

Terror Rages Against B'ham Workers

50,000 WHITE, NEGRO WORKERS AT CHI. MARTYR'S FUNERAL

Thousands Demonstrate Against Cop Brutality

Workers Stop All Evictions In Chicago, Fight For Relief

CHICAGO.—A mass funeral procession of tens of thousands of white and colored workers bore the bodies of Abe Grey and John O'Neil, two of the three Negro workers murdered by the Chicago police, to the railroad station, where they were put on a train and shipped to their places of birth in Mississippi and Arkansas.

The United Front Funeral Arrangement Committee estimated that 50,000 workers took part in the procession. For a number of days previous to the procession thousands upon thousands of white and Negro workers moved thru the large room in the Odd Fellows Hall, where the bodies of the workers were laid out, to pay tribute to the dead soldiers of the class struggle.

On Thursday night more than 7000 white and Negro workers again demonstrated in Washington Park following a demonstration of 6,000 workers on Wednesday night and another demonstration of 5,000 workers on Monday, immediately following the brutal massacre carried out by the police against workers protesting an eviction.

An eye-witness of the massacre told how the police jumped out of automobiles and fired point blank with guns and machine guns into the crowd of workers who were protesting the eviction of an unemployed Negro's family. The workers were defenseless and unarmed and when three of their number fell dead after the first volley and a number of white and Negro were wounded, they fought back to defend themselves.

Mayor Cermak was forced to order all evictions stopped. The workers are continuing their mass movement, directed at the bosses, city government and black Judases, for relief for unemployed workers.

RAISE WAGES IN U.S.S.R.

The Soviet Coal Syndicate has decided to again increase the wages of all categories of miners in the Don Basin by an average of 20 percent. The mine management have a special fund at their disposal, out of which bonuses will be granted to those miners who work at the most arduous jobs.

Jail Ky. Strike Leaders; Terror Of Thugs Grows

WALLINS, Ky.—Jessie Wakefield, organizer of the International Labor Defense, has been rearrested, as were Arnold Johnson, representative of the Civil Liberties Union, Jason Alford and Bill Duncan, both local strike leaders. All are being held on charges of criminal syndicalism.

Thugs are still raiding the houses of the workers and destroying and confiscating guns and pistols used in protection of the striking miners. They also took shotguns, some of which were 20 years old and had been used for squirrel shooting.

The Everts N. M. U. kitchen was opened last Wednesday. It is feeding four and five hundred a day. Help is needed desperately to carry on this work. Rush help to the Striking Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn Ave., Rm. 205, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Mass Protest Forces Release of 22 Croppers

DADEVILLE, Ala.—The protests of thousands of workers thruout the country and the stubborn fight of the workers organizations, especially the International Labor Defense, has forced the Alabama ruling class to release 22 of the 29 croppers arrested here when the landowners tried to smash the Croppers Union. Two other croppers have been released on bond.

In releasing the 22 croppers from jail the court gave as its reason that there was "insufficient evidence." The workers are not fooled by this, for they know any "evidence" is sufficient in a Southern court to condemn a Negro worker to death. The real reason that they were released was because of the pressure brought to bear by the mass protest movement.

The Tallapoosa County landowners still intend to push their frame-up charges against the five held in jail and the two out on bond. These croppers will surely be railroaded to death or long prison terms unless the workers continue to raise violent protests against this frame-up.

As yet, the county officers have taken no action against the murderers of Ralph Gray and Buddy Davis, or against those who beat up other Negro croppers and their families, altho the mob members are well known. Three croppers who went to "cut stovewood" are still missing. The International Labor Defense and the League of Struggle for Negro Rights demands that the murderer be arrested and given the death penalty. Demand the immediate release of the Camp Hill croppers.

Jobless March In Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—More than 5000 unemployed dworkers marched on the city hall here on Monday, protested unemployment and demanded relief. A committee presented the demands to the City Commissioners who voted to ask the City Council to call a special election for a bond issue of

Kill 1, Wound 4, Jail Communist Organizer

Using Williams Shooting As Pretext To Stop Fight Against Starvation

BULLETIN

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Harry Jackson, District Organizer of the Communist Party, was arrested here in connection with the reign of terror being carried on against workers, using the Williams shooting as an excuse. He is charged with vagrancy. A special police squad has been appointed to smash up the growing movement here in the fight against wage-cuts, unemployment and for the release of the Scottsboro boys and Camp Hill croppers. They have orders to arrest leading Communists.

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Since last Tuesday night, August 4th, when it was reported that a Negro had robbed and then killed one white society lady and wounded two others in Shades Valley, near this city, the police department, special officers and petty bosses of the railroads and steel mills here have led an unabated reign of terror against the Negro workers.

JAIL EVICTED WORKER; I.L.D. DEFENDS HIM

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Andrew and Hattie Brazier, unemployed Negro workers, whose furniture had been put back twice by workers in the neighborhood, were arrested last Thursday night, and bound over to the grand jury on charges of "trespassing." The International Labor Defense, whose attorney, George W. Chamlee, will defend the workers, immediately obtained their release on \$500 bond each.

The furniture was put back twice by workers called together by the Scottsboro Defense Block Committees in the neighborhood. The workers are determined to stop evictions before the winter sets in and under the leadership of branches of the Unemployed Council, which are now being organized in all sections of the city, will continue putting the furniture back of evicted families.

Already as a result of this action in the Brazier case other landlords in the section have withdraw eviction notices, or told those workers on whom they have served notices that they may remain in their houses.

This campaign, having as its objective the terrorization of the Negro workers and the division of the black and white workers in the midst of mass starvation and on the eve of further wage-cuts, has so far to its credit the following brutalities:

Kill Negro Worker

Ed Edwards, 19, unemployed Negro worker, was shot thru the head and killed and his cousin will Edwards, 16, was wounded in the legs while they were on board a freight train leaving the city. They were shot by members of the lynch posse.

Charlie Horton, 30, Negro worker, was taken from his bed at 3:30 in the morning, by two policemen, whom the police department called "bogus," carried two blocks down the street, a revolver pressed to the back of his neck and was shot. He is in a dying condition. Communist literature was found in his house by detectives after he had been shot.

Negro Neighborhoods Shot Up

James Bennett, Negro worker, was shot by two white men who said they were officers, but whom the police department claimed were "bogus," at night, near Powderly. The lynchers fired at him without questioning him and left him on the roadside. He was wounded in the arm and abdomen.

A Negro cafe was bombed in the Woodlawn section of the city.

A group of Negro workers standing on a street corner was fired upon by

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MASS DEMONSTRATION AUGUST 29

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whites passing in an auto.

Seab Williams, 20, was wounded by white men in an auto when they fired into a picnic gathering of Negroes near Newcastle

Try Frame Workers

The local newspapers are carrying on a vicious inciteful campaign against the revolutionary workers, charging the Communists with the murder and with hiding the criminal. Flaming editorials and news articles are carried in the papers holding the "reds" responsible. Warrants are out for leading Communist organizers.

Three young Negro workers—Eugene Braxton, 21, John James, 20, and David James, 27, were pulled from bed by the police and arrested because Communist literature was found in their house, and they attempted to frame them on this charge. When the girls could not identify them, they were tortured and beaten unconscious by rubber hose, by the police in an unsuccessful effort to get from them the names of members and sympathizers of the Communist Party in the city. They are now being held on vagrancy charges and are being defended by the International Labor Defense.

Black Judases

Rewards totalling over \$3,000 are being offered for the capture of "the Negro." Negro business men, preachers and "race leaders" have joined in offering this reward and have also offered to act as stool-pigeons for the police department. The local Negro newspapers are joining with the big boss press in denouncing the Communists and crawling submissively before the white boss monster.

The Communist Party and the Young Communist League distributed 10,000 copies of a leaflet exposing the lies in the boss press and calling for mass action of white and Negro workers against starvation, wage-cuts and terror. The leaflet demands the immediate release of Braxton, John and David James. The leaflet points out that the Southern Railroad, the L. & N., Central of Ga., and other roads are preparing wage-cuts by putting Negro workers on reserve lists to be called back if the workers strike against the wage-cuts. The Tennessee Coal and Iron Co., and the coal mines are also preparing more wage-cuts and mass lay-offs. The Communists call upon the white and Negro workers not to permit themselves to be divided and terrorized by this campaign of terror and to fight together against starvation. The leaflet also calls for the release of the Scottsboro boys and the Camp Hill coppers.

Wholesale searches, beatings and arrests continue thruout the city and surrounding territory. Negroes walking the streets carrying packages are searched for Communist literature. White bosses complain that Negro servants are taken from their houses by mobs and grilled. The sheriff put a stop to this, for the white bosses are not to be inconvenienced. All unemployed workers on incoming and outgoing freights are taken off and not permitted to leave.

I. L. D. Wires Protest

The Southern District of the International Labor Defense sent the following telegram to Chief of Police McDuff of Birmingham on the day the terror began:

"We hold you responsible for the safety of all those arrested in connection with the Williams shooting. We demand the immediate cessation of the reign of terror against Negroes in Birmingham and the immediate withdrawal of the lynch posses. We demand the right of the Birmingham

1,400 Hoover Dam Workers Strike

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—Over 1,400 workers employed on the Hoover Dam here are on strike against wage-cuts and the unbearable working conditions and for wage increases. When this government project was first started President Hoover said that it would help to solve the unemployment problem and keep wages up.

The strike started when 150 tunnel workers struck against a wage-cut on August 8. Their wages had been cut from \$5 to \$4 a day, altho they had to pay \$1.50 a day for board. The strike spread immediately to the other workers at the dam. The workers are demanding a minimum wage of \$5 a day in all branches of work, tunnel workers to draw \$5.50 and miners and carpenters \$6. The wages had been \$4 for laborers, \$4 for tunnel workers and \$5.60 for miners and carpenters.

The men are forced to work in all weather. The temperature here has reached 128 degrees in the shade and 13 workers have already died from the heat. Thirteen other workers have been killed on the dam by accidents since the construction began in May.

Frank Crowe, superintendent of Six Companies, Inc., the chief contractors, ordered the strikers to pack up and get out, saying that he is ready to close down for six months, since because of the speed-up the workers suffered under the works were ahead of schedule. The strikers have their own strike committee and will not permit themselves to be run off by Hoover's contractor.

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workers to defend themselves against lynch mobs and against the shooting up of Negro neighborhoods

"We warn you against any attempt to smash the Communist Party or other working class organizations by framing militant workers, using the Williams shooting as an excuse. This is the same as the terror in the Scottsboro and Camp Hill cases against which there has been world-wide protest."

A second telegram was sent when there was no reply from the first one and the terror continued. Thus far there has been no accounting from the Birmingham police department.