

James W. Ford Calls for Immediate Action to Save the Daily Worker

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THE DAILY WORKER is in a very serious financial situation. It is faced with closing down. I am sure that all class-conscious workers know the role of the "Daily". You know it is needed to organize the struggles of the workers; you would swear that you could not get along without the "Daily". You would be shocked to the point of the greatest indignation if it should not come out tomorrow, the next day or next week. Yet do you fully realize that this is exactly what may happen?

In a period of the greatest class battles what would you do without it? How would you be able to follow and analyze the great struggles of the auto workers in Detroit? How would you be able to explain the thousand and one questions that are asked you daily by your friends and sympathizers, except through the "Daily"?

HOW would you be able to follow and help to develop the movement for the Albany Unemployed Conference? How could you be

By JAMES W. FORD.

able daily to follow and help lead the struggle against the A. F. of L. bureaucracy, Norman Thomas and the Socialist Party leadership who are fighting against the interests of the workers?

How about the nation-wide United Front Demonstration for Unemployment Insurance and Relief on March 4th! About the Tom Mooney Defense Conference April 30, the Scottsboro and Herndon cases?

Who, except the "Daily", explains daily the development of fascism in Germany and Hitler's fascist decrees to smash the German workers' rights? The Far Eastern war, the South American wars, the drive against the Soviet Union? Only the "Daily"—and the "Daily" is faced with closing down.

the struggles of the Negro workers and helps to fight the Negro fakery and to win the masses of Negro workers for the fight against white ruling class oppression. The "Daily" leads the great struggles now developing in Alabama, Georgia and throughout the South, among Negro and white workers and poor farmers.

Negro workers and farmers, the Daily Worker is your paper! Support it! Save it! All workers and sympathizers, the voice of the "Daily" must not be silenced! DO WHAT YOU CAN TO SAVE THE DAILY!

This can only be done by organizing meetings to raise funds for the "Daily", by taking up the question in all working class organizations, by collecting in shops and factories and in working-class neighborhoods.

FOR the second day in succession contributions declined, dropping from \$26.13 on Friday to \$23.51 Saturday. Speed all contributions to 50 East 13th Street, New York City, Street, New York City.

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Total to Date \$6,059.88

Who told the truth about the Scottsboro case? Who exposed this frame-up from the beginning and helped build the great mass movement to win freedom for these nine innocent Negro boys? Think of what the capitalist press has done in the Scottsboro case. Think of what the treacherous section of the Negro press has done. Keep the Daily Worker fighting for the Scottsboro boys!

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FROM AN EX-FORD SLAVE
"Inclosed find \$2 to the Daily Worker Fund. I have been without a job since last July, but I could not do without the Daily Worker. I am one of the ex-Ford slaves.—F. W., Dearborn, Mich."

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"ALABAMA POLICE FORCED ME TO LIE" SAYS RUBY BATES STATE'S STAR WITNESS AGAINST THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS

The System That Breeds Scottsboro Frame-Ups!

"IT MAY BE THAT THIS NEGRO IS INNOCENT, BUT SOMETIMES IT IS NECESSARY TO BURN A VILLAGE."

THIS revealing statement was made by Gov. Ross Sterling of Texas in denying a stay of execution to the Negro youth Barney Lee Ross for the hearing of new evidence. In this sentence, Gov. Sterling brutally and openly epitomized the bloody policy of the white ruling class. A policy of savage repression of the struggles of the toiling Negro and white masses for bread, of legal lynching of innocent Negroes as a warning to the Negro masses not to fight against the growing oppression and starvation.

The hideous attempt to legally murder the nine innocent Scottsboro Negro boys is a part of this same ruling class policy. The Negro people are the victims of the most monstrous system of national oppression and bare-faced robbery in the world today. This system is a combination of the most modern forms of violent imperialist oppression and robbery, built up on the remnants of chattel slavery. U. S. imperialism utilizes against the Negro people every possible form of slave exploitation: peonage, share cropping, landlord control and robbery of the crops, etc.

Scottsboro frises directly out of this system of national oppression and super-exploitation of the Negroes, out of the violent denial of the right of self-determination, of self-government to the Negro people in the Black Belt. The Communists have always said that the struggle for the Scottsboro boys and against this system was one and indivisible.

The leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) at first refused to soil their hands with the Scottsboro case. They attempted to conceal the Scottsboro frame-up as a secret shame of the Negro People, because 9 Negro lads were accused of "raping" two white girls. This is nothing less than support of the whole monstrous system of national oppression and persecution of the Negro People, of manufactured "rape" charges and railroad to the electric chair through the lynch courts of the white ruling class.

The landlord-capitalist frame-up of the boys and its traitorous support by the N. A. A. C. P. leaders was exposed by the Communist Party, the International Labor Defense and the revolutionary mass organizations. These organizations rallied the white and Negro toilers to the defense of the boys. A furious thunder of protests arose against the lynch verdicts. The International Labor Defense carried the fight forward against the reformist leaders, against the lynch courts.

Four times the world-wide mass protests swept back the claws of the ruling class lynchers reaching out for the lives of their innocent victims. The Scottsboro campaign not only ripped the lid off the monstrous system of Negro oppression. It disclosed with the utmost clarity the relation of the exploitation of the Negroes to the exploitation of the working-class as a whole.

With the development of the mass defense campaign, the N. A. A. C. P. leaders then came forward, attempting to head the defense in order to head off the mass defense. They tried to break up the mass defense, to break the hold of the lynch courts on these innocent boys, to force their immediate and unconditional release, at the same time taking up a "vigorous fight for Angelo Herndon, 19-year-old Negro organizer of the unemployed, whom the Georgia bosses are attempting to murder on the chain gangs for organizing white and Negro workers together in joint struggle against starvation.

The fact that Ruby Bates' letter repudiates her evidence at the mock trial at Scottsboro, Ala., does not mean that we can stop fighting for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys. Mere evidence of innocence does not weigh with the capitalist courts where workers, and Negro workers in particular, are involved. The innocence of the boys was known all along. The innocence of Tom Mooney has been known for the past 16 years, but during those years Mooney has been kept in jail. The innocence of Sacco and Vanzetti was known to the Massachusetts bosses and their courts who framed them and burned them in the electric chair. Only the broadest united front mass fight can stop the hands of the lynchers and free the Scottsboro boys.

The toiling Negro and white masses, and all sincere sympathizers must intensify a hundred-fold the mass fight for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys, of Tom Mooney, of Angelo Herndon. The struggle for the Scottsboro boys must be strengthened with a vigorous struggle against the political and economic oppression of the Negro People, against the chain gang system, for unconditional equality for the Negro people, for self-determination of the "Black Belt" and the expropriation of the rich landlords in the interests of the Negro and white toilers who work the land.

Down with the system which breeds Scottsboro, starvation and imperialist war! For a revolutionary struggle against capitalism through a fighting alliance of the Negro masses and the revolutionary white proletariat!

PROOF THAT SCOTTSBORO BOYS WERE FRAMED-UP!



(Left) The nine Scottsboro Boys. (Below) Photostat copy and printed text of Ruby Bates' letter to her sweetheart repudiating her own statements in court which were used to convict the boys.

Jan 5 1932
Huntsville Ala
215 Connelly Alley

dearest Earl
I want too make a state ment too for mary sanders is a goddam lie about those negres jassing me those police man made me talk like that i my statement because i want too clear my self that is all too if you want too believe ak. if not that is ok. you will be sorry some day if you had too stay in jail with eight negres you would tell a lie too those negres did not touch me or those white boys i hope you will believe me the law dont i but for victor than

Mary does are any body else in the world that is why i am telling you of this thing i was drunk at the time and did not know what i was doing i know it was wrong too but those negres die on account of me i hope you will believe my stateno because it is the gods truth i hope you will believe me i was juss but those white boys jassel me i wish those negres ad not burst on account of me it is those white boys fault that those negres and that is all i know i hope you will answer me
Ruby Bates
Huntsville Ala
215 Connelly Alley

P. S. This is one true that i might tell a lie But i is the truth so god help me
Ruby Bates

Text of Ruby Bates' Letter

January 5, 1932.
Huntsville, Ala.
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Dearest Earl:

I want to make a statement to you Mary Sanders is a goddam lie about those Negroes jassing me those policemen made me tell a lie that is my statement because I want too clear my self that is all too if you want too believe me ok. if not that is ok, you will be sorry some day if you had too stay in jail with 8 eight Negroes you would tella lie too these Negroes did not touch me or those white boys (Editor's note: Here Ruby Bates is saying that the 9 Scottsboro Negro Boys did not touch her—neither did these Negro boys touch the white boys). I hope you will believe me the law don't. I love you better than Mary does or any body else in the world that is why I am telling you of this thing I was drunk at the time and did not know what I was doing I know it was wrong too but those Negroes die on account of me I hope you will believe my statement. Because it is the gods truth I hope you will believe me I was jazed but those white boys jassed me I wish those Negroes are not burnt on

RUBY BATES ADMITS THAT CONDEMNED NEGRO LADS NEVER EVEN TOUCHED HER

Completes Exposure of Hideous Frame Up by Alabama Boss Courts

All Persons Opposed to Lynching Are Urged to Join Drive to Save Lads

By CYRIL BRIGGS

NEW YORK.—Mass pressure, backing the brilliant legal defense of the International Labor Defense attorneys in the bosses lynch courts, has won another important partial victory in the Scottsboro case, forcing the Alabama police and courts to produce the famous letter of Ruby Bates, star witness of the State.

The Daily Worker today publishes a photostat copy, with accompanying printed text, of this sensational letter. In her letter, written to her sweetheart, Ruby Bates categorically repudiates the lying story put into her mouth by the Alabama authorities, charging the nine innocent Scottsboro Negro boys with "raping" herself and Victoria Price. It was on the unsupported, state-concocted, lying testimony of the two girls that eight of the nine boys were sentenced to burn in the electric chair. Ruby Bates now admits she lied! She admits she was forced by the police to lie away the lives of these innocent working-class children!

Cops Refused to Surrender Letter
The letter was written on Jan. 5, 1932, ten months after the infamous frame-up of the Scottsboro boys. It was intercepted by the police of Huntsville, Ala. The lynch bosses and their police at once realized its significance in completing the exposure of the hideous frame-up, lynch trial and death sentences. They refused to surrender it on the demands of the International Labor Defense, the organization conducting the defense of the boys. They did everything in their power to withhold it from the defense. And it was only on January 23 of this year, that the

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WAR MOVES ON FOUR FRONTS

Big Losses on Both Sides in Chaco

Paraguayan forces, hurried by their command in fierce assaults on the Bolivian lines ringing Fort Nanawa, were repulsed yesterday with huge losses on both sides.

A tense situation is developing between the governments of Chile and Bolivia over Chile's move to prohibit the transport of munitions through Chilean territory for Bolivia. The munitions are shipped from the U. S., whose imperialists are the chief instigators of the undeclared war between Bolivia and Paraguay.

The Colombian warships at Leticia, commanded in the main by U. S. officers, are reported preparing for an early resumption of hostilities—with Peru.

Japan Concentration
In the Far East, Japan is completing its concentration of troops on the Jehol border for an invasion of that province. The Japanese Government is reported ready to resign from the League of Nations, as a result of the successful maneuvers of the U. S. Government in mobilizing the small powers of the League against its Japanese rival.

In Europe, the sharpening rivalries between Italian and French imperialisms are threatening a new war. The French and British Governments have delivered a second note on Austria demanding an explanation of the recent transport of Italian arms across Austrian territory to Hungary, which is reported to be in the bloc of states being organized by Italy against the French bloc of vassal states. The French "Right" press is already talking of "the new triple entente" of Germany, Italy and Hungary for war purposes.

Danger of Attack on U.S.S.R.
Meanwhile the danger of diverting the war moves into an attack on the U.S.S.R. looms sharper than ever.

Irish Rail Strike Leaders Try to Negotiate Sellout

BELFAST, Ireland, Feb. 12.—The strike of the railway workers of Northern Ireland, which has tied up traffic for about ten days, entered a new stage today when the leaders of the Irish Railwaymen's Union indicated that they were ready to enter into negotiations with the company. The union leaders authorized the strike only under pressure of the rank and file, and unless the strikers are vigilant these misleaders will undoubtedly sell them out.



THE TWO STAR WITNESSES AGAINST SCOTTSBORO LADS.—Ruby Bates, right, and Victoria Price, left. Both girls at first denied that the Scottsboro boys had touched them. The authorities, however, used their knowledge that the girls were prostitutes to threaten them with jail sentences if they did not testify that the Negro boys had "raped" them.

account of me it is those white boys fault that is my statement and that is all I know I hope you tell the law hope you will answer.
—RUBY BATES.
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P. S.—This is one time that I might tell a lie. But it is the truth so god help me.—RUBY BATES.

FORTUNES MILKED FROM THE MEN
CHICAGO.—In one week the men on the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific were forced to contribute \$13,250 to the road's Emergency Welfare Fund. This on top of wage cuts and short time.

International Notes

By ROBERT HAMILTON

ANTI-FASCIST FRONT GROWS IN GERMANY

Socialist Heads in Maneuvers; Try to Stem Revolt

HUGENBERG IN THREAT

Hitler Bars the Rote Fahne, for Fortnite

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—In its fight against the revolutionary movement, which daily rises to higher stages, the capitalist class of Germany, through its "government of national (fascist) concentration" is resorting to worse forms of terror.

The social-fascist leaders who urged the working class to support Hindenburg in the presidential elections as the "lesser evil" to Hitler, are using more demagogic phrases to try to stem the tide of German social-democratic workers who are going over to the side of the Communists.

EXPULSED COMMUNISTS JOINS SOCIALIST PARTY

MADRID, Jan. 23. (By Mail)—Manuel Adama, expelled from the Communist Party of Spain by the International Control Commission for counter-revolutionary machinations, has now joined the Spanish Socialist Party which received him with open arms of course.

SOVIET GLIDERS BREAK RECORDS

In a glider meet held in Kottobel, Crimea, during which 662 flights were made, Golovin and Pleskov, two young pilots of motorless planes, broke the world record for duration flight in a glider with a passenger, staying in the air 10 hours and 56 minutes, or nearly four hours longer than the best American performance.

Stapanchenok made 115 complete loop-the-loops in succession, besides flying upside down and doing barrel-rolls. This is a new world record for stunting in a motorless plane.

Osovian, the Society for Air and Chemical Defense, plans 100 glider schools with a total of 200,000 glider planes by the end of 1933. Every factory and collective farm is organizing its own glider club, with the members building their own machines from standardized plans.

Drop in Donations Endangers Life of 'Daily'; All Districts Must Act NOW to Save Paper

Colorado Sends First Real Donation; Most Other Districts at Low Level

Fridays donations, \$264.13, which is \$130.27 less than what was received Thursday, marks a crucial point in the Daily Workers drive for funds.

New York's contribution of \$208.43, only reveals how little the districts throughout the country are actually doing.

More than at any other point of the drive does the Daily need funds NOW! Canvass every section of your



Guilty! That's the charge of this dollar-judge against the Daily Worker. The "Daily" admits the charge, proudly knowing it is guilty of opening the eyes of the American workers, of leading them in their struggles, and of continually pointing to the only way, the revolutionary way out of the capitalist crisis. Support the paper that leads you in your struggles!

Table listing district names and donation amounts for the Daily Worker fund drive.

WORKER CORRESPONDENCE

MORE CUTS AND LAY-OFFS FOR RAILROAD WORKERS

"VOLUNTARY" RELIEF ON THE PENNA. R. R.

NEW YORK CITY.—On the Pennsylvania Railroad, which also takes in the Long Island Railroad, we have what is called The Pennsylvania Railroad Voluntary Relief Department. This is to give us an "income," when we are too sick to work.

YELLOW DOG CONTRACTS FACING N. Y. C. WORKERS

DETROIT, Mich.—President Lorse of the D. and H. notified the rail unions last spring that he would be the union "from now on." The union contract was broken and brotherhood officials were forced to sign an anti-union contract going away with protective rules and wage and mileage agreements, which constituted a 20 per cent reduction for D. and H. railroad workers.

But the benefit doesn't start until after the 14th day. This is if a fellow had to stay home on account of sickness for six days and came to work on the seventh, he would receive nothing. So he goes back to work because he can't live on 50 cents a day.

Now I do know that there are cases where workers are hurt bad, when they should really be getting compensation, but instead they get their 50 cents a day relief for which they pay about \$1.00 for the label on a bottle of medicine.

But once on the job, he soon finds out that he must keep moving; first they give him some letters to take around; then he goes to the store room; then the boss gets short-handed and asks the worker for a favor to help him out, but not to strain himself, and before you know it, you're on the job in full swing.

Then there are workers who demand compensation or threaten to sue. Most compensation cases are thrown out because you have to prove the material you are working with is not to be used in interstate commerce. With these workers the company makes some small cash settlement. BUT after a few weeks fault is found with them and they are fired. So much for voluntary relief.

I often wonder what becomes of all these millions of dollars that are so nicely squeezed out of the workers through this so-called "Voluntary Relief." Ladies Aid and other schemes. And why do they call it "voluntary" when every R.R. worker knows that the first thing they give us to sign before we get hired is this voluntary relief.

Extensive list of names and donation amounts for the Daily Worker fund drive, including names like J. Woodly, J. W. Mason, and others.

How Negro Reformist Heads Aided Boss Lynchers

THE CHICAGO DEFENDER



The Pittsburgh Courier, mouthpiece of the N. A. A. C. P. leaders, joined the lynch bosses in branding the Scottsboro boys as rapists (see photograph of news story and caption on right). The Chicago Defender attempted to maintain the illusion that by sending troops to dramatize the lynch incitement, the Alabama bosses were seeking to "save" the boys.

STAR WITNESS SAYS SHE LIED

The Scottsboro Boys Still Facing Death

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I. L. D. attorneys succeeded in their long, stern fight to force the police to produce this evidence in court. The letter was ordered produced and impounded by Judge J. P. McCoy in Birmingham, Ala., on motion of General George W. Chamlee and Irving Schwab, two of the I. L. D. attorneys in the case.

Schaaf in Dying State After Carnera Bout

NEW YORK.—Ernie Schaaf, heavyweight boxer, who hit the canvas hard when Primo Carnera, giant Italian fighter, socked him on the head in the 13th round of their bout at Madison Square Garden Friday night, is reported to be in a dying condition in the Polyclinic Hospital.

Cops Forced Fake Testimony The letter, categorically denying practically every point in the fabric of lies erected by the prosecution, and charging the police with forcing her to give false testimony, states clearly that the boys did not touch either the white or the white boys on the same freight train. The latter was written to a sweetheart, Earl Street, with the obvious purpose of clearing himself in his eyes of the imputations of her court testimony.

What Happened at Paint Rock

The Scottsboro boys were taken off a freight train at Paint Rock, Ala., on March 25, 1931 by a sheriff's posse. They were unemployed and were traveling to Memphis in search of work. The first charge against them was of fighting with and whipping a group of white youths. The white youths and another group of Negroes, and that none of the Scottsboro boys were involved. The Negro youths involved in the fight had dropped off the train before it reached Paint Rock.

Frame-up Starts

The charges were changed to "rape" when it was discovered that two of the group of "white boys" were girls dressed in overalls. The authorities at once sensed the makings of a nice lynch frame-up and the opportunity to throw nine charred, tortured bodies of Negro children into the face of the Negro masses as a warning to quietly accept the growing oppression and starvation. Trial of the boys was deliberately set for "horse-swapping" day in the little town of Scottsboro. The boys were rushed to trial without being given any opportunity to communicate with their families or to arrange defense. Thousands of people poured into the town from the backyard hill sections and adjoining states. The local newspaper, the Jackson County Sentinel and the mill bosses joined in whipping up the proper lynch spirit. Cheap booze was passed out freely. The mill bosses furnished a brass band which hailed the first lynch verdicts with the strains of "Happy Days Are Again." The mill boss was called out, ostensibly to "protect" the boys, but in reality to further dramatize the lynch spirit. Inside of 72 hours, lynch verdicts were handed out to eight of the nine boys. In the case of the ninth boy, Roy Wright, there was a mistrial.

POLISH I.L.D. BRANCH GIVES \$5

TOLEDO, O.—The Polish branch No. 1 of the International Labor Defense has contributed \$5 to the fund to save the Daily Worker.

DETROIT AUTO MEET FEB. 19 TO LAUNCH FIGHT ON CUTS, FOR RELIEF AND INSURANCE

Rally Delegates from Every Plant in City and from Unemployed Workers

Auto Union Branch Calls Mobilization Meeting Feb. 18; Continue Exposure of Disrupters

DETROIT, Feb. 12.—With the conference called by the Auto Workers Union for Sunday, Feb. 19, only a week off, efforts are being made to have every plant in the city, as well as the tens of thousands of unemployed auto workers, send delegates. The preparations for the conference are being carried on simultaneously with efforts to strengthen the strike movement which, with the Briggs and Hudson plants as the focus, has filled thousands of auto workers with a new fighting spirit and has won concrete concessions for the workers in every plant except Ford's.

VETS AT TRIAL OF WEINSTEIN

Will Join With I.L.D. in Fight for Worker

NEW YORK.—Wearing their service caps, members of the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League, of Post 35 and other Bronx posts, will mobilize in the Bronx County Court, Arthur Avenue, on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 9:45 a.m. to demonstrate for the release of Sam Weinstein, whose trial on charges of assault and manslaughter will start at that time.

Cited for Bravery

Weinstein, who enlisted in the American army during the world war, saw action in numerous major battles and received a citation for bravery, including the Conspicuous Service Cross.

The capitalist class which was willing to sacrifice Weinstein and all workers in its war for profit is now anxious to send Weinstein to a living death in prison because he endangered the bosses' profits by his militant participation last summer in a strike of furniture workers in this city against wage-cuts and speed-up program of the employers.

Weinstein is charged with the murder of a woman who was fatally injured on July 19th of last year in front of 1482 Southern Blvd., Bronx, although witnesses have testified that at the time the murder was committed they saw Weinstein picketing the shop of the Muskin Manufacturing Co., 232 Throop Ave., Brooklyn, about one hour's ride by subway from the scene of the murder.

I.L.D. Builds Mass United Front

Conferences for Scottsboro Boys

Nation-Wide Demonstrations on Paris Commune Day March 18th; February 25, 26 Tag Days

dom of the Scottsboro boys. Feb. 25, 26 Tag Days. Funds must be raised immediately for the successful carrying out of the legal and mass defense. National Tag Days will be held Feb. 25 and 26. Education outlines have been sent out, giving the history of the Scottsboro frame-up and the world-wide mass defense to free these innocent victims of capitalist justice.

DANGER!

UNLESS YOU RESPOND AT ONCE TO THE DAILY WORKER'S CALL FOR HELP! USE THIS BLANK: Amount... Name... Address... City... State... Rush all funds to the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13th St., New York City.

PATERSON, N. J. Daily Worker CELEBRATION & DANCE Saturday, Feb. 18th New Worker Center 222 Paterson Street Admission 30 Cents

