

Fight on Lynching Moves Forward

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"I'm going to fight faithful and strong because seems like the American Negro Labor Congress and its brother organizations is the only ones which really does something against lynching."

A DELEGATE from Tennessee is speaking. It is the sentiment of all of the hundred-odd delegates in the convention who cheered to the echo every expression of militant struggle. The convention hall was jammed with local Negro and white workers thruout the proceedings. Most of these joined the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the organization, which, prior to this meeting, was called the American Negro Labor Congress. The delegates represented 15 organizations in 16 states. For the first time in the five years' history of the A.N.L.C., since its founding in Chicago in 1925, a delegation came from the South. This delegation consisted of 14 Negro and white workers.

The report, and particularly the discussion of the delegates revealed a picture of most bitter persecution, discrimination and

oppression of the Negro masses. In Kansas City, Mo., a sick Negro worker who for some reason incurred the enmity of the local police, was seized in the dead of night, thrown into the streets, handcuffed and told to run for his life. When he took his first steps, however, he was shot in the back and killed. In Salisbury, North Carolina, a 65-year-old Negro woman was seized by a moonshine-soaked mob of local small business men and hoodlums, and hung to a telegraph pole along the highway.

But against this came reports of a steady awakening of the oppressed Negro workers. In one Southern town, the workers took the church away from the priest for an evening so that the American Negro Labor Congress organizer could speak. From Georgia a strike of cotton-growing farm hands was reported.

The convention among its other activities cheered and heartily endorsed the work of the International Labor Defense. It pledged to make its support to the I.L.D., a large part of its work, and especially decided to conduct an energetic campaign in defense of the Atlanta victims.