

Schuyler's Poison

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A pro-fascist Negro is, indeed, a curiosity. But there he is—George S. Schuyler, columnist and feature writer for the Pittsburgh Courier. Let readers of this Negro weekly beware of the political poison which flows regularly from his reactionary pen.

Several months ago I commented upon Schuyler's false arguments that the Negro would benefit from a long, drawn-out war, to be followed by a still greater war of American imperialism. A less sophisticated writer might have been forgiven on grounds of ignorance, but not Journalist Schuyler.

He knew that the main topic of Hitler and his American friends was to delay the Allied victory in the hope of winning a "negotiated peace." He knew that the success of such efforts would probably lead to a fascist America and the re-enslavement of the Negro people. Yet, he tried to palm off this program of political reaction as something in the interest of Negro freedom.

This was several months ago. Now, as the pro-fascists in our country intensify their frantic efforts to save Hitler from impending disaster, Schuyler comes out even

more openly in support of the fascist "line."

Three weeks ago Schuyler's "Views and Reviews" was devoted to defense of the "Peace Now" movement, which he frankly admits is out to get a "negotiated peace with the Axis" and to reverse the Anglo-Soviet-American policy of "unconditional surrender." He describes this "Peace Now" movement which seeks to save the fascist enemies of everything for which the masses of people are fighting, as "a Christian program." He makes the reckless claim that nine-tenths of the people, if called upon to vote, would forego their approaching victory and vote overwhelmingly for "Peace Now."

The following week Schuyler rushed to the defense of the avowed fascist, Lawrence Dennis, who has been indicted along "with some 30 others for conspiring to further Nazism in America and overthrow our so-called democratic form of government." He refers to Dennis as "the brains of American fascism," says his books and articles are "entirely sound and based on thorough knowledge of economics and world political trends," and then gives a lengthy summary of Dennis' arguments for fascism in America.

Again Schuyler tries to distort the real issue by claiming that the right of "free speech" is involved. Throwing in a deft touch of anti-Semitism for good measure, he asks: "If these

30 people can be convicted for criticizing the foreign and domestic policies of Messrs. Roosevelt, Hull, Rosenman, et al, then who is safe?" He concludes:

"Liberty-lovers had better speak out now, before it is too late."

In much this same vein, week after week, Schuyler spews forth this defeatist, pro-fascist propaganda to the Negro people.

He uses the columns of the Pittsburgh Courier to spread among Negroes a special "Colored" version of precisely the same political poison by which the Hearst-McCormick-Patterson newspaper axis proceeds to do Hitler's business in the country at large.

It is idle now to speculate about what quirk of personality, or other consideration, could turn an educated and apparently intelligent Negro to the service of fascism. It is enough to know that George S. Schuyler has definitely made that turn, and that his position as a journalist enables him to confuse and mislead thousands of patriotic Negro Americans.

Through his championship of pro-fascist reaction on our home front, Schuyler reveals himself as an enemy of the Negro people and of the Nation. As such, he must be isolated and exposed. Let Negro and all other Americans come to understand the treasonous purposes to which he devotes his columns in the Pittsburgh Courier.

