

to these parts with two ideas—to speak for their mother's freedom and to gain an education.



The IWO has established THE INGRAM CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND WELFARE FUND to make an education possible for Charles and James—the education that should have been theirs by right. Meetings have been organized in many cities to raise enough money to put these children through school.

Charles and James, young as they are, have spent three months in jail under a charge of "murder" and have seen their mother and brothers condemned to die for the crime of defending their lives. That experience has made them even more determined fighters of Jim Crow.

Will you help educate these young fighters for democracy? Will you help see to it that Charles and James Ingram receive the education that by right belongs to all American children?

Send in your money. Raise money in your Lodge between now and Christmas to guarantee a truly good New Year for these boys.

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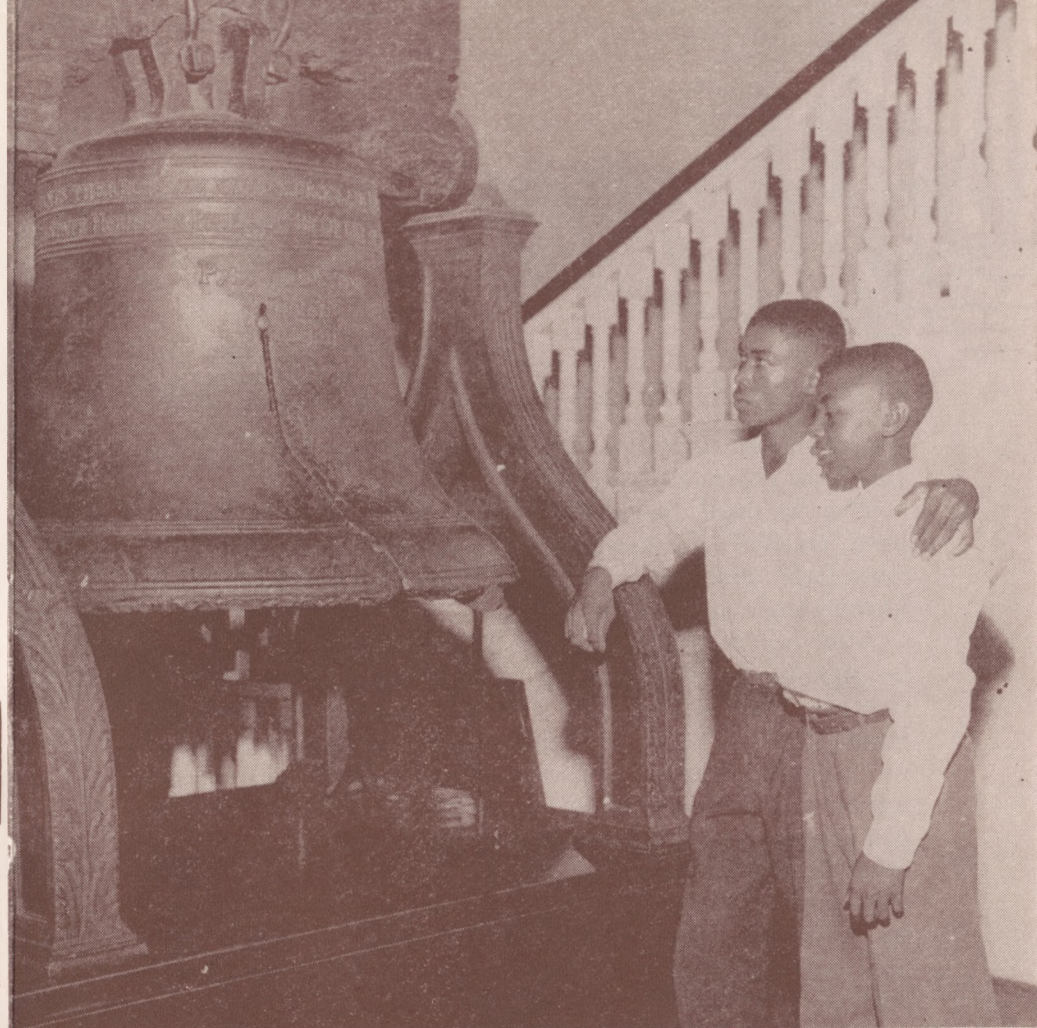
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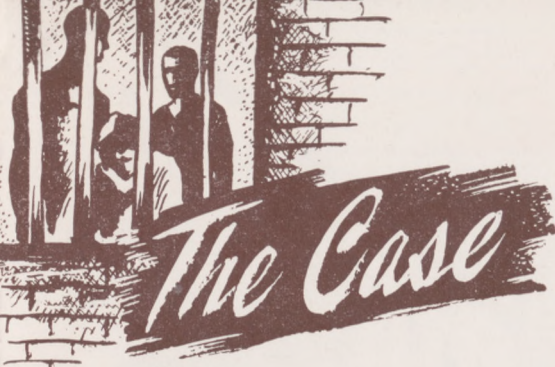
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OF MRS. ROSA LEE INGRAM

symbolizes the brutality, inhumanity, and oppression of the Jim Crow system at its worst.

This widowed Negro mother of twelve, the youngest a little "crawler" of nineteen months, has been in jail since October 1947. Her story is known by many thousands of freedom-loving people all over the world.

After her husband died, Mrs. Ingram struggled to support her family by sharecropping a small farm near Ellaville, Georgia. One day her mules strayed onto a neighboring white farmer's land. This man, John Stratford, his mind twisted and warped with prejudice, grabbed his gun and came rushing out screaming, "Get those mules off my place, you —," and began beating Mrs. Ingram around the head with the butt of his rifle. She tried to defend herself against this murderous attack, and two of her boys, Wallace and Samuel who were 15 and 13 years old, naturally rushed to help her. In the struggle Stratford was killed with his own gun. A clear case of self-defense.

Old folks say in Georgia: "A Negro has two chances, very little and none at all." And that's what faced Mrs. Ingram.

She was charged with murder and thrown into jail with five of her sons. They were held for three months and not allowed to see a lawyer until the morning of the trial. The trial lasted only six hours, the jury decided "guilty" and then MRS. INGRAM AND WALLACE AND SAMUEL WERE SENTENCED TO DIE BY THE GEORGIA JUDGE! One son was sent to the chain gang, and two younger boys were freed.

But that's only part of the story. Thousands of people all over America and Europe raised their voices in protest at this Jim Crow justice and the Court was forced to change the death sentence to life imprisonment for this mother and her two children.

Mrs. Ingram, with Wallace and Samuel, now lie in a Georgia prison and the fight for their freedom goes on.

The International Workers Order supports the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in its legal fight to free Mrs. Ingram and her sons. The IWO, as the only interracial fraternal organization in the country, unites Negro and white in all its activities—in the fight against Jim Crow and anti-Semitism, for the welfare, security and liberty of the people. In the tradition of our past fight for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys, against the poll tax, against the lynchers, against Jim Crow and Jim Crow "justice," we stand united, Negro and white, in the fight for freedom and justice for the Ingram family.

We see that the tragedy that struck with such cruel force at the Ingram family is not just a personal thing, but a symbol of the increasing brutality which is being unloosed against the Negro people today to terrorize them, to keep them from taking their great part in the fight for peace and democracy. In a way, this notorious case of Jim Crow justice is a tribute from the white supremacists to the growing militancy of the Negro people.

As a fraternal organization, the International Workers Order feels it can make its contribution on the human side in this fight against Jim Crow. It was in this spirit that we brought two of Rosa Lee Ingram's sons to New York from Leslie, Georgia, where they had been living in two rooms with twelve members of their family. Charles and James Ingram, 17 and 12 years old, cannot read or write. They can't learn in Georgia, where school life is geared to a plantation economy, and they want to learn because they know that education makes a man unfit to be a slave. Mrs. Ingram, from her prison cell, has written letters pleading that her boys be given an education.

Charles and James Ingram have left their family and come

