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## What Do We Stand For?

This is the first number of the Southern Worker, which is to be published regularly every week by the Communist Party of the U. S. A. The Southern Worker is the Communist paper for the South.

It is being published because the Southern workers and farmers need it and want it. The Southern Worker is the voice of the Negro and white workers and farmers of the South crying in united protest against the state of starvation, suffering and persecution to which they have been subjected by the white ruling class.

This is the first really workers' paper ever published below the Mason and Dixon line. It is the first Communist publication ever issued in the South. As such it will carry the Communist program to the white and black workers and farmers, pointing out the path to struggle, offering the militant and understanding leadership of the Communist party to the millions of Southern toilers.

The Southern Worker is neither a "white" paper, nor a "Negro" paper. It is a paper of and for both the white and black workers and farmers. It recognizes only one division, the bosses against the workers and the workers against the bosses. In this class struggle the Southern Worker stands always, without exception, unflinchingly, for the workers. It is a workers' paper.

While fighting constantly for all the immediate demands of the workers and farmers, fighting for better conditions, we realize that the only way the workers can fully obtain their demands is through a proletarian revolution. Only by following the example of the Russian workers and farmers, who overthrew tsarism and set up their own Soviet Government, can we finally obtain our liberation. This is the final aim which will be obtained by the organized might of the toiling masses.

Never before have the workers of the South needed their own paper as much as now.

Thousands upon thousands are unemployed. And yet not a cent from either the government or the employers for the unemployed workers, although billions are spent for warships and armaments. The workers and their families are left to starve. And they do starve to death, victims of that dread disease of the South, pellagra, the disease that comes when there is nothing to eat.

The share-croppers and tenant farmers, "poor white" and Negro, face complete ruin. Many of the tenant farmers are losing their crops to the landlords because they cannot hang on long enough to harvest them. When a crop is finally raised the farmer finds that the prices have been kept so low by the agents of the buyers that he cannot get enough money not only to pay off his debts, but to keep going at all. Potatoes and cabbage is now the only food for many of the farmers in the South.

Those who are "lucky" enough to get a job get miserably low wages, work long hours at a tremendous speed, and are never sure how soon they will be fired.

The Negro worker is the most oppressed worker in the South. His lot is worse than any. Kept jim-crowed at every turn, working at lower wages than the white worker, subject to lynching and persecution, he is kept a virtual slave by the Southern white bosses.

The Southern Worker is here to voice the rebellion against these conditions. It is here to serve as the tribunal for the demands of the Southern toilers. It is here to give them Communist leadership in their struggle.

As a Communist paper it realizes that the only way by which the Southern toilers can be victorious in their struggle is through firm and solid organization in militant unions, and, politically, in the Communist Party.

The unions we speak of are not the jim-crowed, weak-kneed unions of the American Federation of Labor. The Southern workers have had their experience with the A. F. of L. Too often have they been betrayed and sold out as at Elizabethton, Tenn., at Marion, N. C., at Anniston, Ala. We stand openly and solidly against the treacherous, boss-controlled American Federation of Labor, which is closely allied with the K. K. K., supports bosses' candidates in the election campaign, cries for the blood of Communist organizers.

The unions we speak of are the militant, industrial unions of the Trade Union Unity League, which, like us, recognize only one division—the one between the boss and the workers.

The Southern Worker stands unalterably for full social, economic and political equality for the Negro workers and farmers. This is one of its chief planks.

The Southern workers draws the workers of the South closer to the workers of the North and all countries. It builds the strong bond of workers' solidarity. It brings to the Southern workers news of the Soviet Union, the only country in the world where the workers and farmers own and run the factories and farms and have their own government. It will make the Southern workers realize that they, too, must join in the defense of the Soviet Union, must defeat the war that is being planned against it by the bosses government.

The Southern Worker is published from Birmingham, Ala., despite the reign of terror directed by the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, and supported by the A. F. of L. and the K. K. K. against the organizers and members of the Communist Party and Trade Union Unity League. That is a sign of our strength. Persecutions cannot drive us away.

We are here and we will stay. Workers of the south, here is your paper. It is for all of us to write in. It is for all of us to spread and build. The Southern Worker will grow and expand with the struggles of the Southern workers.

Write for, spread and build the Southern Worker!

## Communists Run Own Candidates

### Oppose Loray-Bulwinkle At Charlotte, N. C.

#### Workers Welcome Drive of Communists

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—News that the Communist Party will run its own candidates in the North Carolina elections next fall is being received very favorably by the workers in and around Charlotte.

The textile workers at Gastonia, Bessemer City and Charlotte especially, who have participated in courageous struggles under the leadership of the National Textile Workers Union, are anxious to participate fully in the Communist election campaign.

The Communist candidate for senator will oppose Major Bulwinkle, (Turn to Page 2)

### Black and White Workers — Unite!



The colored worker and the white worker shake and join the struggle together.

### Will Nominate Negro Workers In Tenn., Ala.

#### Call On Workers To Send Delegates To Convention

The Communist Party will run its own candidates for governor and senator in Tennessee and Alabama for the November elections.

Two of the most historic gatherings in the South will be held when the Ratification Convention affirms the candidacies of a Negro worker for governor of Alabama, a white worker for Senator from Alabama, a Negro worker for Senator from Tennessee and a white worker for governor of Tennessee.

#### FIRST TIME IN HISTORY

Never before in the South, where in most places Negroes are not permitted to vote and are kept in constant abjection, has a political party ever nominated Negro and white workers on the same ticket.

The Tennessee Ratification Convention will be held in Chattanooga on August 31 and the Alabama Convention will be held in Birmingham on August 24. The Communist Party calls upon all workers in the shops and white and Negro workers organizations, to elect and send their delegates to these conventions and join in the election campaign of the Communist Party, the first campaign carried on in the South by the revolutionary party of the working class.

Open Meeting in Chattanooga (Turn to Page 2)

### Lynch 2 Young Negroes In Indiana

MARION, Ind.—The sheriff and police who witnessed the lynching of two young negroes here last Thursday night on the courthouse lawn and practically turned them over to the lynch mob, broke up a meeting of about 500 Negro workers called to protest the fiendish act.

#### SOLDIERS CALLED

So great is the rage of the Negro populace here, which does not intend to submit to lynch law, that the mayor sent for soldiers, and two companies of the Indiana National Guard are now patrolling Marion in an effort to intimidate the Negro workers into submission.

Incited by boss-dispensed race hatred, the mob of white fiends broke into the county jail with sledge hammers, and after knocking the defenseless Negro workers unconscious and mutilating them, dragged them out and lynched them. "Attacking a white woman"—the common lie used in such instances and the rumor that they had shot a white man were the excuses for the lynching.

#### LEADERS GO FREE

Thomas Shipp, 18, was hung on a tree in the courthouse lawn and Abe Smith, 19, was hung from the jail window while the sheriff and the police looked on after making a feeble effort to disperse the mob with tear

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## To Demonstrate On Labor Day For Unemployment Insurance

Labor Day this year, Monday, September 1, will have a new meaning to the American working class.

Workers throughout the country will demonstrate in masses as a part of the great struggle to get wages for unemployed workers as proposed in the Workers' Social Insurance Bill drawn up by the Communist Party.

#### Wages for Jobless

### New Orleans Dock Workers Strike

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Over 500 cargo handlers of the New Orleans steamship docks are on strike under the leadership of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union.

The workers, who went on strike July 27, demand an increase in wages from 25 to 50 cents an hour and recognition of the Union and Dock Committees. Prior to the strike many of the men had been paid only 15 and 20 cents an hour and in many cases were defrauded of even this small amount.

In spite of the police persecution (Turn to Page 3)

This bill, which the workers of the country must force Congress to pass and put into effect, provides that \$25 a week be paid every unemployed worker and \$ 5a week additional for each one of his dependents. The funds are to be provided by the government by transferring the one billion dollars recently appropriated for new warships to the fund and by a tax on the bosses. The funds are to be administered by workers' committees.

The Labor Day demonstrations, which are to be held in every part of the country have been called by the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League, center of revolutionary unions. These Labor Day demonstrations are to be a great rallying point in the forward march of

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## T. C. I. Hounds Birmingham Workers

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. Aug. 6 — A victory for the workers in the fight against bosses' persecutions was won here on August 6, when Harry Jackson, Trade Union Unity League organizer, defending himself in Judge Abernathy's court, forced a vagrancy charge against him to be dropped.

Joe Carr, organizer of the Mine, Oil and Smelter Industrial Union and defendant in the Atlanta Insurrection trial and Gene Braxton, a local miners' leader, were sentenced July 31 to one year on the chain gang and \$500 fine. The International Labor Defense posted the appeal bonds. Harry Jackson has a previous conviction on a vagrancy charge, as have Tom Johnson, Communist District organizer and Frank Burns, T. U. U. L. organizer.

Carr and Braxton were arrested in Ensley, July 26, while talking with some workers on the highway. Jackson was arrested the same day while asleep in his room. The Tennessee

Coal and Iron Company, subsidiary of the U. S. Steel, is in back of these persecutions in an attempt to prevent the organization of the workers in the mines and steel mills at Birmingham into the revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League. The vagrancy law, ordinarily used against unemployed workers who cannot find jobs, was turned to this new use by arrangements between the steel bosses and chief of the Birmingham Detectives Cole, who told Tom Johnson at the time of his arrest two weeks ago that the police would arrest him every ten days for "vagrancy" and maybe at shorter intervals.

The Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party is carrying on a campaign in Birmingham against these persecutions and point out that they are directed against the miners and steel workers who are getting ready to strike. The T. C. I. fears a strike this fall and has gotten the po-

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## Workers Must Save 6 Organizers In Atlanta

Six labor organizers face the electric chair in Atlanta, Georgia for organizing Negro and white workers together into the same industrial union.

M. H. Powers, organizer of the Communist Party for the Carolinas and the Virginias; Joe Carr, organizer of the Mine, Oil and Smelter Industrial Union; Herbert Newton, Negro, organizer of the American Negro Labor Congress; Mary Dalton, organizer of the National Textile Workers' Union; Ann Burlak, organizer of the International Labor Defense and Henry Storey, local member of the Communist Party, are all charged with "insurrection" under an old slave law which carries with it the death penalty.

Powers and Carr were arrested on March 9, at a meeting of Negro and white unemployed workers. The police first levelled the ridiculous charge of throwing a tear gas bomb into the meeting, which the police themselves threw. Later the charge was changed to "insurrection."

Dalton, Burlak, Storey and Newton were arrested May 21 at a meeting of the American Negro Labor Congress in Atlanta, and also charged with "insurrection."

The organizers were kept in Fulton Tower Prison, Joe Carr in a death cell, for almost two months, with all sorts of petty persecutions being carried on against them by the jailers. Workers throughout the country, aroused by this attack of the bosses and their police lackeys on the workers of Georgia, carried on a wide campaign of protest against their arrest and raised the \$16,000 cash bail to free the organizers until their trial in September. The International Labor Defense is taking care of the defense of the workers.

The bosses of Atlanta, especially of the Fulton Cotton and Bag Company, where the workers were joining the National Textile Workers Union, think that they can prevent the workers from organizing by roasting their

leaders on the electric chair. They did and are trying to do everything in their power to keep the white workers from organizing together with the Negro workers under the leadership of Communist organizers.

Officials of the American Federation of Labor, as is to be expected, joined hands with the bosses and the police in the drive against the workers. Louis P. Marquardt, secretary of the Georgia A. F. of L., was in close touch with the solicitor's office when the insurrection charges were placed against the organizers and violently opposed a free speech resolution introduced into the Atlanta Central Labor Council on the pressure of the rank and file members of the A. F. of L. Steve A. Name, president of the Georgia A. F. of L. was on the grand jury which indicted the organizers. William Green president of the A. F. of L. pressed charges against Mary Dalton in the courts when she arose at a mass meeting in Atlanta when Green was speaking to expose the treachery of the A. F. of L. officials. So great was the anger of the rank and file of the A. F. of L. in Atlanta at this very evident alliance between the so-called labor unions and the bosses, that the A. F. of L. in Atlanta was forced to pass the free speech resolution over the protest of Marquardt and Name.

Only the workers, by mass protest, can save our organizers from the electric chair. Assistant Solicitor Hudson Hudson of Fulton County, who is in charge of the prosecution, has said that he would demand the death penalty for our comrades. He also threatened any Communist speaking in Atlanta with the electric chair.

This is an attack upon the whole working class. It is an attack against the right of the workers to organize and fight against starvation, it is an attack upon the right of white and Negro workers to organize together. Workers, white and black, must save our comrades' lives!

## Negro Candidates On Communist Ticket

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The Communist election campaign was opened in Chattanooga with a mass meeting at 22nd and New Market Streets on Wednesday night, August 6, on the eve of the white Tennessee primaries, which the workers were called on to boycott because both the Republican and Democratic parties were the bosses' parties and any of their candidates are enemies of the workers. The meeting was attended by about 100 white and Negro workers, who heard Mary Dalton, now free on bail from the Atlanta prison on a charge of "inciting to insurrection" which carries the death penalty. Joe Carr, mine organizer, also one of the six workers facing death in Atlanta, and Tom Johnson, Communist organizer for Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. At the close of this meeting 14 workers joined the Communist Party.

### For Unemployment Insurance

The Communist election campaign will be carried on around the following main demands: the passage of the Workers' Social Insurance Bill, which provides \$25 weekly for every unemployed worker—white or black—and \$5 additional for each of his dependents; full social, economic and political equality for Negro workers, which includes the right of the Negro to vote and run for office; the right of workers to defend themselves against lynch mobs and bosses' thugs; the right of workers to organize into their unions and the Communist Party.

Workers in the shops, mills and mines especially are urged to elect delegates from their places of work and send them to the Conventions. Unemployed workers, organized in unemployed councils, union locals, benevolent and fraternal organizations are all invited to send their delegates.

Send all credentials for Alabama to: Communist Party, Box 85, Birmingham, Ala.; for Tennessee to Communist Party Election Campaign Committee, 16½ Main St, Chattanooga, Tenn.

## Negroes Enraged At Lynching at Marion

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gas. A third Negro, Herbert Cameron, who escaped being lynched by a miracle, was removed to the state penitentiary.

Harly Hardin, Grant county prosecutor, said that no charges will be made against the leaders of the mob who are well known, but to keep up appearance, a fake investigation will be held.

These make 21 lynchings in the country since the beginning of this year, and the 26th in Indiana since 1889, 14 being Negroes and 10 white.

Only by organizing and struggling for the overthrow of this system, which is responsible for lynching, and race persecution, can Negro workers obtain their freedom. The Communist Party urges the formation of self-defense groups of Negro and white workers to combat lynch mobs.

## The Bosses' Man



MAJOR BULWINKLE

who the workers of Gaston County oppose with a Communist candidate.

## Communist Ticket In N. C. Opposes Bosses

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leader of the Black Hundred of the Loray Mill an prosecutor of the seven Gastonia strike leaders, who officially became a candidate on June 7 of this year, exactly one year after the police and thug raid on the strikers tent colony at Gastonia. Bulwinkle enters the election on the slogan: "Elect me and drive out the Communists." But the sentiment is pretty general among the textile workers of this region, who know that Bulwinkle stands for stretch-out, low pay, unemployment and terror, that Bulwinkle will have to go and not the Communists. The workers will never forget the murder of Ella May by Bulwinkle's gang and his persecution of the Loray Mill strikers.

In spite of the terror being resumed by the Black Hundred of the Loray-Bulwinkle crowd, and attempts at intimidation of workers to prevent Union and election campaign meetings, the workers are demonstrating splendid solidarity and fighting spirit.

## Demonstrate for Jobless Insurance Sept. 1

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the workers for unemployment insurance and insurance against sickness, accident and old age.

### Employed Workers, Too

Workers, both employed and unemployed, are called upon to take part in these demonstrations and join the struggle against unemployment.

Workers in the shops, mills and mines will participate in the struggle by organizing and struggling against wage cuts, speed-up, low wages and long hours. A central slogan is the 7-hour day and 5-day week.

A drive in the factories and mines is now going on to acquaint the workers with the Social Insurance Bill, which a worker only needs to read to be convinced that it is the only real plan to provide them with social insurance.

The unemployed councils will play a great role in mobilizing the unemployed workers for the struggle to put the bill into effect. Negro workers who are the ones to suffer most from unemployment, are among the first to realize that only by joining in the fight being carried on by the Communist Party and the revolutionary unions, can they keep themselves from starving.

The Labor Day demonstration in Chattanooga will take place in Chattanooga at New Market and Main, 2 p. m.

The time and place of the demonstrations in the other Southern cities are to be announced later.

## Vote Communist This Fall

## Workers, Peasants Of China Set Up Own Rule

The workers and peasants of China are setting up their own government, under the leadership of the Communist Party.

That is the meaning of the advance of the Red Armies of Chinese peasants and workers, rapidly gaining victories in the central provinces and now drawing near Hankow, second largest industrial city in China.

A Soviet Government has already been set up for 3 provinces at Changsha, large river port, which the Red Armies captured last week. Comrade Li Li-San, one of the old and tried leaders of the Chinese revolutionary trade unions and for several years the organizer of the fighting miners at An-Yuan in Hunan province, has been elected the president of the new government. The Red Armies are now approaching Hankow, which was a revolutionary center in 1927.

The advance of the Chinese Red Army has a profound meaning not only for the Chinese masses but for the workers and farmers throughout the world. For years the 400,000,000 peasants and workers of China have been the subjects of the most frightful oppression. During the last 40 years especially oppression has been added on oppression by the invasion of China by the big capitalist powers of Europe and America. British, United States, Japanese, and French bosses have taken possession of the country, put up their mills and industries, and put Chinese men, women, and children to work under conditions that amount to slavery, even worse than the Northern mill owners who came down to the South and enslaved the hill folk in the company towns in America.

Every time the Chinese workers and peasants rose in revolt against this slavery and against being harnessed to foreign invaders, the battleships and marines of England and the United States spread death and destruction.

Added to this, there were and still are, the military governors or war lords of China, whose soldiers pillage and ravage the countryside, levy taxes on the peasants and spread ruin right and left.

So great was the hatred against the foreign invaders that many revolts against them took place. The biggest of these started about five years ago and is still going on today. In 1927 Chinese revolutionary troops swept through China, from the Southwest to the Northeast, capturing all the principal cities, and finally set up what is now known as the "Nationalist Government in Nanking." This movement was led by the Kuomintang, in which there then were represented the Chinese workers as well as the Chinese business men. It was a fight for national liberation from the foreign yoke, in the same way as the American colonies fought against the British yoke in the American Revolutionary War. The workers and peasants of China were the ones that really won the victories.

After 1927 this situation was changed. Chiang Kai-shek, who led the armies and became president of the new government, betrayed the whole movement, and sold out, boot and baggage, to the foreign invaders. He became just another tool in the hands of the foreign bosses and also began shooting down workers, closing down trade unions, and murdering peasants. His hands became bloody with the killing of thousands of militant workers. He started a real reign of terror against the Communist Party and the militant workers.

The reason for Chiang Kai-shek's and the Kuomintang treachery was this: Chiang Kai-shek and the Kuomintang represented the Chinese business men, just as George Washington represented the American business men back in 1776, and they themselves wanted to have the right make the profits out of the Chinese

workers and peasants. The foreigners were hindering them too much. In order to get the support of the workers and peasants who themselves were taking up arms against their oppressors, he pretended to be for kicking out the imperialists. But as soon as the revolt forced the foreign bosses to sit up and take notice the powers began negotiating with Chiang Kai-shek. They gave the Chinese business men certain concessions on the condition that the imperialists could stay in China. In this way, Chiang Kai-shek sold out the revolution.

One of the conditions for him staying in power was that he would have to put down the revolt of the workers and peasants. He began doing this in 1927 by shooting down in cold blood thousands of Chinese workers when they put up their own Soviet Government in Canton China, in 1927. Since then he has slaughtered and beheaded 300,000 revolutionary workers and peasants.

There is something else about the situation in China which we must not forget. The two main set of foreign bosses in China are the British and American, who are supported by their governments. The Japanese are also powerful, especially in the northern province of Manchuria. Because the British and Americans want to get the most they can, each for themselves, they are ready to fight each other for the partition of China. The two powers continually carry on negotiations with the Chinese war lords and get them to fight for them until they are ready to start a big war off themselves. That is the meaning of the war now going on between the armies of Chiang Kai-shek and the armies of the northern war lords. The United States government probably supports Chiang Kai-shek and the British and Japanese give their support to the Northern generals.

In back of all this also is the fight against the Soviet Union, which all the imperialist powers are carrying on together. That is why both the northern war lords and Chiang Kai-shek speak of "red imperialism" and are trying to incite the people of China against the Soviet Union. It went so far last December that the armies of the war lords began invading the Soviet Union in the North, but the Red Army put a speedy stop to this.

But in spite of the terror and murder drive against the Chinese workers and peasants, the Communist Party and revolutionary unions have grown. During the past two years Soviets have been set up in many towns in the center of China. Now the Red Armies of China are advancing to really defeat the foreign invaders and the native traitors. The workers in the chief cities, like Shanghai and Hankow, are preparing to receive the Red Army and overthrow the rule of the oppressors.

The governments of the United States, England and Japan are now really alarmed for they realize that the victory of the Red Army would mean that they would finally be kicked out of China and their factories, mills, mines and banks taken away from them by the Chinese workers, to whom they belong. Battleships are being rushed to the main cities under pretense of "protecting life and property," but really to fight the Chinese workers and peasants.

Our duty is clear. We must support the Chinese revolution. We must make the United States government take hands off China! Withdraw the battleships and marines!

**Write For The Paper**

This page is the worker-correspondence page. It is reserved especially for the workers and farmers who wish to write in to the Southern Worker about their conditions so that other workers can know about them, too.

Letter from workers and farmers are always welcome and will be published. If the Southern Worker is really the workers' paper, then the workers must write it.

Write about conditions in the place where you work, or if you are out of a job, about how you lost it, what happens when you look for another and how you manage to get along. Let us hear about the difficulties you must go through and the struggles you have to carry on.

No names will be published, for we don't want you to lose your job, if you have one.

You can make your letters as long or as short as you want and send them to the SOUTHERN WORKER, Box 85, Birmingham, Ala.

**LYNCH LAW AT WORK**

MARION, Ind.—Thomas Shipp, 18, and Abe Smith, 19, Negroes, were taken from the county jail on the night of Aug. 6 and hung on the courthouse square.

MOUNT VERNON, Ga.—S. S. Mincey, Negro, 70 years old, active in Republican politics, was beaten to death by a mob after being abducted to another county on July 30.

RAYMOND, Miss.—George Robinson, 28, Negro bell hop, was killed in the county jail, by Deputy Sheriff W. L. Ford. He was being kept there for "safe-keeping."

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Lee Townsend, 40, Negro taxicab driver, was mysteriously killed near Clarksville, N. C. His body was found in a well last week.

TEXARKANA, Tex.—Herbert Richardson, Negro, was killed by a federal prohibition agent here on Aug. 7. The stock fake excuse of "self defense" which is usually accompanied by planting a gun on the dead body of the victim, was the officer's story.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Milton Dorch, 37, Negro, was killed here on Aug. 5 by a policeman who fired three shots into him. The charge was the usual fake excuse, "resisting arrest."

WEST POINT, N. Y.—The third Negro, Benton J. Brooks, nominated by Oscar DePriest, was rejected by the military academy on Aug. 6. While DePriest is anxious to help the white bosses fight the next war, the U. S. Army wants Negroes only as soldiers in the jim-crow regiments, under white officers to do the dirty work and stand the brunt of the attack. Negroes to serve as cannon-fodder only, they say.

CLARENDON, Ark.—To escape from a mob of white hoodlums bent upon lynching him, Boots Wright, a Negro worker, was forced to swim across Old River near here. The planters organized the mob after Wright had beaten up a white foreman, Tom Winfree.

**Resist T. C. I. Terror In Birmingham**

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lice, courts, K. K. K. and A. F. of L. officials to try to prevent it.

Company gunmen on the T. C. I. properties, where the organizers are active, declared that they would shoot them on sight if seen on company property. The K. K. K. has made repeated threats at the lives of the organizers.

The Cooperation Auxiliary Company, the bosses prize spy agency, has circulated the statement that Jackson was seen talking with Judge Abernathy, trial judge for all these vagrancy cases and that the Judge agreed to join the Communist Party provided that no more Negro workers would be permitted to join it.

**Miners Convene For Struggle**

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—At the recent convention of the National Miners' Union held in this city, many Negro delegates were present. The National Miners' Union is affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League. At the convention the situation in the coal fields was taken up. The reporter, Wm. F. Dunne of the Trade Union Unity League, told of the starvation wages and the growing unemployment that has taken a deadly hold in the mining industry. Many thousands of miners are displaced by machinery creating permanent unemployment in the mines.

The Negro miners elected to the National Committee are I. Hawkins, Pittsburgh, Johnson, Thornhill and Grant of Virginia, King of Ill., and Beal of northern W. Virginia. These miners contributed greatly to the convention by giving reports that told of the condition that face thousands of Negro miners whom the U. M. W. A. refused to organize into their locals on the same basis with white miners as the N.M.U. does.

In recognition of the industrial character of the union the draft constitution changed the name to the Mine, Oil and Smelter Workers' Union. There is a youth and women's department also.

**Georgia Tobacco Farmers Ruined**

ATLANTA, Ga.—Hopes placed by farmers in this year's good tobacco crop to help them ward off starvation were blasted during the first few days of selling last week at the markets in the Georgia bright-leaf tobacco belt.

In spite of bright talk in the press preceding the opening of the market the agents for the manufacturers and exporters of tobacco succeeded in forcing the price lower than they had ever been since the war. At 57 out of 59 warehouses tobacco was selling during the course of last week at 10 cents a pound, far below what it cost the farmer to produce it. During the course of the tobacco auctions it was evident that powerful buyers had manipulated to buy off the crop at a ridiculously low price.

The low price spells complete ruin for many of the small farmers. Unable to meet their debts and pay off the landlords, the tenant farmers will be completely smashed. In a frantic effort to allay the storm of protest leading politicians have wired Washington to send investigators into the field, although it is well known that they work hand in hand with the same interests that pushed the prices down. In further pre-election comics the politicians have also tried to get the farm board to at least promise some aid. Thus far, the farm board has found an excuse for staying out of the muddle, remembering the mess they got into with the wheat farmers.

To save the large planters and force the tenants to bear the brunt of the crisis a conference of repre-

**WORKER'S CORRESPONDENCE**

**Power Co. Lays Off Old Workers**

By a Worker Correspondent.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—The Tennessee Electric Power Company employs several hundred men thru-out the state. In Chattanooga the conditions are rotten. The line and ground men are speeded up ten hours a day and sometimes all night without supper. The pay ranges from 25 to 60 cents an hour, the foremen getting the highest.

Sometimes a man is laid off without getting his pay and never gets his job back. Linemen who have worked here for the last 18 and 20 years have been laid off this way and told that they can't do the work. Two Negro linemen, one of whom has worked here 19 years, were discharged, the boss telling them that they can't do the work any more.

The master of the mechanics at the shop calls all the Negro workers "Jiggerboos." They think a Negro isn't good enough to have a name.

The most intolerable thing about it is to slave from 9 to 12 hours being stretched out and speeded up for small pay.

—A WORKER

Editor's Note: The conditions that this worker of the Tennessee Electric Power Company writes about can be changed only by the workers themselves. Negro and white together, you must form a shop committee in the place and join the Trade Union Unity League, which will lead you in winning your demands. The Workers' Social Insurance Bill, which you can read about on another page, provides that the government give a fund of five billion dollars to the workers for old age insurance. The only way we can force the bosses to put this law into effect is by organizing and fighting for it.

**New Orleans Dock Workers Are In Militant Strike**

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the strike continues militantly. Over 100 workers have already been arrested, but they went back into the struggle as soon as they were released. Alex Reed, a Negro Marine organizer was shot by an armed scab.

The strikers have been offered 40 cents an hour on an open shop basis, but refused, demanding full recognition of the union.

The Stevedore's and Longshoremen's Benevolent Association, which is affiliated with the International Longshoremen's Union, an A. F. of L. scab outfit, is opposing the strike in every way possible. In a statement issued to the New Orleans press the treacherous officials of the outfit did everything possible to discredit the striking workers and the M. W. I. U. It boasted of the fact that it has two locals in New Orleans, one exclusively for white workers and the other for colored workers, in the true jim-crow fashion of the A. F. of L. The Marine Workers' Industrial Union has no jim-crow locals, both Negro and white workers being members of the same locals and fighting side by side.

The spirit of the strikers is unbroken and a number of mass meetings have been held at their hall, 308 Chartres St., where hundreds of workers, both white and Negro, signed up with the union.

representatives of the Southern tobacco growing states has been called to meet in Atlanta on August 11 or 12. In the meantime there is no help forthcoming for the small farmers and tenant farmers who have nothing left to do but join the already swelled job lines in the cities.

**Wage Cut for Workers In Cotton Compress**

By a Worker Correspondent

HOUSTON, Tex.—There was a 10 percent wage cut yesterday in the Anderson and Claytons Cotton Compress here in Houston.

The workers are all unorganized and so great is the dissatisfaction among them that the bosses will let no one get into the factory unless he has a pass, for fear of organizers.

Workers looking for a job must put their whole life history in the bosses hands before he gets a pass to go to the warehouses.

They have Texas gunmen all over the plant.

—A WORKER.

Editor's Note: Like the other bosses, the bosses at Anderson & Claytons meet the crisis by taking it out on the workers in wage-cuts. The cotton crisis which is ruining thousands of farmers also effects the workers in industry. The only way to prevent further wage cuts and speed-up is by organizing and fighting.

**U. S. Steel Makes Millions**

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The United States Steel Corporation, whose subsidiary T. C. I. is directing the drive of terror against Communist organizers in Birmingham, made a profit of \$47,061,304 during the last three months. The workers in the T. C. I. mines and mills, who are signing up with the revolutionary union, suffer from unemployment, long hours and low wages.

**Join Our Revolutionary Unions!**

**Young Workers Are Hard Hit By Speed-Up Grind**

By a Worker Correspondent.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Workers are being fired right and left at Casey-Hedges, where I work. Every few days a couple of workers fired.

I work for 21 cents an hour and the other young workers the same. We go to work at 5 or 5:30 in the morning. All day long we lift more weight than we can really handle. Young workers and even child workers as young as 12 years old lift from 60 to 135 pounds at a time.

They got all kinds of schemes for speeding us up. They put four of us in a railroad car full of lead pipe, anywhere from 1700 to 1800 pieces, and we are told that when these are unloaded we can go home. If we all step on it and unload the car in 7 hours, we are taken back in the shop and given another job until quitting time. This is one way the bosses get two days work out of us for one day's pay.

In this place most of us work only about three days out of the week. So you see the boss's idea—he wants to make more money for himself by making half the workers do all the work. With our three day's work we got to live on anywhere from \$5 to \$8 a week.

As far as I and the other workers in this shop are concerned we feel that this can't keep up for much longer. I'd rather fight than starve. It's hell, I'm telling you and I'm doing my best to get the other young workers in this place to join up with the Young Communist League.

A YOUNG WORKER.

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## Workers' Social Insurance

The Workers' Social Insurance Bill, placed before the workers of the country by the Communist Party, for us to force down the throats of the bosses' legislatures and provide ourselves with decent food and living quarters when unemployed is a definite point about which the employed workers can struggle together with the 8,000,000 unemployed workers of the country.

The Workers' Social Insurance Bill provides that instead of the one billion dollars appropriated by the government for new battleships a fund of five billion dollars be provided for the unemployed workers and their families. The bill provides for the payment of \$25 per week to all unemployed and an additional \$5 per week for each dependent, as well as for old age and accident insurance for workers.

This is the first time in history that the American workers have been presented with such a complete and definite program for social insurance. The Bill speaks in clear terms and there is no beating around the bush. Our social insurance means that workers who are unemployed, sick or disabled must not be left to starve by the bosses and their government who are glutted with the profits they reap from the workers. The bill demands that the bosses pay out of the profits, which really belong to the workers, enough to keep the workers at a decent state of existence. It demands that the bosses' government turn over the billion dollars invested in the next war for the workers to keep from starving. It faces the bosses and all the reformers and would-be reformers with a definite challenge.

We will not starve, we say. We demand that this bill be put into effect. By the force of our might and numbers, by the might of our struggles in building the powerful revolutionary unions, we must force the bosses to make this concession.

This bill is the central point in the election campaign of the Communist Party. The fight for it must be carried on together with the struggle of the industrial unions for the 7-hour day and the 5-day week, for higher wages and against the speed-up.

## They Can Never Smash Us!

Birmingham is the headquarters city of District 17 of the Communist Party, which comprises Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. During the past few months the Communist Party has grown rapidly in and around Birmingham. Led by the Communist Party, the workers are joining the Trade Union Unity League. Units of organization are springing up in the mining towns of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, subsidiary of U. S. Steel at Ensley, Pratt City, Besemer City and in the steel mills at Birmingham.

Fraught with the success of the Communists and T. U. U. L. organizers the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company has unleashed a reign of persecutions against the organizers and workers not to be equalled anywhere else in the country. Chief of Detectives Cole, undoubtedly in the pay of the T. C. I., and very evidently directed by the company which virtually owns the city, has set his entire detective force on the Communist organizers. Raid after raid has been made on the rooms of the organizers; papers, letters and typewriters have been confiscated; visiting organizers have been trailed and their room and baggage searched.

The farce of bosses' justice has been played again and again in the court of Judge Abernathy. At a loss for a charge to bring against the organizers of the T. C. I. workers, the city police in the pay of the steel corporation have arrested and charged the working class leaders two and some three times with "vagrancy!"

The T. C. I. has found ready allies. Where are located the coin boxes of the bosses there you will also find their prostitutes. The officials of the A. F. of L., Southern campaign of sell-out found themselves some comfortable rooms in the biggest hotel in Birmingham, within easy call of the corporation masters. For bed linen they have that bastard sheet, the Birmingham Labor Advocate. The A. F. of L. cries for the blood of the Communist and T. U. U. L. organizers, who are really doing some organizing amongst the miners and steel workers, and not sipping tea in some perfumed parlor.

The bosses' terrorist organization, the K. K. K., cowards of the whitest water, has been turned loose against the workers. There come parades, attempts to terrorize the Negro workers, threats against the white workers, shouts of lynching against the organizers. The K. K. K. meets in the A. F. of L. hall, brothel of treachery and betrayal.

But the T. C. I. is very greatly mistaken if it thinks it can prevent the workers from organizing. Not only have we remained in Birmingham, in the mines and mills of the corporation, but workers are coming to our support by the hundreds, Negro and white both, in spite of the bosses' attempt to terrorize them and keep them divided.

The workers, black and white know how to defend themselves from the thugs and Klansmen of the T. C. I. They can never smash us. Workers' defense committees are ready to handle any meddling Klansmen or company thugs. When we say organization, we mean it!

## BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY UNIONS!



In the unity of all workers of all races there is strength.

## Communists And Election

By Tom Johnson

We are approaching the elections this year at a time when unemployment, already over the 7 million mark, is rapidly increasing, at a time when the employing class has launched a vicious attack against the standards and conditions of workers all along the line.

Twenty-one Negro workers have met death at the hands of boss-led mobs the first six months of the year. The bloody clubbing of workers and mass arrests have accompanied every demonstration of the working class against intolerable conditions. In Atlanta the Southern boss men, with the aid of their henchmen in the leadership of the American Federation of Labor, are engaged in an attempt to fry six Communist organizers in the electric chair. The leaders of the March 6th demonstration of the New York unemployed are still in jail. In California nine farm workers and organizers of the Agricultural Workers' Industrial League have just been sentenced to 42 years in prison.

This year has already seen a tremendous sharpening of the danger of war. The American boss class is preparing for an attempt to solve the industrial crisis by means of a war for new markets and a new re-division of the world. At the same time the general attack of the capitalistic world against the first Workers' State, against the Soviet Union, is rapidly maturing. In this attack the United States takes an increasingly leading part. The capitalist class is again preparing to plunge the whole world into a new slaughter.

The boss-controlled Democratic and Republican parties have already held their Jim-Crow primaries. These primaries, which are responsible for the campaign of terror now unleashed against the workers, whose govern-

ment has answered the demands of the unemployed for unemployment insurance with the clubs of their police, now have the monumental guts to come before the workers and ask them for their votes in the coming elections.

Against these two big parties of capitalism, and their little brother, the Socialist party, the Communist Party stands forth as the class party of the workers. The Communist Party represents and fights for the interests of the working class and the poor farmers alone.

The Communist Party calls for the immediate enactment of its Bill for Social Insurance, which would appropriate the billions spent in war preparations for Unemployment Insurance. It stands for the 7-hour day, and 5-day week as a measure of fighting unemployment. It organizes the white and colored workers in fighting unions which will be able to lead them into the struggle.

At the same time the Communist Party raises in the elections the vital issue of state power—the issue of who shall rule. Today the government of the United States and all state and local governments are class government. They are governments of our enemy class, the capitalist class. As long as the capitalist class continues its rule the problems of unemployment, of oppression of the workers, of imperialistic wars in which millions of workers are killed like flies, cannot be finally and completely solved in the interest of the working class. This can only take place when the working class, under the leadership of the Communist Party, has smashed the rule of our enemy, the capitalist class and has set up in its place our own class rule, thru a Workers' and Farmers' Government in the United States.

## The Reds Say--

By JIM ALLEN

There can't be a hell of a lot of difference between a republican and democratic politician. They are all shaped up to be the bosses' man. And you sure can tell a bosses' man from a workers man, when these white primaries come around.

The A. F. of L. officials are as slick politicians as any. They are "impartial" when it comes to elections, but just look what they did during the white primaries.

Governor Horton of Tennessee who sent the troops against the Elizabethton strikers, and Gwinn, who would have done the same thing if he had a chance, were running against each other in the Democratic primaries. The Tennessee A. F. of L. couldn't decide which one to boost. They were both good bosses' men, so the A. F. of L. had nothing to fear on that score.

Jake Cohen, editor of the Memphis Labor Review, was all for Horton, Memphis is a Horton machine stronghold, so, Jake figured, he might as well put his fingers in the pie. The official non-partisan campaign committee of the A. F. of L., talking through the Labor World at Chattanooga and a mass meeting in this anti-Horton town, was all for Gwinn. Horton or Gwinn, which of this pair of robbers should an A. F. of L. man choose to shoot him down in a strike? The A. F. of L. officials were well taken care of, no matter which way the wind blew.

The primaries, of course, are a white man's privilege—"meant only for the white men living in a white man's country," a Gwinn says. "For whites only," agrees the A. F. of L. and proceeds to elect a white boss man. That's the way with the A. F. of L.—jim-crow locals, lily-white elections for strike-breakers, and then sell-outs.

The labor fakers in Chattanooga also backed a practiced Republican scab for sheriff of Hamilton county. They wanted to make sure that he'd be able to break strikes. Their man was Victor Williams who scabbed during the strike of the street car workers of the Chattanooga Railway and Light Company back in 1911. He was rewarded by the company and made an inspector. For further services rendered both to the bosses and the A. F. of L. he was to be rewarded and made a sheriff.

The Alabama State Federation of Labor isn't backward. Now that they got the experienced direction of Paul Smith, chairman of the Southern campaign of the A. F. of L., they are sure to butter their bread on the right side. They, too, are "impartial" but they are for a real boss man for senator. Why take a bosses' candidate when you can get the boss himself to run? So they are all for John H. Bankhead, who owns a few mines himself in Alabama, and has got the United Mine workers to keep his men from striking. Fair exchange—a Senator for a sell-out.

Exposing this den of thieves, the Communist Party is putting some real workers' men up for election. We don't expect them to get elected. But we do expect our election campaign to show that the workers are ready to join a real fighting man's party, and kick the labor fakers in the pants.