

# Ford Analyzes Padmore as Police Agent and Spy

(An Interview with James W. Ford, Member of Central Committee, Communist Party, and Harlem Section Organizer.)

As Told to

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James W. Ford is not only one of the leading Communists in the United States, but he is an authority on the labor movement in the colonies and among the Negro people all over the world.

Because of his intimate understanding of the varied economic, social and political problems of the Negro people, he is well qualified to analyze the recent betrayal of George Padmore, former member of the Communist Party but now a discredited renegade who has sold out to the imperialist interests which are now exploiting the oppressed Negro colonies.

I approached Ford for firsthand knowledge on the recent meeting of the Harlem Communist Party, on August 14th, at which time he made a brilliant exposure of Padmore and a clear analysis of the conditions under which the oppressed Negro masses live in Africa and the West India, pointing out that the revolutionary way is the only way for these peoples.

## Ford Exposes Padmore

"The petty bourgeois nationalistic position of George Padmore who states that 'bourgeois or native ruling cliques in the Negro colonies is an enlightened force for the freedom of the Negro masses cannot be maintained. These bourgeois or native ruling cliques are but lackeys of the imperialist powers,

which dominate and exploit these colonies. Padmore in his article 'Ethiopia Today' even states that the Emperor of Abyssinia is an enlightened monarch in opposition to the feudalist landlords and the clerical religious forces.

## Ruling Class Aids Exploiters

"In every colony the emperors and native ruling clique is bound up and united with feudalist landlords and clergy, in support of imperialist domination of the colonies, as for instance, the Americo-Liberia and native ruling clique of Liberia is bound up with Firestone and the League of Nations for the enslavement of Liberia."

I then asked Ford to explain the character of the articles widely published in this country by Padmore, articles which were "played up" by several of the Negro newspapers like the New York Amsterdam News.

"These articles were slanderous attacks against the position of the Communist International and were the work of a renegade and police agent bent upon disrupting the Negro liberation movement.

Ford Names Two Internationals

"There are two 'internationals,'" he said. "First, the international of Padmore, which is the international of a renegade and enemy of the liberation struggle of the Negro people. This is the international of a person who has traitorously gone over to the side of the imperialist bourgeoisie, and uses its capitalist press as his press. It is the international of a little Napoleon who struts and brags and froths. Secondly, there is the international of the revolutionary working class and oppressed people, the Communist International, which is loved and revered by millions of proletarians and poor and oppressed people in China, India, Cuba and Africa who are fired by its ideals to fight against imperialist domination. This International has produced men like Stalin, Thaelmann, heroic German working class leader, Dimitroff, who turned the Reichstag fire frame-up into an attack against the butcheries of Hitler fascism, the late Nzula of South Africa, Senghor Lamine of West Africa (persecuted to death by French imperialism in 1927); men like Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party of the United States, who has rendered valuable service to the revolutionary movement of China in 1917-28 and who is loved by thousands of Chinese workers throughout China today; and men like Angelo Herndon and many other fighters." Such was the brilliant analysis given by Ford at the Harlem Communist Party meeting.

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