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THE BESSEMER CITY STRIKE

Bessemer City, home of the martyred Ella May, is again on the march. In revolt against the third wage-cut since last Christmas and numerous abuses the workers of the American mill, white and black, have struck 100 percent.

The textile workers of Bessemer City point out the road of struggle for the thousands of extremely exploited workers of the South. Their strike shows that the workers have learned how to answer the bosses' offensive of wage-cuts by struggling, how to refuse to carry the burden of the crisis. They spread the message: "Organize and strike against wage-cuts!"

But like vicious parasites sucking the red blood from the strikers, local business men and preachers, who have taken over the leadership of the strike, are making a speedy sell-out. The strikers have made their greatest mistake by listening to such men as Carpenter, brother of the prosecutor of the Gastonia organizers, to Rev. C. J. Black and to Gillespie, who has been foisted on the strikers as their leader. It was on the advice of these friends of the bosses and after their speeches of frenzy and hatred that some of the strikers were induced to run organizers of the National Textile Workers' Union out of town and reject the leadership of that union in the strike.

We say to the strikers of Bessemer City: You are due for a complete sell-out unless you dump your false leaders. Only in an organized and militant manner can the strike be won. Join the National Textile Workers' Union, mass picket, spread the strike and fight on to victory!

DOWN WITH LYNCH LAW!

Fleishish white landlords incited and organized the mob that lynched Oliver Moore, Negro tenant farmer, in North Carolina last week. A white landlord's grand jury at Livingston, Ala., completed the arrangements for wiping out the rest of the Robertson family of Negro share-croppers at Emelle, who militantly resisted the lynchers last July 4.

Governor Gardner states he is "horrificed" at the Tarboro lynching and starts an "investigation" which he knows will result in the whitewashing of the leaders of the mob, even if the well-known inciters are "discovered". The murderers of Ella May went unpunished as did the lynchers of Will McDaniel, 22 year-old Negro farm laborer, lynched near Charlotte last year.

Governor Bibb Graves of Alabama, whose hands still drip with the blood of the Negro and white coal miners shot down during the 1920 strike, has offered a reward of \$300 for any members of the Robertson family captured. The grand jury indicts three of the members of the family still at liberty with murder, which is an invitation to lynch them. Four of the Robertsons have already been wiped out by the mob. Two others are in jail. Not a single white man in the Emelle mob has been indicted.

The government of Alabama thus puts its official stamp on the lynch law policy of the Southern white ruling class. It officially approves and conducts the extermination of a whole Negro family. The white ruling class shows its intention of ruthlessly suppressing any attempt of Negroes to even defend their lives.

The golden promises of a Gov. Gardner mean as little as the brazen lynch cry of a Gov. Graves. The struggle against Lynch Law must be the fight of the white workers as well as the Negroes. Lynch Law is used against both white and black. As long as the white workers permit these brutal attacks on their colored fellow workers just so long will the bosses be able to play one race against another and in this way bring down the conditions of all workers and continue their own bloody rule.

Organize defense groups of white and Negro workers!

SMASH THE BOSSES OFFENSIVE

The industrial and the agricultural crises deepen. All branches of production steadily decline. Cotton and wheat farmers are faced with the most ruinous fall in prices in the last two decades. The great drought has brought additional scores of thousands of farm families face to face with starvation.

The whole policy of the capitalist class and its government in the crisis can be summed up in the single phrase: "Force the workers and poor farmers to pay the cost of the crisis." And what a terrific price the working class and the farmers are paying! The 8 million unemployed that tramp the streets of America looking for jobs that do not exist—they pay the price.

The workers in the textile industry, where, according to the New York Times, the pay roll index has fallen from 91.1 in June, 1929, to 67.3 in July, 1930, and the workers in the steel mills where the index of wages has fallen from 101.9 to 74.5 in a like period, are paying the costs of the crisis. The share croppers on the great plantations of Alabama, Mississippi and Texas, with cotton selling at 10 cents a pound, are paying the price in terms of mass ruin, mass starvation for themselves and their families.

Against this brutal plan of mass starvation, misery and oppression which is the policy of the capitalist class, the Communist Party puts forward the WORKING CLASS POLICY OF UNCOMPROMISING STRUGGLE AGAINST THIS CAPITALIST SYSTEM WHICH HAS CAUSED THE CRISIS.

The Communist Party calls on the 8 million unemployed to organize for the struggle, and together with the workers who still have jobs, to fight for the immediate enactment of its bill for Social Insurance. It calls for mass struggle to force the capitalist class to disgorge a portion of the billions it has stolen from the workers and farmers, for the purpose of paying these same workers and poor farmers unemployment insurance when they cannot find work. It calls on the workers in the shops to fight back against the wage cuts and speed-up, to organize under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League and to prepare to strike now. It leads the poor farmers into the struggle against the exploitation of the big landlords and the bankers.

FORWARD INTO THE STRUGGLE! SMASH THE CAPITALIST OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE WORKERS AND POOR FARMERS! FORCE THE CAPITALIST CLASS TO PAY THE COSTS OF THE CRISIS!

\$300 A HEAD!



Gov. Bibb Graves of Alabama offered \$300 reward for the capture of any member of the Robertson family, who resisted the attacks of a lynch mob. Four have already been murdered, three others are in jail, and two are being sought. Defend the Robertsons!

Fight For Social Insurance

Eight million workers in this country are jobless today. They are without jobs not because they don't want them, but because this capitalist system is unable to give them jobs. Because of the mixed-up nature of the capitalist system of production, the bosses over-produce in their lust for profits, and when they no longer sell the products either here or abroad a crisis occurs, such as we are witnessing today.

When such a crisis occurs it is the workers and poor farmers who are made to suffer for it in the form of unemployment, wage-cuts, lay-offs, speed-up and rock bottom prices for the farmers' produce, while the cost of living remains as high as before.

The issue before the workers' therefore, is either starve or fight. The workers will not starve; they will fight. On September 1st in all cities the workers in great masses will fight for the social insurance bill. This will be the beginning of the fight for this bill. Following September 1st the election campaign. A fight will be made to expose and defeat the present political agents of the bosses and to elect the candidates of the Communist Party, who alone among all the candidates fight for the interests of the workers.

Under the terms of the Workers' Social Insurance Bill a worker who is unemployed, sick or disabled, shall receive a minimum of \$25 per week and five dollars additional for each dependent member of his family. The funds for the payment of this insurance is to come from two sources: first by transferring all funds now

Birmingham and Chattanooga in Revolutionary Competition

Section Committees Accept Quotas to be achieved by Jan. 1, and here are the results up to August 24.

	QUOTA		New Members		QUOTA		Shop Units	
	New Members	Gotten to Date	Gotten to Date		Shop Units	Formed to Date		
B'HAM	75	24	3 Mine	0 Mine	2 Metal	2 Metal	0 Textile	1 Farm
	45 Negro	14 Negro	2 Metal	0 Textile	1 Textile			
	30 White	10 White						
CHAT.	40	10	3 Metal	0 Metal	0 Textile	0 Textile	1 Street Nucleus	1 Pioneer Gro-p
	25 Negro	10 Negro						
	15 White	0 White	1 Textile					

A complete record of this competition which began at the beginning of August will appear in the SOUTHERN WORKER. Beginning with next week the chart will also show the number of subs obtained for the SOUTHERN WORKER by these sections. An analysis of this and next week's chart will appear in the next issue. These figures include only Communist Party members.

The Reds Say--

By JIM ALLEN

Our old friend, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, which helped with some friendly lynch mobs against during the Gastonia strike, is now war-path again. That in itself does worry us very much—we have stood worse friends than the Observer and its crowd—but what's the thing it on, anyhow?

Sure, Bessemer City! It's kind rankles in the hearts and books of the mill gentlemen that U. U. L. groups and unemployed ter all the friendly lynch councils, and the Communist Party don't forget, they claim to be frading this struggle to the fore in of the workers—after the flag election campaign.

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cut and cut and cut, and stretch-out, and lay off and off—for the Reds ain't here more, any more, any more!

That's what they hope, and Of course, they try to make us believe that the Reds is some "Red gang" shipped special delivery Gastonia or Bessemer City, from York, or at least from Soviet Cow. What we got to do, they is, refuse the shipment without opening the package.

Reds are born in the South. You become a Red when you work from 60 to 70 hours and get about \$10 a week. You get there when you can't get a job, there is a 20 percent wage-cut, there is nothing to eat, when you learn that the bosses and courts, and the state are against you. You get to be when you learn about having together with other workers, Negro and white, to overthrow the stretch-out, wage-cuts and employment. Yes, there are lots of born in the South.

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Communists Lead Fight On For Pay For Unemployed

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WHITE AND COLORED WORKERS, UNITE!

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SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY!



The lynch mob, led by Darien, Ga., business men, was cordially invited into the county jail by the sheriff, and lynched John Tandell.

NEGRO LYNCHED IN JAIL AS SHERIFF, GUARDSMEN STAND BY

DARIEN, Ga.—John Tandell, Negro, was lynched right in the McIntosh county jail, sometime in the morning of September 8, with Col. W. Neal and a body of National Guardsmen in the vicinity supposed to be protecting him. Another Negro, said to be Fred Bryan, was found seriously wounded in a swamp close by where the posse was hunting for him. Sheriff Poppell said he did not know how it came that Tandell was lynched, altho he was the one who "locked" him in the jail. It was impossible for the mob to enter the jail without the doors being opened for them or the keys given to them. Of course, no one here will say who did the lynching, altho many know, including the sheriff.

The two Negroes were suspected of being the ones who shot the chief of police and wounded three others when they were attacked as "suspicious" characters, near a bank here. A man hunt was immediately organized. (Turn to Page 2)

Anti-Lynching Drive Started Thruout Land

With 23 lynchings of Negroes thus far this year, and the murder of 5 militant white workers by police and the threats of killing against the organizers in Birmingham labor thruout the country is rallying to a nation-wide anti-lynching campaign under the leadership of the American Negro Labor Congress.

Conferences in principal centers thruout the country of workers' organizations to spread the struggle against lynching and terrorism will be held during the week of September 27 to October 5, which has been designated as Anti-Lynching Week by the A. N. L. C.

It is pointed out in the call for the holding of the conference that lynch law activity has become more brutal and intensive with the increase of unemployment and wage-cuts, and that this method is being used as a boss weapon against workers who would rather organize and fight than starve.

The Communist Party, which is running its own candidates, Negro and white, in the fall state elections in the South, has put forward as one of its chief points of struggle, the fight against lynching, segregation and jim-crowism. Its candidates, they only ones really fighting against lynching, will be on the ballot in Tennessee, the scene of the most recent lynching, and in Alabama, where it is planned to legally murder four male survivors of the Robertson family of Negro share-croppers, four of whom have already been murdered by the Emelle mob.

The local anti-lynching conferences will elect delegates to the National Convention of the A. N. L. C., to be held in St. Louis Nov. 15.

Fight Lynching! Organize Defense Groups of White and Negro Workers! Vote Communist!

ALABAMA POLITICIANS EXPOSED

By Tom Johnson
The Democratic party of Alabama is priding itself on its purity and high ideals because it has gotten rid of Hefflin and Locke who had supported Hoover in 1928. It glories in the fact that they have thrown out those who split up the politics of Alabama and defiled the house of their fathers.

When boiled down these high ideals turn out to be the keeping of boss control and oppressing all workers with the same slave-driving methods used by the slavists.

A Lynch Governor
Alabama, which has been sending up to Montgomery, democratic governors has in office today Gov. Graves, who true to the traditions of dividing the working class, has placed a \$700 reward for the capture of two Negroes, the Robertsons, an open

invitation to lynch mobs. The responsibility of any attempted race riot Emelle will lie at his door.
It is the chamber of commerce of Birmingham which openly comes out for hiring 80,000 women and young girls from 10 years up for \$6 and \$8 weekly, so as to drive down the living standards of workers, drive more able-bodied men out of jobs, and further pit the unity of the working class.
Lies About Unemployment
The party in power has done nothing to relieve unemployment. It has lied as the U. S. Government has had on unemployment figures to keep workers from knowing the true conditions of their class and organizing to fight against the bosses. It keeps quiet on many chain gang some (Turn to Page 2)

Labor Enters National Drive To Save Atlanta Organizers

NEW YORK.—Plans for the full mobilization of the workers in the struggle against the anti-labor warfare being carried on by the bosses all over the country, which has already resulted in nearly 5,000 arrests this year, has been announced by the International Labor Defense.

The "Defense and Liberation Drive" launched by the I. L. D., has as its central point the fight against the death sentences being planned for the six Atlanta organizers, Powers, Carr, Storey, Burlak, Newton and Dalton. They were arrested for organizing Negro and white workers into the same unions and advocating social equality and are being charged with "insurrection" under an old slave law, which demands the death penalty. The trial is expected to be called in September.

The Atlanta bosses, in their effort to stem the tide of working class revolt against starvation, seek the burning of these organizers on the electric chair, and have been launching one terror organization after another like the Blackshirts and the Holy Crusaders. Workers thruout the country and everywhere in the world are being mobilized by the international organization to combat the bosses' murder scheme.

A special drive is also being made among the rank and file members of the A. F. of L., whose officials Nance and Marquardt, helped in obtaining the charges against the organizers. Every A. F. of L. local in the country is being circulated with a resolution by the I. L. D. (Turn to Page 2)

DRUNK BOSSES BEAT PRISONERS

BOONE, N. C.—Affidavits sworn by tourists and residents along a road charge the superintendent of guards of the state convict camp and who the enemies. You got to burn to know what fire is like.

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Jobless, Sells Baby

MACON, Ga.—Jimmie Langford, unemployed worker who came here two weeks ago with his family in search of a job, has been arrested and charged with selling his baby for \$15 to keep his family from starving.

N. C. Tobacco Farmers Hard Hit In Crisis

TARBORO, N. C.—The same tragedy that occurred in the Georgia cigarette leaf tobacco belt a few weeks ago when the farmers brought their crop to sell, is recurring now in Eastern North Carolina in an even sharper form.

The opening of the tobacco sales last week found the crop selling at seven and nine cents a pound, lower than it had ever been, and assured the prospect of thousands of small farmers being completely ruined before the winter sets in. Tenants and share croppers haven't the slightest chance in the world to keep from starvation with the money received last year even enough to pay off last year's debts.

While the tobacco farmers are being completely ruined the "Big Four" cigarette manufacturers are recording a record profit year and the banks are setting out the small farmers for large plantation owners for the mortgages. The price of tobacco has advanced steadily as the farm crisis deepened, from an average of 27.6 cents a pound in 1922 to the 7 or 8 cent average of this year. Cigarette profits are being reaped by the "Big Four" at the price of thousands of ruined farmers, who have overproduced tobacco.

Leave Jail Doors Open For Georgia Lynchers (Continued from Page 1)

Guided by the business men of the town and a unit of guardsmen who were sent for, helped in the hunt. A machine gun, which had at first been mounted in front of the jail, was later removed giving a free hand to the lynchers.

This makes the 22nd lynching this year, already more than the last two years combined. The bosses are using lynch law more and more to combat the rising revolt of the workers against unemployment and starvation. The workers must reply by organizing defense corps of white and Negro workers to stop lynching and join the nationwide anti-lynching drive now being carried on by the American Negro Labor Congress.

The Communist Party, in its election campaign, calls especially upon white workers, as one of their great duties to join working class, to stop lynching by help Negroes to defend themselves.

VOTE COMMUNIST!

CHARLOTTE WORKERS POINT WAY

By Jennie Cooper

On September 1, when over 3,000 workers gathered in Charlotte, N. C., under the leadership of the T. U. U. to demand "work or wages" for the millions of unemployed workers, and to demand the adoption of the "Worker's Social Insurance Bill, and several cars filled with police and about 20 motorcycle police arrived on the scene, together with many clubs and other stool pigeons of the bosses.

In view of the fact that several meetings of the Communist Party of N. C. U. L. and I. L. D. had previously been broken up by the police and the bosses' mob, and in view of the shouting up of two N. T. W. U. organizers in Bessemer City, the workers knew at once what the presence of the police and dicks at this meeting meant.

Workers Learned Lesson

Also remembering what happened on August 1 at the County Court House when the police chased away the crowd, and ran their motorcycles at full speed around the speakers, the workers, as soon as the meeting started, GATHERED UP

World Militants Meet In Moscow

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—Some 500 delegates from revolutionary unions all over the world are now completing the World Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions in Moscow.

The R. I. L. U. is the international center of revolutionary industrial unionism, opposed to the Amsterdam International of betrayals unions, composed of such outfits as the A. F. of L. in this country. The Trade Union Unity League is affiliated to the R. I. L. U. which has affiliated sections in practically every country in the world.

At the Congress, the delegates, most of them rank-and-file workers, elected by their unions, discussed the principal problems facing the working class, such as unemployment, wage-cuts, rationalization, war, the bosses' terror and the organization of the unorganized. Among the delegates present is Comrade Lewis, Negro worker of Birmingham, Ala., elected by the T. U. U. L. to represent the Birmingham District.

Leading world revolutionary leaders addressed the Congress and reports were made on all phases of the work. Thorough discussion and renewed determination to put the decisions of the Congress into effect as soon as possible, marked the gathering.

Nation-Wide Drive To Free Atlanta Six (Continued from Page 1)

manding the immediate and unconditional freedom of the Atlanta comrades. In view of the fact that the members are becoming more and more disgusted with the treachery of the officials, it is expected that many locals will override the petty officials and the instructions from the central bodies and pass the resolution, forwarding them to the prosecutor's office in Atlanta and to the press.

Struggle Against Terror

The campaign will include the struggle against the terrorism of the bosses as exhibited on September 1, in Birmingham against lynching and for the release of all class-war prisoners.

THE A. F. OF L. ANTHEM

Of all sad words
Without a doubt,
The saddest are these:
"We've sold you out."

UNEMPLOYMENT AND FARM CRISIS LOOSES PELLAGRA ON WORKERS

Unemployment has death as its companion as it stalks across the land. In the South, death wears the cloak of pellagra, a disease that comes directly from lack of food and unemployment.

Recorded deaths and cases of pellagra for the first five months of this year show that the working class is suffering from this disease more than it did in the past 10 years. With unemployment increasing its ravages are bound to grow worse.

Thousands Dying

According to the cases and deaths that the states officially report the workers and farm workers in the Carolinas, Virginia, Alabama, northern Mississippi, Arkansas and the tenant farm sections of Texas are hardest hit. The hardest hit regions are the centers of the textile and tobacco industries where the workers suffer most from starvation. In North Carolina alone there were 48 deaths reported for the first six months of 1930, with 1,412 new cases. In South Carolina there were 2,587 new cases in the first five months of the year. In Mississippi there are

Communists Expose Alabama Politicians (Continued from Page 1)

tences to workers so as to get more profits on the wage-cut and speed-up in all factories to unskilled and skilled workers as well, on the increasing use of police, spies, company gunmen, to prevent workers from organizing.

Democratic Alabama wants to elect tools of the bosses who are opposed to old age pensions, unemployment insurance and plans to relieve workers' miseries. It offers nothing to the farmers whose crops have been partly ruined by drought and who with their families face disease and starvation. It stands solidly for bosses' supremacy, for the rule of a few bosses at the expense of the huge majority of white and colored workers. It wants not only to continue, as their fathers did, the slave conditions of the Negro, but also drive white workers and farmers into the same conditions. White and colored workers are alike for them as means of exploitation and profit.

Others Just as Bad

The Republican Party, supporting the "independent" candidates, Heflin and Locke, are in the field only because they would like the political graft of office holding and want to be the ones to serve the bosses' interest. Leaving out of their program unemployment, farm relief, wage-cuts, etc., they expose themselves as enemies of the working class.

The platform of Heflin and Locke is one of fight only against the 27 Democratic leaders who refuse to let them in on the graft and easy money because they betrayed them in 1928. As far as the working class is concerned they stand firmly for the bosses.

The Socialist Party, weak as it is here, will, as the fight between the workers and the bosses sharpens, be used as the third party of the bosses. The S. P., and the A. F. of L., both enemies within the workingclass must be fought because the in words they are for the workers, they betray them in deeds.

It is only the Communist Party which fights for the workers everywhere, whether they are black or white. Support the program of the Communist Party! Vote Communist!

Any worker who would like to become an agent for the Southern Worker and get subscriptions and sell copies of the paper should write in immediately.

LYNCH LAW AT WORK

DARIEN, Ga.—John Tander, gro, was lynched in the Darien county jail on the morning of Sept. 8. A lynch party is now being formed for another Negro, also accused of having shot the chief of police.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—A Negro here, manufacturer of Camel cigarettes, has for more than a year been laying off workers still going at full blast, which is the terrific speed-up and command. Police refuse to take the name of the Negro murderer.

MACON, Ga.—Wild possession here for two weeks, one accused of "attacking a woman," the other of fighting City Hall was guarded all day by machine guns and organized already been rounded up and under "suspicion." If the white who was stabbed during the fight dies, there is a danger of lynchings.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Johnson and Bernard Rogers, grocers, were shot and instantly by policemen here. The police was that the Negroes were breaking into a grocery store.

DALTON, Ga.—Jack Clark, gro, was arrested and brought to Cartersville jail to pay the fine for the murder of the chief of police. Also the police hunting for Clark's brother, who they thought that any one Clark family would do.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—Shut out into a house where all the Negro workers slept by the force them out of the company take their jobs. About 200 workers, incited by the boss dice, applied for the 15 jobs.

RALEIGH, N. C.—Four men convicted of the murder of a man—which means certain death a Negro, although white men, dering Negroes, even is arrested, are either let free or kept in the death row in the prison, awaiting execution.

RALEIGH, N. C.—Raymond lin, Negro, was arrested and over for the next term of court under \$50 bond, for seen in the rear of some white er's barn. He is charged with ing 3 eggs.

GRETN, N. C.—A search here for two Negroes who shot a white man when he accosted a woman in their company and they defended the woman. The hoodlum died from the wound.

Week Pay At Tobacco Plant

By Binkley

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company here, manufacturers of Camel cigarettes, has for more than a year been laying off workers still going at full blast, which is the terrific speed-up and command. Police refuse to take the name of the Negro murderer.

SPEED-UP IN DALTON MILLS

By a Worker Correspondent

Just got a copy of the Southern Worker and see that you ask all workers to send the facts about their working conditions or when we are out of work how we tramp from place to place.

I am working at the Boylston Crown Mill in Dalton. Here the bosses are telling us don't join the National Textile Workers Union, they are reds, they make trouble for us. But the boss sure made trouble for us. The spinners have been doubled up from 8 to 16 sides. The doffers doubled up from 31 to 62 frames.

Two months ago we got a 25 percent wage-cut. One half the workers here are laid off, the rest of us working 3 days a week. Well, it's about time we workers got together and organized in a fighting union to get some good conditions for us, because nobody will ever help us but ourselves.

—Now A Union Worker.

Negro Women Slave For \$4 Weekly In Charleston

Charleston, S. C.

At the bagging mill in Charleston over 600 Negro young girls and old women slave under the most miserable conditions, from early sunrise to sunset, 10 to 12 hours a day for \$4 a week.

The highest that anyone ever made in this mill, and there are women here who have worked for 6 and 10 years, is \$7. But in order to make this "very high wage," one must be very fast.

For being 5 minutes late to work the boss slave takes off 25 cents from the week's wages. If a fight should take place between two girls during the lunch hour, each girl must pay \$2 to the boss out of her weekly \$4 wage.

Working under the most unsanitary conditions and long hours, and with miserable conditions at home (for what kind of a home can a worker have on \$4 a week?) these women and girls are disgusted and are ready for organization.

One girl said that if someone from the union would come and speak to them that she was sure all of them would join and fight for decent conditions and more pay. "For there is nothing we have that we can lose," she said. "The pay we get, after the rent is taken out of it, we have enough money left for some little rice to buy, and then there is not enough. We keep on hoping that some day the bosses will have pity on us and give us a little more money, but it seems like he is not interested in us, and don't care if we

May Shut Down Ensley Shops

By a Worker Correspondent

Birmingham, Ala.

Saturday the open hearth men came to work here at the Ensley plant of the T. C. I., only to be sent home again. The boss told them the plant would be shut down until Sunday night. They used to put a notice on the board when the plant was going to be shut down, but they don't do it anymore. Three shifts of men changed into working clothes and came to work and then had to turn around and go home. They show no consideration for a man around here at all.

A couple of months ago they cut some of the melters third helpers and as a result the third helpers have to work one and sometimes three furnaces. They are speeding us up in every way. The laborers, most of them colored, get only 31 cents an hour and they are treated like dogs. Now stories are going around that the whole Ensley shop will shut down in October until the first of the year. I don't know whether this is true or not but if it does come off their will be hell to pay. We have been close to starving now only working one to three days a week and if we are cut off altogether some one is going to pay. I will write more next week.

—T. C. I. Worker.

Edgewater Mine Works Only Two Day a Week

By a Worker Correspondent

Birmingham, Ala.

I work in the Edgewater mine near here—that is I am supposed to be working there. We get in two night shifts a week now on Monday and Wednesday. The most a pick miner can make is about \$3 or \$4 a shift. That means you make \$8 a week and you are supposed to keep your family on that. It is getting to be around here in the mines and in the T. C. I. shops that a man might about as well have no job at all as have one of these jobs. Thousands of men in here are working part time. I know many men who only average one day a week.

I think the Communist Party Bill for Social Insurance is fine and I am ready to fight for it, but I think it should have a part providing that a man on part time like many of us should get money from the boss men and the Government to make up to our regular full time wages. We are just as bad off as the workers who have no jobs at all.

—A Worker.

CRISIS WORKS IN HOUSTON

By Al W. McBride

Houston, Texas.

Am I living in the U. S. A., or am I not? The crews of section men on the short part of the Southern Pacific R. R. between Houston and Galveston are supposed to be getting \$2 a day. The workers are Mexicans and most of them cannot speak the bosses' language.

But these section men never see more than \$2 or \$3 every pay day, which is every two weeks. The company has cut them down to a 5-day week on a ten-hour day. When it is wet and raining they don't work. The section boss charges them \$1 a day for board and they sleep in old and leaky box cars. The company deducts \$1 a month for hospital dues.

Lay Off 600 Workers

The Southern Pacific laid off 600 colored workers on Saturday, August 30. What is the cause? The farm crisis—there is too much cotton, the market is shot to hell—no transport.

The Church Institute

This institution is supposed to help destitute seamen and give them aid. When the Houston fire department washed the Assembly room with the city fire hose, some seamen got crumby and complained to the city board of health. This drew \$333.33 from the Community Chest, and Monaghan Taylor uses this money for his own personal needs. If a seaman asks for aid he goes to jail for vagrancy.

Starved Into Submission?

Cascaden, the bosses' tool on the U. S. Shipping Board, says he will starve all American seamen who carry the M. W. I. U. card into submission. There are several of us who have been on the blacklist here now for over 8 months and none of us have died or "submitted" from starvation. Instead we are building the union.

New T. U. U. L. Group Formed

We have a new Trade Union Unity League organization in the cotton compress industry and we expect to get many new members.

The Fake Union

The longshoremen on the Southern S. S. Company docks in Houston are the lowest paid workers on the waterfront. The bosses, knowing that the agreement with the International Longshoremen's Assn. runs out on Sept. 15, are looking forward to hiring the jim-crow local to handle their freight cheaper than the colored workers are getting paid now.

Write for the paper! Workers and farmers write about you conditions! Send it to Box 65, Birmingham, Ala.

Lupton City Mill Workers Hard Hit

By a Worker Correspondent

Lupton City, Tenn.

The conditions at the Dixie Spinning Mills here are terrible. Some time ago the winder hands were running ten winders and the boss saw that they were making too much money so he cut the down to 8 in order to cut wages. We were only making \$15.85 a week and when he took two frames away from us we had to work like hell to make \$11 a week.

In the carding department one man runs 24 cards for \$15 a week. The card room workers have to do twice as much work as they did some years ago. So what are we going to do?

Only one thing, fellow-workers, and that very thing is to come on and join the National Textile Workers Union. It is not a boss union, but a workers' union. You remember what the A. F. of L. done to the strikers right here in Chattanooga at the time of the car strike in 1922. It sold out and will sell out next time for it is the bosses union. The only union for us is the National Textile Workers Union, so come on and join the fighting union.

—By Dixie Mill Worker.

T. C. I. Fires Old Men To Avoid Pensions

By a Worker Correspondent

Birmingham, Ala.

Just read a copy of the Southern Worker and liked it fine. I was working for the T. C. I. Now thrown out by spies who keep watching us to see that no one stops a minute for anything. They are now making snitches out of as many of us as possible by threatening their jobs.

One man has to do three times the amount of work in some departments as formerly for the same pay. They are laying off men every week, 20 or 30 at a time, usually those who are nearest to the little pension they give for 25 years of slavery. Many just lack a few months of their 25 years, but are thrown out to starve. We will have to organize and fight back.

—A Former T. C. I. Slave.

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How long will we stand it? Winter is coming. Our loved ones will starve. We must fight!

The bosses fear the desperation of the workers. They plot to keep them subdued. A. F. of L. officials and the Socialists are called—to find a way that feed the hungry?

The way is found! Add terror to hunger to subdue the masses! 22 Negroes lynched! Lynch law invoked against Communist organizers! Will that feed the hungry?

