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## Not Another Moment Must Be Lost!

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**A**PEALING to all workers and their organizations, to all opponents of war and friends of peace, to all people who do not want a repetition of the horrors of the World War, to muster their forces to stop the robber war begun by Italian fascism, the Communist International on October 7 called for the building of the broadest united front for a mass struggle against war. The appeal further says:

"Get together in mighty meetings and demonstrations! Apply other effective forms of mass action, as well, to correspond to the situation. Show Italian fascism that you will not tolerate its provocative acts of war! Show the ruling class your power in the fight for peace!"

"Strive by the united action of all workers' organizations, and primarily of the transport workers', railwaymen's, seamen's and harbor workers' organizations, to make certain that not a single ship moves in support of the Italian war in Ethiopia. The carrying of this militant measure into life means encircling Italy with an iron ring of isolation and smashing the war begun by it; it means a blow restraining all the fascist instigators of war who are preparing to follow the examples of Italian fascism."

Today, while the delegates of imperialist countries in the League of Nations are putting up a pretense of enforcing effective sanctions against Italy, behind the screens, they are already discussing how to divide Ethiopia. Germany, with her eyes on Memel, Austria and the Soviet Union, is feverishly arming. Japanese imperialism is preparing a new invasion in China, and is again threatening the Soviet border.

In this hour of threatening danger of a new world imperialist war, it is the task of the Communists to carry into life the directives contained in the appeal of the Communist International. While the League of Nations talks of sanctions and the United States decides upon an embargo on ammunition and other war materials to both Italy and Ethiopia, the pictures on the front pages of the capitalist newspapers give proof that despite the decisions of sanctions and embargoes, the munition factories and chemical plants in all

the capitalist countries, including the United States, are working at full speed.

Boat after boat during the last few weeks has been leaving the ports of Connecticut and New Jersey loaded with munitions for the Italian armies, with scrap iron and other material to be transformed into deadly weapons and ammunition by Italian industries. The barons of the munition and chemical companies know their business. They know how to smuggle munitions and other war materials under various guises.

It is our Party that must take the lead in mobilizing the masses to picket the Italian consulates in all the main centers. It is our task to initiate demonstrations in front of the Italian Consulates, and on the waterfront, and to make of these demonstrations a rallying point for the mobilization of the widest masses, striving to build united action of all workers' organizations. Party members, sympathizers and contacts among the transport workers, railroad workers, seamen and harbor workers, must be mobilized as never before to the fullest extent for the purpose of drawing these organizations into a powerful movement that will prevent the movement of a single ship, a single cargo in support of the Italian war in Ethiopia.

With Bolshevik determination and persistence, we must multiply our efforts a hundredfold, to build the united front of Communist and Socialist workers, of the Communist Party and Socialist Party which will give impetus to the broad united front of the toiling masses in the struggle against fascism and war.

In carrying on all these proposed actions we must continuously keep in mind the building of the American League Against War and Fascism into a mighty united front organization of the broadest character, embracing all opponents of war and friends of peace. Everywhere our forces must take the initiative in building committees for the Defense of Ethiopia, which will be able to rally the Negro masses into the broadest united front. These committees must be of the broadest nature, embracing all kinds of organizations of the Negro people, with special attention to trade unions, youth organizations, churches, etc.

The sentiment of the American toiling masses against war is so deep today that no barrier can prevent us, Communists, Socialists, and trade unionists, from reaching the widest organizations of the trade unions, fraternal organizations, church organizations, etc. Special attention must be paid to the Italian neighborhoods where the fascist agents are today very busy with their subtle agitation and propaganda, stimulating the national pride of the Italian masses in order

to win their support for the robber war of imperialist Italy. We must be active especially in developing the struggle against war and against Italian fascism inside the Italian organizations. This period should be considered by us as a period of war mobilization of all our forces, in which every means at our disposal must be utilized for the widest agitation. Print shops, mimeographs, hand mimeographs, hectographs, etc., must turn out hundreds of thousands, millions of leaflets, that must reach the masses in the shops, the Negro population, the Italian population, the longshoremen, railroad workers, etc.

Day by day we must unmask the treachery of the imperialist powers and the "civilization moves" of the invading armies of Italy who are bombing the huts of the Ethiopian people, bringing death to women and children. At the same time that we unmask these moves we must call upon all workers to be on the alert, to participate in the various anti-war actions. We must transform the broad anti-war sentiment into powerful anti-war actions that will bring real stoppages in industry, that will stop the sailing of boats carrying ammunition. We must bring the war-hating, peace-loving masses of the U. S. A. into a mighty united front with the toilers of other countries that will "encircle Italy with an iron ring of isolation and smash the war begun by it". Such powerful actions will at the same time be a warning to the war-makers all over the world, as well as in the United States, who, while talking peace, are turning ever faster the wheels of the munition and chemical factories in preparation for the next world slaughter, in which the United States will participate.

To make the proposed actions most effective, there cannot be any unit, fraction, functionaries meeting, meeting of any mass organization in which there are Party members or sympathizers, where not only the anti-war struggle will be discussed, but concrete decisions made on **how best to mobilize the membership for every-day struggle against war.**

Forces must be assigned to the waterfront; everywhere where we want to develop actions that will stop the shipment of ammunition, where we want to bring stoppage in the war industries. In New York, for example, all forces are being mobilized for continuous actions, taking the form of picket lines on the waterfront, in front of the Italian Consulates, etc., which will culminate in the tremendous demonstrations being prepared by the American League Against War and Fascism, on November 11, to which we must give our full support. Such examples must be emulated everywhere, by all Districts and Sections, by units in the

small towns, by sympathizers and by Left-wing workers everywhere.

The examples of Norfolk, where the Norwegian crew refused to man the Italian ship, and of Seattle, where the workers refused to permit the docking of the Italian ship Cellini, and where such an anti-war sentiment was built among the masses that the State Federation of Labor passed resolutions instructing the unions actively to support the longshoremen in their fight against loading shipments of munitions to Italy, should be followed by all people interested in the fight for peace. The victory of the progressive forces of the Atlantic City Convention of the American Federation of Labor which resulted in the passing of the resolution declaring "Italy an outlaw nation which all civilized countries should refuse to assist commercially, financially or in any other manner," is a further step in the broadening of our anti-war campaign in the United States.

Communists! Here is your task!

Translate the Appeal of the Comintern into immediate action.

Weld the United Front of Socialists, Communists and all Anti-War Forces!

Every trade unionist, every anti-war and anti-fascist fighter—a fighter for peace!

**Not a moment shall be lost!**

Forward in bringing to an end Mussolini's adventure, and thus preventing a new world slaughter!

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## Building the Party Under Terror

**District Organizational Dept. District 13**

**U**P until the time of the 1934 Pacific Coast Maritime Strike our comrades in District 13 had had little experience in doing Party work under conditions of extreme terror. There had, of course, been raids on private homes previous to this, and headquarters' windows had been broken occasionally, but there had been no mass arrests or vigilante raids on a large scale.

The Organizational Department of District 13, for a year before the strike, had been hammering at the Sections, Sub-Sections and units about establishing the squad system, in order to be prepared for illegal work when the