

NEW ARRESTS IN KENTUCKY; MEETS GO ON

UMWA Trying to Re- Enter Mine Field

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 3.—National Miners Union section conferences were held throughout Kentucky and Tennessee yesterday. Attempts were made by thugs to break them up by a forged letter sent to the Jellico local president, signed by Tom Johnson, who is now in Tazewell jail, setting the conference for 9 o'clock Saturday morning and asking charter and local union minutes to be brought to the meeting.

Jellicoe was teeming with "law" Saturday morning and the miners were circumvented by this ruse.

Ed Hickman, N. M. U. organizer, was arrested by thugs in Jellico Saturday and his whereabouts are unknown.

The U. M. W. A. is officially re-entering the mine fields here and held a meeting at the Pineville court house yesterday. Only one hundred miners were present. Turnblazer, president of the district U. M. W. A., said, "The coal operators of Harlan and Bell Counties brought the 'reds' into this coal field. If the operators will sign up with the U. M. W. A., we will take care of the 'reds,'" and urged the support of the Davis-Kelly bill to regulate the mining industry.

Reports keep coming in of ten to twenty-five per cent wage slashes in almost every mine.

An anonymous letter tracked back to George Brown of Pineville, which was received by the Knoxville News-Sentinel, reports of a secret meeting of Kentuckians, at which plans were laid to beat up and kill the Commonwealth College students who are bringing relief to the miners.

Charles Nick, Bell Jackson, Joe Jackson, Caleb Tuttle, Chester Chasteen and Robert Newland are out of the Pineville jail on bond.

A third of the Kentucky murder trials opens up on Monday at Winchester, Kentucky, before Judge Rhodes Shackelford. This will be a straight murder trial attempt to convict those who killed deputy Jim Daniels. Two Negro miners are among the seven whose trials have been transferred to Winchester.

Deputy Lee Fleenor, who killed Baldwin and Moore at the swimming pool kitchen last summer, was indicted in Harlan for murder. This is seen as a result of a split between Sheriff Blair and Judge Jones.