

New Writ Planned to Rescue Herndon from Chain Gang

COURT DELAY ADDS 5 DAYS OF FREEDOM

Powerful Pressure on Governor Is Called the Chief Weapon

The moment that Angelo Herndon hears the prison gate locked behind him, a writ of habeas corpus will be sought to free him at once, the International Labor Defense announced yesterday. The writ will be asked for on the ground that the young Negro leader has been denied a review of his case and of the constitutionality of the Georgia slave "insurrection" statute under which he was convicted to from 18 to 20 years on the chain gang.

Because the United States Supreme Court, which has refused to pass upon Herndon's case, has not yet sent its mandate to the officials of the State of Georgia, Herndon will not have to surrender to the Atlanta authorities until Monday, it was learned.

Attorney to Seek Writ

The writ will be sought by W. A. Sutherland, Atlanta, Ga., attorney who has been retained for this action by Whitney North Seymour. The latter attorney is retained by the International Labor Defense and conducted Herndon's appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

The United States Supreme Court on Oct. 15 refused a second time to review the Herndon case, on the ground that technicalities stood in its way—a decision with which three of the justices did not agree. It is on the basis of this fact that the writ will be sought.

Campaign Must Not Lag

At the same time that this announcement was made, the International Labor Defense warned against relaxing of the campaign directed to Governor Talmadge of Georgia, demanding Herndon's freedom.

Anna Damon, acting national secretary of the I. L. D., pointed out that while no possible legal step is being left untried to save Herndon, the previous record of the Georgia courts in this case showed clearly where their interests and inclinations lie. The courts have refused at every step, she pointed out, to rule in accordance even with the law and the facts, in the Herndon case.

More Protests Urged

Under any circumstance Herndon will not be surrendered to the Georgia authorities one hour earlier than is absolutely necessary, she added, and if it is possible to keep him out of their clutches longer than Monday, while preparations for suing out the writ are being perfected, this will be done.

She called for intensification of the protest addressed to Governor Talmadge, who in an interview

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2 Slain, 11 Wounded In Gulf Dock Strike

Lake Charles Port Closed After Strikers Hold Off 75 Armed Guards 12 Hours—Communists Issue Call for Mass Picketing

LAKE CHARLES, La., Oct. 23.—This port has been closed following an attack of armed guards on longshoremen's picket lines, during which two guards were slain and both strikers and guards wounded.

The striking members of the International Longshoremen's Association defended themselves for twelve hours against at least seventy-five deputized guards guns, rifles, shot guns and tear gas. The fighting ranged along a five-mile picket line. At least eleven were wounded by gunfire, including one striker.

W. R. Mayo, president of the I.L.A. local, announced that Governor O. K. Allen has ordered the port closed for three days, with guards who were armed with sub-machine and strikebreakers withdrawn. Mayo said picket lines will be maintained along the waterfront. Governor Allen will institute arbitration, Mayo said.

Sheriff Henry Reid, in charge of the deputized gunmen, has removed all guards and scabs from the port, he said, following Allen's truce.

The International Longshoremen's Association members are striking for recognition and other demands, following the signing of agreements by the steamship companies with the

WPA Delegates In Washington

Groups Place Demands for Wage Increases Before Officials

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 13.—Assistant WPA Administrator Jacob Backer was brought face to face today with the growing militant resistance of white collar workers against current substandard conditions. A large delegation of organized Philadelphia technicians, writers and other professional workers brought to Federal headquarters the demands for which they have been waging a fight by mass demonstrations.

This was one of numerous headaches to the relief generals.

From Western Maryland they received warnings that strikes will spread unless the "security wage" schedule is raised. Joseph P. McCurdy, president of the Maryland-District of Columbia Federation of Labor, sent this word after the City Council of Cumberland yielded to labor pressure and backed their insistence that they will not work for less than 50 cents and hour.

A strike already is in progress in

company unions. The strike began Oct. 8.

Communists Issue Statement
HOUSTON, Texas, Oct. 23.—The Communist Party of Houston has issued a statement calling for mass picketing here to close the channel and make the strike of the longshoremen more effective. An appeal should be made to all other unions in the city to support the demand for the removal of city and state armed forces, the Communist Party declared.

National Guards Drill
PORT ARTHUR, Texas, Oct. 23.—Three national guard companies were mobilized here in a "test" maneuver, in preparation for strike-breaking duties. Captain Walter Weisag said yesterday that the troops would be "ready when needed" for duty against striking longshoremen here.

German Food Crisis Deepens

Consumption Slumps as Beet Sugar Crop Fails and Prices Soar

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
BERLIN (Via Zurich), Oct. 23.—Sugar has followed fats, butter and pork as necessities of life which the German people are forced to do without under Nazi rule. Cream has now practically disappeared from the market also.

The sugar shortage is based upon the catastrophic drop in the quality and quantity of the beet harvest. Last year it fell behind the level of 1928-1929 by 1,500,000 centners (about 165,000,000 lbs.).

The basic reasons behind this enormous drop are the high prices and taxes on sugar. Attempts will now undoubtedly be made by the Nazi regime to still more sharply lower the consumption of sugar.

A campaign has just been started in the Nazi press to replace cheap marmalade for butter and sugar. This measure is reminding the Ger-

BRITAIN PLANS BIG ARMS PROGRAM; PEACE MARCH GETS WIDE SUPPORT

Mine, Garment and Fur Union Chiefs Back Parade

A. F. L. STAND CITED Preliminary Rallies Planned Tonight to Mobilize Campaign

"Everybody knows that war is hell for the working class," William S. Wilson, president of Printing Pressmen's Local 51, A. F. of L., said yesterday as he announced that he was urging his union to participate in the People's March for Peace on Saturday.

Wilson's endorsement of the demonstration against the rape of Ethiopia, was one of many received from prominent trade union and Negro leaders. Among the former were Julius Hochman, general manager of the Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America and lieutenant-governor of Pennsylvania; Phillip Murray, vice president of the United Mine Workers; A. Phillips Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Pietro Lucchi, president of the International Fur Workers Union; and Hugo Ernst, president of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Employees International Alliance and Bar Tenders International League of America.

Negroes Back March

Negro leaders endorsing the march, included Egbert Allen, president of the New York Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; James W. Ford, Harlem Section organizer of the Communist Party; the Rev. Shelton Hale Bishop, rector of St. Phillips Parish House; and the Rev. William Lloyd Imes, pastor of the St. James Presbyterian Church.

The People's March for Peace Committee, sponsors of the parade, instructed all anti-fascist organizations and friends of peace to assemble at noon on Saturday on 111th, 112th, 113th, 115th, 118th, 119th and 120th Streets between Seventh and Fifth Avenues.

The march is scheduled to proceed across 110th Street and down Central Park West to Sixty-first Street, where a rally will be held. Francis J. Gorman, vice president of the United Textile Workers of America, and Dr. Harry F. Ward, national chairman of the American League Against War and Fascism, will be among the leading speakers.

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ETHIOPIAN WARRIORS HOLD LINES AGAINST ITALY'S BIG PUSH



Map showing strategic points in new Italian drive into Ethiopia, which is awaited by a force of 1,000,000 Ethiopian warriors. Emperor Haile Selassie is likely to go to the front to lead his men in person.

RedChinaHails
Negro Nation
Declares Common Fight
Against Imperialism
Cements Bond

(Special to the Daily Worker)
SHANGHAI, Oct. 23.—Sympathetic greetings and pledges of solidarity were sent to the Ethiopian people by the revolutionary War Council of the Chinese Red Army in Seochuan, it was learned

Japanese
Drive Splits
Kuomintang

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
SHANGHAI, Oct. 23.—The imminent drive by Japan to force the acceptance and carrying out of her fourteen demands, recently disclosed by the China Weekly Re-

Britain Seen
Aiding Fascists
Ethiopians Push Own
Defenses on News of
Hoare's Speech

ADDIS ABABA, Oct. 23.—Greater determination to defend its own independence by the might of its armies was expressed here today in the gloomy estimates of Sir Samuel Hoare's parliamentary

Parliament Will Be Dissolved in the War Crisis

LABORITES AROUSED Powers Seek Solution to African Situation by Slicing Ethiopia

(By United Press)
GENEVA, Oct. 23.—Mussolini has requested France and Britain to delay application of sanctions to facilitate current diplomatic negotiations for settlement of the Italian-Ethiopian dispute, it was learned tonight.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin today announced that parliament will be dissolved on Friday, and general elections will be held on Nov. 14.

Under cover of the war danger and the necessity of concentrating power in the hands of the Conservatives who are engaged in critical "peace" maneuvers, the Hoare-Baldwin cabinet believe that they have picked the most propitious time for a victory over the threat of a Labor government.

The new Parliament when elected will meet on Nov. 26 with a state opening by the king on Dec. 2.

Baldwin Bars Debate

While insisting on an increased armament program to further British aims in the present crisis, Baldwin refused a Laborite's request for a debate on unemployment. "The international situation is of paramount importance," he said, "I am afraid they must appeal to the country—a tribunal to which we must bow."

Baldwin followed the policy laid down by Sir Samuel Hoare, foreign secretary—that British imperialism is moving for an understanding with Italy, but one that will be approved by the League of Nations and Ethiopia.

This was looked upon here as a means of solving the Italo-Ethiopian situation at the expense of Ethiopia, with the British imperialists gaining the dominant hand in a mandate over the last independent country.

Baldwin praised the efforts of the League, declaring it had done a great deal in the face of the non-support from the United States, Japan and Germany.

"In the interest of world peace," Baldwin told the packed house, "it

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with W. T. Anderson, editor of the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph, published in that paper Tuesday, stated that he would prefer to consider the question of freeing Herndon after whatever legal action is possible had been taken in the courts.

Funds Are Needed

The signature campaign for Herndon's freedom and repeal of the Georgia insurrection statute should be continued throughout the country without a moment's delay, as well as the collection of funds to make possible the carrying through of the writ of habeas corpus and other actions, Miss Damon urged.

Money to carry through this action should be rushed to the International Labor Defense, 80 East 11th Street, New York City.