

REED URGED WORLD SOVIET

Union of Negroes and Radicals Is Proposed by Portlander.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Union of the American negroes with the radical elements of all nations to further the cause of world sovietism was urged before the Moscow meeting of the communist internationale, at which both Lenine and Trotzky spoke, by the late American radical and magazine writer, John Reed, according to the text of his speech received here in official dispatches from Russia.

Describing the position of the negro in the United States, especially in the southern states, as "terrible," Reed declared the negro offers a twofold opportunity to the spread of communism in this country, first, a strong race and social movement and, second, a strong proletariat movement. Race consciousness has steadily increased among the negroes, he said, "a certain section of whom are now carrying on a propaganda in favor of armed revolt against the whites," and socialistic ideas are rapidly developing among the blacks employed in industrial establishments.

White and negro labor must be joined in common labor unions, Reed proposed as the quickest way to destroy race prejudice and develop class solidarity.

Describing the status of the negro in America, Reed asserted that despite the constitutional right to the ballot in the southern states, negroes were killed if they dared to exercise this right, and that the use of separate schools, hotels and theaters existed in all parts of the country.

This separation of the negro from the white is called the "Jim Crow" system, and the clergy of the southern churches teach that there is also a heaven where the "Jim Crow" system is in operation, Reed declared.

Organization of the foreign labor in the United States for revolt and the co-ordination of radicalism in North and South America into a single movement was advocated at the same meeting by Louis Fraina, secretary of the communist party of America, according to the dispatches.