

# Working Women! Protest on Aug. 1 Against Imperialist War

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THE 16th anniversary of the imperialist war is approaching. Under the slogan of a "War to end all wars," the capitalists and their governments succeeded in forcing the workers to wage the most horrible war in history in the interest of the capitalist class. Over 20,000,000 were killed and crippled in a war for greater profits and more markets for the ruling class.

United States bankers and big business men came out of this blood bath the most prosperous of the world robbers. But even this prosperity only marked time, it could not last, nor did it prevent the approach of the economic crisis in the U. S., now gripping and developing throughout the entire capitalist world, which is shaking capitalism off its foundation.

The working class, after paying the heavy penalties at the battle fields, were once more forced by the same capitalist powers to pay for the cost of the war. The conditions of the entire working class in all the capitalist countries have since the war, become worse. Unemployment, wage cuts, speed-up, lengthening of hours, employment of women and children for half the wages of the male workers, has reduced the conditions of the working class to virtual slavery.

In the U. S. A., over ten million women are slaving in industry under intolerable conditions of exploitation. Due to the policy of the bosses of replacing skilled by unskilled women workers as a cheap labor source, and to the severe unemployment, women today are in many instances becoming the sole breadwinners of the family and as such have the double burden of factory and home. Through the low wages of women workers, no vacations, lack of maternity, unemployment and social insurance of any kind, the bosses are able to further undermine the health of the women workers and to send them on the scrap heap at the age of 30 to 35. The effect of the intensified exploitation of the women workers is lowering the standard of living of the entire working class. All of these problems will be discussed and a program of action adopted at the first International Working Women's Conference, which will be held in Moscow, U. S. S. R., at the close of the Fifth Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions. In the fight for better working conditions, the employed and unemployed men and women workers must organize and strike for equal pay for equal work, for higher wages and shorter hours, for social and unemployment insurance under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League, section of the Red International of Labor Unions.

On the other hand, in the Soviet Union, the country where the workers have driven out the landlords and the bosses and have established a Workers and Farmers' Government, the conditions of the workers have steadily improved, especially the conditions of the women workers. Wages are now far above pre-war level, unemployment is being wiped out. The 7-hour day is now in effect in nearly all industries, the workers work four days and rest the fifth. Special unemployment and social insurance is provided for all workers. The women workers receive special maternity insurance and protection of motherhood. Equal pay for equal work is a living reality.

With the successful carrying out of the Five-Year Plan, thousands of women are being trained as skilled workers and through the construction of thousands of additional nurseries, playgrounds, communal kitchens, laundries and restaurants, women are being relieved more than ever from the drudgery of household cares and are being given ever greater opportunities to take an active and leading part in the construction of Socialism. It is only under a workers' government like the Soviet Union that women can be freed.

The Five-Year Plan is steadily increasing the tempo of socialist construction and the growing power of the U. S. S. R. Today it stands as a living example to the workers of the world, marking the superiority of Social-

ism over capitalism. The contradiction of the systems, the socialist and capitalist, hastens the preparations of war by the imperialist powers against the Soviet Union.

The growing economic crisis sharpens the struggle for world markets and sources for raw material among the imperialist powers, greatly increasing the danger of a new war among the imperialist nations and in particular against the Soviet Union. How feverishly the imperialist countries are preparing for war can best be judged when we examine the expenditure in the past year for armaments. In 1913, the U. S., England, France, Italy and Japan, spent \$1,040,000,000 for armaments, in 1926, \$1,770,000,000 and in 1930, they are to spend \$2,600,000,000. In other words, since the war and in spite of the fake "peace" pacts and so-called limitation of armaments conferences, the outstanding imperialist countries more than doubled their expense for war preparations. The U. S. A. will spend \$2,831,825,962 a year for preparations and results of war according to a tabulated statement submitted by Senator Wesley L. Jones, chairman of the Senate Court of Appropriations, but not one cent for the relief of the eight million workers and their families.

War is being prepared, not only technically, but also politically and psychologically. The ruling class in the U. S., together with the fascist A. F. of L., and the socialist party are paving the way to lead the workers submissively into the next war, by keeping the facts of U. S. war preparations from the working class, and by creating illusions that peace is possible under capitalism.

The Fish "investigation," the Pope, Elihu Root, and the fascist A. F. of L., the socialist party, the renegades of Communism, are all united against the Communist Party and the American working class. They are trying to check the rising militancy and resistance of the workers by jailing the Communist leaders, Foster, Amter, Minor, Raymond and hundreds of others and aiming to destroy the Communist Party and the Trade Union Unity League, thereby rendering the working class leaderless and helpless in their fight against increasing unemployment, wage cuts, speed-up and the brutal attacks of the capitalists.

In these war preparations, the working women are not forgotten by the bourgeois and their lackeys. Laws are being passed for the mobilization of the entire population in the coming war. The use of arms is being taught to women under the guise of sports in most of the high schools and colleges. The Young Women's Christian Association, the Women's Trade Union League and the numerous socialist and women's organizations are fascist organizations through which the bosses work to render the working women helpless in the coming war by spreading illusions of peace, thus being unprepared when war breaks out. The latest move on the part of the War Department of the United States to drum up sentiment for the coming war is the sending of a delegation of war mothers to France to visit the graves of their sons twelve years after the war, appropriating \$5,386,367 for this purpose. Following its usual Jim Crow and lynching policy, the U. S. government segregated the Negro war mothers, sent them over on cheaper and slower boats, deprived them of the comforts provided for white women.

The fascist A. F. of L., their appendage, the Women's Trade Union League, the social-fascist Musteites and the socialist party, are trying to hide their real faces as agents of the imperialists by their sham talk of peace and endorsements of all kinds of "peace" pacts, etc., invented by the capitalists to keep the real facts of war preparedness from the workers. While at the same time, they endorse the murderous policy of U. S. imperialism in China, Nicaragua, Mexico. They O. K. the lynching of Negro workers and the preparations for war against the Soviet Union.

The increased attacks of the capitalist class upon the working class, the steadily worsening conditions of the workers, the glorious ex-



**Workers! On Aug. 1st, Demand That Billions Be Spent for Unemployment Insurance Not Armaments!**

## The Party Must Make a Turn

*Editor's Note—The Central Committee will publish excerpts of reports and speeches from the Seventh Convention of our Party, arranged according to subjects. By this method it will be possible better to discuss the convention reports and to establish a clear understanding of the line established by the convention.*

*The major subdivisions will be:*

- 1. Economic and political situation and general perspectives and line of the Party.*
- 2. Building of the revolutionary trade unions.*
- 3. Work among the Negro masses.*
- 4. Party Campaigns and Party building.*

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From the Political Report of the Central Committee to the Seventh Convention of the Communist Party of the U. S. A.

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THE turn required of our Party is in the direction of the Party becoming the organizer and leader of the workers in their daily struggle. The uneven development of the crisis itself will tend to maintain capitalist illusions on the part of the workers. The radicalization of the working masses cannot become a forceful political factor without our Party's Bolshevik activities.

The political offensive of the bourgeoisie through fascist terrorization and persecution and the economic offensive through rationalization and wage cuts, must therefore be met by the Party with a conscious, systematic plan and policy of organizing a counter-offensive of the proletariat. Revolutionization of the working class must be the answer to the fascization of the bourgeoisie. Industrial organ-

ization of the proletariat, strike against wage cuts and struggle against rationalization, must be the answer to capitalist rationalization and wage cuts.

There are tendencies in the Party to wait for the effects of radicalization. These comrades do not see and understand the meaning of the mass turnout of workers in the Katovis, March 6 and May 1 demonstrations. These comrades are waiting for the workers to strike and are unable to see that the initiative for proletarian action rests in its leadership. They are unable to see that the fascist element in the leadership of the American Federation of Labor is consciously working for the prevention of struggle. If the Communist Party is "waiting" for these struggles, instead of supplying the generative force, the initiative and leadership for the workers' struggle, then the radicalization of the masses cannot develop into a revolutionary class force against the bourgeoisie.

The Party must definitely abandon past practices of spectacular record action. Such spectacular record action does not create revolutionary life. It merely creates noise for self-deceptive purposes. Spectacular record action is an unwholesome inheritance of the factional past of the Party.

The organization and leadership of the workers for struggle must be carefully planned by our Party. Only in this way will we establish our Party as the leader of the working class and build our Party into a Communist mass Party of action. Only thus will we win the majority of the working class to follow our banner.

Our Party must make the immediate problems of the workers the starting point of all of its actions. To elevate the understanding of the working masses to the point of revolu-

ample of the improved conditions of the workers in the Soviet Union have had a revolutionary effect on the American working class. The workers are fighting back. Strikes are taking place daily against wage cuts, speed-up. In all these strikes and demonstrations, the women are joining with the men and in many instances are leading in the struggle. Ella May Wiggins, southern textile worker, was shot by the police for her militant activities in organizing the textile workers. On March 6th, May 1st, and in the tremendous demonstrations against the murder of the workers, Comrades Katovis, Gonzalez, Levy, Weizenberg, the women workers proved that they are equally stalwart fighters in the cause of the working class.

On August 1st, International Anti-War Day, the working women must again show their revolutionary determination by participating in demonstration in protest against imperialist war, in defense of the Soviet Union. White and Negro women from the shops and factories, the Communist Party calls upon you to organize anti-war committees in the shops;

Elect delegates to the united front anti-war conferences being held in your city! Come in a body from your factory and organizations! Organize to take part in the demonstration right after work on Friday, August 1st!

On August 1st, International Anti-War Day, working men and women, Negro and white, mobilize for struggle under the leadership of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. For the overthrow of the capitalist system and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat!

Fight for equal pay for equal work! Demand social insurance against unemployment, maternity, sickness, old age! Fight for the 7-hour day, 5-day week!

Fight against speed-up, wage-cuts!

Fight for the release of Foster, Amter Minor, Raymond and others, imprisoned for fighting for unemployment insurance!

Fight for complete social, economic and political equality of the Negroes!

Not a cent for armaments—all funds to the unemployed! Down with capitalist wars! Out on the streets on August 1st!