

ALABAMA POLITICIANS EXPOSED

By Tom Johnson

The Democratic party of Alabama is priding itself on its purity and high ideals because it has gotten rid of Heflin and Locke who had supported Hoover in 1928. It glories in the fact that they have thrown out those who split up the politics of Alabama and defiled the house of their fathers.

When boiled down these high ideals turn out to be the keeping of boss control and oppressing all workers with the same slave-driving methods used by the fathers.

A Lynch Governor

Alabama, which has been sending up to Montgomery, democratic governors, has in office today Gov. Graves, who true, to the traditions of dividing the working class, has placed a \$300 reward for the capture of two Negroes, the Robertsons, an open

invitation to lynch mobs. The responsibility of any attempted race riot in Emelle will lie at his door.

It is the chamber of commerce of Birmingham which openly comes out for hiring 80,000 women and young girls from 10 years up for \$6 and \$8 weekly, so as to drive down the living standards of workers, drive more able-bodied men out of jobs, and further split the unity of the working class.

Lies About Unemployment

The party in power has done nothing to relieve unemployment. It has lied as the U. S. Government has lied on unemployment figures to keep workers from knowing the true conditions of their class and organizing to fight against the bosses. It keeps quiet on many chain gang sc-

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tences to workers so as to get more profits on the wage-cut and speed up in all factories to unskilled and skilled workers as well, on the increasing use of police, spies, company gunmen, to prevent workers from organizing.

Democratic Alabama wants to elect tools of the bosses who are opposed to old age pensions, unemployment insurance and plans to relieve workers' miseries. It offers nothing to the farmers whose crops have been partly ruined by drought and who with their families face disease and starvation. It stands solidly for bosses' supremacy, for the rule of a few bosses at the expense of the huge majority of white and colored workers. It wants not only to continue, as their fathers did, the slave conditions of the Negro, but also drive white workers and farmers into the same conditions. White and colored workers are alike for them as means of exploitation and profit.

Others Just as Bad

The Republican Party supporting the "independent" candidates, Heflin and Locke, are in the field only because they would like the political graft of office holding and want to be the ones to serve the bosses' interest. Leaving out of their program unemployment, farm relief, wage-cuts, etc., they expose themselves as enemies of the working class.

The platform of Heflin and Locke is one of fight only against the 27 Democratic leaders who refuse to let them in on the graft and easy money because they betrayed them in 1928. As far as the working class is concerned they stand firmly for the bosses.

The Socialist Party, weak as it is here, will, as the fight between the workers and the bosses sharpens, be used as the third party of the bosses. The S. P., and the A. F. of L., both enemies within the workingclass must be fought because tho in words they are for the workers, they betray them in deeds.

It is only the Communist Party which fights for the workers everywhere, whether they are black or white. Support the program of the Communist Party! Vote Communist!