

# SPEND \$1,000,000 TO BUILD PENN. NATIONAL GUARD

## Plan Re-enforcements to Strikebreakers

*(By a Worker Correspondent.)*

WILKES BARRE, Pa., (By Mail).  
—Announcement came recently from Harrisburg that over one million dollars will be used to improve and build larger buildings for the Pennsylvania National Guard in order to greatly increase its efficiency and enlarge the Pennsylvania National Guard which is otherwise known as the State Militia. This the workers must take into consideration and ask: Why does the state want a bigger militia? Why is it willing to spend at this time over \$1,000,000 for this purpose? Why, when hundreds of thousands of workers thru out Pennsylvania are unemployed, does it not spend one cent for their maintenance, and why the state does nothing in connection with the support of the thousands of miners and their families who are starving in the soft coal fields? Why is nothing done by the state for the fifty per cent of the miners who are unemployed in the anthracite field, while it is able to spend over a million dollars for state militia?

The workers have long ago learned thru experience what the state militia is being used for in time of strikes and for what reason it supports this proposition. Especially the workers around these particular vicinities should look into the question because it is at these places that the unemployment is the greatest. The following places are the ones that are allotted sums:

Wilkes Barre, \$175,000; Scot Dale, \$50,000; Norristown, \$100,000; Loch Haven, \$60,000; Latrobe, \$50,000; Lancaster, \$100,000; Carbondale, \$75,000; Harrisburg, \$200,000; East Stroudsburg, \$50,000; and for the whole of Luzerne county \$50,000 for the purpose of training an army to be used in time of strike to shoot down the miners and help starve them into submission when the coal operators want to break the strike.

Why should not this money which has come from the workers be used for the purpose of relieving the unemployment situation. The only way that this can be abolished is by the workers organizing a Labor Party thru which they can abolish altogether the state militia.

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