

Arrest 17 in Raid on National Miners Union Meeting in Tennessee

Executive Committee Meeting Raided on Eve. of Murder Trials of Harlan Miners

PINEVILLE, Ky.—A meeting of the Executive Board of the National Miners Union near Tazewell, Tenn., was raided last night and fifteen organizers and miners arrested.

Seven of the arrested men are being framed on charges of carrying concealed weapons in addition to the usual charges on the basis of which the raid was made. The arrested are: Silas Byrge, district Secretary of the International Labor Defense, Tom Johnson, organizer for the National Miners Union and union miners named Wilson, Henegar, France, Mason, Partin, Meeks, Marlow, Stewart, Rutherford, Shackelford, Rowe, Patterson and a taxi driver named Jones.

A hearing on the cases of the arrested men has been scheduled for March 22 in the Tazewell court.

The meeting of the executive committee of the National Miners Union was to have taken up the questions of the report of the delegates to the National Miners Union Convention, the holding of protest meetings in all mining camps, and the defense of Joe Kaywood and the other miners arrested in Harlan last May on framed charges of murder whose trial came up yesterday.

Thousands of leaflets protesting this violation of the elementary rights of the miners to meet and protesting the continuation of the reign of terror clamped down on the Kentucky-Tennessee coal fields have been distributed through all the mine fields calling for mass protest.

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