

APPEAL ASKS MASS DRIVE FOR HERNDON

Joint Statement Urges Speed in All Work for Young Negro

The action of the United States Supreme Court in condemning Angelo Herndon to twenty years on a Georgia chain gang, must be answered by a renewed mass campaign for his release, the New York District Committee of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League stated yesterday, in calling for further activity on his behalf.

"The workers of the United States and all friends of human liberty" must be enlisted in this campaign, the appeal declares. The campaign for signatures must be speeded up, funds must be raised, telegrams must pour into Governor Talmadge, the appeal stated.

Herndon, young Negro worker, has been sentenced by the Georgia courts for the alleged possession of revolutionary literature, and for his efforts to aid the Georgia unemployed. The United States Supreme Court, on Monday, refused definitely to review his case.

The appeal by the District Committee of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League follows:

"Angelo Herndon has been condemned by the United States Supreme Court practically to death. In the interests of the lynchers of the South they have decided that he must go to the chain gang for 18 to 20 years. This is the decision of the capitalist class of the United States, which is determined to keep the Negroes in subjection and is equally determined, if it is able, to keep the white and Negro workers from joint struggle for their emancipation.

"But the last word does not remain with the United States Supreme Court, or the capitalist class of this country. That last word will be spoken by the workers of the United States and all friends of human liberty.

"A mass campaign for signatures has been conducted by a joint committee representing all phases of political opinion. This campaign must be intensified. Two million signatures which were to have been procured by Oct. 7, have not yet been procured. Every

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energy must be spent of every worker, no matter where he may be, in union, mass organization, fraternal lodge, club, unemployed organization, veteran's post, churches, and in the neighborhood, to collect these signatures. This is a sign of protest that will force the bosses of this country, and the State government of Georgia, to release Angelo Herndon from the terrible fate that awaits him.

"Telegrams should be sent by every organization and individual's must be sought to send telegrams to Governor Talmadge, Atlanta, Georgia, demanding the release of Angelo Herndon.

"Funds will be necessary to carry on this fight. They should be sent without delay to the International Labor Defense, 22 East Seventeenth Street, New York City.

"But above all, we call upon all organizations in New York City, without fail to elect delegations to the United Front Conference, called by the various defense organizations of this city, which will be held on Saturday, at 1 P.M., at Imperial Auditorium, 123th Street and Seventh Avenue. This conference can be a means of mobilizing mass sentiment and mass protest throughout the city, uniting all organizations in the demand for the release of Angelo Herndon.

"Angelo Herndon shall not go to the chain gang! This must be our united demand."