

Mother of Haywood Patterson Appeals for United Effort to Save Lives of 9 Scottsboro Boy Victims

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NEW YORK.—“Haywood is an all right boy, would always mind me,” Mrs. Jamie Patterson, mother of one of the nine Scottsboro, Alabama, victims told representatives of the workers' press yesterday.

Mrs. Patterson, a quiet, gentle little woman of 44, who started working in the cotton fields of Georgia when she was only 8 years of age, spoke quietly and without hysteria. Inspired by the militant solidarity of white and Negro workers in the struggle to smash the frightful frame-up and railroading to the electric chair of her 17 year old son along with seven other Negro boys, and confident in the knowledge that the International Labor Defense is using

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—Left Home Job Hunting to Help Starving Family of 8

every weapon at its command in the demand for a new trial, Mrs. Patterson is bearing up bravely under the terrible ordeal of having a sentence of death hanging over the head of her innocent boy.

Tells How Son Left Home to Help Family

With tears in her eyes but speaking quietly and coherently she told of how Haywood, spurred by the mis-

ery and starvation of his parents and five other children, one a grandchild of five years, hunted day after day for a job in Chattanooga, and finally discouraged but still determined to help ease the terrific burden of his parents, striving to support a family of eight on \$7 a week, decided to extend his hunt for work beyond Chattanooga.

“And then the next day we heard

of his arrest. He would not have left home if I had told him not to,” she continued regretfully. “Haywood is an all right boy, would always mind me. But he said, ‘Mama, you know you need help. You know we all need clothes.’ No, he was not glad to go away from home. He just saw how terrible things were and wanted to help.”

Father Only One Working.

While most of her children are grown up, work is as scarce, or scarcer, in Chattanooga as throughout the country. Only her husband, Claude Patterson, was working. And only part time. Three days a week at \$7 a week. [Out of the \$7 they have to

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pay \$3 a week rent for a little shack, without gas, electricity or plumbing of any kind. There is no hot water, only running cold water in the yard. There is no toilet, only an unsanitary arrangement in the yard, with a large pail for emptying of which she has to pay 50 cents a month.

"Can't Afford Potatoes; Fruit Out of Question."

Feeding a family of eight on \$4 a week is impossible even in the South where food is supposed to be somewhat cheaper. The family are forced to go hungry many days. When they do eat, the diet is confined to lean meat, syrup and bread. "No, we cannot afford potatoes, and fruit is out of the question," Mrs. Patterson answered a question of one of the press representatives.

Father Faces Loss of Job.

"I like it here in New York, but I am worried over Haywood and worried about home as well," she told the workers' press when asked how she liked her reception and treatment in New York. She is afraid that her husband will soon be deprived of even the \$7 a week he is now getting. "The boss told him they may have to close down the foundry after this week if no more orders come in," she explained.

The family consists of her husband and herself, Haywood and the following other children: Sybil, 25; Julian, 21; Ollie, 16; Louis, 12; and Willie, a grandchild, the son of her married daughter, Mayselle. Mayselle is living in Cincinnati.

Were Originally Share Croppers in Georgia.

The family has been in Chattanooga for the past eight years. They originally came from Georgia, where the entire family had worked as share croppers. Things got so bad, however, that they had to leave the plantation and try their luck in an industrial center.

Denounces Steve Roddy.

Stephen Roddy, the attorney who was hired by the Ministers' Alliance to defend the boys, had never been to see her or any other of the parents in Chattanooga, she said. "He just went along and helped railroad the boys," she declared indignantly. "I just know Roddy didn't do anything for them boys. He came out in the papers saying the boys had had a square deal.

"Roddy Just Naturally Scared."

"Roddy just naturally was scared. He had been paid \$50 by the Ministers' Alliance but when he got to Scottsboro he denied he was there to defend the boys. Said 'just some colored people asked me to watch the case.' He only got to speak by going to a 60-year-old man, and that was how he got to say what he did in court. But he was scared because that power man (an attorney for the Alabama Power Co. appointed by the trial judge on the "defense" has said he had enough juice to burn all the niggers in Chattanooga and all who came to defend them."

Mrs. Patterson, who was brought North to help mobilize the workers for a united effort to free her son and the other eight boys, will leave some time next week for Chattanooga.