

industry. There are close at hand the necessary coal, ore and dolomite. This could become the great manufacturing center of tractors and other agricultural machinery which will be a great force in bringing about socialism on the former slave land.

This area is also rich in water power. Capitalism has only just begun the development of electric power in the South and this growth has been retarded because there is not sufficient industry to make use of this power. Under the planned economy of a Soviet state, old industry would be reconstructed, new industries would arise.

We have only indicated some of the possibilities. Still greater ones would unfold in a Soviet America. This much is important and certain: with the overthrow of the landlord-capitalist power and the establishment of the Soviet Negro Republic, the most backward section of the United States would develop into an advanced, wealthy area. The rich resources of the territory, until now wasted and plundered by the capitalists, would be turned to their own account by the workers and farmers, with the aid of the working class of the North and northern resources. Then would the basis of Negro equality be established. And the so-called poor whites would also be liberated from poverty, extreme exploitation and backwardness.

The Realization of Social Equality

When the slaves were liberated in the South as a result of the Civil War the slave blocks and auction houses were burned to the ground by the former chattels. One can well imagine with what elation the liberated people of the South will now burn the jim-crow signs, symbols of the capitalist slavery of white and Negro alike. The bonfire of jim-crow signs will light the way to real freedom.

The power of the workers and poor farmers will create for the first time a culture for the masses of the South. New, modern school buildings will arise by the thousands. Illiteracy, the shame of the South, will be wiped out. Technical schools and universities will also become a southern product. We think it entirely safe to predict that the public school system in all its branches will develop at a rate in the South exceeding any previous records in the history of American capitalism.

Much will have to be done in the field of health protection. The diseases of poverty—pellagra, hookworm, etc.—which plague

the southern masses today, will for the first time meet a stronger foe. This foe will be victorious because it will at the same time do away with poverty, the prime cause of these diseases. Professional care and public hospitalization will for the first time be available on a large scale to the Negro masses and poor whites. President Roosevelt's present estate in Georgia and the other resorts of the millionaires, can be turned into sanatoria, hospitals, clubs, etc. Palm Beach can become the haven of tired workers and toiling farmers. The pine woods can also be used as health-giving resorts. All the best spots and resorts of the present ruling class can become rest homes for the masses.

Much will also have to be done in the socialist education of the white population. The revolution will have removed the basis of prejudice, but socialist education will remove even the remnants of prejudice.

Only on the basis of socialism is the possibility created for the full and equal development of the Negro people. Under the slave power and under the capitalist power the Negro people have been retarded, oppressed, persecuted. Under the power of the workers and the poor farmers they can blossom forth and realize all their potentialities. Only then as a full-fledged people will they be able to take their undisputed and equal status besides all the peoples of the world.

This is only a mere peep into the vista of a glorious future for the masses. Such things are not easy to achieve. They come as the result of hard struggle. But why not turn those energies and powers of ours, which the exploiting classes are using for their benefit, to our benefit?

We must begin now—begin by organizing, by preparing our forces in our daily struggles to improve our conditions, by learning "to take over." Above all we must build and support the *only* revolutionary party of the working class, the Communist Party. This Party, composed of staunch revolutionists and militant workers, is training and leading the working class and the oppressed masses towards their great objective.

Join the Communist Party, help create the powerful, great vanguard which is leading the masses towards Socialism.

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