

"IT IS THE DUTY OF WHITE TOILERS TO MARCH AT THE HEAD OF STRUGGLE FOR NEGRO RIGHTS"

On the Anniversary of Toussaint L'Ouverture, Haitian Revolutionist

Inspiring Symbol of Haitian Masses in Their Struggle Against U. S. Imperialism

A Toussaint L'Ouverture anniversary meeting in support of the Haitian masses against U. S. imperialism will be held tomorrow, Sunday, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at P. S. 139, at 149 W. 140th Street, in Harlem.

By HAROLD WILLIAMS

ONE of the most brilliant pages in the history of the struggles of the Negro people for national liberation is the Haitian Revolution. Slavery was completely destroyed by the forceful organized might of the Negro slaves under the able leadership of Toussaint L'Ouverture at the end of the 18th century.

With what hypocrisy and viciousness the landlords attempted to perpetuate the system of oppression! Although Oge and Chavanne were not representatives of the slaves but of the middle class agitators demanding their rights, the slave masters used their demands with frightful terror.

The struggle in Haiti Haiti was the richest colonial possession of France and one of the greatest military outposts.

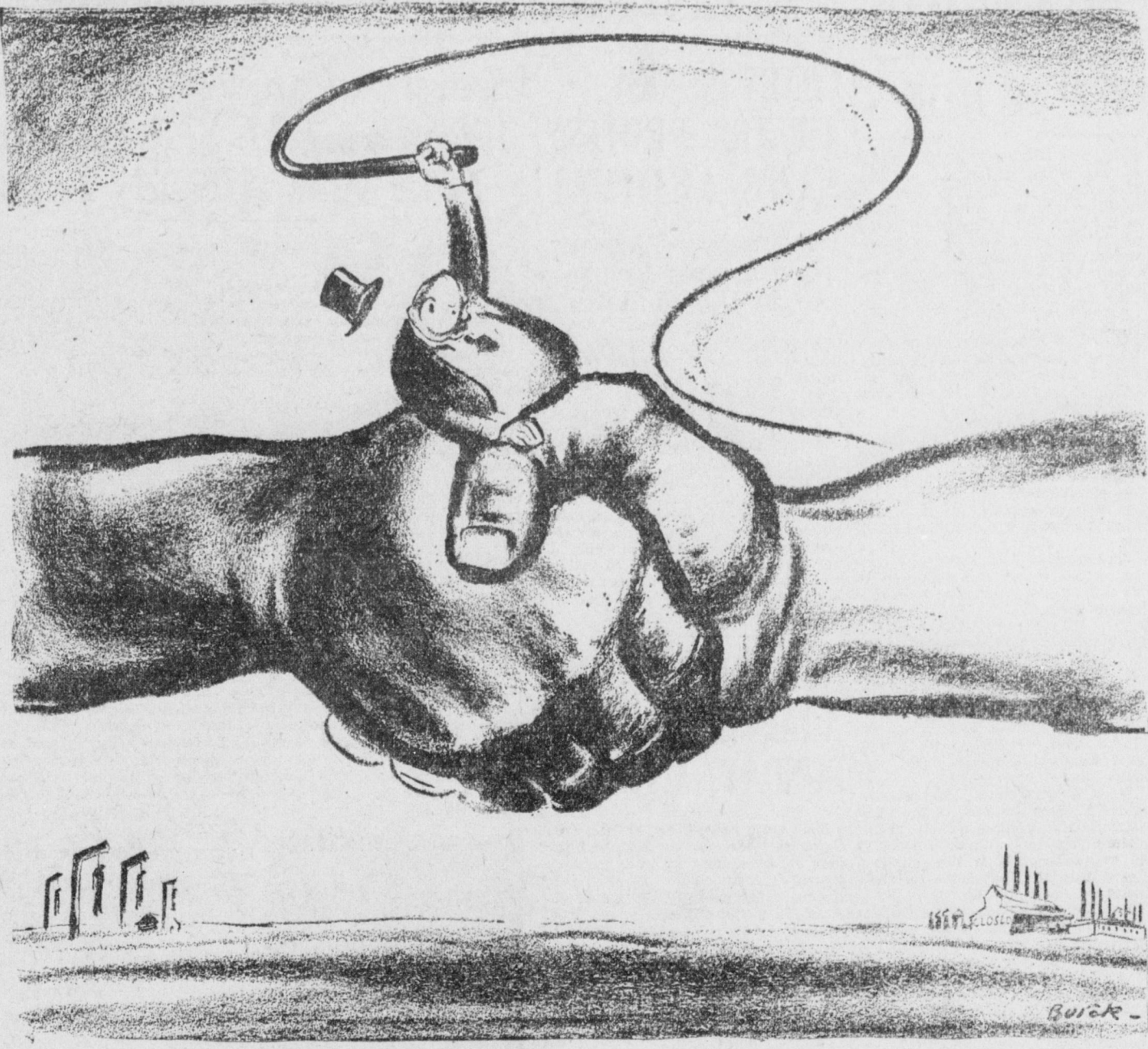
The military tactics employed by the Haitian slaves was in many respects superior to those of the soldiers of Napoleon.

JEAN DESSALINES succeeded Toussaint L'Ouverture and was able to solidify the mulatto middle class with the blacks in the struggle for liberation. Dessalines was able to mobilize over 30,000 men and hurl them against the army of France.

GREAT HISTORIC EVENT The Haitian Revolution was the greatest historic event in the period following the great French revolution up to the Paris Commune of 1871.

"SHAKE, BROTHERS!"

-By Burck.



Birmingham Red Cross Seeks to Trap Negroes for Miss. Slave Farms

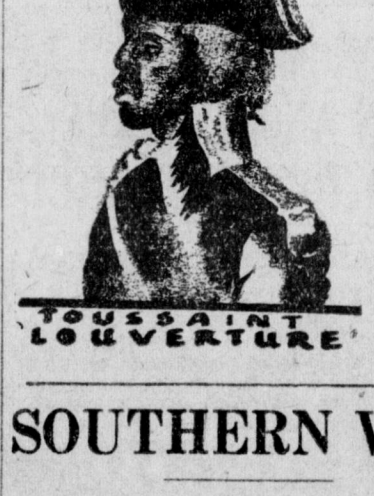
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 19.—How the Red Cross in this city uses the misery of the starving unemployed to recruit peon labor for white planters was revealed when a jobless Negro worker turned in desperation to the Unemployed Council.

Within the past week, six families in one neighborhood have been cut off the Red Cross relief list because they refused to go to Mississippi plantations to become virtual slaves for white planters there.

400 at Providence Scottsboro Meet

By a Negro Worker Correspondent PROVIDENCE, R. I.—On May 11th, Providence saw one of the largest indoor mass meetings ever held in the state of Rhode Island.

At the close of the meeting, slips were passed out and more than 75 people signed their name to help in the fight. A collection of \$27.08 was taken and given to Mrs. Patterson for the defense work.



Scottsboro Boys Tell Lawyer for I. L. D. Facts of "Fight" in Cell of Birmingham Jail

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 19.—The vicious prison conditions and provocative tactics of jail officials in Birmingham County Jail, which resulted in friction between the Scottsboro boys confined there, driven to hysteria by the mistreatment accorded them, were revealed here.

"We Get Awful Nervous" "We were talking and kidding about girls we used to know before we were arrested," Patterson said.

"The knife was slipped into the jail cell where the boys are confined by guards, with the hope that, with the nervousness induced by loneliness and confinement, it might help to frame the boys, Davis said.

"I studied their faces carefully. Their chins are up, their eyes bright with confidence, defiance, vigor. Without doubt this has been instilled into them by the world of sympathy with their cause aroused by the I. L. D. They are militant and unafraid.

Montgomery Going Blind "Olen Montgomery is fast losing his eye sight. He cannot see a match at 1 o'clock.

"The United Front May Day Committee asked the City Commissioner for permission to hold a meeting at Ingram Park," she said, explaining the circumstances of the arrest.

"The treatment I received May 1, when I tried to exercise my right of free speech in Birmingham showed me clearly for the first time that the constitutional rights guaranteed us are a mere fiction."

stem in his own hand. When he was first arrested, his glasses were broken by the thugs, and he had had none since. It is impossible for him to read. Protests should be sent at once to the warden of Jefferson County Jail, Birmingham, Ala., denouncing the blinding of the boy by refusal of prison authorities to pay any attention to keep the name of this definite medical need.

"Bourgeois Lie to Say That Yoke of Negro Slavery Lifted in U. S." —From Resolution of the Communist International on the Negro Question in the U. S. States, Oct. 1930. Reprinted from "The Communist Position on the Negro Question," (25c), Workers' Library Publishers, P. O. Box 148, Station D, New York City.

It is only a Yankee bourgeois lie to say that the yoke of Negro slavery has been lifted in the United States. Formally it has been abolished, but in practice the great majority of the Negro masses in the South are living in slavery in the literal sense of the word.

In the struggle for equal rights for the Negroes, however, it is the duty of the white workers to march at the head of this struggle. They must everywhere make a breach in the walls of segregation and "Jim-Crowism" which have been set up by bourgeois slave-market morality.

It is the special duty of the revolutionary Negro workers to carry on tireless activity among the Negro working masses to free them of their distrust of the white proletariat and draw them into the common front of the revolutionary class struggle against the bourgeoisie.

"Immediately the cops began beating the workers, for a minute I stopped, the thud of the blows and the sight of the blood made my head reel. But I began speaking again, demanding that we be allowed to have our meetings and shouting to the other workers to come closer."

"When they got me into the car they began threatening and cursing me in the most abusive, vile and obnoxious language. They continued to squeeze and twist my arms.

Knight, Ala. Prosecutor, Picked to Defeat Law To Bar Prison Labor

Bosses of State Fight for the "Right" to Continue Exploitation of Prisoners

(This article is taken from the first issue of the new Southern Worker published May 12.)

AN all-around useful man to the ruling class of Alabama is Attorney-General Thomas E. Knight. Knight has hardly finished the bloody job of trying to send the innocent Scottsboro boys to the electric chair. And now his employers—the Alabama rulers—have given him a new job.

A Good Reason—One Million Dollars. The reason why the state of Alabama is fighting so hard for its "right" to work convict labor can be told in three words—one million dollars, the amount of the gross revenue which the state of Alabama—that is, her rulers, not her people as a whole

The Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co., which dominates the fortunes of Alabama, was one of the biggest companies to be founded on convict labor. The T. C. I. got its start on the basis of the convict-leisure system, which Alabama was forced to abolish in 1928 after the mass protest that arose following exposure of tortures and murders of the convicts in the mines.

Working for No Wages at all Who gets the million dollars from the sale of convict-made shirts and cotton cloth made in Alabama prisons? The slats officials get some. The rest goes to the companies, who make use of the vicious "contract" system.

The bosses' newspapers are careful to keep the name of this firm secret. And what an opportunity for this company! Why, they need pay no wages at all to their workers—after a fashion—the workers who produce the shirts and cloth, and the company need pay only a sum to the state officials as their "share" in the booty. That's doing even better

THE SCOTTSDORO STRUGGLE STIRS WHITE TOILERS OF THE SOUTH The great effect upon large sections of the white toiling masses of the South resulting from recent developments in the Scottsboro case is of fundamental importance.

THE DECATUR TRIAL The white workers could see plainly in the Decatur trial that Negroes were kept off the jury not because they lacked intelligence or ability, but because they were Negroes.

PREJUDICE STILL DEEP Of course, it would be just as wrong not to mention the still existing deep-going prejudice of the majority of the white toiling masses.

DEMAND PARDON FOR McDUFFEY ST. PAUL, Minn., May 19.—A delegation of 30 representatives of Negro and white workers' organizations, led by the International Labor Defense Board to demand a pardon for Ernest McDuffey, Negro frame-up victim who is serving a 7-year term in the St. Cloud Reformatory.

"The next morning they took me back to the police station and began to question me. I refused to give them more than my name and age. When they tried to fingerprint me, I resisted, but they fingerprinted me anyway. They photographed and weighed me in the same manner. Then I was exhibited to about 75 plainclothesmen and cops. All the time this was going on they were reviling and taunting me with the same insulting remarks."

"Here in this so-called 'chivalrous' South—where the white men are supposed to 'protect' the Southern white womanhood—the cops instead of protecting me—were indulging and cursing me in the vilest possible language. And here too it was the Negro workers who heroically defended me from the brutal attacks



