

3,000 MINERS OF WEST VIRGINIA TALKING STRIKE

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 30.—Over eighty delegates, representing eleven United Mine Workers of America locals or minority groups in locals, fourteen unorganized mines and several National Miners' Union locals, met in a United Front Conference called by the National Miners' Union under the protection of a strong workers' defense corps in Fairmount, West Virginia, yesterday.

Tom Johnson, National Organization Secretary of the National Miners' Union, reporting, characterized the U. M. W. A. agreement of 22½ cents per ton, recently signed by Van Bittner and forty Northern West Virginia operators, as the most brazen sell-out in the history of the U. M. W. A.

Scotts Run Mass Meeting.

Following the report, the conference elected an Action Committee of Scotts Run, where the U.M.W.A. is strongest, and instructed the committee to arrange a gigantic mass meeting in Scotts Run on Tuesday to take a strike vote.

Two of the largest U.M.W.A. locals in Scotts Run have already voted unanimously to reject the new agreement.

3,000 May Strike.

If the meeting on Tuesday calls for strike, three thousand miners will down tools against the wage-cut and the U.M.W.A. check-off graft.

The conference called on the miners to build committees of action in every mine in northern West Virginia in preparation for immediate

Convention Wires Mooney: His Release Is Campaign Issue

CHICAGO, Ill., May 30. — The following telegram, adopted at the National Convention and signed by Earl Browder as chairman and Herbert Newton as secretary, has been sent to Tom Mooney in San Quentin prison:

"National Nominating Convention of the Communist Party with over 1,000 delegates registered and 14,000 visitors at the session in Chicago Coliseum sends its revolutionary greetings to you, the dean of all militant working class fighters now incarcerated in the dungeons of capitalism. This session categorically demands the release of you and Billings and all other class war victims. William Z. Foster and James W. Ford, candidates for president and vice-president will, in their campaign tours beginning immediately, everywhere, give expression to this demand."

strike and issued an appeal to all miners to support the coming struggle.

Reliable information has just been received to the effect that Samuel Purseglove, president of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation, demands a reduction in the present scale in all Terminal mines. Under the U.M.W.A. agreement in West Virginia the scale is 22½ cents. The Terminal officials are to meet with leaders of the U.M.W.A. on Tuesday to work out methods to put the wage-cut across. The present scale in western Pennsylvania Pittsburgh Terminal mines is 40 cents. The National Miners' Union is issuing a special leaflet to all Terminal mines warning against the coming wage-cut and calling for preparations for immediate struggle.