

Fake Anti-Lynch Congress A Flop

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THE fake anti-lynching congress of the Negro petty-bourgeois misleaders held in Washington, D. C., last week under the leadership of the National Equal Rights League was a complete flop.

The disruption and failure of the congress began at the very opening of the first session when Kelly Miller, notorious apologist for the imperialist oppressors of the Negro masses, in the opening address based his speech on the promises that the race victimized by lynchings and boss terrorism "should be more law abiding." More respect to the laws and courts of the bosses which are regularly used against the Negro masses. More respect to American institutions like lynching, jim crowism, etc.

Sees No Need for Struggle

Miller, as usual, completely ignored the necessity for struggle against the bosses, lynching terror which has already taken 38 victims during the present year. He had no condemnation for the terrific oppression and robbery of the Southern Negro masses. He showed no interest whatever in the misery of over 900,000 unemployed Negro workers, part of the army of nine million jobless in this country. These were nothing to get excited about in Miller's estimation. This line was a little too raw, however, for the rest of the traitors. These, aware of the growing resentment among the Negro masses against their treacherous leadership, saw their tottering influence smashed by such open betrayal. They had expected the congress to at least formulate a fake program against lynching. Instead of that, Kelly Miller preached respect for the law of the lynchers.

No Workers Present

In sharp contrast to the recent convention in St. Louis of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights there were no workers present from the factories and fields. The delegates, less than

fifty, were exclusively from the group of professional betrayers of the Negro masses; preachers, landlords, bourgeois editors, etc. Unlike the St. Louis convention which based its fight against lynching on the mobilization of the white and Negro workers for militant and concrete demands like the right of self-determination—state unity for the Negro majorities in the Black Belt—destruction of the plantation base of Negro oppression in the South by confiscation of the lands for the Negroes who work the lands; death penalty for all lynchers, etc., the fake anti-lynching congress of the misleaders was based on prayers for the health of Hoover and on petitions to Hoover to punish his own class and his Ku Klux and Lily White allies, and to denounce the discrimination and jim crowism practiced by his own administration as an instrument of the white ruling class.

Delegation Visits Hoover.

A delegation of five visited President Hoover with the petition. The delegation included representatives from such reformist organizations as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Equal Rights League, the National Association of Colored Women. The traitors were all there, even the Lovestone renegades had a representative at the conference in the person of Rothschild Francis, editor of the petty-bourgeois "Emancipator" of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

This fake anti-lynching congress further exposes the treachery and futility of the petty-bourgeois misleadership. Even the delegates had to admit that the affair had no definite program. And to make more complete the exposure it was turned from its opening session into a congress for the support of the laws and institutions of the lynchers instead of the fake anti-lynching fight its leaders had planned to stage in an effort to quiet the rising wrath of the Negro masses.