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## CALL SOUTHERN ANTI-LYNCHING MEET

### TCI JOBLESS DEMONSTRATE IN ENSLEY To Be Held Nov. 1 in Chattanooga; Prepare for National Meet Nov. 15.

#### To Demand Work Or Wages Thurs. Sept. 25, 3 p.m.

#### 10% WAGE CUT IN CANDIDATE BANKHEAD MINE

#### FOOL OR LIAR?

ENSLEY, Ala.—Over 2,500 men were laid off at the Ensley T. C. I. plant last Thursday. One of the worst plant in the South is running. All the best and all the best health insurance for coal. The report is that the Fairbank plant of the T. C. I. will throw more thousands out on the street in the fall. The month shut down of the mine means thousands more will be cut off in the T. C. I. mines. Hundreds of the workers are milling thru the streets of Ensley daily wondering what to do, where to turn for relief. The great T. C. I. company which has piled up millions from the neck of these men, far from helping them now, looks even the desire to give the men one day's notice of the great lay-off.

By a Worker Correspondent  
The mines of Walker County are showing a decline in production. The miners are working only 2 days or 3 days a week. In the Bankhead mine at Jasper, Ala., they took a 10 per cent wage cut from \$9.15 to \$8.25 for a 10 hour work last week. Men with families have only an average of \$1.25 a day and only get in two days work a week. The Bankhead mine leaders are expecting to cut another 10 per cent.



The general engineering president Herbert Hoover was his usual slight mistake of 1,000,000 in computing the number of unemployed.

Over at Hull near here, the company men in the mine are paid only \$2.00 a day for 10 hours work. 20 cents an hour in the prosperous South. Prosperous like hell!  
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The Communist Party is busy with preparations for a new drive for work and is refusing to help the men who were forced to contribute thousands of dollars to the fund when they had jobs.

The papers keep silent as to the candidates of the Democratic Party who are used to talking about Southern progress and prosperity. The City government of Ensley and of Birmingham are doing nothing to provide relief. Instead they are preparing to again smash any demonstration of the unemployed and to force unemployment by raiding the unemployed to the chain gang.

In this situation the Metal Workers Industrial League has issued a call for a great mass demonstration of unemployed workers for Thursday, September 25 at 3 p.m. across from the T. C. I. emergency hospital on 19th St. in Ensley. The demonstration will be held in the shadows of the great mills which are now cold and whose workers today face want and misery because the T. C. I. Company has not longer been money out of their blood and sweat.

The Metal Workers Industrial League, the fighting union of the steel workers, calls on the unemployed steel workers to answer the brutal attacks of the Bosses and the attacks on the workers by the police and county officers by referring to the great demonstration on Thursday and by organizing for the struggle for Social Insurance. Harry Jackson, T. C. I. Organizer for this district, will be the principal speaker.

#### WORKERS OF N. C. REGISTER!

Registration for the November election in N. C. will open on October 4 and will continue for a period of 30 days. Workers, to vote in November, must be registered by October 4.

#### "Get Job or Go To Jail," Says Judge

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Geoff Braxton, militant Negro worker who was arrested at the Unemployed Demonstration here September 1 and charged with vagrancy, was given until September 25 by Judge Abernathy of the Jefferson County Court to find a job or go to jail.

When Comrade Braxton told the judge, who has sentenced T. C. I. and Communist organizers to the chain gang in the same vagrancy charges, that he was not sure that he could get a job by that time, since there are thousands of workers in the city who have been unemployed longer than he has, the judge tried to buy him off. Braxton was sent with the following note to W. J. Worthington, head of the local K. K. K.:  
"Mr. W. J. Worthington,  
First Nat'l Bank Building  
Dear Sir—I am sending you a man that wants to go to work."  
H. B. Abernathy.

Judge Abernathy, the T. C. I. and the K. K. K. in this city are deceiving and trying fast that the workers are too stupid to be intimidated and bought on by underhand methods.

#### I. L. D. Bazaar Sept. 26-27 in Charlotte, N. C.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The Ella May Branch of the International Labor Defense of this city will hold a bazaar at Workers' Center, Belmont and N. Caldwell Street, Friday evening, September 26 and all day Saturday, September 27.  
The proceeds of the bazaar will go towards the defense of militant workers arrested by capitalist courts and to help in the campaign against the infamous law.

#### BUILD OUR PAPER NOW

3,500 paid circulation in the South by November 7, 1930. 10th anniversary of the Russian Bolshevik Revolution; is the great set in the competitive BILLS THE SOUTHERN WORKER drive, which begins this week.

"Don't set the quotas too high, we were warned. And yet we should not set them too low. The goal we finally picked, we are convinced, will be reached by November 7. If every city and unit oversteps the goal set for them, we will not be disappointed."  
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#### INSURRECTION CASE COMING

The "insurrection" case of 18 men Atlanta organizers who, if convicted, face the death penalty, will be tried as soon as the docket can be cleared of all smaller cases, according to Assistant Solicitor-General Hudson, who is in charge of the prosecution. Hudson will do everything in his power to rush the case and try the Negro and white organizers separately in order to make conviction easier. It is expected that the case will come up towards the end of October.

In the meantime the movement to win freedom for the Atlanta Six gains momentum. An emergency committee for Southern Political Prisoners, consisting of many prominent writers, has had been formed in New York to help raise funds for the defense which is being carried on by the International Labor Defense. Theodore Dreiser is chairman of the committee. The I. L. D. Liberation Drive is making much interest among the workers through the country and the A. F. of L. local are all being convinced with various demands for the defendants' freedom.

The Professional Organization Committee for the South of the American Negro Labor Congress announces this week that it will convene a great conference of Negro and white workers in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Saturday, November 1st, for the purpose of organizing the struggle against the Law and all forms of bosses' terror.

In its statement issued to the committee of the American Negro Labor Congress, it says: "Twenty six workers have now died at the hands of hooded mobs of lynch law since the year 1920. During the year 1929, at least that six million workers, two of them Negroes, have been murdered by the bosses or their police for their working class activities."  
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#### Push Drive For Chatta Jobless

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Further plan for insuring a broad representation in the city-wide Social Insurance Conference to be held here October 10 have been announced by the Trade Union Unity League, the organization calling the conference.

The principal emphasis is placed upon direct representation from the shops and factories of the city. T. U. U. L. Local committee is now in the process of formation in some of the largest metal and textile plants in the city, where the workers are suffering wage-cut after wage-cut, part-time work and frequent lay-offs. At the same time the unemployed committee is being strengthened and broadened to include a more representative body of the 18,000 unemployed workers of the city.

The call to the conference is being sent to all A. F. of L. locals, fraternal organizations, neighborhood societies and workers' clubs where a representative of the T. U. U. L. will not be allowed to speak to explain the purposes of the conference and the Workers' Social Insurance Bill. Postmen, demanding the government to get into effect the Bill, which provides for a minimum of \$25 a week for every worker unemployed, will be circulated.

#### WRITES OF MOSCOW CONGRESS

Max Tassaint, delegate of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union to the R. I. L. U. World Congress in Moscow, has many things to say about the Soviet Union. Here are some of them in a letter which we have received from Moscow.

Moscow, U. S. S. R.  
August 26, 1930  
Dear Comrades:  
Today being an off-day, I take pleasure in writing you and the other comrades. I am well at the writing and hope that when these few lines come to hand, all will be well and doing great in organizing the revival of the labor union.  
We had a wonderful trip coming from New York to Moscow in 23 days and that made us very happy. For the opening of the Congress, I had a wonderful trip from New York to Moscow on the 14th. We came in on the 15th.  
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#### LYNCH LAW AT WORK

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Harry Wright, 26, a black, was lynched in Mississippi on September 15. He was charged with having broken into a store. The body was discovered at a farm near the bridge. The body was found in a cornfield. The body was found in a cornfield. The body was found in a cornfield.

DALLAS, Tex.—Another Negro, Dave Copman, has been arrested as a suspect in the killing of the child of a white man a few weeks ago. Lynching law, which has grown more brutal, two Negroes have been lynched another victim.

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—A white man had been charged in a case with the murder of a 17-year-old girl here last week. The police have netted Edward Smith, a Negro, who does not stand much chance in the white law court.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—In one day the bodies of two slain Negroes, one a man and the other a woman, were found in the streets here.

RALEIGH, N. C.—The county cells in the North Carolina State Penitentiary are full. Fifteen Negroes and 400 white are to be executed within the week. The North Carolina bosses find it more convenient to lynch Negroes legally.

#### LAY OFF 1,000 MEN

The Bessemer Plant of the Pullman Company cut off 2,600, entire force of over 1,000 men about 13 days ago. The plant is now completely down. Most of the workers are Negroes.

### B. HAM POLICE FAIL TO STOP ORGANIZATION

Knowing that the Communist Party is rapidly gaining in strength and fearful of the effect of the mass labor movement in progress here, the Birmingham police are redoubling their efforts to crush the Communist Party. Their latest tactic is to terrorize all workers suspected of being members of the C. P. or its supporters.

Several workers' homes have been searched the past three weeks by the police looking for Communist literature, and the workers threatened with the loss of their jobs if they persisted in supporting the Communist Party.

The Communist Party has just learned that one worker, a Negro, was picked up by the police on three occasions while on his way to work. He was searched by the police and they found a copy of the *Southern Worker* in his pocket. They arrested him and held him incommunicado for three weeks. The worker was only released a few days ago. No charge was placed against him but for the crime of reading a Communist paper he was forced to serve three weeks in jail without an opportunity to even get in touch with his friends.

Despite these attacks the Party is growing in numbers and influence and the attacked workers are rallying to the support of the Party of their class.

### Chained Day and Nights on Gangs

By a Worker Correspondent  
Charlotte, N. C.

Just had a little talk with a chain gang guard today and he told me the camp where he was guard had 77 men, both white and colored and that there are three more camps like this one in *Rockingham* county. They have about 70 prisoners in each camp. Some of them are there because they could not get a job and were forced to sleep in jail.

When asked about the amount of hours the convicts made he said they made all they can which must be from sun up to sun down. When asked about sleeping quarters his reply was that the convicts are chained all night. Even while at work they have to wear chains on their legs they can hardly walk. Some of them have what is known as spikes which are fastened on the legs just above the ankle. The spike is about two feet long and is put on both legs. On one foot the spike is in front and on the other the spike is in back. This gives great pain when walking. He also stated that prisoners were not allowed to take off their chains but once a week after working all day they are forced to sleep with their disciplines on.

The Communist Party is holding a meeting in Charlotte, Sept. 27, protest against the chain gang system, and I think it is greatly needed.

The papers of Charlotte have just quit saying anything about the rock and we are fighting just the same. It is about election time, you know.

—A Worker

### Workers at Danville Voting On Strike

DANVILLE, Va.—The sentiment among the rank and file members of the A. F. of L. local at the Riverbank and Dan River Cotton Mills is overwhelmingly for a strike. Voting is taking place as to whether the strike will be called or not. At two meetings of union members the vote was unanimous for strike.

It remains to be seen what the A. F. of L. officials will do. Their possibility is the loss of a ten per cent wage cut and victimization of union members and their efforts to prevent a strike have opened the eyes of many of the workers. The officials will probably do their best to prevent the strike even after it is voted, and once the strike is on take the first opportunity to sell it out, as was the case in Elizabethton, Tenn. and Martin, N. C. It will take a few more days to complete the vote, it is said.

### Start Drive For Southern Worker

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To give our drive vim, vigor and pep, it has been planned on the basis of revolutionary competition. Revolutionary competition means a great deal to a revolutionary worker. It cannot be accomplished unless every worker realizes that the task set for him is as much as he himself can do. The task of building the Party press is of greatest importance. Millions of unemployed workers, millions of farmers, millions of wage-cut, speed-up workers need revolutionary leadership. We must get it to them. Our paper must be brought to them. Every Party member, every revolutionary worker must do more than to other—that is the meaning of revolutionary competition.

So every city and unit has been set a quota, and there will be revolutionary prizes for all those who have completed their task. The prizes are:

1. A special Southern Worker pennant for all units reaching their quota.
2. A copy of any Marxist book on the International Publishers' list for the comrades who bring in the most subscriptions.
3. A choice of one book out of a selected number of books about 100 workers for every comrade who brings in 20 or more subscriptions, or 20 one-half year subscriptions.

As soon as the drive gets under way there will be a complete report of what every city is doing in the SOUTHERN WORKER every week. The record of the number of copies sold by any unit will be posted and be money received at the SOUTHERN WORKER office from their sales. Another check-up will be kept on all the sales figures in the districts.

Here are the quotas. The District Committees will decide how many among the units that's all.

### Furniture Workers Ready To Strike

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Seven hundred workers of the T. H. Furniture Company here are ready to strike against the various Redun ditchest system. The entire department is still on strike despite the efforts of A. F. of L. organizers to sell them out.

Sentiment has been running high for strike during the past few weeks, but Edward F. McGrady, A. F. of L. representative and Chas. M. Gandy, another A. F. of L. worker, stated that if they would strike the A. F. of L. would not lift a finger to help them. The workers, however, insist on striking and they are in extreme danger of a sell-out with McGrady, causing the town not work to take charge. It is to be expected that not to strike he will do his best to bring them down.

### Negro Delegate Tells Of R. I. L. U. Congress

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...of the states. Everywhere we hear the word "Terror" which means Comrade in Russian. The delegates went one day to Leningrad and visited all the important centers. I will tell you more about it on my return. We also had a wonderful time in Germany, that is, Hamburg, not over a man on a bicycle comes pass while we were in three monster demonstrations, in fact all traffic was tied up. You should see how the defense corps handle things here, could tell you a lot more but I won't write in this letter.

I have to be back at the hall at 5 o'clock and it is time for me to go. Please give my regards to all the Comrades and tell them not to give up the fight because all the working class of Russia is with us and you know what that means.

Comradely yours,  
Mack Toussaint.

### Call Southern Anti-Lynching Conference

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The boss class is determined to drown the rising struggle of the oppressed Negro masses in a sea of working class blood.

This bloody campaign of lynching, torture and murder must be stopped. The masses of Negroes, aided and supported by the white workers, must and will be organized in an aggressive campaign against lynch law and all forms of boss class terrorism. As a first step in this direction the American Negro Labor Congress has issued a call for all working class organizations to elect delegates to a mass Conference against Lynch Law and Bosses' Terror. The conference will open in Chattanooga, Tennessee, November 1st at 11 a.m.

Trade unions, clubs and fraternal order, insurance societies and churches all over the South are urged to elect delegates to this historic conference. At the same time the American Negro Labor Congress calls on the workers in the shops and the poor farmers and share croppers in the land to form committees for the organization of the struggle and to elect delegates from these committees to the great Chattanooga conference.

It is pointed out in the statement that the conference at Chattanooga November 1st will also be a mobilization point for the National Convention of the American Negro Labor Congress to be held at St. Louis on Nov. 15th. At this national convention plans will be worked out for a national campaign against Lynch Law.

**COMING!**

*My Life*, the story of the life and struggles of a Southern Negro working woman, will soon begin appearing serially every week in the SOUTHERN WORKER.

Don't miss it! Watch for it! Subscribe and be sure of getting every installment.

Houston T. U. U. L. Recruiting HOUSTON, Tex.—The two sections of the Trade Union Unity League are now in good working order and busy recruiting new members. New members obtained last week include 6 cotton compress workers by T. U. U. L. Section 1, 10 team drivers by T. U. U. L. Section 2, 3 new members in the S. W. I. U. and 1 agricultural worker, making a total of 5 new Negro members and 4 new white.

ATLANTA, Ga.—The petition to strain the American Order of Black Knights from functioning has been withdrawn permitting the white chauvinistic society to exist.

GREENVILLE, Ky.—Over 2,000 miners struck here Sept. 19, demanding a return to the 1917 wage scale and recognition of the union. The strike was not authorized by the U. W. M. U.

### PIONEER TELLS OF CHILD LABOR

Chattanooga, Tenn.

I am writing to tell you how we are getting along. The children in the Pioneer Group, 7 to 16 years old, have to do hard work. Some of the Negro children have to take breakfast early every morning to workers in the mills.

Some work in grocery stores and get all day's work and have to get on their jobs early every morning.

The colored and whites have different churches, different playgrounds, different schools, parties and everything different.

I am going to tell you about a new school. The kids have a basketball and they play basketball to get on their feet. The children were so

hungry until they were hardly living. So the old lady went on the street and begged for money and food. She was an old colored lady. She went to a grocery store and asked for something to eat. The man said he had his food to sell and not to give away. The old woman went out begging every day.

The white people live in better houses, better schools, get better wages, better playgrounds, better churches, better attendance in hospitals and better churches. The workers get less wages than the colored workers.

Some of our Pioneers have to do work that men should do.

Comradely yours,  
Baby Gordon, Pioneer, 1930.

### Building The Southern Worker

San Quentin Prison, California

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a money order for 50 cents paying my subscription to your valuable paper for a period of six months.

As a true son of "Dixie" who has waged a lone handed battle for the same cause your timely publication propagates I am forced to admit that your "four hits" cuts a deep hole in my small pile of "pennies." Words are not needed to prove my sincerity—my "sub" is self-evident.

Comradely yours,  
Bernie M. Hays

EDITOR'S NOTE: Comrade Hays was framed up on a charge of sedition during the 1922 railroad strike at Tracy, California. He was a loner hang for the Southern Worker a few miles out of Tracy and thrown into jail and framed. He was caught by the police and taken to San Quentin. He was charged with attacking and robbing a man who was found with his head covered in after he had pulled a gun on a man, whose only crime was organizing and fighting the bosses.

Good word comes from Al W. McBride, our Houston correspondent and literature agent for the Houston T. U. U. L. Al has the right spirit. This is what he says:

The sentiment in the SOUTHERN WORKER here is good and I now have the workers coming to the M. W. I. U. Hall asking when our paper, the S. W. is going to be sent to the towns. So they can get it to let their neighbors read the work that is going on in the district. It is five miles from the M. W. I. U. Hall to the main part of the town. It is not going to stop the getting the S. W. to every worker's home. I am looking forward to having you sending a thousand copies here to Houston every week.

Just say the word, Al, and you will get your thousand copies as soon as you can handle them.

### Democratic Candidate Cuts Workers 10%

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This is Bankhead's home town. He is the millionaire steel mill operator who is running for the United States Senate. He owns most of the town of Jasper. The A. F. of L. which is just about as good as an outfit of old Bankhead himself, have endorsed this boss' man for the United States Senate on the orders of WILLIAM GREEN sent direct from Washington. We Jasper miners who are beginning to wake up are going to wipe Bankhead off the map in the town at election time. For once we are going to vote for a real working man's party, the Communist Party.

### Fight for Social Insurance!

### Birmingham and Chattanooga in Revolutionary Competition

Results up to September 19. Quotas to be achieved by January 1

	Quota, New Members	New Members To Date	Quota Shop Units	Shop Units Filled to Date
CHATT.	75	41	3 Metal	1 Mine
	45 Negro	21 Negro	2 Metal	2 Metal
	30 White	20 White	1 Textile	0 Textile
B'HAM	40	20	3 Metal	0 Metal
	25 Negro	17 Negro	1 Textile	1 Street Sweeper
	15 White	3 White		1 Prison Guard



