

Pickens on Herndon

THE statement of William Pickens, field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, that "the N.A.A.C.P. would join the next presentation of the Angelo Herndon case to the Supreme Court" and that "we are willing to give funds and work with the International Labor Defense for the rehearing of the case" will be warmly welcomed in all circles interested in the fight for Herndon's freedom and for the rights of the Negro people.

This marks a big step forward in the struggle to save this heroic young Negro worker from slow death on the barbarous Georgia chain gang. We hope that the 26th annual conference of the N.A.A.C.P. will follow up Pickens' words and officially enter the united front with the I.L.D. in the case.

Pickens, however, adopted a different attitude toward the Scottsboro case, continuing the line of the N.A.A.C.P. of demanding that it be in complete charge of the case or it would not participate.

We trust that the N.A.A.C.P. conference will realize that nothing can strengthen the fight for Herndon so much as to rally behind it the great mass sentiment that has been developed around the Scottsboro case, and to wage this battle jointly and unitedly.

Such unity will strike a powerful blow against lynching, Jim-Crowism and for Negro rights everywhere.
