

NEGRO MISLEADERS in DETROIT

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WHERE ARE the so-called Negro leaders in this emergency? Where are the "leading colored citizen" of this community? The Mr. Roxboroughs, the Right Reverend Bradfords, and other leading lights of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People and the National Urban League. Have they nothing to say against these crying injustices and insults against the Negro people? Why have they not taken up the cudgel of militant struggle against this vicious campaign of oppression and slander? Why are they silent? Are their mouths stuffed with traitors' gold?

N. A. A. C. P. and Urban League Advocate Unity With Lynchers

At a time, when the Negro toilers are pressed to the wall before the most vicious attack, the leaders of the N.A.A.C.P. and Urban League advocate cooperation with the white rulers, a united front with the "best citizens of both races," that is, a united front with the persecutors of the Negroes! Their policy is one of belly-crawling, grovelling before the ante rooms of the automobile lords, seeking a place at the feast of the mighty. Secure in their own role as Judases, they turn a deaf ear to the anguished cries of the oppressed Negro masses. Instead of a struggle, they call upon the Negro toilers to accept peacefully their increasing mis- and persecution. They call upon the Negroes to have faith in the laws and courts of the white rulers. This means in those who are the instruments of the persecution of the Negro people. Instead of a united front of Negro and white toilers,

which is the sole condition for successful struggles against the ruling class oppression, these people preach disunity, division between Negro and white workers. They preach that the Fords and Rockefellerers are the Negroes' friends; they say that it is the white workers who are their enemies. At the time when the Negro and white workers are uniting in common struggle against the most barbarous attacks, when the white workers in ever greater numbers are rejecting the jim-crow policies of the A.F.L. officials and are seeking unity with their black brothers; at this time, the Negro misleaders call upon the Negro workers to reject the proffered hand of the militant sections of the white workers. Instead, the National Urban League comes forward with a proposal for setting up jim-crow unions; in this manner, playing directly into the hands of the white ruling class and the jim-crow officials of the A.F.L. Mr. Ford is the Negroes' friend, they say. No doubt, Mr. Ford is the friend of certain Negro politicians and self-styled leaders of this community. No doubt, Mr. Ford and other capitalists have contributed liberally to the campaign funds of certain Negro politicians and to the private funds of certain prominent Negro ministers in the city of Detroit. But these funds are contributed for services rendered. This is Judas silver. It is the price for the betrayal of the Negro people.

Henry Ford Is Enemy of Negro and White Workers

No, Mr. Ford is no friend of the Negro toilers. He is the enemy of both Negro and white workers. Let no one be mistaken

about that. Was it not Mr. Ford's gunmen who shot down the Dearborn demonstrators bearing demands of equality for Negroes? True, Mr. Ford hires more Negroes in his factory than other automobile manufacturers. But this is only because Mr. Ford has developed the most inhuman method of exploiting workers and makes the Negroes the worst victims of this exploitation. Every worker knows that the Ford-controlled city of Dearborn is the worst jim-crow spot in the states. And do not the majority of the Negroes in Mr. Ford's plant work at the heaviest jobs at the lowest pay.

Negro Workers, Denounce Misleaders!

It is high time for the Negro workers to denounce these self-styled leaders. They must drive them from their ranks — these Judases, like Marshall and others, who have been reared up into prominence on the blood, sweat and misery of the Negroes and who are using their influence for their own personal gains at the expense of the suffering Negro masses. The Negroes must join hands with the militant sections of the white workers in joint struggle against their common enemy — the automobile manufacturers and their tools, the city administration.

New Leadership Found Among the Negro Workers

Where are Negroes to look for this new leadership? This new leadership is to be found among the Negro workers. An outstanding example of the new type of leadership which is developing is young Angelo Herndon, Negro

will demand the death-penalty for them.

leader of the unemployed movement in Atlanta, Georgia. On trial for his life before a Southern lynch court, Herndon hurled the gauntlet of defiance in the face of his Ku Klux Klan persecutors and said: "YOU MAY DO WHAT YOU WILL WITH ANGELO HERNDON. YOU MAY INDICT HIM. YOU MAY PUT HIM TO JAIL. BUT IN HIS PLACE WILL ARISE THOUSANDS OF ANGELO HERNDONS TO CARRY ON THE STRUGGLE FOR THE UNITY OF NEGRO AND WHITE WORKERS AND FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF THE NEGRO PEOPLE AND THE WORKING CLASS." This is the kind of leadership the Negro workers need. Angelo Herndon's voice is the voice of the NEW LEADERSHIP among Negroes. This new leadership—the Negro working class

in close alliance with the militant sections of the white workers is the only force capable of leading the fight for rights of the Negro people—for the overthrow of the whole brutal system of jim-crow oppression which is their lot in these United States.

Negro Toilers Judge Leaders and Friends By Their Actions

By what test are the Negro workers to recognize their friends? What is the iron test by which we can distinguish friends from enemies? How are the sincerity of our so-called friends and of those who call themselves our leaders to be tested. In Detroit, this test must be the immediate taking up of the struggles against the local terror drive against the Negro people of this community, and the joining in the struggle, side by side, with the Negro and white toilers to beat back the attacks of our

lead to severe infection. In case of bites from dogs, a serious disease may be contracted called "Rabies." The disease is found in dogs that behave suspiciously, and is spread through the saliva.

When a bite occurs, allow wound to bleed freely by use of pressure or by opening the wound with a clean knife. In case of a snake bite, the limb should be tightly bandaged between the wound and the heart in order to prevent the circulation of the poison to the heart. This being done, wash the wound thoroughly under running water in order to wash away the poison, then dry wound and apply tincture of iodine. For bites of insects, make a paste of baking soda with water and apply to parts. A compress of ammonia water is also useful.

Always visit a physician in case of snake and dog bites.

common persecutors. Those who hold "aloof" are your enemies. They must be branded as traitors and Judases! They must be rooted from your ranks. Let the Negro workers be alert and keep a watchful eye on those who pretend to be their leaders. It becomes the duty of every Negro worker to demand of his or her preacher, the leader of his or her lodge, club or union—"Where do you stand on this question of terror against the Negro peoples in the city of Detroit? Are you with us or with the white rulers? If you are with the white and Negro workers, if you are with the masses of Negro people, let it be known by joining hands with those that are fighting for the rights of the Negroes!"

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