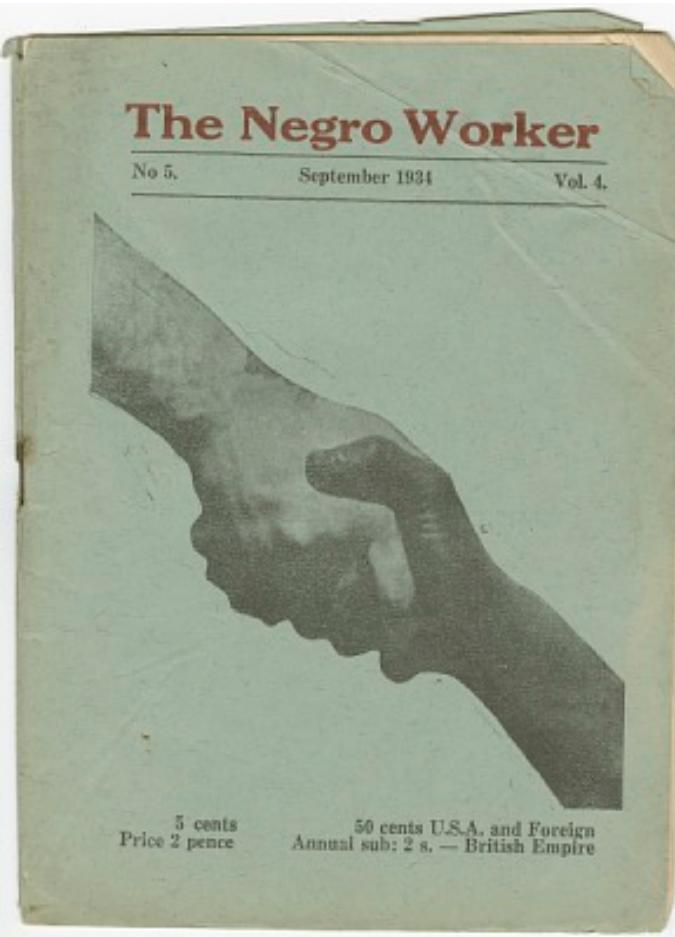


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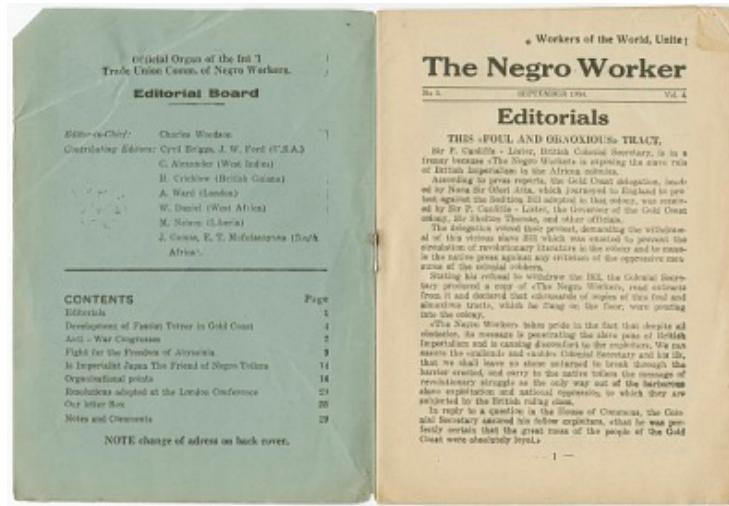
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Why then the Sedition Bill? The answer to this is not far to seek. The Agrarian Crisis in West Africa, as a part of the world Economic Crisis, has created unprecedented destitution among the workers and poor peasants whose products are left unsold unless they dispose of them to the big companies for next to nothing. Wholesale dismissals of workers and civil servants swell the ranks of the already large army of unemployed. Reduction in the already miserable low wages of the workers are constantly being carried through. Hunger, poverty and degradation is the lot of the vast masses of toilers.

Mr. W.G. Ormsby - Gore, First Commissioner of Works, addressing the Royal Empire Society's Summer School, said that <<no part of the World has been hit harder by the economic slump of 1929 than West Africa>>... <<Since that date, the crash has been terrific. The value of West African imports and exports has been almost exactly halved in the last years, although the quantities in tonnage had actually increased.>>

The colonial exploiters are in deadly fear of a revolt of the native toilers against their poverty stricken condition. They tremble at the thought of a black toiling class rising to smash the slave system. To intimidate the working class and force them into submission they enact more and more repressive measures. Despite their boast, they are not so certain about the loyalty of the natives. They hear the rumblings and are deadly afraid lest these awakened <<loyal>> slaves, tear asunder their chains and put an end to the whole barbaric system of exploitation and oppression.

THE COLONIAL TOILERS MUST HAVE NO ILLUSIONS. Delegations to their oppressors to beg relief from their oppression will not help their fight one whit. ONLY THEIR ORGANIZED MASS RESISTANCE CAN FORCE CONCESSIONS FROM THE COLONIAL RULERS.

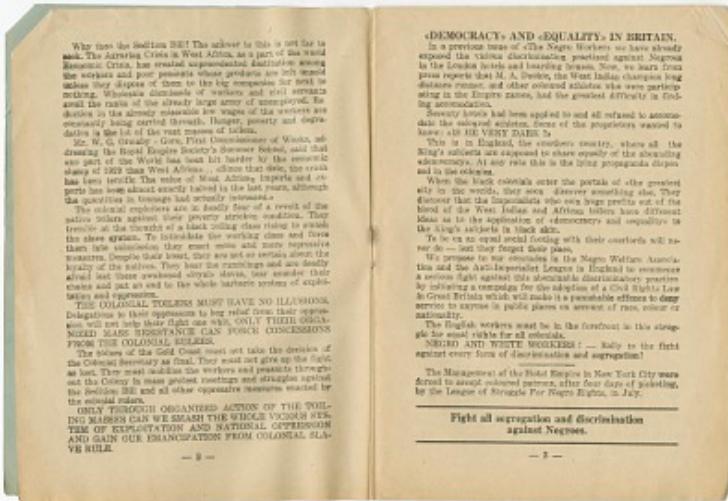
The toilers of the Gold Coast must not take the decision of the Colonial Secretary as final. They must not give up the fight as lost. They must mobilise the workers and peasants throughout the Colony in mass protest meetings and struggles against the Sedition Bill and all other oppressive measures enacted by the colonial rulers.

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<<DEMOCRACY>> AND <<EQUALITY>> IN BRITAIN.
In a previous issue of <<The Negro Worker>> we have already exposed the vicious discrimination practised against Negroes in the London hotels and boarding houses. Now, we learn from press reports that M.A. Dookie, the West Indian champion long distance runner, and other coloured athletes who were participating in the Empire games, had the greatest difficulty in finding accomodation.

Seventy hotels had been applied to and all refused to accommodate the coloured athletes. Some of the proprietors wanted to know: <<IS HE



VERY DARK?>>

This is in England, the <<mother>> country, where all the King's subjects are supposed to share equally of the abounding <<democracy>>. At any rate this is the lying propaganda dispensed in the colonies.

When the black colonials enter the portals of <<the greatest city in the world>>, they soon discover something else. They discover that the Imperialists who coin huge profits out of the blood of the West Indian and African toilers have different ideas as to the application of <<democracy>> and <<equality>> to the King's subjects in black skin.

To be on an equal social footing with their overlords will never do - lest they forget their place.

We propose to our comrades in the Negro Welfare Association and the Anti-Imperialist League in England to commence a serious fight against this abominable discriminatory practice by initiating a campaign for the adoption of a Civil Rights Law in Great Britain which will make it a punishable offence to deny service to anyone in public places on account of race, colour or nationality.

The English workers must be in the forefront in this struggle for equal rights for all colonials.

NEGRO AND WHITE WORKERS! _ Rally to the fight against every form of discrimination and segregation!

The Management of the Hotel Empire in New York City were forced to accept coloured patrons, after four days of picketing, by the League of Struggle For Negro Rights, in July.

Fight all segregation and discrimination against Negroes.

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DEVELOPMENT OF FASCIST TERROR IN THE GOLD COAST

By W. Daniels.

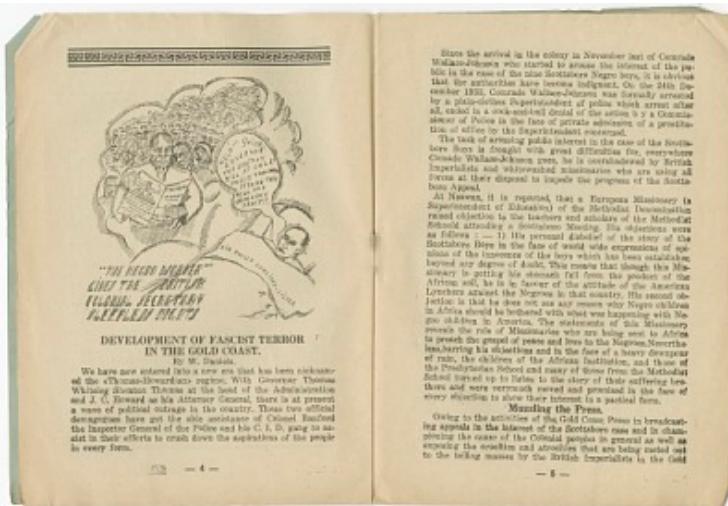
We have now entered into a new era that has been nicknamed the <<Thomas-Howardian>> regime. With Governor Thomas Whiteleg Shenton Thomas at the head of Administration and J.C. Howard as his Attorney General, there is at present a wave of political outrage in the country. These two official demagogues have got the able assistance of Colonel Banford the Inspector General of the Police and his C.I.D. gang to assist in their efforts to crush down the aspirations of the people in every form.

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Since the arrival in the colony in November last of Comrade Wallace-Johnson who started to arouse the interest of the public in the case of the nine Scottsboro Negro boys, it is obvious that the authorities have become indignant. On the 24th December 1933, Comrade Wallace-Johnson was formally arrested by a plain-clothes Superintendent of police which arrest after all, ended in a cock-and-bull denial of the action by a Commissioner of Police in the face of private admission of a prostitution of office by the Superintendent concerned.

The task of arousing public interest in the case of the Scottsboro Boys is fraught with great difficulties for, everywhere Comrade Wallace-Johnson goes, he is overshadowed by British Imperialists and whitewashed missionaries who are using all forces at their disposal to impede the progress of the Scottsboro Appeal.

At Nsawan, it is reported, that a European Missionary (a Superintendent of Education) of the Methodist Denomination raised objections to the teachers and scholars of the Methodist School attending a Scottsboro Meeting. His objections were as follows: - 1) His personal disbelief of the story of the Scottsboro Boys in the face of world wide expressions of opinions of the innocence of the boys which has been established beyond any degree of doubt. This means that though this Missionary is getting his stomach full from the product of the African soil, he is in favour of the attitude of the American Lynchers against the Negroes in that country. His second objection is that he does not see any reason why Negro children in Africa should be bothered with what was happening with Negro children in America. The statements of this Missionary reveals the role of Missionaries who are being sent to Africa to preach the gospel of peace and love to the Negroes. Nevertheless, barring his objections and in the face of a heavy downpour of rain, the children of the African Institution, and those of the Presbyterian School and many of those from the Methodist School turned up to listen to the story of their suffering brothers and were verymuch moved and promised in the face of every objection to show their interest in a practical form.



Muzzling the Press.

Owing to the activities of the Gold Coast Press in broadcasting appeals in the interest of the Scottsboro case and in championing the cause of the Colonial peoples in general as well as exposing the cruelties and atrocities that are being meted out to the toiling masses by the British Imperialists in the Gold

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Coast and elsewhere, a dastard campaign has been embarked upon by the present administration - a purely Fascist measure - to muzzle the Press. - The Criminal Code Amendment Bill which by the official majority system of administration was rushed through the Legislature at the last sitting of the Legislative Council in March, is a pure replica of that drawn by Hitler's Political Officers to muzzle the German press. A cable message signed by Comrade Wallace-Johnson for the Gold Coast Press Association was dispatched on the 15th February to London where it had a salutary effect as the matter was taken up by Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P., who interviewed the Colonial Secretary on the matter. Public protest Meetings have been held in several centres and deputations from the Central National Committee representing the Gold Coast and the Ashanties and from the Aborigines Rights Protection Society have gone to England to demand a withdrawal of all the obnoxious Bills and a new constitution of administration for the Country.

His Excellency's Deception

<<His Excellency>> the Governor on the 21st February, 1934, issued an extraordinary Gazette without a serial number purporting to give certain explanations regarding the Criminal Code Amendment Bill commonly known as the <<Sedition Bill>> and the following are some of the items in the Gazette: -

- 1) As it has been suggested in the local press that there may be many reasons for clauses 4 and 5 of this Bill which have not yet been stated, I propose to tell the public, who are entitled to know the facts, why the necessity for such legislation has arisen.
- 2) Everyone knows that there are in the world certain seditious organisations, whose aim appears to be destruction of law and order. These organisations are very active, and hardly a country in the world is free from their attack. In consequence, most countries have found it necessary to protect themselves by law against such attack.
- 3) A few years ago, the importation of seditious literatures into the Gold Coast was unknown, but there is no law in this country to prevent it and the organisations to which I have referred have begun to take advantage of this weakness. Seditious literatures have been sent to this country for the last two years at least, and it is increasing rapidly in quantity.
- 6) It has been suggested that the Bill will affect adversely the ancient rights and liberties of the Gold Coast People. I shall therefore now state WHAT THE BILL WILL NOT DO.
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- 7) It will not alter the Constitution in the slightest degree. The basis of British Trusteeship will remain unchanged.
- 8) It will not affect the liberty of the Gold Coast people under the trusteeship of Great Britain.

Coast and elsewhere, a dastard campaign has been waged upon by the present administration, a really faceless creature — the President. The Coastal Code Amendment Bill which by the official majority system of administration was rammed through the Legislature at the insistence of the President, was a bill which was drawn up by State's Policing Officers to make German laws. A cable message signed by General Wedderburn on the 12th February to London, London, said that it had a secret effect as the writer was taken up by Major General Earle, M. R., who interviewed the Colonial Secretary and the Colonial Office and who has since had several secret interviews and depositions from the Central National Committee representing the Gold Coast and the Ashanti. The President and from the Colonial Secretary and the Colonial Office have given the Central National Committee a written list of all the colonies and gold and a new constitution of administration for the Country.

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A feature of the Congress was the special attention given to the struggles of the colonial races against imperialist oppression and the picture of the young workers to create a national army to defend the colonial and white workers against the common enemy of fascism.

The following resolution, moved by George Ward of the Young Workers Association and seconded by Ben Bradley, was unanimously adopted:

- 9) It will not affect the right of the press or any person to make a fair criticism of the Government or any Government proposal.
- 10) It will not affect the right of any person to make a fair criticism of the Executive Legislative Councils or to suggest reforms or changes in those bodies or in the Supreme Court or in any Government Department.
- 11) It will now enable this Government to pass any legislation which otherwise it would not have been within its power to pass.

Anyhow, in the face of all the above statements of the Governor, even before the bill becomes law, the Police have obviously been operating upon it. They are at the moment very busy probing into people's privacy. Interfering with private Mails and letters at the Post Office and taking down names and addresses of persons connected with the Press and other marked Africans. Nevertheless, we are not perturbed. The people's attention have been successfully drawn to the deceptive policy of the Governor and the Government and they are determined to fight the last ounce of their breath against this corrupt fascist policy.

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potential importance as against the narrow coast colonies - Eritrea and the three Somalies - it can dominate the coast and thereby occupy a key position in the Indian Ocean. This position means that the coastal colonies will always have to defend themselves against Abyssinia.

2) the special importance for the French imperialists lies in the fact that Djibuti is the only naval base of France in the North Indian Ocean where the sea routes to Indo - China and Madagascar lie. It is a coal and oil station and a fortified port for the French navy. The French railway line in Djibuti - Addis-Ababa (the only railway line in Abyssinia) provides the French with the possibility of making sure of the Hinterland.

3) Abyssinia is a country which dominates the most important cotton growing areas - Egypt and the Anglo - Egyptian Sudan. It dominates these areas, on the one hand, through the fact that the mighty Blue Nile has its source in Abyssinia and that it gets most of its water from the glaciers of Abyssinia (through the Tanasee Basin), and on the other hand through its strategic position in the Nile regions.

4) Italy had to give up its expansionist plans when the Italian troops were defeated in Adua by the heroic Abyssinia fighters. The plans of the Italian imperialists to conquer this region was frustrated and Abyssinia put itself between the two Italian colonies - Eritrea and Somali - and destroyed the linking up of these two colonies.

5) Abyssinia has rich natural resources and besides that

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there are possibilities there for planting extensive areas with cotton.

The position of France and Italy is above all determined by strategical problems. As there are the most varied African antagonisms between these two powers, the penetration of Italy denotes one of the most important moments of danger. Unless there is a weak <<independent>> Abyssinia dominated by France (or at least a pliable Abyssinia), Djibuti is worthless as a French naval base.

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Abyssinia occupies a position of tremendous importance in the competitive struggle of the powers for cotton. England strives to break America's cotton monopoly by attempting to control other sources of production. This means an intensified struggle between England and America. While England and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan are building dams and water-works which dominate the cotton production of Egypt and the Sudan, America is hastening to get concession rights from the Abyssinian Government to build the Tanasee dam. This concession in itself is absolutely worthless for America as cotton plantations in Abyssinia for America are out of the question. (Cotton production in the U. S. A. is still being curtailed). But this

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means that America will be able to control the supply of water for the Sudan. Through these dams, America could cut off the water supply for Egypt and for Sudan at its own discretion.

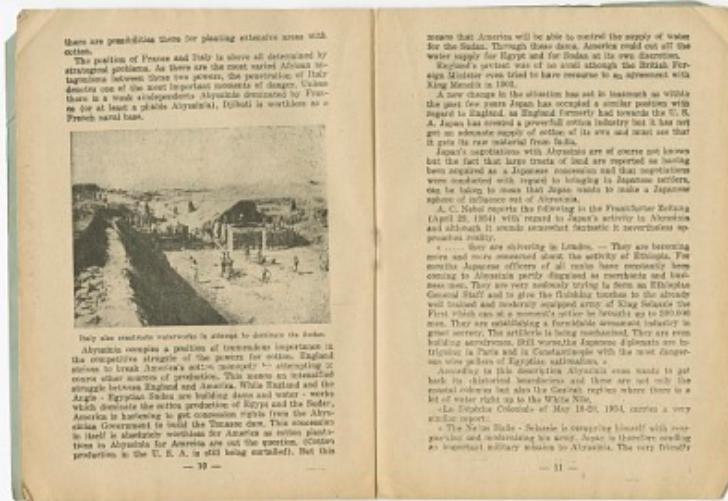
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According to this description Abyssinia even wants to get back its <<historical boundaries>> and these are not only the coastal colonies but also the Gesirah regions where there is a lot of water right up to the White Nile.

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relations which formerly existed between Japan and Abyssinia will thereby be extended and strengthened. This fact is interpreted in the European circles of Addis-Ababa as a very serious change in Abyssinia's policy and as a sign of the decline of European influence. >>

Counter - attacks are not excluded. The British - American preliminary discussions on the American Tana dam ended <<happily>> and a joint British-American concession ensures the united front of the two cotton powers against Japanese penetration. The Italian and British imperialists are proceeding to an active offensive. England as well as Italy has begun to carry out a provocative policy with regard to Abyssinia.

The slave problem is again being raised in the name of <<humanity>> and it is maintained that in Abyssinia there is not only slavery and the slave trade but that British subjects from the Sudan or from Kenya are also being dragged into slavery. - Abyssinia is accused of tolerating banditry so that British and Italian subjects in the border territories are always being disturbed by bandits.

Italy as well as England tries to instigate revolts against the Central Powers in Abyssinia which are to lead to the destruction of the Abyssinian State which is built up along feudal lines in order to then recognize the princes as Italian or British vassals.

Finally it is maintained that the boundaries in the West as well as in the South are not yet exactly determined and that boundary regulations must urgently be carried out.

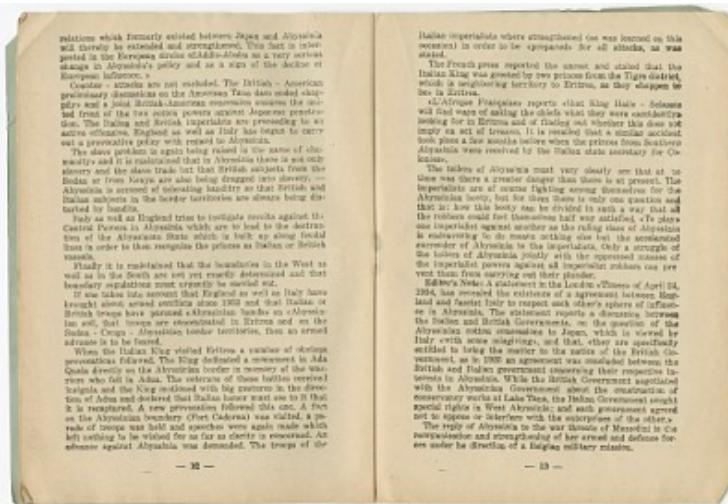
If one takes into account that England as well as Italy have brought about armed conflicts since 1932 and that Italian or British troops have pursued <<Abyssinian bands>> on <<Abyssinian soil>> that troops are concentrated in Eritrea and on the Sudan - Congo - Abyssinian border territories, then an armed advance is to be feared.

When the Italian King visited Eritrea a number of obvious provocations followed. The King dedicated a monument in Ada Quala directly on the Abyssinian border in memory of the warriors who fell in Adua. The veterans of these battles received insignia and the King motioned with big gestures in the direction of Adua and declared that Italian honor must see to it that it is recaptured. A new provocation followed this one. A fort on the Abyssinian boundary (Fort Cadorna) was visited, a parade of troops was held and speeches were again made which left nothing to be wished for as far as clarity is concerned. An advance against Abyssinia was demanded. The troops of the

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The rebels of Abyssinia must very clearly see that at no time was there any provocation on the part of the Italian imperialists of or against Abyssinia. The imperialists are of course fighting among themselves for the Abyssinian booty, but for them there is only one question and that is who will get the lion's share. The Italian King and the rebels could fight three-quarters half war satisfied. If the rebels could get three-quarters half war satisfied, it's clear one imperialist against another the ruling class of Abyssinia and the Italian imperialists will be the ones to be the mainstay of Abyssinia to the imperialists. Only a handful of the nobles of Abyssinia jointly with the oppressed masses of the people of Abyssinia will be able to prevent them from carrying out their plans.

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IS IMPERIALIST JAPAN THE FRIEND OF NEGRO TOILERS? A Review - by H.D.

Under the title <<Japanese War Lords Try to Tie Negroes to Kite of Their Own Robber Plans>>, Harry Haywood, National Secretary of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, has written an article which appeared in the American <<Daily Worker>>. While the article deals specifically with the United States, I think it is of general interest to Negro toilers the world over. It is unfortunate, owing to the great length of the article, that it is unsuited for publication in the <<Negro Worker>>.

The article exposes the attempts of the Japanese imperialists (in their rivalry with other Imperialist nations) to utilize the pent-up desires of the Negro people for freedom! the healthy hatred of the darker peoples against imperialists, and to turn the revolutionary upsurge of the coloured masses into channels for the interest of Japanese imperialism - <<for markets and for new territories, for re-division of the world, to wrest for itself new fields of colonial exploitation>>, says Haywood.

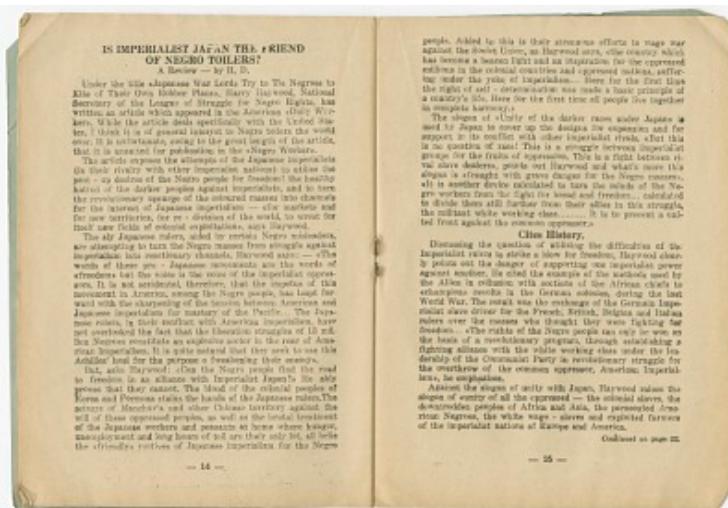
The sly Japanese rulers, aided by certain Negro misleaders, are attempting to turn the Negro masses from struggle against imperialism into reactionary channels. Haywood says: - <<The words of these pro-Japanese movements are the words of <<freedom>> but the voice is the voice of the imperialist oppressors. It is not accidental, therefore, that the impetus of this movement in America, among the Negro people, has leapt forward with the sharpening of the tension between American and Japanese imperialism for mastery of the Pacific... The Japanese rulers, in their conflict with American imperialism, have not overlooked the fact that the liberation struggles of 13 million Negroes constitute an explosive sector in the rear of American Imperialism. It is quite natural that they seek to use this Achilles' heel for the purpose of weakening their enemy>>.

But, asks Haywood: <<Can the Negro people find the road to freedom in an alliance with Imperialist Japan?>> He ably proves that they cannot. The blood of the colonial peoples of Korea and Formoza stains the hands of the Japanese rulers. The seizure of Manchuria and other Chinese territory against the will of these oppressed peoples, as well as the brutal treatment of the Japanese workers and peasants at home where hunger, unemployment and long hours of toil are their only lot, all belie the <<friendly>> motives of Japanese imperialism for the Negro

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people. Added to this is their strenuous efforts to wage war against the Soviet Union, as Haywood says, <<the country which has become a beacon light and an inspiration for the oppressed millions in the colonial countries and oppressed nations, suffering under the yoke of imperialism... Here for the first time the right of self - determination was made a basic principle of a country's life. Here for the first time all people lived together in complete harmony.>>

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History.

Demanding the question of whether the difficulties of the Imperialists in Africa is strike a blow for freedom, Haywood clearly pointed out that the struggle of the African peoples against another, he cited the example of the methods used by the Allies in collusion with sections of the African chiefs to subdue the African masses in the course of the First World War. The result was the emergence of the German Imperialist slave drivers for the French, British, Belgians and Italians in the course of the First World War in the African colonies. The result of the奴役of the Negro people can only be seen in the basis of a revolutionary program, through establishing a national government, through the formation of a national membership of the Communist Party as revolutionary struggle for the overthrow of the common oppressor, American Imperialism.

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This is a struggle between imperialist groups for the fruits of oppression. This is a fight between rival slave dealers>>, points out Haywood and what's more this slogan is <<fraught with grave danger for the Negro masses>>. <<It is another device calculated to turn the minds of the Negro workers from the fight for bread and freedom... calculated to divide them still further from their allies in this struggle, the militant white working class.....It is to prevent a united front against the common oppressor.>>

Cites History.

Discussing the question of utilizing the difficulties of the Imperialist rulers to strike a blow for freedom, Haywood clearly points out the danger of supporting one imperialist power against another. He cited the example of the methods used by the Allies in collusion with sections of the African chiefs to <<champion>> revolts in the German colonies, during the last World War. The result was the exchange of the German Imperialist slave driver for the French, British, Belgian and Italian rulers over the masses who thought they were fighting for freedom... <<The rights of the Negro people can only be won on the basis of a revolutionary program, through establishing a fighting alliance with the white working class under the leadership of the Communist Party in revolutionary struggle for the overthrow of the common oppressor, American Imperialism>>, he emphasises.

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ORGANIZATIONAL POINTS.

Beginning with this issue, "The Negro Worker" will devote this space to a discussion of the all-important and vital question of Trade Union organization. The varied conditions and problems existing in the various colonies, coupled with the limitation of space, will only permit us to deal briefly and in general outlines with the forms and methods of organization of the workers in the most important and basic industries. We call upon the Negro workers to contribute to this discussion, by raising questions and problems with which they are confronted in their attempt at organizational work and by giving practical suggestions as to the possibilities and methods of organization.

We take as the first subject for our discussion, the problem of organization of the marine workers. - Ed.

Organizational Tasks Among the Water Transport Workers.

The Negro seamen and dockers are among the lowest paid and worst treated marine workers. The attacks of the ship owners fall heaviest on the Negro transport workers. Their wages, already at a starvation level, have been cut in the recent period by another 50 to 60 per cent. They work 12 to 14 hours a day under the most beastly conditions of speed up, bad and inadequate food and unsanitary sleeping accommodations [[accommodations]].

In the colonies the Negro marine workers receive an average of 2 shillings per day for long hours of hard toil under the broiling sun. They are subjected to the most unbridled terror, such as floggings, fines, and arrests. They are denied the most elementary human rights and through special shipping laws and contracts they are turned into virtual slaves of the shipping companies. Out of their starvation wages they are forced to pay fees to native headmen, agents, etc., who work hand in hand with the shipping companies to fleece the native workers, and speed them up. They try to divide the native workers on the basis of tribe and nationality thereby aiding in their subjection.

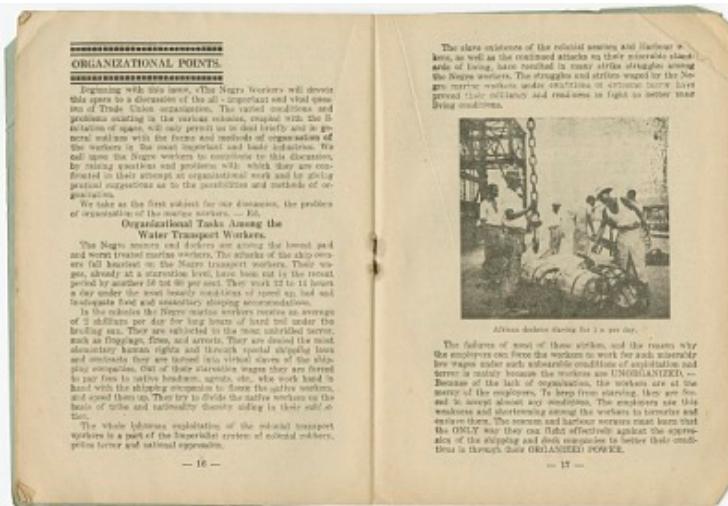
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can force the workers to work for such miserably low wages under such unbearable conditions of exploitation and terror is mainly because the workers are UNORGANIZED. - Because of the lack of organization, the workers are at the mercy of the employers. To keep from starving, they are forced to accept almost any conditions. The employers use this weakness and shortcoming among the workers to terrorize and enslave them. The seamen and harbour workers must learn that the ONLY way they can fight effectively against the oppression of the shipping and dock companies to better their conditions is through their ORGANIZED POWER.

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What Must be Done?

In every port town where there is no union or organized group functioning, individual or groups of seamen, dockers, boatmen, etc., should get together and discuss the necessity and importance of organizing a Seamen and Harbour Workers Union. Where there is a union or organized group of existence it should take the initiative in organizing such discussions and in drawing the most militant and active elements into the leadership of the work.

A first step in the direction of organizing a union should be the establishment of small groups of 5 to 7 on the docks, among the seamen on the ships and among the boatmen. As a beginning and to make the work more effective, two or three of the biggest and most important ships and docks or yards should be selected in order to concentrate activities and gain decisive re-selected in order to concentrate activities and gain decisive results. After the establishment of such active and functioning groups, general meetings of all the workers should be called to discuss their conditions of work and their grievances and the necessity of organization to better their conditions. The calling of such meetings will of course depend on certain specific situations. In those countries where there are no great restrictions open meetings can be called. In the others like Lagos, Nigeria, where organizations are banned, the meetings will have to be small and held secretly.

At these meetings, the purpose and necessity of a union should be thoroughly discussed, a number of demands worked out discussed and adopted by the workers. COMMITTEES OF ACTION should be elected, whose task will be to agitate among the workers and draw them into the groups.

The main function of the ship and dock groups must be the mobilization of the workers for struggle to obtain the demands adopted.

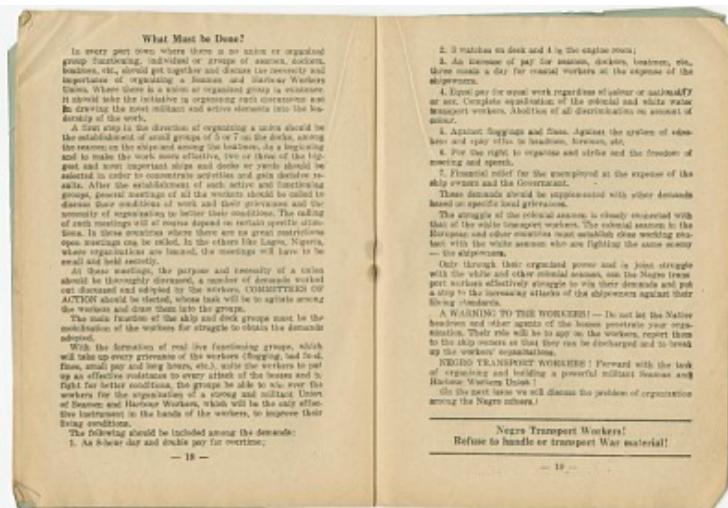
With the formation of real live functioning groups, which will take up every grievance of the workers (flogging, bad food, small pay and long hours, etc.), unite the workers to put up an effective resistance to every attack of the bosses and to fight for better conditions, the groups be able to win over the workers for the organization of a strong and militant Union of Seamen and Harbour Workers, which will be the only effective instrument in the hands of the workers, to improve their living conditions.

The following should be included among the demands:

1. An 8-hour day and double pay for overtime;

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2. 3 watches on deck and 4 in the engine room.



3. An increase of pay for seamen, dockers, boatmen, etc., three meals a day for coastal workers at the expense of the shipowners.

4. Equal pay for equal work regardless of colour or nationality or sex.
Complete equalization of the colonial and white water transport workers.
Abolition of all discrimination on account of colour.

5. Against floggings and fines. Against the system of <> and <> to headmen, foremen, etc.

6. For the right to organize and strike and the freedom of meeting and speech.

7. Financial relief for the unemployed at the expense of the ship owners and the Government.

These demands should be supplemented with other demands based on specific local grievances.

The struggle of the colonial seamen is closely connected with that of the white transport workers. The colonial seamen in the European and other countries must establish close working contact with the white seamen who are fighting the same enemy - the shipowners.

Only through their organized power and in joint struggle with the white and other colonial seamen, can the Negro transport workers effectively struggle to win their demands and put a stop to the increasing attacks of the shipowners against their living standards.

A WARNING TO THE WORKERS! - Do not let the Native headmen and other agents of the bosses penetrate your organization. Their role will be to spy on the workers, report them to the ship owners so that they can be discharged and to break up the workers' organizations.

NEGRO TRANSPORT WORKERS! Forward with the task of organizing and building a powerful militant Seaman and Harbour Workers Union!

(In the next issue we will discuss the problem of organization among the Negro miners.)

Negro Transport Workers!
Refuse to handle or transport War material!

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In our Conference we have considered the position of Negro in the World today. As we have considered the position of Negro in Africa, the Americas, Central and a Great Britain, we consider that it is to make political and social domination of the white races which is the main danger to world peace.

In South Africa there are the Coloured races, threats to deprive the Africans of their leased franchises, threats to absorb the Proletariat into the Union, and to create a capitalist African policy based on the subjection of the Negro. We consider that the main factor of the British policy of the subjection of African interests.

The organization of the Negro in Great Britain which empels Africans to be the slaves of the British Empire, the system of segregation and discrimination, and the prohibition of public meetings, are practices which are entirely opposite to democratic principles and will lead to very dangerous consequences.

There is increasing exploitation of Negro in West Africa, and the Negroes have lost their right for the principles of National independence in the Gold Coast.

We are impressed by the useful lack of educational facilities and the lack of opportunities for the dignity of existence of the education of white and black.

In the United States of America the tracking of Negroes through the South is a common law. The Negro law is designed to ensure the subordination of Negroes.

In British hotels and restaurants frequently refuse their services to colored men. In British ships in Canada employed Negroes are discriminated against in public relief and financial benefits being denied at a lower rate than given to white workers. Many colored British have suffered from racialism in very other field of life. For instance, Negro workers have great difficulty in securing house accommodations. Many Negroes are forced to sleep out of the main teaching hospitals.

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<<In our Conference we have made a survey of the Negro in the world to-day. As we have considered the position of the Negro in Africa, the American Continent, and in Great Britain, we find that the race is under political and social domination of the white races which is harmful and dangerous to world peace.

<<In South Africa there are Colour bar acts, threats to deprive the Africans of their limited franchises, the movement to absorb the Protectorates into the Union, and to create a united African policy based on the subjection of the Negro. We regard this as an alarming reversal of the British policy of the paramountcy of African interests.

<<The expropriation of land in Kenya; taxation which compels Africans to work for the European settlers; the Kipandi system of fingerprint registration and identification, and the prohibition of public meetings, are practices which are entirely opposed to democratic principles and will lead to very dangerous consequences.

<<There is increasing exploitation of labour in West Africa and strong feeling has been aroused by the promulgation of Sedition ordinances in the Gold Coast.

<< We are impressed by the woeful lack of educational facilities over the whole of Africa, and the disparity of expenditure on the education of white and black.

<<In the United States of America the lynching of Negroes increases and the Scottsboro and other trials show how justice is distorted to secure the condemnation of Negroes.

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<< This survey at first is most discouraging but in spite of all the disabilities under which Negroes suffer in the world today, we feel that we can hope that men and women of all races will unite on the principles of equality, justice and reciprocity and by abolishing all forms of economic exploitation of the Negro race will find a way through to their complete independence for their present oppression.

<< It naturally follows that we desire that in all official relations on African affairs, such as the recommendation in the Morris Carter report on Kenya lands, no action shall be taken without the fullest consultation and concurrence of the Africans themselves.

<< We desire to send greetings to Negro and other organizations in all parts of the world which are working for the freedom and equality of the Race, and to assure them of our wish to work with them to the fullest extent in securing the success of this great object. >>

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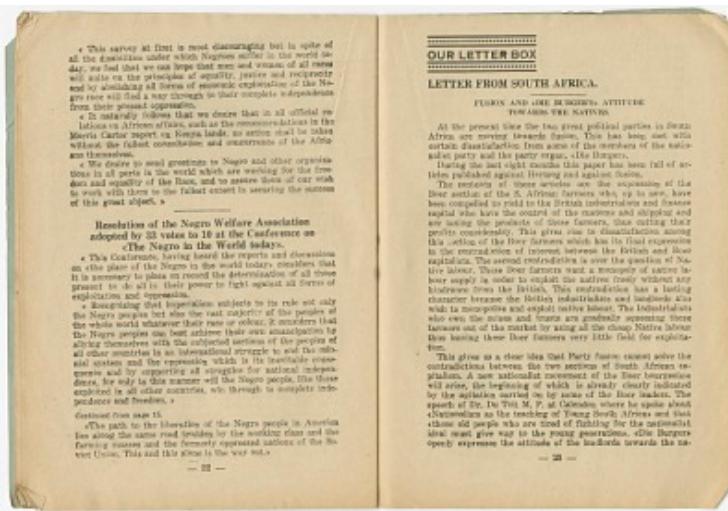
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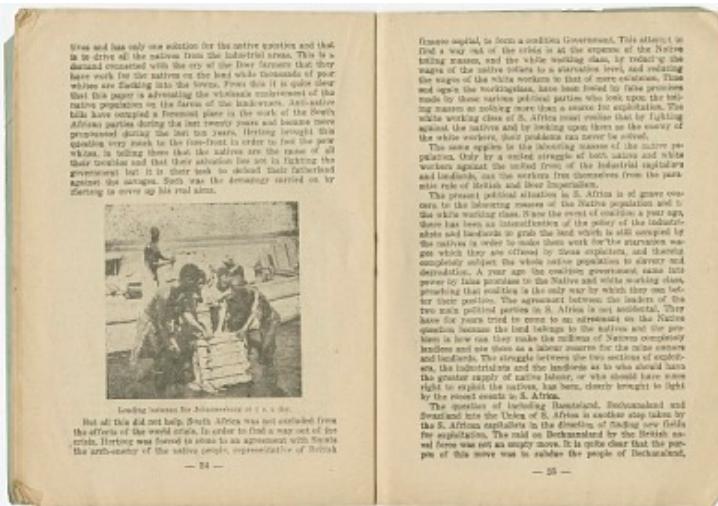
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The present political situation in S. Africa is of grave concern to the labouring masses of the Native population and to the white working class. Since the event of coalition a year ago, there has been an intensification of the policy of the industrialists and landlords to grab the land which is still occupied by the natives in order to make them work for the starvation wages which they are offered by these exploiters, and thereby completely subject the whole native population to slavery and degradation. A year ago the coalition government came into power by false promises to the Native and white working class, preaching that coalition is the only way by which they can better their position. The agreement between the leaders of the two main political parties in S. Africa is not accidental. They have for years tried to come to an agreement on the Native question because the land belongs to the natives and the problem is how can they make the millions of Natives



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Workers and sympathizers promptly rallied to the appeal of the International Labour Defense (USA) and supplied the bail of 15,000 dollars which has snatched Angelo Herndon, the heroic young Negro Communist organizer, from the Chain-Gang, while the appeals in his case is pending before the U. S. Supreme Court. Although Herndon has languished in the Georgia prison for 19 months, his militant spirit is not broken. He issued greetings to the American working class urging them to carry on the fight. He vowed to use his temporary freedom to continue the struggle for working class emancipation.

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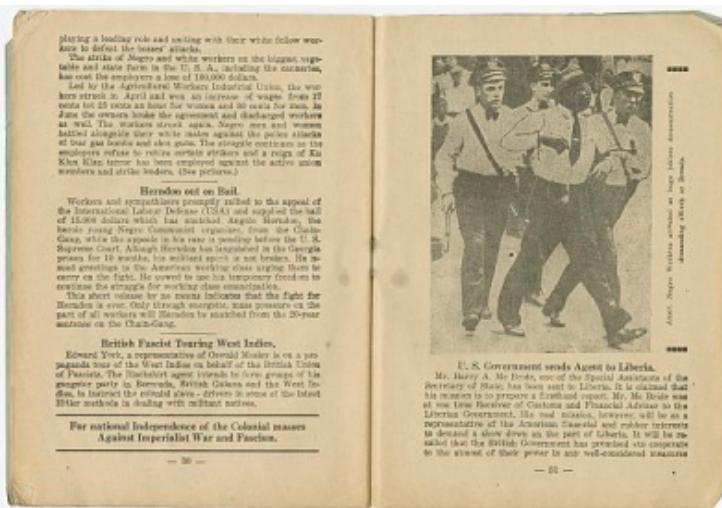
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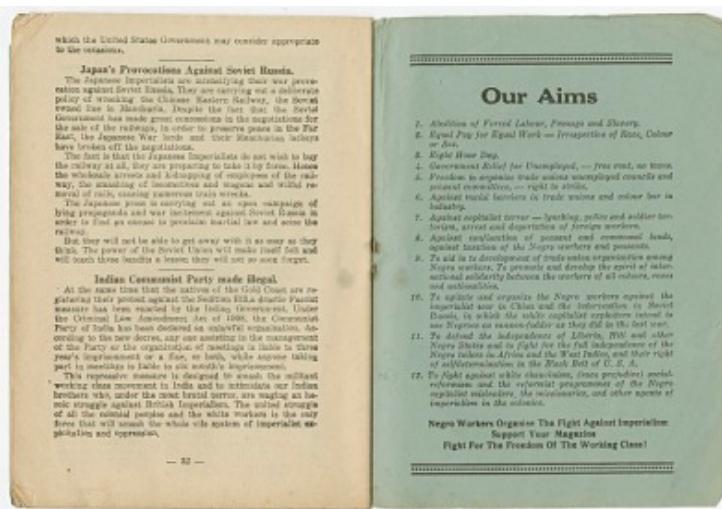
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This repressive measure is designed to smash the militant working class movement in India and to intimidate our Indian brothers who, under the most brutal terror, are waging an heroic struggle against British Imperialism. The united struggle of all the colonial peoples and the white workers is the only force that will smash the whole vile system of imperialist exploitation and oppression.

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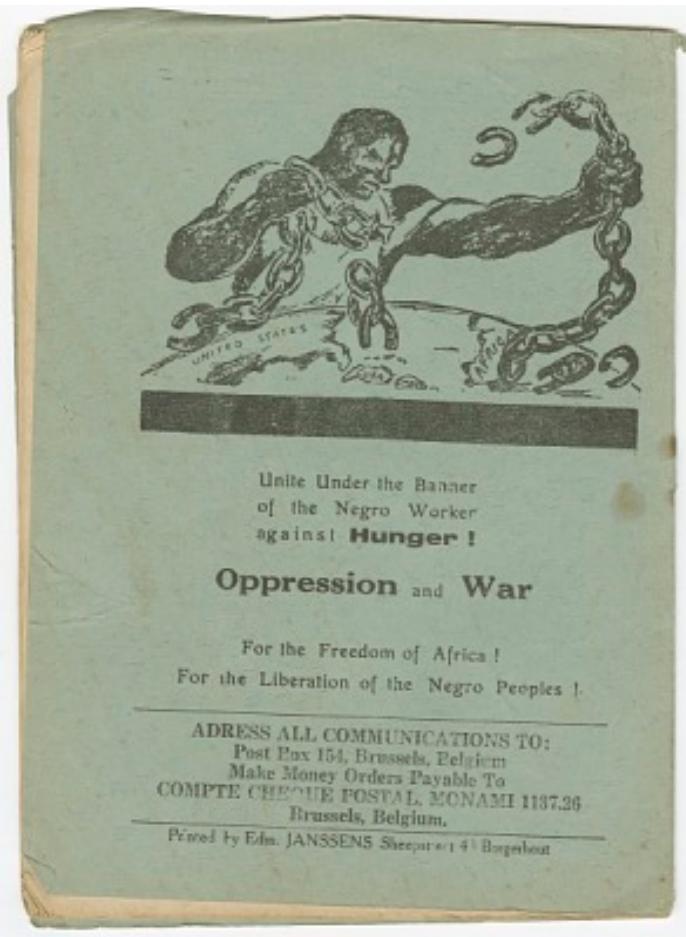
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