

'Free Angelo Herndon' Campaign Launched

ILD Plans State-Wide Drive of All Organizations and Trade Unions with Free Herndon Convention as Goal—Protest to Talmadge

Plans for a State-wide "Free Angelo Herndon" campaign, including demonstrations, mass meetings, petitions and protests leading up to a "Free Angelo Herndon" convention to which delegates from all organizations and trade unions will be called were announced Monday by the State Executive Committee of the International Labor Defense.

A special appeal will be made to the trade unions of New York State to join with the many other organizations in a united campaign to free Herndon and to force the repeal of the infamous Georgia "insurrection law" under which the young Negro leader of the unemployed was sentenced to from eighteen to twenty years on the Georgia chain gang.

"At the Fifty-fifth Convention of the American Federation of Labor the delegates went on record for repeal of this law, which was originally designed to hold the Negro slaves in check," Frank Spector, state secretary of the I. L. D. in New York, said yesterday. "We call upon all trade unionists to follow the example of their convention and send immediate demands to Governor Eugene Talmadge of Georgia to use his authority toward repeal of this law. As long as the 'insurrection law' is on the books of Georgia no trade unionist is safe in that state. Under this law, strikers who go on the picket lines are subject to arrest and prosecution, and may be sentenced to the chain gang, or even death, upon conviction. In the interests of all organized labor, the American trade unions should fight vigorously for the repeal of this statute, and for the freedom of Angelo Herndon."

The State Executive Committee of the I.L.D. has asked that all organizations and individuals send protests to Governor Talmadge, and to send contributions to the "Free Angelo Herndon" Fund, Room 405, 112 East Nineteenth Street.

Herndon to Speak

Angelo Herndon, free on bail from the clutches of the Georgia State Supreme Court which has sentenced him to twenty years on the chain gang, will be one of two speakers on "Underground Work in the South," at a meeting to be held in the Downtown People's Center, 116 University Place, at 8:30 P. M. Thursday.

The meeting is to be held under the auspices of the Committee for Organization of Southern Youth and the People's Center. The Center is a mass organization built on the fight for better working conditions and the maintenance of democratic rights.



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Students Union to Join Ohrbach Picket Line

Ohrbach pickets were promised yesterday the help of the American Students Union in preparation for what they expect to be one of their most important mass demonstrations at the end of the week. It will mark the beginning of the involvement of numerous workers' organizations in addition to the consumers' and League of Women Shoppers who already give support.

It was reported yesterday by the Department Store Employees Union, Local 1250, that a steady campaign of education of the workers' fraternal organizations about New York was resulting in much feeling of resentment towards Ohrbach's policy of firing union men.

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