

# TRAITOROUS ACTIVITIES OF NEGRO REFORMISTS,

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**T**HE blood of the murdered unemployed Negro workers had hardly dried on the streets of Chicago where they had been shot down by the police before the Negro reformists were hastening to justify this frightful crime against the Negro people and the working class.

Crawling on their bellies in response to the orders of their white masters, shamelessly licking the boots of these masters before the eyes of all the world, these damnable traitors came forward in their traditional role of betrayers of the struggles of the Negro masses, of apologists and defenders of Jim Crow capitalism and its murderous terror against the Negro and white workers. Typical of the attitude of these slimy tools of the white ruling class is the statement of State Senator Roberts:

"After hearing those men talk I justify all the police did today."

This is a clear-cut, wide open endorsement of the police terror instigated by the city government and the landlords against the Negro and white workers fighting for the right to live, fighting against unemployment and starvation, against the cold-blooded denial of unemployment relief, against the eviction of unemployed workers and their families, against Jim Crowism and Negro persecution. It is a complete endorsement of the suppression of the Negro people and of the whole murderous system of lynch terror and peonage under which that suppression is carried out. This role of defender and apologist for the brutal imperialist oppressors of the Negro masses is definitely the role of the Negro reformists today.

This fact is made more and more clear to the Negro masses as the struggle against Negro oppression sharpens, and as these masses facing the necessity of fighting for their very existence turn to the revolutionary movement which alone is carrying on a fight against hunger and evictions, for unemployment relief and for unconditional equality for the Negro people.

In the Scottsboro case, the traitorous role of the Negro Uncle Tom reformists is clearly exposed in the underhand attacks on the mass defense of the nine Scottsboro Negro boys by the leaders of the N. A. A. C. P. These attacks have been carried even to the extent of refusing the floor at N. A. A. C. P. mass meetings and at the Pittsburgh Conference of the N. A. A. C. P. to parents of the condemned youths. William Pickens, Walter White, Dr. Du Bois and other misleaders have frantically rushed to the de-

fense of the system and courts responsible for this hideous frame-up of nine innocent working class children. Their attacks have been directed not at the Southern boss lynchers and their lynch terror, and suppression of Negro rights but at the Negro and white workers defending the nine boys.

Again, when the landowners of Tallapoosa County, Alabama, and their police massacred Negro croppers and tried to break up their union, it was not the murderous bosses and their police that the Negro reformists attacked, but the white and Negro Communists who were organizing the croppers, Negro and white together, to resist the swindling practices of the landowners.

Not only do the Negro reformists justify these crimes against the Negro masses, but in Birmingham and Chicago they are actually participating in the terror against the Negro workers.

In Birmingham today we see the shameful spectacle of Negro preachers and business men supporting and abetting the boss terror against the Negro workers and the Communist Party. In that city the bosses have put up a reward of \$3,300 as an added incentive to the terror against the Negro workers and the attempts of the police to frame-up militant Negro workers in connection with the murder of a society woman on August 4. Part of this "reward" is contributed by the Negro toadies of the boss class who thus seek to curry favor with the white boss lynchers.

In Chicago, the massacre of unemployed workers was planned at a meeting attended by white and Negro landlords and by local leaders of the N. A. A. C. P. and a representative of the Chicago Defender. This meeting called on the police to use drastic measures against workers daring to resist the eviction of unemployed workers and their families. The massacre followed within a few days of this meeting.

Negro workers! Repudiate these traitors! Rally to the mass revolutionary struggle against Jim Crow capitalism with its race hatred poison, its peonage and enslavement of the Negro masses, its starvation and eviction program for the unemployed! Join the Communist Party!

Support the right of the Negro majorities of the South to determine and control their own form of government! Support the demand for the confiscation of the land of the rich land owners for the Negro and white workers who till the land! Down with Jim Crow capitalism! On with the relentless fight for Negro rights!