

# AMERICAN NEGRO LABOR CONGRESS REPRESENTS WORKERS; SANHEDRIN REPRESENTED PETTY BOURGEOISIE

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American Negro Labor Service

The American Negro Labor Congress which convenes in Chicago Oct. 25th, marks a new epoch in the history of Negro labor. It will be the first time in world history that a similar body has been formed.

In consideration of the fact that 98 per cent of the Negro group in America are wage workers and farm workers, this body will be more representative of the race than was the Sanhedrin, which met here a little over a year ago. The Sanhedrin was strictly a petty bourgeois group and its interests were with those of the Negro petty bourgeoisie and not with that of the great Negro proletariat. This was shown by the fact that during the whole time convened only a small portion of its time was allotted to the important question of Negro labor. This question should be paramount with any group that professes to have the welfare of the Negro at heart.

The Negro is beginning to realize that organization is the only way to effectively combat the forces that are at work against him. The realization of this fact by the Negro workers is beginning to be a source of anxiety to the capitalists and their henchmen of the daily press. That this awakening of the Negro masses is a source of growing concern among the capitalists has been amply demonstrated by articles and editorials of these same capitalist newspapers.

The policies these papers pursue when they do mention the Negro at all (and that is usually to magnify some petty crime than an individual Negro commits as a racial stigma) has been to use a sarcastic and ironic tone, always trying to belittle any attempt on the part of the Negro at self-assertion. These policies will be continued as long as the Negro remains unorganized. But now that he is beginning to learn the proper solution of the problem, that is, organization in the proletarian movement of the world, their concern becomes apparent. These articles also show that they have woefully underestimated the intelligence of the Negro masses.

The Negro should not be fooled by the hypocritical attitude adopted by these papers in their willingness to offer advice. He should see that their advice to him to follow their old leaders is a terrible indictment against these same leaders. Therefore, the only safe policy for the Negro to pursue is that policy which is in direct opposition to this advice. We have great cause to doubt the sincerity of this advice by the lateness of its appearance.

Self preservation has forced the Negro into his present position, and no force at the command of the capitalists can keep him from taking his rightful place among the proletariat of the world.

## Lowell Mohair Plush Workers to Organize United Textile Union

LOWELL, Mass., Oct. 5.—Opening an organization campaign in Lowell, open-shop cotton goods town, the United Textile Workers' Union held a mass meeting with several hundred mohair plush workers present.

## LIBERTY RULING ASKED OF U. S. SUPREME COURT

### Bar Association Head Raps Tennessee Law

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 5.—“We have had a great many decisions on what congress or a state cannot do in regard to life and property but few in regards to liberty” said Chaster I. Long, president of the American Bar Association, speaking on the Tennessee evolution law and other restrictive “educational” measures before the Missouri Bar Association. He declared that national freedom of learning is in peril.

“In Nebraska and Iowa, laws were passed that no one should teach any language in the schools except above the eighth grade,” the speaker said, “In Ohio, no teacher could teach German below the eighth grade and Oregon passed a law that destroyed all private schools between certain grades. Education was to be controlled by the state.

“The supreme court of the United States said these states deprived a teacher of his liberty. In Tennessee, the state says you cannot teach any subject in the public schools that differs from the story of the origin of man as told in the bible.”

### War Correspondent Gets His.

FEZ, Oct. 5.—Colonel Reginald Kahn, war correspondent of Le Temps of Paris, was killed yesterday afternoon by Riffian bullets during the French advance near D'Erkeur.