

MINERS TO HOLD DEMONSTRATIONS

Anthracite Committee Supports Bonita

By GEORGE PAPCUN.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 28. — The Save the Union Committee of the United Mine Workers is arranging a series of mass meetings thruout the anthracite field to demonstrate against the frame-up which the Lewis-Cappelini-Kennedy machine is at the present time organizing against Sam Bonita and his two brother trade unionists, who had and still have the courage to fight against the machine's corruption.

Meetings Are Scheduled.

The first meeting will be held at Luzerne Thursday at 7 p. m., at the Italian Hall, 206 Oliver St. The second will be held at Pittston, the heart of the present struggle, March 4, at 2 p. m., at the Armory Hall.

Reinstatement Forced.

Once expelled, the miners forced the machine to reinstate him in the Miners' Union. Powers Hapgood also will speak. He is nationally known as a militant leader of the miners. George Papcun, secretary of the Save the Union Committee, also will speak.

With the general attack on the Miners' Union, one of the tactics the coal operators are using is to try to weaken the Miners' Union on all sides.

They are succeeding more or less as the reactionary officialdom, led by Lewis, Cappelini and Kennedy, are working hand in hand with them.

For instance, at the No. 5 and No. 7 collieries of Local Union 211 and

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939 of the Susquehanna Coal Co., the bosses are importing laborers while 50 per cent of the mine workers are unemployed. At this colliery there are 3,000 mine workers who revolted against this practice of the coal companies and went out on strike when the coal company refused to settle the situation.

Out On Strike.

They struck Feb. 23, but as usual the reactionary officialdom came down in full force and forced the miners to go back on their jobs without settling these grievances. The situation is not yet settled, tho the miners returned to work because of the pressure of the reactionary officialdom.

Practically the same situation exists at the Loree division of the Hudson Coal Co. at Larksville, where the miners are in an uproar and ready to strike.

It is only when the miners organize themselves thoroughly around the Save the Union Committee and its program—and then only—that they will be able to better their condition.

The Save the Union Committee has established headquarters at 33 West Union St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 28.—Sam Bonita, Steve Mendola and Adam Moleski are in jail on murder charges awaiting the action of the Luzerne grand jury. When they entered the United Mine Workers' headquarters here Feb. 16 on business for the miners' grievance committee they were attacked. They defended themselves and Frank Agati, supporter of the reactionary Cappelini administration in this district, was killed.