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First Victory for ILD at Scottsboro

KY. MINERS STRIKE, DEMAND TROOPS AND GUNMEN WITHDRAW

A F of L Called in Troops; Miners In Mass Protest

Jail 29 While Troops With Machine Guns Hold Off Miners; 5,000 Unemployed

HARAN, Ky.—Five hundreds miners struck here in protest against the arrival of troops and demanded the withdrawal of the mine owners armed guards. Three mines were struck completely.

HARAN, Ky.—Miners throughout this section who had been waging a fierce struggle against starvation, are enraged at the invasion by troops being used to support the mine owners and their gunmen and the arrest of 29 of their number, indicted by the grand jury for "murder," "banding and confederating," and other charges.

When about 400 troops, heavily armed with machine guns, grenades and artillery, came into Harlan, the mine owner group of demonstrating miners, numbering as high as 1,000, demanded their withdrawal. At the same time a group of 100 composed of the business men of the town, company officials, and United Mine Workers officials and rangers on marched to the edge of town to welcome them, waving the American flag.

U. M. W. Officials Call Troops The troops were sent by Governor Sampson of Kentucky after he had been petitioned to do so by the local labor leaders of the U. M. W. 50 business men of Harlan and Sheriff Blair, notorious labor strike-breaker of the Black Mountain Coal Company, and the Harlan Mine Owners Association. William Turnbull, district president of the U. M. W., Lawrence Dwyer, Pineville, A. F. of L. official, and Peter Campbell, secretary of the Kentucky Federation of Labor, signed the petition for troops. The labor leaders are now demanding that martial law be proclaimed. The 29 indicted were arrested by troopers heavily armed with machine guns and rifles. Sheriff Blair and his men being afraid to go near Evarts after the decisive defeat given them by the miners a few days before when three deputies and one miner were killed in a gun battle.

Independent Local Local president Hightower and district president Turnbull had jammed thru a vote in the mine local to "cooperate with the troops" when they told the miners that the governor had made an agreement with them that the troops would disarm the mine guards. The miners now see this to be a fake, and that the majority of the miners did not believe them was shown by the thousands demonstrating against the troops in Evarts.

The miners local in the Harlan coal fields is not recognized by the United Mine Workers, although officials of this fakers outfit are busy in this region misleading the miners. There is strong opposition to these union misleaders among the miners, especially since they saw these officials for the first time in mine struggle history, petition for troops to supplement the mine guards.

Miners Evicted Those arrested and charged with murder are Frank Smith and Al Benson, miners, chief of police Asa Cus (Turn To Page Four)

Delegates To All-Southern Meet Elected

Form Block Groups For Scottsboro Defense

Calls inviting them to send delegates to the All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference to be held in Chattanooga, May 21, at the Masonic Hall, have already been sent to over 2,000 Negro churches, lodges, fraternal orders and Negro and white union bodies by the Provisional Committee of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor Defense.

Scottsboro Block Committees The League of Struggle for Negro Rights is preparing for the Conference by organizing Scottsboro Defense block committees in Chattanooga, Birmingham, Atlanta, and New Orleans. Workers living in one-block, who are willing to join the struggle. (Turn To Page Two)

N. C. Scottsboro Meet on May 24th

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—A United Front Scottsboro Defense Conference for the Charlotte District has been called jointly by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor Defense to be held in this city on May 24th, at 36 S. College street.

All Negro and white organizations, churches and fraternal orders in Charlotte and vicinity, who wish to join the fight for the release of the boys, are being invited to send delegates.

The conference is called not only to organize and centralize the protest against the Scottsboro courthouse lynching, but also against the rape frame-up of three Negro farm laborers at Mint Hill, N. C.

Delegates from the Charlotte District Conference will be elected in the All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference at Chattanooga.

The Communist Party has also issued leaflets calling upon workers in the mills, churches and organizations to elect delegates to the Charlotte Conference.

Make Warrior Miners Professional Beggars

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—A new idea for solving unemployment has been announced by a minister here. It consists in making handicrafts people out of miners—set them to work at making quilts and other odds and ends with no hopes of being able to compete with the manufactured products and depending upon charity to sell their goods. Minister Morgan wants to make professional beggars out of 500 miners in and around Warrior.

For the last few years the miners here have been starving. Today they are actually starving to death. While

Mass Protest Already Gains Points in Court

Mrs. Wright and Girl Welcomed by New York Workers; Members Hit N. A. A. C. P. Traitors

Two important victories were won by the International Labor Defense in the fight to save the lives of the nine Scottsboro boys, when the District for a new trial for Haywood Patterson came up in the Scottsboro court on May 5th.

A hearing on a new trial was granted, but only in the case of Haywood Patterson, but also by the other seven boys already convicted and for whom a new trial had been denied by Judge Hawkins when he made the same and fact-finding motions at the trial of the boys.

Cut Farm Wages To 25 Cents In Ala. Black Belt

TALLAPOOSA, Ala.—The planters of this vicinity have agreed among themselves to do away with share croppers and tenants and instead use the Negro and white tenants as farm laborers, paying the men 30 cents a day and the women 25 cents a day, according to reports circulating here.

This would mean nothing but outright slavery for the Negro and white farm workers here in the heart of the Black Belt. This outrageous wage for a day's work lasting from sun-up to sun-down will never be seen by the workers, since it will all be kept by the planters to pay off debts that the workers were supposed to have piled up. Even the slight degree of independence enjoyed by a farm tenant or cropper would thus be taken entirely away from him.

The advances in this area are paying \$1 a day for highly skilled workers and 50 cents daily to the laborers.

The Communist Party has organized number of groups of farm workers and small workers in this vicinity to lead the struggle against the proposed package and against the conditions that exist at present. A number of meetings have already been held at which the Negro renters and croppers have enthusiastically welcomed Communist leadership and sent resolutions of protest against the Scottsboro lynchings to Governor Miller. Delegates to the All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference to be held in Chattanooga on May 21, are being selected from among the farm workers.

War by Mass Protest

The winning of these two points was made possible by the mass movement of protest against the legal lynching of the Scottsboro boys. George W. Chandler, International Labor Defense attorney, who argued the motion at Scottsboro, declares that this victory is due to the resolutions and telegrams of protest pouring in from all parts of the country. Stephen Kaddy, the attorney denounced by the N. A. A. C. P. as a traitor, and whom the N. A. A. C. P. has the Masterly Alliance claim to be the attorney in the case, did not even show up in the court room. It was with Haywood Patterson was being tried that the jury in the case of the first two to be tried, Norris and Weems, returned with a verdict of guilty and the courtroom as well as the mob gathered outside burst into frenzied applause. The verdict was received by a brass band with the jury filing on the case of Patterson taking it all in.

Ozie Powell 14 Years Old

Mrs. Ada Wright, mother of one of the boys, and her 14-year-old girl, Elsa, known to the Chattanooga workers as their mother, arrived in New York City and was given an enthusiastic welcome at the terminal by white and Negro workers. She will speak in New York and other Southern cities under the auspices of the International Labor Defense, rallying more mass support in the struggle to save her boys and the other defendants.

In a letter sent to the League of Struggle for Negro Rights by Mrs. Josephine Powell, mother of Ozie Powell, who is facing the electric chair reveals that her son is only 14 years old, instead of 16 as he was made to say at the trial. This means that three of the nine boys—Boy Wright, Eugene Williams and Ozie Powell—are all under 16 years (Turn To Page Two)

FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

50 Do Work of 90 in Bemberg Chemical Dept.

By a Worker Correspondent
Bemberg, Tenn.
The time I worked in the Bemberg chemical department, we had 90 men there and do the same amount of work as we do now.

Spinnerette Notes

By a Worker Correspondent
Hillsboro, Tenn.
The spinnerette department here is working hard. They are working hard because they are working hard.

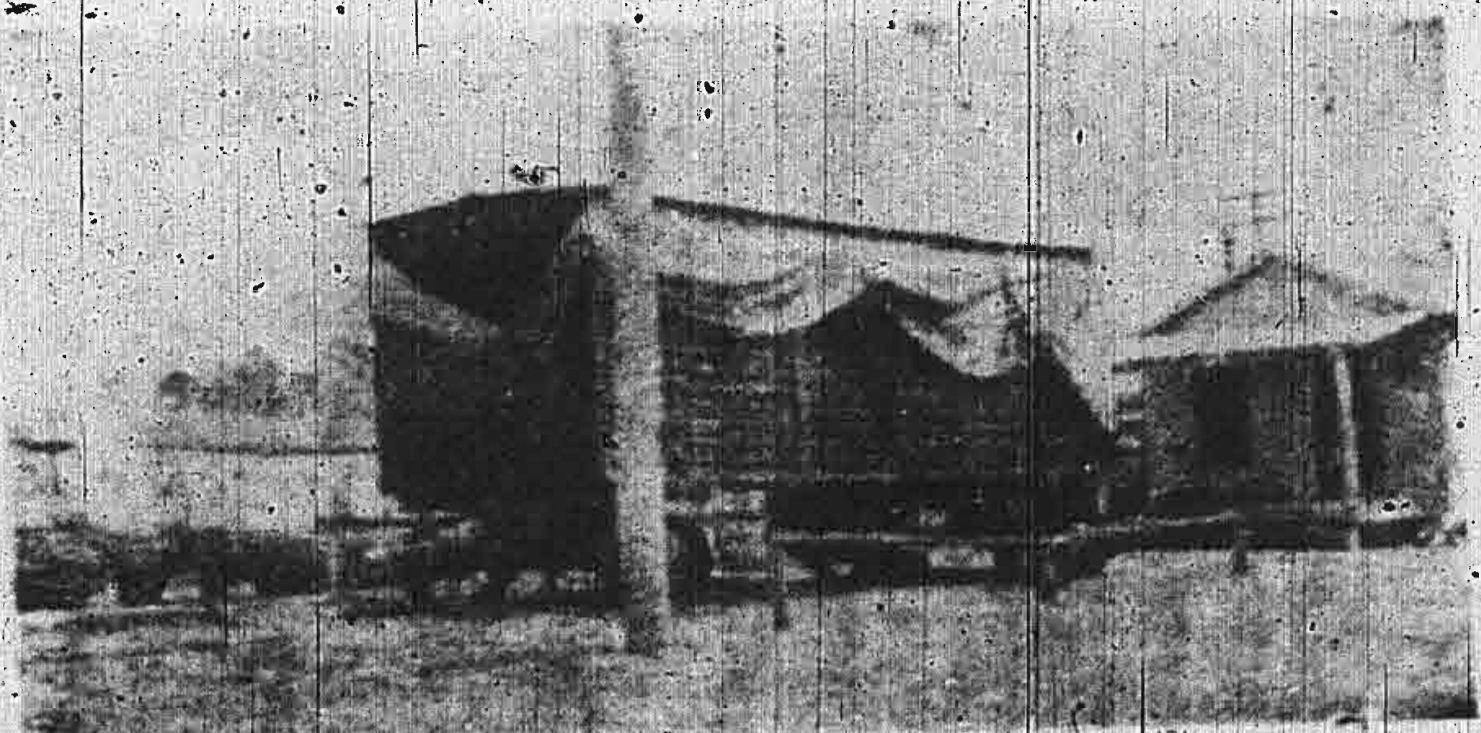
Negroes Fight For Voting Rights in N. C.

HIGH POINT, N. C.—Fiercely fought between white officials at the registration stations and Negroes took place here when Negro workers came to the booths to register for the municipal elections.

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Traveling Dungeons



A wagon used to house chain gang prisoners while at work on the roads.

Boss Rot in New Orleans Election

By a Worker Correspondent
New Orleans, La.
The election campaign has started in New Orleans. The workers here are not going to let the boss class win.

Workers Choked By Boss Greed

By a Worker Correspondent
Elizabethton, Tenn.
There was a terrible accident a few days ago in the Glanzstoff Rayon Plant.

B'ham City Relief Cut As Plants Shut Down

By a Worker Correspondent
Birmingham, Ala.
The city of Birmingham is in an awful condition and is getting worse. The City Park Board is only working a few.

Organize and Strike Against Wage-Cuts!

The Chicago Bridge is now working the men 12 hours a shift. McMann Pipe Fitting Co. called a meeting the other day and told their workers they had to go back to work with a wage-cut.

But Bosses Don't Pay Interest To God by Suffering

By a Worker Correspondent
New Orleans, La.
I don't know how to think of the way the boss class is treating the workers.

Guard Gets One Year For Killing Worker

LAFAYETTE, Ga.—A. N. Cooper, the Walker county chain gang guard who shot down Hoke Cantrell white prisoner, while helplessly manacled to a tree in the camp was sentenced to only from one to three years imprisonment here.

WOMEN WEAVERS FAINT FROM FATIGUE IN NEW STRETCH-OUT

By a Worker Correspondent
Charlotte, N. C.
Just a few months ago I went to work at a mill. They paid \$13.75 a week. I had to work there long until the stretch-out.

Cut Week 2 1/2 Days In Mill

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The Lenoir Textile Mill of Charlotte has just cut two and one-half days off the week. The mill now works only four days a week, 10 hours a day, and men workers receive \$9 a week, women and children \$7 a week, preceding the cut.

Brutal Forced Labor In Miss. Prisons

JACKSON, Miss.—Stories told by four prisoners at the Parchman state penal farm reveal horrible cruelties and barbarous treatment of the prisoners.

Workers Enraged At Jailing of T. U.U.L. Organizer

By a Worker Correspondent
Greenville, S. C.
The jailing of T. U.U.L. organizer here has enraged the workers. They are angry because of the way the boss class is treating them.

Bosses Protect White Women?

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The wife of an unemployed white worker of Gate City was barely saved from death in child birth by the timely aid of one of her neighbors.

Form Scottsboro Defense Block Committees

All those who spread the lies about forced labor in the Soviet Union, never say anything about the brutal treatment of prisoners on the chain-gang, farms and prisons.

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Harlan Miners Fight Rather Than Starve

In the Harlan coal fields the miners are waging a fierce struggle against starvation. There are 5,000 miners unemployed, evicted from their homes, starving. Only one out of every ten miners are working, most of them only part time. Those that are working have had their wages cut, extra work put on them.

The same situation exists in practically every coal field in the country. In Oklahoma, 5,000 miners have threatened to take food by force unless given immediate relief. In the Warrior section in Alabama, 500 miners sent their delegation to the county commission demanding jobs or relief. In Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois the miners are starving. Part time, wage-cuts and speed up are eating away at the very lives of the miners.

In the Harlan coal fields, in the midst of the most brutal terror carried on by the coal companies, miners are waging a war against death. These miners would rather fight than starve. They are fighting in united ranks—employed and unemployed together, white and black in solidarity. The first gun battle occurred when white miners prevented the company gunmen from arresting a Negro fellow-miner.

Against this splendid fighting solidarity of the miners, the officials of the United Mine Workers—who are attempting to have the independent mine local formed here join their union—have taken their position in the battle on the side of the coal operators. The secretary of the Kentucky Federation of Labor, the District President of the U. M. W., an A. F. of L. misleader of Pineville, petitioned the governor to send troops to break the strike and smash the struggle. They told the miners that the troops would disarm the mine guards and leave the field clear for the miners to win their struggle. But the miners have had their experience with troops. While about 100 company officials and U. M. W. fakers and local business men marched to welcome the troops waving an American flag, the miners demonstrated in masses against the sending of the troops. One United Press report described how groups of miners numbering as high as 1,000 in each demonstrated and demanded the withdrawal of the armed forces. They did not believe the glib lies of the U. M. W. misleaders that the troops were going to carry out the promises of the governor and disarm the mine guards.

When the troops arrived, the company jumped into action, arresting 29 miners, including the local secretary of the independent mine local and Everts officials sympathetic to the miners. The deputies had not dared carry out the orders of the coal companies, for they had had their lesson with starving miners who had determined to fight. The sending of the troops was an effort to smash the struggle, in which the U. M. W. officials took a leading part.

About 500 miners at work in the pits struck when they found they had been tricked by the U. M. W. officials. The struggle is just beginning. The Harlan miners are setting the pace in the struggle of the miners against wage-cuts and unemployment. Again, the A. F. of L. and the U. M. W. are playing their traitorous game.

The miners in other parts of the country are following developments in Harlan closely. In the struggle against starvation, there is no room for playing with traitors. The miners themselves, thru their own broad strike committees and unemployed councils, must take the leadership in their struggle if they are not to be sold out and sent back to starvation.

Harlan Miners Fight Against Starvation

(Continued From Front Page)

sick, W. B. Jones, representative of the United Mine Workers in Harlan county, and Joe Cawood, a school trustee. Besides, 24 other miners have been arrested.

One Negro miner was charged with "criminal syndicalism," but the jury failed to indict him.

Everts is the only "free" town in the Harlan coal fields, and was therefore the center of the miners fighting the mine owners. Everts stands on the only land in the county not owned by the mine owners, and it was here that thousands of miners and their families flocked when they were evicted from their homes in the company towns for either joining the mine local, not being able to pay rent because they were unemployed, or refusing to pay high prices at the company commissaries for their food. There are now 5,000 persons living in Everts, altho the normal population of this town is 1,500. The miners were put up at the homes of their friends after the wholesale evictions from the company towns. In the Harlan fields there are about 5,000 men out of work, and only 10 percent of the population is at work. Of the 87 mines in this district, only 35 of the smaller ones are working part or full time.

Fighting Solidarity

Both white and Negro miners are showing excellent fighting solidarity

in the struggle. Last Thursday there was a mass demonstration of miners to force the release of a Negro miner who had been arrested by Sheriff Blair's men, and it was to save another Negro miner from arrest that fighting occurred between white miners and deputies two weeks ago, resulting in the killing of one deputy and the serious wounding of a miner.

In his official order for the troops to march into the mine territory, Gov. Sampson, as usual, tried to divert the attention from the starvation conditions against which the miners are fighting by the usual line about "interlopers." He said: "Quite several undesirable citizens from other states, it is reported, have taken up their abode at Everts, and are inciting and leading the trouble. They do not want to work or allow others to do so. Some are said to belong to those societies called Reds and Communists. The community must be rid of these outlaws by lawful means—they are too great a menace to society." The governor, stated that his information about the "reds" being in Harlan came from Turnblazer and Dwyer, officials of the U. M. W. and A. F. of L., who are evidently alarmed at the militancy of the miners.

SPRING SOWING IN SOVIET

MOSCOW, S. S. R.—Sweeping all obstacles aside toward completion of the 5-year-plan the Soviet Union will sow this Spring 250,000,000 acres of wheat, corn, rye, oats and flax, 28,000,000 acres going to wheat.

WHERE THE FARMERS SMILE



On a collective farm in Soviet Russia

ORGANIZE SCOTTSBORO DEFENSE COMMITTEE!

The white and Negro workers must organize their forces to save the nine Scottsboro boys.

The only power that can free the nine Negro boys is the organized strength of millions of white and Negro workers and farmers. The vast nationwide movement of angry workers of this country against the Scottsboro lynching must be definitely organized and united under the leadership of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the International Labor Defense (I.L.D.).

Block and Shop Committees. The League of Struggle for Negro Rights (L.S.N.R.) calls upon the readers of the SOUTHERN WORKER to form Scottsboro Defense Committees, in their neighborhoods, and shops.

Each man, woman and child has a task to perform to save these innocent Negro boys.

Each reader of the SOUTHERN WORKER shall become an organizer for their defense as tens of thousands of white and Negro workers are already doing throughout the entire nation.

What To Do

After you read this copy of the SOUTHERN WORKER talk the matter over with your shop mates and neighbors. Bring four, five or ten of them to your house and organize yourselves as a committee of the L. S. N. R. to defend the Scottsboro boys.

Elect a secretary at the meeting. Arrange to meet regularly each week.

Scottsboro Conferences in 12 Cities

Throughout the country the wide mass protest movement against the Scottsboro legal lynching is growing and spreading. A dozen sectional Scottsboro Defense Conferences are being called to centralize and organize the protest and obtain the release of the nine boys.

United front conferences will be held between now and the end of May in New York City, Pittsburgh, Minneapolis, Buffalo, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, New Orleans, Cleveland and Charlotte. All of these conferences are being invited to send delegates to the All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference to be held in Chattanooga on May 31, at the Masonic Hall.

Large numbers of mass meetings are being held, resolutions and telegrams of protest being sent by both Negro and white organizations to Gov. Miller of Alabama and to Judge Hawkins at Fort Payne, Ala., demanding a new trial when the hearing comes up on May 20.

A number of Negro newspapers have come out in support of the International Labor Defense and denounced the treacherous policy of the leadership of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People. Among these are the Chicago Defend-

er, the Boston Guardian, the Philadelphia Spokesman, the Florida Booster (Jacksonville), the New York News, Harlem Home Journal.

Numerous organizations and churches are joining in the struggle by sending telegrams and resolutions of protest to Gov. Miller. The largest Negro church in Cleveland, the St. John A. M. E. church, unanimously adopted a resolution protesting the legal lynching and endorsing the International Labor Defense. The resolutions declare in part: "We, the 1,000 members of St. John A. M. E. church, demand the immediate and unconditional release of the nine Negro boys jailed on a framed-up charge of rape, convicted by a 'lily white' jury and sentenced by a corrupt judge to die in the electric chair."

The following organizations and mass meetings have joined the protest by sending resolutions or telegrams to the Governor: National Textile Workers' Union members, Maynard, Mass.; Lithuanian Sick and Death Benefit Society, Waterbury, Conn.; mass meeting, Hancock, Mich.; May Day meeting of 300 workers, Birmingham, N. Y.; 20,000 white and Negro workers at May Day demonstration in Chicago; meeting of 200 Scandinavian workers, Allston, Mass.

Order extra copies of the Southern Worker to sell and distribute among your friends and neighbors.

Collect money and send it to the International Labor Defense, Box 1511, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Order copies of the LIBERATOR by writing to "LIBERATOR," at 799 Broadway, Room 308, New York City.

Raise the question of saving the Scottsboro boys in your Union, Lodge, Church, or organization of which you are a member and get them to send a delegate to the All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference called for Sunday, May 31, in Chattanooga by the I. L. D. and L. S. N. R.

Write to us for further information and advice and inform us what you are doing about it.

Remember! Only our organized strength will stop the bloody hands of the lynchers. Only our organized strength will bring freedom to the nine Scottsboro boys.

LEAGUE OF STRUGGLE FOR NEGRO RIGHTS, Box 219, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mothers Day

By MARGARET NEAL

This month brings us "Mothers Day." The boss press is writing columns of slush about the "sacred motherhood."

This rich country has made the cost of its wealth for mothers insurance. The last woman to be grossly abused without being paid the Jones bill, which would have paid the work for maternity and child care discontinued by the child, died in 1925. Even this extremely inadequate provision was dropped because it would take a penny from the pockets of the bourgeoisie.

Rich America forces the working class mother to go through child care without offering a penny of support. The boss withdraws her meager wage

just when she needs it most. Almost twenty thousand mothers die every year in the United States. That this loss is for the most part the working class sections, goes without saying. The rate of infant death is about five times as high for working class babies as for the children of the rich. The babies of Negro and foreign-born women are condemned to die 8 to 10 times as fast as the white babies. In all Southern states, women die in child birth much faster than in any other state. With South Carolina, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida and Georgia topping the list.

The boss class of America wants plenty of cheap labor for its factories and plenty of cannon fodder for its wars. So it facilitates the working woman to receive information on how to limit her family. Not all women—for the rich woman can get this information easily from the "high class" doctors. This is a class law—like all capitalist laws.

Bosses' America does not care whether, after giving birth to her children, the working woman can support them or not. This very Mother's Day, millions of working class parents, out of a job, are watching their children grow thin and weak from lack of food. Desperately, at the end of their resources, they take their children from school to work long hours in factories and mills.

Soviet Russia has no use for hypocritical sentiment and no need for boosting business, so it has no Mother's Day. But workers' Russia has made the welfare of mother and child one of its first concerns.

A working woman in Soviet Russia who becomes pregnant reports to her factory committee, and is assigned to a mother-and-child clinic. It free prenatal care. Two months before the birth of her child, she quits the factory, not to return for four months. During these four months she continues to receive her pay in full. The hospital in which she gives birth to her child gives her its services free. When she returns to work, her child is cared for in a sunny crèche at the expense of the factory. Summer rest homes have nurseries so that the mother need not miss her annual two-weeks' vacation. For all these services the worker pays nothing out of her wages; these services are at the expense of the state and factory. The maternity service, like all other social services in workers' Russia, are received not as a degrading, humiliating charity, but as a working class right.

A Russian woman receives information freely about health and family limitation. Yet the net increase in population in Russia is 3 1/2 millions yearly, greater than in any Western capitalist country. For Russian women know that neither they nor their children will ever stand in breadline.

Workers' Russia has no crocodile tears to shed over the "sanctity of motherhood." But with power in their hands, the Russian workers have built a country where working and peasant women are glad and proud to bear and rear their children.