

# Padmore, Expelled Renegade, Is Exposed

## By Ford as Servant of Imperialist Slavers

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George Padmore, who has been expelled from the Communist Party, has broadcast a statement which is a bitter attack against our Party and upon its program. This letter Mr. Padmore has placed in the hands of hundreds of avowed enemies of the Party and the Negro people.

The Communist Party is not surprised at the accusations of Mr. Padmore. We expect calumny and slander from our enemies; it is one of the gauges of the effectiveness of our work. We answer Mr. Padmore's statements, because we know that his attack will be seized on by every enemy of the liberation struggle, will be received with the greatest joy by the white lynchers, the Klansmen, the whole white ruling class, and will be used by them to try to drive the Negro masses away from the Communist Party. What better weapon can the white ruling class ask, than such a document as this from the hands of Mr. Padmore, slandering and vilifying the organization which they hate and fear because it stands fearlessly for the freedom of the Negro people?

So that the Negro people and the white working class may know the truth, we repeat once more the reasons for the expulsion of George Padmore from the Communist Party:

1) Padmore was on intimate terms with well-known spies and police agents within the ranks of the Party and other working class organizations. Although repeatedly informed of the fact that these associates of his were spies against the workers, he nevertheless refused to break with them.

2) Padmore's political views and activities around the question of Liberia were in a direction calculated to further enslave and degrade the already down-trodden masses of that country. Instead of being the "last stronghold of Negro freedom," as Mr. Padmore says, Liberia is in actual fact a vassal state of American imperialism. In this rape of Liberia, Harvey Firestone and other American capitalists have found their best allies and servants in the Liberian government officials. The government of Liberia, puppet of Wall Street, has been nothing more nor less than local policeman, slave-driver, land-thief and recruiter of forced labor for American imperialism. Mr. Padmore has rejected completely the Communist policy that Liberia and its native people must be freed in the process of bitter struggle against foreign imperialism and against those native forces which support imperialism.

3) Mr. Padmore has likewise rejected one of the fundamental principles of Communism—that the white working class and the oppressed colonial peoples and nations are natural allies in the struggle against the common oppressor, the ruling class. He claims that white and black can never understand one another. Thus he follows the policy of the ruling class, to whom the fear of unity between white slave and black slave is one perpetual nightmare. Mr. Padmore accepts, in effect, the idea of the white ruling class that between black and white there is an inherent and lasting antagonism.

In order to conceal his own desertion, his own treachery, Mr. Padmore charges the Communist Party and the Communist International with desertion of the Negro liberation struggle and treachery to the Negro people. Is it possible that the Communist Party can desert the struggle for Negro liberation, as Mr. Padmore charges? The fact is that the Communist Party can grow and conquer—and every true Communist knows this—only if it gives the most complete support to the liberation struggle of the Negro people. The struggle for the liberation of the

Negroes, for full equality, is of the very texture and fabric of our Communist program. The cause of the emancipation of the Negroes from their special oppression is inextricably bound up with the cause of the emancipation of the working class. With Stalin, we say: "For the revolution in the western world, the path to victory lies by way of a revolutionary alliance with the struggle of the colonial and dependent nationalities to throw off the yoke of imperialism."

Mr. Padmore charges that I and other leading Negro Communists are Uncle Toms. Mr. Padmore simply cannot conceive of an organization in which, in contradiction to every accepted rule of capitalist society, Negroes and whites are on a plane of complete equality. The Communist Party is indeed proud of such leaders as Harry Haywood, William L. Patterson, Otto Huiswoud, Nzula of South Africa, Angelo Herndon, Al Murphy, who is the leader of 6,000 share-croppers in the Black Belt, and many others. Because we work in complete harmony with our white co-workers, with whom we share the leadership of the Party, Mr. Padmore concludes that we are sycophants and Uncle Toms.

### Padmore, Servant of Slave-Drivers

But who is the Uncle Tom? It is precisely George Padmore, now serving the agents of American slave-rule in Liberia, now placing weapons against the Party in the hands of Klansmen and lynchers!

How low Mr. Padmore has fallen is shown when he makes in his "Open Letter" the vile threat to bring legal action against Comrade Huiswoud, another Negro Communist, for having written an article against him. He who once had pretensions to be a Communist, would go into the courts of the white rulers; he would ask that they vindicate him; he would bring his case into the tribunals of the oppressors; he would run whining to the slave-drivers and ask that they be the "impartial arbiters" of this dispute! Can submission to the ruling class go further than this?

### Padmore Removed For Compromising

Mr. Padmore distorts facts in the most shameful manner. He says that the Communist International abolished the International Trade Union Committee of Negro Workers, "in order not to offend the British Foreign Office." Such is Mr. Padmore's egotism, such is his self-glorification, that he believes himself to be the committee! He is removed, therefore the committee is abolished!

What is the truth? This committee was founded by militant Negro workers from all countries, and I myself took active part in its work from the beginning. It has never been abolished; on the contrary, it is hard at work today, and its organ, the *Negro Worker*, is being published as before. What is true is that George Padmore was removed from this committee because he no longer carried out the policy which the committee had set itself. Instead of a line of uncompromising struggle with all imperialism, with all forces that grind down the Negro masses, he passed over to a policy of compromise with imperialism and its agents.

Padmore says that after fifteen years, the Communist Party has been unable to make headway among the Negro masses. His wish is father to his thought; along with the white ruling class, Padmore sincerely wishes that this were so. But the thousands of Negroes joining the ranks of the Communist Parties, fighting for liberation under its leadership, give the lie to this accusation. Because the Communist Party lives, the nine Scottsboro boys were not sent to their deaths three years ago, but have become instead, not only here but the world over, the symbol of a fight to the death with the bloody oppression of the

Negro people. Because the Communist Party lives, the Negro masses are in the forefront of the struggle for the liberation of Cuba from the rule of Wall Street. Under the leadership of the Communist Party, the darker peoples in China, India, South Africa, are uniting and rising to throw off the yoke of imperialist oppression. In the face of all this, how absurd, how shameless, is the charge of Mr. Padmore, that the Communist International is deserting the struggle for Negro freedom!

### Communist Deeds Speak

The Communist Party needs no defense as the champion of the oppressed Negro people. Its deeds speak for it. The very hatred of our enemies, the vilification we receive from the white imperialists, the lynchers, the Klansmen,—this is the finest criterion of the effectiveness of our work. The lynch-rulers see in us their worst enemies; we ask for no better recognition.

It is no accident that it is precisely at this time that Mr. Padmore, along with a number of other white and Negro misleaders, frankly deserts the program of full equality by struggle, and for the revolutionary overthrow of imperialism. The struggle grows sharper; the masses grow more determined and the oppressors more desperate; the fight draws closer to its climax, and the combatants now range themselves, decisively and unmistakably, on one side or on the other. Either they take uncompromising struggle for their path and complete equality for their goal, or they align themselves on the side of the oppressors and go down the shameful path of compromise and betrayal. This path of compromise and betrayal George Padmore has now chosen.

Mr. Padmore says that the Negroes of the world will be his judges. That is true. The Communist Party is willing to trust the judgment of the Negro toilers. We know what this judgment will be, for in increasing numbers, the world over, the oppressed Negro masses are joining the ranks of the Communist Parties, and putting their hope of freedom in its leadership and its program. The thin voice of a handful of misleaders, white and black, piping lies and slanders against the Communist Party, will be drowned out in the thunder of the march of the Negro masses and oppressed peoples, of the working class of all races, towards the final goal of freedom.

## ARMS INDUSTRIES GET HELP

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Aug. 1.—The assignment of funds voted by the Social Democratic government for unemployment measures to armaments, was openly announced today under the guise of stimulating employment in the armament industries.

The building of war vessels will use up 4,950,000 crowns (the crown is about 25 cents.) The manufacture of cannon will get 1,065,000 crowns more.

## BOMBERS FOR BRITISH "DEFENSE"

LONDON, England, Aug. 1.—The fraudulent claim of the British government, supported by Conservatives, Liberals, and Laborites alike, that the new super air force demanded is for defense alone, was exposed by the Air Ministry today.

Sir Philip Sassoon, undersecretary of Air, declared in Commons today that twice as many bombers as pursuit planes will be built in the new program.

## 400 WIN VICTORY

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 1.—The 400 workers in the Holston Manufacturing Company hosiery mill returned to work here after winning the right to collective bargaining.