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JURY ORDERS DEATH!

PROTEST MURDER VERDICT---UNION SQUARE WEDNESDAY AT 6 P.M.

Union Sq. Meet Wednesday to Score Lynch Verdict

New York workers will reply to the lynch verdict rendered in Decatur, Ala., by mobilizing in a protest demonstration at Union Square, New York, Wednesday, April 12, at 6 p.m.

Bring your shopmates and friends! Announce this meeting everywhere! Make this one of the most impressive demonstrations ever held in New York. UNION SQUARE---WEDNESDAY---6 P. M.

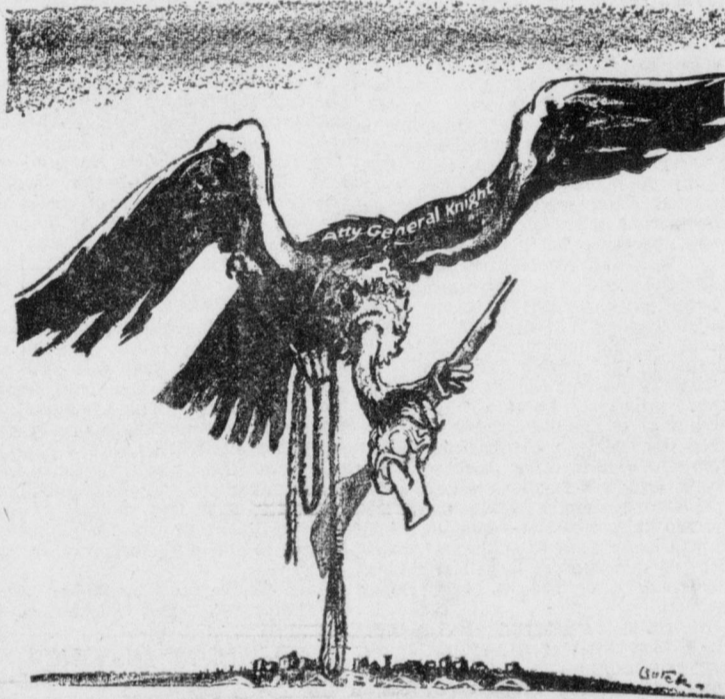
The New York district of the I. L. D. is calling mobilization meetings throughout the city on Monday evening and Tuesday in preparation for the Union Square demonstration.

On Monday night open air meetings will be held at 26th St. and Lexington Ave., at 7:30 p.m.; at 41st St. and 8th Ave., at 8 p.m.; at 26th St. and 8th Ave., at 7:30 p.m.; under the auspices of the Midtown Section, I. L. D.

The Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union will hold a demonstration in conjunction with the Midtown Section, N. Y. District, I. L. D., Tuesday. Place and time to be announced.

WINGS OVER ALABAMA

By BURCK



Unpaid Chicago Teachers Parade to Bank, Demand Pay

CHICAGO, Ill., April 9.—More than 500 of Chicago's unpaid school teachers held another demonstration at the office of acting Mayor Frank Corcoran demanding that steps be taken to provide their back pay, part of which was promised on the pressure of a student strike of 20,000 this week. Unpaid for nearly a year, with their savings used up or lost in the bank crashes, many teachers are faced with destitution.

The Acting Mayor told the delegation of teachers that he was trying to solve the problem. Dissatisfied with this answer the teachers paraded from City Hall to the First National Bank demanding to see Melvin Taylor, its president. The police forced the teachers to leave and prevented them from seeing Taylor.

BRITISH MARINES IN CHINA

LONDON, April 9.—British warships have landed marines at Chinwangtao, below the juncture of the Great Wall to the sea, to "protect mining property" according to an admiralty report today. It is said the mines are threatened by Chinese soldiers fleeing from the Japanese attacks. Thus while Britain endorses the League resolution against Japan's action in China, the British armed forces aid Japan against the Chinese.

THIRTY WISCONSIN CAMPS

MILWAUKEE, April 9.—Thirty forced labor camps of 200 men each are to be established in the forests of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota, Crosby Hoar, assistant regional forester stated today. Recruiting in army posts will begin at once.

AUTO PRODUCTION FALLS

NEW YORK, April 9.—Automobile production during the first quarter of the year was 10 per cent below last year.

HAYWOOD PATTERSON SENTENCED TO ELECTRIC CHAIR, JURYMEN GRIN AS THEY FILE BACK INTO COURTROOM, "MONSTROUS LYNCH VERDICT," SAYS LABOR DEFENSE

"We Do Not Surrender Any of Scottsboro Boys to Southern Murderers," Says I.L.D. Calling for Mass Protest Throughout the United States

Report That Delay in Reaching Verdict Due to One Juror Holding Out for Sentence of Life Imprisonment for Patterson, Others Demanding Electric Chair

NEW YORK.—The National Executive Committee of the International Labor Defense, in a statement issued today, denounced the Decatur verdict as "a monstrous attempt to lynch a Negro boy in the face of the most indisputable evidence of his innocence." The I. L. D. declared that it would appeal the verdict to the highest courts of the country, at the same time "increasing a thousand-fold the mass protests and activity of the international working class which has thus far succeeded in keeping the nine innocent Scottsboro boys from the executioners."

(By Our Special Correspondent)

DECATUR, Ala., April 9.—Death in the electric chair! This was the verdict of the all-white jury in the case of Haywood Patterson, 19-year-old Negro boy originally framed up in Scottsboro in 1931.

The verdict was rendered at 10:50 this morning, after the jury had been "deliberating" the case for eighteen and one-half hours.

At 9:58 a.m., while only a half a dozen reporters, the bailiff and one old Negro were in the courtroom, three loud knocks were heard on the door of the jury-room.

ABOUT 20 MINUTES EARLIER LOUD LAUGHTER HAD BEEN HEARD ISSUING FROM BEHIND THE LOCKED JURY-ROOM DOORS.

The first ballot of the jury was eleven for death and one for life imprisonment, thus accounting for the many hours the jury stayed out.

Judge Horton hurried here from his home in Athens, 12 miles away, to receive the report of the jury.

A hush fell over the court room as the 100 spectators, who had arrived in the meantime, heard the verdict read.

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty as charged and fix his punishment as death."

Several of the jurymen had grins on their faces as they filed into the jury box.

As soon as the verdict was read, Judge Horton thanked the jury, and soldiers with fixed bayonets rushed Patterson back to the jail.

The boy's head drooped and tears formed in his eyes as the verdict was read.

Patterson had been brought in at 10:30 by six soldiers with automatic rifles on their shoulders. He smiled bravely, but his lips trembled in anticipation of the verdict.

To Be Sentenced April 17

Klanmen and their supporters rushed gleefully from the courtroom, shouting "Sentenced to death! Sentenced to death!"

Formal sentence upon Patterson will be passed by Judge Horton on April 17, when the re-trial of Charlie Weems, another of the innocent defendants, begins.

Newspapermen made a rush for the telegraph and telephone wires as the verdict was read.

Lynchers Ready

Last night, with lynch mobs girding for action in the event of an acquittal, all the Negro boys but Patterson were suddenly taken to the Birmingham county jail. It was to this jail that the boys had been brought after I. L. D. attorneys had forced their removal from the death cells in Kilby prison.

Samuel S. Leibowitz, chief trial lawyer of the defense, denounced the verdict as the "working of bigots." He added that he would "fight this case to my dying days."

Gen. George W. Chamble, chief defense counsel, served notice of an immediate appeal.

"We will carry it straight back to Washington. It will be back in Alabama in another year or two."

Obviously jubilant, Prosecutor Knight, who engineered the present frame-up trial, said:

"I have no comment to make."

Venue Change Denied

Yesterday, while the jury was still deliberating, Joseph R. Brodsky, counsel for the International Labor Defense, appeared before Judge Horton together with Attorney Leibowitz, and demanded a change of venue to Birmingham in the trials of the remaining Scottsboro boys.

Judge Horton, who earlier in the day sought to conceal his aid to the prosecution by a pretense of an "impartial" charge to the jury, promptly denied the motion. He set the trial of Charlie Weems, another of the Scottsboro boys, for Monday, April 17.

The trial of Weems will thus take place in the same lynch atmosphere in which the murder-verdict against Patterson was arrived at today.

Fight Begins Anew

Brodsky declared that he had been threatened three times since Wade Wright, Morgan county solicitor, had made his speech to the jury, and that fiery crosses had been burned by klansmen in Huntsville and Jackson counties.

When the trial of Charlie Weems begins, the defense will again move for the dismissal of the indictment on the ground that Negroes were barred not only from the grand jury which returned the indictments, but that they were also excluded from the petit jury which convicted the innocent boys at the original frame-up trial.

FEDERAL SALES TAX DRIVE ON

Roosevelt Again Hits Hungry Masses

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The next stage of the offensive of the Roosevelt administration against the standards of life of the masses is to take the form of a tax program that will include a federal sales tax.

Although not yet made public, it is known that such plans are being prepared and that the democrats are all primed for rushing it through as soon as the signal is given.

Adds to Tax Burdens

The 1 cent a gallon federal tax on gas, piled on top of the high state taxes, is to be continued and in addition there is to be a general federal retail sales tax on everything which will force the impoverished workers and farmers to further reduce their standards of life so the federal government can continue to help the rich and carry out its program of strengthening the army, the navy, the air forces in its drive toward a new world war.

500,000 Scottsboro Signatures, Plan of 'Amsterdam News'

NEW YORK.—Immediately upon the announcement of the verdict in Decatur, the "Amsterdam News," New York Negro weekly, began a campaign for 500,000 signatures, demanding a change of venue to Birmingham in the remaining trials, and the immediate release of the innocent Scottsboro boys.

According to the plan of the "Amsterdam News," 50,000 men and women—white and Negro—will be mobilized to present these signatures to President Roosevelt in Washington.

All day Sunday thousands of Negro and white workers were placing their signatures on the Scottsboro petitions.

FIRST BREWERY STRIKE

NEWARK, April 9.—Machinists at the Krueger Brewery here have gone on strike over a wage dispute, and members of the engineers' and firemen's unions will go out unless the company meets demands of the workers. This, the first strike of its kind since prohibition, occurred less than 24 hours after legalized beer began to be sold.

A LYNCH VERDICT---EDITORIAL

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty, and fix his punishment at death."

Through the lily-white jury of Decatur, Alabama, the Southern bourgeois and despots have spoken.

This lynch verdict decrees that Haywood Patterson, first of the nine Negro lads, must die.

This barbarous and malignant verdict of the Alabama lynchers cannot but rouse a storm of indignation and anger among all people who hate oppression in every quarter of the globe.

Expressing all the venom and savagery of the ruling class butchers, this sentence is a terror sentence, meant to intimidate the millions of Negro people, to quench the rising flames of revolutionary struggle of the white and Negro masses of the United States.

Never has a frame-up been so thoroughly exposed. Never has such a mountain of lies and perjuries, built up by the prosecution, been so utterly torn to shreds.

The testimony of Ruby Bates and Carter laid bare the hideous methods used by the prosecution to cook up the entire frame-up. The whole system of perjured testimony was carefully organized and prepared by the state.

The whole mechanism of capitalist justice is revealed in all its rottenness.

What is the meaning of this barbarous sentence? In the case of Barney Lee Ross, innocent young Negro farm hand, executed by the legal lynch machinery of Texas, Governor Sterling voiced the policy which is at the basis of the Scottsboro lynch verdict.

"It may be that this boy is innocent, but it is sometimes necessary to burn a house to save a village."

Yes, they want to burn a house to save the village.

To save the "village", the whole hideous system of Jim-Crow national oppression of the Negro people, the landlords and capitalist masters are ready to shatter the bodies of the nine innocent Scottsboro boys with the chained lightning of the electric chair.

This lynch verdict cannot be explained alone by local provincialism and prejudice. It can only be understood in the light of the growing awakening of the Negro masses who no longer bow down in submission to the whips of the slave masters.

The crisis strikes the South with extraordinary force. Falling upon the semi-feudal social and economic structure, based upon the brutal national oppression and super-exploitation of the Negro people, the crisis has brought in its wake the most devastating suffering and poverty. But the Negro masses are rising against their slavery and misery. In these struggles they are welding an unbreakable unity with the revolutionary working class.

It is not enough for American imperialism to keep in bondage a whole people through a system of the most fiendish national oppression. The American ruling class stops at nothing to perpetuate this. It has turned the South into an American Congo, inflicting upon the Negro people torture equalled to the most unbridled savagery of the colonies.

The Scottsboro verdict expresses the barbarity of American imperialism. Here we can see the savage determination to crush under its heel the whole Negro people.

The Scottsboro verdict expresses the fear of the Southern rulers before the rising mass movement.

The militant struggles of the Negro share-croppers at Camp Hill, the heroic armed resistance at Tallapoosa, the fighting solidarity of Negro and white against hunger in Birmingham, the powerful thunder of protest against the

Scottsboro and Herndon frame-ups, are indications of the growing struggles against the hunger program and national oppression of the Southern bourgeois.

It is American imperialism, through its Southern wing, which has handed down the lynch verdict. It is significant that the whole capitalist press throughout the country, liberal as well as reactionary, Northern as well as Southern, all were mobilized to carry through the lynching, by maintaining to the very end the illusion that this verdict would be an impartial one.

The charge of Judge Horton to the jury was given the greatest prominence throughout the country with the direct aim of diverting the vigilance of the masses from the actual danger of death facing the boys.

This lynch verdict of the Alabama court shatters the democratic illusions that the courts of the capitalist class are impartial tribunals of justice. Here we can see the disgusting hypocrisy of the talk about "fairness, equality and justice". Here the courts of the capitalist class stand out as nothing else but the "legal" organs of oppression.

The avalanche of protests that poured into the courtroom during the trial are proof that the masses of American toilers will not accept the lynch verdict. For two years the powerful protest actions of the masses in every corner of the world have stayed the hand of the executioner. Only the determined and resolute actions of the masses can tear these boys out of the clutches of the lynchers. The American ruling class hopes through this verdict to browbeat the resistance of the masses. But their hope is vain. They will soon discover that the Scottsboro lynch verdict will spur the people to more determined and heroic actions. Instead of dividing white and Negro workers, the Scottsboro lynch verdict will cement their unity.

The Southern lynchers say the Scottsboro boys must die. The American toilers, white and Negro, must hurl back into the teeth of the lynchers the cry that has echoed time and again throughout the whole world and thus far saved these innocent victims! "The Scottsboro boys shall not die!"

1. Organize and fight for the release of the Scottsboro Boys.
2. Immediate unconditional release of innocent Scottsboro Boys.
3. Protection of Scottsboro Boys.
4. Disbanding of boss lynch gangs.
5. Formation of defense corps of Negro and white workers against boss lynch terror. Against disarming of Negroes. For the right of self defense.
6. For Negroes on the jury. For white workers on the jury.
7. No reliance on lynch courts. For mass action.
8. United struggle of Negro and white workers against capitalist landlord terror and starvation.
9. Organize mass meetings and street demonstrations.
10. Protest to Governor of Alabama. Protest to President Roosevelt.