

Only Communist Party De- fends Interests of Negro Masses

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Mass misery and starvation arising out of the brutal attempt of the capitalist bosses to solve the present severe economic crisis at the expense of the working class affect hardest the prejudice-isolated, frightfully oppressed Negro masses.

In Harlem, and other northern centers of Negro population, thousands of Negro workers are homeless and starving as, to the bitter oppression of normal times is now added the problem of unemployment. The Negro workers suffer most severely because of their unorganized state, their betrayal by the labor fakers of the A. F. of L., and the "socialist" party and the treachery of the Negro misleaders. Thousands of Negro workers in the north are walking the streets cold, hungry and homeless. Additional numbers are being evicted daily by the landlords with the hearty co-operation of the bosses courts and police.

Starving, homeless and freezing, these jobless Negro workers are the victims of the most vicious discrimination in the midst of the economic crisis, as the bosses trembling before the growing solidarity and rising revolutionary temper of the working class, deliberately stir up the vilest race passions and engineer mob attacks on the Negro workers, at the same time continuously forcing them down to lower levels of existence, subjecting them to the most ruthless wage-cuts and selecting them as the first victims of the general lay-off policy which give the lie to the fake agreement of Hoover and Green as to no lay-offs during the economic crisis.

Increased Lynchings.

In the South, conditions are even worse. There, for decades the Negro workers have faced the most savage oppression, living in an atmosphere of constant terror and repression. Today with millions unemployed the southern bosses are taking advantage of their economic helplessness to force them to work for nothing but a few scraps of food to keep from actually starving to death. And those who dare to demand wages are thrown on the chain gang or lynched. Already for the first nine and a half months of the present year there have been 37 lynchings.

In this situation, the Negro workers are being told by the boss-class politicians and their reformist Negro tools to vote again on November 4 for the same oppressive capitalist system which has thrown eight million workers on the streets to starve, and which regularly supports lynching and Negro oppression. The Negro misleaders (rent-gouging landlords, parasitic preachers, etc.) whose class interests are diametrically opposed to the class interests of the Negro workers and farmers, and the record of whose "leadership" is one of the base treachery and resultant futility, are again busy peddling illusions in the hope of effecting another sell-out of the Negro masses.

Negroes Can't Be Fooled Any More.

But today the Negro workers will not be fooled. Disgusted with the bosses parties they have long looked about for an effective medium of protest, of demonstration of their resentment and hatred against their oppressors. And today, they know that the Communist Party is the only party fighting against lynching, race hatred, jim-crowism, etc., the only working class party, the one party held in terror by the bosses. Nor will the Negro reformists be able to convince the Negro workers

southern governors, or "socialists" like Broun, would be punctured. Under the workers' rule, persecution of Negro or lynching of Negroes would never take place.

Mr. Broun's open statements goes to prove that whether it concerns the rights of the Negro masses, or it concerns the rights of the working masses in general, the "socialists" are talking and acting the same as every representative of the capitalist class. The "socialist" party has again proven, through Mr. Broun, that it is one of the parties of the capitalist class. The workers have but one party to vote for on November 4th—the Communist Party. Vote Communist on Election Day.

How the "Socialists" A War

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ON this anniversary of the death of Eugene V. Debs and with the approaching of a new war, it will be worth while for the workers to learn of a document by Debs which, for good reasons is not mentioned by the "socialists" and is not known to many, but which played an important role in Debs' life.

It may be surprising to many but it is a fact that Comrade Debs during the last world war was heralded as a social patriot by "socialist" and capitalist papers declaring that Debs, too, had changed his views on the war. So widely circulated was the story even after he was arrested for his Canton speech, a prominent "socialist" wrote a letter in a New York newspaper criticizing the government for arresting Debs, stating that if Debs would remain in the "socialist" party he would help convert the rest of the socialists to the support of the war.

A Jingoist Frame-Up

The whole story of Debs' conversion to war was a frame-up, but it served the "socialists" as a means to mislead the workers and they circulated the story. Debs wrote a denial of it *but the papers would not print the Debs letter*. The Jewish Daily Forward, which on May 13, 1918 published the news that Debs had changed his position to one in favor of war *refused to print the Debs denial*.

The writer of this article gave a copy of the letter to Comrade Burgin, at that time with the Forward, but it was returned because Cahhan objected to it being published. The files of the "socialist" Forward will not reveal any mention correcting this accusation. The New York Call printed the Debs denial on the inside pages.

Social-Patriots Support Anti-Soviet International

How the story was originated and circulated is interesting. As it is known, the socialist party under the pressure of the left forces that time in 1917 adopted the famous St. Louis resolution against war. But as the war progressed the socialists betrayed this resolution. Meyer London, lone congressman, on April 12, 1918, wrote a letter to S. Lampert, of the East Side Liberty Loan Committee saying that any-

that they are "throwing away their votes" by refusing to vote for the political parties of their oppressors—the republican, democratic and "socialist" parties.

Nor can they convince the Negro workers that "the Communist Party is a white man's party". The southern bosses have inadvertently answered that lie, by naming the Communist Party "the nigger party" because of its struggles for the Negro masses. The Communist Party is proud of that title. It is the party of the entire working class, the Negro workers equally with the white workers.

Full Equality Under Workers' Government.

Moreover, the history of the Jews and other minorities in Russia since the proletarian revolution fully repudiate the slander peddled by the Negro reformist that the Communist Party is only using the Negro workers to gain power and will abandon them once that is achieved. The Negro misleaders who spread this slander ignore the fundamental difference between capitalism, which cannot exist without social and racial oppression, and Communism which is based on full equality for all workers and the abolition of exploitation. They forget that Soviet Russia gives a concrete demonstration of this fundamental difference in the freedom enjoyed by its minorities and the firm stand of the Soviet workers against race prejudice in any form.

Negro workers! Fight lynching and oppression! Make November 4 a day of demonstration against your capitalist oppressors and exploiters! Repudiate the misleaders! Vote Communist!