

Reformist Author Can Offer No Way Out For Negro Professionals

THE NEGRO PROFESSIONAL MAN AND THE COMMUNITY. With Special Emphasis on the Physician and Lawyer. By Caster Goodwin Woodson. Published by the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, Inc.

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DR. WOODSON's book is a cry in the wilderness from a Negro upper strata, affected in their pocket books by the impoverishment of the Negro toilers under the devastating effects of the past four years of the capitalist crisis, which has borne harder upon the Negro masses than on any other section of the toiling population.

Dr. Woodson makes a typically reformist and bourgeois nationalist approach to the problems of the Negro professionals. Unlike many Negro professionals, who have become radicalized under the hammer blows of the crisis, he shows scant concern for the misery of the toiling masses, except in so far as this misery affects the careers of the professionals. He offers the familiar reactionary utopian programs of the Negro bourgeoisie for an illusory "way out" through "race loyalty," jim-crow economy or racial autarchy. Ironically, he is forced to admit that the very class that preaches "race loyalty" does not practice it, as shown in his claim that members of the various professions do not patronize each other, but divert their business to white professionals.

Dr. Woodson cites the Jews as an example of how racial autarchy can be successfully achieved. "The Negroes as a whole," he writes, "have not been driven together by persecution as in the case of people like the Jews." The significance of this statement lies in the constant use by the Negro reformists of the successful Jewish bankers as "proof" that achievements in the financial and commercial field "will solve the race question." Necessarily such a confused argument ignores the class

differentiations among the Jews, and the bitter exploitations of the Jewish toilers by both the Jewish and non-Jewish bankers and employers.

THUS, in a period when capitalism is increasingly denying the Negro masses even the right to live, with fascist lynch terror raging, with jim-crow denial of jobs and relief, shutting down of Negro schools in the South, progressive destruction of the few cultural opportunities formerly allowed the Negro people, and consequent narrowing of the field of the Negro professionals. Dr. Woodson and other reformists offer a solution for the national question within the frame-work of capitalism.

The way out for those Negro professionals who have not been corrupted by the imperialist enemies of the Negro people, lies in active, sincere support of the rising agrarian and national revolutionary struggles of the Negro masses in the "Black Belt" of the South, and the joint struggles of Negro and white workers throughout the country against their common oppressors. This is realized by those Negro professionals and intellectuals in the "Vanguard Club," and in the increasing number accepting the leadership of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights in the national revolutionary struggle for "Equality, Land and Freedom."

Mass Demonstration Tonight in Yorkville To Protest Nazi Film

NEW YORK. — The Film and Photo League and the Anti-Nazi Federation of Greater New York will lead a mass demonstration tonight at 7:30 in front of the Yorkville Theatre, 96th St., & Third Ave. to protest showing of the vicious Nazi anti-workingclass film "S. A. Mann-Brand" now being presented at this theatre.