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## HARRY SIMMS MURDERED BY KY. COAL OPERATORS! VOICE YOUR MASS PROTEST WED. AT BRONX COLISEUM!

### Workers! Over the Murdered Body of Harry Simms, Rally and Fight for Victory!

THE murder at Barbourville, Kentucky, of Comrade Harry Simms, the 20-year-old organizer of the National Miners' Union and member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League, is the latest blow struck by the coal barons and their government against the heroic Kentucky and Tennessee miners and their families. It is equally a blow against the entire working class and against the Communist Party and the Young Communist League who are the organizers of the struggle against the starvation-war-and-slavery drive of American imperialism and the Wall Street government of Hoover.

This cold-blooded murder is intended as a means toward breaking the strike of the Kentucky and Tennessee miners and driving them back to starvation and slavery in the scab coal pits. When this splendid working class youth was left bleeding for hours on a railroad track without medical attention, and then when the county attorney tortured him with third degree questions as he lay dying in the hospital—this was the action of the coal operators and their "law" flunkies, not against an individual, but against every working class man, woman and child.

Harry Simms as well as other organizers of the National Miners' Union have been denounced by the coal operators and their legal and newspaper flunkies as "foreigners," who "should not be listened to" because they come from another state "up north." The Kentucky and Tennessee coal miners today see the body of this heroic youth lying in death where he died fearlessly for their cause. This is a symbol for the Kentucky and Tennessee miners of the great lesson of the unity of the working class, South and North, of all countries and of all races—the unity of labor in the struggle against capitalist slavery.

The bosses and their agents, murdering, jailing, kidnapping and flogging both Negro and white workers who lead the struggle for the right to live, nevertheless try at all costs to maintain the division between black and white, between "northern" and "southern," between "native" and "foreign" workers. This is only in the interest of the coal operators. The working class is learning in the course of the bitter struggle of workers of North and South, black and white—the lesson that only in unity can they resist the common slavery of all.

But if the coal operators struck down in death this heroic youth of the working class for the purpose of breaking the miners' strike, then the miners must strike back at the coal operators by closing their ranks and fighting tenfold more boldly, more courageously and more effectively to win the strike.

The murder of Comrade Simms must be the signal for renewed and successful efforts to strengthen the base of the Kentucky-Tennessee strike. It must be the signal for renewed efforts on a nation-wide scale for the strengthening of the relief campaign of the Workers International Relief. The fighting miners in this way will be shown that the coal operators and their government, by murdering Comrade Simms, have stirred the American working class to new determination, new struggles and white hot hatred of their oppressors expressing itself in better organization and extension of the class battlefront.

But this is not only the affair of the workers of Kentucky and Tennessee. The record of the crimes of the capitalists and their government against the working class and its revolutionary leadership in the Kentucky-Tennessee miners' struggle is only an ugly example of the methods of the imperialist ruling class of America against the working class throughout the country.

Behind the starvation and terror drive against the Kentucky-Tennessee miners, behind the murder terror against Negro and white organizers of the National Miners' Union, behind the efforts of the coal operators and their local and state government to smash the strike and drive the miners back to work as slaves, stand the federal government of Wall Street—the executive committee of the American capitalist class.

The murder of Comrade Simms must be used to make this still clearer to the millions of unemployed, and part-time workers, to the 12,000,000 unemployed and their dependents to whom not a crust of bread is allowed by the federal government while billions are given to the bankers, railways and big industrial corporations.

The National Miners' Union is the organizer and leader of the Kentucky-Tennessee miners. It has organized and led the heroic struggle of these workers and they were betrayed by the officials of the United Mine Workers whose officials today consort with the gunmen of the coal operators, pointing out the organizers and most active strikers, marking them for slaughter.

Strengthen the National Miners' Union—Defeat the treachery of the UMW officials. They are spattered with the blood of Comrade Simms and of the Kentucky miners who were murdered in the fight against starvation, miners! Join the National Miners' Union.

The Communist Party and its organizers are singled out for attack by the coal operators and their agents. The coal operators who feed upon the blood of the Kentucky miners, recognize in the Communist Party and the Young Communist League their most deadly enemies—they see the Communist Party correctly as the organizer and leader of the working class.

The open boast of County Attorney Walter Smith is that the "law" controlled by the coal operators will murder or drive out of Kentucky every leader of the coal miners in order to be better able to whip the miners back to starvation and slavery. The workers of Kentucky and Tennessee must and will rally to the defense of their leaders! Above all, the organ of leadership of the workers' struggle, the Communist Party, must be built in the coal fields by the enlistment of the native workers, black and white.

Young workers! Answer the murder terror of the bosses and their hired assassins, answer the war drive of American imperialism, answer the Wall Street-Hoover Hunger Program by joining the Young Communist League in fighting battalions from the mines, steel mills, railways and waterfronts!

Make the murder of Comrade Simms a new stage in the American class struggle marked by the rallying of vast new forces to the support of the Kentucky-Tennessee strike.

Mark the murder of Comrade Simms, and the field of struggle where his young body will lie, with a new milestone which points the way to better organized and sterner struggle against the capitalist offensive day in and day out, and which points as well the way to the revolutionary way out of the crisis and capitalist terror, war and starvation—the path of revolutionary struggle for the overthrow of capitalism and a government of workers and farmers.

Avenge the murder of Comrade Simms by winning the strike of the Kentucky-Tennessee miners, by building the National Miners' Union and the Trade Union Unity League with its militant industrial unions into the fighting mass organizations of the American working class around the Communist Party—its revolutionary proletarian leadership.

Workers of Kentucky and Tennessee! Workers of all the coal fields! Workers of all cities, towns and industries, from New York, Chicago and Pittsburgh to the smallest town! The Communist Party calls upon you to organize mass demonstrations against the murder of the heroic young leader of our class!

### Wm. Weinstone: "Save the Daily Worker!"

Today the Daily Worker has been reduced to two pages as an emergency measure to keep the paper alive.

Suspension would be a heavy blow to the workers' struggles, especially in this critical period of imperialist war in China and the menacing spectre of war against the Soviet Union, the mine strike in Kentucky, and the struggle for unemployment insurance.

The bosses' terror is increasing. The bloody murder of Simms, 20 year old Y. C. L. and N. M. U. organizer, in Kentucky, is the climax of a long period of murder and brutality, and marks the beginning of a new reign of terror by the coal operators. This new terror wave must be smashed by united front mass fights of miners and workers all over the country.

Keep the Daily Worker alive to organize this united front. Keep the Daily Worker alive to educate and rally the workers for struggle, to organize a mass fight against the bosses' program of starvation and of violence. Rush funds to Save the Daily Worker!

WM. W. WEINSTONE

#### EMERGENCY NOTICE.

Rally to the rescue of the Daily Worker. Save your paper from suspension. Bring all donations possible to the New York Office of the Daily Worker, which will be open all day Saturday and Sunday as well as at night, Room 505, 50 East 13th St., Fifth floor.

Attend the Save the Daily Worker Conference to be held this Sunday, February 14th at Irving Plaza. All workers organizations, trade unions, fraternal organizations, benefit and cultural organizations send delegates. Attend in mass. Save the Daily Worker!

#### YOUTH ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION TODAY AT 2 P. M.

Protest War Against  
Chinese Masses and  
Threats to USSR

The Anti-War Youth Conference calls upon the youth of New York City to demonstrate against the imperialist attacks on the Chinese masses and the war danger against the Soviet Union. The demonstration will start at Jefferson Street corner E. Broadway at 2 p.m. The parade will proceed up Clinton St. at Stuyvesant Casino, 9th St. and 2nd Ave.

The boss class of the world fears the Chinese masses and their Soviets. Therefore, they are concentrating all their forces to crush the Chinese revolution.

While they are sending their armed forces to crush the Chinese Soviets, they are perpetrating the vilest provocations against the Soviet Union.

The masses of the world must organize in the shops and working-class organizations against the imperialist powers. The youth, especially, must act now!

All out to Rutgers Square on Saturday at 2 p.m. Demonstrate at Stuyvesant Casino at 3:30 p.m.!

#### ATTENTION ALL Y.C.L. MEMBERS!

The special issue of the "Young Worker" dealing with the brutal murder of comrade Harry Simms, will be off press Monday night. All orders must be placed immediately, enabling successful distributions everywhere.

### JAPANESE POURING TROOPS INTO CHINA; PREPARE TO PUSH WAR ON CHINA SOVIETS

U. S., British Set up Barbed Wire in Shanghai  
Against Chinese Masses

The Japanese are rushing more troops to China. The Japanese Admiral Nomura at Shanghai yesterday restated the Japanese intentions to push up the Yangtze River. This, together with the huge army being sent to China, means that the Japanese are preparing for an early drive against the Chinese Red Army and the Chinese Soviet Republic. Japanese, United States and British warships are already bombarding positions of the Chinese Red Army on the Yangtze River. The workers of the United States must

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### Workers! Protest the Bloody Terror of the Mine Bosses!

DEMAND THE SAFE RELEASE OF ALL  
THE ARRESTED STRIKE LEADERS  
NOW IN PINEVILLE JAIL!

Demand the Right to Organize, Strike, Speak  
and Meet! Strengthen the Strike! Smash  
the Hunger Program of the Bosses!

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 12.—Henry Hall, driver of a Cincinnati food truck for the Workers International Relief, was shot in the leg near Barbourville, Ky. near the place where Harry Simms was shot dead. Hall was returning from Pineville and stopped to make an adjustment on his truck. A passing car, filled with coal operators' gun thugs halted, and shot at him, wounding him in the leg. The truck was ejected from Pineville, and the food collected by the workers throughout the country for the starving miners, was not permitted to be unloaded.

#### ALL OUT TO THE MASS MEMORIAL DEMONSTRATION AT THE BRONX COLISEUM WEDNESDAY

NEW YORK.—To rally the New York workers against the vicious, murderous terror in Kentucky, to protest against the murder of Harry Simms, organizer of the National Miners' Union and member of the Young Communist League, a mass memorial demonstration will be held Wednesday night at the Bronx Coliseum.

PINEVILLE, Ky., Feb. 12.—A mass funeral that will mobilize thousands of miners will be held in Four Mile, Kentucky, 4 miles from Pineville next Monday at 2 o'clock for Harry Simms, 19 year old N. M. U. youth organizer, who was murdered in cold blood by Deputy Sheriff Arian Miller, one of a gang of murderers under the leadership of Sheriff Broughton.

A guard of 15 miners watch over Comrade Simms' body at the undertaker's parlor in Barbourville, to prevent gun thugs from spoiling it.

Bell County officials plan to steal the body of Comrade Simms from the undertaker in Barbourville and ship it to New York immediately to prevent a mass funeral. Frank Mason and Henry Williams, two miners sent to Barbourville to act as guard of honor over Simms' body, were arrested in Pineville and charged with criminal syndicalism.

PINEVILLE, Ky., Feb. 12.—Harry Simms, 19-year old District Organizer of the Young Communist League who was active in the organization of the Youth Section of the National Miners' Union in Kentucky and Tennessee, died Thursday night at 9:20 in Barbourville, Ky. of a bullet wound received at the hands of Arian Miller, a deputized coal company gun thug. Comrade Simms' last act before he was fatally wounded was the convening

of the successful Kentucky-Tennessee National Miners' Youth Conference in Pineville Tuesday afternoon, the first youth conference ever held in the heart of the south. Simms was cold-bloodedly murdered.

His fatal wounding came about in the following manner. At 7:30 on Wednesday morning, Simms and Green Lawson, a striker who had a few days before been elected section organizer of Brush Creek, were walking along the railroad track near Artimus, Ky. They were headed for Brush Creek to meet a delegation of miners who had walked twenty miles across the mountains to join the Brush Creek strikers and march with them to the demonstration that was to take place in Pineville in the afternoon under the joint auspices of the National Miners' Union, the Workers International Relief and the delegation of outstanding writers. Simms was to lead both the Brush Creek and the Gatlinf miners into Pineville fifteen miles distant.

While Simms and Lawson were walking along the tracks they heard behind them the chugging of a small railroad car such as is used to transport five or six railroad workers. Simms and Lawson stepped off the

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### The Life of Harry Simms, Who Died in the Forefront of Workers' Struggle

Harry Simms, the murdered young comrade, was born in Springfield, Mass. of working class parents. At the age of 14 he became a worker in a textile factory, and then in a metal factory. He soon became conscious of the bitter struggle of the workers against the exploiting class and joined the Young Communist League.

His intelligence, his courage, his devotion to the working class soon resulted in his being elected Young Communist League organizer in Connecticut in 1929. He was jailed for four months in Waterbury, Conn., for speaking at the March 6th historical unemployment demonstration which

blazed the struggle for unemployment relief.

In the Fall of 1930 he was sent to the South by the Young Communist League as District Organizer, with headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama. He was arrested there repeatedly for his activity in organizing the Negro and white workers for struggle against the common enemy. In July, 1931, he was elected to the National Executive Committee of the Y. C. L. at its 6th National Convention. He was released from Birmingham by the Young Communist League at the request of the National Miners' Union to organize youth sections in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Simms was a tireless organizer. He was loved and revered by thousands of Kentucky miners who had listened to his advice in conducting the strike. Sixty-year old strikers met with him and counseled with him in the leading of the strike. He actually bore the entire burden of the strike on his own shoulders when the nine leaders were arrested in Pineville, and when the terror broke out in its sharpest form. Simms remained at his post, leading the strike.

His cold-blooded murder by the coal company thugs has aroused every miner. A mass funeral will be held on Monday

