

Miners, Fight To Win!

Steel Workers, Strike!

NOW is the time to fight. NOW is the time to win higher wages. Steel workers, ore miners, a victory for the miners is a victory for you! Join the strike for higher wages and to smash the differential.

The Southern bosses just met in Birmingham, yapping about another "civil war and secession" to keep the masses enslaved. Now is the time for workers to meet this attack and defeat it.

Workers, don't be fooled! For six months under the N. R. A. code, the Alabama miners were forced to work for half the wages of Northern miners. The new rate of pay, \$1.20 increase a day, was introduced because of the great struggles of the miners, as well as the fight of the Northern operators against the Southern operators for greater profits.

The NRA has not made one step in raising the wages of the workers in the other industries. Only organized, united struggle, with no dependence on the double dealing Wall Street NRA which is already compromising on the \$1.20, can raise our wages and smash the differential.

Mitch and the other district officials of the U. M. W. of A. sold out the last strike, and secretly agreed not to ask for any pay increases for a year. Our present strike is against the agreement made by Mitch, which did not include the captive mines of the TCI, and the TCI miners have struck over the heads of the district officials. Miners, take the leadership in your own hands, elect strike committees in the mines, see that all negotiations are made through the central strike committee of elected miners.

The unity of white and Negro miners has been a stirring example of how the workers must fight to win their demands. Yet the bosses are yelling about "impending racial conflict" while the white and Negro miners are on the picket line together and while the armed thugs of the bosses murder a Negro picket and wound a white fellow-worker with the same volley of bullets. Unity paves the way to victory.

The miners' strike must be won! They can win the war against the NRA slave differential with the support of the steel and metal workers and the ore miners. Unless the miners win the strike, it means that the bosses will batter down the wage standards of the miners, and open fresh attacks on all Southern workers.

The Communist Party is giving leadership to the workers and raising real demands for them. The Communist Party calls on the workers in every steel and metal plant, in every ore mine of the Birmingham area, to call meetings at once, to elect committees of action in their mines and mills, to build a militant Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union, and to prepare to strike all these plants and mines in solidarity with their brother miners and for an immediate minimum wage increase of 20 per cent for every worker. By spreading the strike to the steel mills and ore mines, the workers will show the NRA authorities at their meeting in Washington on May 31 on the steel code, that the workers are against any pay differential. Thus this united action at the same time helps to win the strike of the miners and their own burning demands.

The Communist Party calls on the miners to organize real rank and file groups in their locals, and calls upon all workers to support the following demands of the fighting miners:

1. Keep the mines shut till we get the \$1.20 increase and the 7-hour day from top to top.
2. Develop rank and file leadership by the election of strike committees in every local.
3. Carry on mass picketing and bring the maintenance crews out.
4. Demand withdrawal of the deputed thugs and national guards. Demand conviction for murder of Chief of Police Mason, and cash indemnity for Ed England's family from the Red Diamond Coal Company.
5. Equal pay and right to any job for Negro miners.
6. Cash relief from government for all miners during the strike, equal to average wages.
7. For absolute recognition of the U. M. W. A.

Miners! Steel workers! Working men and women, white and Negro! Join your own Party, that fights for higher wages, at the same time that it leads the revolutionary struggle to build a Soviet America. Join the Communist Party! Be one of thousands of other workers to celebrate May Day—world labor day at Capitol Park steps Tuesday, May 1st at 5 p. m.

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