

Toward Freedom

I MUST confess to a feeling of revulsion at devoting this Christmas-Day column to a further discussion of A. Phillip Randolph's political poison. But we promised it last week; and besides, it does serve a purpose after all. Randolph's divisive, anti-war, anti-United Nations defeatism contrasts so sharply with the growing democratic unity and power now emerging into dominance that it throws into bold relief the historic contribution which this people's war is making to push forward that "brotherhood of man" which Christ envisioned for the world nearly 2,000 years ago.



Millions of good men **united**—white men, black men, brown men, yellow men, of all races and creeds and nationalities—now move forward **together**, with ever-growing power, to achieve victory, enduring peace, security and freedom. But Randolph preaches a fascist-like racism which would set "the darker races" against the white peoples.

The military forces of fascism, mankind's most deadly enemy, are now making their last desperate gamble prior to certain defeat. But Randolph tries to absolve them of war guilt and suggests that their de-

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struction will make very little difference anyway.

TORY efforts to block the rise of genuine democratic governments in liberated Europe are proving futile against the power of the people's struggles and the articulate opinion of the United Nations. But Randolph sees this war bringing forth nothing but an extension of imperialist domination.

Fascist and imperialist efforts to disrupt the Anglo-Soviet-American coalition and thus prevent the building of enduring peace continue to be pushed back; and the coalition not only holds together, but may be expected to grow in unity and strength, for the **dominant** interests of the nations involved demand it. But Randolph can see only the still-struggling forces of imperialist reaction, missing entirely the fact that they are in process of decline.

China holds a new status in the world, which the achievement of internal unity can consolidate into permanence; India, despite the current stalemate, was probably never closer to her hour of liberation; the independence of the Philippines is now assured and that of other Pacific peoples is on the agenda; and even the African peoples are being stirred to liberation struggles which

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are sure to grow in power. But Randolph sees nothing ahead but continued "white" domination of "the darker races."

Never before in history have the Negro people of America moved more rapidly and with greater confidence toward their goal of full democratic rights. But Randolph knows "not a single Negro anywhere" who sees freedom and democracy as ends of this war.

THE people's democratic forces of our country are fresh from an electoral victory which greatly strengthened a government committed to a program of full post-war employment; steps to translate the President's "Economic Bill of Rights" into law are already under way and increasing support for that program comes from powerful and enlightened sections of capital which see there is no other road except disaster. But Randolph finds no hope for post-war jobs short of a socialist revolution—**NOW**.

What could thus blind an intelligent and courageous Negro leader to the realities of the new world being born around him? In the answer to this question one sees dramatized in all its sordidness, the fascist-helping defeatism which is the dominant note of that social-democratic ideology to which Randolph chooses to subscribe.