

Georgia Officials Ape Hitler Terror

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Ernst Thaelmann suffers Hitler's brutal tortures. Leashed by the mighty chains of international working class solidarity and protest, the Nazi dogs have feared to murder Thaelmann! In fury they growl and show their nasty fangs! The Nazi ruler of Germany makes no pretense to democracy. It is an open, brutal, fascist dictatorship.

In Atlanta, Georgia, Angelo Herndon rots in Fulton Tower. He was arrested and convicted because he dared to organize Negro and white workers to demand bread for their hungry children! Georgia is still a part of the U. S. A., a nation which pretends to have democracy! But this democracy is only for the ruling class. As the crisis grows sharper and sharper the workers are forced into a position of suppression and abuse. The Georgia lynch rulers no longer make any pretense of democracy! They cruelly torture Angelo Herndon. With brutal chains and iron balls around his ankles, with steel spikes in the leg bands which tear at the flesh both night and day these lynchers will slowly but surely sap the life from his body!

DEFIES GEORGIA LYNCHERS

But with all their cruel torture they failed to break Angelo Herndon. Just as Stone Mountain still lifts its granite peaks proudly to a Georgia sun in spite of ugly reactionary statues carved on its side by the "Daughters of the Confederacy" who strive to perpetuate the old slave system, so does the steel of Herndon's courage remain unmoved! Just as Thaelmann, Communist leader of the German workers, defies his Nazi torturers, so does Angelo Herndon, young Negro leader of the Negro and white workers in Atlanta, defy the Georgia lynchers! Threats, brutal beatings, solitary confinement with a dead and decaying human body—all have failed to move Herndon or break his spirit! And they will never break the spirit of Angelo Herndon. Because he represents the courage of the vanguard of that solid mass of united Negro and white workers which is someday to break the rule of the southern lynchers!

For two years Herndon has been kept from the chain gang by the angry protest of workers all over the world. In spite of the Nazi terror, the German workers have shown their



Angelo Herndon is persecuted because he is the leader of unemployed struggles like this one. Herndon must be freed.

solidarity with the American workers by demonstrations and protest against the Herndon and Scottsboro frame ups. In return the American workers and workers all over the world have protested the Nazi tortures and attempts to murder Ernst Thaelmann. By this international working class solidarity, Thaelmann has been kept from the Nazi ax, the Scottsboro boys from the electric chair, and Angelo Herndon two years from a Georgia chain gang! We workers now see that we have no national boundaries. We see what our international solidarity and protest will do.

"INCITING INSURRECTION"

We have kept Herndon from the chain gang for two years. But just recently the Georgia Supreme Court upheld the decision of from 18 to 20 years. With this decision handed down, Rev. John Hudson and his "Red" squad started on a brutal terroristic campaign against the workers of Atlanta. Dozens of workers homes were raided. Workers were threatened, literature was seized and destroyed. They were forbidden to receive the Daily Worker, Labor Defender, New Masses, Liberator and any other working class publication. News stands were forbidden to sell these publications. The I.L.D., which had been mobilizing the workers to

protest the Herndon decision, was raided, materials stolen and declared illegal by the Rev. John Hudson! They got out a warrant for me, charging me with "inciting to insurrection," because I was doing the same thing Angelo Herndon had done, organizing Negro and white workers to struggle for better conditions!

With this new decision on Herndon, the lynchers have increased their brutality to him! From his dank cell in Fulton Tower, this brave young leader managed to get word out to us. He said: "Since the Georgia Supreme Court upheld my sentence of 18 to 20 years, the bosses and their jail tools have increased the pressure on me." He tells us that they refuse to let him get mail, literature or papers—Daily Worker, Labor Defender, etc!

FREE HERNDON!

Fellow workers, we must save Angelo Herndon from this death on a Georgia chain gang! We must rally around the I.L.D. and help it in waging a campaign against this attempt to murder our brave young working class leader! We must flood Gov. Talmadge, Assistant Solicitor John Hudson and Mayor Key with protests—letters, telegrams, resolutions, demanding the immediate freedom of Angelo Herndon.