

NEW DEFENSE GROUP FORMED FOR DEFENSE OF SCOTTSBORO BOYS

American Scottsboro Committee Disbands

National Urban League Joins Scottsboro Committee As Sponsoring Organization

New York, Jan. 4.—The American Scottsboro Committee, formed in the fall of 1934 to aid in the defense of the nine Negro boys charged with attacking two white women on a freight train in Alabama in 1931, has voted to disband. This action was taken upon the formation last week of the Scottsboro Defense Committee, which will henceforth have exclusive charge of the cases.

In a statement made public today, which was signed by the members of the Executive Committee, the American Scottsboro Committee made the following statement:

"The American Scottsboro Committee was organized to raise funds for the defense and to set forth the truth about the boys in the Scottsboro cases so as to create public opinion in their favor separated from any propaganda for radical or other movements and to secure their freedom as speedily as possible. The committee is made up of individual justice-loving American citizens, white and Negro resident in many communities, and has successfully supported the counsel chosen by the defendants during the past fifteen months.

"There has now been organized a joint Scottsboro Defense Committee made up of representatives of four or five per-

"Is He Negro Or Is He White" They Ask

Birmingham, Ala.,—(CNA)—A homeless infant puzzled the attendants of the Jim Crow Hillman Hospital here. He was found lying on the railroad track last Friday.

James Gilmore, a Negro worker, carried the baby to the county hospital. The question of which race he belonged to was then raised. Because the child's skin is white, he was thought to belong in the white nursery. But because he had been found along a railroad track, some of the hospital officials thought he should be Jim Crowed "just to be sure."

Doctor George S. Graham, county pathologist, stated that there were no blood tests which would determine the infant's racial status.

The deserted baby meanwhile lay in the Negro side of the hospital so that the possible Negro blood in his veins might be kept "where it belongs."

The statement of Doctor Graham gives the lie to one of the popular Southern fallacies about the Negro people. The ruling class of the South long ago popularized the anti-Negro superstition that Negro blood is different from the blood of whites, that physiologically the Negro is inferior.

ment organizations, which committee has undertaken the responsibility of raising the necessary funds. Mr. Samuel S. Leibowitz, the counsel chosen by the defendants, has accepted the support of this united undertaking.

"Now that the responsibility of raising funds which the American Scottsboro Committee has carried, has been taken over by this new and larger group, the Committee believes it should wind up its affairs. In ceasing activity as an organization the American Scottsboro Committee wishes to thank those who have given their normal and financial support, and hopes they will continue their interest in the vindication of those innocent lads. Proper accounting of all of our contributions will be made as soon as audit and statements can be prepared."

The statement was signed by the following members of the Executive Committee: L. H. King, Chairman; Dr. James H. Dillard, Chairman General Committee; George E. Haynes, Vice-Chairman; George K. Hunton, Geneva M. Morgan, Ruth A. Handy, Fred L. Brownlee, Louise M. Hickman, W. C. Brown, James B. Adams, J. W. Brown, Frances K. Chalmers, George H. Sims, Fred R. Moore.

National Urban League Becomes Sponsoring Organization

It was also announced today that the National Urban League at a special meeting of its Steering Committee held on December 26 at the offices of L. Hollingworth Wood, 501 Fifth Avenue, who is President of the newly formed Scottsboro Defense Committee. The resolution passed by the Steering Committee reads:

"The National Urban League feels that the Scottsboro case has become so conspicuous a symbol of interracial maladjustment that it desires to give public expression to its concern and interest in the work undertaken by the Defense Committee and to register the National Urban League among its sponsors, although the National Urban League cannot become an active member of the Defense Committee without a serious change of policy and program."

200 Prepare For "Show Boat"

Universal City, Cal., Jan. 4, (ANP)—Two hundred singers are rehearsing daily for the forthcoming production of Ziegfeld's famous stage show "Show Boat" under supervision of Victor Baravalle, and 75 Negro and white dancers are in action daily for the levee scenes. Paul Robeson will be starred in this production under Carl Laemmle, Jr., which will take about 10 weeks barring the customary unforeseen difficulties.

The Philippine Bureau of Forestry has succeeded in raising cinchona trees from the bark of which a high percentage of quinine has been obtained.

GEORGIA TO APPEAL IN ILLD CASE

Herndon Appeal Scheduled For Next Month

Georgia Officials Claim "Insurrection" Law Constitutional I.L.D. Urges Freedom

Atlanta, Ga.,—(CNA)—It is expected that the appeal filed by the state of Georgia against the recent Angelo Herndon decision will be heard late in Jan.

Herndon will be represented by Attorney Whitney North Seymour, constitutional authority, associated with W. A. Sutherland, leading Southern attorney.

The now famous ruling of Judge Hugh M. Dorsey, of the Superior Court, held that the Georgia 'insurrection' law was unconstitutional. The ruling was based upon a writ of habeas corpus brought by attorneys retained by the International Labor Defense. The writ declared that Herndon was being illegally under a law that was unconstitutional.

The effect of Judge Dorsey's decision was to set Herndon conditionally free upon a bail of \$8,000, pending the appeal of the state of Georgia within twenty days.

The state immediately filed an appeal to the Georgia Supreme Court, the last court of resort in the State.

The I. L. D. which is in full charge of the defense of Herndon announced that it would continue the fight "for Herndon's absolute and unconditional freedom". It asked that the petition campaign demanding Herndon's release and the abolition of the slave insurrection law, be continued until two million signatures are obtained. Over one million signatures have already been affixed to the petition.

"Funds to carry on the fight for the Herndon defense should immediately be sent to the I. L. D., 80 East 11th Street, New York City" stated Anna Damon, acting National secretary of the International Labor Defense.

Fellowship Church Attended By Youth Of Both Races

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4—(ANP)—A group of white and Negro young people of this city have launched a significant project known as "The Fellowship Church," a joint service of these young folk which will be held each third Sunday of every month during the winter. The first meeting held in October was addressed by Dr. Nordenai Johnson, Negro educator, president Howard university, Washington, D. C. A white pastor presided. The ushers were of both races. Music was furnished by a choir of white and Negro members. There was a capacity audience, about twenty per cent of whom were white.

Violin's "Dark Angel"



EDDIE SOUTH
Cousin of the violin who now leads his own orchestra. Has appeared with many of the nation's top radio commercial.

Woodson Center Holds Its Ninth Annual Meeting

Friends and patrons of Woodson Center are invited to attend its ninth annual meeting, Friday evening, Jan. 3rd, at the Center.

Miss Mary E. McDowell, for 40 years Head Resident of University Settlement, Chicago, a staunch friend of the race, internationally known as a friend of the people, a strong advocate of better housing for a number of years both in this country and in Germany, where she made a study during the Wilson Administration; will be guest speaker.

Rev. F. S. Goodlett, pastor Bethel church will also speak. House members will furnish a short program, reports of the year's work will be made; and members of the staff will have charge of the Social Hour, led by the Recreation Workers.

Continue Successful Guerilla Tactics

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,—(CNA)—Christmas time was very sad for the fascist invaders of Ethiopia.

Never letting up from the victorious drive which began more than three weeks the Ethiopian defense forces are still making serious trouble for their weary enemies.

Guerrilla attacks by day and by night made it hot for the Italian army in the Tambien region and on the border of Eritrea, Italian colony. The Ethiopians have adopted a system of sniping off the black-shirt officers commanding the Native Askari troops.

The Critic Club Holds A Debate

The debate, Resolved, That Italy's Invasion of Ethiopia Is Justified, was staged last Thursday evening before a small but very enthusiastic audience at Zion Baptist church. The affirmative side composed of Messrs Charles Davis and Roy Gordon won the somewhat disputed decision. Mr. Davis attracted the undivided attention of the judges on two somewhat unrelated, yet specific points, namely, Legality of the question at stake and, The Universal law of self preservation. Along with other correlated facts Mr. Davis took his seat among thunderous applause. Mr. Gordon (Continued on Page 8)

LESS NEGROES ARRESTED IN 1935

Respect For Law And Administration Is Responsible

LOW FOR YEARS

By Joe Rosenbloom
Simultaneously with the beginning of the new years comes inventory time and as we peer over our record for the year and our prospects for the new, we are possessed with but a single thought: To improve upon the past and to make the coming year a more eventful and successful one.

Then we scrutinize our past record with the hope that, through the errors which we have committed in the past, we have gained in experience and that we may benefit by them in the years to come. Naturally we point with pride to the accomplishments of the past, hoping that they can be improved upon, but with a feeling of satisfaction that some of our undertakings have been successful.

After a study of the records at the county jail at the close of the year, it is pleasing to note that although the negro population of Omaha has increased by leaps and bounds during the last decade, the number of commitments have decreased by about 500 per cent. At the present time there are only five negroes confined in the county jail as compared with thirty-two on January 1, 1935. The average number of negro confinements since the court house has been built, has always remained around thirty.

This, with the beginning of the new year 1936, an all-time record has been established. Incidentally, the average as far as other prisoners are concerned, has remained practically the same.

This is a record of accomplishment and achievement of which the entire community has a right to be proud as it reflects favorably, not only upon those who are wont to be entangled occasionally in the meshes of the law, but also on those who are throughout the year advocating, preaching and pointing out the road to the right.

Mr. Hopkins and his entire staff of deputies wish to congratulate you, Mr. Editor, your newspaper and all of the other agencies for good in your community, on this wonderful example of uplift work, with the hope that the new year of 1936 will be filled with even greater accomplishments.

PASSES

Mr. George Gill, 3033 Emmett, passed away Saturday, Dec. 28th, at a local hospital, after a short illness. Funeral arrangements have not been made. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, Mrs. Julia Gill, two sons, Harvey of Des Moines, Iowa, and George Gill, of Omaha.

AMSTERDAM NEWS IS BANKRUPT; WORKERS WIN LONG BATTLE

Publication Ceased Last Week Pending Reorganization

BOYCOTT IS USED

New York—(CNA)—For the first time in American Labor history, Negro employees have established a close shop in a Negro-owned business.

This was the result of a victory won by the 'Amsterdam News' unit of the New York Newspaper Guild, in which editorial employees of Harlem's largest weekly were reinstated with union recognition and a ten per cent increase in wages.

All of the scabs and strike breakers were immediately discharged. These included Romeo Daugherty, former sports and theatrical editor; Edgar T. Rouzeau, reporter, Ted Yates, Columnist and others.

Harlem Doctors New Owners

The 11-week old dispute was settled last Tuesday, December 24th, with the new owners, Drs. P. M. H. Savory and C. B. Powell prominent Harlem physicians. The settlement was

60th Wedding Anniversary Of Pioneer Citizens

Mr. Solomon Hieronymous and his wife Hattie enjoyed their 60th wedding anniversary Tuesday, Dec. 31st. The Hieronymous came to Omaha from Glasgow Howard county 50 years ago. To their union were born five children, two boys and three girls, all of whom yet retain their homes in Omaha.

James and Press are the two boys, both of these men are well known for their business ability. Preston has one of the largest transfer companies owned by any Negro in the middle west. The three girls are Jennie, Vinnie and Lenora. These girls have proven themselves valuable assets to the moral status of the womanhood of the City. Jennie has just returned to the city from Buffalo, N. Y., where she was taken by one of the wealthy families of Omaha, because of her efficiency in domestic science. Vinnie is the bookkeeper for her brother Preston's transfer company.

Lenora on account of the advanced age of her parents spends the most of her time in caring for their beautiful home at 2825 N. 28th Ave. While father Hieronymous is nearing 90 years, yet he is perfectly normal mentally and in fine shape physically for a man of his age. Mother Hieronymous is a master mind, and has largely shaped the destiny of the family. In closing The Omaha Guide wishes to congratulate the family upon the record made and wish that they may live to enjoy future anniversaries.

The United States imported Brazil wax, used in show, automobile and furniture polishes and for other purposes, valued at more than \$1,685,000 in the first half of this year.

made through a Federal receiver, after the creditors of the paper placed it in involuntary bankruptcy.

The former owner of the Amsterdam News, Mrs. Sadie Warren Davis, was unable to keep the paper alive because of her stubborn refusal to re-employ the fifteen editorial employees discharged for union activity. The paper missed the December 21st issue.

Practically all of Harlem supported the employees and the Guild. A local boycott reduced the circulation more than fifty per cent, and Harlem advertisers, afraid of a picket line from Guild supporters, withdrew their business from the columns of the paper until the lock out was settled. Sympathizers with the Guild withdrew an entire page of classified advertisements.

Fired For Union Activity

On October 9th, Mrs. Davis discharged fifteen editorial employees because they asked for an agreement of collective bargaining. Among those discharged were Mrs. Thelma Berlack Boozer, assistant editor and a trained journalist with the paper for almost ten years, Obie McCollum, editor, an employee for seven years; Ted Poston, city editor, an employee for five years; Mrs. Marvel Cooke, editorial secretary and columnist; Rei Otley, columnist; Miss Ida Ryan, editorial secretary; "Bill" Chase, staff artist; Oliver Harrington, staff artist.

Mrs. Davis flatly refused to negotiate with the Guild and once declared she would rather see the paper "go down" than settle.

The New York Newspaper Guild took up the fight and enlisted aid and support of prominent Harlemites as well as the entire organized labor movement in New York City.

All of the full-time locked out employees were restored to their former positions and the part-time employees were placed on the preferential list.

During the dispute, both Negro and white newspaper men and sympathizers marched on the picket line for the Guild. Guild members from the 'New York Times', 'Herald-Tribune' and other Metropolitan papers assisted the locked out employees.

Denounces Color-Bar

Heywood Brown, famous columnist, is president of the American Newspaper Guild. Ted Poston, is a member of the executive committee of the New York Guild. The Guild comprises both Negro and white members irrespective of political or religious belief.

The statement of Brown that the Newspaper Guild stands for the elimination of the color line among employees on all newspapers has been hailed as one of the most progressive stands ever taken by a white president of an American labor union.