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FOSTER DECLARES TUUL WILL FIGHT LYNCH VERDICTS

Calls on White Workers To Rally to Defense of Negro Masses

NEW YORK.—William Z. Foster, national secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, and Communist candidate for president in the last national election, yesterday issued the following statement pledging the most active, militant support of the T. U. U. L. and its unions in the fight against the Scottsboro lynch verdicts, and calling upon the white workers to rally to the defense of the Negro masses against lynch terror, national oppression and economic robbery:

"The decision of the Alabama Supreme Court upholding the vicious death sentences against the Scottsboro boys is a challenge to the entire working class," said William Z. Foster, national secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, in a statement to the Daily Worker.

"The Trade Union Unity League, which is leading struggles of the workers against wage-cuts and unemployment, is well aware of the fact that the campaign of repression and terror against the Negro workers, of which this Scottsboro decision is an outstanding example, is part of the increasing attack of the bosses upon the living standards and political rights of all the workers. It is an attempt to crush the growing struggles of the Negro masses and to maintain the division of the working-class under conditions of sharpening class struggle and growing unity of Negro and white workers. As such, it is a part of the bosses' hunger-war offensive.

"Almost every recent instance of lynching or lynch frame-ups against Negro workers, has been the direct result of developing class struggles. The Negro worker who attempts to fight against wage-cuts, for unemployment insurance, the Negro share-croppers or farm-laborers who attempts to struggle against the oppression of the landlords and loan-sharks, is in immediate danger of being faced by capitate danger of being faced by capitalist-inspired lynch-gangs.

"It is essential that the white workers rally to the defense of the Negro toilers. We cannot permit this attempt of the slay-drivers to

support to the imperialists in their armed intervention against the successful building of Socialism in the Soviet Union. An assassination campaign is to be carried out in an attempt to destroy the morale of the Soviet masses by murdering the outstanding Soviet leaders.

The White Guards, L'Humanite says, are directed from Paris. Their terroristic organization is centered at Prague, Warsaw, Bucharest and Belgrade. The Prague organization recently sent two former Czarist officers to Moscow under forged passports to assassinate Stalin. Neither of them has yet returned, it said.

The plot to kill Litvinoff, Soviet foreign commissar during his attendance at the League of Nations "disarmament" conference was directed by this terroristic organization, L'Humanite says. The White Guards also helped in directing the recent attempt to assassinate the German Ambassador at Moscow, in an attempt to effect a break of diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and Germany, and to help to bring Germany into the anti-Soviet front whereby the movement of French troops toward the Soviet border would be facilitated.

Soviet newspapers yesterday published a dispatch from Paris to the Tass News Agency giving the details of the anti-Soviet conspiracies as exposed by L'Humanite.

The frenzied activities of the Czarist White Guards are explained by the Japanese war moves on the frontiers of the Soviet Union, and the understanding between the Japanese and French imperialists and the White Guards for an early attack against the Soviet Union.

Fighting occurred yesterday directly on the Soviet frontier opposite the Vladivostok region. Korean and Chinese peasants are reported to be in revolt against the Japanese. The Japanese are using the situation to further increase the already large forces they have mobilized within striking distance of the city of Vladivostok. In the meantime, the revolt against the Japanese and their puppet Manchurian government is reported to be growing rapidly, with armed clashes increasing daily.

A Mukden dispatch reports that Chinese insurgents wiped out a Japanese force of 100 which was transporting munition to the walled city of Nungan, which is being besieged by insurgent troops. The insurgents captured six motor trucks and 200,000 rounds of rifle ammunition and 5,000 trench mortar shells. A Changchun dispatch reports that the Japanese already have been driven out of Nungan.

In Mukden, 200 Chinese workers yesterday stormed the Mukden arsenal, killing one Japanese and wounding several before they were driven off by machine gun fire.

Small bands of insurgents are reported to have occupied several villages along the southern branch of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

ATTENTION!

A very important meeting of the Dress fraction will be held this Friday, April 1, at 8 p.m. at the Workers Center. All comrades must be present, some very important problems will be discussed.

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massacre Negro children, to go unchallenged by the working-class. We must not only keep up our vigilance—we must organize a tremendous campaign that will strike fear into the minds of the white bosses and will smash this vicious frame-up."