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## Strike Against Rail Pay Cut

On top of the already reduced wages of the railroad workers as a result of short-time work comes the threat of a slashing attack against the pay of all railroad workers. The Atlanta Constitution, in screaming headlines, announces that the railway executives intend to invoke the railway labor act to obtain a 15 per cent wage cut.

The Central of Georgia has already cut the pay of its workers. Other Southern roads are already cutting wages. Now comes the general attack on wages which will affect every railroad worker in the United States.

Following their treacherous policy of acting as agents of the bosses, the Brotherhood and American Federation of Labor union leaders are actively aiding in the pay-cutting drive.

So sure are the railroad bosses of being able, with the aid of the United States government and the labor fakers to put over the pay cut, that railroad shares have already gone up on the stock market. The stock market sees greater profits as a result of the further impoverishment of the railroad workers.

There can be but one reply to this pay cut drive—the organization of and putting into effect at the earliest possible moment of a strike movement against wage cutting. The railroad workers should rally to the standard of the National Railroad Workers' Industrial League, supported by the Trade Union Unity League and immediately begin to set up organizational machinery to smash the wage cutting offensive. In all round houses, on all divisions, on all sections, the railroad workers should set up Committees of Action to prepare for the strike.

Such a strike can be won. The capitalist bosses can be forced to give up their attempt to further cut the wages of the railroad workers. The capitalist class of this country is in such a fix because of economic crisis that it cannot long withstand a general strike of railroad workers. Such a strike may easily signalize the turning of the tide of struggle against the whole offensive of the boss class.

Every class conscious worker should in every way possible aid the railroad workers in preparing for resistance to the pay cuts. Here in the South the white and Negro workers on the railroads must unite and set up Action Committees, embracing all the organized and unorganized, employed and unemployed railroad workers.

- Build a United Fighting Front against wage cuts!
- Build the National Railroad Workers' Industrial League!
- Down with the arbitration swindle!
- Organize for strike action!
- Defeat the wage cuts!
- Fight for the Six-Hour Day with no reductions in pay!
- Demand Unemployment Insurance and Winter Relief!

## The Lies of Chattanooga Politicians

The two underworld trials arising out of the killing of two Chattanooga policemen are ended. For the biggest part of a week there was a courtroom parade of policemen, informers, bootleggers, dope peddlers, prostitutes—the white and black riff-raff of a decaying capitalism. These were the cases that three of the eminences of the political cess-pool of Chattanooga—Mayor Bass, Judge Fleming and Sheriff Taylor—tried to use to fan the flames of a race riot. It was this social scum that these three office-holders, these ornaments of the lynch law, tried to connect up with the Communists of Chattanooga.

Certainly if there ever had been the most remote contact between any of these elements and the Reds, the prosecutor and the police would have made the most of it at the trials. But not even the trained frame-up artists who specialize on Red-baiting could invent anything that even as much as brought out any reference to labor struggles at those two trials. The only way the underworld ever hears about Communism is when the bosses, the so-called "best people," mobilize them against working class activity in strikes and demonstrations.

The workers of Chattanooga have a right to ask whether Sheriff Taylor, Judge Fleming and Mayor Bass will retract their dirty lies against the Party of the working class, the Communist Party. People who made such public statements as they did against the Communists naturally might have been expected to play a prominent part in the trials and to have presented their "evidence." Yet none of the three appeared to back up their lies in the capitalist press. Neither did the lying reptile press, the Chattanooga Times or the Chattanooga News, retract the lies they carried against us.

We do not expect them to. It is sufficient for us that all workers who can think know they are liars. They, themselves, proved it out of their own mouths.

### 20 YEARS FOR DEFENSE

GREENWOOD, Miss. — William Mell, Negro farm laborer, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the "crime" of defending his life against a plantation manager, R. W. Holley, who was wounded by the worker.

### SOCIALISTS' GRAFT FIRST

MILWAUKEE, Wis. —The county board of supervisors, with the aid of "socialist" members has cut the unemployed budget more than one-third so they can continue to get their own graft.

### WOMEN REPLACE MEN

DETROIT. — The Turnstedt company here is firing men and hiring women at much lower pay. Agitation is on among the women for equal pay for equal work.

### SOCIALIST JAILS WORKERS

EVANSVILLE, Ind. —William A. Polz, a socialist justice of the peace here is jailing unemployed workers who fight against evictions.

# New Stage in War Against China and the Soviet Union

Chiang Kai Shek, since 1917 the head of the Nanking government, is out. He was supported in his role as butcher of the Chinese masses by the Wall street government at Washington. In his campaigns of mass murder to try to behead the Chinese revolution and in all his vile provocations against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, he had the backing of the United States government.

Revolution Surges On  
In spite of matchless terror against the masses, the revolution moved on. The Soviet movement in China is threatening to revolutionize the whole colonial world. Against the mass butchery the Red Army grew daily stronger and on the field of battle in Kiangsi province smashed back the armed mercenaries of Chiang Kai Shek, the agent of American imperialism. The Red Army consolidated the Soviet bases in Hunan and Hubei provinces and even delivered smashing blows against the counter-revolution in the Province of Hunan.

Imperialist Intervention  
At the same time in the cities the strike movement was growing rapidly.

The imperialist butchers of the whole world realized that the Soviet movement threatened to drive them out of China. They feared the vast territory and population of China would, like the Soviet Union in the realm of the former czars of Russia, be taken out of the sphere of capitalist plunder. To try to prevent that outcome and to establish a base for armed intervention against the Soviet Union Japanese imperialism, with the full approval of England, France and the League of Nations, and with the approval of the United States imperialism, launched the armed attack on Manchuria.

Aroused Mass Fury  
This act of imperialist intervention spurred the revolutionary forces of China to greater resistance. The Communist Party of China, vanguard of the revolutionary forces, carried on a relentless campaign against intervention and succeeded in impelling to action vast strata of the population that had been passive. The hypocritical pretense of Chiang Kai Shek to oppose Japanese intervention while violently suppressing anti-Japanese demonstrations, unmasked the monster before ever broader masses. The rapid extension of the anti-imperialist front brought tens of thousands of students into action against the Nanking government and was the final wave that swept Chiang Kai Shek from office.

Canton Butchers Enter  
The Canton "wing" of the Kuomintang, which had set up a government of its own and had been carrying out massacres of workers and peasants, with the aid of British troops, is installed in the leadership of the Nanking government at the moment. This clique which is pro-British and pro-Japanese, and has among its leaders such adroit tricksters and professional murderers as Eugene Chen, Chang Fak-Wei and Wang Chin-Wei, hypocritically pretended in words to be in favor of a "more aggressive policy" against Japan. Less than 48 hours after assuming office in the "united" government, it unmasked itself by firing volleys into the ranks of students at Nanking, who were engaged in a demonstration against Japanese intervention.

Increases War Danger  
The tremendous revolutionary upsurge of the Chinese masses is extending to every part of China and beyond into French Indo-China, is

arousing hopes among the masses of the Philippine Islands, is stimulating the revolutionary movement in Indo-Egypt, and all the colonial world. In the face of this threat to every imperialist power the American, French, Japanese and British governments are desperately driving forward with their plots to try to crush the Chinese revolution. Their aim is to smash the Chinese Soviets and Red Army, to butcher the revolution, in short, to defeat the enemy in the rear, so that they can carry out their war conspiracies against the fatherland of the workers of all the world, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

No one should make the mistake of imagining that intervention against the Soviet Union will be held up pending the outcome of the war in China. On the contrary, the desperate plight in which the imperialist powers find themselves in the colonial world and facing ever greater difficulties as a result of the continued deepening of the economic crisis, a war of intervention against the Soviet Union is an immediate objective of the imperialist ruling classes.

Hunger Drive at Home  
The war of intervention against the Chinese revolution, the plot to lay a base in Manchuria for intervention against the Soviet Union, is one of the means whereby capitalism hopes to overcome its crisis. The anti-Soviet campaign, the increased terror against the colonies is being carried forward for the same reason that the frightful campaigns of wage-cutting, speed-up, and the hunger regime imposed upon millions of

employed and unemployed, is carried on against the workers and farmers at home; it is a part of the capitalist drive that attempts to place the burden of the crisis upon the toiling masses of the world.

The Hoover government spends billions for war purposes but not one cent for the victims of its hunger regime at home. The fight against the imperialist war-mongers is the fight in behalf of the oppressed of the whole world. As the threat of a world war that will hurl countless millions into the imperialist slaughter house grows ever more menacing the workers and farmers of the United States must carry on the most determined and relentless struggle against the most powerful imperialist ruling class in the world—the Wall Street bandit gang and its government.

Demand the immediate withdrawal of all American warships and all troops from Chinese waters and soil. Stop the war against the Chinese masses!  
Hands off revolutionary China! Defend the Soviet Union!  
Organize and strike against wage cuts!

Down with Japanese imperialism! Extend revolutionary fraternal greetings to the Chinese and Japanese workers who are fighting against the imperialist bandits.

Smash American imperialism!  
Join the Communist Party of the United States, a section of the Communist International—the leader of the growing forces of world revolution!

## Build Party To Lead Growing Struggle In Carolinas and Va

By DAVE DORAN  
It is no accident that the Communist Party of District 16, comprising the Carolinas and Virginia, announces today that it has set itself a quota of 200 new members to be obtained by February 4th. The period between December 15th to February 4th comes during the third winter of hunger in the United States. The announcement by the Party of the recruiting campaign comes at the same time as the announcements by the textile bosses of huge layoffs and curtailment in most of the textile mills.

It is clear that the bosses use the great amount of unemployed textile workers as a weapon to batter down the wages of those left on the job. The ranks of the unemployed will swell. Hunger will roam freely in the shops among the workers as well as among the jobless in the streets.

The farmers and share croppers have had their crops torn from them and, even though they starve right now, plans are being hurled in their faces that are calculated to force them off their land by restricting the acreage next year. The big landowners are gobbling up their lands as well as their crops. Death and hunger walk hand in hand through the cotton and tobacco fields and pounce upon the poor farm toilers. The wave of terror now furiously raging against the Negro workers is aimed against the entire working class in order to paralyze their struggle.

Our Party has tremendous tasks to face. The continued demands upon the Charities arising from the greater needs of the workers fully exposes the Charities as a boss agency. The American Federation of Labor has discredited itself before the

eyes of the workers by its opposition to Unemployment Insurance and its betrayals of the workers' struggle. The eyes of the working class of the South are turning to the Communist Party. Thus the drive for more members comes at a time when the workers are beginning to follow revolutionary leadership and are organizing in revolutionary organizations.

The Communist Party needs strong working class fighters in the South. New working class blood must be drawn into our ranks and trained for leadership in the struggles of the workers for better conditions against the bosses.

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# Must Aid Kentucky Miners Win Strike

## HUNGER MARCHERS PUSH DRIVE FOR JOBLESS WINTER RELIEF

### 4 DAY OF DEMONSTRATION FOR UNEMPLOYED

NEW YORK.—The announcement of the 15 per cent wage cut on the railroads of the nation were made at the request of the railroad union labor leaders. It was part of the plot on the part of the railroad management and their tools, the heads of the Brotherhoods and American Federation of Labor Unions, according to a Washington dispatch in the New York Sun.

Story Later Suppressed  
The "labor leaders" urged the announcement of the 15 per cent reduction so they could force the 1,500,000 railway workers to accept the 10 per cent reduction that was demanded by the bosses.

The headline of the New York Sun reads: "President of the B. & O. says notice of 15 per cent wage reduction was asked by labor chiefs." Daniel Willard, president of the B. & O. was in Washington conferring with the government and labor leaders about the best methods to be used in breaking any strike that may develop on the railroads.

Strike Against Betrayal  
Railroad workers must organize rank and file machinery and fight against the railroad labor fakers, the railroad officials and the government plot to further cut down wages. Rank and file machinery for carrying on a strike must be put in motion and the wage cutting campaign stopped by determined action of all the railroad workers.

## Victims of Tampa Red Raids Sue for \$12,000 Damages

TAMPA, Fla.—Two suits for a total of \$12,000 against Sheriff Joughin were filed in circuit court by Yorkina Romero, 16 and her brother, Vesper Romero, for false arrest and imprisonment in connection with the November 7 demonstration at which 17 others were arrested.

The minors, pupils at George Washington junior high school, are suing for \$6,000 each.

Thomas Palmer, associated with E. L. Bryan in represented the girl and boy, said they were arrested by Joughin's men and held in the county jail from Saturday night until the next Monday, and that after being turned over to the juvenile court they were released because there were no charges against them.

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## Rush Final Preparations in Harlan Bell-Tennessee to Smash the Terror

### MINERS FLOCK INTO UNION ON EVE OF STRIKE

PINEVILLE, Ky.—With the day set for the strike call only 72 hours away, reports are coming in from all over the field of the rapid growth of the National Miners' Union.

As the hour for decisive strike action against mass starvation and terror approaches it is estimated that not less than 80 per cent of the 18,000 miners will flock into the union on the part of Japan against the Soviet Union.

Organize Striking Mine  
A local of the National Miners' Union has been established at Cumberland Bend Mine, Gatlin, Ky., where the men have been on strike for three weeks against an attempted wage cut from \$2.50 to \$1.50 a day for labor. The men went on strike without any leadership except their own and requested to be organized into the N.M.U.

Fight Yellow Dog  
At some mines the bosses have attempted to get the men to sign yellow dog contracts in an effort to prevent their mine being involved in the strike, but at a number of such places the men have been organized 100 percent. All sorts of intimidation is used to try to stop the rapid building of organization machinery to carry on the strike, but the men are going right ahead and are determined to smash the terror and establish decent working and living conditions.

The coal operators are still carrying on the campaign of evictions and are trying to drive active union organizers from the coal fields, but those evicted simply move in with other miners who do not live in company houses and carry on the work.

It is expected that with the start of the strike there will be attempts at wholesale evictions, but a mass fight, mobilizing men, women and children, will be carried on to resist evictions.

The women are demanding to be organized and the Women's Auxiliary of the National Miners' Union is growing rapidly and will play a big part in the conflict.

New relief kitchens are being set up in various parts of the fields and the relief machinery being rapidly completed for local distribution, but workers outside the strike zone must see to it that an ample supply of food and clothing and medical provisions are sent in to take care of the miners who are fighting for the whole working class.

### HATCH MURDER PLOT FOR WAR AGAINST USSR

A plot to murder the Japanese ambassador to the Soviet Union has just been exposed and defeated by the government political administration. A member of a foreign diplomatic corps approached a worker in the Commissariat of Transport to plot the assassination of Ambassador Hirota of Japan. If that could have been done, the workers would have been thought to have been plotting on the part of Japan against the Soviet Union.

According to International News Service reports the name of the member of the diplomatic corps and the country he represented was not given out. The Soviet government will deal with the situation and by not making public the name of the plotter or the imperialist power that backed him it again proves before the world its desire for peace and its refusal to be provoked into a war.

Diplomatic Provocateurs  
This is not the first time foreign diplomats have tried to injure the Soviet Union and to wreck the Five Year Plan of Socialist Construction. The trials of a year ago in Moscow proved that the French and British agents were engaged in wrecking and sabotage activities and even financing food poisoners inside the Soviet Union.

It is certain that such a plot is approved by all the imperialist powers, especially by the government of the United States, whose president, Hoover, has declared that the ambition of his life is to "crush the Soviet Union" in the interest of the Wall Street bandit gang.

Fight War Danger  
The assassination plot is exposed today; others are already under way at this moment. The immediate program of the imperialist powers is war against the Soviet Union. The base for one of its sectors is being laid through Japanese intervention in Manchuria and its attempt to destroy the mighty Soviet movement in China. Other sectors are being strengthened in Finland, Poland, Rumania, in Afghanistan—in fact in every country adjoining the Soviet Union. War is right now being carried on in China and against other parts of the colonial world.

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### INTERNATION'L WORKERS' AID ISSUES APPEAL

NEW YORK.—The International Workers' Aid, the world-wide relief organization for helping the working class and all the oppressed peoples in strikes, lock-outs, and disasters by sending in financial aid, food, clothing, medical aid, establishing kitchens, etc., has issued a call for support of the Kentucky miners who are awaiting zero hour to respond to the

Against Terror and Hunger  
The call to action of the International Workers' Aid follows:  
On January 1st 18,000 Kentucky miners will be called on strike under the leadership of the National Miners' Union. They will strike against the terror and starvation decreed by the mightiest powers of American capitalism—the Rockefeller, Insull and Ford interest who own the Kentucky coal fields, lock, stock and barrel.

Never in the history of American strike struggles has the blood-soaked profit-mad system of boss rule been so directly challenged. The bosses are well aware of this. The campaign of beating, kidnapping, blacklisting and murder of militant miners is a deliberate and systematic attempt to

protest demonstrations. But most important of all, the workers in industry must organize and fight against the war preparations going on in industry. Wage cuts, speed-up, spying against labor activity, the increasing victimization of militant workers—these are part of the preparations for war as well as being one of the principal methods used by capitalism to try to overcome its crisis at the expense of the working class.

While millions of workers are starving in this country the government at Washington spends billions for war preparations. We must insist that this enormous amount of money be spent for unemployment relief and not for war purposes.

The Soviet Union is pursuing a policy of peace. It is building up its socialist system of production, while the capitalist world is sinking ever lower. The defenders of decayed capitalism want to crush the Soviet Union so that they can rob that rich land as they have robbed the capitalist lands. Against that plot the workers and farmers must fight in defense of the Soviet Union, the fatherland of the workers of the whole world.

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(Continued from Front Page) annihilate their grim and determined battle against starvation.

**Must Fight Back**  
In the Kentucky mine fields we have a picture of what the working class may expect to endure should the workers fail to fight back. It is a fore-taste of the wholesale hunger, terror and misery that the bosses are planning and unleashing in order to "solve" the economic crisis. The miners are challenging this hunger-terror program of the bandits of Wall Street.

The Kentucky miners are fighting for the entire working class. They are fighting terror starvation and murder of an imperialism launched upon the road to fascism. The workers nationally must answer with multiplied intensified and crystallized support of this strike. The mightiest powers of capitalism can be met only by the mightiest mobilization of working working class power.

**Bosses' Hunger Weapon**  
The strongest strike-breaking weapon of the bosses is being sharpened—hunger. With hunger they intend to further torture the bodies of the miners, their wives and children in an attempt to drive the miners back into slavery in the mines.

To Kentucky miners will strike during the dead of the winter. There is not even grass in the barren hills of Kentucky. Hunger has stripped the dismal miners' shacks of the last crusts of bread.

The Workers' International Relief was called upon by the Kentucky miners at their convention in Pineville, Ky., to issue a wide appeal for funds and food. We now call upon all W.I.R. branches and city committees, all of the thousands of working class organizations, all locals of the American Federation of Labor, all Trade Union Unity League Unions and groups to at once issue calls for delegate conferences in every large and small city and industrial center in the name of the Kentucky Striking Miners Relief Campaign of the Workers' International Relief. The delegates should assemble the first week of January.

**Rush Strike Relief**  
Even preliminary to the delegate conferences, all workers' organizations are called to immediate action! Funds and food must be collected at once. Strike relief must be in hand the day the strike takes place. Tents must be provided for the families of miners who will be evicted.

**Line Up All Forces**  
The working class from coast to coast, as well as their organizations, are called upon to unite in solidarity in support of the Kentucky miners far greater than has been shown in any recent labor struggle. City workers—workers in shops, mines, mills and offices—farmers, intellectuals, professionals and sympathetic store-keepers regardless of political opinion, race, creed or nationality—must at once unite their ranks against the immensely rich and rapacious coal barons and for victory for the Kentucky miners. This solidarity must extend not only to the masses of the north, but to the workers and farmers of the South.

The Workers' International Relief calls upon you to extend your hand in SOLIDARITY with the Kentucky miners. Mobilize a solid army in every city, industrial and farming center to defeat the bloody monarchs of and terror in Kentucky! March for

### Police Continue Attacks on Hunger Marchers Return

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Police continue to arrest and attack hunger marchers now on their way back from Washington where they demonstrated before the White House, demanding relief while machine guns were pointed at them and soldiers were massed about them prepared to attack.

After breaking up a Hunger March meeting in Monessen, Pa., a steel town near Pittsburgh, police arrested Steve Graphich, chairman, first as a "suspicious character," then for "inciting to riot." He was defended by the International Labor Defense. Verdict was \$10 fine and costs.

The I. L. D. is appealing the cases of 14 hunger marchers, including five Negroes, sentenced to six months for marching in Washington with pastors demanding food prior to the arrival of the full army of unemployed. The I. L. D. will also fight the new vagrancy bill proposed by Hoover's District of Columbia administration, whereby, a worker without a job or money is automatically guilty of vagrancy and subject to 90 days in a cell. Contrary to the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States, the arrested man must prove his innocence instead of the burden of proof of guilt being placed upon the prosecution. The I. L. D. charges that the law, besides making the unemployed open prey for the police, leads to forced labor at starvation pay.

### Monk Held on Drunk Charge

County Judge J. Gordon McKenzie and Attorney W. F. Jewell, two of the bright and shining lights of Dayton, Tenn., prohibition and fundamentalist manager, were arrested Wednesday night on charges of public drunkenness. And that right in the shadow (or rather moonshine) of the institution of ignorance founded in memory of the late unlamented William Jennings Bryan.

The site of the famous "monkey trial," when the denizens of Dayton tried to deny their ancestry and jail a school teacher because it was thrown up to them, is in an uproar over the arrests.

The arrests took place at the office of Attorney Jewell, where a booze party was in progress. Hizzoner, Judge McKenzie, is charged with public drunkenness, public profanity, and resisting an officer.

McKenzie's father, also a judge, charges that the arrests are the result of a political fight. The implication being that the sheriff would have let the two gentlemen get as drunk as they wanted to and raise as much hell as they like if they hadn't been political enemies.

Anyway the mess serves to further enlighten intelligent people on the antics of the inhabitants of Dayton, famed for its boastful ignorance throughout the world.

**ANOTHER REV. BUTCHER**  
ATLANTA, Ga.—The Rev. C. J. Phillips, stabbed to death the Rev. G. W. Bradley. Both preachers were candidates for the job of pulpiti-pounding in the Union Baptist church of East Point. Bradley defeated Phillips, so Phillips knifed his successful rival. Both preachers were enemies of Communism and of the Negro workers.

ward to victory with the Kentucky miners!  
**Workers' International Relief,**  
16 West 21st Street, N. Y. C.  
Alfred Wagenknecht, Natl. Secy.

### NEW TRICKERY IN SCOTTSBORO CASE APPEALS

At almost the last moment and on the eve of the hearing of arguments on the Supreme Court appeal in the cases of the framed-up Scottsboro boys, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has increased its activities against the boys. Walter White, secretary of the National Association for Colored People, W. E. B. DuBois, editor of "The Crisis" Walter Pickens, organizer for the N. A. A. C. P. are the principal Negro figures being used by the lynch gang to help kill the eight boys now in the death house at Kilby prison.

**World-Wide Mass Drive**  
The International Labor Defense, which from the beginning has defended the cases, has accumulated an enormous amount of evidence, every bit of which goes to prove the innocence of the Scottsboro boys. Preparations are complete for the Alabama Supreme Court appeal which comes up on January 18.

But the International Labor Defense knows that even though the evidence of their innocence which is already overwhelming, were piled mountain high, the courts would not free working class victims unless forced to do so by the mass power of the workers or from fear of the growing power of the workers. The world-wide protests and the enlisting of masses of workers, both Negro and white, in defense of the boys, saved them from death last July. The lynch gang is determined to lynch the boys if they can't get the assistance of the N.A.A.C.P. to help them.

Within the next few days mass meetings will be held for the defense of the Scottsboro boys. All over Europe and in Asia, Africa, Australia and New Zealand, workers and farmers will protest against the Alabama lynch gang and pledge their fighting support to the innocent boys now in the shadow of the electric chair.

**Chamlee in New York**  
General George W. Chamlee of Chattanooga, who is chief of counsel for the defense of the boys, is going to New York in a few days to outline his Scottsboro defense to a great mass meeting to be held in that city under the auspices of the International Labor Defense. He will expose the attempts of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to help the boss class send them to the electric chair by urging them to plead guilty to the frame-up.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has engaged Clarence Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hayes to try to get into the case, and the lynch gang is trying to help these two lawyers against the International Labor Defense. They think that if they can get some lynch judges of the Alabama Supreme Court to "recognize them" in the case the I.L.D. will not be able so effectively to organize the masses of the world against the frame-up.

**Darrow and Hayes while pretending to be liberal, are themselves actually siding the lynch gang by consenting to help the Black Judases at the head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. They have exposed themselves as accomplices of the lynch gang.**  
But no possible dirty trick, no underhanded plot inside the prostituted courts can stop the world-wide movement in defense of these innocent boys from driving forward with ever more power and determination to open the prison doors for these victims of lynch justice.

### Mass Pressure Forces Release of O. Spartaco

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—So great has become mass pressure for the release of Orlando Spartaco, 26 year old worker sentenced for shooting at Foreign Minister Dino Grandi of Fascist Italy, that the judge who sentenced him and twice refused bail, finally signed \$1,000 bond for his release.

Judge Harry S. McDevitt of Quarter Sessions Court, in signing the bond, declared that he did not want to see Orlando become "a Communist martyr." No decision has yet been given on the appeal of the International Labor Defense to the State Superior Court. Judge William H. Keller of this court, however, feels so strongly in sympathy with Mussolini, dictator and labor oppressor of Italy, that he is quoted in the daily press as calling Spartaco's maximum sentence of two years on a charge of inciting to riot "inadequate."

### Talk of Mutiny In Alabama Prisons

BIRMINGHAM.—"There is talk of mutiny in the penitentiaries unless something is done, it would not surprise me to see the prisoners lead a revolt which will mean destruction of some of the penitentiaries," declared a convict, according to a story published in the Birmingham Post of December 23.

**Cruelties Horrible**  
The torture inflicted upon prisoners is beyond description, according to the story of the convict, who has been in prison for more than 16 years. "Men in the penitentiaries do not care what happens to them. They have reached the point where they do not fear the strap or solitary confinement, all because they realize they are being treated worse than dumb animals," the prisoner is reported to have declared. "As far as punishment is concerned the prison boss today is just as cruel and cold-blooded as he was when I first entered the penitentiary. I have seen men whipped until they were unconscious because they violated some prison rule. I have seen men beaten without mercy. The skin was broken and burned by the lash. These men were immediately sent out to do their work after their whipping."

**Class War Prisoners**  
In Alabama, as in other states, special tortures are handed out to prisoners sentenced on frame-up charges connected with labor cases. All kinds of discrimination are meted out. The brutal and blood-thirsty degenerates who are wardens, guards, keepers, etc., are a law unto themselves. They do anything they want to do, knowing that they will be protected by the governor and the rest of the capitalist lackeys. They consider that it is cheaper to kill prisoners by beating them to the point of death, or to force them to work in the open in wet weather and deny them a change to dry clothing so they contract pneumonia, than it is to keep them in overcrowded prisons. These wardens take special delight in trying to physically wreck prisoners sentenced for activity in the class struggle.

Within a few days (on January 8) three leading members of the Communist Party go on trial in Birmingham on the charge of "vagrancy" because the bosses want to stop working class activity against wage cuts and to try to crush the growing unity of white and black workers against the bosses. They are Harry Jackson, district organizer of District 17, Com-

### ATLANTA GANG LYNCHES BRAVE NEGRO WORKER

ATLANTA, Ga.—A mob of Atlanta lynchers, under the leadership of an individual closely connected with the police force, butchered a Negro worker, bringing the list of known lynchings this year to 107.

At first a number of policemen, for no known reason, except the general policy of terrorizing Negro workers were torturing a worker, John Stokes. The Negro worker succeeded in seizing the gun of one of the policemen who was torturing him and shot and killed one of them.

**Hunted Down; Lynched**  
Stokes succeeded in escaping and in eluding a posse with bloodhounds. He was hiding in the home of a woman, an acquaintance when the police seized an acquaintance of Stokes and tortured him, until for fear of his own life, he exposed the hiding place.

The lynch gang crept up on the place, surrounded it and rifled the Stokes' face and body with bullets. The leader of the lynchers was the brother of the police thug who was killed by Stokes in self defense.

### Bank Failures in One Week Increase Over 100 Per Cent

NEW YORK.—Last week 73 banks failed to open their doors, as against 30 which failed the previous week. That makes an increase of more than 100 per cent in bank crashes in one week. In face of such things Hoover is not care what happens to them. They have reached the point where they do not fear the strap or solitary confinement, all because they realize they are being treated worse than dumb animals," the prisoner is reported to have declared. "As far as punishment is concerned the prison boss today is just as cruel and cold-blooded as he was when I first entered the penitentiary. I have seen men whipped until they were unconscious because they violated some prison rule. I have seen men beaten without mercy. The skin was broken and burned by the lash. These men were immediately sent out to do their work after their whipping."

### Great Discovery by Senate Committee of Crooked Bishop

WASHINGTON.—The select committee on senatorial campaign expenditures, under the chairmanship of Nye, of North Dakota, has made a great discovery. It announces that Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, is a crook. It took the senate committee a long time to learn what every one familiar with the career of the Bishop has known for years. But the Bishop remains an ornament of the church because he is 100 per cent against the working class and an agent Ku Kluxer. A "little thing" like an election swindle which he carried out with the aid of his lady secretary doesn't bother Methodist preachers. That is part of their job.

Workers of the South must wage a determined fight against the horrible tortures of the convict camps and prisons, and also fight against the attempt on the part of the police and courts to jail every militant working class fighter on trumped up charges of vagrancy and other frame-up charges.

### LEGALLY LYNCH TEXAS NEGRO ON DOPE FIEND LIE

DUSTON, Tex.—Even though parole board was convinced that Lee Ross, 23-year-old Negro of Dangerfield, was innocent of charge of having attacked a woman, the young worker was hanged to death in the electric chair Friday.

**Facts in the Case**  
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We must organize into the Metal Workers' Industrial League and fight against these things.

### Cotton Growers Facing Hunger

(By a Farmer Correspondent)  
GREENVILLE S. C.—The actual cost of growing cotton is about 20c a pound. It takes around 12 months to grow it and gather it. The present crop which the farmers have to sell at 6 and 6 cents a pound won't pay for anything more than the fertilizer. Fertilizer costs from \$20 to \$25 a ton—then 10 per cent is added to that when the farmers buy it on credit. The average land makes about a half bale to the acre. The landowner wants the croppers to put on anywhere from 500 to 1000 lbs. of fertilizer per acre. Besides this, the croppers have to put from 100 to 150 lbs of soda per acre—this costs between \$55 and \$60 per ton, besides the 10 per cent graft the landowner gets. The landowner's land is getting poorer, and he is getting poorer. Besides, this expense the cropper has to pay for ginning—this costs \$2.50 a bale.

The landowner can afford to store up the cotton he buys, and sell next year when the price goes up. The poor cropper and renter, though, already in debt, are forced to sell now. All they get out of a year's work is a little fatback and beans, and a pair of overalls or two. This winter a lot of poor farmers will have their fatback and beans cut off from them until crop time again. They'll be starving this winter.

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Authentic reports show that fascist Italy faces the worst unemployment crisis in the entire history of that country. The November increase was more than 878,000. Mussolini has intensified the terror regime to try to stop the growing revolt against fascism.

### BURN BALTIMORE PAPERS

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### A Soviet Factory



"Mosselprom," one of the many spacious, sanitary and therefore, healthful factories of the Soviet Union. This building is located in the heart of the city of Moscow. Note the many windows that shed light to every part of the building and compare it to the sordid, dark, miserable factories where workers slave from eight to twelve hours a day in the United States. All workers in the Soviet factory pictured above work seven hours a day, and a five-day week. The factory above make cigarettes and confectionary.

### Chest Got Money But Gave Soup To Jobless Worker

(By a Worker Correspondent)  
ATLANTA, Ga.—My husband has been out of work since last October. When he was working he had to give one day's pay to the Community Chest a week. That was \$3.80. Now he is not working and we have four children to support, so we soon had no money.

I went to the Community Chest for help and stayed there three hours and when they got to me the lady told me I would have to go to the soup line. They have two rooms—one for the whites and one for the Negroes. I could see in the white room they gave checks on the A. & P. and Rogers' Stores. They gave me the soup line.

Comrades, this condition cannot go on much longer. We must organize and fight for better conditions in Atlanta.

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### MINERS WAGES HIGH IN LAND OF SOVIET RULE

NEW YORK.—The American Workers' Delegation to the Soviet Union (Russia) has returned home and is now reporting its findings to the working class. Saturday a meeting was held in Philadelphia, where the workers enthusiastically greeted the speakers of the delegation who related the magnificent achievements of the Five Year Plan of Socialist construction and compared it to the unemployment, misery and suffering of the masses in the capitalist world—especially in the United States. A huge mass meeting was held Sunday night in the New Star Casino in this city. The delegation is to tour the country for two months holding similar meetings.

**Letter Gives Facts**  
A recent letter from the Soviet Union, written by Mrs. Lillian Lynch, one of the four Negro delegates, and head of the Women's Auxiliaries in the Pittsburgh area, expresses her enthusiasm over conditions in the Soviet Union. The letter, addressed to the Friends of the Soviet Union, says in part:

"Just a few lines to let you all hear from me while I am seeing the Five-Year Plan fulfilled in four years. Everywhere I go I see plenty of work and food; in Dnieperostroy, where they are building new buildings and a new town all for the workers; Donbas, where the miners live, and are making 15 rubles (\$7.50) a day, and some of them as high as 23 rubles (\$11.50) a day.

**Miners' Rest Home**  
"And we visited Kistorovsk, the miners' rest home where the miners go and rest and if they are sick they get the best of times and the best doctors and nurses where all is for the enjoyment of the workers.

"Everybody and everything is working to build up the Soviet Union and they are preparing to fulfill the job here. Don't you believe the capitalist papers for they are all damlies. Everything is for the workers. I know the workers' government is the best."

**National Problem Solved**  
A letter from R. B. Hudson, chairman of the delegation, tells of the success of the workers' government in smashing all Jim-Crow lines in a country where the bitterest national hatreds used to prevail. The letter states:

"Over 81 different nationalities are in this republic; all living in peace and harmony. Under the Czarist regime there was hatred and discrimination between the workers' nationalities.

"Here the national problem has been solved and inspired by this example. The delegation in accepting credentials as international shock-brigaders pledge themselves to fight against all discrimination and white chauvinism upon our return to the United States."

**NO IMPROVEMENT IN SIGHT**  
BIRMINGHAM.—Steel producers announce that operations declined another 3 per cent last week. The outlook is so confusing that producers admit they have no basis from which to hope for an improvement within the next month. Workers are facing actual want who are still listed as employed by the steel trust here. They get but part time work and wages are constantly being reduced in various ways. In a number of units of the industry strong agitation is going on for building branches of the Meat Workers Industrial League.

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Wants Free Hand In Lynchings

That ancient hag, the Chattanooga Daily Times, wants the International Labor Defense to "discontinue its activities in this section," so that the "race situation in the South can be solved much more quickly."

The Times, like all other denizens of the journalistic red light district, attempts to make the suppression of the Negro worker in the cities and the exploitation of the Negro majority on the land in the Back Belt appear as a racial question. It is a CLASS QUESTION and a question of the SELF-DETERMINATION OF A SUBJECT NATION; the masses of the Black Belt must become the allies of the working class in the fight against the capitalist class.

What the Times wants is clear. It wants the I.L.D. to stop activities here so that the ruling class can carry out its lynching campaigns without meeting with any assistance on the part of the workers and farmers. Like many other criminals, especially of the Jesuit stamp, the ancient hag that has been prostitute to every form of reaction for more than half a century, tries to accuse its enemies of the very crimes of which it is guilty. It became especially venomous when the local jackal pack of lynchers failed to whip up a race riot in Chattanooga as the aftermath of the killing of two policemen in underworld fights. It failed then to connect up the Reds with the bootleggers, the dope peddlers, the prostitutes, and those who live off the proceeds of prostitution. That attempt was made because the whole ruling class of the South is still cringing under the blows delivered it by the toiling masses of the world in behalf of the framed-up Scottsboro boys; its fury knew no bounds when the International Labor Defense exposed the Willie Peterson frame-up, the Orphan Jones frame-up. No sooner had the attempt to foment a race riot in Chattanooga failed than the ruling class and its newspaper harlots on such papers as the Times launched another attack. This time the attack has even less force than previous ones. But it demands an answer, nevertheless. The Times uses the case of John Moore, Negro worker of Salem, N. C., as a starting point for its attack on the I.L.D., because that organization is fighting against a death sentence imposed by a lynch jury on a Negro accused of stealing a pair of shoes. The technical legal question is raised that the death sentence was imposed not for stealing shoes, but for "breaking and entering a home." Granted that the worker, hungry and in rags because, like 12,000,000 others, could not find work and did break an entry, he did so because the greed and avarice of a parasitic ruling class denied him food, clothing and shelter—for no other reason. To try to use the legal quibble that the stealing of the shoes was only incidental to the "greater crime" of housebreaking is ridiculous and only a petty-fogging lawyer or a fomentor of lynching, legal and illegal, would regard it otherwise. Because the International Labor Defense says that it will fight against the attempt to burn alive an unemployed worker accused of taking a pair of shoes, the Times froths at the mouth and screeches:

"Tactics like those of this trouble-making organization do not disturb informed, thoughtful people, but they make bad matters worse by misleading ignorant Negroes and inflaming ignorant, hot-headed white. But these appear to be precisely the things the agency is trying to accomplish.

"The race situation in the South would be solved much more quickly and with much less disturbance if the International Labor Defense were to discontinue its activities in this section."

While the Southern Worker cannot speak officially for the International Labor Defense we can say emphatically that the Communists who are members of that non-Party working class organization will decisively reject the invitation to stop activities in the South.

All workers who can think are quite aware that all questions involving Negro workers, and also white for that matter, would be solved "much more quickly" if there were no fighting organizations to resist the ruling class "solutions." Probably also with "much less disturbance"—for the boss class. Yes, much less disturbance, but much more shedding of workers' blood! We refuse to listen to the "advice" of the Times and the lynch gang for which it speaks, just as we scorn and defy their threats. We are here and here we will remain. We reject the boss class "solution" of what it calls the race problem. We will continue in the future, as in the past, to fight with every effective means at hand to defeat lynchings, legal or otherwise, and crush the lynchers. The Times may flatter itself and the rest of the ignorant, vicious lynch gang by labelling itself "informed, thoughtful" and indulging in other forms of self-praise, while scornfully referring to workers as "ignorant Negroes" and "ignorant, hot-headed whites," but it will not succeed in cajoling or frightening revolutionary workers to abandon activity in the South or anywhere else for that matter. Such activity will stop when the masses, white and black, have crushed the lynch gang and the lynch system that spawned them—then and not until then.

Let the Times, with its customary lies and trickery, tries to make it appear that stealing shoes is a plank in the "Red" platform, we state emphatically that never, at any time or place or under any conditions, has the revolutionary movement sanctioned individual action of any kind. We point out to the unemployed and hungry workers that working class problems can never be solved on the basis of individual action, but only through mass action. Not by burglary, but by organizing masses of workers and farmers to wage a fight for full wages for unemployed and part-time workers, for immediate winter relief of \$150 for each unemployed worker and \$50 for each dependent as general demands and fighting for local demands and against the charity fakery will the workers be able now to overcome some of the effects of unemployment.

Although we know that stealing a pair of shoes or any other necessity will not solve the unemployed problem for even one worker, we will not tolerate with a stern fight the lynching of a worker who, in desperation,

White Guard Prince Commits Suicide

Prince Serge Cantacuzene, one of the depraved exiles of Czarist Russian nobility, shot and killed a bank official at Bucharest, Roumania, and then committed suicide. The official discovered that the prince was stealing money from the bank where he was employed at Kisheneff. The prince's father was a divisional commander in the Czarist army and was one of the leaders in the infamous Kisheneff pogroms against Jews in 1905—one of the worst of the Czarist butcheries.

Has U. S. Relatives

The suicide was a relative of the Princess Cantacuzene, an American woman who is the grand-daughter of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, union army commander in the Civil War and a former president of the United States, noted for the rank corruption and wholesale graft that was carried on under his regime. Princess Cantacuzene, nee Grant, is one of the most active members of the white guard exile gang in the United States and is noted for her unprincipled lies against the fatherland of the workers of the world, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

Workers everywhere will be pleased at the demise of the white guard dog and cheap thief, Prince Cantacuzene, and hope that the rest of his degenerate family follow his course and for once, do something beneficial to the world.

NO FARM; KILLS SELF

UVALDA, Ga.—Driven off his farm, unable to secure another, penniless, homeless, with nothing to eat for himself and family, D. R. Miller, 65 years of age, shot and killed himself.

Willie Peterson, Scottsboro and the Awful Situation in Stockham Pipe

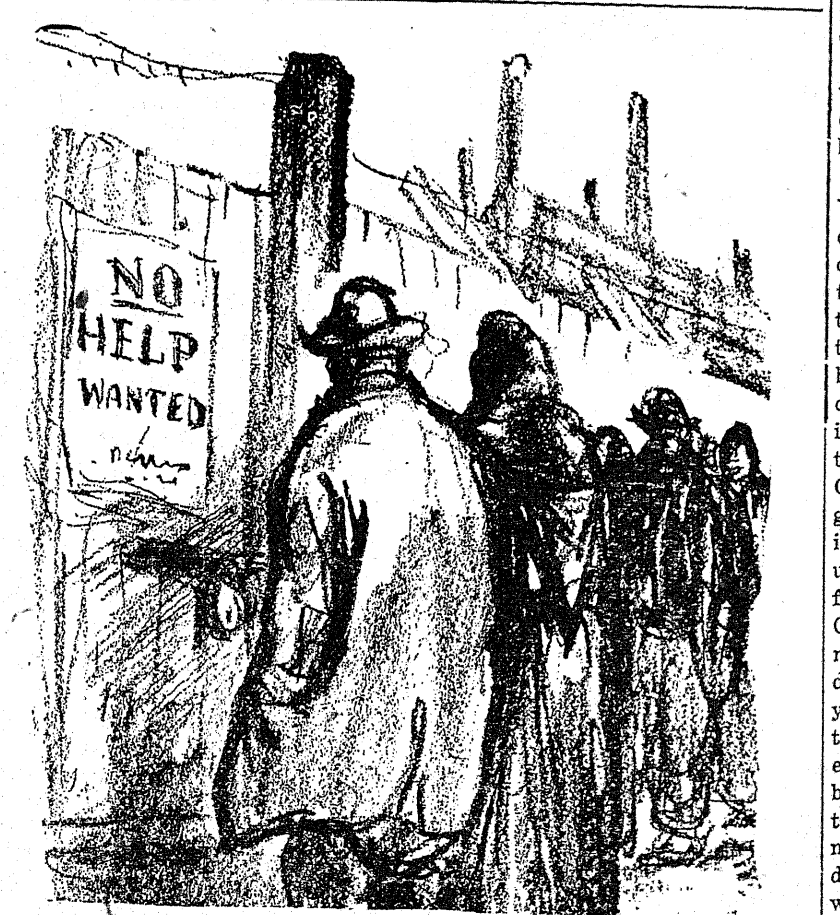
(By a Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Willie Peterson case, like the Scottsboro case, marks an event of the white and Negro workers in the growing struggles that are bound to shake the capitalist South. That means to



DO YOU GET A BUNDLE!

All organizations that get bundles of the Southern Worker are urged to pay up their back debts at once. Some of them are behind for months and seem to make no effort to pay up. Such carelessness and neglect endangers the very life of our paper. Surely those who get bundles do not want to help the bosses put us out of business! But no matter what your intentions are, this neglect to pay for bundles amounts to the same thing so far as results are concerned.



from cold and hunger, tries in a wrong, because ineffective, way to get food or clothing. The Times "invites" us to stop fighting the lynch gang because it wants to perpetuate a system based upon the misery, suffering and starvation of the masses. We refuse the invitation and will continue to fight until we have mobilized a majority of the toiling masses of this country for the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism and established a socialist society under which there will be no unemployment with its misery and degradation for the masses. We are not foolish enough to "invite" the Times and its masters, who are on the other side in the class war to "discontinue its activities," because we know that no ruling class ever surrenders without a struggle. But the time is not far distant when, under the leadership of our Communist Party, those whom the Times today derides as "ignorant Negroes" and "ignorant, hot-headed whites," will compel them to discontinue their activities—permanently.

to affect the whole capitalist class in this country and the world, physically and politically. So great is the fear of the Southern ruling class of the growing unity of white and Negro workers that they can no longer deceive the workers nor hide their bloody hands from our sight. Their court cliques expose themselves in the most filthy way exposing their bosses as the Peterson case exposed the lynch judge, McElroy, the whole capitalist press and courts, the whole capitalist system. These cases must be recognized by the workers throughout the world as outstanding examples set by Southern "gentlemen." Their criminal deeds against us workers and against the share croppers and the actions of the belly-crawlers, the Negro lackeys, the Black Judases who help them stinks in the nostrils of all honest workers and farmers. All of us workers in Stockham, white and black, are suffering from the terror of the bosses. With this they cut our wages. It is because they can divide us that they are now facing us with another period of starvation when the entire plant will be closed down for fifteen days (the unemployed, a committee elect-bosses said) until all the big bosses can check up on their tremendous profits and lay the basis for more wage reductions in order to again reduce our standards. But we must not accept misery and death this winter without grumbling or organizing to fight for better conditions and for unemployment insurance and winter relief at once.

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NEW SLAVE PEN TRION, Ga.—The Trion Textile plant here, one of the most terrible exploiters of labor, is opening a glove factory. Several hundred workers are being herded into a small space and work for two to three dollars a week. Most of them never heard of organization until they got in here, so it is not easy to build a branch of the National Textile Workers Union, but we are trying.

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CONFERENCE TO SPREAD STRIKE ON JANUARY 17

By FRANK BORICH On the eve of the historic strike of the Kentucky miners against starvation and terror, the coal operators are making desperate efforts to prevent the strike. Terror, frame-ups, evictions, threats—everything raising the usual cry against "reds," designed by all kinds of "patriotic" organizations, are being distributed in tens of thousands appealing to the miners "to ignore the strike call and remain on their jobs."

The newspapers, especially "The Sun," printed in Pineville, are urging open violence against the National Miners' Union and its leaders. The "Sun" of December 31 writes editorially: "A few visiating communists have decreed that our coal mines shall shut down January 1, and that business operations dependent on the coal industry will have to seek some other source of income. We sit supinely by and permit these foreign agitators, agents of the Russian government, to stifle our little remaining business. Our political leaders and some of our business men, fearful that they may lose a few votes or a few dollars, sit out off the very life of industry. ... It is time for Pineville to arise and say to these communists that we do not want them in our midst."

The miners, however, pay very little attention to this slanderous propaganda of the coal operators. They know that they were the ones to declare the strike and carry on preparations for it. They look upon the intensified terror as something usual in the Kentucky coal fields and calmly continue with their work. The miners have completed strike preparations in Eastern Kentucky. The close check-up shows that 85,000 miners, employing approximately 18,000 miners, will be shut down on the first day of the strike. In fact some of the mines struck already. The mass meetings are something unparalleled in any of the industries. No miner goes to work on a day the meetings are scheduled. Men, women and children, Negro and white, attend the meetings in every mining camp. Soup kitchens are being built in every mine. Small business men are (Continued on Last Page)

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Rush Food, Clothing and Money Donations to Kentucky Strikers

The Kentucky miners are on strike—fighting against starvation and terror. Their success depends on the relief sent them. If you want to help the Kentucky miners win, rush food and clothing to the Workers' International Relief, 16 W. 21st street, New York City.

MORE SOUTHERN RAILROADS CUT WORKERS WAGES

While the trade union officials of the brotherhoods and the American Federation of Labor are plotting to put over a general nation-wide wage cut the Southern railroads are already slashing wages right and left. The Central of Georgia has already cut wages of all workers. On January 1st the Atlantic Coast Line cut wages 10 per cent. Also on the same date a similar wage cut went into effect on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway. On the same day the Louisville and Nashville slashed pay 10 per cent.

Organize Action Committee Throughout the whole country preparations are going on to resist the wage-cuts on the railroads. The Railroad Workers Industrial League is organizing thousands of railroad workers for the fight. Throughout the South the workers in all roundhouses, on all sections, on all crews, should set up rank and file Committees of Action, consisting of organized and unorganized, employed and unemployed, Negro and white, to prepare to resist the wage cuts by a mass strike.

HOOPER'S POPULARITY President Hoover asked Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, to lend him a nickel, as he hadn't any small change and wanted to call up a friend. Mellon loaned him a dime and told him to call all his friends.

SPREAD STRIKE AS THUGS RAID UNION CENTER

PINEVILLE, Ky.—Thousands of miners came out on strike January 1st in response to the call of the convention of December 13 held under the leadership of the National Miners' Union. Great enthusiasm marked the beginning of the decisive challenge to the bosses' starvation and

Campaign of Lies The beginning of the strike was accompanied by a planned campaign of lies in the capitalist press; the game being to try to make it appear that very few responded to the strike call. When, on Monday, January 4, it was apparent that the strike was spreading and would soon involve the greater part of Harlan county, the center of the terror, the coal thugs of Bell county raided the district center of the National Miners' Union here in Pineville, arresting a number of active leaders, and a group of newspaper people. Those arrested in Monday's raid are Ann Barton, newspaper writer; Vern Smith, journalist; Vincent Kamnovich, N. M. U. organizer, Clarina Michaelson, relief worker; Mrs. Joe Webber, John Harvey, Julia Parker and Margaret Fontaine. All are held in jail at this writing, most of them charged with criminal syndicalism.

Search for Strike Leaders The raid on the headquarters failed to net all the strike leaders, as some of them were in the field at the time of the raid. They are being protected by the striking miners who are determined that the gun-thugs shall not throw them in prison or "take them for a ride." The rank and file strike committee, consisting of a large number of miners is leading the strike, under the direction of district and national leaders of the N. M. U.

Need Mass Support to Win This struggle against the most powerful capitalists of America, Mor-

BOYS DENOUNCE N A A C P; WANT REAL DEFENSE

Clarence Darrow withdrew from the Scottsboro case after refusing to cooperate with attorneys for the International Labor Defense and after demanding that these lawyers, chosen by the right Negro boys, should withdraw from the appeal, it was announced today by the New York office of the International Labor Defense.

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has attempted to get Darrow and Hays into the case under false pretenses," it was stated by George Maurer, assistant secretary of the International Labor Defense.

These statements are absolutely false. All the boys and all their parents and next of kin signed statements last May saying that they want Mr. Chamlee and the I.L.D. to defend them on the I.L.D. policy of an energetic legal and public defense, based on the grounds that they are innocent of the rape with which they are charged. All the boys, all their parents and nearest of kin signed similar statements again on December 27, declaring that they want an I.L.D. defense and do not want the cowardly defense policy of the N.A.A.C.P.

Rejects Traitor Moves "The boys do not want the N.A.A.C.P. because they declare that this organization betrayed them. The lawyer, Stephen Roddy of Chattanooga, whom the N.A.A.C.P. now claims to have retained originally in the case, not only urged the boys to (Continued on Page 2)

gan, Rockefeller, Ford, Insull, directly affects the whole working class, inasmuch as a victory will mean the defeat of the most vicious terror at present raging in this country, while a defeat will mean that the same terror will spread to other mining sections and other industries. Relief is most urgently needed so that these embattled miners can carry on. The miners say they will fight to the limit if they get relief from the rest of the workers of the country. Food and clothing is urgently needed. Rush it to the Workers' International Relief Warehouse, 145 Pine street, Pineville, Ky. Collect money from working class organizations and individuals and send it immediately to Workers' International Relief, 16 W. 21st street, New York.