

ONLY 24 HOURS LEFT TO SAVE HERNDON

Fete to Aid Herndon and Scottsboro Boys Is Set for Saturday

NEW YORK.—As part of the campaign to raise funds for the Scottsboro-Herndon defense and broaden the mass fight for the freedom of the ten Negro youths, a large festival will be held by James "Fats" Waller and Buddy Allen, Saturday night, at Renaissance Casino, Seventh Ave. and 138th St.

The sponsors of the affair have arranged to give 70 per cent of the net proceeds to the Scottsboro-Herndon fund of the International Labor Defense, and to have a 15-minute appeal for additional funds.

Many stage and screen stars, including Clarence Williams, George Jessel, Adelaide Hall, Freddy Rich and Sylvia Foss, will take part in the program. Music will be provided by four bands, including Gus Lombardo and his Royal Canadians. Kenneth Roberts, radio announcer of the National Broadcasting Co., will act as master of ceremonies. Subscription is \$1, with dancing all night.

Mississippi Town Resents A Lynching

PELEHATCHIE, Miss., July 31.—This little town is seething with indignation today over the lynching of Henry Bedford, 70-year old Negro, who was brutally whipped to death by a gang of local white men. Feeling is running so high that Sheriff Therill was forced to arrest four of the lynchers and has, moreover, expressed grave fears for their safety.

Paradoxically, the very instigators and leaders of the lynch terror, the white business men and plantation owners, are the most indignant over the lynching of the aged Negro. But the reason is not far to seek.

Henry Allen, born before the Civil War and the so-called emancipation of the Negro slaves, had not imbibed any of the revolutionary traditions of the heroic slave insurrections led by Nat Turner, Denmark Vesey, and other Negro revolutionary leaders. Throughout his life, he continued to be the ideal slave and, like Charles Houston, N. A. A. C. P. "defense" attorney for the frame-up and basey betrayed Negro worker, George Crawford, had won the "respect" and "admiration" of the lynch rulers. He was considered by local white business men and landowners as a proper example to the Negro masses if necessarily confined to a narrower sphere than Dr. Robert Moton, George Schuyler, and other Negro reformist misleaders, of how they should kowtow to the will and caprice of the white exploiters and oppressors.

Allen's lynching by nangers-on of the ruling class is considered an affront to the white rulers who had afforded him a patriarchal protection in sharp contrast to their increasingly murderous attacks on militant Negro workers and farm laborers.

Workers and Farmers In Van Etten Defend Finnish Workers Hall

VAN ETTEN, N. Y., July 31.—Barricades have been erected around the Finnish Hall here where a summer training school is being conducted by the youth clubs of the Finnish Workers' Federation following another attack by Ku Klux Klan hoodlums Saturday night.

Hundreds of workers and farmers of the surrounding territory have massed to the defense of the students. In spite of the danger from attack, courses are being continued as before, with students and workers ready to defend themselves at any moment.

Saturday's attack was the fourth in the last two weeks. Hundreds of hoodlums were mobilized from several New York and Pennsylvania towns. The arrival of 20 state police prevented a clash between the K.K.K. and the hundreds of workers and farmers defending the school.

On July 25, the K. K. K. hoodlums broke into the hall, smashed doors and windows and chased 54 boy and girl students from their beds.

CORRECTION

Due to an error, the names of Mary Fox and Jack Herling, representing the League for Industrial Democracy, were inadvertently omitted from the list of groups visiting Secretary of Labor Perkins at Washington to protest the deportation terror drive against the Pacific Coast strike.

Other groups in the protest delegation were the International Labor Defense, the Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, the American Civil Liberties Union, the General Defense Committee of the I.W.W., and the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners.

Davis Calls Fight for Herndon A Fight on Fascist Terrorism

\$2,400 Still Needed for \$15,000 Bail Fund — Loans Are Guaranteed By Noted Trustees

NEW YORK.—The International Labor Defense yesterday issued the following statement:

"The zero hour is here in the vital struggle to save Angelo Herndon from the spikes, the stretching-post, the stocks, the sweat box of the barbarous Georgia chain-gang.

"Within the next twenty-four hours, the remaining \$2,400 must be raised for his bail. The return of these bail loans is assured by the I.L.D. and the three trustees—Corliss Lamont, Robert W. Dunn and Anna Damon—who are issuing loan certificates absolutely guaranteeing this.

"We must not fall in this central task in the struggle against rising fascism. We must rescue Herndon, as a demonstration of the unshakable solidarity of the white and Negro toilers, and our will to victory.

"IMMEDIATE ACTION is imperative. Answer the faith which Herndon reposes in you; answer the brutal challenge of the fascist lynch torturers. Rush every possible dollar by special delivery, by wire or in person to the National Office of the International Labor Defense, Room 430, 36 East 11th St., New York City. Act this moment! Save Angelo Herndon!

"RICHARD B. MOORE, National Field Organizer, International Labor Defense."

By BEN DAVIS, Jr.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Ben Davis, Jr., at present editor of the Negro Liberator, is the brilliant young Negro attorney who conducted the legal defense of Angelo Herndon for the International Labor Defense. Like Herndon, this militant I. L. D. attorney unmasked the Georgia lynch courts and the whole monstrous system of oppression and plundering of the Negro people by the white capitalist-landlord minority. Herndon must go on the Georgia chain gang for 18 to 20 years on August 3, unless \$15,000 bail is ready before that day.)

Two outstanding world-famous cases in the South represent the spearhead of the attack of the white ruling class against the Negro masses: They are Scottsboro and Herndon. In these two cases are wound up the whole gamut of

the ruling class offensive against the liberation struggles of the Negro people. In these two symbols, the landlord rulers of Alabama and Georgia have formed a united front of legal lynch terror to enforce their bloody system of peonage against the sharecroppers, both white and Negro, and against all the constitutional and national rights of the Negro people.

What are the points of similarity in these two cases? In both Scottsboro and Herndon, there is the flagrant and open denial to the Negro people of their right to sit on juries; secondly, there is the same lynch atmosphere whipped up by the ruling class judges and persecutors; thirdly, there is the clear fascist attempt of the ruling class to break the solidarity of the Negro and white workers by feverish efforts to array race against race, using the subterfuge of the "red" scare to frighten away the white workers from a revolutionary alliance with the Negro masses for winning their (the white workers) own liberation from the yoke of capitalism.

Rulers Use Age-Old Lie of "Rape" In the Scottsboro cases, the ruling class uses the age-old bugaboo of "rape" to cloak their offensive against the Negro masses. When all other means of chauvinist propaganda fail, the capitalists always fall back upon the "rape" theory—the theory that the Negro is inherently a brute, a "rapist," and inferior to the white race.

It has been worked and over-worked, and now the white worker is himself realizing to what depths the southern bourbon rulers will stoop to keep him hating the Negro worker, and to keep him enslaved to the "race superiority" poison which is resulting in wage differentials between North and South, and lowered living conditions for both the Negro and white worker.

A Naked Attack Upon Southern Toilers

The Herndon case is an open, un-concealed and naked attack upon the southern workers in Georgia. The ruling class was in this case too crude to use even the bugaboo of "rape." Plainly this is a case where starving Negro and white workers in true working class unity demanded bread and were rewarded with an 18-20 year sentence for their militant young Negro leader, Angelo Herndon. Here, every vestige of constitutional right was trampled upon by the ruling class of Georgia. Free speech, free press, the right to freedom from illegal searches and seizures were brazenly denied. Herndon was admittedly railroaded for organizing a demonstration of unemployed workers demanding bread and jobs, which in Georgia constitutes an "attempt to incite insurrection."

Frame Negro in Ohio in Blow At Steel Strike

MASSILON, Ohio, July 31.—Cecil White, 21-year old Negro youth is held here on \$1,000 bail on a trumped-up "rape" charge, which bears all the ear-marks of the notorious frame-up by Detroit auto bosses of James Victory, who was successfully wrested from the lynch courts by the militant action of Detroit Negro and white workers.

White was arrested during a series of terroristic police raids in the Negro neighborhoods, after a white woman, Mrs. Anna Elavsky, reported she had been attacked by an "unidentified Negro." The woman claimed she had scratched her "assailant." Fascist "citizen committees" were urged by officials to aid in rounding up any Negro whose face showed any indication of having been scratched. Scores were arrested. White was held and bound over for the September Grand Jury, despite testimony of witnesses that he was nowhere near the scene of the purported attack.

Mrs. Elavsky has failed to identify White, and is reported ready to drop the case. The steel bosses and their police, however, have eagerly seized on the case as a weapon against the unity of Negro and white steel workers and their preparations for a strike for the right to organize into unions of their own choice, and have used pressure on her to continue the case.

The League of Struggle for Negro Rights is launching an intensive campaign to smash the frame-up of White and the attempts of the steel bosses to stir up race hatred here and divide the Negro and white steel workers. Trade unions and other workers' organizations will be visited and appeals made for the defense of White and the Negro masses. The August First demonstration against war and fascism will be used to mobilize the workers in defense of Negro rights. Mass meetings will be held to rally support against this monstrous frame-up.

Protests should be sent to Mayor Limback, Massillon, and County Prosecutor Stark, County Court House, Canton, demanding the dropping of this frame-up attempt and the release of Cecil White.

class spokesmen and executioners must echo throughout the ranks of the entire working class. The fight for Herndon and the Scottsboro boys is a fight against fascist terror in the South where already it is rearing its hideous head, in the form of the reorganized Ku Klux Klan, the Men of Justice, the White Legion, the bloodiest police terror against the Negro and white workers. It is a fight for the national liberation of the Negro people. It is a fight for the right of the working class to live.

Send protests to Judge L. B. Wyatt, Coweta Circuit, LaGrange, Georgia, demanding a reduction in Herndon's prohibitive \$15,000 bail! Rush protests to the Supreme Court of Alabama demanding a reversal of the lynch conviction of Clarence Norris and Haywood Patterson!

Herndon and the Scottsboro boys must be freed! Rush appeal funds to the International Labor Defense, 80 East 11th St., New York City. Herndon's bail of \$15,000 was set by Georgia's ruling-class agents to prevent his release. They want him to rot in jail. But the workers of America must meet this challenge! Herndon's bail must be raised at once!

The fate of Angelo Herndon and the Scottsboro boys lies with the united Negro and white workers of America, who must raise their voices in a mighty protest against the Southern ruling class and its capitalist courts, which are perpetrating the foulest crimes against the unity of Negro and white workers of America through the Herndon and Scottsboro cases.

Seabrook Strikers Meet to Plan Fight On Fascist Terror

VINELAND, N. J., July 31.—"Fight Seabrook Terror!" was the rallying cry of 150 workers attending an International Labor Defense meeting in Bridgeton, at which Thomas Crawford, militant Seabrook Farms Negro worker, framed on a charge of stabbing a company thug, spoke.

Other speakers included Corliss Lamont, Ted Postum of the New York Amsterdam News, a Negro paper, Anthony Bearra, Italian organizer of the Agricultural and Cannery Workers Industrial Union, Eleanor Henderson, another leader of the union, and William O. Donnell, local organizer of the I. L. D.

Announcement was made of preparations for a New Jersey Conference against fascist terror. A resolution condemning the "conciliation" board for failure to carry out its pledges for the rehiring of strikers and demanding its removal was adopted. A vigorous protest was forwarded to C. F. Seabrook, manager of the farms. Nearly one-third of the audience joined the I. L. D.

Toledo Jobless Seamen Win Relief Project

TOLEDO, Ohio, July 31.—Unemployed seamen here, under the leadership of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, have won meal tickets in restaurants of their own choice and rooms in hotels until the setting up of a centralized relief project for seamen.

On his arrival here recently, the organizer of the M. W. I. U. found the seamen sleeping in a flop house and eating in a mess hall set up by the Transient Relief Bureau.

A mass meeting was called to mobilize the seamen behind the program of the Marine Workers Industrial Union and to win decent relief through mass pressure. A committee was elected, and on the next day the seamen's demands were presented to the relief director who is a lieutenant in the Ohio National Guard.

On his refusal to meet the seamen's demands, a picket line was thrown around the relief office and a committee was sent to the state relief offices in Columbus. The committee forced the state relief director to grant meal tickets and hotel rooms, and in addition won razor blades, tobacco, tooth brushes, and tooth paste for the jobless seamen.

Mohegan Colony Scores Ives Loyalty Oath Bill

CROMPOUND, N. Y., July 31.—A resolution condemning the Ives Loyalty Oath Bill as "repressive of free thought and expression for teachers who fight educational re-entrenchment" was adopted at a monthly meeting of the Mohegan Colony here Sunday.

Similar resolutions were adopted by 300 persons at a Red Press party given at Mohegan Park Saturday night and by the United Front Supporters Sunday. The resolutions were presented by a committee of the Unemployed Teachers' Association.

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