

NEGRO WORKERS TURNING TO PARTY

In Revolt Against Super Exploitation, Tired
of Betrayals, Negroes Realizing Need
of Revolutionary Struggle

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UNEMPLOYMENT, hunger and imperialist war and other evils of the capitalist system strike harder at the Negro masses than at any other section of the working class.

It is the Negro masses who suffer most from the attempts of the bosses to solve the economic crisis of capitalism by throwing millions of workers on the streets to starve. Negro workers are the first to go. Discriminated against even in times of bosses' prosperity, they have the least reserve against unemployment. They suffer first and hardest from any attack on the standards of the working class. The victims of the most savage speed-up and bare-faced robbery on the job, they are Jim-crowed into segregated ghettos and made to pay exorbitant rents for rotten accommodations. And, today, unemployment has forced hundreds of families to "double up" in order to meet the exactions of the landlords, with resultant increase in the already appallingly high death rate of Negro workers and their babies.

Starving In Midst of Plenty.

Over 8,000,000 workers are jobless today in the United States. Jobless and starving in the midst of plenty! And out of all proportion to the Negro percentage of the population is the percentage of Negro jobless. In the South, hundreds of thousands of Negroes are existing in actual starvation. In the North conditions are not much better. The most frightful suffering exists in Harlem and other segregated areas.

And what are the bosses and their political parties doing about it? They answer the demands of the working class for social insurance for the unemployed with police clubs and atrocities. They resent the fact that the unemployed refuse to starve quietly! They answer the growing solidarity of the Negro and white workers with an intensification of the lynching terror against the Negro masses. The republican national administration attempts to conceal the depth of the crisis and minimizes the unemployment and suffering of the masses with a barrage of lying statistics. Republican and democratic state and city governments launch vicious attacks on workers' demonstrations against unemployment, savagely persecuting the unemployed delegations. The fake "socialist" party betrays the struggles of the workers by attempts to divert them into harmless and ineffective channels. The "socialist" city administration in Reading lets loose its police on the unemployed workers.

Bosses Continue Layoffs.

And in the meantime, the ruthless policy of lay-offs, speed-ups and wage cuts is being rushed through

by the bosses with the open co-operation of the "socialists" and the Jim-Crow American Federation of Labor.

Negroes suffer a double oppression at the hands of the American bosses. Super-exploited as workers and oppressed as a national minority group easily identifiable by their color, they pay a bitter price for the upkeep of the vicious capitalist system. In the past, they have listened to the high-binders of the capitalist parties only to be regularly betrayed each and every time.

Negro petty-bourgeois "leaders", solely concerned with obtaining position and money for themselves, have systematically lead them to the slaughter. But today there is growing evidence that the Negro masses are turning their backs on the political parties of their enemies and looking towards the Communist Party, as the only party of revolutionary struggle against lynching and other forms of white ruling class terrorism, against unemployment, against Jim-Crowism, against imperialist war, etc.

Bosses and Tools Exposed.

The sharpening of the class struggle in the United States is inevitably forcing the bosses to adopt more openly fascist methods against the working class, and especially against the Negro workers.

The increasing terror against the Negro masses also inevitably brings about the exposure of the Negro petty bourgeoisie as tools and defenders of the very system of Negro oppression. This has happened time and again within the last eight months. The Negro masses are fast realizing the treacherous role played by the Negro petty bourgeoisie.

Rallying to Communist Party.

At the same time, the Communist Party has won the confidence of the Negro masses by its relentless struggle against race prejudice and for working class solidarity of Negro and white workers, by its fight against lynching and all forms of Negro oppression, and by its rallying of the white workers and poor farmers to the support of the struggles of the Negroes.

By intensifying its activities among and in behalf of the struggles of the Negro masses, the Communist Party will further extend its influence among them and win them for the revolutionary struggle and for the support of the Communist election campaigns which are steps on the road toward the revolutionary overthrow of the capitalist system with its race hatred and lynching and for the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government which will, as in Soviet Russia, wipe out all race lines and abolish all forms of racial and economic oppression.