

# R.I.L.U. Call on Revolutionary Unions to Push Fight Against Scottsboro, Ala. Lynch Verdicts

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Denouncing the fascist terror in the courts as emphasized in the attempts to legally lynch the Scottsboro Negro boys, the Harlem white and Negro mine strikers, Orphan Jones, Willie Paterson and other class war victims, the Red International of Labor Unions calls upon the proletariat of all countries "to come forward determinedly against the lynching of Negro toilers in America, against white terrorism in your countries." The call states, in part:

The growing consolidation of the working class, the growing class-

consciousness of the Negro working masses, give rise to more and more attempts to set the black and white workers against each other. This capitalist method is one of the means applied by the ruling American bourgeoisie. Capitalism fears the united front of the revolutionary workers and the Negro toilers, marching under the militant banners of the Communist Party and the revolutionary trade union movement. With the most active support of the reformist trade union bureaucracy

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and the Negro national bourgeoisie, capitalism is trying its best to divide the ranks of the unemployed from those of the employed, the ranks of the white workers from those of the Negro workers.

Thus, for example, in the American paper, the Pittsburgh Courier, of Dec. 12, we read that the Communists do not intend to defend the young Scottsboro Negro workers. By this means they only again want to carry out the orders of the bourgeoisie and distract the attention of the working class from the bloody attempts of bourgeois justice. Facts of their treacherous activity in connection with the Scottsboro case say, that in July, 1931, the "National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples" tried to openly sabotage the defense of the young workers. In spite of the repeated calls of the "Defense Committee" (comprised of revolutionary workers) to join in the united front for defending the Negro workers, the leaders of the National Association refused to respond to these calls, justifying itself with the argument that the Defense Committee is led by Communists, with whom they do not wish to have anything to do. However, as the campaign developed and as the Negro masses openly began to go over to the wide united front of the "Defense Committee," which mercilessly kept on exposing the Negro traitors, the "National Association," under this pressure, had to issue a pacifist-liberal manifesto.

The Scottsboro case must draw the attention of the whole of the International proletariat. This trial will be followed by the trial of the Harlan (Kentucky) miners. Only by means of intensifying the work of the revolutionary trade union movement in the United States of America among the Negro and white workers, with the full support of the international proletariat, will it be possible to free the young Negro workers. The lesson of the famous Sacco and Vanzetti case is again being repeated. Only the organized forces of the working class can and must save the Negroes from the electric chair.

The Red International of Labor Unions and the Negro Workers' International Trade Union Committee, jointly with the International Red Aid (MOPR), are mobilizing the international proletariat for voicing its mass protest and for taking action to liberate the sentenced workers.

Proletarians of all countries, come forward determinedly against the lynching of Negro toilers in America, against white terrorism in your countries!

Demand the immediate liberation of the young Negro workers!

Do not permit the repetition of the Sacco and Vanzetti case!

Demonstrate your solidarity with the Negro and white workers in the United States in the struggle against white terrorism, against the attacks of the bourgeoisie and its social-fascist and national-reformist agents!

Check the hand of the hangmen! The revolutionary trade union movement must be the instigator of this struggle!