

Boss Parties Expose Each Other As Enemies of Negroes

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AS the various state election campaigns enter the final week, the Negro workers are afforded the illuminating spectacle of three opposing groups of Negro misleaders engaged in a bitter attack on the political parties of the capitalist oppressors (republican, democratic, "socialist"), but with each group of misleaders putting forward its claims for one or other of these enemy parties as the "least unfriendly" and "the lesser evil." So thoroughly have the bosses parties exposed their hostility to the Negro masses that this is the best that the Negro misleaders can do for their capitalist masters, alternating this tactic with the other even more hypocritical tactic of telling the Negro masses to vote for "men and measures" and not bother about the political parties, by which, as everybody knows, the men and measures are controlled.

A Battle Royal Between Traitors.

It is a battle royal, in the prize ring sense, between three sets of traitors to see which gang will have most success in betraying the Negro masses into the hands of their enemies by cajoling Negro voters to cast their votes for the parties of their capitalist oppressors.

It is a sorry spectacle that each gang makes of each other's favored group of oppressors.

For instance, over in Illinois, the jim-crow republicans have dug up the following anti-Negro statements by democratic leaders of state and national calibre:

Hatred of the Negro Masses.

"So long as I have breath to speak I shall raise my voice to prevent criminal Negroes from lord-ing it over christian white men." And again: "I want just a community here, but before god, this is a white man's government." These two statements were made not by Heflin of Alabama but by Jim Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois. And hacking him, as the jim-crow republicans effectively show, were two other prominent democratic leaders: Michael Igoe and Francis Busch. Busch summarizing for both Lewis and Igoe, with the statement, "I stand right where Mr. Igoe and Senator Lewis stand, that this is and should be a white man's government."

In New York, the Amsterdam News leads the local jim-crow republicans in an attack on the democrats and their jim-crow tools, exposing Governor Roosevelt as the author, while Secretary of the Navy, of an order establishing jim-crowism in the toilets of the State, War and Navy Department buildings.

On the other hand, the jim-crow democrats

are not lacking in ammunition to hurl at their competing traitors. Among other things are mentioned the silence of Hoover on the lynching terror of the bosses against the Negro workers, the bitter insult to the Negro masses in the jim-crowing of the Gold Cross mothers, the republican failure to enforce the 14th and 15th amendments in the South; Hoover's bid for southern lily-white support; Hoover's alliance with the Klan during the last presidential election; Ku Klux Klan control of several republican state organizations, such as Indiana, and the support being given Heflin in Alabama by the republicans who declined to put up a candidate in order to help Heflin, who backed Hoover in the last presidential election.

"Socialists" Thoroly Exposed.

And in the sharpened struggle, the "socialists" have repeatedly exposed their treachery. Preaching equality in the North, they have practised the most wanton jim-crowism in the South, and even in New York City where they have a jim-crow "socialist" party headed by Frank Cross-walth, and in New Jersey, where in most places there are "Negro branches" of the "socialist" party. And in Texas, the "socialists" had the nerve to advise the Communist Party to avoid the Negro issue as they—the treacherous, yellow-bellied "socialists"—have done!

In neither of these camps is there any disposition to combat the oppression of the Negro masses, but simply the determination to achieve personal fortune and advancement by betraying these masses.

Only the Communist Party fights Negro oppression. Only the Communist Party fights jim-crowism and for full political, economic and social equality for the Negro masses. Only the Communist Party refuses to compromise on its demands for Negro liberation and equality. The Communist Party is the only party of the working class, the Negro workers equally with the white workers. Negro and white workers are in its leadership.

Negro workers! Repudiate the misleaders! Strike a smashing blow against the boss oppressors on November 4. Vote Communist! Support the struggle for social insurance for the unemployed workers. Fight against imperialist wars. Defend the Soviet Union, the only fatherland of the workers!

Vote Communist!