

# Build the American League Against War and Fascism!

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THE August First and Third demonstrations in hundreds of communities, all over the country, brought thousands of workers, professionals, farmers, white and Negro, into the streets, united in their determination to intensify the struggle against war, in defense of Ethiopia, in defense of the Soviet Union and the Chinese people; against the feverish war preparations, and manufacture of munitions in the United States.

The demonstration in Harlem (New York), especially showed the readiness of the masses to broaden out the united front. Negro organizations, innumerable branches of

the American League Against War and Fascism, peace organizations, church congregations, student organizations, marched in the long stream together with Communist workers and Socialist workers. The participation of the white workers and professionals showed concretely to the Negro masses of Harlem the need of a broad united front between the white and Negro masses in the struggle against war and fascism.

The demonstrations of August First and Third must be considered as the first step in the development of the broadest campaign against war that shall include millions of the American people (trade unions, Negro organizations, professionals, farmers, etc.). The anti-war struggle must not remain limited to the neighborhoods, but must more deeply penetrate and involve the mass organizations; it must involve the workers in the mills and mines, and especially the masses of longshoremen, marine and transport workers.

In the next month, the working class of America will have raised its voice higher and more insistently against fascist aggression on Ethiopia; against the war preparations of Japan and fascist Germany; and within our own country against the continuous increase of armaments at the expense of the masses of workers employed at coolie wages, and the unemployed on starvation relief.

The next demonstrations and anti-war struggles, following up August First and Third, must embrace even larger multitudes of people united in common struggle against war and fascism. These must be prepared by a more intensive campaign. The docks must now be our main places of concentration. We must learn from which ports munitions are being shipped to Italy, to Japan, and bring about a stoppage of these shipments.

Throughout the various cities on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, concrete plans must be worked out for the winning of the longshoremen and all marine workers to the anti-war cause.

The American League Against War and Fascism has grown to be a powerful mass organization, embracing hundreds of thousands of workers and professionals, organized in trade unions, in fraternal orders, in church organizations. It is the American League which must become the main instrument, the most powerful instrument for the mobilization and organization of the broadest masses under the banner of struggle against fascism, against new military slaughter, for the defense of the Soviet Union. The American League must become one of the main bulwarks for peace.

Our Party did its utmost at the beginning to build the American League. Yet in many places recently we notice a certain slump. In many centers where forces were assigned

to work unitedly with the other elements of the American League in a united effort to build it up, these forces have been either reduced or assigned to some other task.

The shifting of forces in the mass organizations does not help the organizations that we want to build. This is the case with the American League Against War and Fascism. Today more than ever before, the Party is conscious of the tremendous role that the American League must play in developing the struggle against fascism and war.

For this reason there cannot be any delay in any center in assigning a certain number of forces to become the driving force in building the League. In Districts with hundreds of thousands of Party members, there is no excuse for neglect in placing forces at the disposal of the League. These forces are being requested everywhere. The example given up to date by the Communists in the American League Against War and Fascism has demonstrated to the non-Communists in this organization our sincerity in building the united front, and they are asking for more help.

The work of a few Party members in the leading committees is not enough. Today there are hundreds of Party members and sympathizers in many of the working class organizations. All these forces must be orientated toward drawing the various organizations in which they are active, into the campaigns of the American League.

#### **Communists Must Be Best Fighters Against War**

The Third Congress of the American League is approaching. It will be held in a period in which a new world slaughter is approaching and a robber war against Ethiopia will probably already have been started. Already today, our Party everywhere—on a District and Section scale—must thoroughly discuss the problems of the League, and concretely decide upon the steps that will help the League to embrace larger and larger organized masses. District Bureaus and Section Bureaus should within the next few weeks place on their agenda a review of the status of the American League in their particular territory, and decide upon those measures that will bring immediate effective assistance to the League.

We Communists must continue to show to the masses that are streaming in under the banner of the American League Against War and Fascism that we are the most loyal, sincere fighters against war and fascism. We must show them that we are the real driving force of the movement, and in this way, by our example, create new enthusiasm, new impetus for the masses to march forward.

The organizational decisions and the carrying out of these decisions will be the decisive force in concretizing the

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