

Seek Freedom For Angelo Herndon

YOUNG NEGRO COMMUNIST IS GIVEN 18 TO 20 YEARS IN GEORGIA; NO BAIL GRANTED

One of the most heinous crimes yet committed by the white bourgeois ruling class of the South has come to light in the case of Angelo Herndon.

Coming on the heels of the violent attacks upon the share croppers' meetings at Camp Hill, Angelo Herndon, a young Negro Communist was picked up in the chain gang state of the union, Georgia, and sentenced to from 18 to 20 years on the chain gang for no other "crime" than that of possessing Communist literature on his person. The literature, as the defense has already been able to point out, is permitted by federal authorities to pass through the mail.

This act of panicky terror is a glaring reflection of the fear that the rising militancy and consciousness of those most oppressed Negro workers and farmers, is putting into the hearts of the southern ruling class. More than that, the numerous examples of solidarity between black and white workers against their common enemy, the bosses, have been of no little consequence in increasing the bourgeois' terror. As was to be expected the Negro politicians and misleaders of the Negro toilers placed the cart before the horse in their criticism of the Angelo case. To them it was not the ruling class of Georgia that was the real villain in the piece, but the Communist party which sent a young Negro worker to the South to—as they put it—sure death.

Bail has been denied Angelo Herndon, according to latest reports. The Negro and labor baiting South will try its utmost to put through another lynch verdict. The southern capitalist hyenas have not yet had their full with the Scottsboro boys, the share croppers, the Cliff Jameses and the innumerable others. Only the mighty voice and actions of the entire working class of America, Negro as well as white, can put a stop to the lynch terror whether "legal" or "illegal", that is the common method of the capitalist South. The workers must respond.