

Herndon Is Free!---'This Is a Victory for the United Front'

THE UNITY THAT SNATCHED THE HEROIC YOUNG NEGRO FROM THE CHAIN GANG CAN SMASH REACTION EVERYWHERE, IN SCOTTSBORO, GALLUP, TERRE HAUTE

ON SATURDAY the word flashed through the country: **ANGELO HERNDON IS FREE!**

In the Superior Court of Fulton County, down in Atlanta, Judge H. M. Dorsey had declared the slave-time "insurrection" law unconstitutional.

The State has twenty days in which to appeal. In the meantime, the heroic young Negro is released from prison on \$8,000 bail. He is again in our midst—freed for the time being from the shadow of a living death. The burden of appeal is now on the State!

This Herndon verdict is a smashing victory against the forces of anti-labor reaction. It re-echoes in a thousand workers' centers. It affects the fate, not of

Herndon alone. Eighteen other defendants are under similar indictments. Throughout Georgia and the South, Negro and white workers feel an increase of courage.

A fight **CAN BE FOUGHT AND WON** against black reaction which can send a man to the death-dealing chain gang for twenty years, for mere political convictions!

"This victory is a victory for the United Front!"

Such were Herndon's first words as he emerged from the confinement of Fulton Tower.

"This victory is a victory for the united front of Communists, Socialists, the International Labor Defense, League for Industrial Democracy, and all

other organizations who joined together to carry on this fight."

This is the clear-cut lesson of the Herndon victory. The united front, which achieved this great result, can win countless other victories for the democratic rights of the working people.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party puts the issue clearly:

"What an important lesson for the entire labor movement, for every Socialist and Communist! If the united front is so powerful a force on behalf of Herndon, what can it not accomplish in the

Scottsboro case? In the Terre Haute and Florida cases?"

Reaction is cementing its forces to attack the workers' organizations. It is seeking to trample democratic rights in the dust—in Georgia, Alabama, Terre Haute, Gallup, Tampa, throughout the United States.

In the Herndon case all workers' organizations joined hands to snatch him from the chain gang. The American Federation of Labor declared war on the "insurrection" law. The outcome of that united fight points the way—to further united efforts, bound up in the end in a Farmer-Labor Party.

**THE UNITED FRONT FREED HERNDON!
ONWARD WITH THE UNITED FRONT!**