

# An Open Letter To The I.L.D. (U.S.A.)

Dear Comrades:

The Executive of the International Trade Union Committee of Negro Workers has just received news that the Treasury Department of the United States Government has lifted the ban on our official organ, the "**Negro Worker**", thanks to your vigorous protest action.

We want to take this opportunity of extending our warmest appreciation to you; and through you to all the revolutionary white and black workers for their splendid expression of international solidarity with the struggles of the Negro masses in Africa and other colonies. We consider this a great victory for the working class right of free press. The action of the American Imperialists towards the revolutionary upsurge of the Negro masses and the growing solidarity between the black and the white workers is not to be wondered at. Like the British, French, and other imperialist powers with colonial possessions in Africa, the Yankee imperialists are carrying on the most ferocious attacks upon the living conditions of Negro masses, and in order to do this most effectively they attempt to prevent the working class from reading revolutionary literature such as the "**Negro Worker**". But we want to assure our readers in America, that no matter what difficulties the imperialists put in our way, the "**Negro Worker**" will continue to carry on the struggle in mobilizing the millions of black proletarians in the colonies against hunger, unemployment, taxation, lynch law, forced labour, imperialist war, and for the defence of the Chinese masses and the Soviet Union, the fatherland of the international working class,—white as well as coloured.

We again congratulate the International Labour Defence on this splendid victory. We once more assure you of our closest collaboration and wish you every success in your present campaigns, especially for the immediate freedom of the Scottsboro victims and that labour veteran, Tom Mooney.

Fraternally yours,

**International Trade Union Committee of Negro Workers.**

George Padmore, Secretary.

Hamburg, Germany, July 14, 1932.