

Herndon Urges United Fight In Talk at NAACP Convention

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ST. LOUIS, June 27.—Angelo Herndon, heroic young Negro worker whom the southern white ruling class is trying to send to 18 to 20 years on the Georgia chain gang, addressed the 26th annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People yesterday. Herndon called for united support of his and the Scottsboro boys' fight for freedom.

Answers Schuyler

With George Schuyler, Negro writer who has viciously slandered Herndon, sitting in front of him, the young Negro worker declared to the applause of the delegates:

"Contrary to the slanders against me, I will not skip ball, because I am a Communist and a Negro

fighting for the liberation of the working class.

"I not asking the rulers of this country for mercy! I am not crawling on my belly before them. I come before all workers and fighters for justice and urge them to use their united pressure as the only way that they will not only free me and the Scottsboro boys, but the oppressed people of this country."

Earlier in the day one of the delegates from California raised the question of the stand of the N. A. A. C. P. regarding the united front with the Communists and the International Labor Defense. He was answered by J. E. Spingarn, the white president of the N.A.A.C.P.,

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who said that the organization "had been very patient" in the Scottsboro case, that they found that all the I. L. D. wanted was financial help, which they gave, and that they were ousted from the defense.

Urges Cooperation with Long

Spingarn avoided taking a clear-cut stand on the united front, saying it was not a theoretical matter, but should be solved by common sense.

William Pickens, field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, speaking the day before at the 26th annual N.A.A.C.P. Convention, declared that "the N.A.A.C.P. would join the next presentation of the Angelo Herndon case to the Supreme Court. We know that the Herndon case deeply concerns the Negro people. We are willing to give funds and work with the International Labor Defense for the rehearing of the case."

"The Scottsboro case no longer belongs to us," Pickens replied, when asked about the case. "We could beat the Communist Party in the defense. We always wanted to be in charge of the case. If we were, the boys would be free."

He admitted, however, that only the dictatorship of the proletariat

as it exists in the Soviet Union would give the Negroes in the Black Belt self-determination. Pickens said that "the only minority without freedom in the Soviet Union is the political minority which opposes the Communist Party, while all racial minorities have complete freedom."

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are postponed until after the meeting with Governor Lehman."

Mr. Lerner, an official of the National Skirt Manufacturers' Association, told the Daily Worker yesterday afternoon that "Our conference this morning with the I. L. G. W. U. was merely of a preliminary character. No definite agreements were intended, as yet. We just cleared out a lot of smoke, so that both sides know where they stand."

"No Statement"

In response to queries from the Daily Worker, Harry Uviller, general manager, American Cloak and Suit Manufacturers, yesterday said: "I have received Governor Lehman's telegram a half hour ago. No lengthy statement can be made now. We will be present in Albany at the conference Governor Lehman is calling to present our grievances."