

14,000 at Sacco-Vanzetti Memorial Pledge to Free Herndon and 9 Boys

THOUSANDS GREET HERNDON AT BRONX COLISEUM RALLY



The heroic young Negro is seen on the shoulders of Harry Haywood, Negro Communist leader, and Robert Minor, being carried to the speakers' platform amid the cheers of the vast throng in the auditorium.

Stormy Ovation Given Hero—Hathaway Is Principal Speaker

By CYRIL BRIGGS

NEW YORK.—In grim commemoration of the legal murder of Sacco and Vanzetti seven years ago, and a revolutionary determination that Angelo Herndon and the Scottsboro boys shall not suffer the same fate, 14,000 persons in a spirited demonstration at Bronx Coliseum Wednesday night gave a tumultuous welcome to Angelo Herndon, hero of the Atlanta, Ga., slave code trial, sentenced to 18 to 20 years on the chain gang for organizing white and Negro workers together. The principal speaker on the occasion was Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker.

Adult and young workers and intellectuals, Negro and white, they pledged themselves to an unremitting fight, under the leadership of the International Labor Defense, to rescue Herndon and the Scottsboro boys from the clutches of that same ruling class which callously snuffed out the lives of Sacco and Vanzetti, fighters for the working-class, and for the past three years have used every device and legal chicanery in a monstrous attempt to rush the innocent Scottsboro boys to the electric chair.

Stormy Welcome to Herndon

A stormy scene ensued as Herndon was brought into the hall on the shoulders of several white and Negro workers, with the whole audience climbing onto the seats, roaring the International and lustily cheering and applauding the American Dimitroff, who courageously defied the lynch courts of the South.

Herndon's arrival was preceded by enthusiastic demonstrations of 1,000 Negro and white workers who earlier in the evening paraded through the streets of the Bronx, marched into the hall with a sea of banners and slogans greeting Herndon, demanding his complete freedom and the release of the Scottsboro boys, Tom Mooney, Ernst Thaelman and all victims of the decaying capitalist system and its fascist terror. Members of the Prospect Workers Club carried a giant banner, reading "Revolutionary Greetings. We Welcome You Angelo Herndon." Another banner, which also received tremendous applause, read, "Against Imperialist War. For the Defense of the Soviet Union and the Chinese Soviets."

Presented by Bob Minor

Herndon, presented by Robert Minor, a representative of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, told of the bestial torture to which he was subjected in jail in an attempt to break his spirit and to drive him insane, of the digging up of an old slave law, passed against the uprisings of the slaves, to indict him in the move to crush the revolutionary movement in Georgia.

The growing unity of Southern Negro and white workers had thrown fear into the ruling class, he said. The demonstration he led of unemployed white and Negro workers had forced the city of Atlanta to appropriate \$6,000 for relief. In revenge, the lynch rulers indicted him and demanded his death. During his trial, the prosecution openly admitted that not only Angelo Herndon was on trial, but the revolutionary working class.

"In South to Stay"

A frail, slim figure, Herndon quietly hurled anew his defiance at the Georgia ruling class. "The Communists are in the South to stay," he said. "They will organize and unite the Negro and white workers in joint struggle against their common oppressors, for the overthrow of the brutal rule of the capitalists and rich landlords, for class and national liberation, for the creation of a Soviet America. The Southern lynchings are finding that the Negro masses are no longer isolated. Angelo Herndon is not alone, but with millions of workers, white and black, against fascist reaction."

He described the Georgia chain gang as a death trap for militant Negro and white workers, and declared only the mass fight had rescued him from torture and death. "But even tonight, speaking to you here, I am not yet free," he said. "Only your determination to

spread the fight, to bring new reserves of workers and intellectuals can save Angelo Herndon."

Support of Campaign

He made a stirring appeal to intensify the fight for the release of the Scottsboro boys, Tom Mooney, Ernst Thaelmann, leader of the German working class, and all class war prisoners. He called on the workers, Negro and white, to support the election campaign of the Communist Party, "the only party that dares to go into the South, that dares boldly to take up the struggle for the liberation of the Negro people, for the emancipation of the whole working class."

Hathaway Greets Negro Hero

Hathaway declared that Herndon and the victory we have won typify the whole struggle conducted by the Communist Party in the South for the unity of the workers, and in the first place for the unity of the white and Negro workers.

Tremendous applause greeted his announcement that the Central Committee of the Communist Party plans a drive for \$500 weekly with the objective of sending fifty Angelo Herndons—fifty Communist organizers—into the South. "We greet Herndon," he said. "We pledge ourselves to continue the fight for his final release, to continue with him the fight for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys."

Workers Hear Haywood

"Herndon represents the new leadership of the Negro working class," declared Harry Haywood, general secretary of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, who contrasted Herndon's courageous defiance of the lynch rulers with the bellycrawling of the reformist leaders of the N. A. A. C. P. "Only the working class can produce such a leader as Herndon. Herndon is a product of the rising liberation and class struggle taking place in the South."

Robert Minor, representing the Central Committee of the Communist Party, declared that the Scottsboro case had opened a new chapter in American history. "We welcome Angelo Herndon as a product of the movement begun around Scottsboro," he said. "Herndon is not an individual. He is the movement embodied in one of its leaders and fighters." Minor called for a proletarian united front in the fight to save Herndon and the Scottsboro boys and to beat back developing fascism in this country. He urged all Socialist workers to join with the Communists and other workers in building the united front against fascism and imperialist war.

Davis Pays Tribute

Ben Davis, Jr., editor of the Negro Liberator and one of Herndon's defense attorneys, paid a glowing tribute to the I. L. D. and to William Patterson, its general

secretary, "who, he said, "is now in the Soviet Union, recovering the health that he lost waging the fight for the Scottsboro boys and Angelo Herndon."

Greetings to Herndon and the workers present at the meeting were extended by A. L. Wirin of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Nat Stevens, district secretary of the I. L. D., presided. The demonstration was concluded with a dance number by the New Dance Group, typifying the mass fight for Herndon, the Scottsboro boys, Mooney and Thaelmann, and the singing of the "International."

Militant Painters Local Is Ousted

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Federation to put an end to this skulduggery. The attack on our local is the beginning of a concerted drive of the reactionary and corrupt officials of the American Federation of Labor against the entire labor movement. All labor should support the fight of our local for reinstatement."

Corruption and gangsterism in the Painters Brotherhood, which the rank and file are fighting against and for which fight Local 499 was expelled, is sinking to new depths in various sections of the country. Tactics such as Zausner is using in New York has led to a gun war between gangster elements in the Chicago Brotherhood for division of the union treasury, and the slaying of two of the gangster officials by rival gangs.

Last Sunday Roy Thompson, a racketeer business agent, who was working with Arthur Wallace, president of the Chicago District Council, and former bodyguard of L. P. Lindeloff, general president of the Brotherhood, among those who is responsible for the revocation of the Local 499 charter, was shot to death by rival racketeers. A few weeks prior to the killing of Thompson, Michael "Bubs" Quinlan, a south-side racketeer, was killed by Roy "Muckel" Shields, of the Painters District Council. Thompson was said to have been killed in revenge as was the case in an attempt on the life of James Dugan, business agent of Local 191 of Chicago on August 21.

NEGRO HISTORY TAUGHT

NEW YORK.—A class in public speaking, Negro history and the program of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights is being conducted by Grace Lamb every Monday night at the headquarters of the L. S. N. R., 119 West 135th St. The class is free.

Negro Fights Chain Gang In N.Y. Court

Georgia Warden Seeks to Drag Him Back to Death Camp

NEW YORK.—The Georgia lynch rulers who are trying to murder heroic Angelo Herndon on the chain gang, reached out yesterday for Paul Smith, 21-year old Negro youth who fled the Whitefield Prison Camp, near Dalton, Georgia, a year ago, and has been working in this city as a bootblack for several months.

Smith vehemently protested the attempt to extradite him in Magistrate Jonah J. Goldstein's court. "I don't want to go back to that prison camp, because they'll kill me," he told the magistrate.

Warden Harvey Smith of the prison camp, who has extradition papers to take Smith back to torture and certain death, stepped forward at this point to "resent the aspersions on the fair name of the State of Georgia," of whose chain gang brutalities Jack Spivak in "Georgia Nigger" gave irrefutable proof.

"They'll kill me, because they think more of a dog than they do of a Negro," Smith insisted, pointing to a deep scar on his forehead outward evidence of his treatment at the camp.

Magistrate Goldstein postponed decision, to allow Smith to get an attorney, he said. Smith was serving a 10-year sentence on the chain gang.

Herndon Will Speak In Brooklyn Tonight

BROOKLYN.—Rev. James Horton, pastor of one of Brooklyn's largest Negro churches, is expected to make the welcoming address to Angelo Herndon, heroic Negro leader of the working class, on his appearance at the Elks Auditorium, 1068 Fulton Street, this evening.

Negro and white workers and intellectuals will join in a tremendous mass welcome to the young Negro leader who courageously defied the Georgia rulers, was sentenced to 18 to 20 years on the chain gang for organizing white and Negro workers together, and is now out on bail, pending appeal.