

# VIRTUAL MARTIAL LAW PREVAILS THRU WHOLE STRIKE AREA; RAID HOMES

## Criminal Syndicalist Warrants Out for Entire Strike Leadership

**Workers! Support the Heroic Ky. Strikers!  
Send Relief! Protest Against the Rockefeller-Insull Terror!**

NEW YORK.—A mass memorial demonstration will take place at Bronx Coliseum on Wednesday, February 17, at 7 p.m. sharp, under the auspices of the Communist Party and Young Communist League, in honor of Harry Simms, organizer of the National Miners Union and member of of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League, who was murdered by thugs in the employ of Kentucky coal operators.

The body of Simms will arrive in New York on Wednesday and will lie in state at the Workers Center, 35 E. 12th St., from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All revolutionary workers should meet the body at the Pennsylvania station, 31st St. and Seventh Ave., Wednesday morning at 6:55 a.m. The Young Communist League will be in charge.

Workers! Turn out in mass to this mass memorial meeting. Working class organizations should denounce in unmistakable terms the murderous terror of the Rockefeller-Morgan-Insull thugs together with the State and county authorities of Kentucky against the miners of Kentucky.

Fill Bronx Coliseum! Bring your shopmates and fellow-workers!

## Telegrams from the Strike Area

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 14.—Murderous terror in Bell County continues and now exceeds the worst that bloody John Henry Blair could manufacture in Harlan with his 450 breast plated army of professional murderers. Late Saturday night Jeff Franz, a member of strike executive, narrowly escaped death when Bell County gun thugs showered a rain of machine gun bullets on his car near Mathell. Bullets tore through his car and shattered his windshield but he was untouched.

Sheriff Broughton has issued criminal syndicalism warrants for every leading striker as well as for the entire strike executive. The most capable strike leaders have had criminal syndicalism warrants issued against them by several counties. One local strike leader has four warrants against him, another six. Virtual martial law prevails in the entire strike area with carloads of gun thugs patrolling all roads looking for strike leaders. Miners' homes are being raided and their wives terrorized.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 14.—Not content with murdering young strike organizer, operators and their agents made plans to steal the body of Simms and desecrate it to prevent miners from holding mass memorial demonstration. Strikers learned of the plot in time, however, and warned Barbourville police they were prepared to guard the body of their fallen comrade at any cost. Barbourville police then placed guard of fascist American Legionnaires over body but yesterday large delegation of miners went to undertakers' establishment and told Legionnaires they had come to take their rightful posts as guard of honor over body of their dead strike leader. Legionnaires realizing that masses of miners backed up demand of delegation, turned over the body.

The danger is great that operators will attempt to crush memorial demonstration with a huge force of gun thugs. The Barbourville police chief has already announced that he would permit no demonstrations to be held and county prosecutor "advised" Tom Johnson, NMU national organizer, in a telephone conversation not to "allow" miners to attend memorial.

After the memorial meeting the entire demonstration will march to the railroad terminal with the body and place it on a train for New York where the funeral will be held Wednesday. A guard of honor including Joe Weber, strike leader, who was kidnapped and flogged by gun thugs, will accompany Simms' body to New York.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 14.—The murder of Harry Simms, youth organizer of the National Miners Union, whose broken and bleeding body the operators have flung into the faces of the Kentucky and Tennessee miners as an answer to their heroic strike for a living wage, will be commemorated Monday by thousands of working as well as striking miners at a mass memorial meeting that will be held in Barbourville, Ky., near where the young strike leader was fatally wounded last Wednesday.

The miners have themselves decided that the memorial meeting will not be an occasion for weepink but instead will be a ringing answer to the murderous operators and their starvation rule which in the course of the last few months has resulted in the killing, kidnapping, flogging and jailing of strikers and their leaders, and the dynamiting of Workers International Relief soup kitchens and the destruction and robbery of food and clothing which had been sent to the strikers from workers all over the country.

Hundreds of working miners in the 50-mile strike area have informed strikers they will stop work to attend the memorial meeting of Simms who was known and loved throughout the entire strike zone.

The miners who work in Bryson

Mine, 35 miles from Barbourville, have signed a round-robin letter to the Strike Executive in which they say the entire mine will stop work tomorrow and march to the funeral. Scores of miners in Brush Creek mines who dropped their tools last Wednesday for the entire day when they learned Simms had been shot say they will bring hundreds of other miners with them to the memorial meeting in honor of Simms.

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## BULLETIN.

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 14.**—Clarina Michaelson, representative of the Workers International Relief, who has been in the Pineville jail on criminal syndicalism charges for six weeks, was removed from the prison at 5:30 Sunday night in an ambulance and taken to St. Mary's hospital in Knoxville. She is suffering from laryngitis and pharyngitis, with pneumonia an imminent possibility.

The International Labor Defense provided her bail. Bail had been provided for her two weeks ago but the National Surety Co. representative in Pineville, Ray Moss, is a coal operator, and he refused to affix his signature. The Louisville Surety representative had to sign the bond.

The Knoxville doctor who came with the ambulance was at first refused permission by the Pineville doctors to treat Michaelson.

Judge Van Beber, coal operators' tool, and County Attorney Smith, who threatened lynchings for all the jailed strike leaders, tried to force Clarina Michaelson to come to the courthouse to sign a bond, even though the doctor and nurse said she couldn't walk. Michaelson had a temperature of 104 for several days, but the miners warned her not to let the Pineville doctors treat her for fear of the consequences. Pineville's leading doctors were participants of the night-riding expedition which resulted in the kidnapping and beating of the writers' committee.

Four other jailed comrades are sick because of the damp cells. They are Marguerite Fontain, Norma Martin, Dorothy Weber and Julia Parker. All have colds and sore throats and are threatened with serious illness.

**PINEVILLE, Ky., Feb. 14.**—Original plans for the mass funeral and burial of Harry Simms, 19-year-old organizer for the National Miners Union, murdered by gun thugs in the employ of the Kentucky coal operators, have been changed at the last minute.

Not satisfied with having assassinated Simms, the coal company thugs have planned to steal and desecrate the body of Simms if it were kept in Kentucky. This was verified by a statement of the Barbourville deputy sheriff. In preparation for this dastardly, ghoulish act, the coal operators have placed

a guard of American Legionnaires around the body of Simms, with the excuse that "nobody but the Communists will steal the body of Simms."

This statement was made to prepare the ground for charging the Communists with responsibility for the act of the Kentucky coal thugs in stealing and mutilating the body of Harry Simms.

To prevent this, the body of Simms will be shipped to New York immediately after the mass protest meeting is held in Barbourville on Monday. The funeral will be held in New York.

The father of Harry Simms yesterday authorized the National Miners Union and the Central Strike Committee of the Kentucky miners to make all arrangements for the funeral and burial. He sent the following telegram to the chief of police at Barbourville:

"As father of Harry Simms I hereby authorize National Miners Union and authorized representatives of Central Strike Committee of Kentucky miners to take possession of his body. Stop I also authorize them to make all arrangements for memorial in Barbourville and for transport to New York. Stop Since I have heard of intentions

of operators or agents to steal the body I hold you responsible to see that no interference with above arrangements."

With the murder of Simms and the shooting of the driver of one of the W.I.R. relief trucks, actual, though not nominal martial law obtains here throughout the entire strike area. Gun thugs are patrolling all roads and allowing no strikers to enter Pineville.

Several local strike leaders are still missing, including Bige Wilson, one of the best local leaders recently. The Pineville Workers International Relief warehouse was again raided and its doors completely smashed and torn off their hinges.

It was discovered that the thug who murdered Simms was in the employ of a Rockefeller subsidiary company, the same company responsible for the massacre of men and women and the roasting to death of children in the Ludlow, Col., strike of 1912-13. The reign of terror following the murder of Simms has been further intensified with a Knoxville, Tenn., city detective threatening to kill J. M. Andrews, a Kentucky striker working in the offices of the Workers International Relief, if he does not leave Knoxville immediately.

Bell County operators are busy sending telegrams to Representative Flisk and Eslick urging further national repressive measures be taken against Communists.

and their children in the proletarian district of Chapel, Shanghai, who made homeless and threw into the bitter cold over a million workers and working-class children, are preparing a new and bloodier slaughter of the Chinese workers in Shanghai. The workers of the United States must sharply protest against the leading role of American imperialism in the preparation of this new terror. Workers! Demand the withdrawal of all American armed forces from China! Prevent the export of munitions to China! Form United Front anti-war committees in your shops, your unions and other organizations. Organize an iron front for the defense of the Chinese masses and their Chinese Soviet Republic, for the defense of the Soviet Union, against whom the bosses are preparing war at the same time that they are butchering the Chinese workers and attempting to drown in blood the Chinese Revolution.

The German Communist Party has called on German harbor work-

**PINEVILLE, Ky., Feb. 14.**—The danger of lynching the jailed strike leaders, along with the two recently arrested when they were distributing relief to the strikers, is increasing daily as deputized mine guards, armed with revolvers and machine guns, began to mill around the Pineville jail all night.

The strike executive committee is making plans to throw a permanent guard of miners around the jail to prevent County Attorney Smith's threat of murder from being put into effect.

Warrants are out for Ed. Hickman, one of the most capable strike leaders. Several of the leading local strike leaders have been missing since yesterday. Clarina Michaelson, one of the arrested strike leaders, has taken a turn for the worse. She is seriously ill. She is still being kept