THE STORY OF SCOTTSBORO FRAME-UP IN PICTURES---









UNABLE TO FIND WORK

FAMILY STARVING

DECIDES TO LOOK FOR WORK IN ANOTHER TOWN-

ON WAY TO SEEK WORK IN ANOTHER TOWN.

BOSSES FRAME NINE NEGRO

By CYRIL BRIGGS.

The murderous frame-up of the People and the entire working-class,

The International Labor Defense (IL.D.) and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights (L.S.N.R.) took up the fight and began to agitate for their freedom. Leading southern and northern attorneys were engaged by these two organizations to make the fight in the courts for new trials for the boys. These organizations determined to use every available means in the law to free the boys, and to carry the struggle to the United

States Supreme Court if necessary. At the same time, these organizations endorsed the warning of the munist Party against placing securing a fair trial in the capitalist courts for the boys. They warned the masses that only by exerting the greatest mass pressure on the capitalist courts through the mobilization of millions of workers and sympathizers in the fight to free the boys could the boys be saved from the murderous claws of capitalist class lustice. They pointed out that it was the capitalist courts that had railcoaded the boys to the electric chair in the first place. They emphasized the fact known by every Negro worker that Negroes cannot get a fair trial in the courts of the white rul-

N.A.A.C.P. Leaders Ignored Appeal For Boys.

To this militant mass fight to save the boys many organizations and hundreds of thousands of white and Negro workers rallied. Conspicuously silent, however, were the white and Negro "uplifters" at the head of the National Association for the Adancement of Colored People (N.A. A.C.P.). For several weeks these gentlemen and ladies remained deaf to all appeals for these nine workingclass boys. To them the hideous frame-up and legal lynching of thees innocent children, one 13, two 14, the oldest 20 years, was simply a "rape' case. Newspapers under their infuence spoke in headlines of the framed-up children as "rapists" (see Pittsburgh Courier, April 16). These uplifters" took the position of congradulation that it was not a lynching, but a legal trial in court. Tehy By fell in with the boss slander cainst the Negro People as a race

Mass Pressure Forced Pretense of

Only under a flood of protest from their own membership and the Negro masses did the N.A.A.C.P. leaders finally begin to take an interest in the case. But what form did this elated interest take? To defend the Alabama boss courts against what they called "the vituperation and villification" by the radical workers' organizations of these bloody murderers of our working-class children.

Forced to pretend that they were g something for the boys, the N.A.A.C.P. leaders began to attack, not those who were murdering the boys, but the Communist Party, the LENR, the I.L.D. and the revolutionary trade unions defending the

To quiet the rising protests of their own membership they intimated that they were "studying the case," that the N.A.A.C.P. "would come into the case at the proper time." They, however, hastened to assure the white ruling class of this country that they would have nothing to do with the I.L.D. and the radical Negro and white workers' organizations engaged in the defense of the boys.

They "Adopt" Klan Lawyer.

Further along, when the storm of mass protest smashed through the columns of the Negro reformist newspapers, and the editors of these

Negro masses, were forced to criti- and still persist, in their attempts to some weak-kneed preachers from fending the boys. cize the inactivity of the N.A.A.C.P., nine Scottsboro Negro boys by the the N.A.A.C.P. leaders pretended that Alabama capitalists and plantation they had been in the case all along. bosses was first exposed by the Daily (Only nobody knew it!) And to sub-Worker, organ of the Communist stantiate this lying pretense they Party. Immediately the Central Com- claimed as their own the traitorous ents to Roddy. They sought to over- ignorant" to know what's good for the boys, but the saving of the brumittee of the Communist Party is- Klan attorney, Stephen R. Roddy ride the choice by the parents of the them. So, although, rebuffed by the tal system of white "supremacy sued a flaming appeal to the Negro who, acting as "defense" attorney in attorneys of the I.L.D. and the L.S. boys and their parents the N.A.A.C.P. which is threatened by the growing fight to save the boys. He returns the original trials had helped to rail- N.R. to defend their children. Told leaders continued their attempts to mass movement against this hideous black and white, to rally to the de- road the boys to the electric chair. by the parents that if they really hamstring the defense of the boys crime against the Negro People, by fense of these innocent working-class And although the boys all denounced wished to help, they must co-operate by pretending that they were handl- the fighting alliance of white and children being railroaded to the elec- this same Roddy as "a betrayer of with the I. L. D. and the L.S.N.R. ing the defense and dishonestly col- Negro workers that is being forged but with the fulsome praise of the

By BILL DUNNE.

THE struggle in the coal fields of Western

Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and the Panhan-

dle section of West Virginia has sharpened rap-

idly in the last few days and as a consequence

The tremendous vitality of the strike, its ca-

pacity for growth, the obvious mass sentiment

for revolt among miners in practically every sec-

tion of the industry, the resoluteness with which

the rank and file strike committees are carrying

on the struggle, has forced the coal operators

and the various government agencies, the UM

WA officials, the liberal capitalist politicians like

Pinchot, and the socialist party, to fall into their

respective roles in the main task of breaking the

First of all, the state of Pennsylvania has es-

tablished the death penalty for workers who re-

sist strikebreaking injunctions. When Judge

Rowand signed the injunction asked for by the

Butler Coal Company against the strikers at its

Wildwood mine, he at the same time signed the

death warrant of Louis Zigarec and loaded the

rifles and riot guns with which a score of min-

ers were killed and wounded. (Two more are at

death's door as this is written.) An offshoot of

this policy was the shooting to death on his own

doorstep of a small storekeeper in Arnold City

who had been active in relief work, and the

with the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Company al-

most at the exact moment when the murdered

and wounded miners were lying in their own

blood beneath a burning sun. Governor Pinchot

sent 75 state cossacks for the Pittsburgh Termi-

nal properties and the UMWA as soon as the

ardly murder of pickets from ambush is well ex-

pressed by the headline in the Pittsburgh Press

"Pinchot Acts to End Fatal Mine Rioting-

The Pinchot policy is to put forward the state

police as peacemakers as against special depu-

ties and mine guards. But no one has yet been

able to prove that a miner killed by a state cos-

sack in making a Pinchot peace is not just as

dead as one killed by a coal and iron policeman

making war openly in behalf of the coal barons.

rates the Pinchot policy editorially. It says un-

der the heading "End the Reign of the Gun in

"Our much-criticized state police have not, as

yet, been reported as using guns anywere, al-

though they have been through the thick of the

strike turmoil. They have ended or prevented

The Press then calls for taking the guns from

special deputies—but to let the state cossacks

keep theirs, of course, because "trained and

picked men can be trusted with them." Special

deputies and mine guards should have their

guns taken away because "modern science has

supplied tear gas." The editorial continues:

From all accounts, there is plenty of tear gas

(costing \$8 per bomb-B.D.) distributed among

the deputies-enough to quell the fighting spirit

in thousands of people. Yet the instant fighting

starts, they forget they have it, and start shoot-

The cold brutality of this editorial discussion

as to the best method "to quell the fighting

spirit" of thousands of half-starved working-

men, women and children, is equalled only by

the brazen attempt to cover up fact that these

deputies fired from ambush into a line of un-

armed strikers, that they hurled tear gas bmmbs

and fired pointblank into groups of workers

dazed and blinded by the gas. That the depu-

ties were not panic-stricken or scared but acting

under detailed instructions of the sheriff and

The echo of the Wildwood shooting had hardly

died away before Sheriff Cain of Allegheny

county issued a blanket exoneration of all depu-

mine officials is beyond question.

ties taking part in murderous assault.

The Pittsburgh Press (Scripps-McRae) elabo-

Orders More State Troopers into District."

The action of Pinchot in regard to the cow-

The UMWA officials signed a scab agreement

wounding of four more strikers.

agreement was signed.

of June 24:

the Mine Fields.'

riots-without shooting."

strike against starvation.

class alignments are more clearly defined.

foist this klansman on the boys.

ing sought to have them plead guil- boys

Chattanooga and a police spy, they Their Job to Save White 'Supremacy' energies.

Thought Parents Too Ignorant to sought to coerce and intimidate the The N.A.A.C.P. had a job of saving boys into disregarding the wishes of to do. And from this they would not their parents. For to these "uplift- be diverted even by the indignant de-They sought to override the ob- ers" of humble working-class people, nunciation of the boys and their parjections of the boys and their par- the boys and their parents were "too ents. The job was not the saving of C.P. top leadership, has just returned tric chair by the Alabama boss our cause" and exposed him as hav- they centered their efforts on the lecting money in the names of the against the imperialist oppressors of boys-money that has not been Negro and white workers. And to

the N.A.A.C.P. have bent their ful

William Pickens, who first praised the I.L.D for initiating the fight to save the boys, and was reported threatened by removal by the NA.A from the South where he carried on a vicious campaign against the mass despised by tens of thousands of Negro workers as a toady of impe rialism. a traitor to the Negro masses, white bosses ringing in his ears. And loudest in its praise of Pickens, the turncoat and traitor, is the Chattanooga Times. which has all along yelled for the blood of these innocent Negro children.

tacks by the N.A.A.C.P. Uncle Tom reformists, the mass fight to save the boys goes on with increasing power and intensity daily drawing in additional thousands of Negro and white

ILDHitsBrutal Symbathizer

der of Mike Filipovich at Arnold City, Tuesday, following the shooting on miners at Wildwood the day previously, J. Louis Engdahl, general secretary of the International Labor Defense, made public affidavits yesterday from miners and sympathizers who were the targets of deputy sheriff's guns.

storekeeper who had shown his sym-Filipovich declared that tear gas

Walter Dudak, mine picket, in an affidavit, declared that while not a single striker even hurled a rock at the deputized gunmen, Mine Superintendent Ferguson had threatened the pickets with, "I'll get you one at a time," and that after the tear gas bombs had been thrown Ferguson had yelled: "Shoot the sons o' bitches."

Joseph Kuklar testified that he was fired at by Deputy Ted Hunt and named Policeman Yoder and Deputy Roy Ingram as those who fired toward Mike Filipovich's store.

Frank Brazen also testifies that he was in the picket line before Mike Filipovich's store and identified the coal and iron policeman, Jack Yoder, and the Deputy Sheriff Roy Ingram as those who shot point blank into the crowd of pickets. He declared that Deputy Ted Hunt shot at him. chasing him around the building like a hunted animal. Brazen pointed out that all the mine pickets were

Phila. Tag Days

PHILADELPHIA. - Stations for the tag days for the Daily Worker and Scottsboro Defense on June 27 and 28 will be open Saturday, June 27 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The stations are as follows:

8th and Ritner Sts., 1208 Tasker St., 213 Lombard St., 2926 W. Gordon St., 929 Arch St.

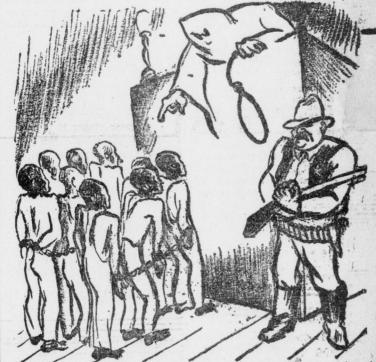
5th St., 2004 W. Mayfield Ave.

Killingot Strike

One of these affidavits was from Mary Pilipovich, widow of the slain pathy for the mine strikers. Mrs. was set off in the midst of the mine strike pickets "and before the gas was dispelled began firing toward the house, on the porch of which her husband was standing, and at nine pickets assembled nearby; that Deputy Roy Ingram fired several shots directly at her husband: that she knew said Ingram because he had traded at her store; that she was standing in the doorway at the time the shooting took place; that when her husband fell Ingram stopped shooting for the moment; that Ingram was using a gun that rested up against his arm or shoulder, while all the other deputies and police whom she saw shooting were using revolvers; that her husband died almost instantly."

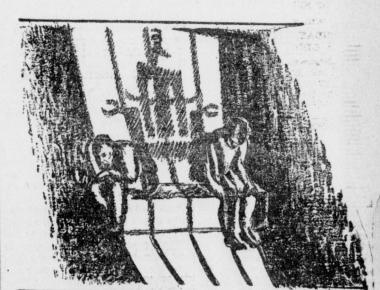
unarmed.

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IN THE SHADOW OF THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.



MASS ACTION WILL FREE THEM.

The Pittsburgh Press also rejoices in the 'peaceful settlement" between the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Company and the UMWA. The Post-Gazette, not so interested in the po-

United Front for Action Against Hunger, Terrorism

litical fortunes of Pinchot, stresses more the importance of "reorganization of the industry as a whole"-federal control with the UMWA as the fascist instrument for rationalization. The Post-Gazette says:

"Resumption of contract relations between the United Mine Workers and the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Company will be generally accepted as a constructive development in the present strike situation. . . . The wage scale accepted in the contract is no higher than that paid by a number of companies now operating on an open shop basis, and is not as high as some. . . . Pennsylvania cannot be considered as a single

unit, but must be grouped with other coal producing states that are in direct competition with it for the same markets. The hope of permanent betterment lies in the reorganization of the industry as a whole. The federal government is the only agency that can compel consideration of the industry's ills on this scale. That it has become an emergency situation is evidenced by the continued outbreaks of violence-entailing loss of life-that have marked the strike in the past week." (My emphasis-B.D.)

The Sun-Telegraph (Hearst) says: "The satisfaction felt over the announcement that the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Company has entered into an agreement with the UMWA is marred by the killing of a bystander and the wounding of a number of strikers in a battle between the latter and deputy sheriffs employed by the Pittsburgh Coal Company at its Arnold City mine.

.. They are nominally responsible to the sheriff, but are paid by the coal company-an unde-

UMWA officials united on the policy of stabilizing the coal industry, "curing its ills," at the expense of the miners. The agreement

The capitalist press is likewise united on the question of abolishing the armed coal and iron police and deputy sheriffs paid by the coal companies—and replacing them with better armed, better trained, better disciplined, and

The socialist party which, at its district convention here recently, supported the UMWA-Pinchot-capitalist press policy of "re-organizaworkers believe that there are some political difprincipality of Schwab and Mellon.

John L. Lewis has recently called upon Hoover to sponsor the "re-organization of the industry as a whole." Senator James J. Davis in a speech in Pittsburgh the other day urged the "re-organization of the industry as a whole" and intimated that it would be quite easy to get around any legal obstacles such as anti-trust

Howat, now once more in the arms of Lewis, is likewise for the "re-organization of the industry as a whole. Frank Keeney and Fred Mooney, whose leadership of the somewhat nebulous West Virginia Mine Workers Union, is of the Musteite persuasion, are also for reorganization of the industry as a whole" under

the checkoff; the dear old checkoff by which sweating miners for years paid millions of dollars in fat salaries to equally fat officials who sold them out for fat prices; the UMWA is trying to become the instrument for the fascization of the coal mining industry; many UMWA hangers-on are now special deputy sheriffs in training for the delightful day when they can be UMWA organizers without any change in function or allegiance.

seeking to revive the UMWA, its leadership—and

Almost everyone seems to be in favor of the "re-organization of the industry as a whole" at the expense of the miners except the Communist Party, the Trade Union Unity League and its affiliated unions-and the miners and other workers. While the capitalist press plays down the murderous attacks on miners and sympathizers and their families, and plays up the scab wage-cutting agreement of the UMWA and the P.T.C. Co., the miners, led by the Rank and File Strike Committee of the National Miners Union, are picketing the Terminal Coal Company mines en masse.

Against the united front of the coal operators, their government, the UMWA and the socialist party and Musteite elements, the Rank and File Strike Committee has brought forward the program of the united front of all miners for mass support of the strike, for extension of relief activity, for struggle for unemployed insurance, for spreading the strike.

The Rank and File Strike Committee, in the name of the 40,000 miners on strike and the 120,000 women and children involved in the fight against starvation, has invited delegations of rank and file members from UMWA locals. West Virginia Mine Workers locals, mine committees and local strike committees in other fields and unemployed miners' committees and councils, to attend its meeting in Pittsburgh, July 15.

At this meeting a program of unity and action for all miners will be worked out. It will put before all miners the burning issue of the further strengthening of the fight against starvation and slavery, the fight for the 6-hour day and struggle for the building of a powerful industrial union and a national collective agreement, the organization of defense of arrested workers and struggle against the wholesale terror in the coal fields.

There is great ferment among steel workers and workers in other industries closely connected with mining; they see the strike as the first powerful blow against the ever-sharpening capitalist offensive against the living standards of the American working class and the meeting on July 15, in the heart of the coal, steel and iron industry will focus upon the strike and the decisions of the strike committee session the close attention of thousands of workers in other in-

The call for the meeting and the election of the delegates which will take place in scores of mining camps in connection with the local needs and demands of the miners, will strengthen the strike movement. The mass character of the strike itself furnishes in turn a splendid base for such a gathering of militant miners.

The July 15 meeting is therefore of basic importance as a mass instrument for a further working out of many problems of the workingclass counter-offensive, and of the greatest significance for miners-and all other workers. Our Party membership in all coal, steel and metal districts, in the railway industry, must give all possible assistance to the support of the strike, the preparing and popularizing of the coming

The T.U.U.L. unions and leagues in other industries can find in this work a splendid method of winning new members and bringing forward the T.U.U.L. and its unions as the organizers and leaders of the fight against wage cuts and speed-up.

Th miners in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia are marching and battalions of workers in other coal fields and in other industries must be prepared to march with

sirable condition." We see the capitalist press, Pinchot and the

with the P.T.C. Co. is rightfully welcomed by these elements as a step in the right direction. It is a wage cutting agreement for mines that already paid a starvation wage.

therefore more effective state cossacks.

tion of the industry as a whole," follows in the footsteps of the liberal bourgeoisie by laying the entire blame for the murders and mainings upon the deputy sheriffs. It calls in its public statement for "the immediate arrest of every deputy involved in the shooting on a charge of murder." In other words the socialist party, which up to date has "aided" the miners by gathering contributions for the strike-breaking UMWA, proposes to punsh murderers of workers, hired by coal operators, by turning them over to the courts controlled by their paymasters. The socialist party would like to have ferences between courts and gunmen in this

laws if a serious effort were made.

government auspices.

All of these elements, openly or covertly, are