

Must Negro Workers Ever be Victims of Boss Murder Lust?

Five Lynched Within Two Days This Week!

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TWENTY-SIX tortured, shot-ridden working class victims of lynching during the first eight and a half months of the year offer grim testimony to the extent and effectiveness of the bosses' lynching terror against the Negro workers.

The bosses spare no horror in staging these revolting murders of workers. The horrible roasting alive in his cell at Sherman, Texas, of George Hughes, is typical of the gruesome savagery with which the bosses carry out their lynching terror. This was accomplished with the Texas Rangers looking on, and with Governor Moody of Texas instructing that the mob of business men and planters was not to be molested in its murderous task.

Torture Negro Victims.

At Honeygrove in the same state an even more revolting lynching was staged a few days later, when George Johnson, a Negro agricultural worker, was burned at the stake with the most blood-curdling cruelty, the planters roasting him by a slow fire after tying him to the stake. Determined to torture him to the utmost they time and again thwarted his efforts to throw himself into the flames and have it over with. Sticking bits of burning wood into his flesh they laughed with fiendish glee at the agonies of his tortured body. To the very end they mocked him in his death agonies. Then they used the



charred remains in an effort to intimidate other Negro agricultural laborers in the county. For the rich planters had a bitter grudge against Johnson. Johnson had been militant in demanding his wages. He had revolted against the frightful oppression to which the Negro masses are subjected by the white ruling class. So the rich planters decided to make a horrible example of Johnson. It would never do, they figured, to have other Negroes follow in Johnson's steps in demanding their wages and fighting against the actual slavery in which they are held in many sections of the South.

Women and Children Enjoy Torture.

At Marion, Ind., the crowd of lynchers included women

and children who, the capitalist press reported, laughed at the sufferings of the two Negro youths who were victims of that double lynching. The two youths were subjected to a brutal beating before they were strung up. Their bodies were riddled with bullets, but not before the crowd had enjoyed to the last drop the agony of death by strangulation. The bosses' hate of their Negro victims makes them stretch out the torture as long as possible. The volley of bullets are usually reserved for the dead body, and as a celebration of the deed.

Capitalist State Cooperates.

At Marion, as elsewhere, the capitalist authorities afforded the lynchers the fullest possible co-operation. The jail door was left open, as was the cell of the victims. At Taboro,

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N. C., a business mob simply rode up in their swell automobiles, walked unchallenged into the jail, found the key of the cell, and took their victim out, lynching him fifteen miles away from the jail. The sheriff next day had no difficulty in finding the body. He knew where to look.

At Emele, Ala., the capitalist authorities not only cooperated with a mob that lynched three members of the same family, but the governor of Alabama offered a reward of \$300 "dead or alive" for three who had escaped the mob and taken refuge in a swamp.

Five Lynched in Two Days.

Mass lynchings have occurred during the present week, with three Negro workers lynched in Darien, Georgia, and two in Scooba, Mississippi. All five lynched within two days!

With the year a little more than two thirds spent, the number of lynch murders are more than double the total of it recorded for last year. And this does not include the many mysterious disappearances of Negro workers, whose bodies are later found in lonely places or irretrievably swallowed up by the swamps into which they have been thrown. Nor does it include the numerous legal lynchings in which the bosses utilize their state machinery against the Negro workers, and the white workers as well.

Workers! Fight Lynchings!

The bosses are throwing white and Negro workers on the streets to starve. They are instigating and organizing lynchings of Negro workers in order to sow race hatred and prevent the growing unity of black and white workers. Workers! Fight the lynching terror. Organize defense corps of Negro and white workers and poor farmers! Defend the Negro workers and farmers from the murderous attacks of the white ruling class! Support the struggles of the Negro masses for full political, economic and social equality! Demand their right to set up their own governments in those sections of the South where they form a majority, as a guarantee against the terror of the white bosses! Vote against Negro oppression and lynching in the coming elections! Vote against the bosses' starvation policy for the white and Negro workers! ! Vote Communist!