

contradictions between the social character of labor and the private exploitation of the productive forces of capitalism, and takes place in the sharpening crisis of imperialism, in the situation of the Third Period.

How did Marx characterize the economic crisis? He declared that the cyclical economic crises are the self-created temporary and forceful regulators of the anarchy of capitalist production. Only partisans of the theory of organized capitalism would assert that now the anarchy of capitalist society is replaced by organized capitalism.

When we say "cyclical economic crisis," we mean a specific form of the capitalist process of production established by Marx and adopted by every Communist throughout the world. Without this theory, it is impossible to understand the nature of the economic crisis; it is impossible to understand the inner mechanics of capitalist society.

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Negroes in the Soviet Union and in U.S.A.

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TWO American workers (one, from Detroit, the other from Toledo) helping to construct and install the machinery at the gigantic tractor plant at Stalingrad, in the Soviet Union, have been deported from the Soviet Union and will not be allowed to return for a period of ten years.

These two workers filled with the capitalist idea of the "superiority" of the white over the Negro race, forcibly threw out of the factory mess-hall a Negro worker who was there. They were denounced by the American and Soviet workers—there are workers of **twenty-six nationalities** in the plant—and placed under charges. The workers in the shop held a meeting and hung up a banner with the inscription: "We will not allow the ways of bourgeois (capitalist) America in the Soviet Union."

Two Years Prison For White Chauvinism.

The two men are sentenced to two years' imprisonment not for assault and battery, but for national chauvinism. The sentence was committed to deportation. It must be noted that the penalty for assault and battery is much lower.

What is national chauvinism and what is its aim? National chauvinism is the attitude of superiority adopted by one country towards another or by one race against another. It results from the economically superior development of the one country due to certain favorable conditions. This helps the capitalists poison the minds of the workers.

Thus the American (native) worker considers himself above the worker of another capitalist or colonial country, such as a Hun-

garian, Mexican, Italian or English worker. He considers himself superior to the workers of a different race, such as Negro, Chinese, Japanese or Filipino worker. He sees the foreign born worker can come to this country to improve his condition—therefore this must indicate the superiority of this country of which he is a native. The native white worker, greatly a skilled worker, has refused to do work which had then to be assigned to a foreign-born worker or Negro worker. The native worker has been disinclined to organize the foreign-born and has not permitted the organization of the Negro workers, because both have been chiefly unskilled or semi-skilled workers. **This is capitalist propaganda taken over and put into practice by the reactionary leaders of the workers.** This keeps the workers divided and unorganized.

Why Are Negroes Unskilled?

Why has the Negro worker been compelled to do the unskilled and semi-skilled work? Because only two generations ago he was "freed from slavery," and has had little opportunity for education, he has been denied work and has been discriminated against in every way.

Today the situation has somewhat changed. The sharp economic crisis is compelling the workers to take any jobs they can obtain. The skilled worker has been replaced by the automatic machine and conveyor system and now shoulder to shoulder the workers stand at the factory gate and employment office asking for the same job.

In this situation, the bosses and these workers who are infected by the bosses' propaganda are demanding work for "American" workers. Foreign-born and Negro workers are being fired and Americans being given their places. In their minds "American" does not include Negro workers, who have been in this country many more generations than most "native whites" can boast. The result is an intensification of the struggle between the white and colored workers, which is deepened by boss propaganda. Incensed at the propaganda and discrimination, the Negroes have become restless and under Communist leadership have developed militancy and the answer of the bosses is lynch terror. This deepens the cleft between the white and Negro worker, and the prejudice of the white worker becomes intense national chauvinism. The bosses are doing everything to increase it for they know that a united working class means the end of capitalism.

In USSR Race Hatred Is a Punishable Crime.

This is in capitalist America. But in the Soviet Union where there are 220 nationalities, races and tribes, each worker, without discrimination, is fitted into his job and has every opportunity to develop. Anything that tends to weaken the unity of the working class or create class division is considered a crime against the whole working class.

What the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union have done and are doing is the aim of the Communist Party and revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League in the United States. They are struggling for the fighting unity of the working class—native and foreign-born, white and colored workers. They are demanding equal economic, political and social equality for the Negro workers. They are organizing white and colored workers into revolutionary industrial unions. They are taking Negro revolutionists into the Communist Party. Any member of the Party or TUUL who lings into or manifests national chauvinism in the organization, persists in it and shows it in action, is expelled from the Party or TUUL as guilty of the crime of

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ONE of the most important groups and the most oppressed and exploited section of the working class is the Negro worker. Jim-crowed in the A. F. of L. and in the South by law and terrorism and in the north, although to a lesser degree, Jim crowed without the formality of a law. Ruled by Lynch law and mob violence, given the worst and dirtiest and cheapest kind of jobs, because of this oppression and discrimination they are the most militant of fighters and potential revolutionists. Strike struggles in any basic industry that does not draw in the Negro workers into struggle and leadership is doomed to defeat.

This does not mean the mere inclusion of a certain percentage of Negroes on the strike committee, but a struggle for the demands of the Negro worker. The raising of the slogan of Full Social and Political Equality and Self Determination not merely in an abstract propaganda manner but in direct connection with the strike struggle demands.

The struggle for social equality is not mere words but must be put into practice. In the preparations for strikes and in strike struggles white chauvinism as well as the law of segregation has to be smashed, in the North as well as in the South. Strike struggles in the South carried with it the demand for the repeal of all Jim Crow laws, and the actual smashing of these laws in the course of the struggles, the organizing of demonstrations of white and colored workers in places where Negroes are barred by law, the organizing of defense corps to defend the Negro workers against bourgeois mob violences. No agreements can be concluded that discriminate against the Negro.

In the coal fields in Illinois, for example, where on the surface the Negro is equal according to law, there are mining towns which bar the Negro, even going so far as to put up signs at the boundaries of the town "No Negroes or dogs allowed."

Every town in the North has its area of segregation. The vast majorities of hotels, restaurants, and apartment buildings that do not specially cater to the Negro trade bar the Negroes. Propaganda against this discrimination must be turned into action.

In the coal fields, or in any other industry in the preparation for and in the course of the struggles these discriminations have to be broken. The main responsibility for this task rests with the white workers, especially the revolutionary section. Of course this does not

dividing the working class. This is how the revolutionary workers act.

The Soviet Union shows what can be done. The Communist Party is organizing and conducting the struggle to smash chauvinism and the rule of the bosses and to establish a Soviet—a Workers' and Farmers'—Government in the United States. Revolutionary workers who wish to struggle toward this aim and for full and equal economic, political and social rights and for self-determination of the Negroes, and especially Negro revolutionary workers, should join the Communist Party. Support the Communist program and candidates in the coming elections! Remember Stalingrad!

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