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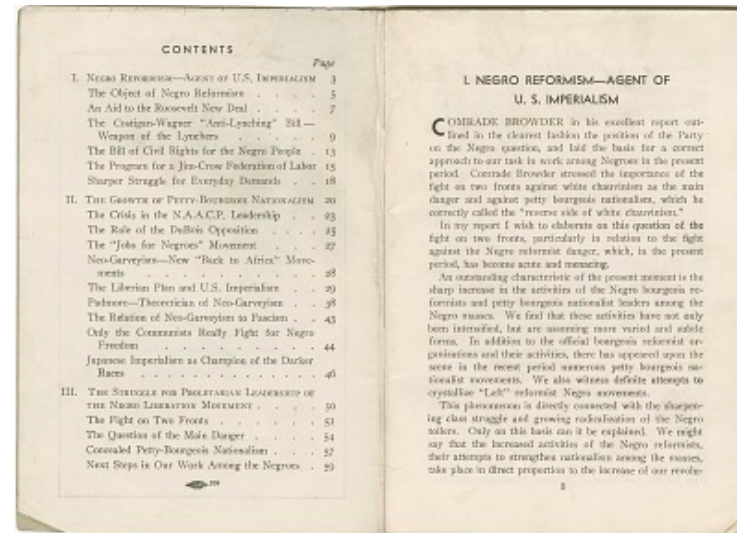
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I. NEGRO REFORMISM--AGENT OF U. S. IMPERIALISM

COMRADE BROWDER in his excellent report outlined in the clearest fashion the position of the Party on the Negro question, and laid the basis for a correct approach to our task in the work among Negroes in the present period. Comrade Browder stressed the importance of the fight on two fronts against white chauvinism as the main danger and against petty bourgeois nationalism, which he correctly called the "reverse side of white chauvinism."

In my report I wish to elaborate on this question of the fight on two fronts, particularly in relation to the fight against the Negro reformist danger, which, in the present period, has become acute and menacing.

An outstanding characteristic of the present moment is the sharp increase in the activities of the Negro bourgeois reformists and petty bourgeois nationalist leaders among the Negro masses. We find that these activities have not only been intensified, but are assuming more varied and subtle forms. In addition to the official bourgeois reformist organizations and their activities, there has appeared upon the scene in the recent period numerous petty bourgeois nationalist movements. We also witness definite attempts to crystallize "Left" reformist Negro movements.



This phenomenon is directly connected with the sharpening class struggle and growing radicalization of the Negro toilers. Only on this basis can it be explained. We might say that the increased activities of the Negro reformists, their attempts to strengthen nationalism among the masses, take place in direct proportion to the increase of our revolutionary

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