

# GEORGE SCHUYLER --- JUDAS IN MODERN DRESS

By HARRY HAYWOOD

Scottsboro frame-ups and triple lynchings, long-term prison sentences to the horrors of the Georgia chain-gang—all these things pass lightly as a feather over the head of George S. Schuyler, Negro columnist and would-be wit.

To Schuyler, the drama of an oppressed people struggling to throw off its chains is just one long, delicious comedy—a comedy affording endless opportunities for "wise-cracks."

But notice! Never are the shafts of Schuyler's wit directed against the exploiters, the oppressors, the lynchers. It is only the titanic struggle of an oppressed nation, that can arouse George Schuyler to mirth. It appears that humor, also, is a class weapon.

For a period of nine days, the eyes of the world are turned to a little court-room in Decatur, Ga. At the bidding of millions of workers, attorneys for the International Labor Defense enter that courtroom, to wage a desperate fight for the freedom of nine black boys.

For these lawyers, as for their clients, death at the hands of lynchers is an ever-present, ever-threatening reality.

## George Schuyler—Clown

George Schuyler, also, turns his eyes to Decatur — just long enough to play his ever-changing role of clown and traitor. Decatur, where a historic battle is being enacted, is to Schuyler



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just one more opportunity for a wise-crack!

Thus, in due time, the readers of the American Spectator are entertained with a light and witty article entitled "Samuel Leibowitz—Jonah in Modern Dress." The ILD has, it seems, Jonah-ed the Scottsboro boys. Why? Because it did not praise the Alabama lynch-courts as tribunals of impartial justice.

The ILD Jonah-ed the Scottsboro boys because—to the horror

of the lynchers and their white and Negro hangers-on—it made of the case a battering-ram against Jim-Crowism and oppression.

The devil, can cite scripture to his purpose!

But Schuyler should remember that it is not only Jonah who walks today in modern dress.

Judas, too, is abroad in the land — a Judas in spotless silk shirts, faultlessly-tailored suits, an even spats! A Judas who has missed no opportunity to set the soldiers and centurions of today's ruling-class upon the leaders of his own struggling and oppressed people.

## Judas Unashamed

We would not press the comparison too far. The Judas who betrayed Christ looked back upon his one act of treachery, and felt such shame that he hanged himself. But the Judas who, from the exclusive neighborhood of New York's Sugar Hill, writes poisoned columns for the Pittsburgh Courier, passes rapidly from one act of treachery to the next, and feel, apparently, not the slightest remorse!

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The heroic young Angelo Herndon, stabbed in the back at a crucial moment of his fight with the Georgia lynchers by the cynical Courier columnist, summed up admirably the case against Schuyler. "Mr. Schuyler," he writes, "you have at least one gift: the gift of consistency. You

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## -- Modern Judas

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have never missed an opportunity to betray the struggles of the Negro people."

This is a broad statement—but investigation shows that it is an amazingly accurate one. The record of this modern Judas' betrayals would drive the Judas of ancient times to a thousand self-destruction.

### Scottsboro

"When the Scottsboro boys march to the electric chair they can thank the International Labor Defense, the Communists and Dr. Leibowitz for their plight. Mass pressure, international ballyhoo and stupid defense did trick."

Thus does Schuyler chuckle with glee over the prospect of the burning of the Scottsboro boys! Whatever this despicable traitor could do to halt mass struggles and protests—which have three times snatched the boys from the waiting death-chair—that he has done.

Small wonder that the Jackson County Sentinel, home-town paper of the Scottsboro lynchers, finds Schuyler's article on Liberia so much to its taste that it reprints it in full, with a gleeful editorial note of whole-hearted approval. Mr. Schuyler should beware of his friends. The company he keeps does him no honor!

### Hunger March

"The Communist so-called hunger march did not elicit my sympathy, was fruitless and unnecessary, was merely a publicity stunt."

Naturally, cold and hunger can mean little to the well-fed, comfortably-housed Schuyler. Thus, to the pleasure of his white masters, does Schuyler sneer at those Negro and white workers who braved almost unbelievable hardships to place before the government their demands for relief.

(To be continued next week)

**Editorial Note:** Next week Haywood will continue this scorching exposure of Schuyler by showing his treachery in the George Crawford case, the Harlem hospital controversy, and the Angelo Herndon case. He will also take up Schuyler's boss-in-

Police Inspector Vincent refused to grant a permit the meeting requested by a committee representing the International Labor Defense and League of Struggle for Negro Rights. "I will not stand for race riots or anything like in my district," Dunn insisted in spite of the fact that the committee pointed out that both organizations fight against lynching, racial discrimination and segregation.

A larger delegation, representing other organizations, clubs and fraternal societies formed here to demand the Director of Public Safety the Herndon meeting on October 7 be permitted.

"The meeting will be held regardless of the police prohibition," members of the International Labor Defense and League of Struggle for Negro Rights have declared. "Tremendous interest has been aroused here among wide masses who want to see, hear and greet Angelo Herndon, and the meeting will go on as scheduled."

A preliminary mass conference to which a great many organizations have been asked to send delegates, will be held here Monday evening, September 24 at the International Labor Defense Hall, 522 Court Street, where plans will be completed for the October 7 rally.

A permanent Scottsboro-Herndon Committee which will lead a fight against Negro segregation and discrimination against the terror practices of the Pittsburgh police will be formed as a result of next Monday's conference, it is expected.

inspired attacks on the Seafarers' Union. Don't fail to order a copy of the Liberator for next week. You cannot afford to miss this brilliant series of articles.

### Defense Committee Ask Supporters For Aid

**BOSTON.** — The New England Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners with headquarters at 11 Beacon Street, Boston, is calling upon its members and sympathizers to aid in supporting the textile strikers.

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