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UNGER MARCHERS DEMAND FREEDOM FOR SCOTTSBORO BOYS

PREPARING TO TAKE DEMANDS WASHINGTON

YORK, (CNA)—Banners demand the immediate release of the two boys and cessation of all forms of terror and persecutions of Negroes as well as white workers. It will be carried by the hunger march in the four main columns from the four corners of the country to converge on Washington, D. C., on Nov. 7, to demand immediate relief for the unemployed and unemployment insurance.

National Hunger March is called by Unemployed Councils of 12 demands that will be presented to Congress are: Unemployment insurance equal to full wages for employed and part-time workers; winter relief of \$150 for employed worker and \$50 for dependent; the 7-hour day with reduction in weekly earnings; for a program of furnishing work unemployed at union wages, all forms of terror and discrimination against Negroes.

ties to the Hunger March will be carried by unemployed councils, of the Trade Union Unity locals of the A. F. of L. and within the A. F. of L. The march is expected to number 1,000. The march is being organized with the cooperation of the Union Unity League and the affiliated to it. The Workers' National Relief is organizing the missionary and medical service. The march will proceed principally in four main columns: (1) from Boston, (2) starting at and travelling via Scranton, Philadelphia (3) starting at Chicago, northern route via Detroit, and Pittsburgh, and (4) via St. Louis via Cincinnati, Toledo and Pittsburgh.

Directives have been issued by Unemployed Councils Committee for National Hunger March, with headquarters at 6 E. 19th Street, New York City.

PLAN NAVY MUTINY LEADER WINS ELECTION

TIAGO, Chile — Alexander, leader of the naval revolt in Chile, who is in prison under sentence of death, was elected senator on the Communist Party ticket by an overwhelming majority. This election shows the wide mass support for the revolutionary naval forces and the fact in which the government, a Yankee imperialism, is held responsible.

American Legion New Line To Fool Working Class War Vets

The new commander of the Davis King Summers Post of the American Legion, one Sam E. Whitaker, in his inaugural address at the Memorial Auditorium (Chattanooga) savagely attacked the "Reds."

Such attacks have been the stock-in-trade of the Legion since that reactionary organization controlled by the officer-clique has been in existence. To attack Communists is nothing new for the Legion commanders.

The "New Turn" of the Legion

But in addition to the usual ignorant tirade against Communism, Mr. Whitaker also said things that a few years ago would have sounded strange coming from a person like him. He said:

"But, foes to Communism though we are, we are unwilling to tolerate the injustices of our present system. A system which forces 6,000,000 men to be idle when they want to work, which permits their families to suffer for the absolute necessities of life when these men look in vain for an opportunity to provide these necessities—any such system is wrong. These injustices must be righted."

These are merely empty words. In the next breath Whitaker said: "For this condition it is not easy to fix the blame. But whoever is to blame the condition has to be remedied. What the remedy is we do not know."

While the words are empty as far as meeting the unemployment issue is concerned, they are full of meaning for all soldiers who returned to the ranks of the working class after they were through making the world safe for Morgan's profits.

Why the "New Turn?"

The officers of the Legion have to put forth criticism of the "present system" in an effort to maintain influence over ex-soldiers who are, in ever-increasing numbers, becoming disgusted with the whole capitalist policy. Large numbers of world war veterans who face hunger and starvation, who see the government swindling them out of their soldiers' bonus, who see their wives and children wither from the pangs of hunger and die from diseases arising out of enforced starvation, are joining the Unemployed Councils, many are joining the Red unions, are building the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League, many become active members of the Communist Party. All this shows that the returned soldier workers are like all other workers—becoming radicalized. They are showing more and more determination to fight NOW for winter relief of \$150 for each unemployed worker and \$50 for each

dependent, to fight for unemployment insurance equal to full wages, and for all other class demands which include the demand that ALL war funds be applied to unemployment relief and be administered by the Unemployed Councils. The national demands of the unemployed movement also includes special demands for ex-service men.

It is because of this movement of ex-soldiers toward a CLASS FIGHT against capitalism that the boss-controlled Legion must now come forth with fake criticism of the "system." The Legion pretends to criticize the system only in order to deceive ex-soldiers so they will not fight against the system.

Whether or not the Legion is opposed to the "present system" can be seen from its long record of strike-breaking activities, its Jim-crowing of Negro ex-soldiers, its present attempts to drive unemployed workers from the cities into slavery on the plantations. This crisis of capitalism is the worst that has ever happened and exposes in sharp form the whole reactionary crew and forces them to use all their old tricks and to invent new ones to fool the workers.

All working class ex-soldiers should repudiate the Legion and build up a real fighting organization of world war veterans by joining the Workers' Ex-Serviceman's League and by aiding with their special experience the fight to smash this system of slavery and establish a workers' and farmers' government.

Farm Wages Lowest In Past 15 Years

Farm wages on October 1 were the lowest since 1916, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics index. They were 113 percent of the 1910-14 pre-war average on October 1 as compared with 150 on October 1 a year ago which was itself a year of severe crisis. The Bureau says that the usual upward seasonal average from January to October has been reversed this year, and the index of wages fell from 129 on January 1, 1931, to 113 on October 1, 1931.

The supply of farm labor is reported to be 113 per cent of normal and the demand for labor 69 percent of normal. The decline in wages from a year ago is stated to be general in all classes of farm help.

SHOWCASE CO. CUTS WAGES

ST. LOUIS.—Metal polishers employed by the American Fixture and Showcase Co. received a 15 per cent wage cut.

Workers of South Must Carry Out Mass Fight Against War Plotters

The secret discussions between President Hoover and Premier Laval of France have ended. A joint statement has been issued which, although it speaks of peace actually convicts both Hoover and Laval of a war conspiracy.

According to statements issued in Monday's press, the world crisis and "the trend of international relations bearing upon it" were discussed.

I.L.D. DEFENDS VICTIM OF ALA. LYNCH JUSTICE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Not even the police around the Jefferson County courthouse believe that Willie Peterson, the tubercular Negro miner and World War veteran, is guilty of the murder of two "society" women of which he is accused. But, like the entire brutal ruling class of the South, they say someone must burn in the electric chair and it might as well be the man they have in jail as "any other nigger."

This frame-up fits into the general terror regime that has for months been carried out against the Negro masses in an effort to crush the growing unity of Negro and whites to resist wage cuts in the mills and mines of the steel trust.

I. L. D. On The Job.

Willie Peterson and his wife have signed an agreement turning over the legal defense of the case to A. A. Rosenthal, attorney for the International Labor Defense. Mrs. Peterson announced that the leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Birmingham, who contributed money to buy bloodhounds to track down "a nigger," have not contributed one cent to the defense of the victim of this latest act of the lynch gang.

Peterson Ill for Years

Peterson has been sick for several years, unable to be on his feet for more than twenty minutes at a time. Aside from the complete alibi that Peterson has it is quite evident that one in his condition could never have committed the crime charged and made his escape through underbrush over a long distance.

Peterson Defense Block Committee are being built all over Birmingham. The committee requests funds be rushed to Fred Jones, Box 31, Woodlawn Station, Birmingham, Ala.

PAINTERS GET WAGE CUT

DAYTON, Ohio.—Journeymen painters here went on strike against a wage cut.

The Associated Press report of the close of the Hoover-Laval conference throws a bright light upon that criminal conspiracy directed toward again plunging the world into another blood-bath of war. Says the Associated Press reporter as recorded in the Chattanooga Times:

"It was conceded that a great part of the world economic unsettled is traceable to present disturbed political conditions in Central and Eastern Europe."

Central Europe means Germany and Austria. Eastern Europe means the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

Rotten Secret Diplomacy

The reason the conversations between Hoover and Laval were held in secret is because the crimes they were preparing are so vile that they did not dare expose them. But not even the secrecy of the rotten diplomacy of Hoover and Laval can conceal their real purpose, which is in part to try to crush the growing revolutionary movement in Germany and Poland, and to launch a war of intervention against the Soviet Union.

The discussions also covered the question of the conflict in Manchuria, where Japan is trying to further loot that rich country and concentrate heavy military forces in the vicinity of the Soviet Union. Wall Street, through its government at Washington, has intervened in the Manchurian affair because it wants what it regards as its share of any further looting of Manchuria and because it wants to dictate when and under what conditions international capitalist intervention is organized against the Soviet Union.

Hoover and Laval, in their secret conferences, were indulging in a game in which the pawns are the lives of millions of workers and farmers of the whole world.

Capitalism, shattered beyond repair by its greatest crisis, will try to prolong its existence by further pillaging of the colonial countries and by trying to crush by force of arms the Soviet government so that the vast Soviet territory can be divided amongst the imperialist bandits.

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Must Fight Hoover --- Laval Imperialist War Plots

SECRET PLANS DRAWN UP FOR NEW SLAUGHTER

(Continued from Front Page)

The capitalists and their lackeys know that the crisis has tremendously sharpened the class conflict throughout the world. They see a world in which the toiling masses in the capitalist nations face increasing misery, unheard of poverty, mass hunger, starvation, while in the Soviet Union where capitalism has been crushed there is a steady rise in production, a rapid rise in living standards, in industry and on the land, no unemployment and a general raising of the cultural level of the masses. They see the mighty upsurge of revolutionary forces in China, in India, the growing revolts in Indo-China, in Egypt. They see the toiling masses of Germany and Poland, moving toward revolution under the crimson banners of the Communist Parties, sections of the Communist International.

All Other "Solutions" Failed

All other attempts of capitalism to overcome its crisis have failed. Every attempt thus far made to conquer the crisis has deepened it. Each new move makes matter worse instead of better. Not even the wars against the colonial masses can bring new life to the rotting carcass of capitalism. There is one "solution" for its crisis that the international imperialist bandits have not yet put into effect, but which they have tried for years to bring about. That is open and armed intervention against the socialist fatherland of all the workers of the world, launched simultaneously from all those countries extending from Finland, through the Baltic states, embracing Poland, Roumania, thence southward and eastward to Manchuria. It is an effort to crush the workers' and peasants' power and again bring that vast territory formerly ruled by the Czars back into the capitalist fold.

The Hoover-Laval conspiracy has as its plan of action to invade the Soviet Union with armed forces and try to carry on a war of extermination of peoples. They know that the existence side by side of two systems—the world of putrid, decaying capitalism, and the world of building socialism—furnishes such a contrast that it is itself one of the most powerful factors in the rising revolutionary wave against capitalism. It is the preparation of this dastardly move that compels Hoover and Laval to conceal their motives behind a wall of secrecy. In preparing such a move they also have to consider ways and means of reaching some sort of an agreement, in spite of their conflicts with each other, that will enable the imperialist powers to act in unison to crush and dismember the Soviet Union and to again divide up between themselves the colonial world.

Liming Up German Fascists

But while these imperialist conspiracies are going on the revolutionary movement of the world, under the leadership of the Communist International moves forward to more determined challenge to the very existence of capitalism itself. As against all the capitalist proposals to overcome the crisis the Communist Parties of the world put forth the revolutionary solution—the overthrow of the capitalist powers and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Hoover's move to declare a year's moratorium on German war debts was an effort to aid the German fascist regime hold out for a while long-

er against the rising revolutionary wave. Now Laval and Hoover have, at their secret conference, laid the ground work for sweeping readjustments of German reparations. This concession (?) by the two imperialist powers that have a monopoly of the world's gold supply is a bribe to swing the German capitalist power definitely into the anti-Soviet bloc.

But the final decision on the part Germany will play rests not with Bruening and the figurehead, Hindenberg, but with the working class that is, in ever larger numbers, following the lead of the Communist Party of Germany.

Demands Action In South

The Communist Parties of every country will, in varying degrees, depending upon their political influence and organizational power, fight to defeat the capitalist war mongers. The Communist Party of the United States of America is waging a big campaign against the American imperialist butchers.

Here in the South, the masses of workers in the industries, the impoverished farmers, the croppers, the farm laborers, must be mobilized to fight against the war plots. Workers everywhere must be brought to understand that the imperialist war that now threatens to again hurl the flower of working class youth and young manhood into the slaughter has long been prepared. Today we see in the Hoover-Laval secret diplomacy, a major move in the final frantic drive to complete the war preparations. In perfecting the war machine of this country, the South plays an important part with its gigantic steel mills in Birmingham, its smaller mills in Atlanta, in Richmond, its coal industry adjacent to the steel cities, its chain of rayon mills which can be changed instantly into plants producing chemicals for war.

The fierce wage-cutting drive and other attacks being waged against the working class today has a two-fold purpose:

(1) Place greater burdens upon our class to help the capitalists overcome their own economic crisis; (2) to disorganize and disintegrate the workers so it will be easier to impose a tyrannical war regime upon us all in the form of conscription for the armed forces and compulsory slavery for rations in the war industries—that is to say, conscription of labor. We must fight to defeat such plans!

Defeat the War Mongers

Workers throughout the country must fight relentlessly against the war conspiracies. Down with secret agreements! Smash the wage-cut drive! Strike against wage-cuts! Fight for Unemployed Insurance! Demand that all war funds be used to feed and clothe and shelter the unemployed men, women and children! Fight for winter relief for the unemployed! Demand that the imperialist bandits take their bloody clutches from the throat of China! Hands off India! Immediate and complete freedom for the Colonial masses! Release the prisoners of the white terror and the class war prisoners of the U. S. A.! Self determination for the Negro masses of the Black Belt of the South! Defend the Soviet Union! Down with war mongers!

FASTER WAR PLANES

WASHINGTON, — The war department is experimenting with planes of a new design, which they hope will prove to be faster than the British bombing planes. As usual, Hoover and Stimson still talk peace, while every ounce of energy is put forth preparing for war.

UNEMPLOYED IN NEW ORLEANS BUILD COUNCIL

(By Worker Correspondent)

NEW ORLEANS—The Unemployed Council of the city of New Orleans has been quite busy for the last two weeks. Numerous meetings have been held. Unemployed branches are being established everywhere. Hundreds of workers are joining the Unemployed Council and they are in full harmony with our program.

A week ago last Monday the Unemployed Council held a mass meeting at Little Mount Olivet Baptist church, a colored church at 2827 Perdido Street. Over 200 workers were present in the church and many were listening to our speakers from the outside.

Comrades Jefferson, Pailet and Balter addressed the meeting, calling upon the workers, both white and colored, to organize and together fight for immediate unemployment relief, against evictions and for full social and economic and political racial equality.

A good reception was given the comrades and an organizational meeting was arranged for next Monday.

Police Raid Meeting

The bosses, however, found out about our plans and have intimidated and threatened the colored workers not to come to our meetings. The workers did not listen to them and the meeting on October 19 was well attended and a neighborhood Unemployed Branch was formed.

About 35 uniformed policemen, plainclothesmen, and motorcycle cops were present with patrol wagons. They surrounded the place and arrested 26 white and colored workers, searching everyone for arms.

Joined in Spite of Police

While the search for arms was going on those present did not get scared in any way, and furthermore, many signed up for the Unemployed Council in the presence of the "law."

Those arrested were brought before night court. Fourteen were tried and fined \$10 with the alternative of 30 days in jail. Twelve demanded affidavits and were taken out on bonds Tuesday, October 20th.

Attorney Dowling, for the International Labor Defense, has made an appeal for a new trial and signed bonds for the release of those convicted.

Prisoners "Swing Around Circle"

The International Labor Defense had quite a job on hand to locate Comrades Balter, Pailet, Thibodoux and Jefferson, chairman of the meeting. These four comrades were shifted from jail to jail so as to confuse the I. L. D. and keep them behind the bars as long as possible. But the I. L. D. was on the job continuously and, after 22 hours searching throughout every jail in town, finally found them and had them released on bonds through professional bondsmen.

The four comrades, instead of being charged with disturbing the peace, were additionally charged with unlawful assembly, which is a criminal charge in this city.

No threats or intimidation will stop the workers from organizing a powerful Unemployed Council to fight for the right to live.

CHEVROLET TOLEDO PLANT CLOSED

TOLEDO, Ohio.—The Chevrolet plant here is completely closed. It is announced that new machinery is being installed to turn out the same amount of work with a smaller working crew.

ROTTEN MILL CONDITIONS IN DANVILLE, VA.

(By Worker Correspondent)

Fellow workmen: Just to let you know what awful conditions us mill workers of Danville have to stand.

Old Jimbo Hall won't let us sit down even when we don't have any work to do. We must keep walking up and down the floor until we get some work.

If the least defect goes thru on the cloth Hall has us up in the office and gives us hell. He has all kinds of Tattle Boxes that tells him everything that is said or done. He don't allow us to speak to one another in the mill and makes us keep cleaning up all the time because he is afraid we will say something about the conditions and maybe tell some worker "Slave" to join the reds.

We work all week for the small pittance of ten dollars or less and have to stay scared to death all the time that we will loose our jobs. When we see Jimbo coming down the alley we just know that we are going to be told to get the hell out that we are fired.

Many Joining Red Union

We sometimes have to lay out sick for a day and when we do we are laid off for six days and sometimes fired outright.

Times are so bad we can't stand it much longer. We are all joining the red union and we are going to fight to the last ditch for our rights. We are going to give these mill bosses hell and I don't mean perhaps and it won't be long now, I mean.

This time last year we thought we would be sitting on top of the world by now. We would if we had not been sold out by the damned United Textile Union, A. F. L. fakers. Before the dirty curs left town they threw us on the welfare who in turn did their usual way by throwing us down and let us starve.

All these fakers work together to keep the workers down. Join the National Textile Union. They won't throw us down but fight with us to the last man woman and child. And that is no idle boast.

Hope to have more to write next time.

From a worker in No. 6 Riverside Cotton Mill.

All who have not joined the National Textile Union, Write Box 759, Danville, Va., for more information on this subject.

SPEED-UP IN NAVY YARDS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Increased productivity is demanded by the Navy Department of workers in navy yards. With the adoption of a new speed-up plan some 3,000 workers are to be fired out of the yards, but production will be greater than before and wages lower.

RED CROSS IN VILE PLOT TO ENSLAVE LABOR

(By Worker Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM—Everywhere workers who have jobs are being forced to donate money to the charity grafters who run the Community Chest. Not many workers yet understand that they ought to fight for compulsory unemployment insurance—that is make the bosses and the government pay unemployed relief in the form of money to jobless workers. Such relief ought to be administered, not by the charlatans like the Salvation Army, but by workers' committees elected by the employed and unemployed.

Red Cross Slave Recruiting

The Red Cross outfit here is conducting a regular campaign of terror against workers, white and black appealing for aid. Workers are threatened with jail, threatened with being thrown out of houses and so forth. They are told that they can get work if they want it. Then when they do they cannot get work, they are told they can go to the Mississippi delta and pick cotton for 35 cents a hundred and furnish their own keep.

For refusing to accept such slavery the workers were threatened by the Red Cross with having their "relief" cut off. The "relief" amounts to exactly 50 cents a week.

Rich Negroes Help Graft

In this relief fake a few rich Negro plantation owners also help the Red Cross fight to drive the unemployed out of town. They hang around the Red Cross and when Negro workers refuse to go to the Mississippi delta, they promise to employ the unemployed Negroes at the same rate as the delta by way of "befriending" the Negro workers. Negro workers understand that these buzzards will them to slave for nothing and most of the workers refuse such "aid" despite of the Red Cross threats. Down with this fake relief. Fight for better relief on the line of the demands of the Unemployed Councils, whose delegates are marching to Washington when Congress opens to expose the whole hypocritical gang of fakers.

NATION EDITOR PRAISES SOVIET

Henry Raymond Mussey, managing editor of the Nation, of New York, in an interview with the Moscow News said "The Soviet Union is the only place where one finds people with a definite idea of where they want to go and how to get there. This is in sharp contrast to the United States where Mussey sees only chaos. Being a liberal, Mussey cannot of course, see that an increasing number of the working class, the same class that rules in Soviet Russia, have definite ideas of where to go and we also know how to get there."

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FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

AMPA POLICE ANSWER CALLS OF SOCIALIST

By Worker Correspondent
AMPA, Fla.—The I. L. D. had a membership meeting Friday Oct. 16th over two hundred workers attending. Many of the speakers spoke Spanish language. While the meeting was in progress the female running on the yellow socialist here for mayor, had her and four gangsters come to meeting with the intention of the I. L. D. meeting.

Jim Nine our section organizer speaking, the husband of candidate took a swing at Jim, the riot started. He hit Jim only blow in the back of the neck. He only got one punch in and gangsters and De La Grana got to rush down the back stairs on the street. Naturally, being socialist, he then called friends the cops for aid.

Only a short time ago when La Grana was feeling around our headquarters to see if she got a pie card with the party in Tampa. There were many women at the meeting and I had to say that the women that the cigar factories are all militaries and don't frighten easy. There were several new members in the International Labor Defense sold. All the workers were to a mass meeting at the La Grana Monday.

In Terror in Mississippi Farming Region

ment of the terror imposed by landlords and bosses upon Negro farmers and workers of the belt in this letter just received from a Negro in Snowton,

friend: A few lines to let you hear down here. We are in worst here in Snowton, Mississippi. Tens of people is getting killed and we don't know what is. We are pleading for you there to do something for white people was telling us "Reds" that is what cause things. Tell the "Reds" to thing for us immediately. We are dying and nearly starving, the "Reds" isn't doing nothing for we are even robbing the mail from Chicago and elsewhere. Let the "Reds" help the South or else we can't live 3 days, they even come in your and kill you. They kill the babies and they even wont buy the newspaper.

Your truly friends in need,
"A Farmer & Please do something immediate we can't go to bed at night."

of L. Workers Denounce Officials

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Three hundred workers attending a meeting called by the American Federation of Labor Building Trades Council in the municipal auditorium, Sunday, unanimously adopted a resolution condemning and repudiating the of the Vancouver convention of the A. F. L. for opposing unemployment insurance.

Worker Correspondents!
Organize to Build the Southern Worker Into A More Powerful Weapon Against Bosses

A considerable portion of the space in our paper is taken up with articles by Worker Correspondents from all over the South. The paper has been in the past a great help to workers trying to organize against wage cuts, rotten working conditions, starvation, discrimination, fighting the fake charities, etc.

But in no place has there been any ORGANIZED work to bring together the worker correspondents into groups. Such groups should be organized and special problems facing the workers of a given industry, a factory, mine or mill, or a given locality should be taken up and discussed and workers selected to write about all angles of the question.

Organization Will Improve Paper and Develop Better Fighters

The Southern Worker is a Communist paper. That means a paper that not only fights against the capitalists to defeat their imposing of mass hunger upon us; that not only fights against wage cuts, discrimination against Negroes, youth, women in the every day struggles; but a paper that aids in preparing the masses of workers and farmers for the fight to destroy the capitalist system through the revolutionary overthrow of the dictatorship of the bosses.

In a number of important centers—Charlotte, Birmingham, Greenville, Chattanooga, Tampa—there are a number of worker correspondents who send in letters that are published in the Southern Worker. These should be organized at once into groups and should work together to improve the paper by COLLECTIVE consideration of the articles; and by selecting certain comrades to prepare articles, especially dealing with conditions in the industries.

Articles should all be short and to the point. Tell in as few words as possible about wages, or about hours, about the stagger system, about accidents to workers in the shop, about the dangers to workers' health, about what workers are saying needs to be done.

If preparations are being made for production of war material—such as are now going on in Birmingham under direction of the Ordnance department of the U. S. Army, write about it so your fellow workers will understand what it means to them.

Many features can be discussed in worker correspondence groups that will not only help the paper by improving its contents, but will help to develop the workers who write so that they can better understand how to fight—so they can become better fighters and develop into leaders in the mighty struggles that are ahead.

Individual Correspondent Can Build Groups

In other places there are individual correspondents who are the only ones writing from their localities. Such comrades should try to get other workers to write. They should start small groups and discuss writing for the Southern Worker.

Organize Southern Worker Correspondence groups everywhere! Spread the Southern Worker!

Get new subscribers!

Order bundles to sell to other workers!

This is YOUR paper—the workers' paper!

Help make it better!

England's Irish Butchers Decree
Death For Political Opponents

Dispatches from Dublin, Ireland, reveal the latest acts of tyranny on the part of the Cosgrave government against the rising tide of working class radicalism. So desperate is the position of the Cosgrave government, despised everywhere as the tool of British imperialism, that the governor general (England's special representative) has been advised to appoint a military tribunal to secretly try political opponents and carry out court-martial sentences. He did as requested and the tribunal is working.

Will Inflict Death Sentences

For belonging to any one of a dozen organizations, anti-British or anti-capitalist, the death sentence can be inflicted and ordered carried out. There will be no public trials, no trials by jury, no notice whatever of such trials. Any three of the judges of the tribunal can hear cases, pass sentence and order the execution of sentence immediately. The victim will have no chance of appeal.

Any publication defending the banned organizations, which include the Communist Party, the Friends of So-

MORE STEEL MILL CUTS

WEIRTON, W. Va.—Workers in the steel mills here, already having had their wages cut 40 per cent since the first of the year, face another 10 per cent cut.

FORCED LABOR IN ARKANSAS COTTON FIELDS

(By Worker Correspondent)

The hunger and suffering of unemployment is, evidently, no longer considered sufficient pressure to induce the unemployed of Arkansas to pick cotton. The past few weeks the police have added to their prestige by arresting many and charging them with vagrancy unless they are willing to pick cotton at 35¢ a hundred pounds. The edict is: Go to the cotton patch and pick cotton or go to the County Penal Farm and pick cotton. For it is cotton picking time in Arkansas.

Governor Parnell issued a proclamation, Wed. Oct. 7, 1931, in which he urged officials of the various communities to prevent idleness and loitering, for says he: "More than a living can be made by gathering this splendid crop and employment is assured for many weeks"

Wednesday was an ideal day for a group of sixteen cotton pickers on the Waddele plantation in Lonoke county but their wages only ranged from 17¢ to 81¢ for a full day's work. A man with a family to support received 46¢ which left a very neat margin for his wife and children after deducting his own food.

To again quote Gov. Parnell: "Let us all appreciate our blessings and recognize that nature has smiled upon us"

The Social Welfare Bureau of Little Rock and North Little Rock has been canvassing those families who are destitute, due to unemployment, and informed them that no one will receive aid this winter who will not pick cotton. So it has come to pass that he who does not pick cotton at starvation wages will starve anyway.

(Signed An Unemployed Cotton Picker.)

U. S. Pipe Shop Workers Existing on Hunger Wages

(By Worker Correspondent)

CHATTANOOGA — I have read your paper and think it is just what we want here. I am working in the U. S. Pipe shop. Our pay here has been cut three times lately and we are doing more work than ever and not getting but three or four days a week.

I go to the shop every morning and wait two hours and then the boss comes and generally says "no workers today." I only make \$8 a week; I can't pay rent.

The boss will starve us all to death if we don't get together and fight. We need a union here in the U. S. Pipe for we are not making a living.

We work ten hours a day for \$2 a day and it sure is hard to live with winter coming on. I don't know what we will come to if we don't get together and fight. I am colored, but the colored man and the white worker must unite and then both of us can get a better living and more pay.

—Colored Worker.

SENT PAPERS TO LIBRARY

Comrade Max Labell of Spivak, Colo., informs us that he has sent to the New York Public library all the copies of the Southern Worker they requested for their files, except Vol. 1, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7. Any reader having these copies to spare should mail them to the New York Public Library, 5th Avenue and 42nd street, New York City, and notify us.

NO. CAROLINA WORKERS JOIN TEXTILE UNION

(By Worker Correspondent)

As a result of the militancy of the Burlington, N. C. mill workers, the Holt, Smith and Love mills have been forced to grant some concessions to the workers. Rent in the company houses has been reduced 10 percent. Notices have been put up in the mills stating: "Although we are obliged to reduce wages 10%, we are at the same time reducing house rent 10%." Also no docking has taken place since the mass meeting of 1500 workers on Sunday, called by the National Textile Workers Union. Workers had previously been docked daily—sometimes their low wages being cut in this way \$3 and \$4 a week.

To protest this, the high rent, and especially the 10% wage cut, the third in 6 months, 1500 workers attended an open air meeting and listened enthusiastically for two hours to speakers from the TUUL and NTWU. They shouted down and ran off the lot, a company petty bossman, a preacher and a booster for the A. F. of L., who attempted to speak. The company bossman was later beaten up by a group of angry workers.

Police who openly stated they had come to arrest the speakers and break up the meeting, did not dare do so. In spite of the presence of the cops and mill deputies, many workers spoke denouncing the wage cut and their other grievances. Many also joined the union.

The millowners were so scared of a strike, that they called over the Danville, Va., chief of police and some Danville cops, who had experience in beating up pickets. They paraded around all day in front of the mills with two machine guns in their cars. Because of lack of organization inside the mills, attempts to call a strike failed. However, the workers are now organizing into the National Textile Workers Union.

With mill committees and locals of the NTWU inside the mills, the workers will be able to force a lot more concessions from the millowners.

Ala. Land Owner Steals All From A Negro Cropper

(By a Farmer Correspondent)

GEORGIANA, Ala.—On the plantation of Dr. Raft Morer one of the Negro croppers had a cow which the Doctor when asked by this Negro when he was going to settle with him promptly took his cow together with all the crop.

The cropper asked the Doctor to see his books. This had never happened before. "A nigger doubts my word!" and kicked this Negro in the stomach. However his brother living nearby ran to beat off the attack of this lily white lynch.

This devout Christian planter gentleman, enraged because he was unable to beat up the negro, took his cow and is now trying to take away a piece of land which this cropper has been paying for for four years, also without an accounting.

We can see by this that the croppers must organize and fight to protect ourselves and not go around like "niggers," but Negroes together with the white croppers and we will smash this system of slavery where the more we do the less we get.

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Fight Against Hunger

Nowhere in the country, or in the whole world, are the effects of the crisis bearing more heavily upon the toiling masses than in the South.

Millions of workers, men, women and children, white and Negro, who in periods of so-called prosperity live on the border-line of starvation, are today facing actual mass hunger.

The capitalist owners of industry, the big plantation owners, the government, the church, the Negro professional and business elements who help the white big capitalists, are all united to force the working class to ever lower levels of existence.

The charity fakers, the Community Chest swindlers, the Red Cross spies, the police, the courts are busy day and night trying to drive the unemployed out of the cities and disperse them in the country—scatter the unemployed throughout the cotton belt, isolate them in the Louisiana turpentine camps—where they will be in worse condition than even the worst victims of chattel slavery a century ago.

The bosses and all their agents try to place the burdens of the crisis which they alone are responsible for upon the backs of the workers and poor farmers, white and black. But the growing influence of the Unemployed Councils, the uniting of the workers, employed and unemployed, white and black, men and women, young and old, native-born and foreign-born, threatens to defeat the capitalist plot. The capitalists especially fear the developing fight against unemployment in the cities. That is why they are using terror measures to drive the unemployed into the deepest South, where they will face still worse terror and the most unspeakable slavery. Not merely hundreds, but thousands and tens of thousands will die of starvation and be thrown like dogs into unknown graves, if the bosses succeed in their plans to deport the unemployed into such hell holes.

Life for so-called "free" workers on plantations today is worse than the old slavery. Then the slave was a chattel, a piece of property that represented money. When a chattel slave died the slave-holder had to spend money to replace him. When a wage slave dies, or a worker sentenced to peonage by the Community Chest and Red Cross charity mongers dies, the boss loses not one cent; he only has to apply to the nearest Red Cross stool pigeon who will try to get another peon.

Everywhere in the South we must build up our Unemployed Councils and organize a mass fight against this deportation. We must join our forces with the Unemployed Councils from all the big industrial centers and fight for immediate winter relief in the amount of \$150 for each unemployed worker and \$50 for each dependent. We must fight for unemployed insurance equal to full wages for each unemployed or part time worker; for the seven-hour day without reduction in wages; for the abolition of discrimination and terror against Negro and foreign-born workers.

Only through organized struggle will we be able to defeat the slave conspiracies of the capitalist class.

Don't starve! Don't be deported to the plantations of the cotton belt! Organize and fight!

Tammany Roosevelt "Winning" South

The democratic party machine of the state of Arkansas is the latest to line up behind the candidacy of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, for the nomination for the presidency of the United States in the 1932 elections.

Roosevelt has been spending his vacation at Warm Springs, Ga., in the heart of the Lynch-law belt, and regularly receiving visitors representing the official lynch gangs of such places as Birmingham, Ala., Jackson, Miss., and Knoxville, Tenn. He left Warm Springs for Atlanta to strengthen his political fences there and will probably stop at the enlightened municipality of Marietta, whose chief attraction is a tree on the main street, the lower part of which is encased in cement so that it can be preserved as a monument, because it served as a gallows for a lynch mob that hanged Leo Frank, because he was a Jew.

Some republicans seem to think it strange that the "gentleman" politicians of Southern democracy (?) should flock to Roosevelt, the product of Tammany Hall. There is nothing strange about it. If the Vare republican machine of Philadelphia, stinking with vice and corruption, can unite with the national republican outfit, headed by Herbert Hoover, one of the heroes of the Tea-Pot Dome cabinet, then surely Tammany Roosevelt can expect to obtain support from the inhabitants of such cesspools of thievery as the Luke Lea-Horton machine of Tennessee.

The rotteness of the republican and democratic parties, and the equally filthy and rotten role of the boot-licking socialist party grow directly out of decaying capitalism. To try to bolster up its declining system a while longer capitalism has to resort to ever fiercer attacks against the workers. Like all capitalists the politicians of the old parties face the future with fear and uncertainty. They know something must happen to change things, but they don't know exactly what it will be. So they all have a policy of getting everything they can while the getting is good.

To be sure the democrats are trying to make us believe that Roosevelt has broken with Tammany. That is only an election trick that had to be used because of the lid blowing off the Tammany graft in New York.

As far as the working class is concerned Roosevelt is as rotten a strike-breaker as is Herbert Hoover. Tammany police regularly club and shoot workers in the streets of New York; Tammany judges railroad working class leaders to prison; Tammany jailers torture them. Like all capitalist governments, whether republican or democrat, the Tammany outfit exists only to keep the toiling masses in a condition of slavery so that the capitalists can get profits.

Red Cross, Police, Charities Drive Unemployed to Slavery

"Stay on the plantations as serfs and starve!" That is the slave decree of the Red Cross to the croppers and tenants in the cotton belt of the South.

The Red Cross in the South is the same as it is everywhere throughout the country—a weapon of the ruling class against the workers and farm workers. It is the same as all the other charity mongering organizations. In the Cotton belt the Red Cross is the tool of the planters and merchants. It has announced that it will not give any aid (even the two and a half cent meals of last winter) to any tenants or farm workers who "leave their crop".

Cannot Eat Cotton

Cotton is not food; no living animal can eat it. But the plantation owners and the Red Cross expect workers and tenants to eat it for that is all there is on the land in many places.

The Red Cross chapters in the cotton belt gets names of all the tenants from the land owners and uses its "charity" monopoly to maintain the peonage system.

Police Aid by Arrests

The police help the plantation owners and the Red Cross by arresting on vagrancy charges (which means the chain gang) the starved masses forced off the plantations. They give the unemployed Negro workers the "choice" of going on the chain gang or slaving from sun-up to sun-down for from 30 to 40 cents a hundred pounds of cotton picked. The average pick per worker per day on the present crop is 200 pounds. Out of this 60 to 80 cents a day a worker must buy his food at the plantation commissaries and the town merchants, where prices are high.

Advances for food and sometimes railfare to the plantation place the worker in "debt" to the planter at first—and he never gets out of debt. Attempts to escape result in arrest for various "crimes" and the chain gang again.

Negro Press Also Aids

The Negro press in the cotton belt and throughout the South that serves the interests of the white plantation owners and business men for a few dollars also plays its part in the enforced slavery. It prints news items advertising the need for cotton pickers and urges Negro unemployed to slave for starvation wages. The majority of the preachers aid the white bosses in the same dirty and deceptive way.

Here the Negro little capitalists—editors, small business men, professors, preachers—are lined up solidly for the white ruling class and try to deliver into slavery the Negro masses.

Why They Fight Communists

These Negro lackeys of the white bosses, like their masters, fear one movement that is steadily gaining support from the masses of Negro and white workers in the industries, on the farms and in the ranks of the unemployed. That one thing they dread and fear is the Communist Party—the party of the working class that fights against the whole boss class. These Negro leaders who betray the Negro masses fear the Communists because we expose their

tricks and tell the Negro masses that they should refuse to be misled by the Black Judases, and should stand and fight shoulder to shoulder with the white workers against all the bosses.

The croppers and the tenants and farm workers must organize into Share Croppers Unions and Committees of Action, composed of white and Negro, employed and unemployed, to fight for an increase in wages, for shorter hours and to demand that the capitalists be forced to give up some of their wealth they have made off of slave and peon labor to furnish winter relief for the unemployed, such relief to be administered by the Unemployed Councils.

Yellow Socialists Exposed in Tampa Meet

(By a Worker Correspondent)

TAMPA, Fla.—A mass demonstration was held at the Labor Temple Monday evening, and we had about one thousand workers present, the meeting was called to show the workers the difference between socialism and communism. There was a Negro spoke in the Spanish language and a Negro spoke in English. Both of them got rousing applause. There were three other speakers in the Latin tongue and McDonald told the workers in the English language how Communism was a revolutionary party and the socialists were a party of the bosses.

The workers at Ybor City are of the Latin-American race and as we did not have any Spanish literature we did not sell many papers, our bundle order of the Daily Workers were sold and delivered to the weekly customers, fifty-six Southern Workers were sold.

There were several new members joined the Tobacco Workers' Industrial League.

Polish Terror Rages Against Working Class

WARSAW, Poland.—For the past week Polish police have been making mass arrests. In three days more than 300 political prisoners were thrown into the fascist jails. Among them were 16 leading Communists. Nine revolutionary organizations in this city have been suppressed and their offices closed.

Horrible Prison Torture

In the Polish prisons, under the hangman, Pulsuski, the most frightful tortures are carried on day and night. Helpless prisoners, stripped naked, are tied to the floor while red hot irons scorch their flesh in the tenderest parts of their bodies. Women prisoners are raped by dozens of police, until they sometimes die of mutilation. One of the favorite methods of torture is to unsex prisoners and leave them tied and bleeding on the prison floors.

Workers everywhere should protest against the Polish terror, demonstrate against agents of Pilsudski's Poland.

STRIKE DEFEATS WAGE CUT

POMONA, Cal.—Strike action by bricklayers on the post office building defeated a wage cut here.

Only the Communist Party, the revolutionary party of the working class, has a solution for the present misery, suffering and starvation of the masses of workers and farmers. Our Party fights against unemployment, against wage cuts, for unemployment insurance, living wages, shorter hours in order to prevent the capitalists placing the burdens of their own crisis upon our backs. The Communist Party in the coming election campaign will fight, as we are fighting now, to organize the masses to beat back the capitalist offensive and to prepare forces that must grow powerful enough to smash the capitalist system itself.

All workers, white and black, should repudiate the capitalist parties and support their own working class Party—the Communist Party.

N Y Preacher Denies Hearing to Mrs. Wright

NEW YORK.—Rev. L. King, pastor of St. Marks M. E. church, 1381 St. and St. Nicholas Ave., New York City, obeying the instructions of the leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, refused to grant Mrs. Wright, the mother of Roy and Andy Wright, two of the framed up Scottsboro boys, permission to use the church for protest mass meeting, and to explain to the Negro and white workers the facts of the frame-up. The Rev. King promised Mrs. Wright and the committee representing the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, under whose auspices the meeting was to be held, the use of the church.

When the committee arrived at the church at the appointed time they were told by a member of the trustee board that they could not use the church, because the League of Struggle for Negro Rights was supporting the International Labor Defense.

Over 400 Negro and white workers assembled before the church and staged a meeting, where Mrs. Wright and other speakers explained the facts of the case and the militant program of the L. S. N. R. and the I. L. D. The trustee called up the police who came in great haste and tried to drive the workers away. The workers answered the trustee by saying that they were the ones who built the church and would hold the meeting in spite of police terror. The workers continued the meeting in down pouring rain for over an hour and listened to Mrs. Wright, Louis Engdahl, F. Welsh and other speakers of the L. S. N. R. and I. L. D. Many gave their names to be called upon to assist in the Scottsboro defense.

It is thru such actions that the leaders are exposing themselves and the masses are learning the lesson that they must inevitably learn. The N. A. A. C. P. leaders again made another blunder in this maneuver.

DENIED HOSPITAL TREATMENT
Just as this paper is ready to print we received the news that Milan Resatar died in prison—murdered by the lackeys of the steel trust.

BLAWNOX, Pa.—Determined to wreak vengeance upon Milan Resatar for daring to try to organize steel workers in the Jones & Laughlin town of Woodlawn and in Ambridge (owned by the American Bridge Co., a subsidiary of U. S. Steel) the authorities refuse to permit him to enter a hospital. He is serving a five year prison sentence for "sedition" and both his lungs are infected with tuberculosis and a pus sac envelops part of his heart. International Labor Defense is carrying on a campaign, particularly among steel workers and coal miners demanding the release of the victim of the steel trust.

IOWA BUILDING WORKERS GET CUT
DES MOINES, Ia.—More than 1,800 building trades workers lost their wages slashed here.

IRON RANGE WAGES SLASHED
DULUTH, Minn.—All the mines on the Iron Range, most of them controlled by the United States Steel Corporation, cut wages from 10 to 22 per cent.

FREEZING WORKERS SEIZE COAL
KOKOMO, Ind.—Hundreds of unemployed workers stormed the coal yard of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Co., here and carried away fuel to keep from freezing.