

Branchville, Md.

April 16, 1931

Hon. B. M. Miller, Governor,  
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Sir:

According to an Associated Press dispatch of yesterday, dated at Birmingham, the International Labor Defense has issued a statement through two of its representatives, Allan Taub of New York, an attorney for the organization, and Douglas McKenzie, a district representative, charging that the conviction of 8 colored youths at Scottsboro last week for attacking two white girls and subsequent death sentences on the defendants was a "frame-up" from start to finish".

My purpose in writing you is to inform you, if you are not already so informed, that the International Labor Defense is a Communist organization whose purpose is to discredit the courts and institutions of the United States and incidentally to enrich themselves through contributions which they are able to secure for defense purposes. They are not interested in the guilt or innocence of these negroes, but they are vitally interested in making the negro population believe that the negro because he is a negro cannot get justice in the courts. This organization has been carrying on this sort of propaganda for years. See Report of the special committee of the House of Representatives pursuant to H. Res. 220 on Communist propaganda; dated January 17, 1931.

Respectfully yours,

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