, fraternal organizations (especially Negro and foreign-born). Every effort must be made at the present time to activize the Scottsboro Conferences.

The struggle for the freedom of Tom Mooney, for the release of the Harlan, Scottsboro, Imperial Valley, Centralia and Woodlawn prisoners shall be connected with the growing resistance to the attack of the bosses against wages and working conditions, with labor's struggle against unemployment and for relief, the war danger, the fight against oppression and persecution of the foreign-born and Negro masses, and with the increasing necessity of fighting more effectively against the growing white terror in other countries—China, Chile, Poland, India, Nicaragua.

This campaign must make it more evident than ever that it is only on the basis of our energetic mass struggles on behalf of the liberation of Mooney and all the class war prisoners, through a broad united front from below, that we will be able to win and maintain leadership in these struggles on the basis of our correct working class policies. This campaign shall clarify more than ever our working class defense policies from the anti-working class program and, therefore, the betrayals of the General Defense Committee (IWW), the American Civil Liberties Union and similar organizations. It must be an energetic attack on the reactionary bureaucracy of the American Federation of Labor, whom Mooney denounces and against the treason of the Socialist Party leadership, the Musteites and other enemies of labor. Only the mass action of the working class can free Mooney and all the working class prisoners. We must shatter all illusions as to the "fairness" of capitalist class justice, the "impartiality" of the boss class courts, secret negotiations with "prominent" and self-seeking old party politicians, all of which are intended merely to liquidate the protest of the masses.

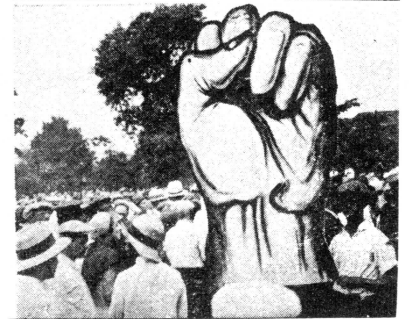
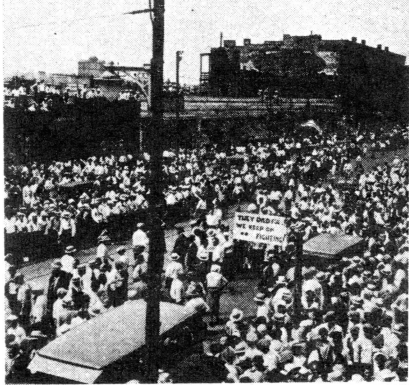
This campaign must be utilized to strengthen the International Labor Defense organizationally. New members must be recruited on a mass scale, new branches organized, old branches revived, with special effort to recruit Negro workers and poor farmers as members and to hold them for the organization, to recruit women and young workers in the industries, and to build the Labor Defender.

We are in the midst of the greatest effort ever undertaken by the International Labor Defense. In Tom Mooney's own words:

"The greater the agitation, the bigger the demonstrations, the more effective the protest".

Left top to bottom: Some class-war prisoners; (1) Warren K. Billings, life sentence; (2) A. C. Cusick, one of 34 indicted for murder in Harlan; (3) Al Benson, another framed for murder in Harlan; (4) Pat Devine, one year in Atlanta Penitentiary, facing deportation afterward; (5) Stella Rasefske, miner's daughter in jail at Canonsburg, Pa.; (6) Orozco, sentenced to 42 years in Imperial Valley strike.

Right top to bottom: What's happening in our fight for "Amnesty"! (1) Negro speaker in New York; (2) 50,000 white and Negro march in Chicago; (3) Miners demonstrate; (4) Gorki, head of leading ILD committee in Soviet Union, seen here speaking to Stalin; (5) Workers demonstrate for Amnesty in Chicago.



The Greatest Disaster In History—



A Typical Scene: Dead of Starvation. 200,000,000 Face this in China Since the Great Flood

By LI SHU HAN

Shanghai, Aug. 15:—

THE recent flood in China affects seventeen out of the total twenty-two provinces. Approximately two hundred million people are suffering from the disaster. There have been few greater human calamities in history.

It is clear that the flood is not a "natural catastrophe" altho the imperialists and their Kuomintang lackeys claim otherwise. It is the result of the negligence of the Kuomintang militarists to repair and rebuild the dams and dykes and the failure to keep up the river control and irrigation. The Kuomintang fail to do this because of incessant military warfare which has been provoked, organized and directed by the imperialist masters of various Kuomintang militarists. Therefore, the present flood, together with many other forms of suffering, as famines, epidemics, etc., is the result of the imperialist-bourgeois-militarist rule in China. The responsibility can be justly placed on the shoulder of American

imperialism, at the door of Wall Street, since thru its hunting dog, Chiang Kai-shek and Co. American imperialism has dictated the policy of the Nanking government.

The imperialists and the militarists, while dropping some crocodile tears for the "greatest catastrophe", are taking advantages of it to further exploit and murder the Chinese masses. American imperialism dumped her surplus wheat in China in the name of flood relief. The Kuomintang militarists, both in Canton and Nanking are issuing bonds, negotiating loans, levying new taxes, etc., in the name of flood relief, to finance another military war which is reported to have taken place in Southern China. Chiang Kai-shek ordered his soldiers to shoot the flood fugitives in Hankow.

Besides these indirect methods of murdering the Chinese masses thru flood, famines, epidemics, unemployment and starvation, the imperialist-militarist rule of the Kuomintang directly murder hundreds of thousands of Chinese workers and peasants and their militant leaders. More than

a half million people have been the victims of the Kuomintang white terror since it came into power four years ago. Recently, the "Communism-Suppression Campaigns", repeatedly attempted by the Nanking government, while being met with failure to suppress the reds thruout, have murdered hundreds of thousands of workers and peasants. Comrade Shiang Chung-Fa, the former secretary of the Communist Party of China was murdered in cold blood. And more lately, Comrade Noulens, the secretary of the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat, his wife and many other revolutionary leaders were arrested in Shanghai by the police of the imperialists to be turned over to their hangman, the Nanking Government to be shot.

No real relief for the flood can be expected from the militarist-imperialist reaction of the Kuomintang. On the other hand, the Workers International Relief, and the International Defense, with branches in many countries, enjoying the support of the workers and peasants, have given and will give direct and effective help to the Chinese masses against the flood, famine and white terror. Campaigns have been started by these revolutionary organizations in this direction. It is the revolutionary duty of every worker to support these campaigns.

The fundamental, revolutionary solution of the flood, famine and other problems in China lies in the success of the Chinese Revolution. The Chinese workers and peasants, despite unparalleled white terror, have defeated the Suppression Campaigns of the Kuomintang and made further advances. According to recent authentic reports from China, the Chinese Red Army, gaining increasing numerical and political strength, have preserved the Chinese Soviets from militarist attacks and enlarged the Soviet territory into new regions.

However, at the present time, immediate relief for the Chinese masses is necessary. Nearly one hundred million people are faced with death from starvation and disease. Workers thruout the world must energetically support the campaign financially and otherwise carried on by the Workers International Relief and supported by the I.L.D. They must also support the International Labor Defense to fight against the white terror in China.

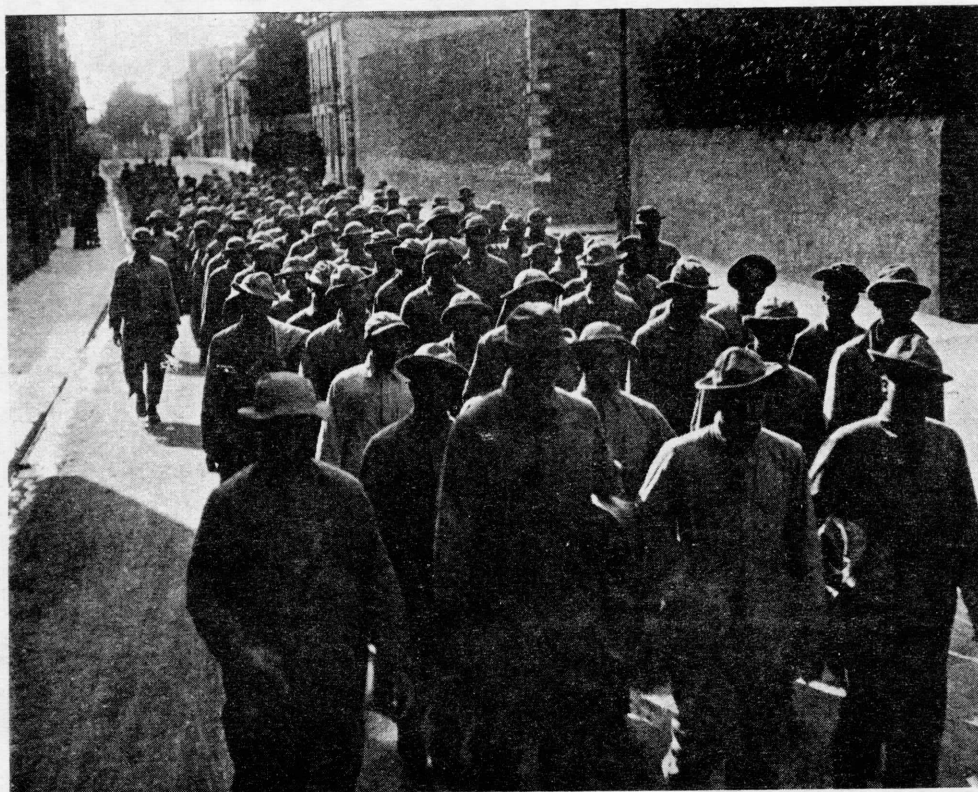
The Misleaders Lose Their Heads

By HYMAN BARUFKIN

A report from George W. Chamlee, the attorney in Chattanooga retained for the Scottsboro boys declares that he has just returned from Scottsboro where he filed a petition for a change of venue in behalf of Roy Wright, the 14-year-old Scottsboro boy, now in Birmingham, Ala. jail, awaiting trial. The jury disagreed in his original trial—whether to give him life sentence or the electric chair. The application for change of venue will come up for hearing some time this month. The other eight boys in the death cell at Kilby prison, are awaiting hearing of the ILD demand for a trial before the highest court of the state.

THE campaign of misrepresentation which has been carried on for the past four months against the ILD by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) has now been summarized in an article written by their Big Chief W. E. B. DuBois, which was broadcast by them in a special release to the press and appeared also in their official organ, *The Crisis*.

Mr. DuBois says that "the honesty, earnestness and intelligence of the N. A. A. C. P. proved this organization under present circumstances to be the only one, and its methods the only methods available, to defend these boys (in Scottsboro) . . ."



Negro Workers Drafted into U. S. Army in 1918 for Dirtiest work. Afterward Slaughtered for Protesting.

to sue land owners who were robbing them. Their meeting was attacked by a deputy sheriff and another man. The church was burned down and several Negroes were killed. But in defending themselves the Negroes killed one of the attackers. For such crime the white land owners, aided by state militia and Federal troops, began a hunt on the Negroes like on wild beasts.

Between two and three hundred Negroes were killed, over a thousand herded into jails and stockades, and nearly a hundred were put on trial on first and second degree murder charges.

The trial began a month after the rioting and lynching which precipitated it, allowing ample time for any organization to get into it. Yet the accused were all defended by a lawyer who was appointed by the court only the day before the trial started. He did absolutely nothing to offer any effective defense (like Roddy in the Scottsboro case).

As a result, twelve Negroes were convicted on first-degree murder charges and sentenced to death, and 80 were sentenced to prison terms running as high as 21 years. And while all this took place, the N. A. A. C. P., which Mr. DuBois says is "the only organization and its methods the only methods available" to defend

Negroes, this organization stood idly by and took no part at all. Is that honesty?

The N. A. A. C. P. leaders know that in many respects the Elaine case was similar to the Sacco-Vanzetti case. That just like the latter the Elaine victims have lingered in the shadow of death for over three years, having heard the date for their execution set five times. Yet when the Scottsboro case came the N. A. A. C. P. leaders, instead of trying to avoid a repetition of the Elaine victims' experience and take up the defense of the boys immediately, they repeated their tactics of Elaine and—as far as is known—did nothing in the Scottsboro case for a month after the boys were convicted and sentenced to death. Is that honesty?

Apparently the Negro masses don't think so. And seeing how promptly and effectively the ILD was defending the boys in Scottsboro, Negro workers and farmers began to rally around the ILD and to break away from the influence of the N. A. A. C. P.

The leaders of that organization lost their heads and set out to blame the Communists for the lynching in Camp Hill; thus exposing their role of betrayers to the enslaved Negroes, and, as leaders, really hanged themselves.



*Mother of 2 Scottsboro Boys
Mrs. Ada Wright*

Now what does Mr. DuBois mean by honesty? That the N. A. A. C. P. leaders don't steal apples from pushcarts? That can be readily admitted. But if he refers to intellectual honesty, honesty in convictions and acting accordingly, then their own records don't indicate it. For instance, the Elaine, Arkansas case of 1919.

In the first week of October that year a share croppers (tenant farmers) union held a meeting in a church to collect money for a down-payment to an ex-postmaster and Assistant United States Attorney whom they had retained as lawyer

An Amerikanitz in the U. S. S. R.

By SENDER GARLIN

"Will the Amerikanitz speak about the Scottsboro Neger Protsess?"

A nineteen-year-old peasant lad at Tractorstroi, Charkov, USSR, asks the interpreter this question.



Sender Garlin, working class journalist, just returned from U. S. S. R.

It is at an open air meeting outside the huge tractor plant there nearing completion at Charkov, beautiful capital of the Ukraine. It is a warm night in June, and the improvised benches are rapidly being filled with workers from Tractorstroi—men, women and youth.

The Charkov section of the MOPR (International Red Aid) has arranged the meeting which is a protest against the execution of the nine framed-up Scottsboro boys. This is what the young peasant lad had in mind when he asked about the "Neger Protsess".

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It is in the MOPR Park in Leningrad, formerly capital of the Tsars.

July 10. 8 o'clock in the evening, and five thousand workers have gathered to protest against the execution of the Scottsboro boys.

The band of the GPU (terrible fellows!) is playing at the entrance of the park. In the "MOPR Corner" books, pamphlets and newspapers about the capitalist class terror thruout the world. Torture in the dungeons of Poland. Torture in Bulgarian prisons. Torture in the hell-holes of Jugoslavia. Murderous, fiendish slaughter of militant workers in China. Torture, jail in Italy, Germany, the United States of America. Torture, prison, death—and struggle everywhere!

The "Amerikanski Neger". There are speeches in German, Russian, Polish, French and English. One speaker takes out his watch and points to the hour—maybe they're dead already. Nine inno-

cent Negro boys—their brown bodies rocked by electricity, blood vessels bursted. And their bodies laid out on dirty marble slabs, neat and convenient for their mothers to claim for a "decent funeral". (Mrs. Wright, mother of two of the boys works from "sunup to sundown, washin' clothes for the white folks for \$5 a week, and I pay \$2.50 for rent a week, and that don't leave me much for eatin' for myself and my kids, you see.")

"Sacco and Vanzetti," a Russian worker tells me thru my interpreter, "Sacco and Vanzetti, they were agitators, revolutionaries. But these young Negro boys—why should the American bourgeoisie want to execute them?"

I try to give him the answer. "These boys," I tell him, "were unemployed. They are Negroes. Their execution is vengeance of the American bourgeoisie for the activity of the Communists in the South—in organizing Negro and white workers in the same unions. Vengeance against them for showing the Negroes the way to freedom." The Russian nods his head.

Sender Garlin, co-editor of the *Labor Defender*, is now on a coast-to-coast tour for the International Labor Defense. He recently returned from the Soviet Union and Germany and visited the most important cities. Garlin spoke to thousands of workers and peasants thruout the USSR, under the direction of MOPR, which arranged his tour there, explained the nature of the frame up against the nine young Scottsboro Negro lads, and to help mobilize protest against capitalist terror.

Speaking on the subject, "Boss Terror in the United States and Proletarian Triumphs in the USSR", Garlin is now making a national tour. He has already spoke at successful meetings in New York City, Newark, Trenton, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., Providence, R. I., Pawtucket, R. I., Boston, Mass., Hartford, Conn., and other cities. Meetings are also being arranged now in Cleveland, Chicago, Kansas City, Butte, Mont., Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, Wash.

Garlin's meetings are unusually effective in view of the fact that he shows a large number of striking photographs of Soviet life under the 5-Year Plan, contrasting this with unpublished pictures of misery and boss terror in the United States. No capitalist newspaper in the U. S. dares publish these pictures, which Garlin projects on a screen and shows to his audiences.

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Right top to bottom: Tools of the bosses fighting the ILD campaign for Amnesty; Matthew Woll, A. F. of L. faker; Executioner Elliott is seen with William Green, head of the A. F. of L., and Judge "Baby-face" Jones at bottom, aching to send the 34 Harlan miners to the electric chair.



Ready To See The Five Year Plan?

The Five Year Plan!

The November demonstrations!

Soviet Russia!

Which of you will stand on Red Square—as guests of the Russian ILD—next month as winners of the Labor Defender drive for new readers?

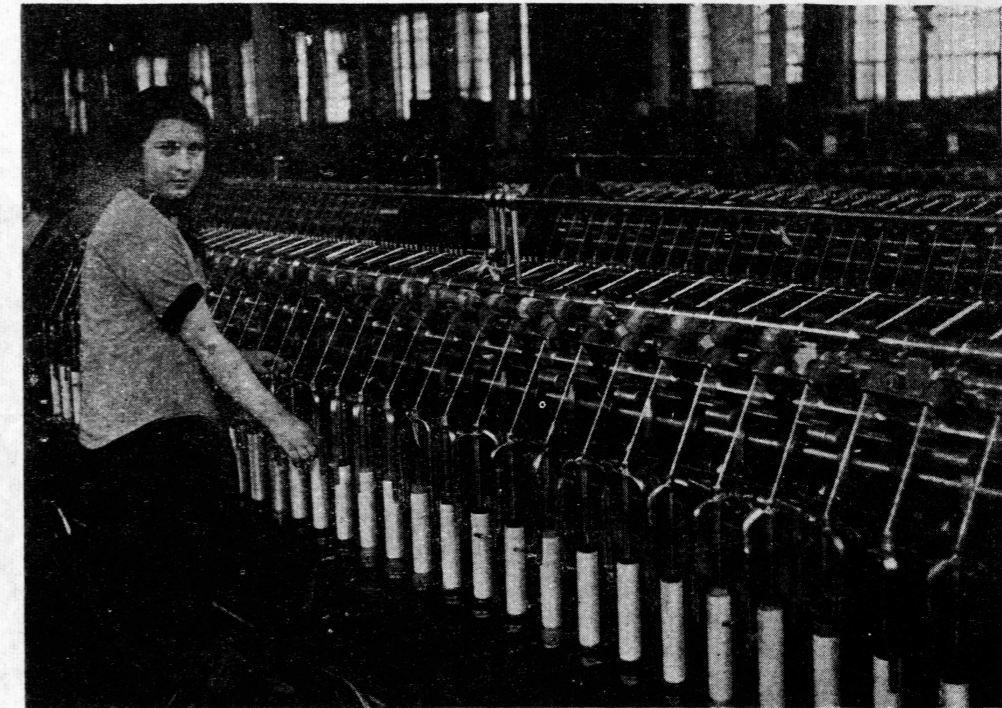
Which of you has been the most active builder of the ILD by building its official organ, the Labor Defender?

The next two weeks will tell. The drive closes officially October 15th. The extra two weeks have been added at the request of many workers anxious to bring up their total of subs—now that the summer is over.

The Labor Defender can report advances, as a result of the drive. The goal was 5,000 new subs and 10,000 in bundle orders.

Twenty-six and a half per cent of the goal in subs was gained—in other words, 1,338½ yearly subscriptions added to the list in the past three months. As to bundle orders, 75% of the goal was achieved. More than 7,500 additional copies are printed now since the drive began.

The district making the best showing in subs was Los Angeles—achieving 94% of its goal. Second, was the Southern with 57% of its aims gained. In bundle order increase New York was far in the lead with more than 4,000. But New York was



You Will See this Scene in the Soviet Union. A Russian Working Girl. Look Starved to You?

lamentably poor in gaining new subscribers.

The list of individual sub getters in the drive follows: Sam Gerber, of Los Angeles is leading the list. It looks at the present moment as though he will be the delegate to the USSR. But comrades Kashoff, of Philadelphia and Virginia Dix, of Syracuse, declare they are still in the running. The list follows:

Sam Gerber, Los Angeles.....184
Virginia Dix, Syracuse..... 77½
A. Kashoff, Philadelphia..... 76½

Harry Weissman, Philadelphia.... 31
Gus Spanondis, Huntington, W. Va. 29
Paul Panasuk, Detroit, Mich..... 14½

The Lithuanian Working Woman's Alliance, of Brooklyn, got 66½ subs, to date.

The standing of districts in the sub drive up to July 16, follows:

District	Quota	Subs Sent in	P. C.
New York	700	140½	20
Connecticut	200	20½	10
Los Angeles	300	281	94
Seattle	200	34	17
Detroit	500	107½	21
Pittsburgh	300	31	10
Philadelphia	500	179	36
Chicago	700	121	17
Cleveland	500	84	17
Minnesota	200	17½	9
San Francisco	200	56½	28
Buffalo	200	88	44
Boston	300	42	14
Southern	100	57½	57
Denver	150	29½	20
Lithuanian Working Women's Alliance		66½	
Canada, Alaska, Foreign		22½	
Total	5,050	1,338½	26½

The next drive of the Labor Defender will begin within a month. Another trip to the USSR will be the prize for outstanding activity.

What are you doing for the November issue? Are you getting greetings for it and to the Soviet workers?



Because they Said, "Long Live Communism!" these Chinese Workers are being Led to Death

Boss Justice in the Coal Fields

By an I. L. D. Attorney

(Continued from last issue)

More than 1,200 miners, their wives and children were arrested in the tri-state strike. Several hundred are now coming up for trial. They face long, severe sentences at the hands of the Mellon controlled courts of western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

In the smaller communities the squire's court is housed in his own home; in the larger towns, in a small store and the court room contains from eight to twelve chairs. Instead of complaints being made out by the deputies or the prosecutor, the deputies and trooper appear before the squire, who writes out the complaint in a large book. In this manner the squire creates the charge which he is later to try. The hearings are held at various times during the day, but most frequently at night; they are so arranged, I presume, so as not to interfere with the other money-gaining pursuits of the squire; or the reason may be that a hearing in the daytime would interfere with the strike-breaking activities of the deputies and state police at the mines. It is obvious that the miners' interests are not consulted.

The troopers and the deputies are cordially greeted by the squire and invited into his private office adjoining a tiny court room. In many cases the superintendent of the mine or some other representative of the coal operator joins the squire. After a lengthy private conference, the squire announces that he is ready to hear the case and then the star chamber proceedings begin. All of the workers are ordered out of the court room. In serious cases (the seriousness of the case is dependent upon how active the worker has been in the struggle) even the witnesses are ordered out. I was ushered out of the court room

with little ceremony on at least two occasions, despite the fact that I had been introduced to the squire by the local attorney.

The following incident is illustrative: I happened to be in the neighborhood when

card was handed to him. Cursing and muttering under their breaths they wanted to know what right a New York attorney had to see **their** prisoners. The conversation was cut short when the troopers took the prisoners out of the jail and brought



Typical Scene in American Strikes: Cops Armed with Shot-guns in Pawtucket, R. I.

a number of arrests were made of strikers who had jeered at the speech of Patrick Fagan, district president of the United Mine Workers. After the arrests, we drove over to the local jail to ascertain the names of the arrested individuals. The town police were friendly and allowed us to see the prisoners. We had been in the jail a few minutes when in stalked a half dozen state troopers, who were followed by Robert Kirkpatrick. He wanted to know what the hell we were doing there. A

them to their own barrack.

The next day the International Labor Defense asked me to take care of these arrests. Anticipating trouble I arrived in town early to obtain local counsel. The first attorney whom I interviewed told me that the squire before whom the arrested strikers were to appear had telephoned that morning to ask whether a New York attorney had the right to try a case before him. He replied that it was not a right, but a courtesy usually extended to a non-resident attorney. The squire and the troopers had already been in conference and they were making sure that the miners would have no representation. When the case was reached, I was already prepared to be denied the right to represent the defendants, but despite the plea and intervention of local counsel, I was ordered out of the court room and the proceedings continued. Needless to say, all were found guilty.

The line-up of the United Mine Workers with the strike-breaking activities of the courts was clearly demonstrated in these cases. (Continued next issue)



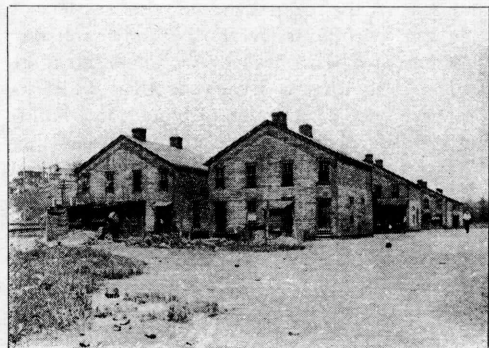
"Down with Fagan" these starving little children of miners cried at the meeting in Canonsburg where 19-year-old Leo Thompson, facing 10 years imprisonment was arrested merely for being a strike leader. He is still in jail. Free him!

A Harlan Miner Speaks To You

The courts are postponing and changing the scene of the trials of the 34 miners indicted for murder to Blue Grass counties—where wealthy landowners reside, and who can be relied upon to railroad the miners to the electric chair. William Duncan, Harlan Miner who wrote this to you, was bailed out on criminal syndicalist charges. He has faced death many times in his work organizing the National Miners Union in Harlan.

Workers of America:-

Do you know that the miners, the working class of Harlan County, Kentucky, is



Wooden shacks that let rain and snow in. Miners typical homes in western Pennsylvania starving today? That the 135 prisoners that are in Harlan County Jail are starving just the same as those who are on the outside?

Do you know that there are men that are working every day that the mines run in Harlan County, yet their families are on

starvation diet? That in many cases these men's wives must go and stand at the scrip window in the morning and wait till some coal has been tipped before they can have breakfast.

And what do you think that a miner had in his bucket when he left home three hours before and went in to the mines to work? Water. And nothing else. And do you realize that the coal operators are still figuring on more wage cuts; more speed up and longer hours. Worse conditions all the way around. And do you realize that this policy is being upheld by the Harlan County Courts, by the Governor of Kentucky and all of the capitalist class? And do you know that the American Legion in Harlan town are doing every thing they can to help the coal operators and the so-called law to carry out this plan of starvation and misery for the miners and their families. I wonder if there is any coal miner that put up time in the muddy trenches in France, and Belgium that will say that he is proud of this organization?

And then these preachers! Those that are going about the country and telling the people to live in hope that the Lord will handle the proposition. Who do you think sent them out to advocate this policy? The Lord or the Boss? If this talk

has ever fed any miner's kids I have never heard of it. In my opinion these elements are doing about as much to keep the miners in slavery and starvation as Judge Jones and his gang of thugs. Now it is about time that all people of the working class in Harlan County and all parts of the country were getting wise to this gang of lightning rod pedlers and



Miners' dormitory in Soviet Union. Clean, fresh quarters. No shacks like in Harlan.

fakers and ignoring all such elements as these.

Get your eyes open. Understand and act in the class struggle. You will see that militancy—fighting for your right to live—is the only way out. And in fighting we must build our defense guard—the International Labor Defense!

Thru Prison Bars We Write

By JESSIE LONDON WAKEFIELD

(I.L.D. organizer held in Harlan jail under \$10,000 bail)

SOME hundred and sixty hired thugs, their pockets bulging with pistols, high powered rifles in their hands, breast plates under their shirts, stalk the streets and highways of Harlan County.

Cold blood murder is the result. Shooting, beating, dynamiting, jailing, framing, illegal raiding—these are the tactics of the Harlan "law", used in the name of Americanism and Democracy against the Negro and white coal miners who are determined to organize to smash the deathly starvation and misery which is raging through these fields.

Two miners are dead and another seriously wounded, shot in cold blood by deputy sheriffs who were raiding a National Miners Union soup kitchen. (The deputies were not even taken to jail, but

were immediately let out on a small bond). Another soup kitchen was blown to bits by dynamite. Let hunger reign. Let children die like flies of the deadly disease known as "flux"—a result of extreme undernourishment. Let men sweat in the mines without a living wage.



A 14-year-old miner's child speaking in Union Square for solidarity with strikers

Harlan County jail is crowded to twice its capacity. The prisoners are sleeping

on the concrete floors. There is only beans and cabbage—cabbage and beans.

Forty-seven men have been indicted on triple murder charges growing out of the thugs attack on striking miners last May 5th. The prosecution demands the electric chair for every defendant.

Eleven out of the scores indicted on charges of criminal syndicalism are held in jail under exhorbintant bonds—\$5,000 appearance plus \$5,000 peace bonds. The judge has said that if evidence is found against any of these charged with criminal syndicalism he hopes they will receive the maximum sentence of \$10,000 fine and 21 years in the Penitentiary—literally a life sentence.

The protests that have been coming in from every nook and corner of the United States must increase. These Kentucky hills can no longer remain a Chinese wall hiding a bloody dictatorship.

Voices from Prison

Last month in this column we urged you, as an individual reader of this page, to become a regular contributor to prisoners relief. That is the one way you can effectively answer these moaning "Voices from Prison".

We explained that Prisoners Relief Fund raises money from individual workers and sympathizers so that the ILD can send regularly each month a definite amount to each prisoner and dependent.

We told how the locals of the ILD are the backbone of this relief work, but that liberals and radicals of all shades, as individuals, should also be enlisted. For the ILD has a monthly obligation of over \$500 to the class-war prisoners and their families. And this amount cannot all come from the locals of the organization which are also called upon to meet the appeals for defense and organization work.

So we want you to help as an individual. Pledge so much a month or every three or four months. AND PAY IT REGULARLY.

And this month we have a very special reason for pushing prisoners relief. The Harlan miners who are in jail and their families who are actually starving—require at least \$125 a week from the ILD. This the Prisoners Relief Fund has promised to help raise. This extra job we cannot shift to other shoulders. It is up to you to do your part at once. Send us your contribution. And send us the names of sympathizers who might help us on this relief job.

Send your cash, money orders, or checks to Grace Hutchins, Treasurer, Prisoners Relief Fund, Room 430, 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

JESSIE LONDON WAKEFIELD, Secretary

ROBERT W. DUNN, Chairman

(From the wife of one of the Imperial Valley prisoners who is serving a 2 to 28-year sentence for organizing agricultural workers in California.)

San Diego, Cal.

Dear Comrades:

I received your letter enclosing a \$20 check, for which I am thankful to you. You certainly keep in mind the victims of the bourgeoisie. If not for the help from the ILD, and some valiant comrades, we'd be in a pretty desperate condition, with our comrades behind bars. We must fight for the ILD and for the freedom of all our imprisoned comrades for their struggles against the boss class. We must demand the immediate release of our workers rotting in prison cells for the crime of demanding and fighting for a crumb of bread for our children.

We must fight courageously against all sedition and criminal syndicalist laws and for amnesty for all class war prisoners.

The comrades in San Diego send greetings to the International Labor Defense and promise to work ceaselessly, and to fulfill our revolutionary duties.

Fraternally yours,

JUVENTINA OROSCO.

OUR CLASS WAR PRISONERS (Partial List)

Lawrence Allen, Moundsville, W. Va.—10 yrs.
Eugene Barnett, Walla Walla, Wash.—25-40
Sam Benato, Philadelphia, Pa.—10-20 years
Warren K. Billings, Represa, Cal.—Life
Bert Bland, Walla Walla, Wash.—25-40 years
O. C. Bland, Walla Walla, Wash.—25-40 years
John J. Cornelison, San Quentin, Cal.
Pat Devine, Atlanta, Ga.—Year
L. Emery, San Quentin, Cal.—1-14 years
O. Erickson, San Quentin, Cal.—1-14 years
Thomas Holmes, Huntington Ref., Pa.
Tsuji Horiuchi, Represa, Cal.—1-14 years
Eduardo Herrera, San Quentin, Cal.—2-28 yrs.
John Lamb, Walla Walla, Wash.—25-40 years
John M. Lynch, Frametown, W. Va.—10 years
J. B. McNamara, San Quentin, Cal.—Life
Gus C. Madson, San Quentin, Cal.—10 years
Claude Merrie, San Quentin, Cal.—10 years
Tom Mooney, San Quentin, Cal.—Life
Pete Muselin, Blawnox, Pa.—5 years
Branlio Orosco, San Quentin, Cal.—2-28 years
Carl Sklar, Represa, Cal.—1-14 years

FROM THE WORKERS' LAND—THE SOVIET UNION TO A COMRADE IN JAIL

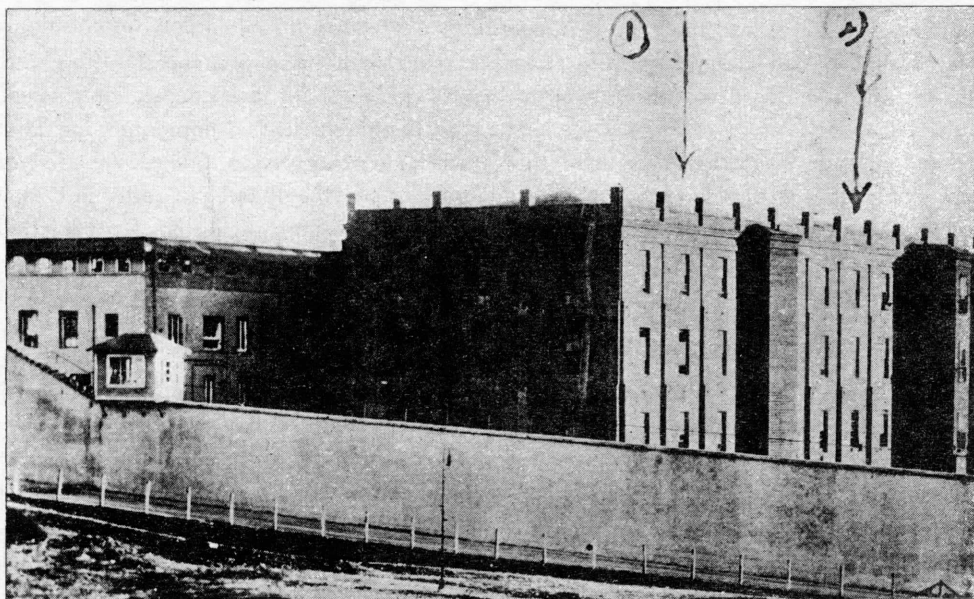
Dear Comrade:

We, the proletarian children of Dniepropetrovsk locomotive repairing factory, wish to send you our warmest Communist greetings, and stand side by side, shoulder with shoulder and throw the capitalists off the earth and rule the world ourselves. To show you our solidarity we wish to let you know how we are building up our Five-year Plan which is the backbone of Communism and the building of socialism. We are now organizing FZY (which means Working Factory School for all proletarian children) to join the shock troops which means a 100% in everything.

We are now closing our letter with Communist greetings to you. Long live the ILD of the world!

Write soon, comrades.

MOPR of Dniepropetrovsk.



Mooney's Living Tomb — San Quentin (1) Points to Execution Chamber (2) to Death Cells.

George B. Pesco, San Quentin, Cal.—10 years
Milan Resetar, Blawnox, Pa.—5 years
Danny Roxas, San Quentin, Cal.—2-28 years
M. A. Schmidt, San Quentin, Cal.—Life
Tom Zima, Blawnox, Pa.—5 years

One of the Scottsboro boys writes:

Montgomery, Ala.

Mr. George Maurer:

My dear friend, I thought I would write you a few lines to let you hear from me. I am well and hope when these lines reach you, they will find you the same. I am asking you to send us some money and if you send it please send cash. It takes two weeks before we can get it. We are out of smoking and no money.

FROM OLEN MONTGOMERY at Kilby Prison,
So I will close for this time.

Dear Sir:

I was sitting down as usual thinking about you all. I am answering you all letters. I received that what you sent me. I was glad to get it. I haven't got a letter from Andy for a week. The last letter I got from Andy, he said he is now about to lose his mind. He told me he wish I were down there where he was. I wrote to him last week and when I heard from him, he said he felt pretty good in health. Tell Mamma hello. Don't let Mamma forget what she said. She was going to bring me when she came. And when you come, let it be on Thursday as that is visiting day. So I guess I close for this time from your brother.

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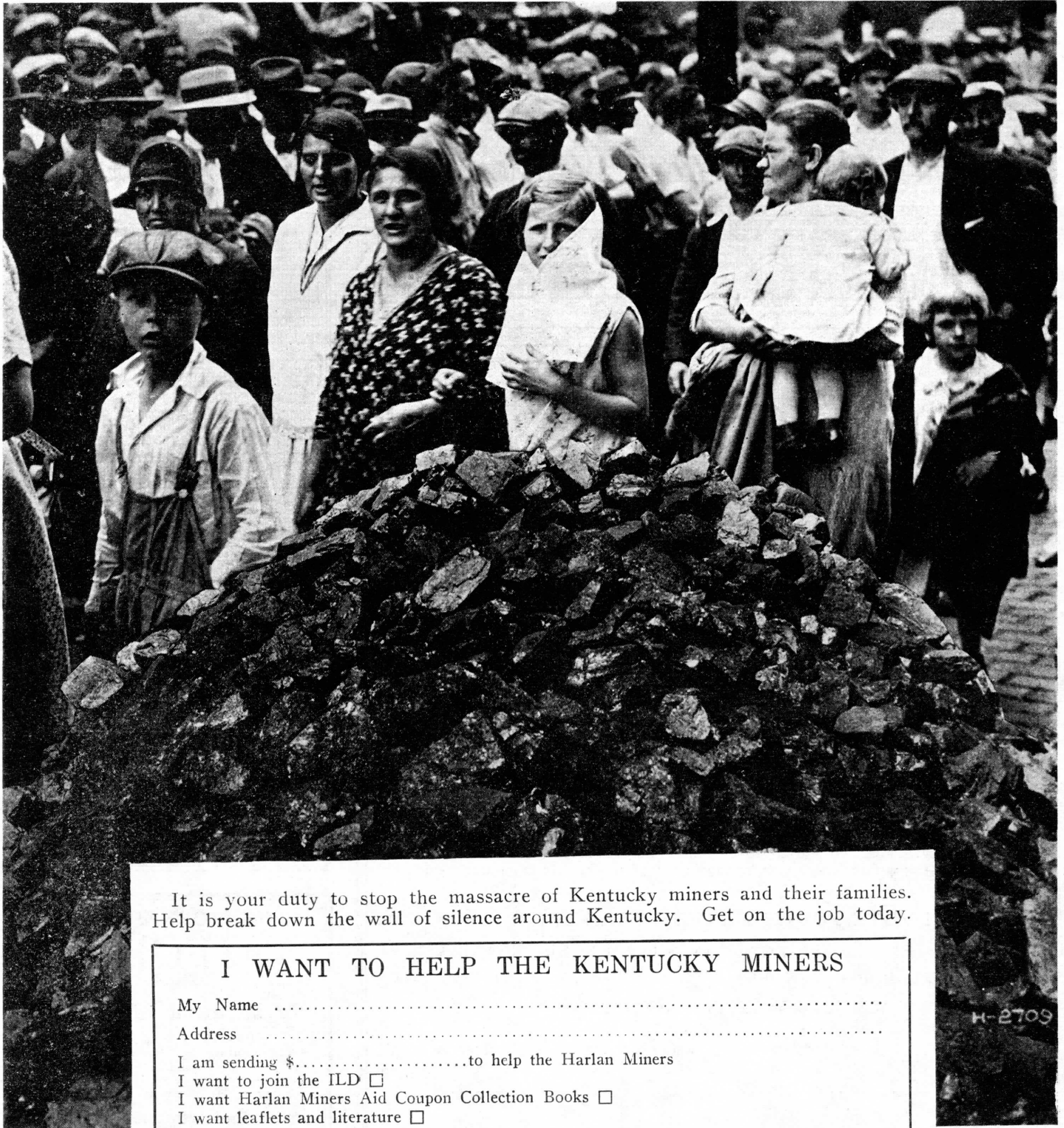
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