

HOLD MEETING OF SOUTH FARMERS

C. P. Organizes Farm Unit

BIRMINGHAM, Aug. 27.—Over 125 share croppers, tenant farmers and farm laborers attended the opening meeting of the Communist Party election campaign in the framing sections of Alabama yesterday. The meeting was held at Whitney, Alabama in the heart of the cotton belt, some 40 miles north of Birmingham. Speakers were Seaton Worthy, Communist candidate for U. S. Senator from Alabama, Tom Johnson, District Organizer of the Communist Party and Harry Jackson, Organizer for the Trade Union Unity League. Roy Colley, a local farmer was chairman.

The share croppers and tenant farmers, most of them working on big company plantations, face absolute ruin this year as the price of cotton reaches new low levels daily. Local farmers predicted the worst year in the history of cotton raising in the south.

Following the mass meeting in the afternoon, an organization meeting of those who had joined the Communist Party was held and a farm unit composed of share croppers on a huge company plantation was organized. Several of the farmers subscribed to the "Southern Worker." Judging from the response at this first meeting the Communist Party will receive a substantial vote from the rural sections in the coming elections.

The Trade Union Unity League, Birmingham District, has announced that plans are under way for an intensive drive to organize the farm workers of this section into the Agricultural Workers Industrial League. Farm workers work from sun-up to sun-set for from \$10 per month with board up.