

Herndon Urges Unity To Halt Tampa Terror

Negro Youth Tells of Own Case in Calling for Joint Action

When Angelo Herndon gives his opinion on what must be done about the recent kidnappings, flogging and murder of Socialist workers in Tampa, Fla., it's worth listening.

"I was still in Fulton Tower Prison in Atlanta when I first heard about the case," the young Negro said yesterday. One of the prisoners saw a small item buried in a local paper, telling that Norman Thomas and Arthur Garfield Hays had demanded that steps be taken against the vigilante terror in Tampa.

Of course the prisoners brought the item to Angelo. They knew that the question of political rights was uppermost in the mind of the young Negro who was fighting a 20-year chain gang sentence.

Stirred by Tampa Case

A few days later, Angelo Herndon walked out of Fulton Tower with unconditional freedom nearer than ever before. The Tampa case was still in his mind.

"The reason I'm not on that chain gang now is because liberals, Socialists and Communists united to get me out," Angelo said. "And that's the way to stop this new wave of terror in Florida and elsewhere in the South."

Angelo is glad to tell how Norman Thomas helped him. Besides using his influence in building a united front around the case, it seems that Thomas wrote to the newspaper reporters in Atlanta and asked them to keep an eye on Herndon.

Reporters Keep Watchful Eye

"The reporters came to see me a couple of times a week to find out how I was getting on," Angelo said. "If it hadn't been for that, it's very possible that I would have been mistreated and had some privileges taken away."

Now that he's able to be active, he isn't thinking only of himself. "Of course, I'm going to do all I can to win my own unconditional freedom. But at the same time, I'm going to do everything possible in connection with the terror in Tampa."

Yes, he said, the answer to Tampa is a united front. And Angelo Herndon ought to know.



ANGELO HERNDON

500 in Tampa Assail Attacks On Unemployed

Benjamin Speaks to Rally Protesting Murder of Jobless Leader

(Special to the Daily Worker)

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 16.—More than five hundred people met last night in the Labor Temple to protest the murder of Joseph Shoemaker and the flogging of Samuel Rogers and E. F. Poulnot, Tampa unemployed leaders of the Workers Alliance and to hear Herbert Benjamin, national secretary of the National Unemployment Councils, demand the arrest and conviction of the murderers.

Benjamin pointed out that two weeks have passed without an arrest, although the killers are publicly known. He showed that if any one can be branded Communist and then murdered with impunity, very few people in Tampa are safe.

John Hovan of Jacksonville spoke of the dangers of war and fascism to American youth, and was followed by Benildo Beiro of the