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HARLEM EDITOR BEATEN; ARRESTED BY POLICE

Worker Kicked Bleeding From Harlem Hospital

Injured Man Jim-Crowed and Beaten Up
Indignant Workers Witness Outrage

Thomas Williams of Union Ave., Brooklyn, was dragged from the Harlem hospital Saturday night by a hospital attendant assisted by a policeman and thrown onto the sidewalk where he lay bleeding from a wound in his side. He was unable to stand and was kicked and hit on the legs by the police while lying on the sidewalk.

Dozens of men and women who witnessed the disgraceful scene protested and were in turn threatened by the officer.

Workers picked up the injured man and carried him back into the hospital when again the attendant and the police dragged him out and threw him on the street.

Four workers, two of them women, then picked up the wounded man and carried him to taxi, one of them accompanying the sick man to his home in Brooklyn.

All the bystanders who witnessed the affair were indignant and outraged.

Picturesque
Harlem Figure



Bare-foot Prophet, well-known to the streets of Harlem, and an ardent supporter of Scottsboro fight.

Briggs Uses Court To Expose Jim-Crow System

"Mistaken" For "White With Negro Woman"
"Lib" Editor Scores Scheme Isolating Negro

Cyril Briggs, militant editor of the Harlem Liberator, was attacked and arrested by a Tammany policeman last Sunday night as he was accompanying a woman member of his staff to her home on West 121st St., following their attendance at a party downtown.

As they reached the stoop where the woman lives, Briggs was accosted by a white policeman who demanded to know if he lived in the house. Told it was none of his business, the officer brushed past Briggs and grabbed hold of the woman. A fight ensued between Briggs and the officer, and the editor was placed under arrest. During the fight, the woman member of the Liberator staff was able to reach her apartment safely.

In the Magistrates Court at 170 East 121st Street on Monday morning, the officer openly admitted that he had mistaken Briggs, who has a light skin, for a white man, and that Harlem officers have had instructions to stop white men seen in the company of Negroes. He charged Briggs with breaking an

umbrella on him, and attempting to take away his club.

On the witness stand, Briggs testified that he had acted in self-defense, that he resented the attitude of the officer toward himself and his companion, that he thought things had come to a pretty pass in Harlem when a Negro man could not walk with a Negro woman without being molested by the police. He declared further that while he was a Negro and proud of it he was absolutely opposed to the policy of the white ruling class of attempting to prevent the association of Negro and white workers. He characterized this policy as aimed at splitting the working-class and weakening its struggles against waning conditions and to continue the isolation of the Negro masses, thus insuring to the white ruling class a greater exploitation of the oppressed Negro toilers. At this point he was interrupted by the magistrate whose eyes almost popped out of his head as the militant editor used the trial to put the whole jim-crow system and the lynch courts on trial, while white and Negro workers in the court room leaned forward in eager approval of his exposure of the courts and the police as instruments of the ruling class.

The magistrate then undertook to direct the questioning of the defendant in an attempt to muzzle the working-class editor, but Briggs utilized every question to further bring out the jim-crow role of the courts and police, pointing out that the action of the policeman was part

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Harlem Assemblyman Admits Beating Wife

Assemblyman James E. Stephens was charged in the 12th District Magistrates Court, on June 13, with beating his wife, Mrs. Hattie Stephens, and being familiar with other women. The charges were made by Mrs. Stephens, who appeared in court with a black eye. She declared it was the third time in a short period that

she had been abused by the Assemblyman.

Stephens admitted the charge of being a wife-beater, but denied being familiar with other women. Mrs. Stephens asked that the court direct her husband to keep his hands off her. The magistrate then dismissed the charge with a warning to the Assemblyman.

Deny New Trial To Angelo Herndon

ATLANTA, Ga., July 6—The motion for a new trial for Angelo Herndon was denied today in an effort to speed the militant young organizer to the chain gang and certain death. The I.L.D. is filing an appeal.

Herndon was sentenced several months ago to 18 to 20 years on the chain gang for organizing Negro and white workers together to fight for relief.

Baby Found In Empty Ash Can

A baby was found abandoned in an empty ash can in New York City on July 4 while Mayor O'Brien was making hypocritical speeches about the freedom and prosperity of this great country. The baby was evidently aban-

Harlem Suffers While Boss Press Spouts "Recovery" Ballyhoo

Roosevelt has laid his cards on the table and the following facts have already come to light: millions of workers will never return to work; millions of young workers who have never worked will not get work. Hundreds of

not enough to supply our children with the necessities of life. Not enough to supply even a pint of milk for the children of the unemployed each day. There is no new deal for Harlem.

as regular standard wages from now on. At the same time the 40-hour week in textile will mean more production crowded into fewer hours—more speed-up.

The leaders of the American

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and parcel of the ruling class ideology of Negro inferiority, of segregation and high rents, of discrimination in public places and on the jobs. He told the court that the Liberator was in Harlem to fight just such practices. Thoroughly alarmed, the judge hastily halted the hearing and announced he would "deliberate" on the evidence and give his decision on Wednesday. Briggs was paroled, in the custody of his lawyer. He was defended by the International Labor Defense, through its attorney, Cohen.

On Wednesday morning when the case was called again, the court was packed with Harlem workers, while a protest meeting was started under the aus-

pices of the Liberator before the court house. The magistrate then declared the charges against Briggs dismissed but upheld the policeman in his action, declaring the charges that the police have a right to challenge "suspicious" persons, thus in effect stating that white men, or persons mistaken by the police for white, seen with dark-skinned people are "suspicious" persons.

The Harlem Liberator and the workers of Harlem, Negro and white, will take up this challenge of the white ruling class. The Liberator calls upon all workers to join in a campaign to smash all jim-crow laws and practices directed against the growing unity of the white and Negro workers. Definite proposals for the conduct of this campaign will be given in nexts week's Liberator.