

Waldo Frank and Allan Taub, a lawyer, were beaten brutally about the face by the deputies who kidnaped them. Doris Parks and Harold Hickerson, playwright, are still in jail on open charges because they attempted to distribute food to miners in Pineville.

The committee went into Pineville on the trucks because they had learned that food and relief were being "confiscated" - another word for stolen - by gunmen, hired by sheriffs and paid by the coal companies to patrol the roads. For months these deputies have been breaking up meetings of miners, arresting strikers, raiding homes and union headquarters, stopping the U.S.Mails, dynamiting soup-kitchens, shooting miners, reporters, relief workers or any people who expressed sympathy with the starving miners.

The committee with the trucks of food were stopped on the roads and later ordered not to distribute food in Pineville or hold any meetings. This is a brazen violation of the fundamental constitutional rights of human beings.

On the night of February 10, after the committee had distributed half a truck load of food, all committee members were rounded up by deputized thugs and herded off to jail on charges of "disorderly conduct". From jail they were forcibly kidnaped to the state line, told to get out and never return to the county.

Aiding the deputies in this criminal act was a mob of "leading citizens" from Pineville, deputized by the sheriff, and admittedly led by Herndon Evans, editor of the Pineville Sun, a persistent and bitter enemy of the miners.

Evans later concocted for the press a vicious and stupid story stating that Waldo Frank and Allan Taub started a fight with one another in order to bring 'trumped-up' charges of assault against the deputies. According to Evans' story, both the writer and the lawyer