

Amter Stresses the Real Issues in the Scottsboro Case

Southern Lynchers Use Leibowitz as Tool Against Negro Upsurge

Communist Candidate for Governor Analyzes Aid of Renegade Lawyers and Negro Reformists to Southern Ruling Class

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The shameful game that the Leibowitzes and Chamlees are playing in the Scottsboro case is clear and proved by the records. But this need astonish nobody. These people are typical products of a corrupt capitalist society. The Leibowitzes have no other principles except to make money and to get laurels, which can be transformed into money. Leibowitz, who, as a famous gangster lawyer, made hundreds of thousands of dollars—without doubt he is a very able criminal lawyer, able in every regard—wants to play a political role. Perhaps he hopes to become a Supreme Court judge, or a Democratic Party candidate for some high position. All this is clear.

That he is leading Chamlee, the Southern lawyer, like a dog on a leash can also be explained by definite reasons, by the political chameleonic character of Chamlee.

Rulers Fear as Masses Learn

The campaign around the Scottsboro case has educated broad Negro masses, has opened their eyes to the truth that not by lying down and submitting, but only through the fiercest struggle lies the way to freedom from race oppression.

The Southern ruling class sees with anger and fear how thoughts of liberation of the Negroes are breaking out in all strata of the toiling population of the United States. The whole American bourgeoisie sees with growing disturbance that the Negro question tears off the whole lying hypocritical mask of bourgeois democracy. The Scottsboro case has brought to a head this whole question in the most concentrated form.

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Much more important than the explanation of the shoddiness of such instruments as the Leibowitzes and the Chamlees is the necessity of making clear what really is at issue.

What was and what is the issue in the Scottsboro case? The lives of nine Negro boys are chosen for extinction in the true manner of the Southern lynch-mad slaveholders, to prove to the Negroes that they have to remain a suppressed and "inferior" nation. With the killing of these boys, the Southern lynch ruling class wants to demonstrate to the awakened Negro masses by the worst form of terror that the old spirit of the slaveholders is unbroken, living and powerful. And as the treatment of the Negroes throughout the U. S., including the North, shows, this spirit is the policy of the entire ruling class, though in a more concealed form.

The Issue of Negro Liberation

What did the Communist Party and the I. L. D. do when the Scottsboro case first began? With all their strength, with all their force and ability they took up the issue of the defense of the lives of the nine boys, and made it an issue of the liberation of millions of Negro lives; a matter of the liberation of the Negroes, and an offensive against the growing lynch terror to which the Negroes are subjected.

In this struggle, in the United States and in all countries of the world, millions of white and Negro people were drawn in. Ever greater Negro and white masses recognized that the liberation of the Negroes, the extinction of the slaveholding traditions, the annihilation of the pestilential stink of the suppression of the Negroes, this parallel to Hitler's suppression of the Jews in Germany, against which a whole world is arising, is one of the most important tasks in the struggle for freedom of the American working class.

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tion of the Negroes, the Negroes are subjected.

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The struggle for the liberation of the Scottsboro boys must be intensified. And we Communists say, loud and clearly: Yes, more masses, new millions, more demonstrations, more agitation, more awakening of white and Negro in this struggle. The Scottsboro boys must live. The cause of the liberation of the Negroes must be carried on. It is a difficult struggle, yes. But never in history was the liberation struggle of a class, or of a nation an easy one.

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Ex-Servicemen Plan Action in East Side and Williamsburg

The City Committee of the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League yesterday called upon all its posts to establish picket lines around the Home Relief Bureaus in their neighborhood.

Single veterans are being cut from relief and are sent to Graycourt, New York, a forced labor camp, formerly a prison farm, where the veterans are compelled to work for a dollar a day. Post 204 has been picketing the Relief Bureau in Williamsburg for the past two weeks. Last Monday Post 191 started to picket the Home Relief Bureau at Sheriff and Broome Streets.

Post 191 will hold a demonstration at the Relief Bureau on Sheriff and Broome Streets at 2 p. m. Friday, Nov. 2nd. All veterans on the lower East Side are asked to participate in this demonstration and voice their protests in regard to veterans and ex-servicemen being sent to forced labor camps.

This is the answer to President Roosevelt's statement in his Roosie speech that "veterans as a class were better off than the other sections of the population"—C.C.C. camps at thirty dollars a month, forced labor camps at six dollars a week, transient bureaus at ninety cents a week.

Veterans have been called upon to answer this attack; to send letters of protest to Mayor LaGuardia, Commissioner Hodson and the New York State Veteran Welfare Department, demanding that no one, whether he be a veteran or a non-veteran, be sent to a forced labor camp.

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Seek to Stifle Upsurge

By attempting this the ruling class utilizes such instruments as Leibowitz and professional misleaders of the Negroes, groups of Negro reformist preachers.

With the help of such forces, they try to stop the mass mobilization for the Scottsboro boys. They strive to prevent, from every town and hamlet in the United States and throughout the world, the rising cry: "America! What are you doing with these nine Negro boys?"

The official lynchers are using the Leibowitzes and these cliques of Negro reformists to silence the growing upsurge of Negro and whites. They want to divert the attention, the watchfulness, the activity of the broadest masses against the lynchers and their lynching system.

That the Leibowitzes, those politicians in the Democratic Party, in the traditional Party of slavery and lynching, play their role with the greatest pleasure is quite natural.

Mr. Leibowitz is after all a Party friend of the Southern lynch officials, Talmadge, Governor of Georgia, and Miller, Governor of Alabama. And we remember the old proverbs: One hand washes the other. One crow doesn't pick out another crow's eye. Birds of a feather flock together.

In accordance with the decision of the meeting, the elections will be conducted under the supervision of the American Civil Liberties Union and "leaders of the labor movement."

The protests of the membership and its animosity to the old administration clique prevented it from disturbing the meeting, as has been done by them at previous meetings of the union.

Bedacht Will Speak For Milliners Tonight On Election Campaign

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