

Building a Mass Movement to Win Freedom for Angelo Herndon

Organization of Provisional Committee Is First Step Taken; Preparations Now Being Made for Mass Conference in April

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The tasks before us in building a defense movement around Angelo Herndon in Atlanta must be accomplished quickly. We must draw into this case elements never before reached by us, on the basis of the United Front. In this united front the International Labor Defense should take the leadership, by the correctness of its proposals, and by the ability of our comrades to bring together and activate the new elements.

We must win to us those liberals who have an honest sympathy for Herndon, but who hesitate in the face

of the terror of the Southern ruling class Bourbons. We must combat their waverings, and at the same time win their confidence.

We must win the workers in the reformist organizations by proving to them our sincerity, our ability to lead, and by the concrete exposure of their misleaders.

This must be done at once, because one of the first conditions upon which we can build a mass movement is to show that the terror can be broken, that we can force our rights to organize, our rights to free speech, our rights to struggle for better conditions.

Issues Down Clearly

This can be done because, at the present time, as a result of the wonderful legal defense put up in the court by the two young Negro attorneys, Gear and Davis, and of the militant action of Herndon himself, all the issues in the case have been clearly raised, and have penetrated deeply among the Negro workers, white workers, and Negro and white intellectuals.

First Step Taken

The first step has been taken, the organization of a Provisional Committee for the Freedom of Angelo Herndon. For many reasons, among which was the fact that the city of Atlanta is an educational center, with a larger proportion of liberals than is usual in the South, we at-

Fight for Him Grows



United Front Committees are being formed in various parts of the country to save Angelo Herndon, young Negro worker, from an 18-20 year sentence on the Georgia chain-gang to which he was recently sentenced for organizing among the unemployed. Atlanta, where he was arrested for his activity, is the latest city to organize a united front "Save Herndon Committee."

tained a wider united front than ever before in the South.

On the Provisional Committee are delegates elected by the Atlanta local of the Socialist Party, by the Colored Methodist Episcopal Ministers Union, and by four other organizations. Then, among the individuals on the Provisional Committee are rank and file members of the A. F. of L., Negro and white college instructors, and other people connected with important sections of the population. All in all, there are about 20, about evenly divided as to Negro and white.

Must Activate Members

This Provisional Committee has the task of activating its members and the organizations of these members in some concrete ways to gain the organized sympathy of the people of Atlanta, and to raise finances for the carrying out of the defense.

At the first meeting, it was decided to hold a mass conference, inviting all religious, fraternal and civic organizations to send delegates. Then it was decided that each organization and individual on the Provisional Committee should take at least one step in the raising of funds.

April 9 Tentative Date

It was further decided to hold the mass conference tentatively on April 9, at one of the several white churches in Atlanta with a liberal following. A sub-committee was elected to carry on the work between meetings of the full Provisional Committee, on which we have a member of the S. P. and a white college instructor, and we are activating these elements to the full in formulating the policy of this committee, without giving way to their vacillations.

At the same time, the I. L. D. is continuing along in an independent manner on its main task of winning the masses of Negro and white workers in the struggle against the terror on a class struggle basis. We are building new branches, strengthening our old branches, and we are preparing to issue thousands of leaflets independently for the purpose of bringing the masses to the conference, and insuring a mass base to the whole activity besides the masses we are reaching through the organizations, and through the Provisional Committee.

Careful Preparation Needed

The Conference for the Freedom of Angelo Herndon, to be held next month, must be prepared with the utmost of care. Every step must be worked out; all the new elements must be activated. We must work with the view of showing without the shadow of a doubt to any honest worker or intellectual that the I. L. D. is sincerely interested in forming a real united front, and not in dominating the whole action merely because we are the International Labor Defense.

At the same time, keeping step with the growth of this movement for Herndon, we must systematically, but very carefully, unfold the whole

In the Sunny South



Prison guards holding bloodhounds in readiness for pursuit against an escaped prisoner from a Georgia chain-gang.—Copyright by John L. Spivak. From "Georgia Nigger."

CONN. WORKERS DEFEAT MEASURE TO REGISTER STATE'S FOREIGN BORN

HARTFORD, Conn.—Following a prolonged fight waged by numerous labor organizations, a bill calling for the registration of all aliens in Connecticut was defeated at the hearing before the State Judiciary Committee, held in Hartford on March 8th.

When this strike breaking measure was first introduced by Mrs. Anna Tillinghast, Immigration Inspector, notorious for her jailing of Edith Berkman, a United Front Committee of labor organizations was immediately formed to fight this bill.

"The struggle against militarism must not be postponed until the moment when war breaks out. Then it will be too late. The struggle against war must be carried on now, daily, hourly." LENIN.

Party Held in M Area Raises \$1

Hundreds of Letters Sent Made to Save

The many methods which can be used by workers are amply illustrated in the letters of the country. Tony Marko, treasurer of the Cleveland, sends a \$10 money order, Jennie Fyvarun writes from Baltimore, the Daily Worker by Unit 4 of the Communist Party, and I am sending the receipts, \$9.

A worker in San Pedro, Calif., in the recent quake area, sends a money order for \$15, saying that "this was collected at Comrade Mrs. Kanastars birthday party. We would have collected more, but it is shaking too much our way and so just a few came to the party. Better success next time."

The Finnish Workers Club of Berkeley, Calif., sends \$7 as a contribution. . . . And from Karlo Stakovich, Centerville, Iowa, comes the following: "Please find enclosed the sum of \$1 to support the Daily Worker in this day of crisis. My last two weeks' pay in coal mines here was check for \$135. By this you can tell in what position we are, but we will donate for our 'Daily' even when not able to read it. I do read 'Radnik,' the Croatian weekly."

There are hundreds of additional letters like these. They prove not only the deep regard in which the Daily Worker is held by workers throughout the country, not only the sacrifices that are being made for it, but also that funds CAN be raised, if only sufficient workers follow the methods described in these letters.

Hold house parties, birthday parties. Get your branch or club or unit to raise a collection and send it without the slightest delay to the Daily Worker. An earthquake did not keep workers from raising \$15 for the Daily Worker. Surely workers in the rest of the United States must do their bit too, to raise the \$25,000 essential to keep the 'Daily' alive.

SPEED ALL FUNDS!

CONCERT & THEATRE Sunday, March 26, 8 P. M.

at Spartacus Workers Club 209 West 25th Street

—PROGRAM—

SKIT—"BROADWAY, 1933" by Theatre Collective

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program of the I. L. D., bringing in Scottsboro, Mooney, with special emphasis on the Mooney Congress, and its universal appeal, and the whole struggle for Negro rights. We must bring in the question of the chain-gangs, and the repeal of the Anti-Insurrection Law.

COPS TERRORIZE CARLOCK WITNESS

Report Disappearance After Police Visit

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Police Commissioner Cliff Davis has, after great effort, been able to score one underhanded success in his frantic struggle to keep the International Labor Defense from getting the death penalty for his six officers who lynched Levon Carlock, 19 year old Negro, here two weeks ago.

Mayor Watkins Overton is scheduled to speak over the radio to "tell the truth" about the murders committed lately by his officers, principally that of Levon Carlock, 19 year old Negro lad, and of Lloyd Lowe, white "suspect" who was beaten to death in the third degree room.

"The truth is murder and lynching by Memphis police," the International Labor Defense today wired the Mayor from its New York office. "We challenge you to allow the International Labor Defense to present sworn affidavits of eye witnesses to the killing of Levon Carlock over the radio. We demand the death penalty for the uniformed lynchers and an immediate stop to all police brutality and terror. People of Memphis, Negro and white, demand this truth whether you give it or not."

'Daily' Banquet Puts N. Y. Quota Over Top; Prospect Club in Lead

NEW YORK.—Despite rain, sleet and wintry weather, 450 delegates, representing various workers' organizations, proved their solidarity and loyalty to the Daily Worker by packing the Daily Worker banquet Sunday night at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St.

The highest pitch of the evening was reached when the workers' clubs, engaged in a socialist competition, came forward with their donations. The Prospect Workers Club, whose original quota had been \$475 (and which had until then contributed \$229) surprised the entire assemblage by donating an additional \$143. This added contribution means that the Prospect Workers Club has more than doubled its quota. It places it far in the lead for the banner to be awarded to the club which raises the highest per centage of its quota.

Total collections, excluding pledges, reached \$984. This enabled the New York district to go above its \$12,000 drive quota, whereupon the City Committee voluntarily increased the quota to \$15,000, to be raised within the next ten days.

"DANTON" OPENS AT ACME THEATRE WEDNESDAY

"Danton," a stirring film story of the French Revolution, will begin its engagement at the Acme Theatre, 14th St. and Union Sq., on Wednesday. Here is the story of the stirring events of the French Revolution, showing the thrilling chapters in the life of George Jacques Danton, the revolutionist. Beginning with the early days of January, 1793, when Danton became president of the Jacobins. The film reveals the leading events of the revolution and its principal characters, including Robespierre, Marat, St. Just, etc.

Fritz Kortner, the noted German star plays the leading role. He is supported by many famous stage and screen stars of Germany. The picture has complete English titles.

"Shame," the new Soviet talkie directed by Ermier and Yutkevitch, is now in its second week at the Cameo Theatre. Vladimir Gardin, called "the Emil Jannings of the Soviet screen," plays the leading role. The scenario was written by N. Zarkhi, who wrote the scenario of Pudovkin's "Mother." Dmitri Shostakovitch, composed an original score for this film.

WHAT'S ON

IMPORTANT NOTE: In view of the critical financial situation in the Daily Worker, organizations are urgently asked to enclose money, at the rate of one cent a word per insertion, with announcements.

Tuesday

LIBRARY CENTER CLUB, 101 W. 41st St., corner Sixth Ave., invites all workers to friendly meetings at this Midtown Center open every afternoon and evening for interesting discussions and debates. No admission charge. Free instruction by Comrade Cummings in chess and checkers. Very reasonable rent for union meetings. Proletarian atmosphere.

LECTURE—"Agricultural Revolution in the Soviet Union" by Dr. Leroy at 8:30 p.m., tonight, auditorium, 2700 Bronx Park East. Auspices Cooperative Branch, Friends of Soviet Union.

REORGANIZATION OF DRAMATIC GROUP—See members wanted. No talent needed. Meets 8:30 p.m. Concourse Workers Club, 1349 Jerome Ave., near 170th St.

DRAMATIC AND SINGING GROUP meets tonight at Brighton Progressive Club, 139 Brighton Beach Ave.

CHORUS of Pierre Deguyier Club meets 8:15 p.m. tonight at 55 West 19th St.

Wednesday

C. HATHAWAY will speak at mass mobilization meeting to launch recruiting campaign of Office Workers Union, Wednesday, March 22nd at Stuyvesant Casino, Ninth St. and Second Ave., at 8 p.m.

PROF. SCOTT NEARING will speak Wednesday, March 22nd on "The Organization of Production" at Burnside Manor, 85 W. Burnside Ave., Bronx (near University Ave.) 4 p.m.—Admission 25c. Auspices FSU, Bronx Branches and N. Y. District.

ANNOUNCEMENT PLAYWRIGHTING class for beginners starts Friday evening, March 31st at the Workers Laboratory Theatre, of WIR, 23 East 12th St. Register now.