

# HERNDON LEAVES PRISON

## 50,000 in United Front Demonstration Denounce War STEEL CONVENTION MAPS DRIVE FOR UNITY

### S.M.W.I.U. ADOPTS BROAD PROGRAM TO BUILD UNION Jobless to Mass Today In Orleans 17,000 Join In Parade At Circle MASS DEMONSTRATION TO GREET HEROIC NEGRO OUT UNDER \$15,000 BAIL

#### Vote To Affiliate With the TUUL — Act for Class War Prisoners Auto Workers Are Nominated On Mich. Communist Ticket He Will Reach New York Tomorrow—Stops At Cities On Way

**PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 5.**—Pat Cush was re-elected national president of the S. M. W. I. U. by a vote of acclamation. Jim Egan was re-elected national secretary, also by acclamation. In accepting the post, Cush declared that he "would rather be president of a fighting, militant union than of the United States." Nathaniel Douthett, of Buffalo, was elected first vice-president by unanimous vote of the convention. Other vice-presidents elected: Joe Dallet, Youngstown; Pete Chappa, Pittsburgh; Charles Rivers, New York; Frank Rogers, Cleveland; Brown, Chicago.

**By TOM KEENAN**  
(Special to the Daily Worker)  
**PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 5.**—Calling for an intensive campaign to weld unity among all steel workers over the heads of Mike Tighe and the treacherous A. F. of L. leaders, with special activity to draw in all Negro, young and unemployed workers, and immediate formal affiliation with the Trade Union Unity League, Jack Stachel, representing the T.U.U.L., this morning addressed the National Convention of the Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union.

"Today there can be no doubt," declared Stachel, "as to which program, that of the A. F. of L. and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, or that of the T.U.U.L. and the Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union, provides the correct road for the steel and metal workers."

The formation of a strong, national mass union he set forth as the immediate task in the fight against the steel bosses, his remarks greeted on many occasions by enthusiastic applause from the 125 delegates present.

**17 Resolutions Passed**  
"Only such a program," he concluded, "can win better wages and conditions."

Seventeen resolutions have already been passed by the convention, which is now engaged in the adoption of the constitution, covering the following subjects:

A program of action for steel workers and one for metal workers.

Intensified work among the youth, and to organize all women in the industry.

Concentration on the immediate task of organizing the Negro workers.

Demanding the passage of the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill.

Educational work throughout the union.

Fuller utilization of the official organ, "The Steel and Metal Worker."

Endorsing the U. S. Congress Against War and Fascism in September.

**FIGHT FOR CLASS-WAR PRISONERS**  
Demanding the immediate release of Tom Mooney, of Angelo Herndon, and the Scottsboro boys, and the dropping of all charges against Egan, Frankfield, and the Ambridge frame-up victims.

Supporting the right-to-work bill for protection of foreign born which is now before Congress.

Mobilization for the fight against injunctions.

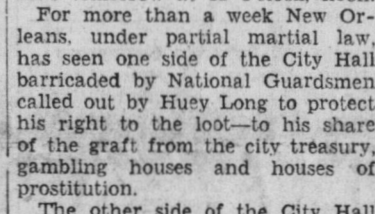
Affiliating with the Trade Union Unity League.

Demanding the release of Ernst Thaelmann.

Final adoption of the constitution, the election of officers, and the adoption of a few additional resolutions will complete the sessions of the convention.

**By ANDREW OVERGAARD and TOM KEENAN**  
**PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 5.**—In contrast to the last convention of

**THE fight to save the Scottsboro boys, Angelo Herndon and all class-war prisoners can be greatly intensified through the spread of the Daily Worker.** Twenty thousand new readers by September 1 means 20,000 additional fighters in our ranks—means a broader front for organizing a powerful defense movement. A mass circulation for the "Daily" adds pressure to our legal struggles in the courts. This would also insure its sale and distribution in many cities and some states where it is now greatly hampered by the police and courts.



**J. Brodsky**  
No reader of the Daily Worker truly appreciates the value of its organizing force until he is doing everything in his power to increase its circulation.

**JOSEPH R. BRODSKY.**  
**Boss Painters Plan to Open With Scab Men**  
NEW YORK.—In a desperate effort to smash the brilliant strike of painters of this city the employers have decided to open all shops this morning with scabs.

This decision is announced in a resolution of the Building Trades Employers Association adopted late last week and circulated to all boss painters.

The strikers, who walked out last Monday, are demanding the 7 hour day and a \$9 daily scale.

**Strikers to Increase Picketing**  
Efficient preparations to keep the jobs closed until the demands of the workers are met are being made by the strikers' rank and file committee, particularly that of Local 499, the driving force in the strike and the leader of the struggle against the illegally-elected District Secretary, Phillip Zausner.

L. P. Lindeloff, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators, has entered the lists in support of Zausner with a telegram to Local 499 threatening the revocation of the locals charter.

**4,200 TO STRIKE TODAY**  
**CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Aug. 5.**—A strike of 4,200 lumber camp workers will take place tomorrow unless demands for recognition and wage increases are met, it was announced by the State Federation of Labor yesterday.

**U. S. Bombers Assist In Anti-Soviet Drive**  
**SHANGHAI, August 5.**—Assisted by bombing plan squadrons organized by American military specialists, troops of the Chiang-Kai-Shek Nanking government are reported to have repulsed the Red Army which was nearing Foochow on the coast.

American battleships rushed toward Foochow on the news that 5,000 workers and peasants in the Chinese Red Army were nearing the seacoast town in the Kiangsi province.

**NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 5.**—Following a successful Aug. 1 demonstration, when 1,000 unemployed Negro and white workers, led by the Unemployed Council, demonstrated before the relief station for the continuance of relief; against the cutting of thousands of "unemployables" off the lists; against imperialist wars; demanding all war funds for the unemployed. The Unemployment Council, supported by the Communist Party, has called a mass demonstration before the City Hall tomorrow at 12 o'clock, noon.

For more than a week New Orleans, under partial martial law, has seen one side of the City Hall barricaded by National Guardsmen called out by Huey Long to protect his right to the loot—to his share of the graft from the city treasury, gambling houses and houses of prostitution.

The other side of the City Hall has been barricaded by the regular police force of 840 reinforced by 500 "extra police sworn in to protect Mayor Walmsley's right to the loot."

While these two factions of the Democratic Party are fighting over the lion's share of the loot—unemployed workers by the thousands are sinking further into starvation conditions. Tens of thousands of workers are denied the right to vote. Particularly the Negro and white workers are disfranchised.

Daily more and more workers who are denied the most elementary democratic rights are turning toward the Communist Party and revolutionary mass organizations for leadership.

Utilizing these antagonisms between the factions of the capitalist

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**Marchers Cheered**  
All along the line of march thousands of spectators who lined the sidewalks cheered and applauded the paraders and shouted slogans with them. The contingent of nurses dressed in white uniforms and holding a large banner in a position parallel to the ground, aroused a storm of hand-clapping all along the route. Nickels, dimes and quarters were freely thrown into the banner to aid the fight against war and fascism.

**War Funds for Jobless**  
Working class songs, slogans calling for the freedom of Angelo Herndon, the Scottsboro boys, Tom Mooney, Thaelmann, and demanding all war funds to the unemployed and a united fight against imperialist war and fascism were heard all along Eighth Ave. and in the park.

In addition to the resolution adopted, two telegrams were voted to be sent—one to Hitler demanding the release of Thaelmann and all other anti-war anti-fascist prisoners, and another to Roosevelt

**By A. B. MAGIL**  
(Special to the Daily Worker)  
**DETROIT, Michigan, August 5.**—An auto worker, an outstanding fighter in the ranks of labor, will be the Communist candidate for Governor of Michigan in the coming elections.

John Anderson, leader of the Progressives in the Mechanics Educational Society of America, independent union of tool and die makers in the automobile industry, was today chosen to head the Communist Party ticket in this State. Anderson who has become widely known for his struggles in behalf of the rank and file of the M. E. S. A., was nominated at the two-day State nominating convention of the Party held yesterday and today in Finnish Workers' Hall.

Another auto worker was chosen to head the Congressional slate when Phil Raymond, National Secretary of the Auto Workers Union, was nominated for the U. S. Senate.

Other candidates chosen were for Lieutenant - Governor, John

**Truck Strikers Get Terms at Hard Labor**  
**MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 5.**—Farmer-Labor Governor Floyd Olson has issued another ultimatum indicating that if the strike of the 6,000 truck drivers is not ended by tonight at midnight, drastic action of the National Guard against picketing will follow.

The National Guard has taken 164 persons to the military stockade, it was announced by the military authorities today. Six pickets were sentenced by a military court martial to hard labor from 30 to 90 days in jail.

The employers demand that a settlement must include a clause giving preference to strike-breakers in re-hiring. This would mean a wholesale blacklist of strikers.

Leo Holscher, a strike-breaker, shot and wounded two unarmed pickets, Earl Collins and George Schirts, with a shotgun on Saturday. The photographs of the shooting were suppressed by the National Guard.

**Help the "Daily's" Drive!**  
**Interest Shopmates in "Daily"**

**"Western Worker" Out, Meetings Are Held Despite Ban**  
are, of course, no guarantees that a new wave of fascist terror will not wreck them again. But the Communist Party is working. It is on the job.

All of this is possible because the waterfront workers defeated the attempt of the employers and their press to split their ranks. The Communist Party did a good job regardless of what might be called the ignorant enthusiasm of some young elements that resulted in some useless arrests. The important parts of the Communist Party machinery remain intact.

A left wing conference of maritime workers from up and down the Coast will be held about the middle of the month. It will adopt a program for workers on 2,000 miles of waterfront.

**MAKI, unemployed worker from the copper region in Northern Michigan; Secretary of CState, John Rose, farmer facing a long prison term on a charge of criminal syndicalism for having led a struggle against a foreclosure; Attorney General, Lonnie Williams, Young Negro worker; State Treasurer, Mary Himoff of the Young Communist League; State Auditor, John North, one of the leaders of the Auto Workers Union in Grand Rapids.**

The leading Congressional candidates were Frank Sykes, Negro worker, Earl Reno, Leo Silkowski and John Pace, Secretary of the Unemployment Councils and the Relief Workers Protective Association, who will run in Dearborn against Mayor Clyde Ford, Henry's cousin.

One hundred and twenty seven delegates from many organizations in all parts of the State took part in this, the most important election convention in the history of the Communist Party of Michigan.

**Truck Strikers Cigar Makers Get Terms at Strike in York And In Phila.**  
**PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 5.**—The workers in the Royalist Cigar Co. are on strike against unbearable conditions and against wages of \$4 to \$6 per week. The bosses have sent post cards to the strikers offering them police protection. The officials of the International Cigar Makers Union are trying to defeat the strike.

The code for hand-made cigars and stogies graduates the wage-rates from a twenty-five cents an hour minimum to 34 cents an hour. Those making the Class C or higher priced cigars are to get four cents an hour more wages, as a minimum.

The code will enslave those getting a job, and throws out of work large numbers of cigar workers.

The code was made by and for the manufacturers, without any tobacco workers being present, and the workers have a right to strike against the low wages provided in the code.

In York, Pa., 5,000 workers were locked out and 8,000 more were faced with lockout by the county cigar manufacturers association. In York, the president of the International Cigar Makers Union, I. M. Orburn, ordered the workers to ship out scab-made cigars from the plant of T. E. Brooks. The workers defied this order. They were attacked and gassed by the police.

Orburn, not satisfied with his scabbery in York, is calling on the Royalist cigar workers in Philadelphia to scab. The workers refused to listen to Orburn in the Royalist plant.

**No Arrest in Lynching As Cops Blame Negroes**  
**SHREVEPORT, La., August 5.**—No arrests of lynchers will be made, police officials announced yesterday following the lynching of a Negro.

Authorities say that the Negro, Grafton Page, thirty years old, was lynched by a band of other Negroes because he attacked a Negro girl. Page was beaten to death by knotted ropes.

This slanderous lie is an open attempt by Southern white rulers to absolve themselves from all blame of persecution of Negroes and put themselves in the position of a "guardian" to keep peace between the Negroes themselves.

**NEW YORK.** — Angelo Herndon, released on \$15,000 bail Saturday from his torture chamber in Fulton Tower, Atlanta, Ga., will arrive in New York at Pennsylvania station at 6:35 p. m. tomorrow night, the International Labor Defense announced yesterday.

The I. L. D. called on all workers, Negro and white, to demonstrate at the station in a monster welcome for the heroic young fighter against hunger and fascism for unity of black and white workers.

Demonstrations of welcome and solidarity, which all workers were urged to attend, are also being arranged as the train passes through Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Newark.

The train will pass through the stations in these cities at the following hours (daylight saving time): Washington, D. C. 2 p. m.; Baltimore, 2:52; Philadelphia (30th Street) 4:46; North Philadelphia, 4:57; Newark, 6:17.

**Brodsky Posts Bail**  
(Special to the Daily Worker)  
**ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 5.**—Angelo Herndon was released from Fulton Tower prison at 5 p. m. Saturday, on \$15,000 bail raised through a mass campaign of the International Labor Defense.

The bail was posted by Joseph R. Brodsky, chief counsel for the I. L. D., who immediately left for New York with Herndon, accompanied also by the Rev. A. J. Martin, Negro minister of Atlanta.

Herndon is being brought to New York by a circuitous route to forestall any attempts by the Southern lynchers and their agents to interfere with his passage.

A strong force of deputies was on hand at the jail when Herndon was released, evidently the result of the mass campaign directed at Governor Eugene Talmadge of Georgia, demanding protection for Herndon.

At the train, also, special railroad detectives had been assigned.

**Jail Mates in Farewell**  
As he left the gates of the prison where he had spent nineteen months of torture, fellow-prisoners, black and white, crowded the jail windows in an affectionate demonstration of farewell, yelling "good-bye and good luck" to the heroic young Negro Communist.

Despite the urgings of the deputies, Herndon insisted on turning back and shouted back greetings from the sidewalk:

"Thanks! Be Brave! Heads up! Good luck!"

This was in striking contrast to the sneering remark of the turnkey: "Hope to see you back for good!"

"Not to have my head confined in a small place seems strange and wonderful," were Angelo Herndon's first words on driving away. "Gee, the air smells good!"

Immediately, still breathing deeply of the fresh air and turning his head about to see the world after his long months of foul prison air and solitary confinement, he went on:

"Now that I am free again I want to thank the I. L. D. and all the friends and sympathizers for their militant revolutionary fight in forcing the fascist ruling class of Georgia to release me on bail. I am filled with deep enthusiasm and joy over this victory. I can scarcely find words to express myself adequately. This is just the beginning of the fight for my ultimate freedom, which is at the same time a fight against fascism and the growing intolerable lot of the workers."

"We Must Fight for the Others"

"We American workers must now tighten up our ranks in militant struggles that must free the Scottsboro boys, Thaelmann, Mooney, and all class war victims and even-



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tually lead to the destruction of the pirate ruling class. This partial victory in connection with my case should be all the more convincing to those who have been doubtful or misled about the strength of mass pressure.

"I re-enter the struggle determined to carry on, come what may."

The actual release on bail of Angelo Herndon climaxed a day of feverish activity by Brodsky, who flew from New York Friday night with the precious \$15,000 raised by the I. L. D. This activity included a four-hour drive into the country

to secure the signature of Judge Lee B. Wyatt to the release order.

Prior to this the signature of the court clerk, the attorney of record, and of Herndon himself had been obtained, following the posting of the cash.

"When I went to get Herndon's signature, I was given the most amazing demonstration of the spirit of this young fighter," Brodsky said. "Before I could get his signature to the papers for his own release, I had to answer a flood of questions which he poured out to me about the latest developments of the struggle against starvation, terror, and fascism in this country and internationally."