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At the Basis of Lynch Law

Lynching is not some "evil" separate and apart from the whole evil of the capitalist system. It is part and parcel of the whole system of capitalist exploitation.

Any ruling class, which exploits the masses in the manner in which 12-000,000 Negroes are being exploited in this country, must have resort to all manner of terrorism to "keep the nigger in his place." In other words, to keep him chained to the wheel of profit. Lynching is the most extreme and brutal form of terrorism used against the Negroes. Actual lynching by rope, stake and gun, by some mob of white hoodlums usually led by white business men, is not, however, the only form that lynching takes. There are many more subtle and deceptive methods, covered with the cloak of democracy, in which lynch law takes its toll. Under the guise of "fighting that horrible lynching evil" the courts are being made to function more effectively against the Negroes. A Governor Gardner can make himself seem more "humane" by offering a reward for the arrest of a lynchmob leader and ordering an investigation which he knows will bring no results, but at the same time make lynch law serve its function by giving it a legal flavor. Thus, in one week, the state of North Carolina executes 15 Negroes. Lynchings are becoming too uncomfortable for the ruling class for they arouse too much revolt among the workers, both white and Negroes. Therefore, let's do it legally, by putting the mark of approval of the state on every lynching!

Continually, every minute of the day, the whole system of segregation, and jim-crowism functions as a lynch law process in a thousand and one ways, making the Negro suffer all forms of humiliation and persecutions. Making the Negro seem like a lower form of humanity, who for some reason or another have not yet attained that degree of higher white civilization which finds such keen delight in all the delicacies of lynching, makes it that much easier to give him lower wages, the dirtiest work, take his crops away from him, fire him. And if the Negro revolts there is lynch law to deal with him.

The increased wave of lynchings this year over last year—there have been more than twice as many lynchings thus far this year than during the whole of 1929—is a reflection of the increased misery of the masses due to the crisis and their revolt against these conditions. As the bosses clamp down the iron fist of exploitation harder, so must they yield the lynch rope more often.

The growing realization of the white workers, under the pressure of the stark reality of unemployment and wage-cuts, that any attack upon the Negro masses is an attack directly upon them also, has already hewed a great hole in the wall of segregation. The Communist Party, since its entry into the South, has played no little part in breaking thru the bosses' lynch law system, by exposing it and organizing Negro and white workers together.

The fight against lynching is a part of our whole struggle against capitalism. Only by defeating capitalism, by smashing the whole lynch law system, can we do away with lynching. No worker must be fooled by the commission of "white supremacy" professors and editors such as recently formed in Atlanta, to "survey the lynching problems." Their results, if any, will be to perfect the legal lynching system, and utter a few words about the "horrors of lynching."

The full energies of the white and Negro workers of the South must be devoted to making a success of the Anti-Lynching Conference in Chattanooga, called by the Provisional Committee for the South of the American Negro Labor Congress, for November 1, to make it representative of the wide and militant masses of Southern toilers.

The German Elections

The Communist Party of Germany emerged from the elections with a gain of close to 40 percent in votes and seats. In the old Reichstag the Communist Party had 54 deputies who were elected by 3,230,000 votes. In the Reichstag it will have 76 deputies elected by 4,588,000 votes. These votes express the determination of over four and one-half million German workers to fight against the oppression of the German bosses and their American boss directors and put an end to the rule of capitalism in Germany.

Since the world war the life blood of the German workers has been sucked dry by their bosses who have made them pay the toll of \$900,000,000 yearly in reparations, thru wage-cuts, speed-up and unemployment. The biggest bosses of America, the best planners of exploitation—Owen D. Young, J. P. Morgan and General Dawes—have foisted their newest blood-sucking Young plan on the German masses, and strengthened and prolonged the bonds of the Versailles Treaty, which has split up and dismembered Germany. The workers remembered well that the German Socialist Party voted for the Young Plan and came to an understanding with the capitalists to pave the way for a wholesale reduction and even abolition of the social insurance for which the workers fought so hard, in order to make possible the payments demanded by the Young Plan. The result was that the socialists lost 10 seats in the Reichstag and over one-half millions votes.

The bosses of Germany are now losing faith in the ability of the socialist party to misdirect the workers into an acceptance of exploitation. It is no longer so easy for the socialists to fool the workers. To take their place the bosses are giving the place of honor to the National Socialists (Fascists), promoting them and arming them in preparation for the decisive battle which will not be fought in the Reichstag, but on the streets.

The elections are not decisive, altho they show the growing power of the Communist Party and indicate which way the wind blows. The solution for getting rid of capitalist oppression lies in the final struggle to smash the entire capitalist apparatus and set up a German Soviet Republic. Towards this end the German workers are traveling. As a part of the international proletarian, the American workers must help their fellow workers in Germany gain victory by constructing the revolutionary unions, by building the Communist Party in this country.

TURN DEFEAT INTO SUCCESS IN ALABAMA ELECTION CAMPAIGN

By Tom Johnson

The Communist Party will not be on the ballot in the elections this fall in Alabama. This is a major defeat for our Party. The new attack on wages now in progress in Alabama the mass discharge of thousands of workers in the past few weeks, the tremendous increase in part time work particularly among the miners, the complete and open sell out of the American Federation of Labor to the bosses, and the endorsement by this fascist organization of the candidates of the Power Trust in Alabama, Miller and Bankhead, the ruin of tens of thousands of share croppers and small farmers, have all created an extremely favorable situation for the Party to rally thousands of white and colored workers around its standard in the election campaign. At the same time the presence of the Communist Party on the ballot would have been a weapon of tremendous value to us in the struggle for a legal existence for revolutionary organizations in this state.

The worst feature of this situation is that the Party will not be on the ballot, not because of legal barriers erected against us by our class enemies, but solely thru our own negligence. The Party is barred from official recognition on the ballot because thru a misinterpretation of the law by the comrade in charge of carrying out the technical requirements, we did not file the party emblem with the Secretary of State of Alabama during the period required by law. The responsibility for this grave error lies not only with the comrade formally in charge of this work, but with

the entire district leadership of the Party, and in particular with the District Bureau and the District Organizer.

This failure shows not only an organizational laxness which must be instantly combatted and corrected, but also a very serious underestimation of the importance of the election campaign. It is against this major political error that our main fire must be directed. The whole activity of our Party in the election campaign in District 17 must be carefully checked up and stimulated. Any tendency to look on the election campaign as an ordinary campaign of the Party, to be carried thru in a perfunctory manner, must be smashed.

In Alabama this failure must not be allowed to prevent us from carrying on the most aggressive and far-reaching campaign possible. The campaign must be carried on on the basis of the workers writing in on the ballot the names of the Communist candidates for Governor and United States Senator. Such ballots are legal in Alabama and must be utilized by the Party.

This defeat must serve as a warning to the entire Party in District 17. All of our activities must be intensified many fold. All campaigns of the Party must be linked up and become a part of this central political campaign. The defeat must be turned into a victory, and thru redoubling the Party's activity and work, new thousands of workers must be rallied behind our Party for the struggle against capitalism, must be won for the Party of the working class in the election campaign this fall.

Elections In North Carolina

By M. H. Powers

The election campaign in North Carolina is now well under way. The two capitalist parties, the press and the radio are busy campaigning. Thru fake issue they are trying to divert the attention of the workers from the unemployment, wage-cuts, and misery that the workers face. It is significant to note that the primary in North Carolina has resulted in complete defeat for the representatives of the middle class and smaller capitalist section of the Democratic party, who for years have been the banner carriers of the "trust busting" theories and other middle class ideas.

The Simons and Cole Bleases have been replaced by J. W. Bailey and Byrnes, the representatives of the section of the Democratic party which is dominated by the banker and finance capitalist of the Andrew Mellon and power trust interest.

This absolutely destroys all discussions of the "difference" between the Republican and Democratic parties. These lessons the workers are learning fast.

At no time did our Party have so much opportunity to mobilize masses of workers and farmers for political action around such practical demands as Social Insurance, Anti-lynching, Segregation, Jim-crowism, the right to organize, etc.

Building the Party

Our basic aim in this campaign is the achieving of organizational results in actually building the party and the T. U. U. L. so as to be able to continue and broaden the struggle after the campaigning is over. This is something that we have been in the habit of ignoring too often.

New methods of work to dramatize issues and attract workers of particular shops and neighborhoods to our campaign and by utilizing special neighborhood issues, have not been defeated Major Baldwin we must

made use of to the best extent. This brings the danger of our activity being limited to meetings and speeches only. Every meeting must bring results whether it be soliciting new members, sale of literature, building of our mailing list or financial contributions to the party's work.

Dangers to Fight

A danger which is developing amongst many workers and to which the attention of the membership of our Party must be called, is the theory of "don't waste your vote." It is expressed in the following argument: The Communist Party is a good party. Its program and candidates are alright, but we can't vote for the Communists because they don't stand any chance to get elected and a vote for the Communists would be a vote wasted. Major Baldwin is a bitter enemy of the workers and must not be elected. "We must not split the vote." So in order vote for Jonas who is a "friend of labor" and a candidate on the Republican ticket.

This argument came to our attention at a N. T. W. U. meeting with the workers who were generally considered to be class conscious. It is already evident that such an argument will be advanced by many workers and that in most cases it does not only express the political backwardness of the workers, but it is also used for the purpose of covering up the opposition to our program against race discrimination, Jim-crowism and lynchings.

Our party membership everywhere must not ignore this question, but must at once engage in discussion and struggle against such ideas, and expose their real meaning and at the same time increase our campaign to educate and inform the workers of our program for social, political and economic equality for Negro workers as a necessary part of the class struggle.

The Reds Say--

By JIM ALLEN

Things turn up that make me blush, poor lady. Hoover has turned around to call himself a "democrat" when other people called him a "fascist" trying to make everybody believe that there are only a little over 100,000 unemployed in the country. Sure, he's got a bad memory, but got to add to the figure all the workers who had been laid off but not being unemployed, that's only without a job. If you haven't a job now, put yourself on the list and tell yourself that you had a few months ago.

The special high-powered public man, writing in the Birmingham News and calling himself "economic expert" sends a shrieking headline across the page, "Steel Industry Left to Starve." The next day the T. C. I. Ensley mines, the local, was forced to admit today.

30,000 To Starve
Over 130,000 men, women and children will be left without money food owing to the drought and low prices of farm products, he said. And like Henry Ford, lots of workers only have to work two days a week to get their food.

While 34 more bosses are allowed to insurance policies of \$1,000,000 each or more, bringing up the total of valuable parasites to 350,000 in the whole state. This Raleigh reports that it found 58 people in one week. J. H. September 1, and since the crisis has president of a whole cotton town even worse, there will be many chain in Gaston county insures more than reported on the starvation precious life for \$200,000, while as winter starts.

local Red Cross asks him if he the Alabama State Child Welfare wouldn't give them some cotton garment thru its director, Mrs. A. nants to make clothes for the little kiddies who can't go to school in a recent statement that Pierre DuPont, who is kind enough in his smiles with their children who are fac- plant at low wages at manufacturing actual starvation as a result of explosives for the next war, the drought. In one county alone out a policy for \$7,000,000. Governor 500 children were reported in need Max Gardner of North Carolina cause of the drought, and in Ala- put down \$50,000 stakes on his ill it is admitted there are 36 such while Judge Hardin at Marion, N. C. counties which have been hard hit by makes all workers workers he lack of rain. The survey conducted- nesses to jail terms pay for not by the Child Welfare Dept. did board. Clyde Hoey, Democratic dence include the other counties con- gogue insures his long hair and getting practically the entire farm- ed nose for \$100,000, while a sum of Alabama where 9-cent principal at Thomasville, N. C. means slow starvation for the ports that more than 200 Negro farmers and their families.

Vote Communist

This cold-blooded statement of applies as well to farm condi- tions thruout the country, especially along the poor farmers and tenants the South. Cotton and tobacco the principal Southern crops, are selling prices that will not pay the taxes.

Over 8,000,000 workers are in- surance—insurance against starvation. 357 bosses carry close- \$500,000,000 life insurance and we take these miserly sums—over \$1,000,000 but above \$100,000 it would amount to well above 200 millions of dollars. Henry Ford can't get out of Europe in search of antiques knowing that should anything happen to him he would be at least \$1,000,000 in cold cash for his family. A punch press is more dangerous than an antique. Let a worker be caught in one and he's left to starve. Go on a rail- bling tour—not thru the Mediterranean coasts—but from job line to line and if you don't find a job, will your family get 2 cents insurance?

All we ask is at least \$25 a week insurance for every unemployed worker. DuPont's insurance policy alone would take care of 280,000 workers. And for this we are clubbed, put in jail, lynched. Looks like we are going to fight to a finish though. Guess that's why the bosses are taking out such high insurance lately.

VOTE COMMUNIST!

Alabama Write in on Ballot—
Lewis for Governor
Worthy for Senator

Don't Forget—
Write in Names
On Ballot!

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J. A. Rogers and W. G.
Binkley for Congress.

Tennessee

Sam Borenstein for Governor
Sherman Bell for Senator.

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GEORGIA LYNCHING MAKES 34TH. IN 1930

130,000 ALA. FARMERS STARVE

500 Children Starving In One County Alone

2,500 ENSLEY UNEMPLOYED DEMONSTRATE

King of Exploiters



J. P. Morgan, enslaver of the masses in this country, in Germany and in the colonies. Make him pay out of his millions for social insurance!

Close to 2,500 workers gathered for the great demonstration against unemployment and for social insurance, called by the Metal Workers' Industrial League in Ensley last Thursday. These workers were part of the 2,000 cut off in the Ensley mill of the T. C. I. company a week before, the 1,000 cut off with the closing down of the Pullman Company plant in Bessemer and thousands of miners in this section either totally unemployed or working only 2 or 3 days a week.

Harry Jackson, District Organizer of the T. U. U. L. was arrested as he opened the meeting. He was taken to the police station and released a couple of hours later after the more than 50 police present, aided by an equal number of T. C. I. special police had succeeded in breaking up the big crowd. The police arrested Jackson despite the fact that the Metal Workers Industrial League had secured a permit from the owner of a va-

I. L. D. Protests Miami Flogging

MIAMI, Fla.—The Southern District of the International Labor Defense telegraphed a vigorous protest to the mayor and city council of Miami condemning the mob violence against David Weinberg, who was flogged, tarred and feathered for his workingclass activities.

"The I. L. D. of the Southern District most vigorously protests and condemns the flogging and tar and feathering of David Weinberg, by a group of men, some of whom, according to press reports, wore police badges," the telegram said.

"We demand the immediate stopping of these terroristic methods and the obvious encouragement of mob and lynch action as is being manifested by the chief of detectives of your city. We demand the immediate release of this man and punishment of the floggers."

"The I. L. D. will continue to expose the terror used by the boss class against the working class and will continue to mobilize the workers for struggle against all forms of boss terrorism."

David Weinberg, a Miami tailor and member of the local I. L. D., was taken from his home on the night of Sept. 23, by three men, flogged, stripped and then tarred and feathered and dropped on the street tied up in a sack. He was later arrested and finally released after being warned to leave the city. Chief of detectives Scarborough gives lynch law free reign by declaring that Weinberg was a "dangerous radical" because he had some pamphlets by Bishop Brown in his house and that "the treatment given him was deserved."

SHERIFF WHO GAVE NEGRO TO MOB PRAISED; PUSH ANTI-LYNCH MEET

Negro workers thruout the country have been aroused to a fever pitch of anger at the outrageous lynching of Willie Kirkland, 20 year old chain gang trusty, at Thomasville, Ga., last Thursday by a mob of white fiends on the vague testimony of a 9-year-old school girl that he had "attempted assault."

The Provisional Organization Committee for the South of the American Negro Labor Congress, which has called the Southern Anti-Lynching Conference for November 9, in Chattanooga points out in its conference call to Negro and white organizations that this is the 34th lynching thus far this year, five of which have taken place in Georgia during the last two months. The International Labor Defense has sent its representative into Thomasville to uncover the facts of the lynching.

Sheriff Leads to Slaughter

The lynching of Willie Kirkland was marked with all the brutality and sadistic torture which is characteristic of the lynch wave led by the "superior white bosses". Sheriff Davis himself led Kirkland from the prison stockade to the lynch mob and feigned being "overpowered" by members of the mob who took the prisoner. Later at the fake jury hearings Davis said that he could not identify any

BOSSSES CRY FOR WAR ON U. S. S. R.

The attack on the Soviet Union, only workers and farmers government in the world, has taken on renewed fury with the growing economic crisis. Secretary of Agriculture Hyde and Legge of the Farm Board have started another attack on the basis of some wheat sold by the Soviet government on the Chicago Exchange, attempting to hide the miserable failure of the farm board to do anything for the farmers and shift the blame to the Soviet Union.

Hamilton Fish, Jr., and his congressional red baiting committee, encouraged by conferences with President Hoover and Hyde are resuming their "hearings" in New York City. Their principal aim is to provoke war against the Soviet Union and smash workers' organizations in this country.

MINER'S CHILD STARVES TO DEATH

By a Worker Correspondent

Warrior, Ala.
I want to tell the readers of the Southern Worker about conditions in the town of Warrior, Ala. The only 2 camps around here where any of the mines are running are at Beltona, and Neltona and they are running only one day a week. There is lots of talk about starvation but down here people are really starving to death.

A few weeks ago they found a family of miners here half dead and one little boy in the family about six years old died starve to death. The paper was forced to come out and admit it. He hadn't eaten for days. The rest of the family had not eaten either, but he was the smallest and the first to die. Many more boys like this little one will die this winter unless we are able to force the coal operators to come across with some of their

CRUMBS FOR THE JOBLESS

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — With the calling of the Social Insurance Conference in this city by the Trade Union Unity League for October 19, the bosses and the city government are redoubling their efforts to intimidate the unemployed workers and are offering fake relief schemes.

The police grip on the unemployed is tightening. The recent order of Chief Bryan to arrest any "jobless worker" seen on the streets for "loitering" has already landed a large number of workers in jail. In an effort to stop organization of the Unemployed Council, police tried to photograph every worker leaving the union hall at 18 1/2 Main Street after the unemployed meeting last Friday, and create a permanent blacklist. But the workers know they can't get jobs anyhow and the meetings are continuing. Harry Gorman, who was arrested after speaking at a T. U. U. L. meeting here two weeks ago, and charged with loitering and vagrancy, was given 112 days on the chain gang or \$50 fine by Judge Fleming on the loitering charge and is being bound over to the grand jury on the vagrancy charge.

The various charity organizations like the Community Chest, Salvation Army and the City Social Service are trying to "solve unemployment" and at the same time prevent the workers from organizing by offering insulting bits of charity to the workers. Negro professional people here, meeting with Mayor Bass made demands for a flop house to offer some sort of answer to the growing cry against starvation. One worker who applied for help from the City Social Service was given a voucher for \$1.00 for himself, wife and four children.

ANTI-LYNCHING CONFERENCE POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 9

The Anti-Lynching Conference originally called for November 1 in Chattanooga by the Southern Organization Committee of the American Negro Labor Congress has been postponed until Nov. 9. The Committee announces that this was done to permit more time to reach and visit organizations thruout the South.

—A Miner.

A COMMUNIST TO A FARMER

INTRODUCTION There are over 6,000,000 farmers in the United States. Most of them are poor farmers, having little or no money or credit to serve them as capital, unable to buy expensive machinery as do the rich farmers and farm corporations, and if they manage to buy it cannot use it profitably on their small farms. About 40 per cent are tenants, millions are mortgaged; all of the poor farmers have been getting poorer and poorer and are desperately looking for some way out, some way to live and support their families as farmers. It is to these poor farmers that the Communist Party speaks.

Communist: We, the Communists, ask you as a Poor Farmer to vote for Communist candidates for Congress.

Farmer: Why? How is the Communist Party different from other political parties?

Communist: In our program. All the other parties are for the big capitalists and against all who toil. The Republican and democratic parties are openly for the trusts, which are all controlled by the big banks; while the so-called "socialist" party is actually against socialism, really the same as the other capitalist parties, but uses more "radical" talk to get the poor people, the workers and poor farmers, to follow them, but as you see from where these fake "socialists" have ruled in Germany and England, they are best defenders of the capitalist class and the worst enemies of workers and poor farmers.

Farmer: What about where the Communists rule, in the Soviet Union? The papers say that things are terrible over there; yet they admit that production is going up there while it's going down here, and we hear of almost all agriculture being "socialized," enormous farms with lots of machinery, bigger crops at less cost than ever here; we hear of all poor farmers putting their land, animals, machines and all on together, even building hotels where they live together like city folks and doing other things cooperatively. But we have cooperatives here too, yet they don't work that way.

Communist: They can't work that way here, because we still have capitalism here. The land is private property. Its owners demand rent. Money or credit (the use of money) in private property and its owners demand interest. All machinery and animals used are private property and the owners wouldn't think of letting the poor farmers who haven't got them use them without paying—and you can't pay. You can't join a cooperative without turning in capital or raising it by a loan from the bankers. And when you can't do that, you're left out, that's all. In the first place, they are not real cooperatives because the land isn't turned in, and can't be because you don't own it, or have a mortgage on it, and the bankers have something to say about it. It's all a game to get the big banking interests in control of marketing. (To be continued next week.)

McGrady On Hand To Aid Furniture Bosses

HIGH POINT, N. C.—Speaking at a meeting of workers of the Tomlinson Furniture Co. here Edward F. McGrady, now chief funder of the Southern A. F. of L. campaign in the South, said that he "could settle all differences in one hour time if the employers would only sit down and talk."

When it became evident that the furniture workers would strike against the Bedaux straitjacket system despite the A. F. of L. councils

Houston TUUL Continues Work Despite the Attacks of Police

HOUSTON, Tex.—The Riot Squad headed by the captain of police raided a meeting in the Fifth Ward here, called by the Trade Union Unity League, arrested the speakers and charged them with "vagrancy."

Comrades McCuiston, McBride, Schaefer and Sitka were arrested, and a comrade from an English ship who was later escorted back to his boat by the police. The police used the usual bull-dozing tactics, and the speakers were held in jail 24 hours before they were allowed bail. The maximum bail of \$200 each was set and furnished by the International Labor Defense. The police grudgingly released "those damn nigger-loving Reds."

The police captain who made the arrests stated that "he did not give a damn what the law or Constitution was, that he would lynch the goddamn Reds if they didn't leave the Niggers alone." He further stated that "they had the niggers tame and didn't want no riots" and that "the damn Reds had better stay away from the Fifth Ward or he would make the niggers run them out of town."

Houston, Texas.

Dear Comrades: Our trial was postponed due to the fact that the police captain and two lieutenants were honorary pallbearers at a cop's funeral. Our bonds were continued. The International Labor

Georgia Lynching Is 34th So Far in 1930

(Continued from Page 1) members of the mob, and he was officially commended by the jury for the part he played in the lynching. The jury findings resulted in the following: "We wish to commend our sheriff for the quiet and orderly manner in which he handled the angry crowd at the jail and stockade and for the PREVENTION OF OTHER BLOODSHED."

The mob took Kirkland a number of times to the 9-year old girl, hoping that he would confess to the crime, and played with him like a kitten with a mouse. He remained in the hands of the mob a whole night before he was finally riddled with bullets.

Lynch Plan Known

That the planned lynching was known to authorities before it took place is shown by an Associated Press Dispatch, dated September 24, one day before the lynching took place, reporting that the highway was choked with hundreds of automobiles containing the lynch mob, in search of Kirkland. The mob had the Negro in its hands all night without a stop being taken by authorities to save him.

The complicity of the authorities is pointed out in the A. N. L. C. Committee statement and the same is shown to be true in the case of all recent lynchings. The committee points out that by having a well representative conference on November 9, of Negro and white workers' organizations, a powerful workers' movement can be set on foot throughout the South, which alone will be able to stop lynchings.

Miners Strike

BARBOURVILLE, Ky.—Two hundred miners struck today at the Anchor Block Coal Co. They demand increase in wages.

of no-strike, a hurried call was sent to McGrady by local A. F. of L. officials. A strike vote which was supposed to have been taken last week was delayed until the arrival of McGrady. He is now conferring with the bosses to find a method of averting the strike and selling out the workers.

Defense is awakening here and is rallying to our defense. We are holding a meeting tonight and another Thursday in defiance of the lynch threat of the Cossacks. ALL THE Cossacks IN DIXIE CAN'T RUN US OFF THE JOB. With proletarian greetings. J. Sitka, W. C. Shaefer, Al W. McBride, W. C. McCuiston.

Building The Southern Worker

Attalla, Ala.

Dear Editor: I want you to send me the SOUTHERN WORKER. I am a share farmer and I am standing ready to help the Party at any time. I will send you some letters about this place later. —A Farmer.

Birmingham, Ala.

Gentlemen: I have seen an issue of your paper and wish to subscribe to same. Please send me a subscription blank and a couple of extra blanks as I may be able to get my brother and a friend to subscribe.

Your paper sure exposes the bosses and I hope you keep up the good work. I have not had a job in a year now.

—A Worker.

"Say Jim, if I keep alive and out of the kidnappers' hands I'll show you some real work," writes our SOUTHERN WORKER agent in Elizabethton, Tenn. "I am 43 years old, small in stature, but I am a Red, red-blooded Red and I know there is hundreds of them here. The woods are full of them. They are constantly calling on me to hurry up and get something done towards organizing. You will get letters from here regularly when we get some circulation for the 'Worker' and I mean to have it."

Winter Comes With Thousands Jobless

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slaughter in Europe. Where in hell are these workers to stay this winter? We workers who have been struggling here this summer are going to stay in Texas. If the mosquitos can feed off us in Summer, we ought to be able to feed off the bosses in Winter time.

What little cotton there is moving to Europe is being shipped on foreign boats. The American ships are all laid up in the mud flats. These ships that are laid up mean that there are 10,000 American seamen unemployed at present. When the Great Lakes close up for the winter, that alone is going to send thousands of more seamen here. Lake seamen, stay home and fight. Join the M. W. I. U., fight the Lake Carriers' Association. We Gulf seamen are here hold the fort of the Marine Workers Industrial Union.

On top of all this wage slashing there are the A. F. of L. sell-outs. Green and Wall are in Washington today selling out the members of the International Longshoremen's Association just like the International Seamen's Union was sold out in 1921.

Stevadores, get out of the I. L. A. while you can look an honest worker in the face. Green and Wall are selling you now. Join the M. W. I. U. Don't wait, do it now, your fight is our fight!

Send Delegates to Anti-Lynching Conference on November 9.

LYNCH LAW AT WORK

Tennessee Mob crossing border to Huntsville, Tenn., to lynch Rufus McCoy and H. Henderson in jail, as we go to press.

THOMASVILLE, Ga. — Willie Kirkland, 20 years old, Negro trusty on a county gang, was taken from the stockade by a mob and lynched on the vague testimony of a 9-year old girl that he had attempted assault on her.

CHICAGO, Ill. — Mitchell Gray, unemployed Negro worker, was morally wounded by a policeman here, when found trying to sleep in a vacant house. This makes the third police killing of militant workers within the last few months by the Chicago police.

MIAMI, Fla.—David Weinberg, radical tailor, was forcefully taken from his home by three men, beaten, tarred and feathered and then arrested by city detectives.

FOREMAN, Ark.—A Negro man and woman were wounded when a white landowner, Ellis Craig, fired into a group of Negroes, whom, he said, were "degrading white folks." A mob is now searching for one of the Negroes who fired at Craig in return, but missed.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—A mob broke thru the gate of the jail yard here in an attempt to reach and lynch G. H. Henderson, Negro, whom they suspected of killing a white man during a robbery. Henderson says he can prove his innocence. Despite the presence of troops the prisoner may be lynched at any moment as we go to press.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Tom Robertson, of the family of Negro sharecroppers, four of whose members have been lynched and killed at Emelle, was brought before the Circuit Court in Livingston to be arraigned for murder.

COLUMBUS, La.—Dock Murray, Negro tenant farmer, was shot in the stomach and thigh by the sheriff and plantation bosses, in a scrap over the crops.

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—Lacy Mitchell, Negro witness against four white men who are charged with assaulting a Negro woman, was fatally shot in the stomach by the whites on Sept. 27, to keep him from appearing on the witness stand.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Five Negro bell boys were forced into cars and flogged by a mob of unmasked white men here on September 25. The mobists are supposed to be members of the Blackshirt organization.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Floyd Edmondson and Albert Smith were sentenced to 10 years for "attempted assault on a white woman." More than a dozen witnesses testified that the men were elsewhere at the time of the reported assault.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—W. T. Clark, Negro, was fined \$5 for talking back to an officer when the latter stopped him in the street and tried to arrest him for carrying liquor in a pail. The pail contained buttermilk.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—An unemployed Negro worker was severely beaten by company guards on the subway when he fell asleep and missed his station and insisted on remaining on the train until returning to his station. He was tumbled out to the platform in a wrecked condition by the guards and is now in serious condition.

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Only the militant attitude men prevented the usual attack on the workers. The police were very careful and evidently leary of provoking workers to fight back against an attempt to prevent them from organizing to fight for demands.

The Metal Workers League has announced that demonstration, protected from interference by a strong defense corps, will be called shortly. At the same time the organization of the Metal Workers Industrial League will continue the work of building a strong union within the mills at a pace to prepare for the coming year.

WORKERS SEE WORST TIMES IN 16 YEARS

By a Worker Correspondent Charlotte, N. C.

I have read your paper and I will say that you are sure telling the truth about the conditions of the workingmen in the mills. I have been a mill worker for over 16 years but have never seen anything worse than the conditions we are working under now.

I am working in the Louise mill in Charlotte where the stretchout has been increased to a point where we mill folks can stand it no longer. Last week my wages amounted to a little over \$5.00 and this is about all we mill folks get for our hard work. The mill only runs every other week and lots of us are being laid off. Now the Union is in and we are going to join it and stick to it.

Last week the Super offered to some of us two dollars a-piece if we would vote for Bulwinkle. Lots of the folks took the two dollars, but none of us are going to vote for the murderer of Ella May. We are all going to stand behind the Communist Party and vote for Dewey Martin, the organizer of the National Textile Workers for Senate and J. A. Rogers and W. G. Binkley for Congress.

—A Mill Worker.

Making Red Shop Out of U. S. Pipe

By a Worker Correspondent Birmingham, Ala.

We put out a shop paper, the Red Hammer, in this shop a couple of weeks ago. The workers liked it fine but the bosses of the U. S. Pipe Co. went crazy trying to find out who put the paper all over inside the shop. They finally posted a sign on the board that any man who knew anything about it was to come and tell it to the superintendent. No one told because only good men, members of the Communist Party, know about it. The pimps cannot find out anything.

The SOUTHERN WORKER and the leaflets of the Communist Party are also put out in this shop every week. The bosses are trying to stop this because they don't want the workers to read a paper which tells the truth about conditions. They can never stop us because we are making Communists in this shop faster than the boss can find out and fire us. We will make the U. S. Pipe shop a red shop whether the bosses like it or not.

—A Worker.

Travels 20 Miles To Get \$2 A Week Job

By a Worker Correspondent A worker was promised a job as a dairy about 20 miles away in Catoosa County, Ga. He rode out of Chattanooga on the dairy truck. When he arrived at the dairy the boss told him he would give him a job for \$2 a week and board, and furnish him two pair of overalls a week. He was to work 7 days a week.

—A Negro Worker.

Collectors Win Strike NEW ORLEANS, La.—A quick strike by garbage collectors employed by the city forced Mayor Walmsley to return to the full time pay schedule. In an effort to cut city expenses the collectors were cut to 3 cents a week with a similar cut in wages.

FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

TWO WEEKS WORK AND NO PAY

600A-50M-2-20 No. TENNESSEE COAL, IRON & R. R. CO. PAY STATEMENT

SECOND HALF MONTH					EDgewater	
COAL	TONS MINED	LESS DUES	TONS PAID FOR	RATE	AMOUNT	
PICK						
WAGE						
YARDAGE						
" "						
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PAVE						
HOURE						
TOTAL EARNINGS						12.05
DEDUCTIONS						
U. S. STEEL STOCK						
CASH ADVANCE						
GROUP INSURANCE						
STORE CHECKS						4.00
COMMISSARY						3.70
RENT						
WATER						
LIGHT						
DOCTOR						
DENTAL, HOSP. AND DISPENSARY						
TENNESSEE LAND CO.						
EXPLOSIVES						8.50
SUPPLIES						2.50
SHOP						
SCHOOL						
COAL						
CHECK WEIGHMAN						1.00
BATH HOUSE						
R. R. TICKETS						1.00
TOTAL STOPPAGES						12.05
BALANCE DUE						

This pay slip of a miner in the Edgewater mine of the T. C. I. near \$12.05. After the company got thru Birmingham shows that after 2 weeks deducting for supplies the miner was left without a cent.

A Vicious Speed-Up Method

Birmingham, Ala. All the piece workers in this shop, the Stokholm Pipe and Fitting Co., work under the "B" hour system. The number of moulders a day is 300. A moulder working under the "B" hour system has to labor under strain and red tape. First of all the boss holds his watch to obtain a knowledge as to how many the workers can put out per hour. If the job is of a large type of fittings, the boss will suppose the moulders can mould about 56 moulds per hour. Then the boss will say: "If the nigger can put up 56 moulds per hour then in 8 hours he can put up 448." The boss will deduct 148 allowing for scrap and swelling in the mould and rate the moulder at 300 per day or "60 B."

If the worker fails to put out the required number the boss will put him on record as working in the "red system." If he fails to reach the 300 mark again he is still in the "red." If the worker stays in the "red" long the boss will fire him. What the boss calls long is 5 days. This same burden is put on all the workers in the shop. The bosses give the day laborers hard tasks and pays them 48 cents per hour as long as he stays out of the "red," then he gets 32 cents per hour, just as they pay a new man starting to work. They do this to keep the workers' heads swelled and to make them do 2 men's work in 3

NOTICE The worker who wrote the correspondence from Laurel, Miss., appearing in last week's Southern Worker, and the farmer who wrote the letter from Whitney, Ala., appearing in the issue of two weeks ago are asked to send in their name and address to the Southern Worker. No names or addresses will be disclosed. We must have them in order to keep in touch with our correspondents.

More Lay-offs in Tool Co. HOUSTON, Tex. — The Houghs Tool Co. laid off 450 men Monday, Sept. 22, and laid off 50 more today, Tuesday, Sept. 23. This company is now working only six hours a day and a five day week. The workers are paid by the hour.

10 Cents An Hour! HOUSTON, Tex.—The City of Ft. Worth is making Clear Lake larger and exploiting the workers, taking advantage of the large lay offs of workers. This work is all being done by white labor. The scale of wages on this job is 10 cents and 15 cents an hour. It is a hurry-up job. The workers are working twelve to sixteen hours a day.

Cut Force 50 Per Cent HOUSTON, Tex.—The Texas Oil Co. has cut their working force down in the Port Arthur Oil Refining Plant. This company has a working force of 5,500 men this spring. They now have only 2,500 on the job.

More Pay? 'Bad Nigger' Says Boss, 'Fired!'

By a Worker Correspondent Birmingham, Ala.

I worked for the Birmingham Laundry. I had to work from 6 to 6 and only made \$8.50 a week and I asked my boss man for a raise and this is what he told me: "If you don't want to work for \$8.50 a week, get the hell off the job. I don't want you anyway."

I told him that was a hell of a way to talk and he said to me: "Nigger, where are you from?" I told him I was from Birmingham. He said: "Don't you know better than to talk to a white man like that?" I told him I was a man like him and he said "You damn fool, if you say that to me again, I will break your neck." I told him it would be break for break. "To hell with you," he said, "You is one of them bad niggers, ain't you?" I told him, No, I am not a bad nigger, I just want more wages. So he told me to get off the job and I got my money and walked away. He has two boys doing the work I was and paying them \$4.50 each a week.

—A Worker.

CLUB WORKER ASKING PAY

By a Worker Correspondent Birmingham, Ala.

In the Birmingham papers—the News, Post, Age-Herald—we are told what fine Christian gentlemen are on the Birmingham police force, how they help dogs get a drink of water on a hot day, etc. How brave they are shooting defenseless workers down as they go in their shacks in the alleys for the crime of walking home after dark and arresting organizers for the Communist Party and Trade-Union Unity League.

Just last week I was one of those lucky enough to get a job at a bakery at the end of the week. Working away at top speed at the end of the week I went to the boss for my wages and he run me out of the shop. Being broke and hungry, I thought I would call a policeman, he will get my wages for me. But on coming in to the bakery again, this time with a policeman, the owner hollered out: "What the hell are you doing here? Didn't I pay you once and you are not worth that much." The policeman turned on the shouting that I told him a lie. He then took his club and hit me over the head, and run me out on the street.

We can see more plainly all the time that these methods are being used on Negro workers so that they will work for nothing. The white and Negro must both organize together to fight their common enemy, the boss. For if they don't have to pay a Negro his wages, down will come the white worker's wages, also. I have joined the Food Workers Union of the T. U. U. L. and the more I see of rotten conditions here, the more I know that only the workers organized, white, black, all the workers will get better conditions for themselves.

—A Baker.

G. A. R. Approves Lynching Cincinnati, Ohio.—The 64th encampment of the G. A. R. blankly refused to vote on a resolution against lynching and mob violence. The G. A. R., which was supposed to have fought for the freedom of the slaves thus goes on record as an endorser of lynching.

VOTE COMMUNIST!

FOOD TRUCKS DON'T DARE GO BY MILL TOWN

By a Worker Correspondent Greenville, S. C.

The Southern textile mill men, or rather the mill barons and their industrial association is coming out with large ads stating to us poor slaves that it is for our benefit that the night work has been cut out. But it should have read like this: "It was for their benefit and not ours."

The workers have been shown the value of industrial organization by taking a side glance how the mill barons can sit in their office and pull a string and industry will cease to run. Secret meetings have been held here in the Poinsett Hotel by these big nice, fluffy, soft-handed mill-owners until 12 or 13 hundred have been thrown out of work. At one mill village a bread wagon or a wholesale truck will not travel the streets. They actually unload every vehicle that comes along with foodstuff.

You can pass thru some of the mill villages and truly see some horrible sights. And then the newspapers will come out with very near a half-page ad, saying it is for our own benefit that the night work was cut out. September 15th, 250 hands were laid off at Mills Mill. In about two weeks hard times will be facing these workers. The workers are really up in the air, have got no money, no clothes, no food, no fuel and winter coming.

Now with all these hardships on us poor textile workers the millmen and all business men tell us to go back to the farm. I simply want to know how we can go to a farm on nothing. We can't eat leaves and dirt for twelve months. So we are at the end again. There is but one way out of this mess, and that is to organize industrially and fight the question down. Call a general strike, tie up the whole town. Now, ask yourselves, how long would you be out. Just about one week. This is the only way out for quick relief.

Now, workers, I am a Greenville man and luckily I am in one of the mills yet. I am begging you all to line up for your own betterment, for no one else can. I am ready any time.

—A Worker.

7-YR. CHILDREN GET \$1 PER WEEK

By a Child Laborer Chattanooga, Tenn. I am writing you a few words to let you know about the workers. I am working in a grocery store without getting any pay. Some of them work in grocery stores, and some of them carry delivery's for only \$1 and \$1.50 a week. Some of the workers are put out of their houses, some are sleeping in box cars, and some are put in jail for walking down the street and sitting around. And some of them haven't anything to eat, they have no clothes, no shoes.

All children should join the Pioneers because it teaches about the workers. The Pioneers also teaches the children to play games, go on hikes and to speak. The Pioneers is for both white and Negro children. So I will close.

—Robert Nash.

ATLANTA, Ga.—Musicians employed in Atlanta theatres struck when they were refused long-term contracts.

