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# Workers, Professionals, Young People

## NEGRO AND WHITE!

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The responsibility for the events in Harlem falls squarely upon the city administration and the police. The reported beating up of a 12 year old Negro boy yesterday in Harlem was but the incident for letting loose the bitterness and resentment of the Negro people of Harlem as a result of their starvation condition and terrible suffering. In the first place this condition arises from the serious unemployment existing in Harlem. It is variously estimated that between 55% and 65% of the people in Harlem are unemployed, that the relief given for the unemployed of Harlem is about one-third of that given in other sections of the city, while tens of thousands are discriminated against and denied all relief.

Besides subjecting the Negro unemployed to inhuman suffering, they are hounded, persecuted and attacked by the police at the Home Relief Buros.

A young Negro by the name of Owens was brutally beaten up a few weeks ago at the 124th Street and Lenox Avenue Home Relief Buro by the police for simply asking for relief. Two months ago a Negro boy by the name of Desilver was beaten up by the police while standing in front of the relief buro. Recently there has been a series of attacks by the police against the Negroes in the streets of Harlem, some Negroes even being shot. A few months ago three Negroes were sentenced to a combined term of 90 years for allegedly stealing 38 cents. In other parts of the city also these provocations and attacks upon the Negroes by the police is shown by the frame-up of Clide Allen in Brooklyn who has been sentenced to Sing Sing for 35 years on a so-called "hammer" charge and accused of being a guerilla man.

Now the city administration and the press is attempting to lay the blame for rioting, looting and incipient race riots upon the Communist Party. But they cannot and will not succeed in this. The whole world knows that the Communist Party does not believe in and is opposed to provocation, race riots and looting as a means of solving the terrible conditions of the Negro people. We have been organizing and teaching the masses that this is not the method to better their conditions. The only way

the masses can better their conditions and the unemployment situation is through the organization of their Unemployment Councils, making demands upon the city, state and national governments for immediate relief and for the passage of the Social and Unemployment Insurance Bill.

The Communist Party certainly is not responsible for the suffering of the masses and the police incitements and attacks that have aroused the resentment of the Negro people. The Communist Party in fact has been leading the fight for adequate relief and against police brutality and terror that rages thru Harlem and elsewhere.

We, the Communist Party, demand a public open investigation by the city administration of the situation in Harlem, and stand ready to offer full information in such an investigation which will prove that the full responsibility for the Harlem rioting falls squarely upon the capitalists and their city administration. The real reason for the rioting is the terrible unemployment, lack of relief, discrimination and starvation of the Negro people, plus the vicious police hounding and persecution.

**WHITE WORKERS—DON'T BELIEVE THE LIES AND PROVOCATIONS AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS AND THE NEGRO PEOPLE IN THE CAPITALIST PRESS.** The boss class would welcome nothing more than a fight of Negro and white workers in our community so that they can continue to cut relief, break strikes and carry through their program of mass hunger and fascization.

**NEGRO PEOPLE — MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE, HOLD FIRM!** Defeat every provocation to race riots and looting. Establish the closest **SOLIDARITY** and **UNITY** between **WHITE WORKERS**, liberals, intellectuals and the **NEGRO PEOPLE**.

**WHITE WORKERS—UNITE IN THE FIGHT** for adequate relief, against discrimination, for better housing and health facilities! **UNITE WITH YOUR NEGRO FELLOW WORKERS** against the common enemy, the bosses. **UNITE in SOLIDARITY** against every attempt to incite race riots or attacks on the Negro people. **DEFEAT ALL PROVOCATIONS!**

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