

DEATH BLOW TO JIM CROW



NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS

10th CONVENTION · DETROIT · MAY 30-JUNE 2

CALL TO ACTION . . .

SHINING STAR

Negro people of America! We have come up a long, steep road. It's a fight all the way. Where do we stand today? What shall we do now? How can we reach that goal of Freedom and Equality which has been our bright and shining star, guiding us through all the dark and bloody years of our march from bondage?

Today our boys are coming home from the war. Some of them will never return—they gave "their" last full measure of devotion" in the fight to prevent the fascist powers from enslaving the world. To what kind of America have our veterans returned?

The recent hard-won economic and democratic gains of the Negro people are in grave danger! The reactionary enemies of the Negro people are on the march! Fascism is not dead!

SOLUTION?

Today in the giant organizations of labor—Packinghouse—UAW—UE—Steel—and in the Maritime and other Unions—the Negro trade unionist walks in newly won equality with his white brothers in the CIO and in progressive sections of the AFL. Peace can permit no retreat from these giant gains. They must be strengthened and broadened—towards the aim of smashing all vestiges of jimcrow in those industries which continue to discriminate. The Negro and white trade union member has a vast responsibility. Today the problem of discrimination cries for solution. Organized labor must take the lead in preventing monopoly capital from turning back the clock.

Four score and three years have passed since Lincoln's Emancipation was proclaimed. Seventeen more years will mark the First Century of Negro progress out of chattel slavery. Will that great Centennial Day dawn in glory upon a Negro people who are free and equal Americans?

NEW GLORY

World War II brought new glory to the fighting record of the Negro people. America's vast arsenal of production was augmented to full strength for the first time in our country's history—by a skilled labor force of thousands of Negro workers. They fought the good fight—in the auto shops of Detroit and Flint—in the steel blast furnaces of Pennsylvania—in the aircraft factories of California—in transport through the whole of 48 states—in mine and mill—as well as on the field of battle—they proved their worth. Any unorganized minority in the ranks of labor is a threat to the living standards of all American labor.

Today tens of thousands of Negro men and women are being thrown out of their jobs. Thousands more are being down-graded to the lowest paid and worst jobs.

EVIL

In Congress an unholy alliance of evil men, pro-fascist and reactionary Southern Democrats (Bilbo and Rankin) and Northern Republicans (Taft, Hickenlopper and Capehart) have ganged up against the FEPC Bill.

In Freeport, Long Island—in the North—two Negro brothers, veterans, were shot down in the streets, murdered by the law. In Columbia, Tennessee—in the South—the entire Negro community was terrorized, shot up and pillaged; and two Negroes slain in jail, a mob attack and lynching by the law.

The corporations and big employers have launched a great conspiracy to drive down the living standards of the working people by attacking the trade unions, cutting wages and raising prices.

DRUMS

Worst of all: the reactionary forces of the nation are already beating the drums for World War III. They are answering the call of Churchill, the tory imperialist, to establish an Anglo-American rule of white supremacy over the entire world.

The Truman administration, which is joining hands with the British overlords of millions of colonial peoples, is allowing the Roosevelt program of world peace, security and expanding democracy to be cast aside.

A similar reaction set in after the Civil War. Under the leadership of Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and other Negro heroes, the recently freed slaves rallied to demand their rights as citizens. A series of Negro People's Conventions was held throughout the country. They were a leading factor in defeating the administration of Andrew Johnson who betrayed the policies of Lincoln. United together with the progressive white Americans, North and South, they brought about the progressive period of Reconstruction. Result—the only democratic state governments the South has ever known were elected.

WITHOUT LABEL

Today "made in U. S." rifles—without label—are sputtering out their grim song of death—against the Indonesian people. U. S., British and Dutch imperialism have clasped hands in a united program of oppression. Likewise in India the Middle East and Africa. The colonial peoples of our earth need help. Our help—your help—for today they are rising and fighting—in heed to history's urgent burning need. The peoples of America must also help. The fight against Jim Crow at home is a strike at colonial oppression everywhere.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT! HERE IS THE WAY! We must mobilize the militant millions of our people for mass action—on picket lines, and at the ballot box—to defeat the enemies of freedom and security.

We call upon all local councils of the National Negro Congress; churches, fraternal, civic and social organizations; trade unions and all other progressive organizations of our country, to send delegates and fraternal delegates to the Tenth Anniversary Convention of the National Negro Congress in Detroit, May 30th to June 2nd. Let's come together, organize, and plan a program of action.

Send in attached registration at once.

Draft Program

ELEVEN POINTS FOR FREEDOM

1. Equal jobs and economic security for the Negro people. Immediate enactment of a permanent FEPC.
2. Develop and strengthen the working unity between the Negro people and the trade union movement. Full support to the drive for organization of Negro and white workers in the South.
3. Passage of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Social Security Bill, the 65c minimum wage bill, and other measures on labor's legislative program.
4. Passage of the Anti-Poll Tax Bill.
5. An end to police and armed violence against Negro citizens and organized labor.
6. Pass the anti-lynch bill.
7. Full application of GI Bill of Rights for Negro veterans and merchant seamen without discrimination.
8. Adequate housing, health protection and education without segregation or discrimination.
9. Protection of rights of Negro agricultural and farm labor and their rights to organize.
10. End discrimination in the armed forces.
11. Freedom for colonial peoples and American support to principles of UNO. U. S. friendship with the Soviet Union as a necessary means to peace.

Program

THURSDAY, MAY 30th — DORIE MILLER DAY

REGISTRATION AND HOUSING

- 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Meeting of National Board and appointment of working committees for Convention.
- 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Opening, Detroit Art Exhibit Auspices: New Masses and Detroit Council, NNC.
- 8:00 P.M. Keynote address to delegates and observers by prominent labor figures.

FRIDAY, MAY 31st — HARRIET TUBMAN DAY

- 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Opening session.
- 2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Panel Discussions.
- 8:00 P.M. Negro Freedom Rally.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st — CRISPUS ATTUCKS DAY

- 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Reports of convention committees and panel reports.
- 8:00 P.M. Dance and Entertainment.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd — FREDERICK DOUGLASS DAY

- 11:00 A.M. - Noon Non-sectarian Services.
- 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Closing business session. Election of officers and of National Board.
- 5:00 P.M. Adjournment.

CONVENTION PANELS

Jobs and economic security
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Some Achievements of the Detroit Council of N. N. C. in 1945

- Campaigned for Military Equality — Godman Field Investigation
 - Campaigned for Expulsion of Bilbo of Mississippi
 - Checked Checker Cab Discrimination
 - Took Leadership in Organizing Negro Veterans
 - Fought for Veterans' Housing Rights
 - Supported the G. M. Strike
 - Secured Improvements at Miller High School
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- Continued Battle for Permanent Federal F. E. P. C.
 - Joined in Progressive—Labor Political Action Campaign
 - Fought Discrimination in the American Bowling Congress
 - Worked to Unify Organized Labor and the Negro People
 - Came to Grips with the Problems Confronting Our People in Their Neighborhood—Through the Neighborhood Units



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COME TOGETHER AND ORGANIZE

“We have got to fight today with all our power! A rising tide of postwar reaction aims to beat down the Negro — his gains and his organized strength. AND WE WILL FIGHT! Alongside increasing numbers of white allies in the labor and progressive movement, we will carry forward the struggle for Negro democratic rights until the whole rotten system of jim-crow lynch terror has been blasted off the face of America!

“LET US CLEARLY UNDERSTAND that even the partial economic and democratic gains of the Negro people earned in their service to the nation in its struggle against fascism are now in danger of being SNATCHED AWAY!

We must mobilize the militant millions of our people for mass action on picket lines, in legislative halls, in city councils, and at the ballot box — to defeat the enemies of freedom and security who are now trying to deprive us of those democratic goals for which we fought and helped to win the war.”

That is why we now call upon all churches, labor unions, social clubs, fraternal societies, women's, youth and veterans' groups to send delegates to the

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