

Slaves That Lincoln "Freed"

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THE slaves Lincoln "freed" are today still enslaved on the large plantations of the South and Southwest as share croppers, tenant farmers, farm laborers, who are kept perpetually in debt by a system of dishonest book-keeping, such as overcharge for supplies, denial of the right to market their crops, and are prevented by capitalist law from leaving their employers while in debt. Capitalist law also gives the plantation owner the right to sell or transfer his claim on the Negro worker.

In the North hundreds of thousands of Negroes are walking the streets "free" to starve and freeze as far as the bosses are concerned.

The Emancipation Proclamation is a paper emancipation. It was intended as such. The tradition of Abraham Lincoln as the emancipator of the Negro masses of America is nothing but a myth—a vicious lie utilized by the republican party and their Negro lackeys to betray the Negro masses into one of the camps of their enemies.

Abraham Lincoln gave no support to the Abolition movement. He upheld and supported the Fugitive Slave Laws by which escaped slaves were returned to their "owners." He resisted as long as he could the growing abolitionist sentiment among the workers of the North. And when,

finally he was driven into making war on the Southern slave system because of the conflicting interests of the northern industrialists whose system of wage-slavery was menaced by the chattel slave labor of the South, Lincoln clearly declared that he was concerned not with the emancipation of the slaves but with the saving of the union for northern capitalism.

"If I could save the union without freeing any slave, I would do it; if I could save it by freeing all slaves, I would do it; if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that."

In 1861 Lincoln reprimanded Gen. Fremont for issuing a proclamation of emancipation in Missouri, in an effort to incite revolts among the Negro slaves.

Negro workers! Smash the myth of Lincoln, the Emancipator! Repudiate the misleaders who utilize this myth to betray your struggles for real emancipation! Negro and white workers! Support the struggle for national liberation of the Negro masses, for the right of the Negro majorities of the South to determine and control their own form of government! Smash the system of land monopoly with its share cropper and tenant farmer slavery! Demand that the land be secured to the Negro and white workers and small farmers who work it!