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## Expose N A A C P Scottsboro Tricks

### CHURCHES, ORGANIZATIONS RALLY TO SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

#### MASS PROTEST WINS FREEDOM FOR ROBINSON

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—As the direct result of a campaign waged by the Communist Party against the frame-up, Ed Robinson, Scottsboro laborer, was released after a jury returned a verdict of not guilty on a charge of attacking a white woman.

Robinson was framed by rural police at Mint Hill, N. C., and the International Labor Defense immediately started an investigation establishing his innocence. The Communist Party exposed the frame-up in meetings and by leaflets.

At the trial, Jake Newell, notorious for his defense of the murderers of Ella May Wiggins during the Gastonia strike, and who blackmailed the Robinson family into bringing him for this case, warned the jury that the Communists were mobilizing mass protest. This served as a warning to the jury and they brought in a verdict of not guilty. The court room was crowded with white and black workers who had been informed of the frame-up thru Communist leaflets.

With this victory to their credit, the white and Negro workers of Charlotte are working ahead for the Charlotte Scottsboro Defense Conference, to be held on May 24.

#### Chattanooga Soup Line Crowded at Closing

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—During the last week of operation of the city soup kitchens 29,147 meals were served to unemployed workers, making an average of about 1,000 families a day, according to R. L. Davis, in charge.

This gives the direct lie to Mayor Bass and his committee, who state that the soup kitchens are being closed because there is no more need for this relief. As unemployment grows worse, the little relief given at the kitchens is being withdrawn, with the workers left to starve. The Unemployed Council of Chattanooga is again mobilizing the workers to demand the continuance of the soup kitchens and cash relief for the unemployed.

#### Power Strikers Force Release of Workers

ATLANTA, Ga.—Under guise of a reward of \$500 for any striker caught in acts of destruction, the Georgia Power Company hopes to send the most militant of the power strikers to the electric chair or long prison terms.

Men out for 2 months against wage cut and the attempt of the company to break the union. The three workers, members of the Trade Union Unity League, who were arrested for distributing leaflets to the strikers calling on them to picket and spread the strike, obtained their release under pressure brought to bear by the strikers.

#### Already Elect 40 Delegates To Conference

Twenty-five delegates from churches and Scottsboro Defense Committees in Chattanooga have already sent in their credentials for the All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference to be held here on May 31 at the Masonic Hall.

Reports arriving from other cities show far more Atlanta six delegates from 3 large churches, a delegate from New Orleans, at least six from Birmingham, and a delegate from a Negro club in Hopkinsville, Ky. According to reports of activities in these and other cities numerous credentials and notices of election of (Turn To Page 2)



Mrs. Ada Wright and her daughter Ella, who are now in the North rallying more mass support in the fight to save the Scottsboro boys.

#### Troops Enforce Injunction Against Striking Ky. Miners

HARLAN, Ky.—Sweeping permanent injunctions against miners who by letter, word or deed, prevent strike-breakers from entering the mines was granted the P. V. & K and the Black Mountain Coal Co. (Peabody Coal Co. subsidiary) by Federal Judge A. M. J. Cochran. Four hundred soldiers are in the field to see to it that the miners starve peacefully.

The trial of seven miners charged with murder has begun with the defense demanding that Circuit Judge D. R. Jones who is openly allied with the mine owners, vacate his bench. W. H. Hightower and W. E. Jones, officials of the Harlan mine local, are among those on trial.

In a statement issued from union headquarters in Evans, Wm. Hightower declared: "If we cannot get help from anyone, we are going to help ourselves. There are 11,000 unemployed miners in the area who are actually starving to death. Hightower stated that the overnor and the troops are siding with the mine owners and are against the miners, although he was one of the signers of the petition demanding that troops be sent.

Hightower said that Gov. Sampson broke all the promises he had made when he sent the troops in. The governor had promised that no strike-breakers would be permitted into the fields, that arrangements would be (Turn To Page 4)

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#### Thousands In Protest March In New York

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Thousands of workers joined the parade as it wound its way to 110th street and 5th avenue where a demonstration estimated at 6,000 workers took place. Negro and white organizations joined the march in a body at various street intersections, carrying banners demanding a new trial for the boys with Negroes on the jury. There were 3,000 in the line of march. The parade preceded the Scottsboro Defense Conference, held on the following day, at which delegates from 200 organizations and churches were present.

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Herndon is now free under \$150 bond. On the basis of no evidence no action was taken against him in the federal court. Braxton was re-arrested on federal charges after being released from the police court.

#### Carter County Farmers Fight Tax Oppression

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn.—Demands to make the Bemberg Glanzstoff Rayon Corporation pay taxes and the removal of the tax burden from the poor farmers of Carter county, are contained in a petition being circulated here by the United Farmers League of Carter county.

The petition is to be presented to the County Court and the Equalization Board. The repeal of the 10-year no-tax agreement made in 1925 with the Bemberg-Glanzstoff Corporation and that it be taxed by the county; the repeal of the tax raise of Nov. 2, 1929, by which the rate of taxation was raised from \$2.55 to \$3.27 on the \$100, and that any loss of funds thus incurred by the county be re-

covered by a special added assessment on the Corporation; that the American Bemberg-Glanzstoff pay back taxes from the beginning of the 10-year no-tax agreement; that the sum of these back taxes be turned over to an elected committee of workers, poor farmers and unemployed to be used partly as a loan fund without interest to poor farmers and partly as a relief fund for the unemployed.

The petition further states that the farmers insist that the rayon bosses make no attempt to make up these tax sums from the increased exploitation of its workers and that they would be ready to help the rayon workers, resist any effort of the mill owners to do so.

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#### More Underhanded Tricks

Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has continued his shameful lies both to parents and to the boys in an effort to split up the defense. Writing to Ozie Powell in prison, Mr. White says: "I was very sorry to meet your mother in Atlanta and to talk with her. As soon as I had explained the facts regarding the case, she told me very promptly that she wanted the N. A. A. C. P. to defend you instead of the I. L. D."

Ozie Powell immediately forwarded this letter to his mother, who sent it to the International Labor Defense along with a letter from her, which says:

"White is a Lie" "Makes no difference what anybody says, I am depending on you. I wish you would look after this letter right away so Ozie won't sign for no one else. Walter White is just a lie. I have not even seen him. I just want to let you know how White was posting letters on me, also my son."

On receiving the letter from White, Ozie Powell immediately wrote to his mother: "I got this letter today. I am sending it to you so you will know just what to do. You know the best for me."

#### Misused Funds

It is by outright lies such as these that the N. A. A. C. P. hope to split the united defense and in this way send the boys to the electric chair. This organization and the Ministers' Alliance of Chattanooga are collecting funds for the boys, with not a cent of them are going to their defense such underhanded tricks. Instead these funds are going as those used by White.

#### Roddy Put in Place

When parents of the boys living in Chattanooga were informed by fellow-workers that hundreds of dollars are being collected in the churches for the boys, but are not being turned over either to them or to the (Turn To Page 2)

### Green Forced To Admit Cuts But Betrays Strikers

WASHINGTON.—The executive council of the A. F. of L., which at late as last winter was actually declaring that there were no wage cuts and that any strikes would be a breach of the solemn compact made between the A. F. of L. officials and the employers at the Hoover conference a year ago, has had to admit that there are wage cuts, terrific wage cuts.

#### Admits Attack on Wages

The A. F. of L. general council has declared the validity of the Trade Union Unity League's strike against A. F. of L. wages. It says that there is a wave of spontaneous strikes of workers who are determined to live and struggle on wages as low as 40¢ and 50¢ a day, and that it is their duty to support them.

The A. F. of L. officials, who have stated that they are "not interested" in the struggle, are "actively" making efforts to bring about a general reduction of wages. The A. F. of L. stated: "The executive council of the A. F. of L. is in a position to wage reductions. The council is large, it has men and women, but it is not interested in the struggle to reduce wages and lower American living standards."

The A. F. of L. representatives who wash Hoover and his administration in mud, saying a word about government wage cutting, and by representing the "vertical" bankers and employers, as merely violating their pledge in the Hoover conference. The A. F. of L. officials do not call for any particular strike, but for any assistance to strikers.

#### Only T. U. U. L. Leads Struggle

It does not mention the fact that while the A. F. of L. was openly and flagrantly breaking strikes and striking about wage cuts, before its present tardy admission of wage-cutting, the Trade Union Unity League unions were leading successful strikes in the mine fields, in the textile mills, in particular at Lawrence, in the needle trade and food industry. The T. U. U. L. program of strike struggle against wage cuts is vindicated. The T. U. U. L. remains the only organization that leads such struggle.

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(Continued from Front Page) have wired protests to the governor of Alabama.

Two of the largest churches in Cleveland have joined the united front. These are the First Street Baptist church, with a congregation of 1,500, and the Zion Hill Baptist church with a congregation of 3,000. A mass protest meeting under the auspices of the International Labor Defense was held in the Hope Chapel Church, leading Negro church in Utica, from which a resolution of protest was sent to Gov. Miller. The Pilgrim Baptist church of Chicago, has opened its doors for an I.L.D. mass meeting at which Mrs. Ada Wright will speak. The Chicago local of the National Assn. and Brotherhood of Dining Car Employees, has elected delegates to the Scottsboro Defense Conference there, over the protest of their leaders.

#### 2,500 in Seattle

In Seattle, Wash., there was a tremendous demonstration of 2,500 workers protesting the Scottsboro outrage and the police attack on another Scottsboro protest meeting held a few nights before at which 60 workers were arrested. The demon-

### Keep Vote From Negroes In Tex. Primary Decision

NEW ORLEANS, Tex.—The white men's primary in Texas by which Negroes are barred from any part in the elections, was upheld by the United States Court of Appeals, when L. A. Nixon, a Negro, fought the case thru appeal two previous judges who refused to permit him to vote in the 1927 Democratic primary.

Nixon showed violation of the 14th and 15th amendments and the Federal Court held that the Democratic party was a voluntary association and therefore had the right to exclude anyone it wished from its primary.

Since the primaries in the Southern states have the force of the actual elections because of the one-party system, the Negro is entirely deprived the right to vote, which he is supposed to have. As the Scottsboro case a fight is being put up by the International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights for the fight of Negroes to secure justice, to must a fight be put up for the right of Negroes to vote.

### Defeat Wage-Cut In Mill Strike

PAWTUCKET, R. I.—Under the leadership of the National Textile Workers' Union a complete victory has been won in the Lexington woolen mill strike. The ten per cent wage cut has been stopped, and other demands are won. Daily mass picket lines by the Lexington workers, some times as often as five times a day, and the powerful support of the workers from the Bay State and General Fabric Mills was what gained the victory. The workers of the Bay State, 100 per cent organized in the N. T. W., picketed with the Lexington strikers. The General Fabric is wholly on strike and the strikers have been holding powerful picket demonstrations not only before their own mill, but also before the Lexington.

The General Fabric strike committee is a general union of textile workers. A youth committee of the N. T. W. is active, and the young strikers are taking the leadership in picketing and organizing.

### 40 Delegates Already Elected to Conference

(Continued from Front Page) delegates from churches, lodges, and other organizations are expected within the next few days.

Six Chattanooga churches have already elected two delegates each to the conference. Three Scottsboro Citizens Block Committee are arranging banquets and dances to help raise money for the defense.

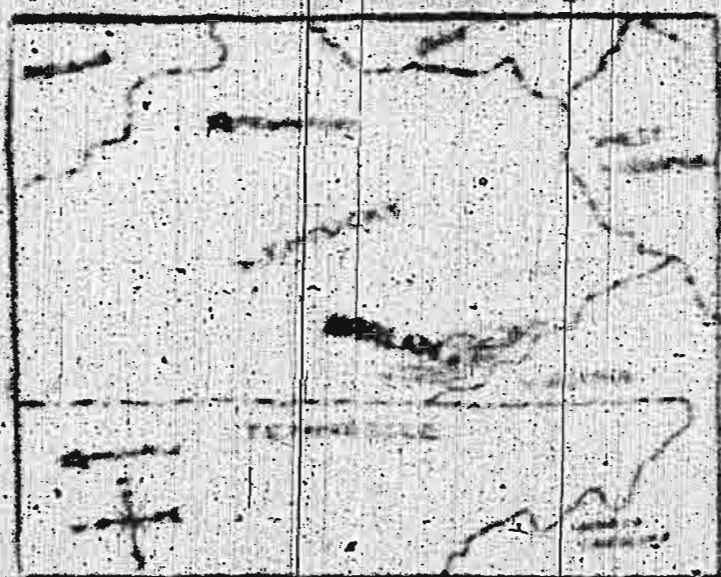
Delegates will also be elected from the local conferences in Charlotte and New Orleans on May 24, and a number of delegates from the not too distant conferences being held in northern and western cities are expected at the Chattanooga conference.

All organizations are asked to notify the Provisional Committee, Box 1511, Chattanooga, Tenn., as soon as delegates are elected so that proper arrangements can be made for the Conference. Workers in other cities having cars which they can place at the disposal of visiting delegations are asked to get in touch with the Committee immediately.

stration sent its protest to Gov. Miller.

Numerous Negro churches and lodges, labor unions and other working class organizations are making continual demands upon the I.L.D. and L.S.N.R. for speakers. About 30 local conferences have been arranged in that many cities all over the coun-

### Mine Struggle Scene



Where the struggle rages in Kentucky. The shaded portion of the map shows the Melrose coal fields where the miners are putting up a stiff fight.

### Melrose Miners Win In Strike

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The strike of the Melrose miners which started as a result of the May Day demonstration, lasted ten days, under the leadership of the National Miners' Union, and ended yesterday in a significant victory for the miners.

The strike was against a wage-cut affecting 180 miners. Originally the leaders were cut from 75 cents to 60 cents a wagon, and the day men were cut 50 cents a day. After 10 miners went on strike, determined to defeat the wage-cut, the company came out with several face schemes but failed to deceive the miners. Finally it proposed to pay 70 cents per wagon and to withdraw 25 cents per day to the day men.

The miners accepted this proposal providing the company would agree on the following additional demands: (1) A reduction in hours, from 12 to 8 1/2 per month; (2) No idling day work; (3) Payment of dead work based on the day men rate; (4) Recognition of Mine Committee; (5) No discrimination against any of the miners; (6) Immediate dismissal of all strike-breakers.

#### Raise Real Wages

All the demands were granted and the miners returned to work, determined to fight against any attempt of the company to rob them of their victory.

### BANKERS URGE CUT IN WAGES

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo.—The committee on stabilization of the Missouri Bankers Association in session here today reported that "a movement looking toward the reduction of the 'dirty' wages paid in industry" is "becoming widespread" and is justified because "it stands to reason that industry cannot continue to pay the old scale of wages if it cannot sell its products in volume and at the old prices."

The bankers never for a moment considered the possibility that the owners of industry, including bankers, might take a little less profit instead of trying to make workers stand the whole burden of the crisis.

"Some appearance of justification for the charge that bankers are fostering the movement is found in the expressions of several leading bankers that wage reductions offer the only way out of the present difficult situation," the report states. "These expressed personal views, however, are the personal views of individuals."

try to unite all forces in the fight for the boys. Many of these conferences will send delegates to the All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference to be held in Chattanooga on May 31. A national Scottsboro defense conference may be held as the wide mass movement grows and demands it.

### TO CONSCRIPT FOUR MILLION IN COMING WAR

WASHINGTON.—Plans are completed for conscripting 4,000,000 American workers for the next war in the interest of Wall Street. These facts were brought out in the testimony of General Douglas McArthur, Chief of Staff, testifying before the War Policies Commission.

The War Policies Commission, headed by Secretary Huxley, and composed of cabinet members, senators and congressmen, is planning for the coming imperialist war under the pretext of studying the question of "industry in war."

#### Plan to Mobilize 4,000,000

General McArthur outlined a plan for immediate mobilization of 11,000,000 men, of whom 4,000,000 would be put on duty for the imperialist war, and 7,000,000 would be driven into the factories to make guns to replace mobilized men.

In making plans for conscription, General McArthur said it had heretofore been assumed that war preparations are becoming matter of more importance every day to "wants of the public confidence" in getting ready for the coming war.

#### Giant Air War Display

At the same time Huxley who says about conscription "provides for the expenditure of \$1,000,000 for an air war show. Over 600 planes are concentrating in Dayton, Ohio, in the largest air war maneuvers ever held in any country in or out of war.

On the eve of this gigantic war move, Rear Admiral Moffet, chief of the Naval Bureau of aeronautics said that more airplanes should be built for the approaching war. Hoover can find millions for war maneuvers, airplane building, army and navy expenditures, but not the cent for the 10,000,000 unemployed facing starvation. The N. Y. Times reveals Hoover's lie, by saying:

"According to informed officials, there is no intention on President Hoover's part to take any steps which will impair adequate preparedness for war or the national defense."

### Expose More NAACP Scottsboro Tricks

(Continued from Front Page) I. L. D., they have highly indignant and asked all workers to see to it that these funds were sent direct to the I. L. D. at Box 1511, Chattanooga, Tenn. A letter appealing for funds signed by all the parents, is being sent out to lodges, organizations and churches.

On the eve of May 20, when the hearing for new trials was supposed to have been heard in Scottsboro, Stephen Roddy, traitor to the boys, issued a statement to the press, full of his usual lies and vainglorious boasting. This statement was answered conclusively by George W. Chamlee, who showed that Roddy had no business in the case from the very beginning, and was not now considered by either the parents or the boys as having anything to do with them.

### LYNCH LAW AT WORK

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The part has newspapers that are trying to lead, Green, has been shown in the following editorial from the Huntington, Tenn., Republican:

"Some of the light-browed fellows are decrying the lynching of the Negro at Union City last week. They say that the men who have been lynched are going to lose any of our eyes if they should be. It is high to touch death by forcing impressed on their heads the animals."

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FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

Spinnerette ORGANIZATION Notes SPREADING IN THE BLACK BELT

Warner Correspondents. Elizabethton, Tenn. Bemberg rayon mill is using...

5 DO WORK OF 14... I have fired still another man...

THREE WAGE CUTS... I am sending this letter to you to...

INDIRECT WAGE CUTTING... They are transferring out all the...

ON THE CARPET... If someone here is caught talking...

MORE ACCIDENTS... They have started the extra...

Fire 53 Workers On B'ham Relief Job

By a Worker Correspondent Birmingham, Ala. The Birmingham Park Board has...

"SW" Fine Paper By a Worker Correspondent Lee County, Ala. Reader, the landowner here, has...

No Sugar or Meat By a Farmer Correspondent Lee County, Ala. We have to make a crop with...

Cut Farm Worker By a Farmer Correspondent Opelika, Ala. All the landlords of Tallapoosa...

Gal. City Officials Lead Life of Czars

By a Worker Correspondent Galveston, Texas. Moody, the Czar of Galveston, also...

KILL 30 CAIRO STRIKERS CAIRO, Egypt—Police, turning...

In Bitter Struggle



An Alabama miner. Miners throughout the country are ready for a bitter struggle against starvation.

Want War Funds For Unemployed

By a Worker Correspondent New Orleans, La. I was looking over one of the...

Workers all over the United States are starving, freezing, being evicted...

Ga. Ministers' Alliance As Bad As In Chatta.

By a Worker Correspondent Galveston, Texas. The Ministers' Alliance of Galveston...

LYNCH JUSTICE AT SCOTTSBORO -STARVATION AT STOCKHAM PIPE

Lynch justice at Scottsboro. Starvation at Stockham plant. For over a week the entire plant...

Those who are still employed are speeded up in high gear when their wages are being slashed right and left.

Wants to Know If We're Free

By a Worker Correspondent Greenville, S. C. The law and order gang are now afraid they have gone too far.

On the 19th day of May a great talk by the Mayor of Greenville and a lawyer on this freedom was made...

Planter Shoots At Boy Farm Worker

CAMILLA, Ga.—Willie Williams, 16-year-old son of Mrs. Lula Williams...

their own stay committees and fight the "B" system, against wages...

KKK Stops Cars To Make Negroes Keep In "Place"

In the beautiful Miami, the KKK has still thriving in its efforts to work in the most out of...

These colored workers are employed in the hotels and restaurants during the winter months.

These self-appointed and appointed Ku Kluxers could not stand this...

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By a Worker Correspondent Sturgis, Rich. Conditions here are bad and still getting worse.

while plowing, and became angered when Williams stood his ground when Butler attempted to beat him.

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## Organize and Strike Against Wage-Cuts

The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has made announcement about wage-cuts. It is not the first announcement these fascist traitors of the interests of the workers have made. In November, 1929, the A. F. of L. leadership participated in and approved of the Hoover "Conference to Maintain Prosperity" in which the A. F. of L. leadership pledged "No Strikes" supposedly in exchange of a pledge of the employers not to cut wages.

However, wage cuts began at once and went on until today, and today the employers are engaged in a wide and intensive drive against wages. The A. F. of L. leadership from the time of the 1929 conference have aided the employers to cut wages by three special policies:

1. They have suppressed and broken strikes against wage cuts, trying to justify this by the fallacious statement that strikes cannot be won in times of unemployment. The Danville and Elizabethton strikes, broken and betrayed by the A. F. of L. testify to the dishonesty of their pretensions.

2. They have not only accepted, but actively pushed the wage cuts against the workers, initiated by Hoover with his "stagger" plan of employment, whereby the burden of the crisis is unloaded onto the employed workers of "leaving" employment with the unemployed, thus immediately cutting the wages of those employed, while the unemployed, who are supposed to benefit are also put on a starvation standard and each set against each other, instead of the employers and the government being forced to pay unemployment insurance at full wages. By this means the general average wage of the working class has been cut sometimes in half—yet these scoundrels of the A. F. of L. now pretend to be "against wage-cuts."

3. The A. F. of L. has aided the employers in every possible way to speed up the process, to drive them to a speed that is wrecking their very life force, with no increase, but rather a decrease of wages, under the pretense that "helping the employer helps the worker."

The result of the wage cuts already put over, but ignored by these fascist trade union bureaucrats, amounted to some \$12,000,000,000 during 1930. That is, the working class got that much less wages in 1930 than it got in 1929. Why, then, does the A. F. of L. now today, in the middle of May, 1931, suddenly make an "announcement" that:

"Certain banking interests and certain employers are making an attempt to bring about a general reduction in wages."

Why, only now does the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. discover "an attempt at wage cutting"? The answer is that these scoundrels are obstructing an attempt of the workers to fight back and strike against wage cuts. It is this attempt that Cress, Wull and the rest of the A. F. of L. bureaucrats want to stop.

Everywhere, the American wage workers are beginning to fight back. A strike wave is rising—but it is rising in spite of everything the A. F. of L. has done to stop it.

The miners of Monroe, Pennsylvania, won a strike against the wage cut. The textile workers of the Lexington Mill at Pawtucket, R. I., won their strike 100 per cent against wage cuts! The Lawrence textile workers recently won a strike against wage cuts. These prove that strikes can be won in spite of unemployment—providing the workers follow the leadership and militant strike policies of the revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League.

But it is the purpose of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. to defeat this rising strike wave. It therefore comes out, when the workers no longer follow their advice not to strike and not to resist wage cuts by calling on them to "resist"—but it consciously avoids telling them how to resist; it does not tell them to strike. And moreover, it discourages striking by helping continuously on unemployment and laying a line of no strike, but rather an "appeal to employers" (the very idea!) that wages should not be cut because it will "hurt the employers."

Workers, you have no other way out but struggle! Employed and unemployed alike should rally to the revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League to strike against wage cuts! Expose the fascist treachery of the A. F. of L. leaders! Unite all forces under T. U. U. L. leadership to defeat wage cuts with strikes! Organize and strike against wage cuts!

## Troops Enforce Federal Injunction In Harlan

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made to take care of destitute families, that we armed guards at the mines would be dismissed, and the right of the miners to organize would be recognized. Col. Carroll, in charge of the troops, tells the miners that there are jobs open for them, but the miners refuse to work under starvation and slavery conditions. The Red her, was forced to acknowledge it. Cress refuses to give them any relief, trying to force a few hundred back to work. The miners say that "there is no difference between working under the guns of the tin-hats and working under the guns of the thug-tanks."

"Under conditions existing in the fields today, a miner is lucky to get 25 tons a week, which at 42 cents a ton average will net him \$10.92 for a six day week." This does not take

into account company deductions for schools, churches, hospitals, mining supplies, rent, etc. Under these conditions the miners refuse to work and starve at the same time.

There is a strong sentiment among miners in other parts of the state, and in Tennessee to strike in sympathy with the Harlan miners and put their own demands. So strong is this sentiment that President Aymon of the Tennessee Federation of Labor and slavery conditions. The Red her, was forced to acknowledge it. Cress refuses to give them any relief, trying to force a few hundred back to work. The miners say that "there is no difference between working under the guns of the tin-hats and working under the guns of the thug-tanks."

The strike movement has spread to Cawood, county seat, and 300 troops have been dispatched there from Evans. The miners, strikers and unemployed are solid and fighting militantly.

## Demand New Trials For Scottsboro 9!

## Make Life Easier For Them



The brothers and sisters of Eugene Williams, 14, who has been sentenced to death at Scottsboro. To obtain the release of the Scottsboro boys will mean to make it harder for the ruling class to legally lynch other Negro boys.

## Foreign Workers In Soviet Union Marvel At Advances

STALINGRAD, U. S. S. R. — Foreign workers working in Stalingrad plant the outdoors. It is their energy and enthusiasm that is setting the pace for the working class of the U. S. S. R.

Examples of this enthusiasm can be seen in the New England, several at factories and the self-managing workers and specialists of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and all workers delegations visiting the Soviet Union. The appeal reads:

"We have worked in the USSR for several months, some have worked here for years. During this time, with our own eyes, we have seen the mighty construction work now proceeding in the USSR.

"We ourselves worked on the new gigantic socialist industry and realize the enormous extent of construction and new work. Giant enterprises are growing like mushrooms and hundreds of new plants are commencing.

"An energetic life is springing up everywhere. We frequently ask ourselves how a country so backward technically and culturally can develop such enormous construction so rapidly.

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## Scottsboro Parents Statement

The following statement was issued by the parents of the Scottsboro boys when they left to visit the boys at Kilby Prison. The same statement was fully endorsed and signed by the boys in prison.

This statement made in Chattanooga, Tennessee, May 14, 1931, after a conference with the relatives of the nine boys hereinafter named.

George W. Chamlee, of Tennessee, and associate counsel, Joseph R. Brodsky and Lowell Wakefield, representative of the International Labor Defense, is to witness that Bernice Norris, sister-in-law of Clarence Norris, Ida Norris, mother of Clarence Norris, and Viola Montgomery, mother of Olin Montgomery, Mamie Williams, mother of Eugene Williams, Beatrice Maddox, sister of Roy and Andy Wright, Claude Patterson and Jane Patterson, father and mother of Haywood Patterson, and Josephine Powell, mother of Ozie Powell have this day ratified, approved and confirmed the contract and agreement heretofore made with the counsel of the International Labor Defense to make a fight to save the nine boys convicted in Scottsboro, Alabama, and now known as the Scottsboro Case, and we give them full authority to do and perform any and all things that they may deem proper or necessary in order to provide legal defense for the nine boys above mentioned.

"We hope that outside organizations will not go into the jail or prison to try to persuade our children to disregard our advice in this matter. We fully appreciate all friendly co-operation but we condemn in unmeasured terms efforts of intermeddlers who have heretofore been interfering and sending out false reports about the case.

"We appeal to all organizations throughout the world to co-operate with the International Labor Defense and with the attorneys we have selected jointly with the International Labor Defense in providing funds and assistance in helping to save our innocent boys from a most cruel and unjust punishment ever inflicted upon defendants in a court in the civilized world; and we want to thank our friends and the organizations who have been showing a friendly and financial interest in this case and while we can't thank them in person, we thank the organizations everywhere for their friendship, loyalty, solidarity and co-operation. We will see that our boys sign a similar statement so that once and for all the world may know that we are with the International Labor Defense and its present attorneys in this fight and will stay with them to the end.

"Signed:

- "Claude Patterson
- "Jane Patterson,
- "Bernice Norris,
- "Josephine Powell,
- "Viola Montgomery,
- "Mamie Williams,
- "Ida Norris."

## Setting Him Right

(Overheard on a soup line after white workers to join the fight for the distribution of a leaflet calling on the Scottsboro boys.)

FIRST WHITE WORKER: These nigger-lovers are sure making a fuss about them Scottsboro niggers. They 'em hang 'em.

SECOND WHITE WORKER: I know 'n's been so free of the law, these girls laying out on the niggers and down on Cash. He's getting paid off by the niggers, he's getting paid off by the niggers, he's getting paid off by the niggers.

FIRST W. W.: He's getting paid off by the niggers, he's getting paid off by the niggers, he's getting paid off by the niggers.

SECOND W. W.: Look at the niggers, they're getting paid off by the niggers, they're getting paid off by the niggers, they're getting paid off by the niggers.

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