

## PLANNATION FIGHT FOR NEGRO RIGHTS

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ST. LOUIS, Mo.—After militant reports and thorough discussion the National Anti-Lynching Convention called here by the American Negro Labor Congress has gone on record for mass violation of all Jim-crow laws, for liquidation of debts and mortgages of the Negro poor farmers, and for infliction of the death penalty for lynchers.

The convention was electrified by the demands for the right of self-determination and confiscation of the farm land in the "Black Belt" as the only solution for lynching and oppression of the Negroes.

### South's Delegates Report

Delegates besides reporting the unprecedented terror waged against Negro workers and farmers, spoke of the growing revolt of Southern Negroes against starvation. Mary Peavey, Southern Negro delegate, denounced the preachers and other fakery, saying "We must be willing to die if necessary for the cause of Negro liberation."

Delegates numbered 120, representing 18 states and 17 organizations. There were 73 Negro and 47 white delegates. A new name was adopted by the convention—League of Struggle for Negro Rights. The National committee will contain 25 members, with an executive committee of seven.

### Protest Atlanta Case

The convention called for mass protest against the Atlanta case, where Negro and white workers face death for organizing in trade unions. A resolution for the defense of the Soviet Union was passed as well as a resolution supporting all colonial struggles as well as a fight against the war danger.

The centenary of Nat Turner's execution on Nov. 11th, 1830, was commemorated.

The Communist Party, thru its representative, Earl Browder, pledged support in mobilizing the white masses for Negro struggles.

Many of the delegates had been forced back or delayed by authorities in the towns they passed thru. The delegates came mainly by hiking, or with cheap autos, and many were de-

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## BANK CRASH IN TENN. REVEALS RULE OF BOSS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Corruption in the government of Tennessee equal only to the corruption of the federal government and the Tammany machine, was revealed with the crash of Caldwell & Co. bankers, and the closing of the Bank of Tennessee, its subsidiary.

The facts that stand out from this swamp of corruption and decay are: that the real political bosses of the state are Col. Luke Lea and Rogers Caldwell, bankers, whose machine

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## Evictions!



Evictions, Starvation, is the bosses answer to 9,000,000 unemployed.

## Runs From Farm To Escape Starvation --- Same In Mines

By a Worker Correspondent  
Birmingham, Ala.

I was born and raised in Dallas County, Ala., on the farm. My mother and Dad had to work for the boss. For our living the boss would promise them \$10 a month, but he always would take it for our food, and when Christmas came we would get nothing for our part but the scraps left from the killing of the hogs. On Sunday I would have to mind the cows.

And when I was 18 years old I told mother I was tired of that. My father was dead and we were naked. The boss promised me \$3 a month but paid nothing. So at the end of another year I said I was coming to Birmingham. So the boss put me in jail for breaking contract. I was sent to prison to serve six months and when that was out I came to Birmingham and went to work for the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Co. in 1904 and worked for them until now in 1930.

I find that they treat us just the same. In the mines we have to do our part and the company's part, too. When there is no pay and we see the boss about it, he tells us if we can't do to get the hell off the job. They always promise one thing and pay another, and if we can't do something in Alabama, we will starve.

So let us join the Communist Party and fight for our rights.

—A Miner.

## Do Workers In U.S.S.R. Starve?

Do the workers in the Soviet Union starve?

Do they eat their lunches at the machines, or on the scrap heap in the back yard, or in some two-by-four lunch wagon?

Here is an answer:

A large electric power plant in Moscow provides hot dinners of soup, meat or fish, bread, vegetables and dessert for the day and night shifts at a total monthly cost of \$5. Three or four thousand workers are fed in this large dining hall at one time, without delay or standing in line to give their orders or receive dinner checks or pay for them. The workers' management committee of the plant says:

"It takes our workers an average of 14-17 minutes from the time they enter the dinner hall to their exit thru the door on the opposite side. We apply the conveyor system; maybe you have heard of it. Our workers have three-quarters of their dinner hour for games, conversation or reading. What is more, we have an orchestra playing during meal time, and flowers on the tables.

The same system is in effect in hundreds of the large plants



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ing by breakdowns.

## **Economic, Organizational Reports**

The economic report was delivered by Otto Huiswood. The organizational report was made by Herbert Newton, Negro worker and one of the six organizers held for a death trial in Atlanta.

The delegates were most militant in their discussions, and particularly able were the women delegates.

The delegates were housed and fed by the Workers' International Relief.