

MASS ANGER FORCES TAMMANY TO DROP CHARGES AGAINST BRIGGS

Mass pressure on the bosses courts won another victory last Tuesday when the Tammany courts were forced to drop their attempt to frame up Cyril Briggs, editor of the Harlem Liberator, for his activities in the fight for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys and for Negro liberation. The hearing was attended by scores of Negro and white work-

ers in militant solidarity with the editor of their paper.

Mr. Briggs had been summoned to court on the charge of violating a city ordinance because a loud speaker was used from the window of the office of the Harlem Liberator, 2149 Seventh Ave., to expose the hideous Scottsboro lynch verdict and rally the people of Harlem to the Mass Protest March on Washington on May 8. The hearing was held in the 5th

but finally dismissed the charges when it became apparent that the defense was determined to introduce the issue of the Scottsboro case to show why the Tammany police had singled out Mr. Briggs, one of the outstanding leaders in the struggle to free the Scottsboro boys, for a frame
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John Spivak, reporter of the Decatur trial and author of an exposure of the Georgia chain gang system. Rev. S. W. Brown of Mother Zion, Richard B. Moore of the I. L. D. and Herman Mc Kawan of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights. Admission free.

The meeting is under the auspices of the Harlem Liberator.

Over 5,000 persons took part in a Scottsboro protest parade last Saturday in Harlem, with 1,500 in line and more than 3,500 following on the sidewalks.

Cyril Briggs,
Militant Editor
of the
Harlem Lib-
erator.



City Magistrate district court at 170 East 121st St. The charge, originally brought by the landlord of the building, was pressed by the police when the landlord, alarmed at the indignation of Harlem workers, failed to show up in court.

The magistrate, Dodge, refused several motions by the defense for the dismissal of the charges,

TAMMANY COPS ATTACKS ON SC

Police terror was unleashed against the Scottsboro mass defense Wednesday afternoon when cops broke up a Scottsboro protest meeting at 133rd St. and Lenox Ave. They started a near riot.

Six people were beaten up and arrested, including Charles Alexander, Negro leader of the Communist Party; Elizabeth Laffer, Negro worker; Diaz, a Spanish worker; and three other people whose names were not obtained.

A disrupter who obviously had been sent there to cause trouble started heckling the speaker. A cop approached the speaker and

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up and fail sentence. The magistrate made every effort to prevent the introduction of the Scottsboro issue. Realizing he would be unsuccessful, he abruptly dismissed the charges. Mr. Briggs was defended by the I.L.D.

While both Mr. Briggs and Maud White of the editorial staff of the Harlem Liberator brought out in their testimony that the three policemen making the charges had invaded the office of the Harlem Liberator with drawn guns on April 18, the magistrate ignored this exposure of the Tammany police thugs.

In dismissing the case, the magistrate at the same time gave the police a broad hint to start

a terror drive in Harlem to break up the Scottsboro mass defense. He told the complaining police to invade the office of the Harlem Liberator and arrest every one present if the loud speaker was again used.

The League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the organization publishing the Harlem Liberator, answered this threat with a huge mass meeting last night (Wednesday) in front of the Harlem Liberator, at which the loud speaker was again used in the exposure of the Scottsboro frame up.

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