

Communist Party Is Champion of the Negro Toilers

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The platform of the Communist Party in the present election campaign, is a platform of class struggle. The economic struggles of the workers are also political struggles. Each strike of the workers against rationalization in the present period of heightened class struggle immediately develops into a battle against the employers' lackeys, the police, the laws, the courts and all the governmental agencies.

A glaring example of the union of boss with government in the present stage of class struggle occurred during the struggles of the textile workers in North Carolina. The smoke screen which the bosses scattered over the region to hide the real class issues was dissipated by the recent occurrences. The myth of "white superiority" so carefully spread by the bosses as a bulwark separating white and black workers, has been impaired by the combined struggles of the white and Negro workers there. The consciousness is steadily growing that a union of white and black workers is an absolute necessity in their struggle.

This was clearly proven after the police raid on the tent colony the night of June 7, when the Negro organizer of the National Textile Workers' Union was saved by the white strikers from being lynched at the hands of the bosses' thugs and fascist lackeys. This is the first time in the history of the South that whites have saved a Negro from a lynch-gang. This startling and encouraging incident occurred only thanks to the propaganda and educational program of the Communist Party and the National Textile Workers' Union, a militant union which sowed in the South the seed of race equality of workers in their industrial struggles and the necessity of all workers to unite, regard-

less of race or color.

Harlem, in New York, is described as a "Negro Garden of Eden" by the reactionary parties, the republicans, democrats and socialists. But the Negro workers know better who are forced by the Jim Crow laws to reside in this overcrowded ghetto, paying 50 per cent. more rent for their dirty, stuffy quarters than white residents, suffering the regime of brutal police terror, suffering a high death rate and a tremendous rate of child mortality.

The Communist Party sets forth to the Negro workers that race discrimination is not a separate issue but is part and parcel of the capitalist system to divide the workers in order to be able to more easily exploit all sections.

The Negro workers must not be misled by the promises of the fake progressive, LaGuardia. They must come to him with the direct question—"What are you going to do to help us in our struggle against Jim Crow laws, against lynch laws, against high rents and miserable living conditions?" Mr. LaGuardia, as a true representative of his class—the business class—will never raise the issue of social and political equality for the Negro masses.

The Democratic Party is recognized by the Negroes as the party of slavery and as the traditional enemy of the Negro. The Negroes must not be fooled by the fact that the Tammany forces have thrown a few crumbs to the Negro masses by placing some Negroes in petty offices in City Hall. The Negro masses still remember Mr. Jimmy Walker's act in Rome when he requested the management to throw two Abyssinian Negroes from a cabaret where he happened to be at the time.

The socialist party is rapidly being recognized in its true role as the party of the petty-bourgeoisie, as the agent of capitalism as much as

the other two major parties. The socialist party has never taken a deliberate stand against Jim Crowism, against lynch law. Outside of their fine-sounding phrases the socialists have never come to the help of the bitterly exploited Negro masses.

The Communist Party is the only party that fights unceasingly for white and Negro workers alike, and it comes forth in the election in an open, clear-cut plank of complete equality, racially, economically and socially for all races. Only the Communist Party fights side by side with the Negroes against police brutality and terrorism while the programs of the three capitalist parties—the democrat, republican and socialist—completely ignore the Negro masses, and are silent on the fundamental issue of full equality, the election program of the Communist Party goes into detail on the conditions of Negro workers, and proposes a whole series of demands in their interests. While the republican and democratic parties are directly responsible for the lynchings, the burnings and hangings in the South; while the socialist party by its very silence on race equality must stand condemned as condoning the terrible persecution of the Negro workers, the Communist Party does not hesitate to carry its fight for full social, political and racial equality into the heart of the South, where race prejudice is strongest and most deeply rooted.

Therefore, it is necessary for white and Negro workers alike to vote the Communist ticket in the present city election. But it is not enough to vote. Workers of all races must organize themselves under the banner of the Communist Party to overthrow the bloody capitalist system and build in its place a workers' and peasants' republic in which all workers of all races will really be free.