

# THE NEGRO RISES; THE FIGHT OF THE "DAILY" AGAINST LYNCHING AND JIM-CROWISM

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The policy of the capitalists and the big landlords is "divide and rule." Unity in struggle must be the answer of the American toiling population, white and black, native and foreign-born.

The white ruling class deliberately fosters false theories of Negro inferiority. It uses the schools, the bourgeois press, the theatre and other instruments under its control to spread the most vicious slanders against the Negro People, ground down under its oppressive rule. It paints Negroes as degenerates and rapists. It incites chauvinist hatred against Negroes. It instigates and organizes lynching and other terrorist actions in its attempts to crush the struggles of the Negro masses against its brutal oppression. And by way of "compensating" the white masses for their own miserable conditions and bringing them to support its attacks on the Negro People, it offers them the farcical privilege of considering themselves members of a "superior" race.



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## MAINTAINS EXPLOITATION BY SPLITTING POLICY

By this policy of race hatred and division, the exploiters have succeeded in maintaining their exploitation of the toiling masses, sharpened particularly against the Negro toilers. It is precisely in the South where the influence of white chauvinist poison is strongest that the conditions of the whole working population, white and Negro, are worse than in any other part of the country. This fact must serve as a warning to the white workers throughout the country to ruthlessly fight against all chauvinist tendencies within the working class. The white workers, in their own interests, must march in the forefront of the fight for full democratic rights for the Negro People. The struggle of the white toilers for better conditions, for social emancipation, is inextricably bound up with the struggle of the Negro People for national liberation.

## ROLE OF A WORKING CLASS PAPER

The role of a real working class newspaper, then, is to defend the Negro masses at all points, ruthlessly exposing every act of Negro oppression and persecution by the white ruling class, agitating the white and Negro masses to indignant protests and militant struggle against these attacks on the Negro masses. It must mobilize the white toiling masses to the defense of the Negroes. It must organize and lead the Negro and white toilers in the most determined, iron resistance to the brutal rule of the landlord-capitalist cliques in the "Black Belt" of the South, and against all forms of jim-crowism and discrimination in any section of the country.

This is precisely what the Daily Worker, central organ of the Communist Party, is doing. It was the Daily Worker which first exposed the cruel frame-up of the Scottsboro boys and the hideous attempts of the Alabama rulers to burn these nine innocent lads in the electric chair. It was the Daily Worker and the Communist Party which ripped asunder the veil of alternate lies and conspirative silence masking the brutal oppression of the Negro majorities in the "Black Belt" of the South. It was the Daily Worker's exposure which brought the International Labor Defense to the aid of the boys. It was the Daily Worker which helped that working class defense organization to mobilize thousands and hundreds of thousands of workers in furious protests against this bestial crime of the Alabama ruling class.

## DAILY WORKER FIRST TO EXPOSE FRAME-UP

On April 2, 1931, the Daily Worker printed the first exposure of the hideous frame-up of the Scottsboro boys. It pointed out clearly the class and national oppression content of the frame-up, its double purpose to terrorize the Negro masses and smash the growing unity of white and Negro workers, being achieved under the correct leadership of the Communist Party.

By April 13, it was able to report protest meetings by Cleveland and New York workers against the attempted mass murders. By April 15 the mass fight to save the boys

was taking on nation-wide proportions. In European countries, the Communist press took up the exposure of this brutal act of national oppression and rallied tens of thousands of workers and intellectuals to the defense of the boys and of the Negro People. It is this world-wide mass fight that has saved the boys so far, that has four times pushed back the bloody hands of the executioners.

## SMASHES BOSS PRESS CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE

The effectiveness of the mass fight is shown not only in the successive setting back of the dates set by the Alabama rulers for the lynch murders, but by the smashing of the conspiracy of silence by which the capitalist press of the entire country supported the lynch verdicts. The capitalist press has been forced to record the progress of the mass fight to save the boys, and to report the proceedings of the recent Decatur "trials." It has been forced even to admit the impossibility of Negroes securing justice in the Southern courts, albeit now attempting to fool the masses into the belief that the U. S. Supreme Court, to which the fight for the boys will again be taken, is "just" and "impartial" and "can be trusted to see that justice is done."

## SUPPORTS STRUGGLES OF NEGRO CROPPERS

When, in Dec. 1932, Alabama Negro croppers heroically defended themselves, with arms in their hands, against the attempts of the landlords to rob them of their mules and cows and thus deprive them of their sole remaining means of livelihood, it was again the Daily Worker which gave the true story of the Battle of Reeltown. The Daily Worker told the story of the land-

lord-police terror unleashed against members of the Share Croppers Union. It exposed the bloody campaign of the landlords to crush the union and the struggles it was successfully leading to better the condition of the croppers. It rallied the white and Negro masses to the defense of the framed leaders of the croppers union.

The "Daily" persistently exposes the economic background of the lynch terror now raging throughout the country, the lynching of Negroes for demanding their wages, the countless "rape" frame-ups of militant Negro workers. In addition, in the Armwood lynching, it was the Daily Worker alone which dared to publish the names of the mob leaders and to expose the shameful part played by Gov. Ritchie, Judge Duer, State's Attorney Robins and other Maryland State and County officials in inspiring and organizing the lynching of George Armwood.

As a result of its vigorous defense of the Negro masses, there exists today a wide-spread sympathy on the part of these bitterly exploited masses for the Daily Worker and the Communist Party. This sympathy provides the basis for strengthening the influence of the Communist Party among these masses who are moving forward, over the heads of the reformist misleaders, into struggle against the imperialist enemy. It is the task of every Communist and of every honest, clear-minded worker to see that the Daily Worker penetrates into the homes of the Negro masses. At the same time, the Daily Worker must become more and more a weapon of struggle, an agitator, organizer and leader of the oppressed Negro masses, and of the entire working class and toiling population of the country.

## London "Daily Worker" Hails Tenth Anniversary

Revolutionary greetings to the American Daily Worker, from the British Daily Worker on the occasion of your 10th Anniversary.

The workers of Britain are following closely the struggles of the workers of the United States of America against American imperialism.

The Daily Worker is the voice, the guide and organizer of the struggle of the American masses against the imperialists, who, through the N.R.A., are trying to shackle the burdens of the crisis onto the backs of the already exploited working class.

We watch carefully the battle of the workers in America against the N.R.A. and President Roosevelt's "prosperity" drive. On this occasion, the Tenth Anniversary of our brother Party's central organ, we send our greetings through you to the American masses in the fight they are waging against all forces of reaction.

No less in your country than in ours, the difficulties to establish and maintain a revolutionary daily newspaper seem unsur-

mountable. But Bolshevik courage and determination can overcome all obstacles.

We are proud to greet you on your tenth birthday.

Long live the American Daily Worker!

Long live the Communist Party of U. S. A.!

—Daily Worker of Great Britain.

## Canada Worker Greets 'Daily'

"The Worker," English-speaking organ of the militant workers and poor farmers of Canada, sends cordial greetings to the Daily Worker, central organ of the Communist Party of the U. S. A., on its tenth anniversary. In the past ten years the Daily Worker has always been in the forefront of the workers' struggle in the United States.

May the C. P. U. S. A. and its central organ continue to organize, educate and lead the toilers of the United States towards final emancipation.

—The Worker, Toronto, Canada)



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