

# 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 Leibowitzs 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 Leibowitzs 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—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 chameleon character of Chamlee.

But important as these types consider themselves to be, they are interesting only as typical juridical products of this corrupt capitalist society. If one could criticize the International Labor Defense, one could do so only in this regard, that, despite the necessity to employ legal specialists, versed in all of the forms and trickery of the capitalist courts, nevertheless the I. L. D. must be much more cautious in the employment of lawyers. We agree with the I. L. D. that it is very difficult in this corrupt society to say at any given moment what a lawyer, bound by a thousand threads to the capitalist courts and law, will do and the greatest caution cannot sometimes prevent such Leibowitz and Chamlee incidents. Lenin wrote very often about these dangers connected with the necessity of employing lawyers.

**The Main Issue**

But these types and their methods are not the main question at the present stage of the Scottsboro case. Nothing would be more dangerous than to submerge the real essence of these attacks on the I. L. D. and the Communist Party in the necessity of unmasking the methods of these types.

Much more important than the explanation of the shoddiness of such instruments as the Leibowitzs 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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## Veterans Will Picket Home Relief Bureau

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 Roanoke speech that "veterans of this 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 protests to Mayor LaGuardia, Commissioner Rodson and the New York State Veterans Welfare Department, demanding that no one, whether he be a veteran or a non-veteran, be sent to a forced labor camp.

## Handbag Union Tax Revoked By Members

A decision that the present temporary Management Committee shall remain in power until after the elections of new officers was adopted at the membership meeting of the International Pocketbook Workers Union, A. F. of L., on Monday night in Stuyvesant High School.

The meeting also decided to recall the 15 per cent tax that has been decided on and to substitute for it a tax of \$1 for mechanics and 50 cents for helpers, to be used for aid to out-of-town strikes.

Special section membership meetings of pocketbook workers will be held in the immediate future where nominations of candidates for the Joint Council and the election of Election Committees will take place.

A resolution condemning Goldman, the secretary of the union, for the activities conducted by him during the strike, was introduced by the workers employed in the Morris White shop. Quite a fight developed on the resolution, and it was referred to the Joint Council.

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

"Why Millinery Workers Should Vote Communist," will be the subject of an address by Max Bedacht, Communist candidate for United States Senator, tonight at 6:30 before the Locals 24 and 42, affiliated with the Millinery United Front Committee at 158 W. 44th Street.

A puppet show by the Workers' Laboratory Theatre will be presented following Bedacht's speech. All millinery workers were urged by the United Front Committee to attend the meeting and to make efforts to bring friends and shop mates with them.

## Bakers Call Meeting For Saturday to Ratify Communist Candidates

Locals 79, 505, 507, and 509 of the American Federation of Labor, Bakers Union, who have organized themselves into the Bakers Progressive Groups, will hold a ratification meeting to endorse all candidates of the Communist Party in the coming elections, at Irving Plaza at 4 P. M. on Saturday.

Fred Biedenbick, leader of the United Shoe and Leather Workers Union and Communist candidate for Judge of General Sessions, will address the meeting.

## International Workers Order Moves At Slow Speed in Drive To Raise Daily Worker Fund

Has Completed Only 44 Per Cent of Quota; Half of English Branches Gave Nothing

The Daily Worker is forced to speak bluntly today to the I. W. O. membership in New York.

The I. W. O. is falling down on the job!

The Order has a quota of \$3,500 in the Daily Worker's drive for \$60,000—but with 17 branches, with approximately 15,000 members, it has completed only 44 per cent of its quota!

The fault lies in every section—though some branches are proving constantly that serious effort brings results. In the Jewish section, 11 branches have gone over the top. A number have also been successful in the Youth Section. But how bad the picture is may be seen from a study of the Jewish section itself. Eleven branches have gone over the top, but the Jewish Section has more than 40!

In this section, for instance, we have Branch 2 with a quota of \$297. This branch has so far contributed \$25! A step farther we find Branch 3 with a quota of \$130. This branch has contributed nothing!

And so on down the road! Branch 4, \$25 out of \$117; Branch 6, \$48 out of \$140; Branch 7, \$12 out of \$103; Branch 24 has contributed nothing out of a quota of \$105; Branches 53 and 63, nothing out of quotas of \$66 and \$80; Branches 87, 88, 89, 166 and five other branches—zero!

**Little from English Section**

Almost one-half of the branches in the English Section have contributed nothing. Branch 615 has turned in \$14 of a quota of \$157. Branch 504 has turned in \$2—quota \$110. Branch 500 has turned in \$33 on \$118.

In the Hungarian, Ukrainian, and Spanish sections we find only one contribution; the Slovak has made two; the Italian section has not turned in even one; 12 branches in the Youth Section are also in the zero boat.

Contrast the conduct of the branches which are causing this poor showing of the I. W. O. with that of Branches 9, 60 and 154, for instance.

"As class-conscious revolutionary workers, we are aware of our duty to the revolutionary press, our press, and we therefore decided to exceed our quota"—thus reads the statement of Branch 9.

This branch has already raised \$106. Tomorrow night it continues its good work. It has arranged a concert and dance at Irving Plaza, offering an excellent program, one likely to draw in a good crowd.

**Issues Challenge**

Although it has but 275 members, this branch challenges Branch 2, with 550 members, and Branch 75, with 300 members, to beat it in finishing their quotas before Dec. 1.

Branch 60 has already held one

## Election Campaign Meetings

**TODAY**

I. Amter, Governor, Harlem. Childs H. S., Holland Ave. and Gunhill Rd., 2, 147th St. and St. Nicholas, 8:30.

Max Bedacht, U. S. Senator, 158 W. 44th St., 6:30 (Millinery Opposition Group) Yorkville.

Fred Biedenbick, candidate for Judge of Gen. Sessions—12 noon, at Foley Sq., Manh.; 8 P.M. at Manhattan Lyceum (Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union); 9:00 P.M. at Rockland Palace at Vote Communist Banquet.

Harry Raymond, candidate for Justice Supreme Court—8 P.M. at Wilkins and Intervale Aves., Bronx; 9:30 P.M. at Rockland Palace at Vote Communist Banquet.

A. Ramirez, candidate for Assembly—8 P.M. at Julio Melia Club, 1413 Fifth Ave., Manh.

Joseph Gilbert, candidate for Assembly—8 P.M. at Hopkinson and Pitkin Avenues, Brooklyn.

Ben Gold, candidate for Assembly—8 P.M. at Tremont and Prospect Aves., Bronx; 9 P.M. at Ambassador Hall, 10 P.M. at Claremont Parkway and Third Ave., Bronx (Women's Council); 10:30 P.M. at Rockland Palace at Vote Communist Banquet.

Margaret Cowl, candidate for State Senate—8 P.M. at Jefferson and Henry St., Manhattan; 9:30 P.M. at Rockland Palace at Vote Communist Banquet.

Harry Friedman, candidate for Assembly—8 P.M. at Houston and Pitt Sts., Manh.

Rubin Shulman, candidate for Assembly—8 P.M. at Goerick and E. Houston St., Manh.

Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party—8 P.M. at Rockland Palace at Vote Communist Banquet.

Clarence Hathaway, candidate for Congress—8:30 P.M. at Rockland Palace at Vote Communist Banquet.

Nathan Shaeffer, candidate for State Senate—8:30 P.M. at Rockland Palace at Vote Communist Banquet.

James W. Ford, candidate for Congress—8:30 P.M. at Rockland Palace at Vote Communist Banquet.

Charles Krumbine, District Organizer of New York—8:30 P.M. at Rockland Palace at Vote Communist Banquet.

Carl Brodsky, candidate for Assembly—8:30 P.M. at Rockland Palace, at Vote Communist Banquet.

I. Begun, candidate for City Comptroller—12 Noon, 36th St. and 8th Ave.

**TOMORROW**

I. Amter, candidate for Governor—1 P. M. at Columbia University in Milbank Chapel, 116th St. and Broadway; 6 P.M. at South and Whitehall Sts., Manh.; 9 P.M. at Rockland Palace at Vote Communist Banquet.

William J. Burroughs, candidate for Lt. Governor—8:30 P.M. at Rockland Palace at Vote Communist Banquet.

Rose Worris, candidate for State Comptroller—12 Noon, 36th St. and 8th Ave.

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## IWO to Climax Election Drive With Big Rally

Four Candidates to Talk at Meeting in Brighton Workers Center

The West End Campaign Committee of the International Workers Center, 3200 Coney Island Ave., today rally at the Brighton Workers Center, 3200 Coney Island Ave., on Saturday, at 8 p. m.

Henry Costrell, Louis DeSantes, Max Schnapp and George E. Powers, Communist candidates in the Eighth Congressional District, Ninth Assembly District, Fourth Senatorial District, and Supreme Court Justice respectively, will speak at the meeting.

Preceding the rally there will be a mass parade led by the C. P. candidates, which will start promptly at 6 p. m. from the Brighton Workers Center and will traverse the working class districts of Coney Island.

Entertainment for the rally will be furnished by the I. W. O. Symphony Orchestra, H. R. Jones, well known Negro singer, L. S. Jones, pianist, and the Workers Laboratory Theatre.

## Relief Inquiry To Slash Rolls Begins Today

With the tattoo of police clubs on the skulls of the hunger marchers just thirty-six hours past, the aldermanic committee to investigate relief in New York City will today begin to slash the relief rolls, according to an announcement of Bernard S. Deutsch, president of the Board of Aldermen and chairman of the committee.

The striking unity of purpose shown by the tremendous police mobilization in Fusion-controlled New York City last Saturday at the end-off of the hunger marchers and the brutal attack on the delegation at Albany by the combined forces of Democratic Governor Lehman and the Albany police was again demonstrated by a letter of Mayor LaGuardia to Deutsch, made public by the latter yesterday.

The letter invites the Aldermanic group to sit together with Allan Wardwell, chairman of the Governor's Committee to Investigate Relief, and Fred M. Stein, chairman of sub-committee of the state probe group responsible for investigating the New York City relief situation.

Coming on top of the show of police force in the city last Saturday and the even more vicious display in Albany, observers point out, an attack on relief standards throughout the state and particularly in the city is foreshadowed.

However, the investigation will not be free from efforts of the various politicians, agreed though they may be on their basic aim of slashing unemployed relief, to embarrass each other. Already persistent rumors are current that one official high in the Department of Welfare will be hit in the investigation by Democratic members of the committee. This is seen as an attack upon Mayor LaGuardia, since the individual is known to be one of the Mayor's appointees.

## ELECTRICAL STRIKE CALLED

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 31.—A strike of electrical workers was due to begin at 5 p. m. today. The workers are employed by the Northern Indiana Power company. They demanded wage increases.

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## 1,000 in Harlem Score Florida Lynch Terror; Ford Speaks at Rally

Communist Candidates Speak at Big All-Day Rally to Protest Against the Fiendish Lynching of Claude Neal

More than a thousand Negro workers pledged their determination to smash lynch terror and stop the legal murder of the Scottsboro boys during a huge all-day protest rally organized by the Harlem Section of the Communist Party Tuesday in protest against the fiendish lynching of Claude Neal, 24-year old Negro youth, in Florida last Saturday.

A huge dummy, representing a lynched Negro worker, hung from the Harlem Workers Center at 131st St. and Lenox Ave., and attracted workers from all parts of Harlem. A placard attached to the dummy read: "New Deal of the Democratic and Republican Parties—Are You Next?"

The meeting was addressed by James W. Ford, Communist candidate in the 21st Congressional District; Harry Haywood, National Secretary of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights and Communist candidate in the 19th Assembly District, and other veteran fighters for the Scottsboro boys and Negro rights.

The speakers made it clear that this latest and most cynical act of the white ruling class, the horrible mutilation and lynching of Neal, was directly prepared by the traitorous attacks by Samuel Leibowitz, William H. Davis, publisher of the Amsterdam News, and the N. A. A. C. P.-controlled clique of Negro ministers against the Scottsboro defense. "Claude Neal is the 10th Scottsboro boy, and I am not going to be next," said the Negro worker who filled out an application card for the Communist Party. Over 21 Negro workers, three of them veterans, filled out cards for the Party.

This is the answer of the Negro masses to the belly-crawling rascals who are trying to wreck the Scottsboro defense.

At the same time the militancy of the Harlem Negro masses was expressed in the breaking up of a Fusion election campaign meeting at which the Harlem manager of the Fusion campaign was speaking. When workers questioned this

The workers at Tuesday's rally in front of the Harlem Workers Center voted to support the Scottsboro demonstration this Saturday noon in Harlem, and sent a telegram of protest to President Roosevelt and Governors Sholtz and Miller of Florida and Alabama condemning the complicity of state and federal authorities in the lynching of Neal, and demanding the prosecution and application of the death penalty against officials and others involved in the lynching, as well as immediate freedom and safe conduct out of Alabama for the nine innocent Scottsboro boys.

**DAILY WORKER SEC. AGENTS TO MEET THURS. EVE.**

A meeting of all Section Daily Worker Agents will take place Thursday, Nov. 1, at 8 P. M. sharp at the office of the New York Daily Worker, 35 E. 12th Street (store). All agents are to be present without fail. Important questions in connection with the Drive and the re-organization taking place in several sections will be taken up.

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