

TRADE UNIONISTS! BACK SCOTTSBORO, HERNDON, MOONEY FIGHT!

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On January 7, the United States Supreme Court handed down a decision to hear the appeal in the cases of Haywood Patterson and Clarence Norris. This is a great victory for the working class and the Negro people, led in this struggle by the Communist Party and the International Labor Defense, in the

fight for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys, Angelo Herndon, and Tom Mooney, whose cases are now before this court. Only the power of the working class could have forced this decision.

The importance of victory in the Scottsboro case, in the Angelo Herndon case, and the Tom Mooney case, all three of which are now before the Supreme Court, to the working class and the Negro liberation movement, and especially to the trade unionists and

the rest of organized labor, can scarcely be over-emphasized.

I urge every trade unionist, every member of organized labor, to join in the fight for these victories, to bring up the question of these cases in his union local, in his mass organization, and to secure the passage of resolutions addressed to the U. S. Supreme Court demanding the freedom of these victims.

The International Labor Defense, which has

raised \$14,560.20 since July 9, 1934, on the Scottsboro-Herndon campaign, and spent much more, is now faced with the need of \$10,000 to carry on the appeals and campaign. It is essential that this amount be collected before March 1. I urge all friends of the Scottsboro boys to rush funds immediately to the national office of the I. L. D., Room 610, 80 East Eleventh Street, New York City, to meet this urgent need.