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MASS ACTION OF UNEMPLOVED GROWING

MANY HUNGER MARCHES THRU OUT COUNTRY

Hunger marches in many industrial cities in the North and on a few state capitols have been held by unemployed and unemployed workers as the demand for immediate relief and for the Unemployment Insurance Bill gathers force throught the country.

Marches Throught the Land

Last Friday 41,000 workers participated in such hunger marches in New York, Sacramento, Calif., St. Paul and Milwaukee. At Sacramento 10,000 workers accompanied unemployed delegations from all over the state to demand an immediate unemployment fund from the state legislature. In New York, workers demonstrated throught the city, at the bread lines, charity institutions, employment agencies and City Halls. At St. Paul 18,000 hunger marchers converged on the state capitol building as the new mayor was being inaugurated.

Powerful unemployed marches had also been held in Cleveland, Ohio, and Youngstown, O., Detroit, and Newark, N. J. Hunger marches, led by the unemployed councils of the Trade Union Unity League and the Communist Party, are to take place in increasing frequency as the campaign for the national Unemployment Insurance Bill, which is to be presented to Congress on February 10, reaches that date. Following mass meetings and marches in the cities, delegations of the unemployed are starting to go before the state legislatures demanding cash relief for the unemployed.

Demonstrations on Feb. 10

February 10 will be a big day in the fight for unemployment insurance. On February 9 delegations from all over the country will meet in Washington to further discuss the demands contained in the Unemployment Insurance Bill and on February 10, the delegations will go to Congress demanding the enactment of this bill which provides a minimum weekly wage for all unemployed workers.

As the delegation is presenting this bill to Congress, mass unemployment demonstrations will take place in every industrial center throught the country, to show to Congress the militant mass support backing the delegations at Washington. The signatures to the unemployment bill petition, which may mount to over a million,

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Throwing It Back At Him



Many a boss's wife wouldn't think of feeding her dog with the charity rations for a worker's family of five. No charity but unemployment insurance for us!

More Food Riots Brew as Red Cross Give 50 Cent "Relief"

By a Worker Correspondent
North Little Rock Ark.

I was in England, Ark., today and found pitiful conditions. Starving farmers can be seen from every direction going to the Red Cross headquarters for relief, but how much? Fifty cents for each one to last two weeks.

For this bit of charity the farmers do not secure food at wholesale cost but have to take the piece of paper to the local merchant, who sees to it that he makes his regular profit.

Merchants keep a scant stock of goods on hand as they fear they will be raided by the starving farmers any time.

Trouble is brewing and more food riots will surely happen not only in England but in other parts of the state unless immediate real relief is obtained.

Negroes are greatly discriminated against and did not participate in any great number in last Saturday's demonstration. Therefore the bosses do not fear them, like they do the white. The events here certainly showed the power of mass demonstrations and the unity of the working class and the Negro workers must understand that if they are to march forward to their emancipation with the white workers, they must participate in all the activities of all workers.

A real organization of poor farmers and farm tenants must be established affiliated to the United Farmers' League with headquarters at

New York Mills, Minn., and not until then will the farmers of Arkansas get real relief.

FIENDS BURN NEGRO ALIVE

MARYVILLE, Mo.—With the mill-wa safely tucked away in the armory, a mob of white fiends took Raymond Gunn, Negro, from the hands of a willing sheriff, chained him to the roof of a school house, and set the house on fire, burning him alive.

A national guard battery had been ordered to the scene to protect Gunn, but they remained in the armory while the lynching was going on, claiming that they could not leave the armory unless order to do so by the sheriff. This, despite the fact that there was plenty of time to save Gunn, since the sheriff had turned him over to the mob and they marched him three miles to the school house where he is supposed to have attacked a white school teacher. It is evident that both the sheriff and the national guard cooperated with the lynchers.

The colored population of Maryville is reported to be leaving the city after the lynching, for fear that the mob of "white superiors" may use the excuse of "white womanhood" for a general attack on the Negroes, or lynch another for good measure.

Such brutal boss persecution is only possible because the white workers of the South are not yet cooperating with their Negro fellow-workers to fight lynch law. The League of Struggle for Negro Rights demands the death penalty for lynchers, and declares that only when the Negro workers and farmers of the Black Belt have won the right for themselves to choose and set up their own government and independent State where they are in the majority, will they be able to suppress lynch law.

Death for Lynchers!

AGAINST WAGE CUTS, FOR REAL AID IN B'HAM

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Right now the Birmingham papers daily carry headlines reporting increased employment and spreading lies and illusions about the return of prosperity, while the breadlines grow, more workers starve and go without clothing, light or heat and are kicked from their homes.

Wage-cutting Scheme

The generous City Commission, realizing it must do something to keep down the growing resentment of the starving white and colored workers, is proposing a \$1,000,000 bond issue to provide work for the unemployed on parks, roads and other city jobs.

The Communist Party and Trade Union Unity League points out that this is nothing but a dirty, underhanded scheme on the part of the city government and employers to cut the wages of the workers. The thousands of workers who have registered at the city hall are being fed on promises as only a few hundred actually are hired, who are worked three days a week, 8 hours a day at 25 cents an hour. Private employers, too, can hire men at this starvation wage. This relief scheme is a trick of the bosses to use the unemployment situation to cut wages. Most of the \$1,000,000, if it is gotten, will never reach the workers but will be pocketed by grafters and high salaried "charity" experts.

Real Demands

Instead of these fake schemes, demands for real and immediate cash relief from the City are proposed by the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League. These demands are \$10 cash relief from the city for every unemployed worker, no evictions of the unemployed, no shutting off of gas, water or lights, free coal and carfare for the unemployed, minimum weekly wage of \$20 for city jobs. The workers demand that the \$1,000,000 bond issue be turned over immediately for the unemployed workers.

The workers of Birmingham are also called upon to sign and get signatures to the petition for the national Unemployment Insurance Bill, which will be presented by delegations of the unemployed from all over the country to Congress on February 10. Petition blanks for the Unemployment Insurance Bill and for the local Birmingham demands can be obtained by writing to Box 1813, B'ham, Ala.

RALLY AROUND RELIEF NOW IN CHATTANOOGA

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—The Unemployed Council of the Trade Union Unity League and 81 units of the Communist Party here are at work rallying mass support for immediate demands for the unemployed to be presented to the City Commission.

The Demands

After a number of discussions held in the Unemployed Council at 1024 West Main St. and in the Communist units, the following demands have been formulated:

1. \$12.50 weekly unemployed insurance for all unemployed workers from the city government, plus free rent, light and coal.
2. No evictions of the unemployed.
3. Free clothes and carfare for school children of the unemployed and free carfare for unemployed workers.
4. Against all vagrancy laws and all laws directed against unemployed. Abolition of garnishee law, chain-gang system. All roads and street public works to be constructed by free labor at prevailing union rates. No restrictions of the right to organize for all workers on city jobs.
5. Creation of a \$5,000,000 insurance fund to be raised by a graduated tax on all corporations and individual properties over \$10,000; a graduated tax on all incomes over \$3,000 a year and by turning over all funds of the Community Chest and other charity organizations to the city. This fund to be administered by a committee elected by unemployed workers.

To rally immediate support for these demands, petitions are now being circulated among both employed and unemployed workers, with the goal set at 2,000 signatures within the next few weeks. These petitions can be obtained at the Unemployed Council headquarters. Neighborhood unemployed councils are being formed to lead the fight against evictions in their localities and rally the workers there to the support of these demands.

The battle here is being waged against the fake charity relief schemes and wage-cutting, employment office of the Chamber of Commerce. At the same time over 1,200 signatures have already been obtained for the National Unemployment Insurance Bill to be presented by delegations of unemployed to Congress.

QUALIFY FOR CHATTA. ELECTION

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—After a final ratification meeting of the Workers Election Campaign Committee the workers' candidates for the Chattanooga city elections stand as follows:

L. J. Ledford, white blacksmith, for Mayor; Mack Cosda, Negro worker, running against Judge Fleming; Albert Cassidy, white unemployed worker, for the city commission. These candidates have been fully endorsed by the section committee of the Communist Party in Chattanooga and will carry on the fight for immediate unemployment relief.

The Workers Election Campaign Committee urges all workers, white and colored to qualify for the primaries on March 17, by paying the poll tax which they are forced to do by the boss parties in order to vote. While the candidates of the workers are opposed to these election requirements, intended to keep workers from the polls, and fight against them, the poll tax must be paid by February 25 in order to vote. All workers who have not registered since last August should register on February 23, 24, and 25.

LENIN MEMORIAL MEETINGS

Workers in several Southern cities will join the workers in every country in the world next week in commemorating the memory of Vladimir Lenin, leader of the Russian Communist Party (Bolsheviks) — the Party which led the Russian workers and peasants in their successful revolution against tsarism and is today leading them in the construction of a socialist state.

At these meetings the importance of Lenin to the Southern workers will be discussed, as well as the achievements of the Soviet Union today.

there is no unemployment, and the standard of the workers and farmers are steadily rising.

Lenin Memorial Meetings

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Wednesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m., Union Hall, 16 1/2 West Main St.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Wednesday, Jan. 21, 8 p.m., Workers' Hall, 30 S. College St.

Neighborhood Lenin Memorial meetings will be held by the units of the Communist Party in Birmingham and Atlanta.

JURY AFTER 20 HOURS FAILS CONVICT COMMUNISTS

LYNCH LAW AT WORK

ORGANIZERS ON TRIAL EXPOSE T. C. I. TERROR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—After failing to reach a verdict in over 20 hours the jury in the case of Tom Johnson and Harry Jackson, charged with vagrancy, was dismissed by Judge McCoy in Circuit Court here and a mistrial declared last Wednesday.

Tom Johnson, Communist Party Organizer; Harry Jackson, T. U. U. L. District Organizer, were originally scheduled to go on trial together with Joe Carr, miners organizer, Gene Braxton, Negro miner and Frank Purvis, T. U. U. L. Organizer. The cases of Carr and Purvis, who are both ill in the North, were postponed and the case against Braxton was ordered dismissed when even the red-baiting prosecutor realized that there was no evidence to convict him on.

Expose Terror

The trial resulted in a thorough going exposure of the reign of terror directed against the workers and particularly the Communists by the lick-spittle tools of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and R. R. Co. in the Birmingham police department. In their speeches to the jury the Communist organizers painted a picture of the unbearable conditions of the workers in Birmingham with over 20,000 unemployed in the district, with wage-cut following wage-cut in the shops still running, with the city government answering the demands of the workers for relief with police clubs, kidnapping of organizers and savage chain gang sentences.

In summing up before the jury for the defense with the courtroom now packed with Negro and white workers Johnson declared that "this is not a trial for vagrancy. It is a trial for the crime of daring to organize the half-starved white and colored workers of Birmingham for struggle against the capitalist hunger system. This is the crime we stand accused of here. And to this charge we are proud to answer 'Guilty'."

More Terror Threats

Every effort was made by the prosecution first to pack the jury and they failed to arouse prejudice by waving the red flag and shouting the old battle cry of the Southern bosses "These Communists stand for social equality." However, the jury was largely made up of workers who have suffered for years from the effects in wage-cut and speed up from the bosses' division of the races, and they refused to be taken in by this kind of stuff. Some of them, at least, realize that the white workers can never be free as long as he aids in keeping chains on his Negro fellow worker, and that the Communist program of uncompromising struggle for equal rights for white and black can alone unify the ranks of the workers for effective struggle.

During the trial the K. K. K. gangsters who had attended the trial in force to enter with their buddies and fellow Klansmen on the police force, made open threats in the court that if this jury fails to convict these red bastards we will convict them with a gun.

NEW SOVIET RAILROAD

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—The railway line from Vyasma to Bryansk, 236 kilometers in length connecting the Leningrad industry with the Donetz basin by the shortest route, has been completed ten months before the stipulated time.

Build Our Paper!

Arkansas Share Croppers Rouse Farms to Action

Just like the demonstrations of the unemployed workers led by the Communists last March forced the Government to at least pretend to do something about unemployment and made it a national issue, so the militant demonstration of 500 farmers at England Arkansas, last week, has alarmed the government and brought sharply to the fore the starvation prevalent through many farm regions.

In Congress the England demonstration of starving farmers is being used for political purposes and a whole show of demagoguery. Hoover and his cohorts are alarmed at the prospect of feeding human beings, but have nothing against feeding mules, while Congressmen from farm regions are parading for local support by asking for a miserly \$15,000,000 appropriation to feed drought-stricken farmers.

Hoover is trying to convince everybody that the Red Cross will take care of the farmers. At the same time Payne, chairman of the Red Cross, reveals that the Red Cross has spent exactly \$500,000 on food to feed 350,000 farm people (an average of \$2 per person for a handful) of the starving farmers. The Red Cross allotment is 50 cents per person for two weeks—upon which you are expected to keep from starving. To further strengthen the Jim-Crow, strike-breaking Red Cross, Hoover now backs an appeal for \$10,000,000 for this organization to be raised publicly, attempting to relieve the boss government of all responsibility to the farmers.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas admitted in Congress that news of bread riots had been deliberately concealed by the press, something we could have told him months ago. The SOUTHERN WORKER has been receiving letters from its correspondents in many parts of the South, telling of attacks on food trucks, bakery wagons, and company commissaries. Now Senator Thomas of Oklahoma, says that "a near state of revolution in many sections of the drought-stricken areas," and many alarmed senators speak of increasing food riots. But Congress will give nothing unless the farmers force it from them.

The United Farmers League, with headquarters at New York Mills, Minn., is the fighting organization of the farmers, tenants and share croppers. Township committees and Tenant Leagues must be organized to carry the demands for immediate cash relief from the government, landowners and bankers direct to the county seats. Rather than starve, food must be forced from the local merchants as the share-croppers of England, Ark., did.

Hunger Marches In Principal Cities

(Continued from Front Page)

Together with the demonstration held on February 10, through the country will show the bosses and their Congress that the workers are determined to guarantee themselves against starvation.

Workers in the South are entering this movement in increasing numbers, thousands having already signed the petition for the bill, and demonstrations are to be expected on February 10 in a number of Southern Cities. Delegates will be sent to Washington from Charlotte, Chattanooga and Birmingham.

COVER HORTON STEAL; NO AID FOR JOBLESS

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—The trickery of the state legislature at Nashville, which is covering up Governor Horton's participation in the state graft uncovered by the Caldwell bank failure, has brought from Mayor Bass of this City and Police Commissioner Bryan a full endorsement of the state political machine, despite their previously announced opposition to Horton.

After the Horton-Lia-Caldwell machine, under cover of the leadership of Crump, Memphis political boss, had succeeded in electing their own men as speakers of the House and Senate, a resolution was introduced, and passed, to have a committee of 12 investigate the Caldwell failure, which took with it \$10,000,000 of state funds. The hitch was provided by having the speakers of the house and Senate, good Crump and Horton men, appoint this committee. In this way, Horton and the whole corrupt political machine, which has taken \$70,000,000 in state graft and not appropriated a cent for unemployment relief, will be entirely whitewashed.

Both Mayor Bass and Commissioner Bryan were among the first to come out in public support of this whitewashing maneuver, although they had previously tried to pass themselves off as anti-Horton men to gain local support. They issued statements highly praising Crump and the speaker of the Senate and house, as scoundrelly a bunch of scoundrels as could be collected.

Workers will remember a letter sent out to all its members last November by the Tennessee Manufacturers' Association, which was exposed in the SOUTHERN WORKER, even at that time preparing the fight against even a slight concession towards unemployment relief that might be brought up at this state legislature. The legislature now meeting in Nashville, has been well organized by the Tennessee bosses not only to continue the rule of the Horton machine, but to prevent any measures of unemployment relief.

Workers of Chattanooga will fight against the corrupt boss government and Mayor Bass, a boss lackey, by voting for workers' candidates in the city elections. These candidates will carry on the fight for immediate cash relief for the unemployed, as proposed by the Unemployment Council of the Trade Union Unity League.

ATTACK COMMUNISTS

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Matthew Wolf of the American Federation of Labor, Rev. Walsh, ardent red-baiter and publicity hound and Ham Fish, called a mass meeting in Carnegie Hall and invited all the "100 percent" organizations in a great down-pour of filth attack upon the Communist Party in the U. S. and the Soviet Union.

LOCK OUT 500,000 WORKERS

BURNLEY, Eng.—The Burnley Master Cotton Spinners Assn. has begun to lock out 300,000 workers because they protested the new stretch-out saying it would increase unemployment.

TO DEPORT MILITANTS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of Labor Doak is advising a tightening of the deportation law in order to terrorize and deport all foreign-born militant workers.

7-Hr. Day, 5-Day Week

Our Sustaining Fund

Donations are needed, today as much as ever to keep the SOUTHERN WORKER going. There are still many collection lists which have not been turned in as yet. Comrades are asked to send them in as soon as possible.

Send all funds to Southern Worker, Box 1813, Birmingham, Ala.

We have received the following donations last week:

I. W. O. Branch, Memphis, Tenn. \$4.00
I. W. O. Branch, San Antonio, Texas \$5.00

More Bank Failures Hit Farmers in South

At least 20 more banks closed their doors last week, according to capitalist newspaper reports, most of them in Southern and mid-west farming areas, taking the last savings of already poverty-stricken farmers.

There were 834 bank failures in 1930, with 235 in November alone, twice as many as in 1929, involving \$208,000,000 of deposits, which is four times as high as the money involved in the 1929 bank failures.

STOP DANVILLE SCABS

DANVILLE, Va.—Strikers in the textile mills are stopping shipments of scabs from North Carolina. Governor Gardner of North Carolina is helping his friends, the bosses, by shipping scabs into the state of Va., headed for Danville, under the protection of state officers.

MISTRIAL IN DANVILLE

DANVILLE, Va.—A mistrial was declared in the case of thirty strikers who were accused of unlawful assembly, throwing rocks at scabs and other like "crimes" when members of the jury who were workers would not condemn the strikers.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The League of Struggle for Negro Rights

branded as lies the report of Tuskegee Institute that there were only 21 lynchings in the past year. The L. S. N. R. says "These lies are a part of their historic role as defenders and apologists for the oppressors of the colored and white workers" and cites 38 recorded lynchings for the year.

ROCKINGHAM, N. C.—Miss Mary Taylor was sentenced to the electric chair for robbing a man of a key from a white man. The jury wanted to bring in a second degree verdict but the judge ruled that they had to bring in a first degree verdict on burglary, the penalty of which is death by the electric chair.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—Deaconess wanted to "wipe out the seed of witchcraft." Joseph Anton, who shot and killed George Perry, a Negro worker, at the entrance of a packing plant here.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—The body of a 25-year-old Negro boy, killed beyond recognition, was found on the highway. A week before, Mack Brown, Negro, was found dead on a railroad track. Two more cases of lynch law the Tuskegee Institute did not mention.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—A Negro worker, who was found on flimsy evidence for the murder of Mills, a night watchman, was sentenced to state pen with a life term.

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—A mob of 600 white men prepared to attack the homes of Negro families who had moved into a white neighborhood, colored tax payers in the organization of a strike group for self-defense.

MUSCOGEE, Okla.—The United government squashed independence against 29 white men in the lynchings of a Negro here in May 1930.

Tells World How Fake City Hall Promise Is

By a Worker Correspondent

Birmingham, Ala.—I am an unemployed worker. I went to the City Hall to register for a job. They told me I would get work next week. Now it has been two weeks already and they say nothing to me about work.

I just want to show the world that there ain't nothing to this saying about the city giving work. It is just another big fake.

—Unemployed

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FROM THE MILLS, MINES AND THE FARMS

RESISTS AND WINS AGAINST HER EVICTION

By a Worker Correspondent
Charlotte, N.C.

We poor workers here in Charlotte have been out of work and can't find anything to do. So the landlord says he must have his rent, makes no difference if times are hard. If we don't have the rent he will come down and throw us out on the street and take our doors off and windows out and freeze us so we will have to move. The most of them take the doors and windows out. It is cheaper than having the sheriff come down and set us out on the street.

The other day the rent collector came to my place and demanded his rent. When I told him I didn't have any money and couldn't get any way to make money, he began to take the door off. When he did this I got the axe and said: "Look here, if you take this door off you will never take another Negro's door off." I meant to knock him in the head if he had continued. Well, he got scared and left the place.

Later in the day the big landlord came down and told me I could stay on for a while yet.

This shows we must all fight for our rights to remain in the houses and not let the landlord put us unemployed out when we can't pay the rent.

—A Negro Woman

Jail Jobless To Build State Road

Jacksonville, Fla.

The conditions here are terrible as they are everywhere. We have a soup line that feeds you a little bit of dishwater three times a day. It's rotten, in fact, you can smell it out in the streets.

They are building some good roads here with the "bums" slipping you 10 to 30 days without trial. You are simply carried up before the judge. He looks you over and dishes out the amount that he feels like.

The Salvation Army here gives you a bed, supper and breakfast in exchange for three hours wood cutting and it's tough wood, too. Well this is the Bible Belt and she is plenty tough.

25 cents an hour is the prevailing price for work. Many men are working for their room and board. There ever was a need for organization, it is here.

—A Seaman

CUBAN REVOLT

HAVANA, Cuba.—All Havana newspapers, except three who support the imperialist policy, Machado, have been barred from publication.

North Greet's Chattanooga Pioneers

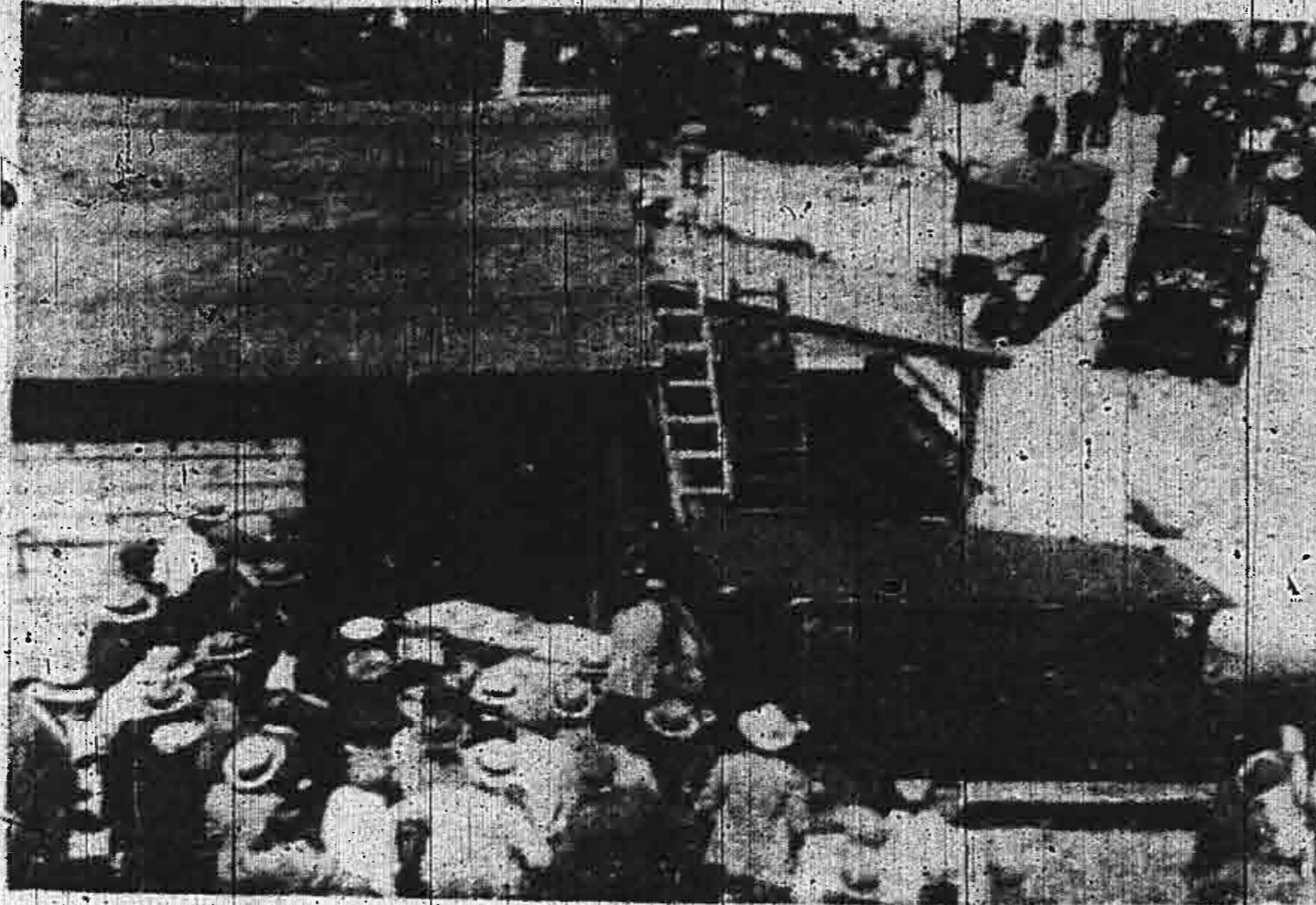
This is part of a letter written by a Pioneer from Philadelphia, Penn., to the Pioneer group of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Comrade Pioneers:

I have heard your leader tell about the Southern workers and the pioneers of the South. I was very interested in the splendid way you are organizing. I also read the "Southern Worker" your paper, and thought it very interesting. I like the continuous story which one of your comrades is writing.

We Pioneers of Philadelphia, Pa., have organizations in every part of the city. A few weeks ago there was a shoe strike. The Pioneers went to

Toll of Miners Lives



Thousands of miners lose their lives every year in explosions and mine accidents. The latest one occurred at Glen Rogers, W. Va., where 7 miners lost their lives in an explosion, on Jan. 6. They are buried and their families usually cheated out of any compensation. The Social Insurance Bill to be presented to Congress on February 10th provides for regular wages for disabled workers and compensation.

Worker Tell How B'ham Trial Proved Communists Are Right

Birmingham, Ala.

I am an unemployed worker and I heard of the two workers who were going on trial before Judge McCoy, so I went up to the court room to see how the trial came out.

The two workers were tried for vagrancy and after the solicitor could gather no evidence, he pointed to section 13 of the Alabama code, which reads this way, as far as I can remember: Any person who is not earning a regular salary from a reputed organization is a vagrancy charge and fined not more than \$500.

Then one of these workers took the witness stand and plainly showed everybody in the courtroom that they did not have a charge of vagrancy but it was something else they had against them. And I am very much of his opinion, and the whole courtroom was of the same opinion as me. It seems to me that this trial was a boost to these workers and the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League. These two workers plainly proved that they were drawing a salary regularly as organizers.

The first witness to take the stand against them was Chief of Police Fred McDuff and chief of detectives Cole. I know these officers personally and they are enemies of the workers. The whole official force of the city, including officers from Pratt City and Ensley of the T. C. L., appeared against these workers and make every effort to condemn them but failed.

The two workers on trial are organizers of the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League and both of these organizations are the only ones that truthfully lead the

working class and teaches them to struggle against rotten conditions and unemployment. This means fighting against the T. C. L. system of low pay so the bosses thought wrong when they thought the workers on the jury would sink the organizers.

I am just a worker and now I have truthfully found out that the Communist Party is a dependable organization. Now workers, you should know for yourselves that the bosses of this city do not fight against anything that is on their side, but they will do anything to keep the workers under their feet.

—A Worker

Didn't Jim-Crow Negro Money - Jim-Crow Aid

By a Worker Correspondent
Charlotte, N.C.

I want to tell you how we black people are treated. I was sent to the Salvation Army to get a basket. The lady came to the door and asked what our business was, just like she was talking to some kind of dog. She said: "What are all of you niggers come here for? You all get out of here right now, for I am not going to give you all nothing."

I said to her: "You all never thought of this when you were out on a street meeting begging me and every other colored man to give you money, which we all gave." They Jim Crow us now, but they did not Jim Crow our money. When we want them to do something for us, they say "Get out of here, nigger."

So, good friends, don't let organizations like these fool you any longer. Down with the Salvation Army!

"Ain't Hiring No One Today," Is The Word

By a Worker Correspondent
Birmingham, Ala.

I was down town trying to get a job. I did not have a chance to open my mouth, when the foreman says: "We ain't hiring no one today." They ain't paying but 15c an hour and speed the worker up in mud and water half leg deep.

If we don't fight against present conditions we are less than real men. Let's fight for our rights. We can't do it until we come together in a union. So let's do that. I am willing to sacrifice my life for my rights.

—A Worker

Offer Jobless In Atlanta Job At 10c An Hour

By a Worker Correspondent
Atlanta, Ga.

In the last seven months I worked only four days.

Today I went to Truitt's coal yard on North Ave. and asked for a job. The boss man there told me that a job carrying coal was open for 10c an hour. I told him I would rather starve than work for that much. Another fellow who looked half starved took the job.

I went to another place where they hired truck drivers. They offered only thirteen cents an hour and told me they were doing me a favor by getting me that much.

Am still out of a job and the landlord is trying to evict me with my wife and two kids, but is afraid that I will fight back.

We unemployed in Atlanta have got to get together in unemployed councils, which we are just starting here. They can arrest two or three of us and stick us on the chain gang, but they can't arrest all of us.

—An Unemployed Worker

Lay Off 700 At City Warehouse

By a Worker Correspondent
New Orleans, La.

I started working in the Public Cotton Warehouse in New Orleans Sept. 5, 1930 and I got laid off Nov. 28, 1930.

I was slaving for 35c an hour, trucking cotton. Each load weighs 500 to 700 pounds, yet the boss offers us 1c a bale piece work.

If you would truck 500 bales a day you would make \$5.00, but you would have to rest up for a few days from the strain.

Since that time, due to the speed-up they had to lay off 700 men. That is what Governor Long, the palama Governor, gives to the workers in Louisiana, and he wants to know "what it is all about." Let him ask us workers, not capitalists and preachers, and we will tell him.

The men that pick up the loose cotton and press it by hand receive 25c an hour. The reason they laid us off was because they had no more room to store the cotton. They even had to store it on the streets.

—A Worker

America Is Rich - But Who Has It?

By a Worker Correspondent
Chattanooga, Tenn.

I have heard much about America being a rich country. If it is so rich, how come our working men and women, both white and colored, are put out of doors and without food and clothing?

And if it is so rich, who has it? We don't have it do we? The bosses have the riches. When you ask for work, what do they give you? A lot of snappy words.

Bosses are cowards. They won't talk big unless they have a gun or something to kill with, or the police handy.

We are many. So get together workers. Fight and demand "Work or wages!"

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Ass'n. of Cotton Textile Merchants estimated that cotton textile production for 1930 was lower than in any year since 1919.

4,000 STORM CITY HALL IN B'HAM FOR JOB

By a Worker Correspondent
Birmingham, Ala.

I was down to the City Hall Wednesday trying to get a job, after reading Tuesday night that 4,000 unemployed would be given work through the city.

There were more than 4,000 men down there pushing and scrambling trying to get a job and I was one of them. The police came out cursing and backing the men.

There were so many down there they had to allow shooting.

The ground floor of the city hall was the place to sign up for jobs, but that place was filled with police and all they did was to name them. They said they would send for you when they wanted you.

Honest, the times are worse today than it was in severe times. I was not born then, but I know it could have been any worse than it is today.

If I could have gotten this City Hall job it would have meant three days a week at 25 cents an hour, or \$7.50 a week. In slavery times, I am told the master would put good shirts and overalls in you, and today we can't even eat on \$4 a week, not to mention the high rents, clothing, schooling, etc.

And I want the entire working class, white and black, to know that the Communist Party is the only organization in the world that truthfully leads the working class to better their living conditions.

—A Negro Worker

Charity Relief Insults Workers

By a Worker Correspondent
Galveston, Tex.

I went to the Salvation Army here for a meal ticket. The officer put me on the wood pile to cut wood to earn a 25c meal. I am willing to work for anything I get.

But on finishing the wood he got hold of a large yellow card. On top it says "Relief." He wanted to know if I was married, when I was born, what sort of scholar I was, how I came to Galveston, how long I had been here, etc.

Now, this is what every working man should kick against. If a man works for a meal why should he have his past present and future written on a card and he pushed about like a dog.

This same officer is so lazy he can hardly walk. He preaches "God is love" but they are only words. After he having cut the wood he started preaching instead of giving us food, but I, a worker who does not intend to be kicked on, demanded our food, point blank.

Come on workers, don't let them sit on you.

—An Unemployed Worker

Long Hours, Low Pay

By a Worker Correspondent
Dallas, Tex.

The Squirrel Pecan Co. has some four places of business here, employing at some stands fifty workers; 8c to 13c per pound is paid for hulling pecans. Ten pounds a day is a good day's work. When not on piece work wages are \$2.50 a day for men; \$1.50 for women.

Long hours prevail. Some Mexican girls are walking thirty-five blocks to work and back again at night. Car fare is 7c in Dallas, 15c in Ft. Worth.

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Lenin — Inspiration of Southern Toilers

Vladimir Lenin died on January 21, 1924, from the effects of an assassin's bullet. Because of his life work in the Russian revolutionary movement, his leadership of the successful Bolshevik revolution and the work the Party of Lenin is carrying on today in the Soviet Union, Lenin remains today the inspiration of the toiling masses thruout the world.

He was able to work out a clear program of revolutionary action for the Russian masses. He led the revolution which overthrew the capitalist system in Russia. He led in the reconstruction of Russia on a socialist basis, with the workers and peasants ruling themselves, with the industries belonging to them. Today, seven years after his death, the Soviet masses are rapidly constructing a powerful system of industries and farming, the profits of which are fully enjoyed by the mass of the population itself, and not by a handful of bloated parasites. This tremendous growth of the Soviet Union, still inspiring the oppressed workers of the world to more revolutionary activity, has roused the capitalist government to frenzied war preparations against the only workers' and peasants' government. So today, as much as when Lenin was alive and directed the defense of the Soviet Union against the invading armies of Britain, France, and the United States, must we also rise to the defense of the Soviet Union.

The conditions of the workers and farmers in the South are in many ways similar to those of the Russian workers and peasants before the revolution. There is the same relentless exploitation and persecution against both white and black toilers, with conditions next to chattel slavery existing on the farms. The same sort of revolutionary action is necessary here in order to achieve the liberation won by the Russian masses.

So Lenin has to be taken closer to the hearts of the Southern toilers. He is ours as much as he belongs to the revolutionary fighters of China and India, as he is the inspiration of revolutionary workers thruout the world. To us Southern toilers, he is even closer. His revolutionary thought and spirit must become an intimate part of the lives of the Southern masses.

The Birmingham Bosses Wage-Cutting Fund

One of the slimiest schemes to coin money from the misery and hunger of the unemployed that has come our way in some time is the proposal of the Birmingham City Commission to appropriate one million dollars for the extension of the city's Jim-Crow park system in order to provide work for the unemployed.

In making this proposal, Jimmy Jones, the head man of the Commission states that the present situation provides the city with an unusual opportunity to have the work done at the lowest possible cost. "How come?" you ask. "Because," replies Jimmy, "the city is now in a position to hire skilled men, bricklayers, carpenters, etc., at a standard wage of 25 cents an hour."

This, then, is the much-heralded relief program of the City of Birmingham. A cool million in the pot for the Klan politicians headed by Jones to play around with and wages at 25 cents an hour for the few score workers that will be hired after the city hall gang takes theirs out.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY DEMANDS THE APPROPRIATION OF THIS MILLION DOLLARS AND ITS EXPENDITURE IN DIRECT CASH RELIEF AT THE RATE OF \$10.00 PER WEEK PAID TO EVERY UNEMPLOYED WORKER IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM.

We Want No Charity Relief But Unemployment Insurance

By an Unemployed Worker

Birmingham, Ala.

"We don't want soup lines and bread wagons" is the statement made by the bosses of the "Magic City." Why? Because such things demoralize our city, they say.

Unhealthy Juices

The bosses have prepared for us workers an unemployed soup kitchen which they call the Community Kitchen. It can be found on 5th Avenue, at about 23rd or 25th Street. The bosses don't think this is demoralizing to their Magic City because the kitchen is an old automobile garage in which the starving workers and poor farmers enter to be served unhealthy soup meals.

The colored workers must enter in the rear of the kitchen while the white workers enter in the front, but both white and colored workers are served the same rotten stuff. The white steam from the soup pot is offensive to smell. The soup is only the juice from a mixture of old, stale and rotten meats, and other filthy ingredients. This is what the bosses are giving the hungry white and colored

workers to swallow down.

Thrown at Them

Hundreds of starving workers crowd around the shed of the McGough Bakeries to beg the bosses for a loaf of bread. The workers must stand in line, while the hired petty bourgeois bread pitcher strips the wrapper from the bread and throws it to the suffering workers like they were dogs.

We do not want this kind of relief. We want UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE. The bosses are forcing us to live on dry light bread until the big bosses in the White House decide which is the best way to bind us more firmly in this miserable crisis.

We won't have to surrender our economic rights to the bosses if we fight for UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE. It is our duty. The war funds are our wages. The bosses have it and we must demand it. Our wages which the bosses have wrong from us will mean that none of us will have to go on the breadline. Fight for UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, fellow workers!

No Jobs In Hoover's Hat

WHAT! NO RABBITS?



A BUM MAGICIAN.

5-Year Plan Continues Work Of Lenin in Soviet Union

Lenin, whose death will be commemorated next week by workers thruout the world was the author of the first plan for socialist construction in the Soviet Union. Way back in 1920, when foreign armies were trying to overthrow the Soviet Government, he worked out the 10-year plan for the electrification of the Union. His enemies laughed at him. But the electric stations went up faster than even he thought they would.

Today, the Five-Year Plan is constructing a Socialist country even faster than the planners thought. Enemies no longer laugh, but are alarmed at the success with which the enthusiastic workers and peasants are putting it into effect. A Five Year Plan is only possible in a country like the Soviet Union, where the government can regulate all its industries and farming and where the masses themselves carry it out.

Already during the first two years of the Plan industrial output has increased 58 percent while the Plan calls for only a 47.5 percent increase. On the farmlands the successes of the Plan are greater than anyone expected. There are already 83,000 collective farming groups and 125 state farms, one of these being four times the size of the largest farm in the United States. At least 20 percent of all agriculture has already been collectivized, 10 per cent more than the Plan provided by 1933. By the next harvest 40 percent will be in collect-

ive farms involving 50,000,000 farm population. Farming is becoming socialized, also.

For the workers there have been tremendous improvements. TODAY THERE IS NO UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE SOVIET UNION, while there are 10,000,000 unemployed in this country. Instead there is a demand for 1,200,000 skilled workers this year in the Soviet Union.

Half of the Soviet workers are now working on the 7-hour day, while the textile workers in the South, those who are working, work the 11-hour shift, and steel workers work from 10 to 12 hours. About 79 percent of the soviet workers are already on the new working week schedule—four days of work and one day of rest. Wages have risen 85 percent above the pre-war level, and the standard of living of a worker in Moscow is now higher than in most European capitals. Wages and standard of living are continually rising while here wage-cutting continues at a tremendous pace.

The new machines in industry and on the farm do not throw workers out of their jobs in the Soviet Union, as they do here. There the new machines are used to lower the working hours, raise the wages and make work easier.

That is happening today in the Soviet Union, where 13 years ago the toiling masses, under the leadership of the Party of Lenin, overthrew capitalism. They have set a good example!

Calls On Women Workers Join Fight

Charlotte, N. C.

To the Women Workers of Charlotte, N. C.:

On December 23, when we had a meeting on the corner of 6th and Davison Streets, there was not a woman in the crowd but me. It made me feel bad.

There are two things to do. Fight or starve. If it takes dying fighting for my rights I will do that.

Stand up, all you women. Fight for your rights. That's the only way.

—A Woman Worker.

Killed Gathering Coal To Keep Off Freezing

By a Worker Correspondent
Chattanooga, Tenn.

The conditions here are very bad. On Dec. 24th a man was killed on the Southern Railroad tracks for picking up coal to make a fire to keep his wife and children from freezing.

On Dec. 26 another man, 73 years old was killed in the same way.

In this land of liberty, much money, food, clothing, people are freezing and starving.

Laboring man! You made all this. Fight! Don't starve. Homes are made sad by poverty and death.

—A Worker.

Speed Up Signers For Jobless Bill in B'ham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—After a rather slow start Birmingham workers are making things fly in the collection of signatures endorsing the demand for unemployment insurance to be presented to the United States Congress on Feb. 10th. About 700 names have been turned in so far and Birmingham is getting down to work to pass Chattanooga in the race for signatures next week.

At the same time that signatures are collected to mobilize the workers behind the demand for national unemployment insurance, signatures will be collected to back up a series of local demands on the Birmingham City government for immediate relief for the unemployed. These demands will be presented to the City Commission of Birmingham early in February.

Arkansas Conditions Worst In History

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—So far have been the prices and the size of the crop in 1930 that has produced the most critical condition in the agricultural history of the state, according to Charles C. Boutwell, federal state crop statistician.

He placed the 1930 value of Arkansas crops at \$91,474,000, the lowest in more than 10 years, and \$13,415,000 smaller than the 1927 crop. The state's principal crop, cotton, was valued at \$41,550,000, compared with \$11,822,000 in 1929. Most of this value went to the bankers, merchants and large landowners in the form of interest and rent, leaving the poor farmers and tenants entirely penniless.

Unemployment Grows In B'ham Despite Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—"No serious unemployment in Birmingham," "Prosperity Returns to the District," "Press Shows Birmingham men 'No Work'—they are the headlines in the local press. But in a small item in our corner we find that last Friday the Community Center on 5th Avenue fed 1,700 men. Tucked away in another corner the changing news to the unemployed that over 3,000 men have already registered at the city employment agency and it is expected that over 5 times this many will register. And in another inconspicuous item we learn that of the 3,000 who registered so far exactly 403 have been put to work at wages of 25 cents an hour. There's no employment here! Hell, no!

Prohibit Distributions

At its meeting last week the Birmingham City Commission passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to pass out hand bills and leaflets. The ordinance is supposed to be directed against local merchants who pass out hand bills advertising their wares. It won't be used against the workers and their organizations when they get out leaflets. Oh no, of course not!

Discuss Leninism

Leninism and the Problems of the American Working Class will be the subject for discussion in all Party units in District 17, this week. The discussion will be continued in all units the week following in connection with the preparations for the Lenin Memorial meetings on the 21st.

TRY SAVE RAYON

NEW YORK, N. Y.—A reduction in rayon prices, of from 15 to 35 cents a pound was announced by the Viscose Co., in an effort to stabilize the market.