

COTTON-PICKING MACHINE WILL HURT NEGRO IN MISSISSIPPI

Nearly all Negro papers carry the following dispatch from Stoneville, Miss.:

"Science introduced with telling effect a striking blow at unskilled labor in this section when a mechanical juggernaut ten feet high came lumbering through the cotton delta near here... The new instrument does the work of 50 men, which means that if generally introduced through the South, Thousands of cotton pickers will have to find new occupations in order to survive. This may in turn mean that the same thousands will turn their attention northward, which will have an unwholesome effect upon the already overpopulated large cities..."

SHARECROPPERS CALLED WORSE THAN NEGRO

A release from the Socialist Party, printed in several Negro papers, says in parts:

"Conditions of living among the sharecroppers of the South are lower than the lowest relief standards, according to Miss Billie Sue Blagden, white social worker... Miss Blagden, a victim of the flogging at Marie, Arkansas, when she sought to learn whether a sharecropper had been beaten to death by plantation owners, stated that various old laws are being used to terrorize workers. Under one law, she said, it is possible to arrest colored and white persons holding a meeting together on charges of vagrancy."

COMMENT ON RECENT AAA ACTS

AAA--"The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announced this week that Alben Holsey, of Tuskegee Institute, had been appointed AAA field officer to assist with the 1936 agricultural conservation program and to aid in the development of a program for 1937."--Washington Tribune.