MINERS HAIL INDUSTRIAL UNION DRIVE

WASHINGTON. - When President William Green of the A. F. of L. brought the executive council's order to dissolve the Committee on Industrial Union Organization before the 54th convention of the United Mine Workers, he was greeted with loud boos. When he finished his speech, John L. Lewis asked for a standing vote as to whether the UMWA should continue to fight for a federal industrial union. All but one of the 379 miners delegates rose to their feet, cheering.

The miners voted to work for an amendment to the constitution which will make it impossible for the Supreme Court to declare social and labor laws unconstitutional. The national anti-trust bill and other measures designed to curb free speech were condemned by the convention.

Of especially great importance was the resolution R-23, introduced by Local 300 of Cassandra, Pa., urging full trade union and economic equality for Negro workers. The convention went on record pledging to fight against disfranchisement of Negro workers and for full equality with whites in working conditions and equal status.

The convention called on the executive council to see that all miners locale are opened to all white locals to establish the solidarity of Negro and white workers. In the opinion of the convention, Negroes should have equal rights and Negro miners from membership should be expelled from the federation.

LEADS FIGHT TO Split Ranks of WPA Locals

BIRMINGHAM. — Organizing into militant locals of Hod Carriers, Braceros and Federal white collar unions, workers on relief in Jefferson county have formed a militant control body to unify their struggle for better conditions.

Eleven locals affiliated with the central body voted to strike if their demands for relief project improvements were not granted. The committee carrying the list of demands to relief officials was told that Robert Moore, state Commissioner of Labor, and president of the State Federation of Labor, had approved the wage scale on WPA projects. But when the committee then wrote to Moore, quoting a resolution passed by the

IMPEACH THOSE JUDGES WHO USURP PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

HE Liberty League is not kidding when they organize their million of worthwhilers for a drive against the people of the United States. They mean it. They are determined to meet Roosevelt and the New Deal administration and put in a government which will do their bidding without question.

What would they do? They would stop relief expenditures. They would relieve the wealthy of taxes and place the burden on the workers. They would establish a New South for the Federal government. The old red rag that always harasses them in their exploitation of the workers and farmers. They would crush the trade unions and farm organizations, outlaw the right to strike, and gag the right of free speech.

Yes, they talk about the constitution, but they will destroy the Bill of Rights at one swoop. Take this red-suspended clown, Talmadge of Georgia. He is kidding neither. Millions of dollars being racketed up by him and his minions, pockets are stuffed with Liberty League money, are driving toward fascism.

Take this "patriot," Al Smith, who threw his600 negroes in jail, say that he could spread a silk-screen with a "patriot" and make a "patriot." He isn't kidding. He is, too, blossoming into a full fascist.

With their control over the nine black-robed old gentlemen of the Supreme Court, they show them how it's done. He is subduing Congressmen through all the people who have been declared "enemies of the people" and declaring that every step it takes.

The law is the weapons of the people.

No, these fascists are not kidding. They mean it. But what about Mr. Roosevelt? He has spoken in vigorous language against these Liberty Leaguers, these representatives of "unbridled greed." But does he mean it? If the answer is to be read in Mr. Roosevelt's record, he does not mean it. He will give it to them in every step.

And now the newspapers report that the Roosevelt government will not take any steps to pass a law to prevent the sitting of the Supreme Court.

We Communists are not willing to surrender our own so easily to those who would destroy popular government. Nor are the great masses of the people willing to surrender. We say, Let's get together and do the following:

1. Congress and the President should repudiate the right of the Supreme Court to declare laws unconstitutional.
2. Congress and the President should repudiate the rights of the people.
3. Amend the Constitution to prohibit the Supreme Court from declaring laws unconstitutional.

INVESTIGATION PUTS WAR BLAME ON BIG BANKERS

WASHINGTON. - Widespread protest on the part of 10,000 American trade union members forced the Senate Munitions Investigation Committee to begin again the hearings which were called off last week. The committee's task was to investigate the charges that the group of Americans who own the four largest banks in the country withheld money which drove the country into the war.

The testimony showed that money borrowed by the Allies from the U.S. Treasury went to pay American bankers and industrialists, and not to the men who fought the war.

Twenty Negroes Burned Alive In Prison Truck

SCOTTSDALE, Ala. Jan. 31. - Twenty Negroes, prisoners in a county jail, were dumped in sacks and hastily buried here today, at the order of Alabama authorities. The prisoners were aliens who escaped from the State of Georgia.

When the 20-gallon tank caught fire, the guards knew it only by a cloud of red smoke.
TRADING UNION TOPICS
By Ned True

There is nothing in the constitution of the American Federation of Labor, which can be interpreted as barring Communists as members of the national union. True, a group of the Old Guard of the Executive Council has tried to get an amendment to the constitution which would include such a provision, but there was so much opposition to it that it was not presented to the convention. The situation today is that the membership is perfectly legal and within the constitution of the A. F. of L. for a political or religious belief, as the union officials believe.

Mrs. Barton Makes an Answer
Mrs. Barton is a young woman of twenty. She is a Georgia girl who worked for years in the textile mills and holds a bed in the U. S. S. "Gallipoli" as a "low down rat" and her friends "sawdandered." As a loyal girl, she was a good wife, she took the floor.

She asked brothers Robinson and Hale whether they knew of any Russian agitators paid by Moscow. No answer, she said that no agitators were in Georgia or Alabama and men and women. Only the Russian socialist who met at the Robinson home.

The only reply the brothers were able to give was that they were not asking. Mrs. Barton was a Communist.

A Tragedy
A tragic accident occurred last week, putting the death of Mrs. Barton in a family of this country. Mrs. Barton, who had been a member of the Communist party, was killed on the job at the mill. She had been killed by a co-worker, who was also a Communist, and the accident was a tragic one.

FASCISM APPEARS IN BIRMINGHAM

The arrest of these workers will be a victory for the right of free press, but a violation of the right of free speech. The situation in Birmingham is a typical example of the struggle between the Fascists and the Communists. The Fascists are trying to silence the workers by force, while the Communists are working for peace and understanding.

The situation in Birmingham is one of the most important in the country, and it is important that the workers should stand firm in the face of attack.

Under such circumstances, one would expect the effectiveness of the Birmingham Trade Council and the Democratic party to come forward in vigorous protest against this red raid and arrest. But that is not the case.

Well, Brother W. O. Harris, secretary of the Federation came down to the meeting of the E. B. & A. local with Brother W. R. Robinson and immediately led into a vicious attack on Communists, calling them "rats" and "red rats." He stated that at least 30 percent of the workers were either members of the Communist Party, and he went on to say that he would strike every member.

He is the only member of the Communist Party who has been killed, and that he was going to stop it if he had to break it into a million pieces.

After this very intemperate speech, Brother Robinson took the floor and repeated these old platitudes against the Communist Party, saying that they were agents of the Government and that they should be put away. He then added that the Communists are trying to break up the A. F. of L.,

Workers' Social Insurance Act

(FAZIER-LUNDEN BILL)

Senator Frazier and Representative Lunden have put before the House a new bill for social insurance. It is called the Workers' Social Insurance Act. The bill provides for a comprehensive insurance plan that will take care of not only the unemployed and their dependents, but also will raise the incomes of the half-employed and the self-employed. In addition, the Frazier-Lunden Bill provides for a REAL "industrial" insurance plan for women and mothers who are left without adequate protection for themselves and their families.

BURLINGTON FIVE TO BE TRIED FOR FRAME-UP CHARGE

BURLINGTON, N. C.—Five men are in court here on a charge of attempted murder in connection with the strike that has been going on in this town for a week. The strike is attributed to labor aristocrats and to employers who try to silence the workers by force. The five men are charged with attempt to murder a labor leader and a strike committee.

The evidence on which the strike workers were arrested was undoubtedly obtained by a jury of labor aristocrats and police agents and others who are against the strike.

The strike committee was formed to protect the rights of the workers, and it is impossible to believe that the strike was formed for the purpose of stopping the workers from striking for better wages and better working conditions.

T. C. I. USING COMPANY UNIONS TO FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT TAX

The Alabama state unemployment insurance act contains a levy of 1½ percent on the employers of the workers covered by the provisions of the act. The workers don't care for this and we don't want it. If it is not possible to get a insurance act that will take care of the state act of which we vigorously disapprove.

But we certainly get hot under the lash of these ideas, like TCI, use the fact to carry on their fight against the unemployment insurance act and against the principle of unemployment insurance.

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Tampa Witness Thought Slain

Tampa, Fla.—A poliee chief was killed with a rug and kicked off the roof of a building. A K. K. K. leader, who is said to have "bustled much," is dead either by suicide or in a fight on the nut. The police say that they were not able to fix the matter on the spot.

BOY MINERS SUE ALABAMA FUEL CO.

BIRMINGHAM—Two boys filed suit against the Alabama Coal and Coke Co. on the grounds that they were injured while working in the mines.

The boys, Troy Ingram, 10, and Woodrow Wallace, 17, told how they were injured while working in the mines and their families out of their houses at Overton Mine because the boys' fathers were union men. When Troy and Woodrow returned to Overton they were shot and their friends were killed. The agents of the company forced them into a machine, drove them out and put them out to walk on a rainy day.
Attorneys For Scottsboro Boys Issue Statement

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 26

The following statement was issued today by Samuel  S. Lebowitz and Clarence L. Watkins, attorneys for the defendants in the Scottsboro case:

"We have been advised by the defense counsel in the Scottsboro case that the trial will be continued until February 24. We have been informed that the defense counsel will continue to work diligently towards a successful outcome of the case. We appreciate the support of our clients and the public in this matter.

Mr. Lebowitz and Mr. Watkins will be available for interviews in the coming weeks. They will provide updates on the progress of the case and any changes to the schedule.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. We remain committed to fighting for justice and fairness for all involved in the Scottsboro case."
WPA Workers Get Together Despite Boss

By a Relief Worker Correspondent

TARRANT, Ala.—What are we to do? The Relief heads are becoming more inscrutable. The methods of separating the Negroes and whites, are we going to sit by and let this city of starvation or growth up with exploded limbs?

So, we will use methods like we have used them, the Tarrant Airport Strike! They told the workers that they had to work in mud. That they could not strike. If they quit, they would lose their jobs. Now they had not figured on the kind of workers they were dealing with.

They try to keep us split by not letting the whites and Negroes work on the same work. But we know how we are going to play another way. The leaders in the white gang consulted with the leaders in the Negro gang and the gangs worked together.

The superintendent said, if you damned fellows intend to do any work, get at it. Nobody said a word. Nobody moved an inch. One fellow started to, but it seems the ground he was standing on was a little bit too deep.

The superintendent went for help and a National Guard gun was brought with him. But no shots were fired. The superintendent came back with a big false amble and said, "Boys, get your work clothes on. You will get credit for work. I believe it is too muddy to work."

So you see we DO STRIKE and strike hard, and we can win.

Hod Carriers Hold Big Rally at Chattanooga

CHATTANOOGA, Feb. 1—Joe Dobin, president of the Chattanooga Trades and Labor Council and Pat Patterson, district WPA Director, were among the speakers at a meeting called by Local 846, Hod Carriers and Con- mon Laborers Union.

Eight hundred workers and white WPA workers gave their enthusiastic attention to the statement by President Hume of the Union. 1. To increase the WPA wage rate for the district and better conditions of work; 2. To establish regulations making 45 cents an hour for common labor and 60 cents an hour for semi-skilled labor on all private construction work.

Local 846 of the Hod Carriers is rapidly becoming recognized as the leader of common labor here. The years of hard work have brought the carriers, declared he had nothing but praise for the union, whose local had 3600 members and had won victories for workers on WPA projects. He stated further that the hod carriers had no people to take up the labor, the local had 3600 members and was in good standing with the Federal Bulletin of the WPA.

FARM LEADERS HIT REDUCTION IN CROP ACRES

BIRMINGHAM.—The Supreme Court's decision declaring the AAA unconstitutional was described as a "most reactionary" step by Tom Burke, assistant secretary of the Sharecroppers' Union. Burke pointed out that this decision means that Wall street, which is represented through the black robed judges on the high bench, was opposed to the farmers receiving the relief which they had sought.

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While the Union was opposed to the AAA, which benefited mostly the big farmers and gave no benefits to the smaller farmers, the Union knew that the enemies of the AAA who had sought relief for the farmers.

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Overall Factory Starves Workers

By a Mill Worker Correspondent

GREENSBORO, N.C.—I work at the Blue Bell Overcoat Factory. They pay it is the largest overcoat factory in the world. But it is a very bad place to work. It is a place where they work hard and only get paid a fraction of what they make.

Most of us are getting only one or two days work a week. We work so much that when we start looking for something else, we can do it from the same place. We are in desperate need of work.

Some of the workers who were employed are put on peace work and others than the old Clyde style.

Gastonia Leader Scorns Heart

GREENSBORO, N.C.,—K. Y. Hendrix, one of the Gastonia de- fendants (underground leaders), when the strike in 1929, has been released from the state penitentiary, having completed his sentence. While in prison he was subjected to the most extreme hardships and brutal treatment.

In an interview with Paul Crouch, organizer for the Communist Party, Hendrix described the methods used several months ago by the Gastonia papers in an effort to get him to sign a series of anti- Soviet articles. Paul Mason, representative of the Gastonia papers, visited Hendrix in prison. In the presence of the warden he showed Hendrix a series of articles filled with falsehoods and slanders against the Soviet Union. Hendrix asked Mason to sign them, saying he would go to the governor for a pardon for him. The offer was not taken. Hendrix was then moved to the work crew.
WOMAN'S CORNER
BY ELLA LEE

"If the people would open their eyes, drop this union and worship God, we would be better off, and we would have work, good friends, and neighbors, instead of starvation and enemies. The union is a curse and death will surely fall on Alabama." The above paragraph is part of a letter written by a miner's wife in Alabama. There have been many stories about the struggles of the miners, but it is a story that needs to be told.

What Is Wrong?

What is wrong with this story? It is the story of a miner who has been driven out of work by the union, but because of the hard work of his wife, they have been able to keep the miner from losing his job and find him work. The miner says that the union is a curse, and the workers who joined the union are not the only ones who are suffering.

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Magazine Writer Finds That Socialism Works

By George Soulé

(Editors' Note: George Soulé is not a Communist. He is a writer who went to the Soviet Union to see how socialism works, and he has found out that it does. He came back to America and wrote about the things that he saw. Russia has accomplished under "workers' and farmers' government." The paragraphs below are taken from an article by Mr. Soulé, published in the New Republic, February 5.)

1. There is little visible difference, so to quantity of food, between the Soviet Union and Europe, or the Soviet Union and America, or any of the countries in the world. The important thing is the quality of food. So it goes that the Soviet Union has the best food in the world.

2. Food prices are reduced about 80 percent in the open market, and the long-weekend albums were abolished just before we left. At the same time, wages were rising. An order was issued to open 200 new bakeries in Moscow.

3. How They Dress

Their clothes seem warm and white. They are not hot, and they do not need to be. The better people dress, the better the Russians like it; it is a sign of advancement. They want not to be hot, but to look good.

There are fashion shows. You can see the display of clothing and shoes, but your Soviet friend is critical. "Not good enough; he will say, and will be too high priced. We must bring the prices down."

La. Sharecroppers 'Scrap' for Living

By a Sharecropper Correspondent

SIMMIE PORT, La.—The farmers and tenants along the banks of the Atchafalaya river in Avoyelles and Pointe Coupee Parishes are suffering greatly because practically no relief is being given the needy.

For the last 3 years the crop has been practically ruined because of the low prices. Only crops planted on higher ground have come through all right.

Because the crop is not sure, the farmers refuse to give a tenant any advance for food. The crop growers get only 6 dollars a month, and this for only 3 months, from March till June.

"Scrap Living"

The people are "scrap" for living. This consists of picking moss and pinecones, and they work all day, and then they go and get their food. The men work for a living, and the women work for their living.

The Sharecroppers Union is organized and the farmers are paying triple the usual rates because of the high cost of living.

The organizers say that they are trying to get a state charter for the Union.
Attorneys Expose Lies of Alabama "Law" (Continued from Page 11) railroad them to the electric chair, refused. After Haywood had been sentenced, they were handcuffed and put into three cars to be carried back to Birmingham.

Attorneys Refused Access

Olde Powell, with Ray Wright, and Clarence Norris, was put in a car with Deputy Edgar Blacklow and after the end of the hearing, the lawyer told how these 3 men had had the threats that have been part of the 5 years of persecution that has been going on. The Blacklow barred and cursed them for not renouncing their lawyers. "You don't have a chance if you don't go to the electric chair," the deputy told Otis and the other boys. During the trial, he kept up a tirade against them, warning them "to keep away from Lebozowich."

When Otis Powell refused to listen and said that he would go to the electric chair, the deputy turned around and struck him. Otis provoked the deputy and another boy, pulled his back, and the knife fell to the floor. Sheriff Sanders, who was driving, stopped the car and went over to where he could shoot Otis to keep him from attacking him.

"I am going to shoot you right over the shoulders," he said, and pulled the trigger.

At the hospital, Otis's head showed other wounds besides the one to the back of his head. The doctors said it was a better shot than the one to the back of his head. The other marks were the result of beatings.

Attempt to Split Defense

The Alabama authorities are acting on the theory ofsplitting the defense and railroad the perpsective to the defense. A fake trial, very cleverly arranged, and with the "witnesses" printed in the Alabama press, Ernest Meierhoffer, a student at the Virginia Military Institute, was arrested and charged with having got a knife from Powell. He was released because of the protest coming from every part of the state. The Alabama authorities told the officers that the city authorities had better step up their protection.

The governor of Alabama, one of the South's most outstanding politicians and his chief lynching assistant, Lieutenant Governor White, the governor, used newspapers to congratulate the men who tried to murder Otis Powell. Knight, who used the engineering firm, was the special assistant prosecutor.

Miners Hail Drive to Organize

MANNIX—An early campaign by the union workers in the steel industry, was voted by the executive council of the A.F. of L. as the best. The drive was to build the Industrial Association of Iron, Tin and Steel Workers, and all other international unions will be asked to aid this organization to help

WPA Worker Framed on Attack Charge

BIRMINGHAM—Charged with criminal assault with a woman who was obviously a hysteric, Charles Roderick, Negro Negro, faces trial early this month.

Reeder was held because the woman said she recognized him as the man who attacked and robbed her of $40 in cash near Irondale one morning recently.

Charles Roderick is held without bond, despite the fact that he has a good alibi. The woman's name is Mrs. Hattie Dunham, had to be given to the world when the accused was arrested. She said the attack occurred just before noon near Irondale.

SCOTTSBORO DEFENSE COMMITTEE

The Scottsboro Defense Committee has been chosen to represent the Negro workers from the Scottsboro case. The Scottsboro case is the largest in the history of the Negro race. The committee consists of 12 members, representing the Negroes from Alabama and Tennessee. The Scottsboro case has been tried in the Alabama courts and is now before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Militant Unionist Elected Head Chattanooga Labor Body

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Joe Dobbs, business agent of the Plumbers local, was unanimously elected president of the Chattanooga Labor Body, which represents the construction industry in Chattanooga. Mr. Dobbs is a member of the Scottsboro Defense Committee and is active in the labor movement.

More about Trade Union Topics (Continued from Page 11) Robinson. We think that the record of Communists in the trade unions is the best possible answer to any criticism of them. We believe that trade unionism is the best way to break up the A.F. of L. after all. The real union is the one that our forefathers organized, and we want to continue it.

"We will have to go through what we did before, but we will do it better this time." "I entered the trade union movement to join with others who want to fight for higher wages, Better working conditions, and better living conditions. The other day when the Labor Committee met, there was a discussion about wages with 200 people, and I asked this question of the committee: "Can you give any evidence of any real unionism or of any real control by the Communists, or any real control by the trade unionists? Where were wages lower than in the past, hours were increased, the working conditions were worse, and the wages were reduced?"

And the answer in the presence of these 200 old people and the whole committee was that they had no such information. The members of any union are interested in union conditions. They are interested in the facts, and the Communists are not interested in the facts. The Communists want to organize the C.I.O., the A.F. of L., and if they are successful in this organization, they want to control the unions.

Negro Congress to Fight Lynching

CHICAGO—More than a thousand delegates are expected to attend the National Negro Congress, Feb. 14-18, in Chicago. The Congress, organized by Negro organizations and their supporters marks the biggest step toward united action against lynching, made by Negro people. It will seek to bring about unified action on the part of all Negroes for the purpose of "winning the fight for Negro rights."

Mayor to Speak

Mayor Daley of Chicago has agreed to officially welcome the Congress at its opening session, and Lyell Turezky, attorney, first secretary of the Negro National Congress, in London, will address the Congress.

The sponsoring committee consists of the well-known Negro leaders. John P. Davis, secretary of the National Improvement League in addition, to more than a thousand regular delegates, hundreds of officials and influential others, have assembled at the Congress. The Congress is being held on the anniversary of the birth of Frederick Douglass. The enthusiastic support of trade unionists has been shown by the wide number of endorsements from union locals in every large city.

In the South, the Negro people look to the C.I.O. to lead the fight against lynching and to achieve unity of action in the fight for the right to vote, the right to sit in public places, the right to a living wage, the right to equal political rights, and a chance to win equal wages for equal work with their white union brothers.

BIRMINGHAM—William Miller, district president of the U.W.W., and Walter Jones, vice president, have endorsed the National Negro Congress.

Red Scarf Falls To Split Ranks of WPA

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Miami—An early campaign by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, organized to build the United Association of Iron, Tin and Steel Workers, and all other international unions will be asked to aid this organization to help prevent lynching. The anniversary of the birth of Frederick Douglass. The enthusiastic support of trade unionists has been shown by the wide number of endorsements from union locals in every large city.

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World Is Facing Danger of New War Slaughter

While the League of Nations is struggling to prevent Italy's purchasing oil from other countries, Mussolini calls for more troops to aid his cause. The Italian army, which has more than 50,000 men, is preparing for war. The Italian army is forced to retreat, and its troops are being withdrawn from the border with Ethiopia.

Negro Worker Murdered By Birmingham Police

BIRMINGHAM—On Jan. 2 there appeared a very short article in the Birmingham Post about two policemen who had killed a Negro man because he was suspected of having stolen goods in his home. The paper gave no details of the crime, and they called it "justifiable homicide." No one knew the circumstances of the case. The article was very sensational, but there were some people who cared enough to investigate.

Worked For a Minute

Nathanial, the man who was killed, owned a home which he had built by his own hard work. He was a man with a good heart. He had also married and had three children. Nathaniel had never been able to get a good job, because he was not able to get either the insurance money or the house. He used understanding methods to get his house and his wife and his children. Nathaniel kept his life insurance on his house, because if he moved out of the house they would say it did not belong to him any longer.

Police Stations

Cornelius was not educated and did not realize he was helping the ruling class when he went to get two policemen in that neighborhood. He was told by his brother Nathaniel that he was keeping good stores in his house. He made the story up out of his own mind. Police stations in the South are closed too fast to get a chance at Nathaniel.

They went to his house and knocked on Nathaniel's door. He was sitting in a chair, drinking a bottle of beer. He said, "What do you want?" They said, "We're the police." He said, "I'm not doing anything wrong." They said, "We're looking for Nathaniel." He said, "He's not here." They said, "We have a warrant for his arrest." He said, "I don't know anything about it." They said, "We're going to search your house." He said, "I don't want you to search my house." They said, "We're going to search your house anyway." They searched his house and found a letter which was written by Nathaniel to his wife. They put him in the back of the car and drove away. He was arrested and sent to the county jail.

More About 22 Negroes

The guards were seated in the front of the truck. Twenty Burned Alive.

On the way to the county jail, they were only searched and they were not given a chance to get well. The guards are trying to control the crowd. They are also trying to protect the other Negroes. But the blame for the death of these twenty men may be laid on the shoulders of the white guards. It is a dangerous and irresponsible situation. The day was one of the coldest winter days, yet these Negroes perished on the road.

Landlord Held for Murder of Tenant

SNOW HILL, N. C.—F. Owen, a landlord, is held for murder after an argument over an A.A.A. debt. The incident occurred in 1929, when Nethanial was killed.
Alabama’s New Game

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HE nine innocent Scottsboro boys have already given 45 years to the state of Alabama for a crime they did not commit. But Alabama landlords and industrialists, Governor Graves and other KKK officials, are not satisfied with the slow death of the Scottsboro boys. They want it all over the right way. They want to dangle the mangled charred bodies of boys before the people of the South as a warning that the Negro’s place is not among free people. So the Alabama officials cooked up a plot to split the defense. The result was the shooting of Otis Powell on a 14 mile and false escape charge.

But people in the South and out of the South are equally determined to win the freedom of the boys. The case has shamed Alabama for 5 years. Whites as well as Negroes are aroused. A wide, active defense committee has been formed. It has hired the best lawyers available to defend the Scottsboro boys.

It was the formation of this defense that drove the Alabama officials crazy. In the face of so much protest even the Morgan county jury did not dare give Haywood Patterson a death sentence again. The Assurance given to Patterson showed that the jury knew the boys were innocent.

The Scottsboro case will be one of the most important issues at the National Negro Congress in Chicago this month. Scottsboro reaches deep into the soul of the South. It is rooted in the desire of the landlords and industrial barons to keep working people divided and subordinated. Freedom means not only Negro freedom, but white freedom too. The fight must be carried on by both colors, pulling together against the yoke of industrial and farm slavery in the South.

Join the Communist Party!

To the Workers of the South:

Another year has come along and conditions are not getting better for you. The big money kings and their friends are talking about business picking up. But this better business of theirs only brings you more misery. Every dollar they make is a dollar of blood squeezed from the heart of the working class South.

All of us can see that unions are growing in the South. The working people are waking up. The Negro and white workers are striking together for more wages, for better living conditions. Workers are asking how can we have a better life if the whole world is sliding down the road of poverty and exploitation?

And the answer is JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY! It is the Communist Party, a Party that is working for the freedom of the Negro and the working class in the South. It is the only Party that has the strength to lead the struggles for independence and freedom.

You workers already know and respect the Communist Party. Many of you love it because it has never played you false. It has no other interest than the interest of the working class. Do not hold back. Our Party is the best Party. The best Party can lead the working class to the future where freedom and independence will be the rule, not the exception.

Graves Breaks Pledge

Why a Farmer-Labor Party?

Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company! Creation of the Steel Trust, owned by that monster Corporation, U. S. Steel. It squats like a hideous beast over Birmingham, and its filthy taints reach into our homes, our schools and into the seats of government.

School teachers and even preachers, frequently dare not lift up a voice against it. Newspapers are anxious to be its spokesmen. Police and sheriff’s deputies rush to do its bidding, invading homes, beating workers, crushing unions. Hired thugs, armed with guns and blackjacks, lie in wait for those who defy the tyrannical rule of the Steel Trust.

Tax policies are dictated by this monster. Middle class, merchants, business men and small house-owners are forced to bear the burden which rightly belongs on the back of those big corporations.

The T.C.I. is the headquarters of the Liberty League in the South. With its expensive lawyers and its corrupt company unions, it fights all the halfway measures of Roosevelt and the New Deal.

How long will the people of Birmingham permit this to happen? Start now in every trade union, every club, lodge and Townsends Club, to build a Farmer-Labor Party, which will wrest control from the hands of this monster and place it back in the hands of the people.

Miners’ Convention

The 34th convention of the United Mine Workers will go down in history as one of the great milestones in the road to progressive unionism. The miners stood firm for the continuation of the Committee for Industrial Organization, in spite of Bill Green’s threat to kick them out of the A.F. of L.

The convention made a record showing of Negro and white unity so far as the convention is concerned. There was no record not only as to any discrimination in the UMWA, but the Negroes were admitted to the convention on the equality principle. The Negroes were represented by the leaders of the Jacksonville miners.

Two points were the main issues of the convention: the question of the future of the UMWA, and the question of the organization of the coal miners in the state of Alabama.

On two points, the convention made a mistake. First, they voted down a resolution calling for the election of all district officials. At present, these officials are appointed by the president. In the interest of trade union democracy, these officials should be elected by the miners.

And second, the convention made a mistake on the question of the future of the UMWA. It voted to go on record for a Farmer-Labor Party, stating that present, such an independent party would be “inadvisable.” Instead, the convention, following the lead of President John L. Lewis, called for the candidacy of President Roosevelt.

We disagree. Democratic governors, such as Bibb Graves, have shown they are not the friends of the farmers and the working people. Mr. Roosevelt has betrayed the farmers and the working people, and has done so in order to placate the big bankers and the big business interests.

The convention also stated that the miners fight the coal operators with all their strength.