

**Race Prejudice Throughout the World Must Go!
Jim Crow In America Must End!**



Race Relations Mass Meeting

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1943 at 2:45 P.M.

at the
MOUNT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH
West 120th Street and Lenox Avenue

Speakers and Invited Guests of Every Race

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Also the report from the ACTION CONFERENCE which is being held at the Y.M.C.A., 180 West 135th Street, on Saturday, February 13th, will be given.

NEW YORK LOCAL DIVISION

MARCH ON WASHINGTON MOVEMENT
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The Interracial Club
calls on you to join
it in the work of or-
ganizing the march.

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**LET'S GET GOING!
TIME TO MARCH!**

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Come to our meeting Friday night. If you can't come Friday,
write and we will arrange to meet you.

To THE INTERRACIAL CLUB, 360 West 125th Street, New York City.

(Please check and fill in)

I should like to meet with you on evening.
(date) (time) o'clock.

Please inform me if this is convenient.

Please send me, free of charge, the Declaration of Principles
and Purpose of the Interracial Club and the last issue of the
official publication, *Our Fight*.

Name

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Why
**WE NEED TO
MARCH**



A Statement of the
INTERRACIAL CLUB



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• LOOK AT THIS PICTURE—WHO IS IT?

THIS IS A MAN! He lives in Detroit, Chicago, Kansas City, San Francisco, Dallas, St. Louis, Atlanta, Tampa, Baltimore, and New York. His home is here: the United States.

He feels, walks and talks, laughs and cries just like all other men. His skin is dark—that's the difference, that's all.

It's not quite the whole difference. For instance, in Sikeston and a hundred other places he is lynched. Everywhere, he is discriminated against, segregated, Jim-Crowed. **FROM BIRTH TO DEATH, HIS LIFE IS ONE CONTINUOUS INSULT.**

When there is famine, crisis, depression, he is the first to starve. When there is plenty, he is the last to get his crust of bread. Let a job be so miserable that no one else wants it, "Sure, we can use you. Hours are long, you know. Can't pay you much." Last hired, first fired. Everyplace, U.S.A.

• THAT'S THE STORY.

NOW, WHAT ABOUT IT?

Some people, very big people, have asked the Negro to be patient. "It will take a long time," they say, "but some day you will get your full democratic rights."

That happened before the Civil War and after the Civil War. Before the World War and after the World War. Before this war, right now during the War, and . . . **THERE IS NO SIGN THAT IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.**

Now, in the very midst of the war, a war that's supposed to be for "democracy," the Negro is discriminated against in the war industries, **HE IS JIM-CROWED IN THE ARMY THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE FIGHTING FOR "DEMOCRACY."**

• AND HERE IN HARLEM,

He is forced to live in filthy holes and pay rents that are sky-high. Every month or two he is terrorized by a phony "crime wave" cooked up by downtown newspapers. His children go to the worst schools in the city and live on the streets because the city fathers, who don't like crime, refuse to provide good schools, good community centers and the opportunity for decent living. How can he provide properly for his family when, out of his miserable wages, he has to pay the highest prices for food and shelter—that is, when he gets any wages at all.

• ENOUGH OF THAT!

The time has come when the Negro, and anybody else who want to join with him, must mobilize in masses to fight for his rights. **THAT MEANS YOU, BROTHER!** It means you and your lodge and your church and your union and your friends and anyone who can stand straight on both his legs. **AND IT MEANS YOU, TOO, SISTER!** Everyone together, shoulder to shoulder!

• THE TIME HAS COME TO MARCH!

In New York, Negroes must march to City Hall to demonstrate their mass protest against discrimination in New York war industries, against high rents in Negro neighborhoods, against exorbitant food prices, against miserable conditions in housing, school and recreational facilities.

If the March on Washington Movement or any other organization will demonstrate that it will lead a real militant march, we shall be with them. Today, the New York MOW shows absolutely no promise. Until it does, there is no choice but to try, —to go ahead,—regardless.

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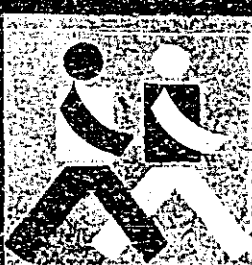
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THE

INTERRACIAL CLUB



New York

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSE

OF THE INTERRACIAL CLUB

NEW YORK CITY

Adopted January 22, 1942

The Interracial Club is an organization composed of men and women, regardless of race or color, dedicated to participation in the struggle for the achievement of complete democratic rights (full economic, political and social equality) for the Negro people.

Founded in the firm belief that "all men are created free and equal" the Interracial Club condemns all manifestations of discrimination, segregation and "Jim-Crowism" as a vicious means to destroy the unity of all people striving for a free and equitable society.

The Interracial Club declares that the struggle against discrimination, segregation and "Jim-Crowism" must not be relaxed under any conditions, in war time as in peace time. We hold that there can be no true democracy where there is discrimination against racial or national minorities and that progressive persons must permit no considerations, whatsoever, to obstruct the achievement of true democracy, wherein all peoples may live equitably in harmony and brotherhood.

Holding these views, the Interracial Club affirms that an unceasing war against every phase of discrimination must permeate the existence and activity of this organization and summons all those who are determined to engage actively in the struggle, to join with it in the accomplishment of these aims.

HOW CAN NEGROES ACHIEVE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

Never in the history of our times has any group received political or economic concessions without conducting a militant fight in order to get them. "Gifts" of this nature will never be pro-

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presented to the Negro people as a whole, or to any oppressed minority, by "kindhearted" philanthropists or "well-meaning" liberals but must be wrested by the Negro people, themselves, through ceaseless struggle.

The Negro people must organize itself into a great force which will withstand the reactionary forces that seek to prolong and extend the terrible misery of centuries of American life. In conducting this struggle, they dare not place their faith and confidence in so-called "leaders", be they Negro or white, whose interests have been proved, all too many times, to be in conflict with the interests of the people they pretended to represent and who have betrayed the struggle at crucial moments.

To whom shall the Negro look for leadership, for, as yet, there is none worthy of the name. This is the problem that he must solve with utmost speed. And he must seek to solve it in the days to come and in the midst of the struggles which will accompany them, by forging from within the people, itself, new leaders who must be tested continuously in the heat of the struggle and rejected with scorn at the first sign of weakness, vacillation, or compromise.

THE NEGRO AND HIS ALLIES

The Negro masses, themselves, must conduct the struggle for their own liberation. But will they have no allies? Will they be completely isolated?

Does the militant Negro have reason to regard with trust the promises of the white man? He has supported many political parties, Republican, Democratic and even Communist, who have been very magnanimous in their promises, yet have not hesitated to forget with remarkable haste on the day after elections or when reactionary political considerations no longer made necessary Negro support.

Shall the Negro then shun every offer of help with suspicion, because of the betrayals of the past? No, that would be needless and would retard considerably and prevent the day of victory. Instead coldly and objectively, he must scrutinize those who say they are willing to help in the fight; examine their program and, particularly, their actions; and then, only, join together for a common aim and goal.

Today, there are signs that within certain sections of the population, anti-Negro prejudice is break-

ing down. We see this most clearly in organizations of the labor movement, particularly the CIO. Here, too, the Negro finds that he must frequently fight for recognition and equal rights, for the prejudice that has been ingrained in white workers over a long period of time is not easy to break down. Nevertheless, the interests of the Negro are similar to the interests of labor as a whole; and, just as labor finds it necessary to secure the aid of the Negro working man and woman in order to conduct successfully its struggle for better conditions, so will the Negro find within the progressive sections of the labor movement indispensable allies in his fight for liberation and human dignity.

THE NEGRO'S FIGHT IS HERE

Various schemes have been proposed for effecting the liberation of Negroes in America, among them the scheme that all Negroes shall return to Africa. The technical impossibility of accomplishing such a migration under existing conditions, the false promise that it is possible to build a free country in an Africa under imperialist domination, all this is too obvious to require extended discussion here.

The Interracial Club declares that Africa and all the colonies must be freed from imperialist domination and extends the hand of brotherhood to the millions of Africans and other colonial peoples now suffering conditions of semi-slavery and worse. They must receive the support of all honest fighters for freedom everywhere.

But the American Negro, removed for generations from the place of his origin, is an integral part of the United States. He has given generations of suffering and labor in the fields, in the mines, in the armed forces, and now, increasingly, in the factories toward building the wealth of this country. He has been abused, terrorized and exploited yet his sacrifices have been greater than those of any section of the population. This is his home and he knows no other. In the coming struggles, he will establish his right to share in the fruits of his labor.

THE STRUGGLE IN AMERICA

FOR FULL SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL EQUALITY!
The IC stands for full democratic rights of all racial and minority groups.

ABOLISH THE POLL TAX

End all discriminatory practices which prevent complete enfranchisement. Enforce the right to vote and to be voted for.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO ABOLISH LYNCHING

Pass the anti-lynching law! Expose the reactionary "statesmen" who protect murder. Organize mass demonstrations to force the administration to outlaw lynching.

END JIM-CROW IN THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR CORPS

An army, in which Negroes are given inferior status and denied the rights of citizenship; terrorized, beaten and murdered by lynch rule; cannot be a democratic army. STOP JIM-CROWISM IN THE ARMY AND NAVY! ESTABLISH FULL EQUALITY FOR THE NEGRO SOLDIER AND SAILOR!

JOBS FOR NEGROES IN INDUSTRY

Negroes shall not be barred from any job that they are capable of holding. PUT TEETH IN THE F.E.P.C.! Stop the stalling by instituting legislation making it a criminal offense to refuse to hire a worker because of race, creed or color.

JOBS FOR NEGROES IN GOVERNMENT

Enforce the right to jobs in all ratings and branches of the Federal, State and Municipal government.

LET THE YOUTH BE GIVEN TRAINING

Since the days of the depression, youth, in general, and Negro youth, in particular, has been denied the opportunity of growing into healthy, normal adulthood. Open industrial training schools so that young men and women may be enabled to face the future with confidence and hope for security. Admit Negroes to all schools and institutions of higher learning.

SECURITY FOR THE DOMESTIC WORKER

Enactment of minimum wage and social security laws covering all domestic workers.

ADMITTANCE TO MEMBERSHIP IN ALL TRADE UNIONS

As a working class people, the interests of Negroes are the interests of the labor movement as a whole. Educate prejudiced white workers by demonstrating complete sympathy with labor. Force reactionary trade union leaders to admit Negroes to membership.

ABOLISH THE COLOR LINE

Abolition of discrimination in transportation, hotels, restaurants and amusements places by enactment of Federal legislation.

EQUAL RIGHTS IN SPORTS

Full rights for Negroes in all fields of sport.

IN HARLEM

HOUSING

Initiate a low-cost housing program. **MAKE THAT A "PRIORITY"!** Tear down the rotten fire-traps and slums which breed misery and disease. Freeze rents in Harlem, now out of proportion to rents in other parts of the city.

SCHOOLS

Give Harlem good schools in which Harlem youth can have full educational opportunities, impossible in overcrowded and inferior buildings. Give them good teachers, who can understand their problems. Provide them with recreational centers where they may have a healthy social life. Give them industrial training to enable them to assume positions of responsibility and dignity in life.

STOP THE RISE IN THE COST OF LIVING

Harlem pays more and gets less for the necessities of living than any other section of the city. Establish rigid municipal inspection of food stores and housing accommodations. Boycott unfair shopkeepers! Organize to get lower rents!

STOP POLICE BRUTALITY IN HARLEM

Fight the scurrilous "crime wave" campaigns manufactured by forces aiming at continued discrimination and terrorization of Negroes. Stop indiscriminate arrests and frame-ups of innocent Negroes. Wipe out crime by providing better living conditions: better houses, better schools and recreational facilities, and, above all, jobs with decent pay.

JOBS, AND AGAIN JOBS

Jobs at decent wages still constitute the main problem of the people of Harlem. Jobs will give children good food, good clothing and shelter, without which there can be no healthy, happy living. **JOBS WILL END CRIME!** For a strong, active and militant Coordinating Committee which will fight for jobs!