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Mass Power Will Free the Scottsboro Boys

Within a few days the Alabama Supreme Court will hear the appeal of the International Labor Defense attorneys for the nine Scottsboro boys. A lynch verdict of a lower court is appealed to a higher lynch court. Eight innocent boys, convicted on the testimony of common prostitutes, are in the shadow of the electric chair. Their arrest, imprisonment, and the death sentence imposed upon them is a part of the lynch campaign of the ruling class; a campaign carried on as a part of the drive against the living standards of the Negro and white workers in the industries and on the land.

Is there any worker so deluded as to doubt that the Alabama Supreme Court is not a part of the lynch gang? Does anyone imagine that this court, of its own accord, will free the eight boys now in the death house at Kilby prison? Of course it will not. It will yield only when the masses of workers and farmers, white and Negro in this country and throughout the world, prove by their action that no lynch terror, legal or illegal, will stem the rising tide of working class militancy.

The eight boys now in Kilby prison, and the fourteen year old child, Roy Wright would now be dead, murdered in the electric chair, had it not been for the storm of protest that held the hand of the executioner last July. A higher court, either the Alabama Supreme Court, or the United States Supreme Court will reverse the decision of the lower lynch court only if the workers prove in action that if the ruling class dares send those boys to the electric chair it will not stop the growing unity of Negro and white workers, but will, on the contrary, raise the class struggle to a higher stage.

To try to stem the great mass movement in defense of the Scottsboro boys the ruling class called to its aid such organizations of the Negro capitalist elements as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. It was the particularly dirty job of that organization to try to hold back the growing mass movement so that the lynch gang could, without serious danger, carry out its murderous plans. In pursuit of that aim they enlisted Clarence Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hayes to help their Southern attorneys who had urged the boys at first to plead guilty to the infamous charges against them. To the very last, until they were kicked out of the case by the imprisoned boys themselves, Darrow, Hayes and their accomplices, tried to persuade the International Labor Defense, whose attorneys, backed up by a mighty mass movement, have thus far saved the boys, to quit the case.

The trickery of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been exposed, and one of their principal maneuvers defeated. But that is not sufficient. That organization and its leaders must be completely annihilated so that it will forever remain discredited before the masses of Negro workers. One of the best ways of following up its present defeat is to demand that it immediately give an accounting of the funds it has collected while falsely stating that it was defending the Scottsboro boys. In connection with the intensification of the drive to free the Scottsboro boys and in the general struggle against the lynch gang, these scoundrels and swindlers, these aides of the hangmen, should be compelled to turn over to the International Labor Defense the money they collected under false pretenses.

Workers everywhere should rally in ever greater numbers to the defense of the Scottsboro boys. Mighty demonstrations must be held in all working class centers. All workers' organizations should join in the fight. An avalanche of telegrams of protest should flow into the office of Governor Miller, head of the Alabama lynch government, demanding the immediate release of the eight boys in the Kilby death house and of Roy Wright, a mere child, still awaiting trial in Birmingham County jail.

Down with the bosses' lynch justice!
White and Negro workers and farmers unite for mass defense against the lynch terror!

White workers! Do not let the bosses incite you against the Negro workers, but unite both white and black workers for a fight against the common enemy, the boss, the landlords, and their lynch governments!

Stop the campaign of lynching!
Death to the lynchers!

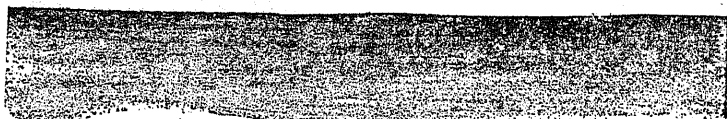
Again the Flood Horror

Tens of thousands of the poorest, most poverty stricken land slaves of the South are fleeing with their families before the onrush of the flood waters. A cloudburst sent the waters of the Tallahatchie roaring out of the river channel and spreading over miles of land. Men, women and children, undernourished and weakened from the pangs of perpetual hunger, flee in panic before the flood sweeping over the crumbling dikes. The state government of Mississippi sends more than a thousand convicts—workers and farmers in chains for trivial offenses—to try to stem the tide along the twelve-mile front of broken levee. At any moment they may all be swept to a horrible death. But human life is cheap—much cheaper than forcing the bankers and landlords to keep the levees safe from these recurring floods.

Negro and white farmers, Negro and white workers of the small towns of Tallahatchie, Quitman and Panola counties are united as victims of a common fate—helplessly wandering day and night without food or shelter, seeing the weaker fall by the roadside and die, compelled to flee onward for fear of their own lives.

Meanwhile the state officials talk, the Red Cross conducts a survey under the direction of a female "field worker." The government at Washington is silent. Capitalizing the misery arising out of the flood of 1927, Hoover, then secretary of commerce, enabled the New Orleans bankers, affiliated with Wall Street, to grab all the land they desired. Promises were then made that the levee system would be made safe and the survivors of that disaster were

COAL COMPANY KILLS WORKERS



With the gun of the "law" in hand, the coal companies of eastern Kentucky are here depicted shooting down militant miners as they strike against starvation pay. This cartoon appeared in the New York World-Telegram after the International Labor Defense, with the aid of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, headed by Theodore Dreiser, had exposed Sheriff John Henry Blair's reign of terror.

CONFERENCE TO SPREAD STRIKE ON JANUARY 17

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donating lumber, nails and other supplies for the kitchens. Hundreds of miners are gathering furniture, plates, spoons and everything necessary to conduct the soup kitchens.

The plans are completed for election of a broad rank-and-file strike committee, defense committee, and strengthening of relief committee, etc., in every mine.

The Central Strike Committee, to be elected January 17, at mass meetings, will meet Wednesday to develop strike strategy. Following this the Section Strike Conferences, which are in preparation now, will be held to establish sectional strike leaderships.

Plans To Spread the Strike

The District Board of the N. M. U., at its meeting this evening, after a careful examination of the whole situation, decided to spread the strike nation as well as the forces at its

sent back to the land, to slave for less than a living.

The ministers, the preachers, are playing their usual part; telling the suffering farmers and workers that it is a decree of an almighty god who wants to test them. They are liars all. The United States government is responsible for this flood as it has been responsible for all recent flood disasters. A government that spends billions upon war preparations, a government that is at this moment aiding in imperialist war against the Chinese masses, that is plotting the invasion of the Soviet Union, that is perfecting its war machine to challenge its imperialist rivals for a redivision of the colonial world, a government that is plotting to murder millions of youth and young manhood of the country in behalf of Wall Street, such a government cannot find a few millions of dollars to spend to protect the Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana farmers and workers from the flood terror.

Most of the area of the Tallahatchie, Yazoo and lower Mississippi river valleys is in the Black Belt of the South, where the Negroes are an absolute majority. They are denied a voice in the government. The politicians at Washington don't need to worry about the votes of these victims of recurring floods—they have no vote. The inhabitants of that section are a part of a nation within the United States. These recurring flood disasters are a part of the economic and political thralldom under which the masses of white and black workers and farmers live. With the right of self-determination the people of that suppressed nation would find ways and means of protecting their lives and property from destruction.

Meanwhile something must be done immediately by the working class of this country and of the world. It is indeed deplorable that the United States section of the International Workers' Aid is not yet strong enough to take the lead in organizing relief for these tens of thousands of men, women and children. But even though it is not possible to meet this immediate situation it is possible and imperative that a nation-wide campaign be made demanding of the government that war funds be used for the immediate relief of these suffering masses.

COMPANY THUG KILLED AS HE ATTACKS MEN

HARLAN, Ky.—One of the dirtiest dogs of gun thugs met his just deserts when he died while engaged in attacking union miners who were distributing leaflets for the Walling Creek mass meeting held Sunday. The dead gunman is Owen Sizemore, brother-in-law of the coal operators prosecuting attorney, W. A. Brock.

Waylaid Miners. Sizemore, known as a professional murderer, in company with a pimp named James Dixon, waylaid two miners at Chevrolet, near the Blue Diamond Coal Company's camp. The two miners, Hutton and Hall, the latter eighty-two years old, were seized upon and were being fiercely beaten by the two gun-thugs. In self-defense Hutton fired, killing Sizemore and thereby ridding the world of a man who should have been wiped off the earth long ago.

It was quite evident that Hutton and Hall were to be murdered by the per-gun thugs as part of the drive to crush the strike preparations. The two miners, Ruby Bates and Victoria Price, are now in jail facing a murder charge, along with Leonard Fanning, who is charged with having loaned Hutton the gun with which he murdered the earth of Sizemore.

By helping the Kentucky miners win their strike we will force open the jail doors that now imprison the miners who defended themselves against paid murderers of the coal companies.

CHLOROFORM FOR BABY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A mother driven to the verge of insanity by watching her child wither away from enforced starvation because she could not get a job or relief, asked the American Rescue Society to chloroform the child. The society disposes of suffering animals, like cats and dogs. The society called the police.

BURN UNEMPLOYED SHACKS

SEATTLE Wash.—Police burned two colonies of shacks put up by homeless unemployed, which were on city property.

That 17,000 miners will quit. The feeding 17,000 miners and their families on less than \$25,000 a day.

While raising this issue hypocritically, the "Sun," in the same issue and on the same page writes about the plans of the "Pineville Welfare League" to give employment to the unemployed. It states:

"There will be but a limited supply of funds and only those in serious circumstances need apply. The rate of pay will be 12 1/2¢ an hour and various civic operations will be undertaken. The work will be distributed so that the men with the most dependents will be given a greater number of days a week. The single man, consequently will be given but one or two days a week under present plans."

We would like to know how these workers, working one and two days a week, at the rate of 12 1/2¢ an hour, will make an average of \$10.00 a week. Yet the "Sun" is praising this starvation plan of the city government and worries about "unlimited resources back of this strike." If the "Sun" is so anxious to know we wish to inform them that the working class of the United is the "unlimited resource back of this strike." The "Sun" and its masters, the coal operators, will be astonished at the amount of the support the working class will give to the striking Kentucky miners to help them to defeat starvation and terror, supported by the "Sun."

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Strike Spreads In The Face of Terror

ALABAMA - TENN. LYNCH GANG IN NEW SCOTTSBORO FRAME-UP

TRY TO FRAME-UP SCOTTSBORO ATTORNEY CHAMLEE

Desperate in face of the world-wide mass demand for the release of the Scottsboro boys, now in the shadow of the electric chair on the per-gun thugs as part of the drive to crush the strike preparations. The two miners, Ruby Bates and Victoria Price, are now in jail facing a murder charge, along with Leonard Fanning, who is charged with having loaned Hutton the gun with which he murdered the earth of Sizemore.

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the two girls. J. K. Thompson, solicitor general of the lynch gang in the Scottsboro district, came to Chattanooga and enlisted the services of the notorious frame-up artist, Detective Jack Neil, to intimidate Chattanooga Negro men and women who had signed affidavits that the two girls, Ruby Bates and Victoria Price, had been denizens of a disorderly house that catered to Negro customers.

Neil and other police thugs visited the Negroes who made the affidavits and undoubtedly intimidated them in order to scare them away from backing up their sworn affidavits with personal testimony.

Detective Neil, who is the "red" specialist of the stool pigeons on the Chattanooga police force, and whose activity consists in arresting workers on frame-up charges of vagrancy, stated that the Negroes who signed the affidavits that the girls were prostitutes claimed they didn't know what they were signing and that Attorney Chamlee gave them 50 cents for their

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FEW FULL-TIME WORKERS

Only 14.4 per cent of workers who have jobs are working full time according to the National Industrial Conference Board.

Walker Failed to Get Mooney To Give Up Labor Activities

A telegram from Tom Mooney to the Labor Sports Union at New York proves that Mayor Walker's mission was to persuade Mooney to abandon the labor constant starvation plan of the city government and worries about "unlimited resources back of this strike." If the "Sun" is so anxious to know we wish to inform them that the working class of the United is the "unlimited resource back of this strike." The "Sun" and its masters, the coal operators, will be astonished at the amount of the support the working class will give to the striking Kentucky miners to help them to defeat starvation and terror, supported by the "Sun."

The Mooney telegram to the Labor Sports Union declares that Mooney will aid in the boycott of the Olympic Games to be held in California, and that he will accept the honorary chairmanship of the anti-Olympic committee. As against the Olympic games, there is being organized an International Workers' Athletic Meet at Chicago. Many world-famous athletes have already joined the boycott of the California Olympic Games, and many more are being approached to join the boycott to keep people away from that state.

Kentucky Thugs Throw Labor Defense Attorney in Jail; Mine Strike Rapidly Spreads; Outside Relief Needed Quickly

JAIL DEFENSE ATTORNEY ON ARRIVAL IN KY.

PINEVILLE, Ky.—Desperately trying to smash the Kentucky miners' strike the coal operators' police and prosecuting attorneys arrested Allen Traub, of the International Labor Defense, two hours after he arrived here and while he was trying to arrange bail on which to secure the release of Vincent Kamenovich, Vern Smith, Clarissa Michaelson, John Harvey, Julia Parker, Margaret Fontaine and Mrs. Joe Weber.

"Obstructing Justice"

Traub was ridiculously charged with "obstructing justice" by the gang of coal company hirelings that recognize no law except that dictated by the interests of the mine owners. He is still held in jail with the rest of the class war prisoners. He was arrested when he went to a garage to get a car belonging to Joe Weber, of the National Miners' Union, for whom a warrant had been sworn out for some time. Later warrants were issued for Stone, a Kentucky attorney for the International Labor Defense, and for Charles Peters, district secretary of the Workers' International Relief.

Fear Exposure of Frame-Up

The Kentucky gang of thugs fear the exposure of the frame-up and illegal arrests of the strike and relief workers and news writers, so they throw everyone in jail that appears on the scene to defend the prisoners.

The working class must mobilize for nation-wide protest against this terror and must aid the Kentucky miners win their strike by sending in relief at once.

N.M.U. LOCALS IN 30 KENTUCKY MINES

PINEVILLE, Ky.—According to a report at the recent District Board meeting of the National Miners' Union, the N. M. U. has locals in 30 Kentucky mines, and these locals have membership in at least 50 mines. Committees of Action have been established in 50 mines. Some of them (I.L.D.) have elected relief and defense (I.L.D.) committees. There are food kitchens in about 50 mines, or places for relief. Membership of the N.M.U. is growing continually. Hundreds of miners join daily.

Help Ky. Miners By Rushing in Relief Funds

Striking against mass starvation, facing the worst terror in the country, doing everything in their power to exist off the provisions that can be gathered off the poor country for miles around, the Kentucky miners are in the front ranks of class battles. Their fighting determination is shown when they answer every boss' attack, every thug outrage, every newspaper-writer's more than 4,000 and jailing with broadening and deepening the strike. Their's is a fight for the whole working class because they are fighting against a form of terror that will certainly spread to other parts of the country unless it is stopped where it is. They are holding the front lines against an enemy advancing upon the whole working class.

Give Them Means To Fight

Not every worker can go to Kentucky and aid in the fight. Only the Kentucky workers can put up a mass fight on that front. But every worker who has even the least with which to live can give a little of that to help the Kentucky miners smash the terror and defeat the starvation campaign of the bosses.

The rest of the working class must give the Kentucky miners food and clothing and money to carry on the fight. It is our fight, the fight of ALL the working class. If the Kentucky miners are beaten, we are all beaten! Don't let the bosses win this fight.

You can deliver heavy blows against the Kentucky terror by rushing funds at once to the Workers' International Relief, 16 West 21st

MORE WORKERS JOIN STRIKE IN HARLAN FIELD

PINEVILLE, Ky.—Instead of stemming the rising tide of strike, struggle the increased terror campaign and the arrests of leaders increased the fighting spirit of the Kentucky miners. There have been a series of demonstrations here against the arrests. At the time set for the preliminary hearing of the arrested union leaders, relief workers and newspaper-writers, more than 4,000 demonstrated demanding the release of the prisoners and fighting to spread the strike.

Strike Rapidly Spreads

Six more Bell county mines went out at Stony Fork, Bell county, on Tuesday morning. Other mines struck in Shirling. The press is still carrying its lies about the strike, but figures coming into the strike headquarters show that the ranks are holding solidly and growing rapidly.

Conference January 24th

The General Strike Committee had a conference with over 500 representing the striking miners present on Wednesday. General Strike Executive Committee of 16 was elected and plans were made to hold section strike conferences and organize section strike committees. A resolution was unanimously adopted calling for support to the "Spread the Strike" conference which will be held on January 24, including delegates from Western Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

Street, New York, and clothing and food to Workers' International Relief Warehouse, 145 Pine Street, Pineville, Ky.

Don't Believe Capitalist Press Lies About Kentucky Strikes

No worker can believe anything that appears in the capitalist press about any strike. The job of the press is to lie about workers and our struggle. But the Kentucky murder gang is even worse than the average strike-breaking outfit. They don't even bother to bribe a capitalist reporter (all of whom are for sale). They have their own special liar, one Herndon Evans, editor of the scabby "Pineville Sun," as Associated Press representative. Evans, a former mine operator, is the liar who says the strike

is practically non-existent. That is part of the bosses' game to help in recruiting scabs and also to try to discourage workers from sending in relief to the striking miners. The strike is spreading rapidly, hence Pen Prostitute Herndon Evans has to resort to ever more brazen lies. Workers, everywhere! Expose the rotten source of news from Kentucky that appears under the flag of the Associated Press as, nothing but poison propaganda of the bosses.

UNEMPLOYED OF SOUTH TO ACT ON FEBRUARY 4th

Reports coming into Communist Party headquarters of District 16 at Charlotte, N. C., and District 17 at Birmingham, Ala., show that a number of big demonstrations will be held in the South on Unemployment Insurance Day, February 4th.

Communist Party Members, always in the forefront of every mass campaign, are devoting much time to work within Unemployed Councils and to building other councils. They are taking the lead in the exposure of the fake charities of the Community Chest swindlers, the Salvation Army slave drivers, and other frauds, and are also helping to formulate local demands for the unemployed of every city.

May Organize Marches

There is considerable talk among the unemployed of organizing marches in a number of states to place the demands of the unemployed workers and the impoverished and starving farmers before the state officials.

The District committees of the Party have pledged themselves to try on February 4th to overcome the weaknesses of the South, revealed in the National Hunger March, where the South was poorly represented as far as numbers of delegates and mass mobilization were concerned.

Second Victory for I. L. D. in Orphan Jones Lynch Plot

BALTIMORE, Md.—The International Labor Defense won its second important victory in defending from mobs and legal lynching the aged Negro farm worker, Orphan Jones, (Yuel Lee) framed for the murder of a family of four.

Bernard Ades, attorney for the I. L. D., was granted in the Baltimore Court of Appeals his motion that the trial be transferred from the eastern shore of Maryland, where posses, with rope in hand, searched the jails for Jones, and other Negro prisoners, beat up Ades when he appeared as defense attorney in the Snow Hill Court and burned Matthew Williams in 40 gallons of gasoline.

The court agreed with Ades that the 60-year-old Negro worker would be railroaded to death in the eastern shore courts. The Snow Hill judge who attempted to rule the I.L.D. out of the case and substitute one of the lynchers instead, is therefore compelled to transfer the trial to the Western shore.

The first I.L.D. victory was won when Ades and an I.L.D. investigator went up to Snow Hill to file motion for change of venue and were beaten up by a mob of infuriated Eastern shore citizens bent on venting their lynch lust on the Negro worker. The I.L.D. will now press both its legal and mass campaign to free Jones, who according to testimony unearthed by the organization's investigators, is the innocent scapegoat for eastern shore land and factory owners bent on terrorizing Negro workers.

STEEL TO BE KEYNOTE

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The First National Board meeting of the Metal Workers' Industrial League will be held on January 10th. Steel—how to organize the workers for strike against the new coming wage cut promised by the Steel Trust—this will be the keynote of this important meeting.

National Relief On For Kentucky Striking Miners

NEW YORK CITY.—A delegation of miners from the coal fields of Kentucky arrived in New York last night to aid in the campaign for strike relief now being mobilized by the Workers' International Relief, 16 W. 21st street.

These miners, typical American mountain stock, represent more than ten thousand miners who are now on strike under the leadership of the National Miners' Union, affiliated to the Trade Union Unity League. They are striking for \$4.80 a day in American money. Heretofore these miners have been making on an average of less than \$1.00 a day and have been paid in scrip exchangeable only at the company owned stores which the miners claim charge from 25 to 50 per cent more than the chain stores.

The results of the slave-wages upon the miners' families have been disastrous. Children are dying from starvation diseases, flux and pellagra. Miners' wives haven't had a new cotton dress in years. Children are unable to attend school because of no clothing and because of under-nourishment.

To Tour The Nation

The Workers' International Relief reports the arrest of all its organizers and relief distributors in Kentucky on the usual charge of criminal syndicalism. However the miners themselves have elected W.I.R. committees to carry on the work and are proving to be able executives and coordinators of relief work. More W.I.R. officials have been sent into the coal fields in defiance of the political machinery of the local counties and the gun squads of the coal operators.

The striking miners' delegation of the W.I.R. will make a national tour under the direction of the W.I.R., holding mass meetings in every city and industrial center. It is planned to build a mass relief army which will be known as the Kentucky Strike Relief Volunteers. These Volunteers will be the backbone of the relief campaign under the direction of the Workers' International Relief.

BIG WAGE CUT IN LAWRENCE SINCE RECENT STRIKE

LAWRENCE, Mass.—The National Textile workers Union organizers here report conditions down to the unbearable point since the U.T.W. sell-out of the strike of 25,000 workers here. Further wage-cuts have been made. The loomfixers are now working under a 15 percent cut and a 20 percent increase in looms. In the Pacific mill, weavers have been cut 20 per cent and in some departments 30 percent. Combbers in the Arlington mill are now getting \$21 a week for a night shift of sixty hours. The American Woolen Co. is introducing the speed-up thru piece work. The spinners in the Wood Mill of the American Woolen Co. are now running four sides, compared to three sides before the strike. In the Pacific mill, some workers are now running three sides and do their own cleaning.

The A. F. L. is not active here now. The United Textile Workers have their dues collectors here, but hold no meetings.

The American Union, which was organized by the bosses, after the strike, had 75 present at a meeting; the last meeting had only 25 present.

The National Textile Workers' Union is doing good work among the members of the American Union and has gained some members. A Socialist faker, Blakely, from Philadelphia, has been elected president of the American Union. The N. T. W. U. has a fine chance to make inroads on the American Union and U. T. W. membership.

TAMPA POLICE STAGE RAIDS; FRAME WORKER

TAMPA, Fla.—The police, doing the bidding of the tobacco bosses in trying to smash the ranks of the workers are staging wholesale raids and have plotted a murder frame-up against Comrade A. W. McBride, who is charged with having shot a policeman on the evening of November 7.

Raid Ruskin Meeting

On Saturday night the police raided a meeting in Ruskin, called by the I.L.D., to protest against the police activity in Tampa and the imprisonment of those arrested in the raids on the celebration of the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, November 7th. More than 50 were arrested at the Ruskin meeting and thrown in jail. Earlier in the day the home of J. W. Walker was raided and Walker and McBride arrested.

Frame-Up McBride

McBride is charged with having fired the shot that hit a policeman on the night of November 7th when the police tried to smash the celebration at the Center. This is a plain frame-up, as McBride was not at the scene of the meeting that night, having been warned to stay away because the police were searching for him.

The facts in the case are that the cops got to shooting wildly and one of them was hit by one of the police bullets.

Eight of those arrested are being held for deportation, the rest are charged with vagrancy, except one who is charged with violation of the injunction against the Tobacco Workers' Industrial Union.

Must Resist Bosses Drive

The whole reactionary gang, police courts, American Legion, Rotary clubs, preachers, all the servants of the tobacco bosses, are united against the workers in an attempt to beat down our wages and conditions. The workers of Tampa and of this section of Florida must fight against this drive of the agents of the bosses. The native American workers must unite with the Latin-American workers and fight to get better conditions and to stop the police victimization of militant workers.

Trace Lynch Rope To Fire Station

NEW YORK.—Investigators for The Liberator, organ of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, found that the rope with which Matthew Williams was lynched at Salisbury, Maryland, came from the fire house of that city. Williams was taken from a hospital cot, thrown out the window to a mob, mutilated, his wounds burned with lighted cigars, hanged, and burned. The lynch gang was led by prominent business men and employers of labor of the town. They lynched Williams because the Negro worker defended his own life against a murderous attack by his boss, one Elliott.

Elliott wounded the Negro worker, who asked for a raise in wages, by shooting him in the breast. Williams wrested the gun from Elliott and shot his boss who later died. A moment after the shooting the son of old man Elliott came in, picked up the gun and went in search of Williams, who was finally captured hiding in a shed nearby, from whence he was taken to the hospital cot where he was seized by the business men's mob.

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Ghandi Again Helps British Butchers In Mass Murder Drive

Again the British imperialists and the rich Indian exploiters of the masses are trying their good and faithful servant, Mahatma Gandhi, as a shield behind which they carry on their mass murder campaigns. Gandhi, after spending months in London trying to stem the rising revolutionary tide by creating the illusion that Britain might soon grant independence for India, returned and resumed his preaching of non-cooperation, non-resistance, non-violence, etc.

Movement Surged Forward

Heedless of his teachings to face unarmed the British imperialist butchers, the Indian masses are moving away from the influence of Gandhi and other agents of British imperialism. So British imperialism again repeat its fakery of sending Gandhi to "prison," in the hope that the masses will listen to the old trickster. The "prison" treatment of Gandhi, who is permitted anything he wants, is quite different to the brutal treatment meted out to class war prisoners in India—the Meerut prisoners, for example—who are denied the right to communicate with friends and who are subjected to the most inhuman treatment.

Against British imperialism, against its servant, Ghandism, the Communist Party is mobilizing the masses of workers and peasantry to wage the revolution to drive out the British forces and to crush the Indian capitalists. More and more the masses are moving toward revolution in India.

Sue Police Chief For Fake Arrests And Third Degree

BAYONNE, N. J.—Chief of Police Cornelius T. O'Neill of Bayonne is being sued by the International Labor Defense in the name of two unemployed workers who charge false arrest and brutal third degree assaults by policemen.

Paul Brown of the Unemployed Council went to the police station to ask a permit for unemployed workers to present demands to the city government for immediate relief to destitute Negro and white families. He was locked up, his eyes blackened and his nose fractured, his lips and cheeks cut, and internal injuries inflicted during 24 hours of brutal third degree assault by police. John Kasper, another unemployed worker who went to the station to inquire after Brown, was likewise mercilessly beaten.

Attorneys for the International Labor Defense secured their release on writs of habeas corpus. Both the judge and the press in this Standard Oily city admitted being "shocked" at the condition of the two workers when they appeared in the courtroom with blood still oozing from their wounds. No charges had been filed against them, though police declared that Brown was wanted in Indiana for the murder of his parents. When he proved that his father had died four years ago and his mother was still alive in New York, they had to turn him loose. Both men charge that the chief, who admits they got their wounds in the jail, though he "doesn't know how," stood by while they were being slugged and slashed by the police.

Order a bundle of Southern Worker. One cent each in lots of ten or more.

DISEASE, DEATH ADD TO MISS. FLOOD HORROR

News dispatches from Sumner, Miss., reveal horrors in the Delta region that are beyond the power of language to describe. Pounding waters are leveling and scattering the material that once served as levees. The flood rises higher every hour. The Tallahatchie and Yazoo rivers overflowing, have inundated thousands of acres. Many towns are in ruins, the town of Glendora being one of the hardest hit of all.

Starving And In Rage

Thousands of families roam thru the country, without sustaining food, trying to appease their hunger, by devouring tree bark and roots of weeds. Typhoid fever has broken out and the death rate is mounting so rapidly that no record is being kept of the dead. Several families are suffering from diphtheria. It is reported that people are eating dead carcasses of live stock drowned in the flood waters.

Hundreds of Negro families are without food and many are naked, except for improvised covering for their bodies. Many children have gone in their sacks as their only clothing. They cut holes in the sack so it will cover their heads and slip over their arms.

Hundreds Swept Away

Water stands six to ten feet deep around hundreds, perhaps thousands of Negro cabins. Rescuers found many families clinging to roof tops, told harrowing tales of seeing other nearby houses swept away by the flood, drowning whole families. The number of dead will never be known because the affected population is scattered in every direction and there is no agency that can check up on the fatalities.

Appeal to War Department

Levee maintenance is under control of the War Department of the United States government and appeals have been made to that department to send forces to try to hold in check the crumbling dykes. A few soldiers have arrived on the scene, who are utterly unable to deal with the situation, beyond saving some of the exploiters who live in the region.

Everywhere throughout the country mass protests must be staged against the criminal government responsible for this wholesale destruction of human life. Demand that war funds be at once used to supply food, clothing, shelter, medical relief and hospitalization to these flood sufferers. Connect up this agitation with the fight against the capitalist attempts to place the burden of the crisis upon the working class and poor farmers.

New Orleans Cops Raid Unemployed

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Police raided a meeting of the Unemployed Council Sunday and arrested Comrades Ayers, Balter, Koop, Jackman and Solder and 12 other workers whose names were not obtained. The Unemployed Council had advertised a mass meeting. An hour before the meeting was scheduled to start the police made the raids, arresting the five Party, T.U.U.L. and Unemployed leaders, and the 12 other workers who were in the hall. Loitering Charge. All the arrested were charged with loitering, but bond in each case was set at the excessive amount of \$500. A few are out on bail, while others still remain in jail, with the International Labor Defense attorneys striving to get the bail reduced.

NATL. TEXTILE UNION NEEDED IN THE SOUTH

(By a Worker Correspondent) CHARLOTTE, N. C.—I see by the Southern Worker that the Board of the National Textile Workers' Union has decided that it must make a new campaign to win the textile workers of the South. That is good news for textile slaves, who are getting wage cuts every month and who always have to do more work. I know from my own experience that the workers in this part of the South ought to put up a fight against the bosses, but we haven't any organization to back us up.

Must Stay In South

There are some locals of the National Textile Workers' Union here, but not anywhere near as many as there should be. Some places where there had big fights, like Gastonia, they ain't anything now at all because many of the leaders went away for the fight was over and left the workers go.

Textile workers here are trying to study all about how to get ready for strikes, how to organize in the mills. We want to know what is strike pay; how to begin to build groups in the mills, how to get committees action, when the time is ripe to strike, and what to do during the strike and how to keep going after strike is over—lost or won. We think it is good that the Executive Board decided to pay more attention to the South and to build union here. We certainly need it everywhere as all workers get sorely tired time anyone speaks about the ten traitors of the United Textile Workers who sold out every Southern strike they could get into. We think the workers that the National Textile Workers Union is a rank and union and one that will fight and also another reason why the South must be paid more attention because this is the only part of the country where the textile industry is growing even if there is a

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NEGRO JUDASES MUST GIVE UP STOLEN MONEY

(By a Worker Correspondent) BIRMINGHAM.—There is a good deal of talk by the Stockham workers about what a dirty bunch the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is. Negro workers here know of many times collections made in churches and places pretending to be for the Scottsboro boys. Now we know no one got this except some preachers and such individuals as Walter White, William Pickens and DuBois, who want to help the white bosses keep Negro and white workers divided.

Must Disgorge Graft

Such tricks is just graft, that's all. We all here are saying the Southern Worker did just right in saying that we must make the N.A.A.C.P. turn over to the International Labor Defense the funds they collected under false pretenses. We don't bother much about church, but some of us are going to go and ask why don't preachers say to N.A.A.C.P. you got to give up what money you got for them boys. We say to them, you didn't fight for boys, but against them, only the I.L.D. fight and everybody knows it now and that the Black Judases never did have any business to butt into this case except to help the bosses kill innocent boys framed up on lies of bad white women; we got name we call them here but it don't look right to put in paper.

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Spanish Police Kill Men, Women, Children

Seven persons, four of them women and one baby, were killed by government guards engaged in strike-breaking in the village of Arnedo, near Logrono. One of the four women killed had a baby in her arms, which escaped injury, but another baby lying in a crib was killed by bullets from the guns of the guards. The priests are helping the guards carry on the murderous work.

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LEARN HOW TO FIGHT BOSSES AT CAMP HILL

(By a Worker Correspondent) CAMP HILL, Ala.—When the bosses' sheriffs and police attacked our croppers Union meeting and killed Ralph Gray they thought they would stop us for all the time. But we found out how we could keep together in our organization and fight even if the landowners didn't know how to get us again.

We also learn other things we didn't know before. Maybe we know them but we didn't talk about them. Now we learn to talk about them so both white and black croppers can make a big joke on the bosses. That is about mulattoes. Lots of them around here, and they fight, too. But where they come from? They come because white landlords, Southern gentlemen, who say they are better than black people, make business of stealing and raping Negro girls, take them to their homes even and force them to be raped, sometimes at the point of shot gun or revolver.

We learned that it is not because we are Negroes that we are being picked on by the landlords and the "law," but because we are poor croppers, just like the white croppers. The more we fight here the more we learn better how to fight and how to make arguments that will unite black and white croppers as the landlords will have to stop sealing everything from us.

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CHICAGO CENTER OF PACKING-HOUSE ORGANIZATION DRIVE
CHICAGO.—Chicago has been made the center for the building up a Packinghouse Workers' Industrial Union. An intensive drive to organize the packing house workers will be begun by the T. U. U. L.

Police Murder Boy Fighting Eviction

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Because he helped his father resist the police when they came to throw the family out on the street, Clay Battle had his skull crushed by an iron crow-bar. William Battle, father of Clay, belonged to the local Unemployed Council. The Council of the Neighborhood tried to help resist the eviction. Police threatened to shoot and proceeded to batter down the door. In entering they attacked several workers and split the head of the 19-year-old son, Clay.

IN ALABAMA

By H. A. P.
(Sent out through the Crusader News Agency)
Nine working children rode away To hunt for work and better pay In Alabama!
The Boss brought their lynch law down: "We'll burn you workers, black and brown, In Alabama!
They kill with the faggot, they kill with the flame, They lynch with the law to bless their shame! The knife cuts deep, the rope chokes tight, The flames eat the body in the hungry night. And the children die! Don't let 'em die! While the bosses dance beneath the sky And laugh . . . laugh . . . laugh loud and high! They burn children in Alabama! Children of the working class! They burn children in Alabama! Workers, don't let the lynchers pass!

BLACK JUDASES AID U. S. WAR PLANS IN HAITI

NEW YORK.—Extreme care for the imperialist needs of a Jim-Crow lynch-governed United States is expressed in every line of the Memorial presented to President Hoover on the question of Haiti by nine outspoken imperialist organizations.

The Memorial, which is presented by Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and which these organizations claim is directed toward the financial and political autonomy of Haiti states that "the occupation of Haiti is not needed to protect the Panama Canal, since the Republic of Haiti has repeatedly given assurances to the American government that in the event of war, no foreign power would be permitted to establish air or naval bases or coaling stations in Haiti."

With these words, the organizations express their complete approval of the coming war of the United States, even though they know very well that this war is the war of a Jim-Crow, lynch-law government directed at the further enslavement of the oppressed nations and colonies and against the Soviet Union (Russia) the one country which has smashed all discrimination on the basis of color and nationality and to which all colonial peoples look for guidance in their struggle for freedom.

The League of Struggle for Negro Rights points once more to the program of the League against imperialism on the question of the colonies containing six points:

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Work in the A.F.L. here is getting a good start from the Trade Union Unity League. The T.U.U.L. has a group of 20 A.F.L. meetings who are holding weekly discussion meetings on such subjects as "Industrial Unionism vs. Craft Unionism," "How to Carry on Militant Activity in A. F. L. Union," etc. Several of them, thru these discussions, have already joined the T. U. U. L.

UNITED FRONT UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE IN LAWRENCE
LAWRENCE, Mass.—A United Front Unemployment Conference will be held on Sunday, Jan. 17th at Workers' Cooperative Union Hall, 112 Newbury St. 15,000 are unemployed or blacklisted in Lawrence. Members of the American Union and U. T. W. Unions, as well as of the N. T. W. U. and the unorganized, have been called to attend.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The National Miners' Union, now leading the Kentucky miners in strike will hold its Third National Convention, in Pittsburgh, Feb. 27th, to March 1st. The N.M.U. plans to make the Third National Convention representative of all N. M. U. locals, women's auxiliaries, Unemployed Branches, unorganized groups of miners, and fraternal delegates from the U.M.W.A. locals.

BOSSES' WIVES IN CAMP HILL DRIVE SLAVES

(By a Worker Correspondent) CAMP HILL, Ala.—Sometimes people say that women are not as mean as men. That doesn't go here. The landowners and bosses' women are as low down and onery as their husbands, fathers and brothers. They are a dirty, slave-driving gang. I will just tell you some of the things these bosses' women do to workers.

Maldiney Holt, a Negro wash woman, working for Laurie Harris, does the washing for four persons as well as other house work and is given a pound of butter a week and once in a great while when Mrs. Harris feels generous, gets a whole dime. Minnie Peterson washes clothes for three persons in the home of J. T. Langley and gets a pound of butter and a dime every week. Angeline Shannon washes and does other house-work for Fannie Langley, another Langley family and gets a box of snuff and a dime a week. Believe me the working women are back of the share croppers organization here, because they know what it means to slave for nothing for the thriving landlords that steal all we raise so that the men have nothing and the women have to be house slaves for the dirty women of the bosses.

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Build Our Revolutionary Party

Of great importance for the oppressed masses of the South is the announcement by the Central Committee of a recruiting drive for membership in the Communist Party of the United States. This campaign began on January 11 and will continue to March 18.

District No. 16, with headquarters at Charlotte, N. C., and District No. 17, with headquarters in Birmingham, Ala., will engage in revolutionary competition; each trying to outdo the other in number of members enlisted into the Party, number of factory nuclei (groups) organized in industry, number of new readers for the revolutionary press, etc.

Such a campaign is absolutely imperative. If we face the realities of the growing class conflict in the South, with its manifold problems political and organizationally, we must recognize that the absolute prerequisite for the development of any successful mass activity is the building of the Party—not merely enlisting a number of members and issuing membership books. The Party must be rooted in the industries—in the metal, chemical, mining, transport, textile and tobacco industries of Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia and Florida.

Some who have had slight experience in the South have developed all sorts of wrong theories in regard to where our work must be concentrated. Only recently a comrade wrote: "I think that our two most important fields of work are Unemployed Council and agrarian work." The comrade should think again.

Certainly no one can say that work among the unemployed and the agrarian work is not of tremendous importance. But we absolutely reject any theory that says it is most important. Our most important work is in the industries. It is there that we build our Party. It is there that we realize the slogan of Lenin: "Every factory a revolutionary fortress."

The Party leadership, especially of the Southern districts, must energetically combat such illusions that arise out of an opportunism that follows the line of least resistance.

In the Party recruiting drive we must concentrate upon the factories, and at the same time, really make a start toward building a mass movement among the unemployed and intensify the work among the poor farmers, tenant farmers, croppers, etc. We must build trade unions, organize militant groups in the American Federation of Labor Unions, build Unemployed Councils, organize the International Labor Defense, build up into a real mass movement the League of Negro Rights, aid in transforming the International Workers' Order into a real workers' insurance organization, build powerful Croppers' Unions, set up Action Committees on the land—in fact engage much more in every form of activity to mobilize the broadest possible masses in the struggle against capitalism.

But while building all these organizations we must never forget that none of them, in themselves, are self-sufficient. They are not. They can be effective only on condition that they have Communist guidance. It is the special role of the Communist Party, working through its fractions in all such organizations, to coordinate and direct all the multifarious anticapitalist organizations into a decisive fight against capitalism, to direct them into one mighty revolutionary movement. It is this role, as the leader of the whole movement, that justifies the famous saying of Lenin that the Communist Party is "the highest form of class organization of the proletariat."

The present small membership of the two Southern districts must be brought into action and made to realize that our recruiting campaign can be successful only to the degree that we can engage in more mass work.

Every Party member in these two districts should be encouraged to study carefully all the material on the recruiting drive; write every week to the Southern Worker about the progress of the drive, about problems of attracting and holding new members; always remembering that articles should be short and plainly written. This will help to overcome one of the worst defects of the present membership in the South—absolute neglect to even make an effort to build the circulation of our Communist paper—the SOUTHERN WORKER.

Capitalist "Law and Order" in Harlan and Scottsboro

Developments in the Kentucky strike region and the Scottsboro case the past week have further exposed the fraud of capitalist democracy. In Kentucky the gun thugs, multiplied in number, have increased their terrorism in a desperate effort to crush the strike that is fast spreading industrial paralysis over the coal fields. Not only do the coal thugs raid union and relief headquarters and arrest officials of the National Miners' Union, relief workers, newspaper writers, but they have arrested Allen Taub, attorney for the International Labor Defense, who went to Kentucky to defend the prisoners and to secure bond for their release. The coal operators do not want even the face of a trial before their bought and paid for judges of the calibre of Judge Prewitt, Judge Jones and other corporation marionettes. Such trials arouse ever larger numbers of workers to fight against the terror.

In the Scottsboro case the Alabama and Tennessee lynch gang is plotting to deprive these nine innocent Negro boys, convicted on the perjured testimony of two white prostitutes, who catered to Negro patronage, of any legal defense so they can be more easily railroaded to the electric chair. A certain pimp, Miron Pearlman, alias Danny Dundee, a prize-fighting Jew with an Irish name, was arrested for brawling in Huntsville, Alabama. When searched, a letter written by one of the prostitutes, Ruby Bates, to one of her lovers, was found in his possession, which stated that her testimony against the Scottsboro boys was a lie. Fearing that there might be other letters of a similar nature in existence and that the attorneys for the

Party Recruiting Drive In District No. 16

By DAVE DORAN
With the tremendous growth of radicalization of the textile workers of the South and especially the Danville workers after the betrayal in February by the United Textile Workers of America, the Danville workers witnessed the imprisonment of W. T. Murdoch, National Secretary of the National Textile Workers' Union on a frame-up charge by the leader of the U. T. W. Now the same Chief of Police has arrested Comrade Binkley, framing him on the charge of vagrancy. The charge that is often used in the South against mili-

tant workers. With the increased suffering by the workers the mill bosses of the South and especially Danville Va., and Greenville, S. C., know that they will not be able to call their able agents, the U.T.W., to their rescue, as they did in the past. They know that the workers are turning to the militant N.T.W.U. for their union and their leader in their struggles against wage cuts, speed-up and long hours. They know the National Textile Workers' Union organizes the unemployed workers, together with the employed, leading them in the strug-

gles against starvation. Connecting the struggles of the unemployed with the struggles of the employed, leading them in the fight for cash relief to be paid by the bosses and their government.

The District Committee brands this arrest of Comrade Binkley as a blow to the whole working class, and especially the textile workers who, due to the low wages, long hours, in general, the low standard of living, are faced with actual starvation.

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The facts of the Scottsboro frame-up against nine boys, in the shadow of the electric chair on the perjured testimony of two white prostitutes, now before the Alabama Supreme Court. Amidst surroundings of court cases in the South, the National Labor Defense attorney again exposed the details of this case in Birmingham last August 4th.

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BEDDOW LEADS LYNCH PLOT IN PETERSON CASE

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FLOODS STILL RISE AS MORE SINK TO DEATH

JACKSON, Miss.—Belzoni and Greenwood are the two towns most recently engulfed by the flood torrents as the rotten levees give way. Until the last moment a convict gang of 300 worked frantically to bolster the battered walls eighteen miles above Belzoni, but the waters soon conquered.

Victims Number 70,000 These two towns have a combined population of 15,000 and are the largest in the flood district. This brings the number affected by the floods in the delta region up to more than 70,000. Hundreds of families are marooned in the Tippecanoe basin in momentary danger of drowning, as the steadily increasing volume of water by small boats has broken down.

Politicians Playing The discredited Bilbo is out of office as governor of Mississippi and his successor, Martin Sennett Connor, is in. One of the first gestures of Connor was to designate a delta militia company to relief service as a boat contingent to transport refugees and their supplies. Some motorboat manufacturers are getting rich off the flood disaster, as they are putting through the legislature, with the aid of the new governor, a proposal that the state buy a number of barges to be propelled with fleets of outboard motor boats. Whilst his graft is going on the poor farmers and workers of the delta region perish by the hundreds from drowning and disease.

The Hoover government at Washington, directly responsible for the rotten condition of the levees, has done nothing to relieve the suffering in the region that Hoover claimed, in his campaign of 1928 would not again suffer from floods because, forsooth, he, while secretary of commerce in Coolidge's cabinet had helped New Orleans bankers utilize the 1927 flood to grab everything they wanted.

NEEDS TIME FOR FRAME-UP DANVILLE, Va.—The case of W. G. Binkley, arrested over a month ago on "charges" of possessing Communist literature and later charged with "attempting to overthrow the government" has been postponed until March. The prosecution wants more time to frame-up the Communist organizer.

The testimony was the same as that on which the jury in the first trial, held before Judge McElroy, disagreed. The present jury went out to supper at 5:55 on Saturday evening and returned at 7:30 with a verdict declaring the Negro guilty of murder in the first degree. He was immediately sentenced to die in the electric chair.

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Kidnap, Beat Leaders; Gun Thugs Patrol Roads To Stop Pineville Meet

All efforts to crush the Kentucky-Tennessee strike have failed. The arrests and continued imprisonment of the National Miners' Union strike leaders, relief workers, and labor journalists, failed to stop the growing strike movement. The Kentucky miners are extending the strike. The workers of the rest of the country are rallying increasingly in the drive to rush relief to the brave miners and their families who are today facing the worst terror in the United States.

In desperation the mine owners, their county and city sheriffs, police, courts and gun thugs have launched a new wave of terror and extended their murderous campaign from Harlan and Bell counties into Tennessee.

Leader Fiercely Beaten Joe Weber, young strike leader, and Bill Brannon, who were kidnaped in Tennessee a week ago Friday, came into Knoxville Tuesday after a terrible ordeal. The two workers were arrested in Tennessee, taken to Kentucky, beaten unconscious by gun thugs, left lying in the road and finally picked up by a friend and driven to Appalachia, Va., where they were taken care of until they could get out again.

Joe Weber was savagely beaten. His back was black and blue from the neck down to the waist. Jim Duncan was less severely beaten, but he had a scar on one leg.

Tennessee Officials Join The kidnaping was effected by Hugh Ryder, Claiborne county deputy sheriff, and he and Sheriff Frank Reilly, sheriff of the county, turned the men over to the Harlan thugs. The state administration of Governor Horton sent in Adjutant-General Caswell Boyd on the pretext of investigating the affair, but Boyd, who last year ordered the state militia into Elizabethton against strikers, tried to whitewash the Tennessee sheriff and his deputies who have joined hands with the murder gang of Sheriff Blair of Harlan county, Kentucky.

Thugs Stop Conference Pineville, in Bell county, Kentucky, has become a second Harlan, as the gun thugs extend their terror in an attempt to stop the spread of the strike. Sunday, January 24, the date set for the "Spread the Strike Conference" at Pineville, the place presented the appearance of an armed (Continued on Page 2)

ferences have already been held on are in preparation so that the fighters in the front lines of the industrial struggle in Kentucky and Tennessee will be able to continue the fight until they defeat the terror.

New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Denver, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, and many other places are on the job raising relief for the strikers and their families.

SOUTH RALLIES FOR KENTUCKY STRIKE RELIEF

Workers and sympathizers in many places in the South are active in raising money and collecting clothing and food for the striking Kentucky-Tennessee miners. A number of shipments of clothing and food have already been sent to the Warehouse at 145 Pine St. Pineville Kentucky, and money is being rushed to the Workers' International Relief Headquarters at Room 506, National Building, Corner Market and Union, Knoxville, Tennessee.

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Kentucky-Tennessee Miners' Relief Committee, recently organized here, is busy making collections to help the Kentucky and Tennessee Miners to carry on their fight against the big corporations. House to house collections are being made in some neighborhoods and others are being organized.

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Relief organization is being set up and a big campaign is to be waged to gather relief for the Kentucky strikers.

MEMPHIS.—All sympathetic organizations here are being mobilized to aid in getting food, clothing and money for the striking miners and their families in the Kentucky-Tennessee coal fields. A number of meetings are being arranged to try to draw as large a number as possible into this work.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—In spite of the arrests and persecutions being carried out against all militant workers here we are going ahead with plans to set up an active relief agency for the Kentucky-Tennessee strikers who are putting up such a gallant fight against the bosses' starvation and terror drive.

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