

# *Appeal Made to Women Of America to Rally In Scottsboro Fight*

## **Mothers Can Appreciate Most Deeply the Savage Nature of Lynch Frame-Up**

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In appealing to the women of the United States, especially to mothers, the International Labor Defense feels that it is speaking to a group which can understand, perhaps better than any other, the tragic appeal of the Scottsboro mothers for the lives of their innocent children.

You women, you mothers, can feel with these mothers, can understand their anguish, their dread and their readiness to do anything and everything that will help the fight to free their boys. Three and a half years ago the first news the Scottsboro mothers had of their children who had left home to look for work, was a curt notice in the newspapers that their boys had been sentenced to death in Scottsboro, Alabama. At first they were stunned. All they could do "was weep and moan." They had no one to turn to. No money for lawyers. And the only ones that came to their aid and have stood by them ever since was an organization they had never heard of before—the International Labor Defense.

The Scottsboro mothers realize what it was that has saved the lives of their boys during these long years. They understand that it was the mass pressure and mass defense

of millions the world over organized by the I. L. D. And they call especially on you women to join with this organization in the struggle to free their children.

The stay of execution of Haywood Patterson and Clarence Norris until Feb. 8, 1935, is a victory and a breathing space. It gives us a little more time to gather our forces for the battles to come in the Scottsboro case. It gives us a little more time to collect the \$6,000 absolutely essential to completing the appeals before the U. S. Supreme Court and broadening the mass defense campaign to the gigantic proportions necessary to achieve final victory in the fight and restore these boys to their mothers.

Women of America, you who can appreciate most deeply the outrageous savage nature of this legal lynch frame-up. Rally to the support of the Scottsboro mothers. Rally to the support of the International Labor Defense. Help us raise the strongest wave of mass protest this country has ever seen. Help us raise the funds urgently needed to carry on the work. Rush whatever you can, as much as you can, raise in factories, among your neighbors and friends, immediately to the Scottsboro-Herndon Defense Fund, National Office of the I.L.D., Room 610, 80 East 11th St., New York City.