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104 White and Negro Delegates In Chatta. Plan Wide Scottsboro Fight

JAIL AMIS, HAYWOOD, JOHNSON, CARSON, LSNR, PARTY LEADERS

Harlan Miner Exposes UMW Leaders Sell-out

By a Worker Correspondent

Harlan, Ky.

Dear Comrade Allen

The papers you have sent me have been distributed to people who are ready to believe that they are being sold out by Negroes by the U. M. W. of A. leaders.

It is common knowledge all over the county that Lee Lively, first local president of UMW local No. 2255, sold out to Sheriff Blair for a mere \$100. L. P. Perkins, president of the Harlan local, exposed Lively. Now Turbitt says that Lively is working for the I. W. W. But Lively is not in the county and no one knows where he is.

L. P. Perkins, U. M. W. president, is getting disgusted with the U. M. W. of A. and is interested in anything that will help the miners win their fight, but says nothing can be done by sitting around and not fighting.

-A Miner

Miners Ask Help In Harlan Strike

Striking miners in Harlan Kentucky, where at least 10 miners have been killed in the past few weeks by company thugs and the National Guard are writing to the Southern Worker asking it to send organizers to the territory.

One miner writes that he has been told by the fellow workers to write to the Southern Worker and find out how to organize in the Communist Party.

Thousands of miners in the Harlan district have been on strike for more than a month against the wage-cutting campaign of the mine owners, who have slashed wages five times in the past two years. A high wage in the Harlan field is \$1.50 a day, with only two or three days work a week.

The miners in the Harlan district have a reputation of being militant fighters and scabs who come into the district do so at a risk to their lives. In defending themselves against the scabs, who are nothing but company gunmen, the miners have killed about fifteen of these human rats. A few weeks ago several hundred armed miners marched to Pineville, a neighboring city, and forced the mayor to give them a carload of food.

Officials of the United Mine Workers are preparing the ground for a sell-out of the strike, but are having a hard time because of the militancy of the miners, who are determined to see the strike through to a finish. Twenty-eight of the miners have been indicted in frame-up murder charges, and 10 of them are already in jail. Sheriff Blair who is owned by the mine operators, is singing not the most militant of the miners for arrest. Judge Jones, openly a coal operators' man, has refused to let the indicted miners out on bail.

Organize And Strike

England, Ark., Farmers Meet To Hear "Red"

ENGLAND, Ark.—For the first time since the now historic food seizure by starving farmers here last winter, a Communist meeting has been held at England, Arkansas.

A number of comrades from Little Rock, Arkansas, arranged the meeting and were eagerly listened to by about 75 farmers. The farmers told of working at various shoppings from early in the morning until late at night for 75¢ a day, with women getting 50¢ a day and children 25¢.

The farmers pledged themselves to assemble a total of at least 500 for the next meeting and further promised that if help were needed in Little Rock they could muster 2,000 men to come to the assistance of the Little Rock workers.

Further meeting for purposes of propaganda and organization are being planned.

WASHINGTON — Due to the intensive campaign waged by the International Labor Defense, and mass support given, if the Supreme Court of the United States reversed decision of the District Court of Appeals of California convicting Yetta Stromberg, 18-year-old member of the Young Communist League, for flying the red flag at a children's camp.

Police, Legionnaires Fire on Youth Demonstration

One member of the Youngstown, Ohio, branch of the Young Communist League is near death, twenty-five members of the League are injured and seventy-five are in jail as a result of a police attack on a demonstration that was held in the steel city on May 30, National Youth Day. At least eleven policemen were injured in the clash. The young Communist who is near death, is in the hospital with a bullet in his abdomen.

Frame-Up Chatta. Negro Worker In Scottsboro Fight

Comrade McDowell is out on bond supplied by the I. L. D.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — A frame-up police frame-up is in the process of being made here against Oscar McDowell, Negro worker, first chairman of a Scottsboro, Ind. Block Committee in East Chattanooga.

Comrade McDowell is at present in jail suffering from head strain, stomach aches and charged with infamous assault with intent to kill. He was shot by Reuben Ball, a Negro under the influence of traitorous preachers. Monday night Comrade McDowell came home to find that his aged mother had been beaten near the head by Ball because she had given refuge in her house to Ball's wife after she had returned from a Scottsboro Defense meeting and been beaten by her husband. Enraged, McDowell went to Ball's house where he was met by the rat who opened fire with a shotgun. McDowell returned the fire in self-defense, but missed. McDowell was sent to the hospital by the I. L. D. the same night, but despite the fact wounds were almost immediately dismissed and taken to jail.

On the same day as the shooting occurred Ball was tried before Judge Fleming for beating his wife. The judge, as was to be expected, dismissed the case against Ball and congratulated him for beating his wife to keep her from being a "red."

With the vicious combination of Fleming and Detective Neal—notorious labor hater—a frame-up is being evolved against Comrade McDowell. He is being defended by the International Labor Defense.

ATTENTION!

Use the SOUTHERN WORKER in the fight to gain freedom for the Nine Scottsboro boys. Obtain subscriptions from your fellow-workers and friends. Order bundles for distribution—see cent a copy for bundles over 10. Use the SOUTHERN WORKER to spread the growing mass movement for the boys!

Conference Denounces Traitors To Nine Boys

Call Rev. Bowens, Who Threatened To Arrest Delegates, A Judas

Charge Leaders With "Loitering"; Fined

Southern States 11 Cities Represented

Trying to intimidate the workers away from the mass Scottsboro defense campaign in the South, Chattanooga police arrested four of the principal speakers and leaders of the Defense Conference at their meeting in the Masonic Hall at the close of the Conference.

Comrades Amis, editor of the Liberator; Harry Haywood, Negro U. L. D. organizer from New York City; Tom Johnson, District organizer of the Communist Party; Jack Carson, Charlotte District organizer of the Communist Party, were searched and then arrested as they were talking together on the sidewalk outside of the hall.

At the hearing before the vicious labor-hating Judge Fleming Tuesday morning the comrades were found guilty of "loitering" and fined \$10 each. The charge of "loitering" was only a cloak to cover the real purpose of attempted terrorism. The comrades were searched without search warrants by the police right on the streets, everything in their pockets taken away from them, and then thrust into jail. Attorney Charles H. H. lawyer, obtained their release under bond the same night and defended them at the hearing. The police methods only serve to strengthen the determination of the work-inglass fighters for the release of the Scottsboro boys.

PIMP FOR EXECUTIONER

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The department of labor has refused to allow Li Tao Tsuan, Chinese Communist in this country, to leave the country for the Soviet Union, but insists that he be deported to China where certain execution awaits him. The U. S. government cooperates with the bloody Chinese government against the Communists.

Over hundred and four delegates representing 11 Southern States and 11 cities were present at the conference. The delegates were searched and arrested as they were talking together on the sidewalk outside of the hall.

The Conference was marked by the highest enthusiasm for the fight led by the mass organizations calling the delegates together and by demonstrating the determination of the workers to do everything possible to free the imprisoned boys. The Southern States Defense Conference was held at the Masonic Hall, Chattanooga, Tenn. on May 30, 1931.

The Southern States Defense Conference has so far received from every city represented, more when they return from the Conference was held in building the movement to save the nine boys in their cells. A resident bureau of seven was elected to direct the work from Chattanooga and branch in the united front of all workers and all those willing to fight for the freedom of the boys.

Every delegate present represented the best and most militant of the Southern workers, white and black, who came and participated despite the terror of the Southern ruling class. White delegates attacked the vicious system of Jim-Crowism and pledged their full support and that of their organizations in the struggle for Negro rights and for the freedom of the boys. This historic conference is a forerunner of the mighty unity of black and white workers of the South.

Jail Black Belt Delegates

Credentials for 175 delegates were received by the Provisional Committee for the Conference and all of them did not arrive due to the breakdown of cars and trucks, police intimidation and arrests. Four delegates elected from the Alabama Black Belt were arrested together with Harris Gilbert, young Communist League organizer, as they were leaving Birmingham and are being held in jail for "investigation." The house police were "suspicious" of an automobile containing both white and Negro workers on a basis of equality and pay for equal work.

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### Pledge Fight For Scottsboro Boys

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That they will also be learned that they were held in the Court...

May 11, 1931...  
The boys were held in the Court...

And Open Conference  
The conference opened...

Resolutions Passed  
The following resolutions...

Former Slave Welcomes  
Former slave Carter...

Fight Against Slavery  
Richard Minor...

conference from the New York Scottsboro Defense Conference which had 24 delegates from the New York City Committee of the L.S.N.R. Harold L.S.N.R. Brighton Beach, N.Y. I.I.D. and L.S.N.R. National Conference of the International Workers Order in New York, Harlem section of the Communist Party Southern District Committee of the Communist Party and Newark, N.J. Scottsboro Defense Conference. Roy Wright wrote from Birmingham Jan 10 the following: I am with the I.I.D. until I get dead.

A great occasion preceded a cablegram of greeting to the conference from I.I.D., the international defense organizations of the workers from headquarters in Moscow. From Moscow a message greeted the possibility of a cablegram. Following the legal hearing from the board of supervisors and the issue of French a Commission of about 20,000 additional.

Another resolution, recognizing the program and nature of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, endorsed the organization for its fight for Negro rights in the Scottsboro case and called upon the delegates to form Scottsboro neighborhood committees under its direction.

Telegrams of greetings were sent by the Conference to the nine Scottsboro boys in jail pleading support to obtain their freedom. A telegram of greeting was also sent to Tom Ruby, whose death sentence has just been commuted to life imprisonment. A telegram protesting the legal lynching and demanding a new trial for the boys when the hearing comes up on June 5, was sent to Gov. Miller of Alabama and Judge Hawkins, the trial judge. The telegram demanded a new trial to expose the frame-up before a jury of worker and farmers, at least half to be Negroes, and with no whites having race prejudice prejudicial to cases on the jury.

A collection of \$40.17 was taken up at the Conference and turned over to the I.I.D. for the Scottsboro defense fund.

### Mrs. Williams In Greenville Meet

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Members of the Springfield Baptist Church, of Greenville, S. C., pledged their support to the nine framed-up Scottsboro boys, and sent a telegram of protest to the governor of Alabama, demanding their release.

Mrs. Williams, mother of 14-year-old Eugene, one of the nine being railroaded to the electric chair, holding her year-old baby in her arms, spoke of the need of all workers to unite to help free the boys. She spoke enthusiastically of the work of the International Labor Defense. "They are doing all they can," she said, "but we cannot leave all the responsibility and work to them. We workers must do all we can, too."

Several of those present spoke, in each case pointing out the need of white and colored workers to organize together, not only for freeing the

### Jobs For Jobless!



The specialty of the courts ruling class—changing! Brutal and forced labor is described in the article below.

### ADMIT BRUSHY MT. MINES ARE A LIVING HELL

Forced labor, a form of slavery, is cruelly and brutally being inflicted upon men, women and children in the Brushy Mountain penitentiary in Petros, Tennessee. As prisoners work in mines which even the state officials have been forced to declare unsafe. Not a day passes by that prisoners are killed or seriously injured by falling slate in the mines. The prisoners must be forced to carry the mines of the point of guns and the lash, and they consider it a privilege to be allowed to work on the outside, no matter how hard the work be. The guards are afraid to enter the mines for two reasons. They would have to incur the danger of being killed and injured by the falling slate, and they might be killed in a prisoners' uprising.

The prison in which the convicts live when they come up from the mines is almost as bad as the mines themselves. It is a tumble-down frame building erected thirty-five years ago to hold 500 prisoners. It now holds nearly 1,000 prisoners, according to official figures, living under unbearable sanitary conditions. The building is an admitted fire trap. Two hundred of the convicts are usually sick with influenza or other diseases at any one time. Recently the prisoners refused to eat the vile food and went on a hunger strike. The food was given to the boys and the prisoners report that the boys actually became sick.

A reign of terror rules in the prison. Because the guards are too cowardly to enter the mines, they allow the few hardened convicts to terrorize the remaining prisoners, most of whom were railroaded so that the state could have cheap labor.

And the capitalists and their agents continue to talk of forced labor in the Soviet Union, the only country in the world where workers are free!

Scottsboro boys, but also to fight against lynching, boss terror, low wages and all the intolerable conditions of the working class.

The meeting at the church, which was organized and put through by local workers, is the first open meeting that it has been possible to hold in Greenville, since the terror instigated by the Ku Klux Klan and police a month ago. In spite of the likelihood of the meeting being broken up, workers, unafraid and defiant, attended, to pledge all possible help in the fight to free the boys.

### NMU Leads Mine Strike Against Wage-Cutting

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—An official announcement of a wage cut June 1 caused a strike of one thousand miners at the Atlantic Mine, owned and operated by the Carnegie Coal Co.

The National Miners Union, organized to strike against the wage-cutting move, has a long record of leading miners to fight against the operation of the mine, committee, blacklisting and payment of dead wages. The present wage scale is 44 cents a ton.

Strike Is Spreading  
Seven more miles away, eastern strike is spreading to the strike of 2500.

Local United Mine Workers of America (U. M. W.) and the National Miners Union, organized on this 2 a result of the operation of the National Miners Union, held a 20 weeks ago, the possibility of a meeting of the U. M. W.

A meeting of the U. M. W. and will finance the strike.

### Delegates Hit Jim-Crow Hard

During the discussion by the delegates at the Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference many important points were made and the main note of the speakers was that of solidarity between white and Negro workers.

Comrade Wilson, a white textile worker from Charlotte, N. C., showed himself himself and the white workers for whom he spoke that on the side of the white workers there is a growing realization of how Jim-Crow helps the boss. "The Southern workers," he said, "are just as good as the Northern ones, but we have been held down and oppressed much harder. When the white and Negro workers get together there will be a story to tell."

Eugene Braxton, Negro delegate from New Orleans, wanted to know whether the bosses cared so much about "protecting white womanhood" when they work women and children in the textile mills for 10 and 12 hours a day at starvation wages.

The delegate from the Woodlawn Neighborhood Club, Birmingham, said: "Our biggest trouble in this case is the preachers, who refuse to do anything to help the boys. What you're doing is alright, they say, but they are afraid to do anything in the name for the boys, but instead attack those who are active in their behalf. The conference roared when the chairman, commenting on the close of a speech by one of the delegates remarked that: "We are not only going home to raise money, but to raise particular hell!"

A Negro woman delegate from an Atlanta church, a minister herself, said that this fight was for all our boys.

### Forced To Drop Charges Against Chat. Comrades

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Charges of "harassment" against Mary Dalton, Harriet Elzabeth Lawson and Fred and Freda Luke, who had organized a new trial in the Scottsboro case, were dropped by the judge.

The judge's order came after a week-long battle between the Chattanooga Citizens Committee, headed by Mary Dalton, and the attorney of the boys, Fred L. O'Connell. The Citizens Committee had filed a motion for a new trial and the judge had granted it. The judge also granted the Citizens Committee's motion to drop the charges against the Scottsboro boys. The judge said that the charges were "unfounded" and that the Citizens Committee had the right to file a motion for a new trial. The judge also granted the Citizens Committee's motion to drop the charges against the Scottsboro boys.

The demonstration at Chattanooga was attended by several hundred workers and many other citizens. A struggle against the Scottsboro case was held in Chattanooga. The demonstration was held in Chattanooga. The demonstration was held in Chattanooga.

### What About That Little Boy?

What about that little boy who is upon your knees, and you often wonder why he is going so fast? He won't have a chance to grow anything.

He is born in a country where the capitalist is a king, and there is your little girl, half grown up, early hour.

Is on her daddy's knee, making a home for her. And yet you will struggle in a new world.

Why don't you organize your own union? Your boy and girl?

J. G. Green...  
Build Scottsboro Defense Groups!

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FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

Spinnerette Notes

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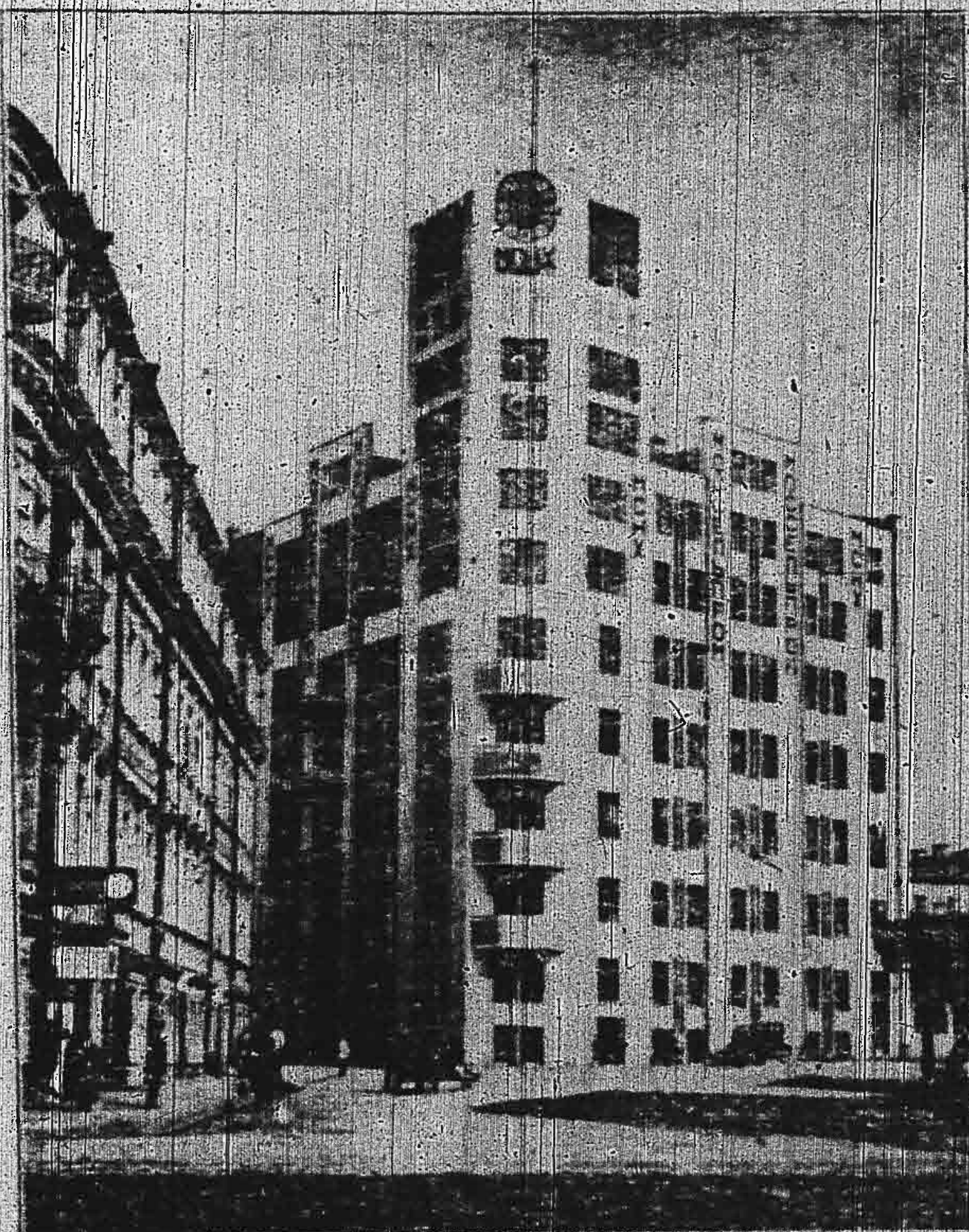
All Round Speed-up... Elizabethton, Tenn. The...

Separate Workers... Elizabethton, Tenn. The...

Blame Reds For Trade Bombings... Breckenridge, Tex. One...

There is another war going on be...

A Factory in Moscow



Notice the plentiful ventilation. New factory buildings like these are springing up as the 5-Year Plan progresses rapidly.

Farm Woman Shows How Bosses 'Protect White Womanhood'

By a Farmer Correspondent. Riesel, Texas. I want to write and let you know...

What does the capitalist class care for us poor working class mothers? All they want with us is to bring...

There seems to be an effort to fasten blame on Communists in connection with these struggles of the business men, and they may try to frame some militant worker or farm...

It grows until it becomes a daily and read by all.

Mill Bosses Try Frame 'Friendly' Elizabeth. Sheriff

By a Worker Correspondent. Elizabethton, Tenn. The mill lunch in Elizabethton tried a dirty frame-up last week that they didn't get away with...

When the case was tried here, it was shown to be the dirtiest sort of a frame-up. Workers and farmers took the stand to show that the deputies had been talking for some time about framing Moreland on a liquor charge...

Home Town of One of Scottsboro Boys Welcomes 'S. Worker'

By a Worker Correspondent. Monroe, Ga. By this you will know that I have been reading the Southern Worker and sure do enjoy reading it...

Stop Starving By United Fight

By a Worker Correspondent. Monroe, Ga. I like very much to read your paper and I like your organization and my father has been working but they can't make enough money to buy food and pay house rent...

Force Workers Borrow From Boss at 15 Perct.

By a Worker Correspondent. Galveston, Texas. A maintenance of way foreman of the local section of the Southern Pacific is making a good business during the depression by loaning out money to the workers under him...

Letting it be known very clearly that they knew whose work this frame-up was, helped the judge to reach his decision. I am not one of those workers who think the Moreland acted in the interests of the workers during the last strike...

400 FAMILIES STARVING AT OPELIKA, ALA.

By a Farmer Correspondent. Waverly, Ala. I have received your paper and was glad to get them and have given them out to the people I can help...

MANY EVICTED IN CHARLOTTE

By a Worker Correspondent. Charlotte, N. C. The Charlotte landlords are oppressing the tenants and making it hard for the farmers. One worker has been renting from his landlord for years and paid 100 cents a week...

Preacher Praises K.K.K. Mobmen

By a Worker Correspondent. Greenville, S. C. The dirty rogues, the K.K.K. went to a church here in Greenville Sunday night to listen to a special talk. The preacher talked about 'Americanism'...

weak sort of opposition. Right now when they are putting thro' all sorts of speed-up and underhand wage-cut schemes all over the two major mills, they want to make certain to have a man in office who will never hesitate to arrest, beat up or shoot down the strikers or workers whatever he has a chance. They've got their real nose and they aim to keep him no matter what the election verdict is.

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## "Peace and Harmony" of an Electric Chair

Silence on the part of the Negro press as a whole and by the leaders of such organizations as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at the beginning of the Scottsboro case was an act of treachery in itself. The mass protest roused over the Scottsboro legal lynching by the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and the Communist Party forced these papers and organizations into action.

Their actions proved to be but a step from one form of treachery to another. Where before they were silent, the leaders of the N. A. A. C. P. now acted—and acted against the Scottsboro boys and the whole Negro people. We have already told about and commented upon the treacherous actions of Walter White, its secretary, during his trip in the South, the collection of funds under false pretenses used against the boys, the dastardly tricks played by these Judases to their people upon the boys.

The Chattanooga Ministers' Alliance however, was always one step ahead on the road of betrayal. It has a stump in the back yard of white ruling class privilege. It traveled this road in the company of the drunken Kluxer Roddy. After having Roddy do his best to send the boys to the electric chair at the first trial in Scottsboro, it launched into an attack upon the movement organized to save the boys. For the slogan "Save the boys," it replaced its own contemptible slogan: "Let's save our own skins and let the boys hang."

Every Negro worker should follow very carefully the steps taken by the Alliance to put their slogan into effect. The members of this organization, parasites living off the sweat of the toilers of their own race realized full well that in return for the favor of helping to send the boys to the electric chair, the white ruling class will return the favor by throwing them an extra chunk of fatback. This compact of betrayal was formally sealed with the statement issued by the Alliance the week preceding the All-Southern Scottsboro Defense Conference. In this statement the ministers say that "if the movement for saving the boys is successful it will tear the South asunder and destroy the peace and harmony existing for many years." Not a word protesting the legal lynching of the boys—instead an attack upon the defense and a full endorsement of that Southern "peace and harmony" which railroad niggers young boys to the electric chair, has lynched thousands of Negroes, but kept them in the "peace" of brutal oppression.

To preserve this lynch law "peace and harmony" Rev. Bowens, the president of the "harmonious" Alliance, was dispatched to Atlanta to threaten the Negro workers with arrest, should they come to the Chattanooga Conference. By this action this Judas is pulling the switch that will send the electric current thru the bodies of the Scottsboro boys.

There is no difference between Bowens' action and the actions of lynchers. He only uses a more subtle, a more hidden form of lynching. He and his associates, the ministers supporting the Alliance and the leaders of the N. A. A. C. P. are the electric chair switchmen for the white ruling class. That is one of the backyard jobs preserved for these favorites.

The All-Southern Chattanooga Defense Conference was a decisive answer to the lynch law of the white ruling class and to these parasites. The roads are now clearly seen: there is one road to travel for all those who honestly and sincerely wish to fight for the release of the boys: there is another for all those who refuse to join the united front called by the I.L.D. and L.S.N.R. The second road leads to the electric chair in Kilby prison.

On the road towards OUR victory we must mobilize the millions of white and Negro toilers. These marching united ranks will obtain freedom for our Scottsboro boys.

## Approve Denial Of Negro Vote

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The white ruling class of Louisiana has shown how it regards the United States Supreme Court declaring the Texas primary law which forbids Negroes from participating in the Democratic primaries unconstitutional. A similar law has been passed in Louisiana which the circuit Court of Appeals of that state has declared constitutional.

It is impossible not to realize that this segregation, discrimination, and jim-crowism is the established policy of the white ruling class of America. The so-called victory won by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People against the Texas Democratic Primary law has not opened the door for the Negro to participate in such elections in Texas unless that Negro is tired of living. The same will hold true in Louisiana even though the United States Supreme Court may also declare this Louisiana statute to be unconstitutional. The carrying of these cases to the Supreme Court becomes a game played by the white ruling class for the purpose of fooling negroes.

## Win Fight For Better School

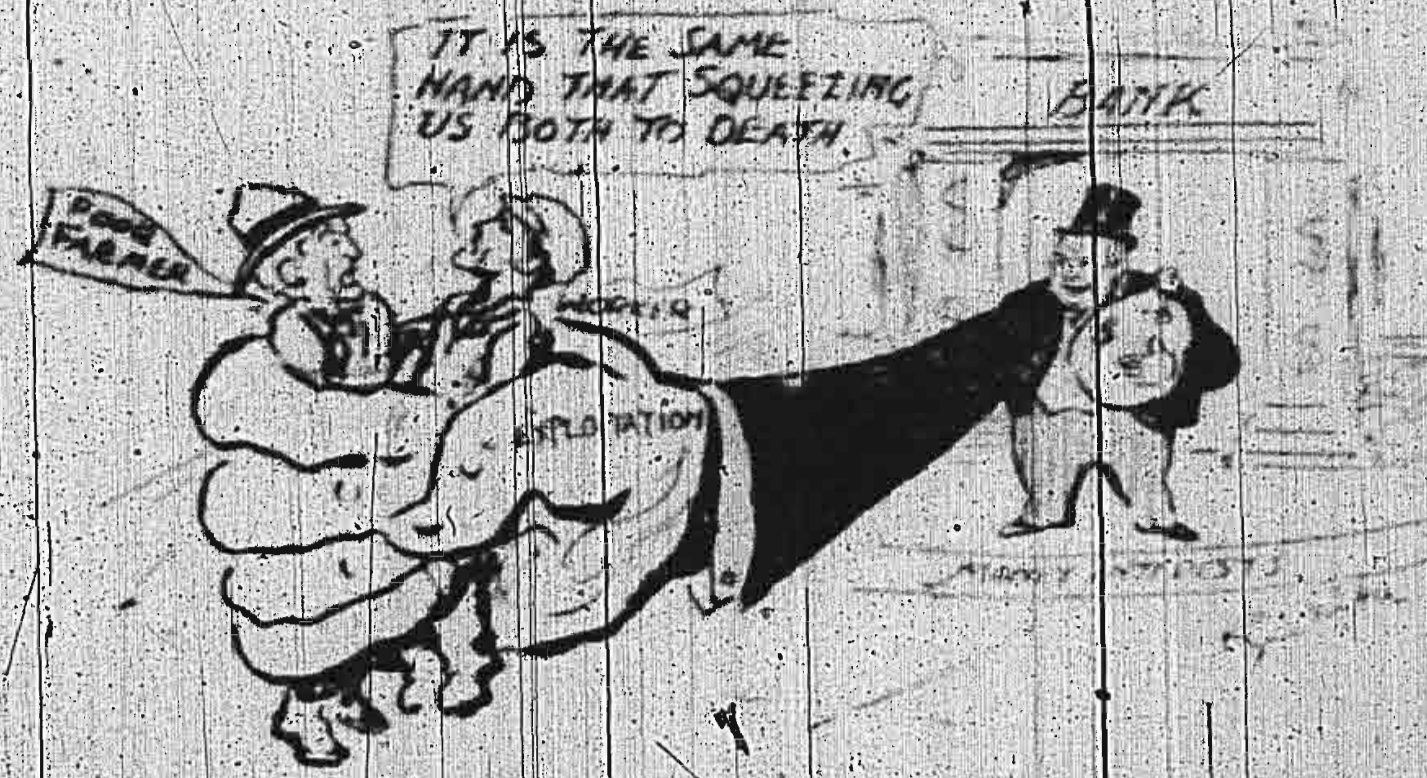
CHARLOTTE, N. C.—A mass protest raised here by workers over the run-down condition of a Negro Jim-Crow school have forced the City Council to make plans for building a new school house.

The North Myers School holding 500 Negro boys and girls has long been on the verge of crashing on top of the school children. The building was once a hospital and after becoming too old for that it was "benevolently" given by the city to be turned into a Jim-Crow school. Since the day it was converted for its present use, absolutely no repair was made.

Forcing the Negro boys and girls to go to such a death trap is in line with the entire system of special persecution against the young Negro workers.

The Communist Party and the Young Communist League issued leaflets on the deplorable conditions of the school and called on all workers to protest. The great protest which resulted by the rallying of workers indignantly about this issue forced the City Council using frame-ups, and legal lynching, to make preparations immediately as in the Scottsboro case. An attempt

## The Hand of Our Common Enemy



## Ruling Class Takes Another 17-year-old Negro Boy's Life

By CLARA HOLDEN

The body of Norman Blakely, young colored boy, lies in a local undertaking establishment in Greenville. Hundreds of workers go in to look on the face of the 17-year-old boy electrocuted yesterday for the killing of a Greenville county highway guard, when he was only 15 years of age.

Blakely, whose parents were too poor to hire a lawyer for him, was convicted of murder for hitting the guard, D. M. Garrett, with a shovel. Young Blakely was defending himself from attack by Garrett, known to be one of the most brutal of the chain-gang guards.

After almost two years in jail, this young boy, whose death was gloated over by Garrett's daughter, was taken to the electric chair, courageous to the last. When asked if he was guilty of what he was charged with, he answered: "Yes, I sure am." Twenty-three hundred volts went through the young boy's body, instead of the usual 1300, when a switch was thrown up instead of down.

Local papers said: "Blakely shot upward in the air as electricity crackled into him. His body contorted and lips clenched grimly as the two charges struck him. . . Mrs. C. C. Howard, slight blond daughter of the man Blakely slew sat through the electrocution alternately crying and reading notes of a reporter next to her. She contemplated her father's killer without visible sorrow. It was fine," she commented, as three Negro convicts lifted Blakely's limp body from the chair. "I feel the best I've ever felt."

Several weeks ago, the county supervisor of roads, A. F. Prudmore, was convicted of manslaughter. His sentence was three years. He is out on bail, continuing at his job as road supervisor.

Today's papers report that W. L. Davis, of Ware Shoals, charged with murder, is out under \$2,000 bond.

Today's papers also report that John Downer, of Elberton, Ga., is under death sentence on conviction of rape of a white woman and that J. B. Moore, "Gaffney Negro," was brought to the state penitentiary under sentence of death, convicted of assault on a white woman and sentenced to be executed June 12.

White county officials and white business men commit murder, and get a three-year sentence, and stay out of jail under bond. Colored workers are framed for crimes they don't commit and sentenced to burn in the electric chair.

Colored farm hands are working for \$10 a month. Colored city workers are unemployed and making a dollar or two a week. They have had enough of it. The white master class, in a frantic attempt to stop the growing militancy of the workers, is using terror in all its forms. They are

ing made by the continued activities of the Ku Klux Klan, and the recent revival of the burning picture, "The Birth of a Nation." A Greenville minister recently preached a sermon on "Americanism" to a church full of K.K.K. in full regalia, in which he praised "the stand of the Klansmen against communism."

The colored workers of Greenville and the south are becoming militant. They are standing up like men and women. They are ready to fight for their rights. A Greenville reporter on the Blakely case, in an attempt to belittle the colored workers, stated: "None of the hysteria of their race was apparent on the faces of the youthful slayer's parents as they stood in the doorway of a decaying cabin in Mills Valley. There were no wild outcries. Three little pinkaninies and a neighbor huddled about a lamp that illumined the principal room of the shanty and cast its faint glow partly into the outer darkness. They said nothing. Lily Blakely, Norman's mother, stared from the doorway at the clouded skies."

Colored men and women of Greenville and the south, like Norman Blakely's mother, are now standing up. They are looking ahead. They see a faint glow in the outer darkness. They see the end of brutal exactions of children like Norman Blakely. They see the end of frame-ups and legal lynching, as in the case of the nine Scottsboro boys. They look ahead and see an end of slavery. They see an end of capitalism.

## Jim-Crow Rules In Army, Also

NEW YORK.—That the United States Government continues to regard the Negro as good material for cannon fodder but not good enough to be trained together with the white soldiers has been demonstrated by the order of the United States War Department directing Milton F. Quander, 18, first lieutenant in the City College Reserve Officers Training Camp, to leave the camp where his fellow students are being trained and at Plattsburg, New York, go to the Jim-Crow camp, Camp Hunt, Virginia, "where Negro reserve officers are sent."

This is quite in keeping with the policy of the United States government and of State governments to train their Negro and white armed forces separately. This policy was carried out during the World War and the United States government even requested the French government to practice this vicious segregation in training its troops in France. State governments in those instances where they have Negro militia follow out the same policy. This is in keeping with the policy of Jim-Crowism, segregation, and discrimination of the

## PUT OVER CUT ON TRAINMEN

The labor factors in control of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen have ordered all members of the union to accept a wage cut by agreeing to work longer hours. President Whiteley said the move to limit the working hours of the employed trainmen would give employment to some of the 11,000 members of the Brotherhood now out of work.

The result of the labor factors' selfishness is that every employed member of the Brotherhood will get a reduction in wages because of the shorter day while only a few hundred of the unemployed trainmen will be given jobs. The whole scheme is a thinly disguised attempt to lower every one of these "unemployed" to a direct attack on the standards of living of the working class because the workers themselves are forced to bear the cost of the crime passed on to the bosses themselves being a reduction in profits.

These standard systems were worked out because although the workers are not allowed a shorter work day their wages are always slashed at the same time and the speed up is greater.

Workers should fight for a shorter work day without a decrease in pay. Make the bosses and their government take care of the unemployed.

## Liberators In Honduras Fight

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras.—Reports from the Army of Liberation engaged in desperate struggle with the government troops, which are financed and equipped by the United Fruit Co. in Honduras, have recently received. The Liberation Army is composed of several thousand Indian, Negro and white workers who have been for many years brutally exploited and oppressed by the United Fruit Company, an American concern which virtually owns the country. The conditions of these workers became unbearable and they resorted to the only means of securing relief, by appeal to armed force.

The last fight between the employers and the armed forces financed by American imperialism which occurred last Saturday at Las Palmas found the Liberators though outnumbered and with vastly inferior military equipment able to hold their own. It was only after the government forces had been reinforced that the rebellious workers were forced to retreat.

The government forces have been sending out releases concerning their many "glorious" victories but the determined workers of the Honduras banana fields are slowly mobilizing an Army of Liberation and will finally sweep the armed forces and tools of American imperialism into the sea.

## "Fair and Impartial"

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—The Interracial Committee of Chattanooga has publicly stated that it will have nothing to do with defending the nine Scottsboro boys. C. T. Thompson, chairman of the Committee, said that since the boys had organized a "fair and impartial trial" his organization would have nothing to do with it.

On this committee there are connections of the N. A. A. C. P. and also Mr. George Milton, editor of the Chattanooga News, which has done all it can to attack the defense of the boys. This is a perfect line-up with the Ministers' Alliance to see the boys sent to their death.

ernment upon the Gold Star mothers of the Negro boys who gave their lives for democracy.