

# LABOR DEFENDER

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## Herndon Must Stay Free!

Angelo Herndon, heroic young Negro organizer, has left the torture-cell of Fulton Tower prison in Atlanta. A loyal and devoted working-class has answered the call of the International Labor Defense and has raised, dollar by dollar, the tremendous bail of \$15,000 and has wrenched Angelo Herndon from the hands of the Georgia lynchers.

Herndon's trip to New York—by a circuitous route to avoid threatened attacks by the Ku Klux Klan—was a triumphal procession. Cheered on his way by workers gathered at stations along the route to watch Herndon's train go by, the young Negro leader arrived in New York to step into the arms of thousands of his comrades and fellow-workers. Hands were raised to greet him and voices were lifted to cheer him. For a time, at least, the devotion of the working-class has snatched Herndon from the lynchers.

But over the stirring welcome, over the cheering crowds, there loomed still the shadow of the Georgia chain-gang. For Herndon's release on bail—though a great temporary victory—is but one stage in the fight to free him.

Will Herndon remain out of jail,

giving his young enthusiasm to the fight, throwing his energies into the fight for the Scottsboro boys? Or will this autumn find him once more in the clutches of the lynchers, the steel of the chain-gang about his legs, bending his back under the threats of a prison overseer on a Georgia road? Will the autumn find the Scottsboro boys burned to a crisp in the electric chair?

But the fact is that Herndon is today nearer the Georgia chain-gang than he has ever been before. The legal frame-up against him grinds on. The Georgia Supreme Court has denied him a new trial. The Alabama Supreme Court has upheld the conviction of Haywood Patterson and Clarence Norris, two of the Scottsboro boys. Now these cases go before the U. S. Supreme Court.

Have we rescued Angelo Herndon, have we made such tremendous efforts on behalf of the Scottsboro boys, only to deliver them once again into the hands of the lynchers? A thousand times no!

So far we have not failed Angelo Herndon and the Scottsboro boys. We cannot fail them now.

fighters against wage-slavery, by wresting from the hands of the ruling class murderers, Angelo Herndon and the Scottsboro boys, victims of a nation in chains.

When Sacco and Vanzetti died, we swore that they had not died in vain. We can make good that pledge by wrenching from the hands of the lynchers ten Negro youths. On this August 22, plunged into the bitter fight to save them, we recall and heed Vanzetti's cry: "A million men—we must mobilize a million men!"

## Defend Victims of WEST COAST TERROR!

On other pages of this issue the grim record of fascist terror, West Coast style is vividly portrayed; fascist terror which is still raging up and down the length of the coast and spreading inland across the country. The list grows longer everyday—San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, San Pedro, Sacramento, Minneapolis, Kohler, New York. Spurred on by the example of San Francisco where vigilante rule is entrenching itself sanctioned by all forces of "law and order"—federal, state and city—the forces of developing fascism in this country are carrying through their attack against the most elementary rights of the