

Answer Misleaders! Build Workers Press!

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The workers of Harlem have rightly taken over the leadership of the struggle for Negro liberation and the freedom of the nine innocent Scottsboro boys. Harlem workers and Negro workers throughout the country are rejecting the treacherous leadership of the business men, preachers and other self-elected leaders and professional Judases. But the leadership of the Negro workers will be imperilled so long as the newspapers and other means of agitation and organization remain in the hands of the misleaders. We must build our own press, and develop workers theatres and other forms of cultural expressions, as weapons in our struggles.

The Harlem Liberator represents a long step forward in the building of a workers press in Harlem. The Harlem Liberator already has shown its mettle in the struggles and protest actions of the masses of Harlem. Within a few short weeks, the Harlem Liberator has become a vital force in the community, the voice and weapon of the aroused Negro workers moving forward into struggle under new, militant leadership set up by themselves, from their own ranks.

Every worker in Harlem faces the duty of building the Harlem Liberator into a strong mass organ, as a powerful weapon, agitator and leader in the struggle for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys and the enforcement of the constitutional rights of the Negro people. To achieve this, the most intensive activity is necessary. We must build supporting committees around the Harlem Liberator. We must aid in spreading the Harlem Liberator in our neighborhoods, in the churches, in the organizations. We must secure subscriptions for the Harlem Liberator with the aim of placing our paper in every home in Harlem. We must see that the newsstands handle it, and that the stores we trade with advertise in it. Workers' committees and Liberator Clubs are already busy in these tasks. You can help by joining these committees and by setting up new committees in your neighborhoods and blocks. We invite you to visit the office of your paper and talk over the proposals for this campaign. We welcome new proposals from you. This is your paper, your voice and your weapon against the white ruling class and their agents, the Negro misleaders. Let's build it into a powerful weapon.