

Socialist Party Segregates Negro Workers in the South

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NEW YORK.—Proof that the Socialist Party practices jim-crowism against the Negro masses is contained in the accompanying reproduction of a news report in last week's issue of the "New Leader," official organ of the Socialist Party, of a Socialist May Day meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

The dispatch enumerates among the speakers, "**C. W. Tanner of the Colored Branch**"—an open admission that the Socialist leadership has segregated its Negro membership into jim-crow branches in faithful conformity to the customs and traditions of the lynch bosses of the South.

The Socialist Party also jim-crows Negroes at its mass meetings in the South. During the last presidential election campaign Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for president, addressed meetings in the South where Negroes were jim-crowed and screened off from the rest of the audience. These meetings, held under the auspices of local Socialist Party groups, did not raise a whisper of protest from the Socialist Party leader.

In a statement which was never repudiated by his Party, A. F. Blon, Socialist candidate, a few days ago, for lieutenant-governor of Texas, bitterly criticized the Communist Party for nominating Negro workers on its ticket, declaring, in part:

"You know the South well enough to know that it will not be class conscious enough for at least 50 years to tolerate voting for a colored man."

More recently the "New Leader" carried an article urging white workers to "lay off the TNT" of the "race question" in the South, that is to withhold support for the rising agrarian and liberation struggles of the Negro masses.

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San Antonio Also Celebrates May Day

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Despite a heavy rain and the fact that San Antonio boasts all too few Socialists, a large audience turned out in celebration of May Day in

Fund; Raymundo Chavarria, of the Mexican Branch of Local San Antonio, and C. W. Tanner, of the Colored Branch. The main speeches were made by A. W. O'Connor and F. W. Hubbard of Local San Antonio.

There was music, group singing and entertainment. A good deal of