

HARLEM FAKERS IN MASS MEETING

Try Exploit Misery Of Negro Unemployed

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NEW YORK—With more than 100,000 unemployed workers in Harlem facing starvation, with scores of evictions being put through daily by Negro and white landlords, with white and Negro women being forced to prostitution by the boss starvation system, Negro reformists of various stripes united last Sunday in a treacherous attempt to divert the Negro masses from the mass revolutionary struggle against starvation and to exploit even their present misery for the promotion of fake solution schemes based on the strengthening of Negro business men and landlords at the expense of the toiling masses.

A mass meeting in Abyssinia Baptist Church, called under the pretense of taking up the question of the unemployed women in Harlem was literally gassed by the now familiar lies of Negro business men and landlords that unemployment in Harlem can be solved by the Negro workers sacrificing their last pennies to strengthen and build Negro business. The main speakers were the wives of the Negro business men who stand to be benefited by the scheme at the expense of the workers.

Mrs. Clara B. Bruce, wife of Roscoe Conkling Bruce, Negro front in Harlem for the Rockefeller interests, and, with her husband resident manager of the Rockefeller Dunbar Apartments, told the meeting they must support Negro stores even if they have to pay more. Put the extra cost down to race loyalty, said Mrs. Bruce, interpreting the selfish interests of the Negro landlords and business men as the interests of the Negro masses and meaning by race loyalty mass loyalty to the Negro landlords and shopkeepers at whatever cost to the masses. The treachery of her own group to the Negro masses was clearly shown not only in the attempt to exploit their miseries for its selfish ends, but in the fact that not one of the speakers made the slightest reference to the eight Negro youths being railroaded to the electric chair by the Alabama bosses, or to the growing misery of the unemployed Negro workers in Harlem. Their attitude to the Negro masses was further shown by their refusal to permit anyone in the audience to take the floor. By rotten maneuvers and by adjourning the meeting they denied the workers present the right to express themselves, so fearful were they that the workers would expose them.

Besides Mrs. Bruce, the following other misleaders peddled their bunk: Mrs. Lucille Randolph, wife of A. Philip Randolph, the jim-crow agent of the A. F. of L. who betrayed the struggles of the Pullman Porters, spent their money and caused the arrest and imprisonment of two workers who protested at his betrayal of the fight against the lynchings of Wilkins, a pullman porter; Mrs. Jacob Panken, member of the socialist party which jim crows Negroes in its southern branches, and wife of ex-Judge Panken who, when on the bench, evicted scores of unemployed tenants. Mrs. Panken wanted the workers to starve until next Fall and then vote for more starvation by supporting the treacherous socialist party.

Assemblyman Stephens, author of a fake employment bill and one of the boss lackies who clubbed the Hunger Marchers when they went to Albany to present the demands of the working class for unemployment relief and insurance, appealed for reelection.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Harlem Housewives League, organized by the Urban League gang and supporting the Colored Merchants Association and the Harlem Business Men's Club.

Under the fake slogan of unemployment protest, the misleaders are planning a parade in Harlem this Wednesday.