

Chicago Negro Leader Acclaimed by Delegates

Harry Haywood Stresses Education of Party Forces in Position on Negro Question in Convention Report

An ovation swept the convention as Harry Haywood, Negro leader in Chicago, after emphasizing that the "denial of land and the denial of freedom is at the root of inequality," pledged the South Side delegation to the carrying forward of the Party banner in the Illinois metropolis.

"It is because we carry our stand for equality to its logical conclusion that we can lead the Negro masses," he declared. "It is not chance that we are the ones who built the first organization of the sharecroppers. It is not chance that we are the ones who spread the infamy of Scottsboro to every corner of the world. It is not chance that from our ranks came Angelo Herndon."

The education of party forces to a real understanding of the party position on the Negro was urged by Haywood, who said that "it is we

who have to demonstrate in theory and practice how the struggle for self-determination is at the very heart of the struggle for unity of Negro and white."

Self-determination must be explained, he stated, to white workers "always on the basis of unity, on the basis of their common interests with the Negro people. We must convince them that the possibility of their own freedom depends on unity, and that unity demands equality in the deepest sense—self-determination."