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THE 75th annual convention of the Alabama State Federation of Labor met in Montgomery last week. The state has shown some growth and the convention was attended by workers throughout the state and by representatives from other states. The convention was well organized and run by a professional staff. Workers from the coal mines, textile mills, and other industries were well represented. The convention passed several resolutions, including one calling for higher wages and better working conditions for workers in the state. The convention also discussed the need for stronger labor unions and the importance of solidarity among workers.

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THE RULING CLAWS

By Redford

INDUSTRIAL RESOLUTION

ADOPTED IN GEORGIA

COLUMBUS, Ga. - The General Conference of the American Federation of Labor, which convened here this week, heard and approved a resolution introduced by Wm. McCall, an official of the federation. The resolution adopted by the conference is as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE

WHEREAS: The vast majority of the working people of Alabama are unable to vote due to inability to pay poll tax and due to discrimination against citizens of the Negro race.

WHEREAS: The right to vote is a basic right and is enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.

RESOLVED: That the Convention of the Southern Labor Federation of Labor go on record in favor of complete abolition of the poll tax and demand that all discrimination against citizens because of race, or color, be ended.

How about it, Brother Jones?

This is the resolution which was given jointly with the Sherman Law. It is a strong demand that the U.S. Constitution be enforced. The resolution is introduced in the convention, but it was not discussed.

Ala. Labor Convention

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Welcome to Dixie

Belle Martin
Is Arrested On
WPA Picket Line

BIRMINGHAM. The trial of Belle Martin, arrested here during the WPA strike last month, was postponed until May 27 by Judge Alexander. Belle Martin was charged with attempting to stir up a riot when she led a delegation of women members of the Hod Carriers’ Union to a sewing room project in this city. Birmingham, in an effort to bring the women “through” on strike. She was held in the Jefferson County jail after the charges against her were dropped from the riot citation to one of unlawful assembly.

At the trial, witnesses were brought in to testify against Mr. Mart. These witnesses were from the files that were kept at the scene of the disorder.

Belle Martin had a band of Negro women who had started a fight in front of the store. Mrs. Martin had been seen at the store and had to get in touch with anyone from outside, and the wardens of the police officers refused to tell her the whereabouts of the charges against her.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver, who have worked in the Dixie Town factory for years, were called to testify. They said their children, except the smallest, also work in the mills. But their wages are so low that the total in the family is not enough to keep hunger out of the door. The house of the children is barely furnished. They have rickets, their little bones are bent, and their little stomachs swollen. Fosters, who has been ill, has just been taken to the hospital by Mrs. Weaver, 11 years old. Her body is being carried away to the hospital, in a rough pail box, to be buried.

The condition of the Weavers is no different from the thousands of other textile workers who live in Dixie Town. The textile houses, many of them living up North, have ground down and enslaved the free people of Dixie Town, with the help of the Southern businessmen and merchants.

But the Dixie Town Chamber of Commerce isn’t satisfied. They publish advertisements in the newspapers inviting more Northern manufacturers to bring their mills South. "Come to Dixie Town," they said, "We will give you a mill and give you free rent, free taxes, free lights. We can guarantee you cheap, well-built goods, and you will be glad to take anything you want to give them."

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THUGS ATTACK FEDERATION MEMBERS

NEW ORLEANS.—Eighteen members of the Maritime Federation of the Gulf Coast have been arrested for filing under the statute passed by the United States Congress. The charges include violation of the anti-war laws and the obstruction of the work of the War Labor Board.

The members of the Federation are being held in the federal prison in New Orleans. The charges include violation of the anti-war laws and the obstruction of the work of the War Labor Board.

TENNYSON STRIKES FOR BILL OF RIGHTS

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ITALIAN TROOPS NEAR MAKALE

These infantrymen are seen moving through rough, wooded country north of Makale, where fierce fighting has taken place. The Italian Fascists have assailed thousands of lives in their drive to occupy the Ethiopian people.

Ethiopians Move To Hills Above Addis Ababa

Leaving a battle-scarred city, Ethiopian gendarmes have taken to the hills surrounding Addis Ababa to continue their struggle.

The Italian Fascists now occupy the ruined city of Addis Ababa. They moved in trucks and jeeps into the city, a transmitter of Ethiopia's in ambush.

False reports of harm done to Americans by Ethiopians and other foreigners were circulated freely from Rome. The fact shows that very few foreigners were harmed by the Ethiopians, and that the raid was not meant for revenge. The fact that the Ethiopians look upon foreign ministers as agents of the Italian government or assistant in Fascism.

Reports Exaggerated

Only one American, Mr. E. A. Stimson, wife of a missionary, was accidentally killed when a stray bullet struck here. Other Americans reported that the altitude of the city was a friendly.

As the capital of Ethiopia was taken by the Italian Fascists, a tremendous celebration took place in Rome, where Mussolini made a speech to the people of Italy.

Emperor Haile Selassie sailed for Palestine aboard the British warship "Enterprise." It is expected that he will go to England later. It is also reported that he will appear in front of the League of Nations in Geneva to present the case of Ethiopia personally and enlist aid for his country.

NOT IN THE DICTIONARY

"After God had finished the universe, the matter was left with a little substance left in which he made a nose. A scab is a love-sick animal with a bony nose. It is a combination between a dog and a pig." — Jack London

COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS GAIN IN FRENCH ELECTIONS

PARIS—The People's Front had a sweeping victory in the elections here. Numbers of socialists were elected by both Communist and Socialists. The French Communist Party, now has 140 representatives in the Chamber of Deputies instead of 10. It is expected that the next cabinet will be made up of Radicals and Socialists. The French Socialists will be the largest party in the next Chamber with 140 deputies against 97 in the last election.

The Communists suffered great losses in the elections. Minister of War, Jules Audy and Henri Franklin Bouillon, both members of the People's Front and the Communist Party respectively, were unseated.

The Communists came in strength in the provinces as well as in the large cities. In recent months, Communist strength in the countryside has been on a steady increase.

In the event that the next cabinet is made up of Radicals and Socialists, a leading Radical or Socialist for president, the French Communist Party will support such a "left" government, as long as it carries out the program of the People's Front. The Communists, however, will not participate in the government.

WPA STRIKE

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The federal government has issued an order to break the strike and evict the holdout workers. The United States Senate has passed a resolution condemning the strike and calling for the use of federal troops to break it.

Rockswood Strike

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The strike at Rockwood in Alabama has ended with the agreement of both sides. The workers have accepted a raise in pay and the company has agreed to the demands of the workers.

COTTON KINGS URGE LONGER HOURS, LOW PAY

FIIIHURST, N. C.——The Southern Cotton Kings, in combination at FIIIHURST, urged Southern cotton mill strikers to the minimum wage scale of 40 cents an hour and went on record as the advocates of the eight-hour day for the Southern Hill towns at night.

Young Leader Kidnapped

Two federal employees of the WPA, who were arrested at the picket line, have been Kidnapped. The workers have been told that they will be released on condition of ending the strike. The strikers have refused to accept the demands of the company.

FOREST ARMED

On the second day of the strike, the workers were given guns and ammunition against the strikers. Two workers were shot at and narrowly escaped death. Clarence James, who was shot in the head, was knocked down and picked up by Mill No. 7. He was shot at the picket line and taken to jail.

Rockwood Homicide

A 16-year-old boy, who was not a worker, was murdered in Rockwood. The boy was the son of a mill worker and had been working for the company.

Forest Foreman

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WHO PAYS THE SALES TAX?

It has been estimated that the sales tax is established at the rate of 2% for each sale of $50 worth of merchandise by the same person. The amount of the tax will be $50 times the rate of 2% for each sale of $50.

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Relief Jobs Handled By Fla. Politicians

A few Florida correspondent, BAY HARBOR, Fla., reported that wages here are very low. A practically has to have a collection desk, which usually the hardest and dirtiest work in the city, and even the larger pay the work as many as possible. The present city administration had increased the number of workers to take care of the relief cases in the city as much as possible.

Waverly, Ala.—Fun Caldwell, a Negro sharecropper in Siloam, Ala., has been missing two weeks following his report to a AAA investigator that his landlord, Woodrow Kiker, had not given him his salary check. The AAA, after checking the matter, has not been able to find any trace of Caldwell. The sharecropper reported that some of his friends had seen him the night before he went missing.

Birmingharn L.I.D. Leader Railroaded On Traffic Charge

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Gray, Birmingharn's most prominent Negro, has been railroaded on traffic charges. He was arrested for allegedly operating an unregistered railroad while in the city. The railroad company, which was operated by Gray, refused to pay his continued, and when he was arrested for non-payment, he was released on bond.

New Negro Union Brother Taken For A "Ride"

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“Reds In Dixie” Reprinted at Workers Request

New Orleans, La.—Because of hundreds of requests received, the American Federation of Labor has decided to reprint "Reds In Dixie," a pamphlet by the Southern Tenant Farmers Union. The pamphlet was originally published in 1930 and has been out of print for some time. The reprint will be distributed to workers throughout the South.

Lewis Greets Delegation of Sharecroppers

WASHINGTON (U.S.)—"Your power is in direct proportion to your strength," John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers and chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, told a delegation of sharecroppers and the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, when they were in Washington recently.

Farm News

FARM NEWS by JERRY COLEMAN

THE Washington Committee on Rural Social Planning, who worked the hardest to make the conference possible, has been named by the Southern Tenant Farmers Union as one of the outstanding men of the conference. The committee, consisting of former Union leaders and friends, has made him one of the leaders of the conference.

Secretary Wagner has designed to foster the farmers into the AAA program. He has been active in promoting the program and has given the farmers more attention and education.

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Sharecroppers: Ask for Charters in Farmers Union

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The first step toward uniting the "Sharecroppers Union with the Farmers Union was taken in 1930. The two unions, where the members of the S.U. are applying for charters in the other organization.

"THE REDS IN DIXIE"

Who Are the Communists, and What Do They Fight For In the South?

By Tom Johnson

Answer to this popular pamphlet that tells the true story of the Communists in the South.

Clip the coupon below and send it with 5 cents in stamps to Box 572, Birmingham.

Send me copies of "RED IN DIXIE." I enclose 5 cents for each pamphlet to cover cost of mailing.

Name
Address
American Writer Finds New World Where Oil Kings Once Reigned

Baku, USSR — From the city of Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, a 48-hour train ride takes you to the western shores of the Black Sea. The city is renowned for its oil fields, which have been declared a world heritage site by UNESCO. The oil industry has shaped the city's history, and its legacy can still be seen in the grandeur of its architecture and the wealth it has brought to the region.

Fascism Came to Miners of Harlan, Ky.

By a Mine Worker (Correspondent)
MIDDLESBORO, KY. — I have been asked the question by many friends, "What is it like to work in a coal mine?" I have to admit that working in a coal mine is not for everyone. It is a dangerous and physically demanding job, but for those who are willing to endure the hardships, there is a sense of pride and accomplishment that comes with it.

ONE OF OURS

By Myra Page

The South grows many things besides tobacco. It has brought the region to prominence in the production of cotton, rice, and peanuts. However, the region also faces challenges such as poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation.

C. P. Leader Framed On Vagrancy Charge

BIRMINGHAM — Carrying out a long-standing policy, Chief Justice, for over a year, Judge William Hart, has arrested Jack Barton, Secretary of the Communist Party. According to sources, Barton was arrested for failing to register with the authorities as required. The arrest has caused a stir among the local community, with many expressing their support for Barton's cause.

Farmers Get Less as Prices of Bread and Flour Rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Slices cut from the consumers' bread by a National Farmers' Union have increased, Farm Research, Inc., declares, in its May bulletin. "Facts for Farmers," for every dollar spent by the consumer for bread in 1929, the farmer got 35 cents. In 1936, out of every dollar spent for bread by the consumer, only 17 cents went to the farmer.

Shoe Workers Settle

COKEVILLE, Tenn. — Striking workers at the Minnesota Shoe Company have returned to work, ending a 46-day strike. The workers walked out when a 10 percent wage cut was handed down.

Shoe Store News

The Southern Worker

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Resistance to
Eastman's R. R. Program
By George Brown

Throughout the country over
railroad terminals had been
shorn of over $100,000,000
in bonds and notes. The
railroad companies, with the
abandonment of many of the
short-line lines, have found it
necessary to reduce their
employee force. This has
resulted in a decrease of
wages and working condi-
tions. The situation is such
that it is impossible for
many of the employees to
make ends meet.

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RULING MADE ON SUCH A DAM

Children of Pioneers Starving in
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By Texas Correspondent

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clamor of the legislation
against the striking workers
in the WPA projects is not
likely to cease. The
workmen of the United
Textile Workers of America
have been employed by the
Tennessee State Federation
of Labor convention.

LYNCHINGS

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When he was returned to Repton,
read Danielsville, to stand trial, a
mob of 40 men took him from the
courthouse where he was
arrested and killed him. He
made no effort to resist.

The body of Willie Keen was
found in a field near the
Middleton plantation.

The funeral of the thirtysix
year old man was held on
Saturday afternoon at the
Middleton church. The
minister who conducted the
service was Rev. J. B. R. Wills.

The body was taken from
the church to the parade
ground where the funeral
procession was assembled.

Turner again was the
speaker. He said:

"We have today a
community that is
united in purpose and
action. The people of
this community are
prepared to
support each other in
time of trouble."

The service was
concluded with a
prayer by Rev. J. B. R. Wills.

The body was then taken to
the church and laid to
rest in the family plot.

The following persons
attended the funeral:

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Organizing Dixie

The slogan, "Organize the Unorganized in the South," is not much good unless it is put into action. The movement in two fields of Southern industry, the labor movement in the textile industry and the movement to organize the steel workers, are by progressive elements for a drive to organize the steel workers. Since one of the weakest points in the Southern labor front is the absence of strong and active labor unions in the textile industry, this movement is of importance. This movement is important, however, not only for the South, but also for the North. Unorganized industry is low wage in the South and high wage in the North. These industries are driven not only by low wage conditions, but they will help to bring the growing power of the textile industry in the South and the growth of the textile unions in the North. These industries, which are now controlled by a small number of owners, will help to bring about an increase in the wages of textile workers in both the South and the North.

Lynchings Are Fascism

Within a week three negroes have been lynched in the South. Two, in Arkansas and one in Louisiana, Linc, Shaw and Willie Keel were accused of "attempting to attack" white women. John Rusk, who was charged with theft and the killing of a white man, No one of the accused men was proved guilty.

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Demand an investigation and punishment of the guilty. Kill and5Killa! Fit for a real federal anti-lynch law which will prosecute these murderers!

Three States

The Federation of Labor in three Southern states meeting recently have gone on record endorsing industrial unionism. All three, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee, took a more progressive position on the problems confronting the labor movement.

But these state Federation conventions made one serious mistake - they gave a blanket endorsement of Franklin D. Roosevelt for the presidency. The delegates were persuaded that this was the only way Labor could prevent the attack on industrial unionism. It is good that the delegates realized so clearly the danger of the Liberty League, seeing that this group is pretty well armed, with the money of the state of Alabama, and the back of the big cotton planters and the big farmers. The League is trying to turn the state of Alabama into a model of what it would be like in other states, with the hope that it could be a model for the rest of the country.

The season of Labor is an important one for the workers of America, to the workers of the South, that gift of the workers of America, to the workers of the South, that gift was a policy. Organizing the unorganized! Build industrial unions! The other part of the gift was the example of fighting courage and faith in the people.

READ TRUE FOR A CHANGE

Lately it is circulated around the South about the Red. The newspapers carry stories of foreign invasions and alien agitators. "Heard it on the Raids as bearded men with smoking tongs in their pockets." The average worker is an easy prey, but when he reads nothing but the capitalist press he is bound to get some queer ideas. In justice to himself, he should read for a time some of the Red literature. He should read for himself the position of the Communists in the trade unions, toward churches and politics.

Write for Red literature to Box 872, Birmingham, Alabama. Give the Red a chance to tell you the truth about themselves.