

GASTONIA POINTS WAY TO NEGRO, WHITE UNITY

Fight Boss Terror in South to Organize All Workers

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Gastonia signalizes not only the first attempt to smash race prejudice and unite the brutally exploited Negro and white toilers of the South in a joint struggle, but it also marks the first sincere effort ever made to organize the oppressed Negro workers of the South, at all. Organized labor, heretofore, had either capitulated before the sharp white chauvinism of the South, regarded the Negro as impossible of organization, or, like the social-fascist American Federation of Labor, played the game of the bosses and completely ignored the Negro altogether.

The correctness of the Communist International analysis of radicalization of the Southern proletariat, of the radicalization of the Negro masses and the possibility of winning them for the revolutionary struggle, of the possibility of smashing race prejudice and uniting the Negro and white workers for a common struggle against imperialism, has been vindicated on a wide scale. Gastonia has had its repercussions on many fronts.

Revolutionary Trade Unions in the South.

In various cities of the South, in Houston, Texas, in Atlanta, Ga., Chattanooga, Tenn., New Orleans, La., Birmingham, Ala., Charleston, S. C., Greenville, S. C., Winston-Salem, N. C., Charlotte, N. C., and others, locals of the Trade Union Unity League have been set up and hundreds of Negro and white workers drawn into the revolutionary struggle. Again and again, both white and Negro speakers have appeared before mixed audiences expounding a program of revolutionary unionism, of full social, economic and political equality for Negroes, for the ultimate establishment in this country of a workers' and farmers' government.

Class solidarity — class interests rising supreme to any interests of race—has been demonstrated on many occasions.

At an open air meeting in Chattanooga, when the Negro organizer for the TUUL along with the white organizers and four workers, was arrested, a band of Ku-Kluxers gathered around him and raised the cry: "Lynch him, lynch the damn Negro!" Immediately white and Negro workers gathered around the Negro organizer to protect him should anyone start anything.

White Workers Protect Negro Speaker.

At a factory gate meeting before one of the largest metal plants in the city, white and Negro workers again gathered around the Negro organizer to protect him when he took the platform to speak.

At all of the meetings held by the T. U. U. L. in Chattanooga, white and Negro workers have taken the floor and voiced their intention of fighting side by side and refuting any attempt of the bosses to set one race against the other in the event that any of our meetings should be smashed.

The radicalization of the Negro masses, their determination to struggle against the bosses and their government, their willingness to fight side by side with the white workers for complete emancipation of the working class, has been given sharp expression.

In Charlotte, N. C., the March 6th demonstration was made possible largely through the determination of the Negro workers to demonstrate despite police interference.

In Greenville, S. C., Negro workers threw down their tools on Feb-

ruary 26, and joined the unemployed march to City Hall, in Chattanooga, Tenn., on March 6, while all of the organizers were in jail; Negro and white workers held a mass meeting in a Negro hall.

Attend in Large Numbers.

At all of the meetings called by the TUUL and Party the Negro workers have attended in large numbers, responded enthusiastically to the program and in most cases linked themselves up with the organization. In Chattanooga, Tenn., two Negro workers and two white workers were arrested with the organizers, one of the Negro workers being sent to the chain gang along with the Negro organizer. He came off the chain gang with a fiercer determination than ever to fight the bosses. The other Negro worker was released by the judge in the morning and appeared at a mass meeting in the afternoon and spoke for the TUUL.

Fight Boss Terror.

The capitalist terror against the workers and their organizations that was so brutally carried on in Gastonia, has not been absent in other parts of the South. In Atlanta three organizers were jailed and are facing heavy sentences for attempting to organize the Negro and white workers together, meetings have been smashed and efforts made to drive organizers out of town. In Winston-Salem a reign of terror has been unleashed and organizers jailed on trumped up charges. In Chattanooga, Tenn., organizers have been arrested for holding street meetings and railroaded to the chain gang. Charges of lunacy being placed against one because she had the courage to defy the police terror and dare to organize the starving Negro and white slaves.

The terror continues and so does the work of organizing the unorganized. For every organizer jailed a hundred workers are being drawn into the revolutionary struggle. Truly has Gastonia pointed the way. The workers of the South are prepared for struggle. Especially are the Negro workers ready and eager for the struggle. For theirs is a double oppression. They suffer both as Negroes and as workers, a system of segregation, jim-crowism and lynching being practiced against them.

They know that this can end only with the ending of the capitalist system. Therefore, they are prepared to fight to this end.

Gastonia points the way!

HAITIAN BOURGEOIS

NATIONALISTS CAPITULTED

Haitian reports state that the native bourgeois leaders are "much satisfied" at the report of the Hoover Commission, but as the report's recommendations cannot by any stretch of imagination be said to give the least economic relief to the starving peasantry and terribly exploited workers, it clearly does not answer the demands of the masses.

The only fly in the bourgeois ointment is alleged to be the "disappointment" at the failure to withdraw the Marines "immediately." The bourgeois leaders, who aspire to political and administrative sinecures now held by Yankees, are quite content with the promise of lucrative places, but find it hard to explain to the masses why the Marines should remain under an arrangement they have agreed to.

Even the detested "High Commissioner," Brigadier General Russell, is praised by the report and allowed to remain under a vague recommendation that his office be abolished at some definite future.