

Urges Negroes Fight Fascist Organization

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A group of Negroes, former members of the British West India regiment, have organized an association in New York known as the West Indian War Veterans under the patronage of Sir Harry Armstrong, British consul in New York. The association held a ceremony of presenting the colors on April 15.

It is difficult to see how these Negroes can reconcile their present status as an oppressed racial group and exploited colonial people with this militaristic display. These men should know that they were the victims of the last colonial imperialist war. They should ask themselves what benefit they have received, either in the West Indies or America.

The general economic depression that followed the world war brought destruction to agriculture in the Caribbean. The West Indies are still under the yoke of British and American imperialism. It is time for these befuddled colonial and American Negroes to wake up and dispel their illusions about capitalist governments. Sir Harry Armstrong is the paid agent of British imperialism, and it is part of his diplomatic role to patronize and hobnob with colonial Negroes and encourage them to promote military organizations which his government could use in the next imperialist war. Negroes have nothing to gain in capitalist wars. Their place is by the side of the workers and the oppressed colonial people.

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