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## PROTEST SIMMS' MURDER AT BRONX COLISEUM TOMORROW

### Mass Protest and Action to Defeat the Attacks in Kentucky and Tennessee

THE murder of Comrade Harry Simms by coal company thugs has marked the launching of a new and intense wave of assault and suppression directed against the striking miners of Kentucky and Tennessee, their militant organization—the National Miners' Union, and the Communist Party.

Mass protest and action throughout the country can defeat these attacks.

Dispatches from these two states show that the capitalist press is outdoing itself in calling for suppression of the heroic struggles of the miners and other workers—by any and all means.

The resolute struggle of the miners and their families in the face of armed suppression and wholesale jailings, in the face of the continued attacks and raids even upon the strike relief, has aroused the capitalists—Morgan, Insull, Rockefeller, Schwab, etc.—their government and their bootlickers to murderous fury.

They have seen the fighting front extend beyond the strike area in spite of their vicious propaganda of Negro hatred, religious prejudice and patriotism. They have seen the unity of the working class, Negro and white, being consolidated in the fight against wage cuts, unemployment and starvation.

They have seen the Communist Party winning workers for its program where their right to rob and rule has never before been challenged. They have seen the workers of Kentucky and Tennessee welcoming organizers of the National Miners' Union—these hated "foreigners" from the northern industrial centers.

They have seen Communists teaching and organizing workers. They have found that Kentucky and Tennessee workers welcome our Party. They know that the conditions they have forced upon the workers are unbearable, that thousands of them have chosen to fight rather than starve, and that many more thousands will make the same choice with revolutionary leadership.

They fear the building of the Communist Party in Kentucky and Tennessee.

The capitalist class of America is concentrating its forces in Kentucky and Tennessee. This is where the most determined challenge to the whole Wall Street-Hoover Hunger Program is being made today. This is where the class war is sharpest.

While the Kentucky and Tennessee miners continue their magnificent fight against the starvation drive of American capitalism, the attack on other sections of the working class cannot proceed with the desired smoothness. In the mine fields of Kentucky and Tennessee there is a center of working class resistance which, in spite of the efforts of the capitalist press to suppress the news of the struggle, furnishes an example and an inspiration to an American working class beset on all sides by wage cuts and mass unemployment, by steady attacks on its already miserable standard of living.

In the very center of the struggle against starvation in Kentucky and Tennessee are the basic issues of the right to organize, the right to strike and picket, the right of free speech and assembly. These rights have been trampled under foot in the mine fields. They have been blown to dust by the guns of the coal company deputies.

The criminal syndicalism law is used to jail organizers and strikers. Twelve are now in the Pineville jail and 11 of them have been from the beginning of the strike. They are threatened daily with lynching and flogging. Miners protect them as best they can.

From three to six warrants for criminal syndicalism and other charges have been issued for practically every member of the strike executive committee—all Kentucky miners. They are ambushed and fired on with machine guns.

Organizers and active strikers are hounded like wild beasts. The shacks which they call homes are watched and searched. Their families are evicted. Federal injunctions are issued against them. A price of one thousand dollars, dead or alive, has been placed on the head of Frank Borich, secretary of the National Miners' Union.

The Rockefeller, Morgan, Insull, Schwab, the governments of Kentucky and Tennessee, the federal government—must be made responsible before the American working class for lives and liberties of the miners and their leaders. They must be held strictly responsible for the mass starvation and the reign of terror in and around the strike areas.

Answer the attacks by carrying forward the Party recruiting. Mass protest and mass action, protest meetings in all industrial centers—the building of a mass defense movement for the unconditional release of all arrested strikers and organizers—mass collections of money, food and clothing for the strikers and their families—this is the way in which the murderous assault upon the Kentucky and Tennessee miners and their revolutionary leaders can be repelled and the campaign of fascist suppression smashed.

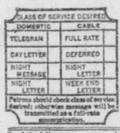
All support to the heroic struggle of the miners and their leaders.

### Demonstrate in Wall St. Today Against Murders in Kentucky

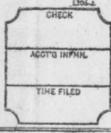
NEW YORK—Writers, artists, and actors will join a mass demonstration of workers today at noon before the U. S. Steel Corporation and the Morgan headquarters on Wall St. to protest murders and terror in the Kentucky coal fields. Placards and posters denouncing the killing of Harry Simms, 19-year-old National Miners Union organizer, the denial of food to striking miners, and the kidnapping and slugging of the writers' committee in Pineville will be carried by famous New Yorkers at the head of the parade.

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FARRELL UNIT COMMUNIST PARTY

Workers have shown that they know how to answer the brutal murderers of Harry Simms. From Farrell, Pa., where only yesterday 3,500 workers were laid off by the American Tin Plate Co., the workers have sent us \$22 as a direct answer to the Kentucky terror wave. One hundred dollars from Los Angeles, \$100 from Pennsylvania, and hundreds of dollars from other sections of the United States show the rising spirit of the workers.

Workers, do not slacken in your efforts now. Keep up the good work. A four-page paper is possible only if we receive the balance of \$3147.77 towards the needed \$7500. The danger of suspension can be permanently removed only if we increase the pace.

Spread the Daily Worker Emergency Fund Drive! Spread the drive to your fellow workers, into the shops and into the homes. Rush funds immediately to save the Daily Worker.

DAILY WORKER MGT. COMMITTEE.

### TUUL Protests the Murder of Simms; Calls to Aid Relief

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The Trade Union Unity League at its National Bureau today adopted a resolution of protest against the assassination of organizer Simms by Kentucky gun thugs.

It called upon organizations all over the country to protest against this brutal murder and to express their practical solidarity with the Kentucky and Tennessee miners by greatly intensifying the strike relief collections.

The Bureau urged the Kentucky and Tennessee miners to reply to these latest acts of terrorism by making the strike solid throughout the field.

The League Bureau voted to attend the funeral in a body and delegated Comrades Ford, Minerich and Foster to officially represent the Bureau.

Chicago Pleds Support.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The dress department of the Needle Trades Industrial Union has set the machinery in motion to support the striking New York dressmakers. All members have pledged a half day's pay for the strikers and are holding an affair; the funds derived from which will be sent to aid the New York strike.

### Chinese Red Army Captures Nanchang; Encircling Hankow

#### Imperialists Prepare Blood Bath Against the Revolutionary Chinese Workers in Shanghai

BULLETIN.

(By Cable to the Daily Worker).

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Over 10,000 British workers demonstrated here yesterday against the imperialist war on the Chinese masses and for the defense of the Chinese Soviet Republic and the Soviet Union.

The demonstration began at Trafalgar Square with 4,000 workers. An open-air meeting unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the Chinese workers and peasants in their fight against imperialism, and appealing to the British workers to prevent the transport of war material to the Far East. Speakers of the British Communist Party exposed the plans of the imperialists for armed intervention against the Soviet Union and pointed out that Manchuria was being converted by the Japanese into a military base against workers' Russia.

From Trafalgar Square, the workers marched to the Japanese Embassy, gathering support on their way. A demonstration was held before the Japanese embassy, and a copy of the resolution presented. The demonstration closed in Hyde Park with over ten thousand workers in attendance.

The Chinese Red Army forces which have been besieging

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Harry Simms



Murdered last Wednesday near Pineville, Ky., by paid assassins of the coal operators responsible for the bloody reign of terror against the striking Kentucky miners. This photo was taken 2 yrs. ago.

GOVERNOR LAFFOON OF KENTUCKY



He is responsible for the terror against the striking miners and the murder of Simms.

### Workers Repulse Hamburg Fascists

(Special Cable to the Daily Worker) BERLIN, February 15.—Yesterday morning fascists appeared in great numbers in the workers' quarters of Hamburg which is predominantly Communist. The fascists intended a repetition of last Sunday's action in Eastend Berlin, but were just as unsuccessful. Last Sunday fascists in elaborate military array swarmed into Eastend Berlin with the purpose of "cleaning out" the Communists but were repulsed by masses of workers and their plans were a complete fiasco.—Editor).

The chief collisions occurred solidly before the Communist Party quarters when sixty fascists attempted to storm the local. Windows and doors were smashed and the interior wrecked during the fierce fight, but the fascists were repulsed.

Revolvers were used in the clash. One fascist was killed and many injured on both sides. Police rushed to the scene, cordoned off the streets and arrested thirty. The Communist local was closed down for a fortnight, by order of the police.

### ALL UNITS MEETING TONIGHT.

Collect tonight—save the Daily Worker. Your collections will determine whether or not we go back to a four-page paper. Tonight's collections at unit meetings will do it. Collect and contribute to the maximum.

### SCORES STRIKE IN BRUSH CREEK PROTESTING SIMMS' MURDER; RELIEF GOES ON

Miners Brave Terror, Distribute Food Throughout Bell and Harlan Counties.

NEW YORK.—The mass memorial demonstration in honor of Comrade Simms, young leader and organizer in the Kentucky coal strike and leader of the Young Communist League, murdered in cold blood by the Kentucky coal barons, will be addressed by William Z. Foster, Joe Weber, leader of the heroic strike and a Negro miner direct from the strike area, I. Amter, Tony Minerich, of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League, and others.

The memorial demonstration is arranged by the Communist Party and Young Communist League, Wednesday night, 7 p.m. sharp, at the huge Bronx Coliseum, E. 177th St.

This mass demonstration will be a mighty expression of protest and determination of the New York workers to struggle against the bosses mass hunger, terror and war program.

The body of Harry Simms will arrive at Pennsylvania station, 31st St.

and Seventh Ave., at 7:30 a.m., instead of 6:30 as previously reported. The workers of New York are expected to turn out in large numbers and march with the body of our murdered comrade down Seventh Ave. to 23rd St.; east on 28th St. to Sixth Ave.; south, along Sixth Ave. to 14th St.; east on 14th St. to University Pl., south to 12th St., and east on 12th St. to the Workers Center where the body will lie in state.

PINEVILLE, Ky., Feb. 15.—The greatest mobilization of gun thugs, special deputies and National Guardsmen in the course of the present strike, succeeded in preventing thousands of miners paying their last respects to their murdered young leader Harry Simms, today in Barbourville, Kentucky.

National Guardsmen under the command of Capt. Nolan arrived in Barbourville early today from bloody Harlan County, despite the fact that there are National Guardsmen in Barbourville. The National Guard in Barbourville was not used indicating that the coal operators, county and state officials fear the sympathy of the local guardsmen and their feelings against the thugs who are responsible for the murder of Simms.

Thugs Line All Roads Harlan gun thugs were in Barbourville and stationed on every road throughout the county. Thousands of miners from Brush Creek, Straight Creek, Pineville and Middlesboro were turned back. Around 150 miners who had marched 35 miles from Gatlinf were turned back when they attempted to come in. All roads were patrolled by guardsmen with rifles and machine guns, assisted by scores of gun thugs and special deputies sworn in in Knox County.

National Guardsmen took possession of the body of Harry Simms despite the protest of the miners' guard of 15 who were watching the body. The miners' guard was intimidated with machine guns. The gun thugs forced them to ship the body on the 2:38 train to New York.

Two representatives, one from the National Miners Union and the other from the Central Strike Committee, along with the guard of 15, were allowed in town to take possession of the body. No other strikers were allowed in Barbourville. All cars on the road, without exception, were stopped and searched before they were allowed to Barbourville.

This act of preventing the mass funeral of Harry Simms followed three or four days of the most intense terror and persecution throughout the entire strike field. In Barbourville itself Dorothy Wilks, sent in by the Workers International Relief to care for Simms when he was wounded, and who remained with him until the end, has been forcibly kept in Barbourville since the death of Simms. She has been under the

constant surveillance of the chief of police himself. The police chief said he had not slept for three nights, and that he has been constantly "guarding" Miss Wilks.

Dorothy Wilks is a representative of the Medical Aid Unit of the W.I.R. An unconfirmed report has reached here that the Bryson mine in the Middlesboro section struck today in protest against the murder of Simms. A confirmed report states that scores of working miners in the various mines in Brush Creek section in which Simms was murdered have struck in protest against this murder and against the gun thug rule in that section.

B. S. Brackett, who was beaten up and barely escaped with his life from Harlan gun thugs some ten days ago, was arrested yesterday for distributing leaflets calling for the memorial meeting for Harry Simms. Jess Smith, a striker from Middlesboro was arrested at the same time. Both are now charged with criminal syndicalism.

A hearing is now on against Harold Hickerson, playwright, and Doris Parks, representative of the Workers International Relief of Knoxville who were arrested at the time the writers' committee was kidnapped by the coal operators and Waldo Frank and Allan Taub were slugged. They are charged with criminal syndicalism.

Thirty strikers from Straight Creek have been cited for contempt of court for violation of the injunction secured by the Straight Creek Coal Co. two weeks ago from the federal court seeking to prevent picketing and all other strike activity. They will appear before Federal Judge Conklin of Lexington, Ky., tomorrow morning. Attorney Stone from Pineville, whose life has been threatened by the coal operators, will be there to represent the strikers and the National Miners Union.

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## 12 Strike Leaders and Relief Workers In Pineville Issue Call to Carry On Simms' Work

STATEMENT OF 12 PRISONERS IN BELL COUNTY JAIL, PINEVILLE, KY., CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM BECAUSE OF AID TO COAL MINERS STRIKING AGAINST STARVATION AND TERROR

HARRY SIMMS, member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League, youth organizer of the National Miners' Union, was murdered by Deputy Sheriff Artie Miller of Knox County, a coal company guard. Killing Harry Simms was part of a reign of terror by the operators. Our own arrest, in the first days of the strike, the raid on the National Miners' Union office, smashing of miners' meetings in Pineville February 10 (and on many other occasions), evictions, shooting of relief workers, kidnapping and flogging of the strike leaders, Joe Weber and Bill Duncan, and the kidnapping, beating and arrest of members of the investigating committee of writers, and

now this murder of Harry Simms, are all steps in the coal operators' vicious program in Knox, Bell and Harlan Counties.

Flooding Bell County with swarms of deputized coal company gun thugs and open declaration by the mayor of Pineville that members of the National Miners' Union are to be regarded and treated as "criminals" and "enemies of the city," promise further acts of terror. Plans made openly by city authorities and coal operators at meetings in Hotel Continental, Pineville, to take all prisoners charged with criminal syndicalism "for a ride," indicate there will be more atrocities committed by the coal operators and their agents.

The most brutal act so far is the murder of Simms. The reason he was picked as a victim is plain. When the National Miners' Union office was raided on the fourth day of the strike and most of us were arrested, Simms carried on relief and union organization.

When Joe Weber and Bill Duncan were kidnapped, beaten and expelled by force from Kentucky, when coal operators placed a reward of \$1,000 on the head of Frank Borich, national secretary of the National Miners' Union, it was 19 year old Harry Simms, youth organizer of the union, who filled the gap until new forces could be trained. Hiding in miners' shacks, drafting strike leaflets, giving

invaluable advice on organization policy to committees of miners, going fearlessly into every danger spot where leadership was required, Simms earned the deadly hatred of coal operators determined to starve the miners, their wives and babies to death in order to break the strike and maintain their starvation level of wages.

The hired assassins of these coal operators, working in cowardly fashion behind deputy sheriffs' badges, had orders to "get" Harry Simms. He knew it. The miners knew it. Everybody knew it. But Harry never faltered, and has now paid with his life for his devotion to his

Harry has done his work well. He built organization among those who hardly knew its meaning before. His life and death are an example to all workers everywhere. It is now for us and for all workers to carry on this work with the same determination. His death must not be in vain.

Organize! Get hundreds of new members, dozens of new leaders to take Harry Simms' place in the National Miners' Union!

Smash the terror of the coal barons! Demand the disarming of the coal company thugs!

Protest the murder of our young comrade! Fight for the right to organize and strike!

Demand the immediate release of all those arrested for strike activity!

Fight for repeal of the strikebreaking Criminal Syndicalism Law!

Carry on and consolidate the strike in Kentucky and Tennessee!

Build a mass relief organization! Build the National Miners' Union!

Signed: Vern Smith, John Harvey, Vincent Kernenovich, Harold Hickerson, G. C. Green, Clarina Michelson, Ann Barton, Julia Parker, Margaret Fontaine, Norma Martin, Dorothy Weber, Doris Parks.

# More Cities Prepare Mass Protests at Murder of Simms

### Workers to Demand Release of Class War Prisoners, Protest Kentucky Mine Terror

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 15.—The National Miners Union and the International Labor Defense are calling a protest demonstration on Wednesday, February 17th at the corner of Diamond and Wood Streets against the murder of Harry Simms.

The International Labor Defense has sent a telegram to the high sheriff of Kentucky, condemning this murderous outrage as well as protesting the kidnapping of writers who brought relief to the striking miners, the telegram also demands immediate release of all the leaders of the National Miners Union, International Labor Defense, Workers International Relief who were arrested in Kentucky and demanding the right to free speech, assembly, picketing and strike against wage cuts.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 15.—Two hundred workers attended a memorial meeting held last night for Harry Simms, murdered youth organizer of the National Miners Union in Kentucky. Speakers were Paul E. Brooks, district organizer of the Young Communist League; Joe Weber, district Trade Union Unity League organizer, Walter C. Clark, Negro Kentucky miner.

A protest resolution was adopted and sent to Governor Laffoon of Kentucky. Arrangements are being made for a funeral procession in Springfield on Thursday. Simms' parents were absent from the meeting due to illness, but expressed solidarity with the workers in their struggle against hunger and terrorism.

### Philadelphia Protest Friday

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 15.—A mass protest against the shooting of Harry Simms will be held at the Broadway Arena, Broad and Christian Streets, Friday, February 16th where thousands of workers will gather to protest the murder of the young National Miners Union organizer in Kentucky, and to demand the

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 15.—Alfred Wagenknecht, National Secretary of the Workers International Relief, met with the Central Strike Relief Committee last night. Many members of the committee have three to six warrants out for them, but operate continuously the food distribution without fear.

They know their mountains and roads and whether by light of day or dark of night, effect food deliveries to the farthest away sections in the strike area.

Despite increased terror complete food distribution was effected yesterday throughout Bell and Harlan Counties. A method of purchasing from sympathetic store keepers in the strike sections is being effected whereby they are giving wholesale prices and helping besides.

Wagenknecht attended a relief meeting in the LaFollette, Tenn. strike section yesterday. He found a good collection machine established which is getting corn from farmers which is being taken to the mills for grinding and collecting home.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 14.—Spurred on by the editorial in the Knoxville Journal which says in part, "The southland should rise to the defense of itself against Communism which is a slimy serpent crawling out of the filth of godlessness and atheism."

Knoxville business men and police are beginning a drive to try to crush the growing unemployment movement here as well as hamper the distribution of relief to the strike area.

The first step is the eviction of the Workers International Relief from their office on the ground that the W. I. R. is a Communist organization. The judge took less than a minute yesterday to hand down the decision that the W. I. R. must leave its office within five days.

The courtroom was filled with the threat of the gun thugs to kidnap the jailed comrades in Pineville still continues and they have draped blankets over their barred windows to spot the aim of any gunman who may try to shoot them as they lie in bed.

Cramped jail quarters, damp and overriden by rats, have resulted in five comrades falling sick and the remainder being bothered by colds and indigestion. Boris Parks, W.I.R. secretary in Knoxville, and Harold Nickerson,

# DEMONSTRATE IN WALL ST. TODAY AGAINST MURDERS IN KENTUCKY

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of columns of militant workers. The picketers will include Michael Gold, editor of the New Masses, author of "Jews Without Money"; Edmund Wilson, literary critic who was kidnaped at Pineville; Alfred Kreyenborg, poet; Margaret Cheney Dawson, poet; Louis Lozowick, artist; Hugo Gellert, artist and cartoonist of the John Reed Club; Melvin Levy, novelist; Emjo Basche, playwright and director, just returned from the Soviet Union; Sally Fenington, actress in "1931—", unemployment play. There is also a possibility that Fanny Must may join the protest. The demonstration will

promptly at noon at Broad and Wall Sts. The U. S. Steel and Morgan interests' control the mines in Harlan and Bell counties and are responsible for the hiring of the thugs who have outlawed the union and killed and kidnaped miners and sympathizers."

WORKERS SCHOOL The Workers School Committee has decided to call off classes on Wednesday, Feb. 17th. Students should attend the demonstration that evening at 7 p. m. at Bronx Coliseum protesting against the murder of Comrade Harry Simms by the Kentucky coal operators. The School term will be extended to make up the lessons.

# ARMS MEET SHOWS UNITY AGAINST SOVIET UNION

Foreign capitalist press dispatches in commenting on what they call strides toward disarmament at the Geneva conference, stress the point that the conference is divided into two groups: one group supporting the French proposals for an imperialist police force, the other supporting the proposals of American imperialism for armament under the veil of peace talk.

The only real and sincere proposals for peace, the proposals of the Soviet Union for immediate and total disarmament, are being brushed aside by the capitalist war mongers. The Geneva dispatches, indeed, only give them brief mention or do not mention them at all. The actions of the delegates at Geneva makes clear that, although divided among themselves, the imperialist delegates, like the nations they represent, are united on the policy of an armed attack against the Soviet Union and the Chinese Soviets.

Although the capitalist press has continued to report that the Tardieu plan for a world imperialist army, which is directed against the Soviet Union and the colonial masses, has had little support among the imperialist powers, P. J. Philip, writing in the New York Times, tells the cat out of the bag. The Tardieu plan is looked upon favorably by many of the big powers.

Philip says:

"It has become apparent that while few are ready to go as far as France has boldly proposed, nearly all those who have big neighbor seem to feel the weight of that argument about sheer numbers and to incline toward the setting up of an international force of some kind with the preference going toward the idea of a big international air fleet which, from the skies, would at least menace any offending party."

Thus the "disarmament" conference moves on to the next act, while all the imperialist powers arm up a mad attempt to crush the U.S.S.R. and the struggles of the toiling masses at home.

# Greene, Negro Miner, Refuses to Repudiate N.M.U.; Attacks Gun Thug Rule

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 14.—The Bell County Attorney is trying by state to force all strikers arrested in the last few days to sign affidavits attacking and repudiating the National Miners Union such as were signed last week by three strikers.

Smith especially tried to force G.H. Greene, a Negro strike leader now imprisoned on a criminal syndicalism charge, to sign such an affidavit, but Greene absolutely refused and in a militant class conscious speech attacked the gun thug rule in the strike area and said all miners must join the National conditions.

Harvey Collet, one of the three who signed such vicious affidavits, has already been appointed deputy sheriff by Broughton in addition to money he and others have received. The missing strike leaders have been found.

# Governors 'Insurance' Scheme Is Concealed Wage Cut

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 15.—A wage cut scheme is being heralded by Governor Roosevelt of New York as an "unemployment insurance plan."

The proposal is contained in a report made by capitalist representatives of six leading industrial states issued yesterday, and endorsed by Governor Roosevelt.

The commission which drew up the report, headed by Leo Wolman, has the support of the Governors of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey and Connecticut.

The scheme provides that the bosses take two per cent of their payrolls and make up a fund of \$50 for each worker for "unemployment insurance."

The money would come solely out of the wages of the workers. The most that would be paid, if the worker does not lose his job of "his own accord" would be \$10 a week, for not more than ten weeks.

The commission admits that the workers would have to stand the great burden, saying that the "greatest share of the burden of unemployment will still be borne by the workers whose benefits under the plan would be considerably less

# Bronx Rent Strikers Hold Victory Hall

NEW YORK.—The tenants of 2525 Bronx Park East celebrated their successful rent strike in a victory ball a week ago. More than \$100 was raised to be distributed among the various working class organizations. Fifteen dollars was sent to the Daily Worker in recognition of its support of the workers in their struggle for lower rents.

# Giambattista Saved from Deportation to Fascist Italy

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 13.—The International Labor Defense has succeeded in securing the right of voluntary departure of Philip Giambattista, organizer of the Communist Party and the National Miners Union in Brownsville. Philip Giambattista was arrested in the raid made on his house in Brownsville and threatened with deportation to fascist Italy where he surely would have been tortured or murdered. After a long fight, the International Labor Defense succeeded in saving Giambattista's life by winning a voluntary departure.

In view of some very important developments taking place in Brownsville, the District is calling a special Section membership meeting for Tuesday, February 16, at 8 p. m., at 1813 Pitkin Avenue. All party members of Section 8 must attend.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

Comrades and sympathizers with automobiles to help collect food for the dressmakers on strike. Report any day at 16 West 21st Street, local office of the Workers International Relief.

Save the paper of your class. Rush funds to the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13th Street.

# CHINESE RED ARMY CAPTURES NANCHANG; ENCIRCLING HANKOW

### Japanese Threaten to Use Poison Gas to Crush "Unrest"; Pouring Troops and Tanks Into City

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Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi province, have captured that city, imperialist press dispatches from Shanghai declare. Nanchang was one of the last few remaining Kiangsi cities held by the Kuomintang troops. Over most of the province, the workers and peasants have thrown off the yoke of the Kuomintang landowners and bankers and their imperialist masters. The Chinese Soviet Republic takes in most of the province.

Shanghai dispatches report that several Chinese Red Armies are converging on Hankow. Hankow is 45 miles up the Yangtze from Nanchang. One of the most important industrial and strategic cities of all China. It is the site of one of the biggest arsenals in China. Martial law was declared in the city several weeks ago by the Kuomintang militarists in fear of a mass uprising. The workers to welcome the advance Chinese Red Army.

The Japanese have been fortifying the Japanese concession. The United States, Japan and England have been rushing warships to Hankow against the Chinese Red Army and workers on one hand and the Kuomintang militarists and the imperialists' forces on the other hand, is expected soon.

The Japanese imperialists are threatening to use poison gas against the revolutionary workers of Shanghai, South China. Huge quantities of poison gas and other war material, including field guns, are being landed in the International Settlement.

The Japanese General Uyeda yesterday repeated his threat of another blood bath against the Shanghai workers. He declared the Japanese army was in the Chinese city of Shanghai to stamp out unrest. He demanded the withdrawal of the Chinese troops and called for the expulsion of the Chinese Communists in the city.

The Japanese preparations to:

# Jim Garland, Kentucky Striker, Tells Story of Simms' Murder

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The liberal writers' committee will hold a mass meeting in the National Press Club Auditorium on Tuesday night, reporting on the terror and starvation in Kentucky.

Senator Borah refused to hear the testimony of the strikers, but the committee will submit it in affidavit form. Jim Garland, talking of the murder of Harry Simms, said, "Harry and me was pals. He was liked by all the strikers. He stayed at my home most of the time and seemed like one of the family."

GARLAND TELLS OF MURDER. "The last time I saw him was at 5 o'clock on the morning of the shooting. Me and him had expected to be taken for a ride as the thugs threatened, so we spent the night with comrades at Tensley. "We waked up Green Lawson to go with Simms on the bus. I warned Harry not to go as he would be shot as thugs were patrolling along the railroad and Harry would meet them. They had threatened they would break up the meeting called by the W.I.R. to receive the food brought by New York writers."

"Simms said, 'I'll have to take the chance, it's my duty to the strikers. He went off with Lawson. Soon as I heard about the shooting, I went to Barboursville and saw Lawson in jail. He told me that thugs Miller and Davis met them on the railroad, pulled their pistols and Miller shot Simms without warning and arrested Lawson for concealed weapons."

"They took them to Barboursville where Simms was left lying outside the hospital near an hour because the hospital demanded a guarantee for the bill. When I arrived they were operating on Simms. "When I saw Simms he said he was glad we were safe. I said, 'Buddy, I'm sorry I wasn't with you.' He went to sleep. After a while he roused again and said, 'I'm not feeling so bad, but awful tired. Lucky I wasn't killed.' "He went back to sleep and I walked out mighty near tears. When I got back to Pineville I found the deputies had raided my house and arrested three strikers from Gatiff who were staying there, on criminal syndicalism and seized all union literature. "I sure would have told them senators plenty if they'd given me a chance. Maybe they didn't want to hear it."

Wallace, a Negro miner, Smith, Cecil and others whose testimony the senators refused to hear stated their experiences with the gun thugs. The Negro miner stated that the U.M.W. discriminated against him and betrayed the strikers. The miners said the Congressional investigation would whitewash the coal operators because the federal government is on the side of the bosses, same as the local government.

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# DRESSMAKERS PICKET IN SOLID RANKS; WARN OF SCHLESINGER SELLOUT

### Call International Workers to Rally to the United Front

### Picket Shops Today; Mass Demonstration At 9 A. M.; Boston Prepares Strike

The Central Strike Committee of the dressmakers' united front, which met yesterday, issued a ringing call to the dressmakers in the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, to repudiate the Schlesingers and Lovestonites, agents of the sweat shop bosses who are calling a fake strike lockout today like the fake strike of the cloakmakers in 1929 and the dressmakers in 1930.

"You can and must destroy this conspiracy," says the call, "by joining ranks on the picket line in one united mass strike of all the dressmakers. The interests of all the dressmakers are the same. We all want to fight for union conditions. We can only get them through a united front struggle."

"Do not permit yourselves to be confused by the publicity boom of the capitalist newspapers, who are interested in helping the bosses and the International, the agency which serves the bosses."

"When you go down from your shops or your bosses lock you out, march together with the strikers who are fighting under the leadership of the United Front Strike Committee. If you are forced to go to the strike halls of the International, you must immediately on coming to the halls elect a strike committee in every shop, in every building which will guard against a sellout of your interests and lead the fight toward organizing joint action on the picket line."

"You must act promptly because the International, the bosses and Tammany Hall have already prepared to sell you out just as they did in the fake strike in 1930. "The International officials will try to terrorize you in the strike halls through the gorillas in order to keep you in check and make you submit to the sellout. Don't fear them. Follow the example of the militant strikers who are fighting the gorillas on the picket line. Mobilize in mass around your shops. Organize in masses in the strike halls. Take the strike in your own hands. Fight together under the leadership of the United Front Strike Committee and the Needle Trades Industrial Union."

"Down with the fake strike lockout of the bosses and the International!" "Forward in one united front strike, for unity on the picket line of all dressmakers!" "Forward to victory!"

This morning all striking dressmakers will picket from 7:30 until 9. From 9 to 11 there will be a mass picket demonstration throughout the dress market. The strikers will then proceed to the strike halls where mass strike meetings will be held at 12:30. The executive strike committee will meet immediately after these meetings.

Masses of striking dressmakers signaled the beginning of the second week of the United Front strike against starvation yesterday by rallying into the streets of the dress market in one of the largest and most militant mass picket demonstrations in the history of the industry. Cheers and strains of working class battle songs echoed and reechoed up and down the street canyon into the hearts of the profit hungry bosses. The picketers marched in solid ranks in a line that extended

throughout the day many more shops joined the strike. Applications are still coming in to the strike committee for settlement. A settlement headquarters has been set up by the Central Strike Committee at 799 Broadway. All the rooms from 629 to 636 have been rented by the United Front Committee. All cases of settlement will be taken up at this headquarters.

BOSTON, Mass.—Over a hundred delegates from 65 dress shops have authorized a strike. The preparations committee is speeding plans for militant struggle. The United Front Committee of Action has scored an attempt of the mayor, bosses and labor fakers to call a conference to betray the workers. A general membership meeting of the Needle Trades Industrial Union is called for today at 3 p. m. to prepare for the strike.

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