

Herndon Greets Soviet Youth on 20th Anniversary of Young Communist League

The youth of the land of Soviets have set the example for the young generation of all countries in the fight for liberty and peace, Angelo Herndon, Negro Young Communist leader of the United States, cabled to Komsomolskaya Pravda, Soviet youth paper, on Saturday's 20th anniversary of the foundation of the

Young Communist League of the Soviet Union.

Herndon's message, sent on behalf of the Y.C.L. of the United States, reads:

"Twenty years of the existence of the Young Communist League of the Soviet Union (Komsomol), is a great milestone of progress and achievements never before equaled by any generation of young people.

"Following the teachings of Marx, Lenin and Stalin, the Y.C.L. has courageously blazed the trail which opened up the path of hope, inspiration and security for the present and future for the young people in the new world of socialist construction.

"As the young people of the Soviet Union celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Young Communist League, young people of other lands join hands with them in the fervent hope that soon their oppression by capitalism, and fascism will be ended, and the new era of freedom begun.

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"Youth of other lands, victimized by fascist aggression, threatened by imperialist war, look to the example of Soviet youth for a way out of this situation which can only bring ruin and disaster to millions.

"In joining hands with Soviet

youth on this world important occasion, we cannot but be mindful of the terrible suffering of young people in Ethiopia, China, Spain and Austria. And we recoil in horror at the recent shameful betrayal of the Czechoslovak people by Chamberlain and Daladier.

"We greet the unserving stand of the Soviet Union in living up to its treaty obligations and calling for a show-down with the fascist bandits.

"While the conscience of the world has been outraged by the cowardly surrender to the fascist aggressors, we know that though the forces of progress have been dealt a severe blow, that the future belongs to us.

"Chamberlain and Daladier have begun the odious chapters of this world-shaking drama at Munich, but we are secure in the knowledge that the progressives of all mankind will write the epilogue, the conclusion to this, the greatest crime of our times.

"With profound admiration and in the name of American youth, I clasp a firm hand in solidarity with Soviet youth on the occasion of twenty years of tireless devotion of the Young Communist League of the Soviet Union to the cause of young people the world over."



ANGELO HERNDON