

3 Children Ask Aid To Ingram Family

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—Three of Rosa Lee Ingram's 12 children have called on all Americans to unite in freeing their mother and two teen-aged brothers now serving life sentences in Georgia for the self-defense slaying of a white farmer.

The appeal was made through Mrs. Geneva Rushin, 25-year-old daughter of Mrs. Ingram, as she stopped off in Philadelphia to bring two brothers back to Georgia from a six-months visit in the north. They are Charles, 18, and James, 13.

Standing at their side with her grandmother, Mrs. Amy Hunt, and other Philadelphia members of the family grouped around her at 1859 North Camac St., Mrs. Rushin said in a statement that she signed:

"My mother's only crime was that she defended her life and honor. If she had been white she would not be in prison today. Her heart is not good. She pines for her children. She cries for her baby, Robert Lee, now two.

"My mother and two brothers, Wallace and Sammy Lee, were going to be executed Feb. 27, a year ago. People all over the country said the Ingrams must not die. The judge changed the death sentence to life imprisonment.

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the churches, the unions, papers like the Pittsburgh Courier and Daily Worker, thousands of all kinds of people in all groups can help free my mother now, the way they saved her life last year.

"Ask Gov. Talmadge in Georgia,

ask President Truman in Washington to free the Ingram family now. Please everybody help free my mother. It will help to free everybody."

Mrs. Rushin said that she and her husband have been caring for the Ingram children and her own—10 in all—in a two-room abandoned sharecropper shack near Leslie, Ga. With the two brothers she is accompanying back, there will now be 12, she said, living in the two-room hut. Mrs. Rushin recalled vividly Harry Raymond, a Daily Worker reporter whose investigation last February initiated a campaign last year which this paper has been carrying on ever since to free the Ingrams.

Charles, who has been going to school with James in Philadelphia and working in a garage, said how much he liked it up north and didn't want to go back. Both boys thanked the International Workers Order and all those who helped them live in comparative freedom, in the north.