

Writer Calls for New Type of Leadership for Negro Workers

John H. Owens of Ripley, California, in an article published in the second number of the Negro Champion, states, "The leadership of the bourgeoisie is incompatible with the best interest of the Negro working class. The bourgeoisie can only continue to thrive thru ruthless exploitation of the Negro masses."

We understand Mr. Owens to be a tenant farmer of Ripley, California, who is speaking from experience. He further states that "The Negro proletariat is proud of its bourgeoisie. Even the less conservative elements are proud of the achievements of their more talented black brothers." Mr. Owens, in dividing the race into classes, says, "We may logically assume that the fundamental background of the Negro workers problem is economic; that of the Negro bourgeoisie is quasi-social. Negro property owners have more in common with white property owners than with Negro tenants." On equality, he says, "Among the whites at present, there is not social equality with all that term implies, except from a theoretical viewpoint, and white workers do not enjoy all the extensions of rights and privileges that the ruling class enjoys. There is no legal equality between a very poor white man and a very rich one." He ends his article by saying, "Let the Negro worker join hands around the world with his oppressed brothers of every hue and clime, and thru intelligent, concerted mass action bury forever in a sea of oblivion, race prejudice, class prejudice, social and religious prejudice."

It is on the whole a fine article. The Negro Champion is on sale in your city.